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The Troublemaker Returns

After ten years away, former “wild child” Zoey Decker returns to Mirror Lake to care for her ill grandmother. It seems no one will let her forget her teenage rebellion – and the tragic consequences. Except Matthew sees the kinds, caring Christian Zoey has become. But spending time with her could hurt Matthew’s reputation in the close-knit community. And her name will never appear on the town matchmakers’ list of possible wives for him. But Matthew has his own list, with only one name – Zoey.

Welcome to Mirror Lake!

A small town where dreams of finding home come true.

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Jocelyn Montalvo Cullum says

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Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Mirror Lake

Brindi Michele says

I liked these characters and storyline much more than I thought I would....and I read it in one sitting! Oh, small-town life. This book hit home because something similar happened in my hometown, err...village, when I was in high school. It opened my eyes to how my community treated the girl, exactly like Mirror Lake's community, and my heart asks forgiveness. People can be so mean and judgemental without knowing the whole story, and some never want to hear the story because they'd prefer to stay on their high-horse. I knocked my rating down to a 3 because I didn't feel the characters communicated enough--it was more thoughts in their heads-- and it was hard to believe love blossomed as quickly as it did.

Sparrow12 says

AWESOME.
I really like the parable about the prodigal son.
Kathryn Springer created a wonderful story about poor choices and consequences.
Her message of God's forgiveness is very powerful.

Veronica says

I really enjoyed this book. This is my second time reading it and I think I liked it even better this time around. Kathryn Springer is one of my favorite authors and her Mirror Lake series is excellent. Zoey and Matt have great chemistry and the storyline is sweet. I will definitely read again.

Vicki says

Matthew Wilde is a young, single minister in Mirror Lake a small town in WI. The ladies of the church are all playing matchmaker. He meets Zoey Decker when he's out on his daily run. He thinks she is lost. When they meet it's almost like magic they seem to click. Both will try and hide it. Zoey's grandmother is supposed to be resting after her stay in the hospital. Because of all the heartache she caused her grandmother when she

was 16, she's going to take care of her. And guess who lives in grandma Liz's apartment over the garage? This one was at times heart wrenching and funny. Wonderful read. I loved it.

Ruth F. Creamer says

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I enjoyed this book a lot. As Christians, we need to have forgiving hearts. We should realize that we are all human and we magistrates, but who farewell judge?

Anna Marie says

I think I found the beginning of the slow slide in Springer's books.

In this one, Pastor Matt Wilde finds a ratty looking woman on the side of the road during his morning jog, and offers her money to help her out. Zoey realizes he thinks she's down on her luck (it's actually a costume, she's Ella Cinder in a dinner theatre in the Wisconsin Dells area), and while she's got some heavy baggage she's dealing with, she's not THAT bad off.

She's 'coming home' to take care of the grandmother she'd stayed with for two years when her missionary/pastoral parents deserted her (she was 'too wild' for them to have around them and be taken seriously in the ministry). She'd blown it big with the grandparents, too, in a bid to get her parents' attention as a teen. And bad things happened in this town. People aren't going to want her back.

But Grandma does. And Matt does... he sees a person of value, and HATES that the people in his congregation are gossiping, being mean and shutting Zoey out. On top of that, he's falling for her.

I... had issues. First was the all-encompassing "EASTER" theme of the book. I have severe issues with people (even literary characters) blindly accepting that pseudo-pagan BS, and it just drove me up the wall, because that means the author that I was so thrilled to find rising above the mire... isn't. First step to a failure in faith: blindly accepting what people tell you, that ISN'T scriptural.

Up until now, the people in the Mirror Lake books weren't perfect, but they did try their best to be kind. Not so, this book. We get a look at the REAL congregants at Mirror Lake, and find that aside from the three people we've had stories about, pretty much everyone else are malicious sheeple. And the 'old fashioned' services that didn't compromise in the first books are now adding a band, more of a focus on 'outreach ministries' (like the knitting club) than edification ones, although in this book, there's still Bible Olympics and mentoring, so we haven't TOTALLY lost credibility, yet... but based on what I read in the Twin series, it's coming. ((shakes head))

Then there was the statement that the most important thing for a pastor to focus on is the people. WRONG. HomiGOSH, that was the death knell for the book, right there. Because I don't care HOW much you 'luv' people, if you don't have Truth, you're a failure. Catholics luv people. Mormons luv people. Ghandi luvved people... right into Hell. Springer, what the HECK!?!?!

The book was still good, but the things that made my jaw drop have been left behind by the first sightings of

mainstream, church growth lies. GAH... I was hoping she would at least have made it thru the Mirror Lake series before crossing from Truth to Churchianity. I... will try one more, but if it gets worse, they're ALL going back.

Debbie says

This is a story about Zoey Decker, a former wild child ten yeas earlier. She leaves home ten years ago because of a tragic accident now her grandmother is ill and needs help and Zoey decides to go back to help her out. She knows that some of the town still holds her past against her and she doesn't know if she can face them. While she is on her way to town she runs into Matthew while he is on his morning run. Matthew thinks Zoey is down on her luck and offers her first money then he offers to buy her breakfast. Matt is attracted to Zoey but Zoey doesn't want to feel anything towards him because of her past. She is afraid she will hurt his reputation. This is a fast easy enjoyable read.

Mombo says

Hard to put down and exactly what you'd expect a "prodigal" story to be.

Zoey's and Matt's characters are exceptional, their romance is touching, and the supporting characters including the gossips are great. Hope there's another in the series soon.
