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Reeling from a broken engagement that resulted in a small town scandal, ER nurse Julie Crain just wants to be left alone over the Fourth of July Holiday weekend. But when single dad, Derek Ryerson and his young daughter need a place to stay to recuperate from a car accident, Julie can't ignore their plight. She knows she needs to protect her heart, but little Lexi needs love and support. But soon she realizes the former soldier has a secret that could tear them apart forever.

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Faith says

This was a good, not too long, read. It was a free ebook, the title caught my interest, so I got it...and started it...and soon found myself dragged into the story!! :) Julie is a single nurse working in the ER, where she meets mysterious, veteran and single dad Derek and his young, quiet daughter, Lexi. Julie is dealing with some grief and other things, and offers Derek and his daughter a place to stay. Derek is hiding something which eventually comes to light and thickens the storyline. ;)

Although it's not a favorite, this was a good book and I enjoyed it. However, there were a few things I disagreed with – that being the cause of the lower rating.

1) Derek was never married to Lexi's mother. This is shown in a bad way and he regrets his mistakes now.
2) The kissing. Really?? You've known each other like two days!!! >_< So, yeah. That was a bit much. There was three or so such scenes. *gag*

I've read books that were listed as Christian fiction and turned out to mention God once or twice, and then only in a vague/distant way. The faith, prayer parts of the book were definitely there, and they were really good and 'real'. But they could have been deeper. This, too, affected the rating I gave this book.

(By the way, the cover on Goodreads is much pretty than the one on the ebook. xD)

Sally says

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By: Laura Scott

I loved this romance! Julie and Derek must learn to let go of their past and trust God to help them make the right decisions. Can they open their hearts and trust each other?

Julie Crain is a nurse at Hope County Hospital in Crystal Lake. She was engaged and then found out he was having an affair. She wants the truth and can't handle someone lying to her. When she finds out Derek hasn't told her the whole truth, will she give him the benefit of the doubt, or will she close her heart to love?

Derek Ryerson and his daughter Lexi have been in an accident and are brought to the hospital. His past has drawn him away from God. He is a soldier, found out his wife had been diagnosed with cancer, but he gets home a month after she dies. His in-laws have determined he isn't capable of taking care of his daughter so they are going to take custody. He is on the run with his daughter when he gets in the accident.

Julie takes Derek and Lexi in. Can he trust Julie with the truth or will she turn him in, causing him to lose his daughter to his in-laws? Julie feels she must protect her heart, but she is drawn to Lexi and Derek.

Derek feels like God has turned his back on him. Can Julie help him see that Derek gave up on Him?
Derek's in-laws put out a warrant for his arrest. With Julie's help, can he go back and face them and fight for his daughter?

Pick up this great book today!

Denise Swanson says

Nice sweet romance. Faith based but not overwhelmingly so. Great heroine.

Dewey Carroll Brackett says

A beautiful story of love slowly growing

I enjoyed this beautiful love story that grows into a lovely family of three. What started out as a person who tries to help a father and daughter out of an accident, befriending them and slowly they grow to love one another.

Hanna says

Unusual Take on Theme

I thought I knew what was going to happen in this well-written book, but it surprised me. Besides its unusual twist, this book had likeable, multidimensional characters, interesting action, and a sense of place. Another plus was that secrets didn't fester too long, a tactic lesser authors use to increase the word count. Well worth reading.

Joleen says

Nurse Julie takes in a man and his daughter who have no place to go, not knowing he's running from something. What starts as Derek and Lexie staying in the apartment she owns next to her (as he waits for the insurance to replace the car someone plowed into) turns into him helping with her remodel and staying a while.

But with his secret and her being burned by a guy recently, both are leery of each other. But little Lexie has grabbed ahold of her heart in a big way.

Timeframe: Current day, around the 4th of July.

Location: A lake village in Wisconsin

Romance...yes, sort of. Lots of caution because pain will come when he leaves. A surprise kiss, then later deepening feelings, but always unsure of each other.

Sexual content, none other than the mention of Derek not being married to Lexie's mother.

Language, none.

Fascinating story? Not exceptionally. Super short read.

Target audience? I'd say it's a teen or young adult book. A little too young for my taste.

Sue says

A Soldier's Promise is a sweet story and a very quick read. There is nothing really new here - a young woman with a wounded heart meets a young man with a daughter and a wounded heart. Some of the decisions strain credibility (letting a complete stranger live on the other side of your duplex while you leave your side unlocked, thinking you can land a job while on the run, bringing your new female friend to meet the parents of the dead mother of your child). Everything gets wrapped with a bow in the end.

STEVE MORAVITS says

This story had a great deal of ups and downs. For him to come out of the service to rescue his daughter from her grandparents, the loss of his life in that he had wanted to marry. The fact that he was doing all he could to be with his daughter only to end up in the hospital because a guy ran a red light. The nurse was his salvation. I don't want to say anymore so that I don't ruin the story.
Great read look forward to reading more on your works.
Steve M.

Lili says

Short and sweet.

Glad there are more books from Crystal Lake. Sweet and short but Laura that is the only reason for the four stars. Love a book of faith and you never laid it on too thick, and I liked that you addressed that our soldiers aren't prepared for "normal" society after serving their time in terrible situations. Thank you.

Sheila Holmes says

Just a delightful read. Read it quickly too.

I can recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys sweet love stories.

Karen Loomis says

So heartwarming to find a clean, Christian romance with a good story. Really enjoyed the story and Julie's Christian lifestyle that everyone could learn from. Looking forward to the rest of the series.

Cynthia says

Beautiful

A accident brings them together. But a little girls helps bring them closer. A wonderful continuation of the series. Derek & his little girl are hurt in accident and Julie gets assigned to work on dad in the ER. His friends girl is scared. But Julie helps calm the little girl but ends up helping them as much as they help her.

Amy Haas says

This book was a lot better than the first in the series. It had more depth and the characters were more believable and relatable. Also the story wasn't rushed like the first. I think it was the perfect length to the short story. I am really enjoying the Christian aspect of the books and I smile when God is mentioned. Its a nice change.

Birgit says

Derek Ryerson, on the flight with his young daughter Lexie from a custody battle with the child's grandparents, finds refuge with ER Nurse Julie, who offers shelter to them after they had been involved in an accident. Although sparks fly between the two adults, Julie is still too cautious after a relationship that broke her heart, and Derek does not trust anyone with his secret.

All in all, a heartwarming story, with very likeable characters, good storytelling and a good plot, and in the character of Julie, the spirit of Christianity at its best.

However, there were a few inconsistencies, or rather, not so plausible events in the story (for example, without spoiling the story I hope, why the custody battle in the first place if Derek is in fact the legal guardian?) At the end, the changes in mannerisms, opinions and actions of some of the characters happened a bit quickly considering the rest of the story and the reasons given for Derek's and Julie's behaviours. We'll just put it down to divine intervention, shall we? ;=)

However, the little glitches did not at all interfere with the enjoyment of reading this story, and I would like to get my hands on the next sequence in this series.

Sue Elledge says

What a wonderful book of a man who loved his daughter. Tragedy , unhappy and fear are replaced with love , joy and a new family filled with love.

Find out what trust in God can do for you when you put your faith in him. Love says it all.
