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Brooke is a beautiful, successful and confident young woman who doesn't mind being single after a devastating break-up, a year ago, with her last boyfriend whom she thought she would marry and raise a family with. Only after an unexpected chance encounter with a man that she just can't seem to forget and nagging from two friends, does she second guess her decision to give up on ever finding true love. When Brooke met Patrick almost four years earlier, she just knew he was the one. They shared a love of the business world and family, which Brooke wanted desperately. He was good looking, compassionate and well educated...all the things every woman wants in a husband. After a move to another state, he became involved with another woman which resulted in a child. Brooke is devastated after having lost her high school sweetheart due to distance as well. She vows to never engage in another long distance relationship, if she ever decides to give love another try. She is happily single for a year, but now at 34, her biological clock is ticking and she is thinking about the future. In the midst of her man pause, she meets Chanze who immediately catches her attention with his boyish charm and mad swag. He has a rocky relationship in Atlanta and does not attempt to get into another out of respect, but something about the brown-eyed Brooke thoroughly intrigues him. However, once Brooke discovers that his home is in another state, her guard goes up but Chanze is not bothered by that. Through joy and pain, these two will build a bond with each other while, unknowingly, falling in love but a secret, Chanze is keeping, will threaten to rock the very core of their bond.

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## From Reader Review Chance Encounter for online ebook

### Jill Lapin-Zell says

I won this book in a Goodreads giveaway, and when it arrived I put it aside for a little while and now I'm sorry I did. I wish I had read it sooner, because in delaying it, I delayed an excellent and enjoyable read.

I read the book in one sitting. The characters are engaging, believable and relatable. The storyline grabs the reader from the start and doesn't let go until the end. Plot development is swift and sustained. Particularly impressive is the fact that this is a debut novel, making me curious to read more from this author.

I typically give a brief synopsis in my reviews, but I am finding it difficult to write a decent synopsis without spoilers. You can read the synopsis included on this site if you are interested.

My one issue with the writing is how the dialogue is written, all in paragraph form. It slowed my reading down somewhat and, at times, made it difficult to follow who was talking to whom. This is especially true when you have a back-and-forth conversation between two people written all in the same paragraph. It's awkward until you get used to it.

I think I would have awarded this book 5 stars if it had not been for this issue.

I look forward to more from Latricia Borner, as she has done an outstanding job with this debut novel.

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### Candice says

I received this book from a Goodreads First Read giveaway. I wasn't sure how I was going to like it as it isn't my typical reading. I really enjoyed it! It takes place in a world that I'm not familiar with-several high profile society events, clubs, name brand clothes, etc. But, I didn't feel out of place reading it. The author did an excellent job of describing the scene without giving too much detail. She doesn't dumb it down too much, she assumes you have basic common sense and understanding, which I appreciate. The characters are well described and you form a connection to them in a short period of time. Though I have little in common with Brooke, the main character, she has the same feelings and emotions that all women have at some time and it played out in a way that you feel like you are experiencing the same things. The relationships Brook has with men is played out in a loving and beautiful way. She has a maturity in dealing with the relationships that I wish I had had in my past. It was SO nice to see a book where the woman wasn't jumping in to bed with every man she met. A book that showed a man being a gentleman and respecting the woman he is courting. I miss books like this and wish it was more common in real life. I also loved the fact that these characters have such a great relationship with God, but it's not so in your face or center stage in the book that it would turn off non-believers that would want to read the book.

I did have a few issues when it came to reading the dialogue between characters. The conversations are done in a single paragraph, so it's like a free flow conversation. In some paragraphs, a change in speaker is distinguished by quotations, but in others it isn't. During longer conversations, I often found myself rereading it to figure out who said what. If you are reading without any distractions around you (I have kids) that might not be such an issue. I did have some issue with words or phrases I'm not familiar with, but I actually like that because she stayed true to the characters and the location and didn't change it just for the reader. All in all, I think it was a great book and in the end made me laugh, cry and smile.

## Romance Novels in Color says

Chance Encounter is Latricia Borner's book debut and an excellent choice. The relationship that materialized between the hero and heroine kept me wanting more. Not only was it a page turner, I found myself associating it to several love songs but the main one was "Wait for Love" by Luther Vandross.

Brooke is a young educated woman who lives a well-balanced life that's defined around God, family and friends, and her career. With her career on the right track, Brooke is ready to marry Patrick. When Patrick accepted a promotion in another state, Brooke assumed their love was strong enough to stand the temporary living arrangements. The admission of his unfaithfulness and soon to be parental responsibility left a scarring so deep, that the notion of another long distance relationship vanished when Patrick closed her front door.

Chanze Sage is an upcoming music producer and song writer out of Atlanta who has put away his treacherous ways. Despite the fact that he cares for her, Chanze refuses to propose regardless of how much pressure his girlfriend Kelly and mother bestow. Being a man of faith Chanze knows Kelly is not the future missis because of her superficial ways. Tired of the futile arguments and prolonging the inevitable, Chanze knew the time had come for them to go separate ways.

People often wonder about their first encounter, with Chanze and Brooke, asking for directions to his stepmother's residence was the beginning of a genuine friendship. A physical attraction surfaced from the start but both knew they were not in the position to engage in anything beyond the "friend" zone. Thankful that Chanze was able to be there for her in a time of despair; Brooke's feelings for him grow stronger than she's willing to admit. Disliking the fact the he hasn't been completely honest with Brooke, he searches for a way to correct his mistake; but will it be too late. Can Brooke find it in her heart to forgive him and accept the gift she cannot give?

The author did an amazing job developing the storyline and characters, which is why I couldn't help falling in love with them. Ms. Borner will pull you into the scenes, feeling as though you are right there watching a movie or listening to a conversation. My favorite line is "Did you ever stop to think that maybe God planned it this way for a reason?" Brooke's life dealt with many topics but the main one may cause you to get teary eyed.

The epilogue will have you smiling from ear to ear. Chance Encounter is a must read, and I look forward to reading future releases from Author Latricia Borner. Although I enjoyed Ms. Borner's writing style, I will say that I felt the title was used excessively.

-Reviewed by LaMona

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## Katherine says

I received this from a Goodreads giveaway, and finally had the opportunity to sit down to read this book. It was quite unexpected from what I was thinking, and the book flowed fairly well. There is definitely regional attitudes (not being from Georgia or Texas, I didn't know about the club/music scene from there, ) so I believe that readers from those areas would appreciate this book far more.

This was a fairly easy, flowing read. I did enjoy the fact that Chanze was quite the gentleman, and that both he and Brook had similar religious backgrounds, showing their respect for each other.

