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Another fun, fabulous read from Kathryn Freeman. You'll want to lock yourself away with this one!

### **Sometimes life just takes the biscuit ...**

Abby Spencer knows she can come across as an airhead – she talks too much and is a bit of a klutz – but there's more to her than that. Though she sacrificed her career to help raise her sisters, a job interview at biscuit company Crumbs could finally be her chance to shine. That's until she hurries in late wearing a shirt covered in rusk crumbs, courtesy of her baby nephew, and trips over her handbag.

Managing director Douglas Faulkner isn't sure what to make of Abby Spencer with her Bambi eyes, tousled hair and ability to say more in the half-hour interview than he manages in a day. All he knows is she's a breath of fresh air and could bring a new lease of life to the stale corporate world of Crumbs. To his life too, if he'd let her.

But Doug's harbouring a secret. He's not the man she thinks he is.

## Oh Crumbs Details

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## From Reader Review Oh Crumbs for online ebook

### Meghan Lloyd says

A delightfully comedic story, Oh Crumbs tickled me in all the right spots and brought a smile to my face when I most needed it! I love romantic comedies, and this book delivered on that and then some. I have often found that British humor can go over my head (Monty Python remains a complete mystery to me), but I found myself pleasantly surprised at how universal the humor was here. The two main characters had great banter, and the secondary characters lent a charming quality to the story. Even the villain was humorous, in his exaggerated yet totally believable evilness at every turn. And while the comedy definitely stayed front and center, the author also provided a dramatic element with some very sobering scenes. There is something for everyone here!

Abigail Spencer has delayed her career for years. When her mom died 12 years ago, she became the de facto mother for her three younger siblings and kept house while her father was at work. But now, at 24, she has her college degree and can finally pursue a job in the corporate world. And a job at a biscuit company called Crumbs is her ticket to her dream - if only she could keep her mind, and her hands, off of her handsome new boss, Doug Faulkner. Doug hates his job...and his life, and his bubbly new secretary could be just the thing he needs in an otherwise dreary workplace. While at first he manages to keep his distance, her good humor and kindness begins to carve away at the wall around his heart. Soon they're friends and then something more. If only the secrets of his past didn't matter so much.

Abby definitely stole the show in this book! I absolutely adored her, from her humble opinions about herself and her family to her general ability to make those around her smile, she was a character that is easy to fall in love with. For me, I had a personal connection with her in a phrase we both use a lot - "crumbs." Growing up while raising her sisters, she always tried to avoid cursing in front of them, so she used the word "crumbs" in place of curse words. While I didn't have such a motivation, I love saying "crumbs" instead of other, more vulgar words, mostly because I smile as do others around me when I say it. Abby had such a good heart, and it showed in everything she did. Then we had Doug. I have to say - I really liked Doug in the beginning, but it went downhill fairly quickly about halfway through the story. Doug means well. Doug has good intentions. But Doug is also flakey, needy, and insecure. His "big secret" was, while sad, seemed to completely defeat him, and he let it. As a match for Abby, I give two thumbs down. I didn't really understand how she put up with him, honestly. Must be love!

I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves romantic comedies! I could see this becoming a Hallmark movie or something, honestly. I look forward to reading more books by this author in the future!

\*\*I received a free copy via NetGalley and this is my honest review.\*\*

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### Anne says

I'm not always the world's biggest fan of those tag lines publishers add to their books on Amazon – but when Choc Lit decided to call this book “a wonderfully uplifting summer read”, they really got it absolutely right.

When a heroine is described as an airhead, I'm sometimes a little wary – but, with some well-judged background to start the story, I immediately took Abby to my heart. She's stepped in as substitute mother to her large and chaotic family, but still managed to juggle everything and get a business degree, keen to better

herself – and as she arrives for her interview with the managing director of the Crumbs biscuit factory, running off at the mouth as she does throughout, I found I was really willing her to do well.

I loved the family side of this story – Abby’s loud and loving household, every individual a vividly drawn character, in stark contrast to the stark and cold background story of managing director Doug. I particularly liked Abby’s father – after an initial impression that he’d just left her to get on with everything, their relationship really touched me to the heart. The interactions are so well done – the tactless comments of the younger ones, the supportive friendship of her sister, those wonderful moments when Doug finds himself among them and under the closest of critical scrutiny.

The workplace is really well drawn too – always a real strength in the author’s books – although hopefully the sexism, prejudice and harassment Abby encounters are rarely now the norm. I really liked the way her work efficiency contrasted with her scattiness, and the exchanges between her and Doug are wonderful, teetering on the line between acceptability and total inappropriateness.

Of course, this is a love story – and a really perfect one, with a slowly developing relationship heating up as the story develops. And my goodness, talking about heat – now Doug’s really quite a hot proposition, all tightly reined in and waiting to explode, muscles rippling under the jacket of his designer suit. I liked his depths too – the complications of his background story, his friendships and other relationships, his gentleness coupled with his unusual way of letting off steam.

I know I shouldn’t really have favourites, particularly among Choc Lit’s excellent authors, but I’ve yet to read a book from Kathryn Freeman that I haven’t thoroughly enjoyed. Very funny, wonderfully written, and a great story – what more could you possibly want? Well, maybe a pack of biscuits to dunk while you’re reading...

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## **Berit??? says**

4 “Oh Crumbs!!!” Stars ????

This was such an enchanting love story so full of heart and family! Because if you fall in love with Abby you not only get her but her dad, her four sisters, and of course her dog Pat... this book would make such a heartwarming movie and I could just see actresses fighting over the part of Abby... she would be a lot of fun to play!

Abby has put her dreams on hold to take care of her family after her mother’s death... abby is the oldest of five spirited girls, so she absolutely has her hands full.... her sisters certainly added some laughs and touching moments to this book... her father was a kind loving man who really wanted the best for Abby, but was quite overwhelmed with all these girls!

Abby gets a job at a biscuit/cookie company and that’s where she meets Douglas.... Douglas is her boss and his family owns the company... I loved that Douglas adored Abby even though she spoke before she thought... something Abby and I have in common! He also saw her for the smart, caring, and quirky girl she was.... The relationship between them was sweet and I loved the mutual respect they had for one another... although I must admit Douglas and his insecurities drove me crazy! Good thing he had a good friend to talk some sense into him! The final outcome in this book was perfect! Although I was thinking “Oh crumbs!!!” when it was over, because I wanted more!

Absolutely recommend this delightful romance that will leave you with a smile on your face and hope in

your heart?

\*\*\* many thanks to Choc Lit for my copy of this book \*\*\*

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### **Frankie Reviews says**

This is the first book I have read by Ms Freeman and I thoroughly enjoyed it, the story is sweet and loving a story of second chances and finally moving on. Ms Freeman is an articulate and talented writer, I found her writing to be honest and very real with character's who you immediately can relate to and I can say for certain that I will be reading more of her work. Oh Crumbs is a scrumptious and enjoyable book that leaves you feeling all warm...Plus, incredibly hungry ?

When Abby Spencer's mother died, and her father was either grieving or working all the hours to keep a roof over their heads, while she settled in to be the mother her younger sisters so desperately needed. As the years moved on Abby's takes on more and more responsibility, once her sister's are old enough to be able to fend for themselves in a sort of fashion she goes for a job as a PA in a biscuit firm. She want's this job more than she has ever wanting anything in her life, but on the day of her interview everything that could go wrong does. But surprisingly the manager Doug see's past her various blunder's and employer's her.

Even though this is written in both Doug's and Abby's point of view, because of her personal circumstances Abby's part of the story really shouted out louder than Doug's to me. Abby is a woman who has sacrificed so much for her family, I can relate to Abby so much she is so visual and real to me. Her story is one that is so relevant to the times, there are so many of us who have never done what we have wanted to do in life for our family, she is caring, she loves her family to a fault. Yes, I think that maybe her father did take advantage of her as she was growing up, but she faced it all in the same positive, supportive and passionate way she does everything.

I thoroughly enjoyed this, Ms Freeman is an articulate story-teller who draws you into her world and makes you love her characters. The story is light and fun it moves smoothly from one scene to the next, it is engrossing and the romance between Doug and Abby is very sweet. The characters are expertly developed, and as you get to know them, their true personalities really come out.

A very enjoyable, passionate and fun story, that leaves you feeling all warm.

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### **Karen Mace says**

Oh Crumbs this was good!! Sorry I couldn't resist!! But I found this to be such fun to read, as well as now having a new book boyfriend to swoon over - where do I go to find my own Doug???

Abby is the main character and she is a complete sweetheart! She lost her mum at an early age, so that meant she took over the mum role at home to help out her dad with her younger siblings, and she's always put them first over herself. When she finds herself looking for a new job, she goes for an interview for a PA position at the local biscuit company and this is where Douglas enters her life!

He's the boss who is looking for a new PA. He's not keen on the biscuit industry and would rather be following his main passion of painting, but his family have placed expectations on his shoulder so he's doing his bit! Due to a rather strained relationship with his family, especially his father, he's not one for forming

strong bonds with people, and is a little shocked by his new PA in her mannerisms and her way of dealing with life. He likes order and calm, she's more chaotic and messy! I just loved the spark between these two from their first meeting! She soon thrives in her new role and becomes an essential element to Doug and the business of moving the company forward.

The family of Abby were also an absolute treat! So much fun and they like to say what they feel, no matter the company they are in! It is obvious how much they all care for Abby considering all she had done for them - a really supportive family, unlike the family environment Doug was used to.

There are a few bumps in the road for the relationship between Doug and Abby, through work and family issues, and it was fascinating to see how they faced these problems and work things out.

Loved it!!

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## **Whispering Stories says**

Book Reviewed by Stacey on [www.whisperingstories.com](http://www.whisperingstories.com)

The book begins with a thirteen-year-old Abigail (Abby) Spencer attending the funeral of her mum and running around after her little sisters.

We then move forward in time six years and Abby is the mother figure of the house. Her dad works long hours so it's up to her to look after her four little sisters. From taking them to school, feeding, cooking, etc. She is the proper mother figure. She decides not to go to university as her family needs her at home, opting for a secretarial job instead.

Once again the book jumps forward in time another six years. Now in her twenties Abby has completed a degree online and is off to an interview for a job as the Personal Assistant to the CEO of biscuit factory, Crumbs.

Arriving slightly late, with rusk down her shirt (thanks to her baby Nephew) and the inability to stop talking, Abby thinks she has blown the opportunity. However, CEO Doug Faulkner sees something in her and offers her the job right away.

The company is trying to sell three of its biscuits that aren't selling well to a rival firm, but Abby thinks that there could be a better solution. Plus, there is also the issue that Abby seems to be falling for her boss and at one point she thought he felt the same too. But this is a man that is hot one minute and cold the next. A man hiding something from everyone, even himself.

Oh Crumbs was a delightful read with an amusing, yet poignant plot and fantastic characters.

Abby is worth her weight in gold both at home where she has nearly enough single-handedly raised and looked after her younger sisters since the death of their mother and at work where her ideas and work ethics are second to none.

Doug is one of those characters that you like one minute and want to scream at the next. He's a very mixed up young man. He's been thrust into the family business by his father who he doesn't see eye to eye with, nor have much respect for. He's hoarding a secret that he doesn't want anyone to know about, which means he pushes people away from him. Including Abby who he clearly adores.

Kathryn Freeman's writing is superb and she takes tough situations, such as the funeral scene, and manages

to add some light-hearted humour to them that really works.

I was captivated by the story from the very beginning and the plot held my attention for the duration. A real heart squeeze book that was pure joy to read and one I enjoyed immensely.

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### **Kirsty &#x1f4da;&#x1f4d6;♥? says**

I loved the run up to this release with the daily twitter posts about biscuits. Really fun way to do things.

Yet again Choc Lit hit the mark with an excellent book by Kathryn. I really enjoyed the setting. Who wouldn't want to work in a biscuit factory all day? ( although I used to work in a cake shop you get sick of the site of treats after a few weeks :) )

It really ticked all the boxes for me. I could picture the hero and the hero best friend really clear. I liked how the glacial potential other woman ended up championing our girl Abby. You don't often get that kind of solidarity and I found it quite refreshing.

The book has a lovely flow to it. It's easy to read. I've had a few health problems this week so it was nice to have something to hand that was uplifting that I could dip into to take my mind off things (all sorted now though) and it has a lovely sense of humour running through it.

It's just a really great book and I'd recommend it if you enjoy romances.

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### **Michelle Ryles says**

I don't read a lot of chick lit these days but I can always find time in my busy reading schedule for Kathryn Freeman. It is only through my love of Formula 1 that I discovered Kathryn Freeman's books when I spotted Monaco's Fairmont Hairpin on the cover of her book set in the world of motor racing: Before You. Needless to say, I absolutely loved Before You but I have to say that Oh Crumbs has just overtaken on the straight and has become my new favourite chick lit book.

My heart was squeezed to breaking point as we are introduced to the Spencer family on what is probably the worst day of their lives at Abby's mum's funeral. Abby gave up going to university to look after her four younger sisters and has learnt to curb her expletives by saying 'oh crumbs' instead of something stronger, so when a job comes up at prestigious biscuit company, Crumbs, it seems like fate. It is fate indeed when Managing Director Douglas Faulkner's piercing blue eyes meet Abby's pools of molten chocolate. Doug hires Abby on the spot as his PA and there's an attraction there that neither of them can deny but Doug never lets anyone get close to him. Thankfully, Abby isn't just anyone!

Abby and the whole Spencer clan are THE most colourful set of characters I have ever come across. They each have individual traits that had me smiling from ear to ear when I wasn't laughing out loud at their antics. Abby is so scatty sometimes but she has an amazing business brain and, with a houseful of children, knows a thing or two about biscuits. Abby often engages her mouth before her brain but I found myself admiring her ability to tell Delectable Doug or his frightful father just what she thinks.

Doug is such a tortured soul, doing a job he hates for a father he despises and I have never felt such an attraction to a literary character since Mr Darcy. Doug's dark and brooding manner coupled with underlying insecurities does make him similar to Darcy so it's no wonder I felt my heart defrosting when Doug was around. Doug is carrying a secret around like a weight around his neck and he can't risk destroying his family if it gets out, so he continually pushes Abby away, however, Abby thinks he's worth fighting for. Will he ever let his guard down? More like will he still have a guard to let down once Abby takes a battering ram to it!

Oh Crumbs really is a ray of sunshine; although it starts off in a very sad place, I felt my heart repairing bit by bit as I watched the Spencer family grow up. Each and every one of them staked a claim on my heart so I read most of the book with a smile on my face and I simply could not contain my tears of happiness at the end. Tremendously heartwarming, poignant and often hilarious, Oh Crumbs is most definitely a book you will want to read this year.

I chose to read an ARC and this is my honest and unbiased opinion.

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## **DJ Sakata says**

Favorite Quotes:

'I'm a brown belt in BJJ. Brazilian jiu-jitsu,' he added at her puzzled look. 'I've heard of a Brazilian, but I'm pretty sure the one I'm thinking of wouldn't take out two men.' Bugger, bugger, talk about a mood crusher

I'm an ample, if I breathe in, size ten. Okay, maybe I'm an eleven but they don't really do that size so I guess that makes me a twelve.

Though I suppose there are plenty of women out there better at sex than me. If I had to make a guess, I'd say I'm only Brownie badge status.' She winced, finally looking up at him. 'And that sounds wildly inappropriate because unless things have changed radically in the last fifteen years, I doubt Brownies have a badge for sex.'

'Don't change, Abby,' he replied quietly. 'You're perfect just the way you are.' And wow, he might not say many words but those he did say were dynamite.

My Review:

Before finishing the first few pages I was an instant fangirl of the delightfully amusing Kathryn Freeman, who is now my favorite wordsmith. I want all her clever and witty words as I savored this scrumptious and engaging book and from start to finish. I absolutely adored Abby although all the characters were endearingly quirky and intriguing. The writing was well-crafted and engaging, the characters were uniquely appealing and complex, and the reading was a total treat. I hit pay dirt yet again for my Brit Vocab List with several comical entries including: not on your nelly (not likely), cock-a-hoop (extremely pleased), Hell's teeth (exclamation of surprise, frustration, or anger), and gazump (swindle). I am cock-a-hoop having discovered this exceptionally talented author.

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## **Kaisha (The Writing Garnet) says**

All reviews can be found on my blog at <https://thewritinggarnet.wordpress.com>

A book with biscuits in it, written by Kathryn Freeman? What more could anyone want? As a massive, massive fan of both Kathryn Freeman AND biscuits, I had a pretty good feeling about 'Oh Crumbs'!

I have to quickly admit though, at first I did find myself a little bit unsure about the book as it didn't make me go 'ooooohhhh' straight away like previous books by Kathryn Freeman have. However, after making a cuppa to go with the biscuits my sub-conscience was going to snaff pretty soon, 'Oh Crumbs' took me under its wing like a packet of chocolate chip digestives (aka, TWG's favourite biscuit). This book is, in my opinion, a little bit of a slow starter, but trust me when I say that it more than makes up for it as the story progresses.

To look at, Abby Spencer is a woman some males may call.....typical, yet surprisingly enough, Abby makes their jaw drop in shock when she shows them that she is more than blonde hair and curves. Of course not everyone Abby comes across in the book believes her, and she finds herself in a bit of a pickle due to assumptions and anger which has been wrongly dumped on her. As a woman in her mid-twenties, Abby has had to grow up pretty fast due to the life shattering cards which life itself chose to deal her, and she realises that she needs to do something for her before she finds herself resenting her situation, even though it wasn't anyone's fault.

I ADORED Abby. I found her to be such a genuine, warm-hearted and fiery character, the uncertainty of knowing what would come out of her mouth filled me with excitement as I knew it was either going to make me laugh, or make me think 'you go girl!'. I'm not as fabulous as Abby, ahem, but I couldn't help but see a little bit of myself in the way that she carried herself. She is absolutely brilliant. I reckon a lot of readers will be able to relate to her not only due to her personality, but because of the way she has dealt with the challenges in her life.

Goodness me, Doug is a bit of a marmite character is he not?! He obviously has the looks (thanks to Kathryn Freeman's wonderfully descriptive writing, I was able to create a rather vivid image in my mind!), yet he also has the arrogance to boot. Harsh? Possibly. Like Abby, Doug hasn't had it easy, but it doesn't excuse him for speaking and acting without thinking, hurting people in the process. Maybe he does that because it is all he has ever known? All I know is, is that Doug has a lot of pent-up anger and I hope he finds the release he so desperately needs. Well, he certainly released something alright -fans self-

Kathryn Freeman has done it once again and I am OVER THE MOON that she has! This author writes the types of books I could quite happily read time and time again, and now she has added 'Oh Crumbs' to that selection. I know me and the biscuit book were unsure of each other to begin with, but Freeman pulled it out of the bag, kept the biscuits intact, and gave me a story which left me grinning from ear to ear. I would LOVE to see Abby and Doug back again as I reckon they have a lot more story to tell. Yes, I am majorly hinting for a sequel! Ooooooh, maybe even a book with Doug's mother as the character of the moment, I'm sure that she has a few more stories to tell! Either way, more please!!!

'Oh Crumbs', like Peter Kay once said about a certain type of biscuit, isn't an 'f-ing one dip', nor is it a book which doesn't fit. Instead, 'Oh Crumbs' is the creme de la creme, a book which, thanks to Peter Kay again, would probably say 'DIP ME. AGAIN'. There was nothing I didn't like about this book as I loved every single crumb the author wrote. I laughed out loud, became hot under the collar, felt empathy towards certain characters, felt anger towards another bunch of characters, and had my face ache due to smiling like a BN biscuit. 'Oh Crumbs' is such a heart-felt, laugh out loud, free-spirited, and romantic novel which will make the most judgemental of people, remove the metal rod from their youknowwhat. Another cracking read from an author who just gets better and better, every single time. What a delight.

## **booksofallkinds says**

Ok, everyone, you are going to have to bear with me as I try to convey just how much I adored this wonderful story. I read a lot and OH CRUMBS by Kathryn Freeman really does stand out for its engaging and loveable characters, its fresh plot, and for making me smile on a dull and gloomy evening in Ireland.

Abby Spencer has looked after her family ever since her mum passed away when she was thirteen. While her dad worked long hours, Abby cared for her younger sisters and passed on the traditional university experience with her friends and enrolled in online college instead. She has always put her heart and soul into those she loves and when she gets a P.A. job for the Managing Director of Crumbs, a biscuit company, her family support her 100%. Juggling a new career and her family commitments would definitely be more than enough for most but when Abby begins to chip away at her reserved boss' hard exterior she finds a talented, kind, and completely sexy man underneath. But could anything really happen between two people that live worlds apart?

Doug is shocked by his new P.A. Her openness, her compassion, and her sharp intelligence are all things that are lacking from this business and from his own life. But Doug knows that they can never be together, that the dark and harsh reality of his world which nobody really understands, should never touch the bright and beautiful light that is Abby and her family. But as they spend more time together, could he really let her walk away from him forever?

This story will make you cry, make you laugh out loud, and make you swoon, and what more can you ask from a brilliant contemporary romance these days?! Abby is the best friend you always wanted and the way she loves is something to aspire to. I loved all of the characters in this story but Abby had to be my favourite, but it would be great to see how life turned out for her sisters so maybe a few more books about them please Kathryn? ?

There is drama, secrets, family life, and love in all of its forms in OH CRUMBS by Kathryn Freeman and I cannot say enough how much I loved this marvellous book, so get clicking!!

\*I voluntarily reviewed this book from Netgalley

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## **Dash fan says**

5? Utterly Brilliant, warm, Laugh Out loud, must read!

Oh Crumbs is a heart warming, funny, romance that Is a must read!

I have been so looking forward to reading this Fabulous book the minute I see the blurb for it and I wasn't disappointed!

Right from the very first few pages I was drawn in.

What was meant to be an emotional day for 13year old Abby as she was at her mothers funeral, Kathryn added the perfect delicate humour that made me giggle yet melted my heart.

Abby is the oldest sister and since her mum passed away when she was just 13years old she quickly stepped up to play a motherly role to her 4 younger sisters.

Her Father was struggling to deal with the young family, his grief and working so he relied on Abby for support.

Fast forward several years and Abby is now 24years old and just about to get her first job helping as a PA for a biscuit factory.

Her interview was brilliant, everything that could go wrong before and during did go wrong. Had me laughing out loud and feeling so so sorry for her.

But she charmed manager Doug and he offered her the job straight away, despite her haphazard ways.

Doug is endeared by Abby's care free, caring, warm quirky personality.

She has a big heart but can he capture her heart?

I adored Abby and her sisters so much.

I can't imagine ever going through what they did at such a young age. How Abby held the family together was inspiring.

She's a strong, independent, caring and beautiful young woman with a quirky warm personality I warmed to straight away.

My only criticism is I wanted so much more from the girls growing up. I can see their stories becoming another story as each of the sisters had such a charm. I wanted more, it just skipped through the ages a lil too quickly. But having said that it's just a personal thought, I adored this book.

Oh Crumbs is a heart warming feel good story, with plenty of laugh out loud moments, loveable characters, mishaps and mayhem, I can't recommend this endearing book enough!

Thank you to Rachel Random Resources for this copy which I reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

My Review is also on my Blog Website:-

<https://dashfan81.blogspot.com/2018/0...>

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## **Grace J Reviewerlady says**

What a lovely tale! Romance, family and a bit of excitement along the way all add up to an enjoyable read.

When Abby's mother died, she took on the mantle of being surrogate mum as well as big sister to her four younger sisters. Missing out on so much, she has never regretted taking on the responsibility. She loves her family - even if they do drive her crazy most of the time! Heading to an interview for a job she really wants, Abby finds that everything that could go wrong does and is resigning herself to hearing a negative response, but the MD of Crumbs biscuit company finds something strangely endearing about this blonde whirlwind who can't stop talking!

I love the character of Abby; she is a bright, modern, family-orientated career girl who wants it all. Life isn't easy or straightforward, but Abby sets her sights high and is determined to do well. Doug has a secret - hinted at several times, but with plenty going on the big reveal wasn't urgent. The story builds at a nice pace, allowing us to get to know the main characters and the antics of Abby's sisters are not only funny and entertaining but also so true to life! All the years of dealing with moods and tantrums has proved to be good experience for the job Abby lands - blonde and cute she may be but she has an inner steel core honed to perfection.

Whilst I really enjoyed this novel, for me, the ending was a bit compacted. Then there was one of my pet hates: the story ended at 90% and the remainder has the beginning of another book. Not something I'm keen on at all, but it's hardly the author's decision and it won't affect my rating, but I do wish publishers would stop doing it! However, if you're looking for a lighter read with romance and a family base, then this is definitely worth the read. Try it and see!

My thanks to publishers Choc Lit for approving my copy via NetGalley, and Rachel's Random Resources for inviting me to be a part of this Blog Tour. This is my honest, original and unbiased review.

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### **Donna Maguire says**

<https://donnasbookblog.wordpress.com/...>

I was really looking forward to reading this one, the blurb really intrigued me and I am delighted to say that it lived up to my expectations and it was a delight to read!

I loved the characters and really warmed to Abby, I loved her interaction with Doug too, it really made me smile. The plot was really enjoyable and the writing style was spot on for the book, it flowed really well and before I knew it I was three-quarters of the way through the book and I had only intended to read a couple of chapters – that is always the sign of a good read for me!

4.5 stars from me rounded up to 5 stars for Amazon and Goodreads – I really enjoyed it – its a lovely book to read and would be a lovely book to read this summer!

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### **Gaele says**

It's taken me a while to get to this book and schedule it in to read –but I certainly am glad I did. A read in one sitting, clever, funny and surprisingly honest story that follows Abby and Doug through changes, growth, division and coming together.

Abby has been mother, sister, housekeeper and an integral part of the household since her mother's death some twelve years ago. With four little sisters and a father laid low by grief, she'd had to put off all of her own desires to move out and away in order to keep the family going. But, she also took the time (late nights) to work on her degree, and now, with a newly minted degree, she's off to interview for a PA position, hoping to get a foot in the door at a local biscuit maker.

Doug is the Managing Director of the business, and needs a PA immediately. Abby is late for the interview, trips into her chair, is holding her jacket together, talking non-stop, and providing him with the first breath of air he's had in the office for forever. And, on a whim, something TOTALLY unlike his controlled dislike for business and this business in general. He's got the weekend to regret this decision, but he's admittedly curious.

Abby, for her part is far more organized and determined to make a good impression: she's contacted Doug's former PA, set up meetings with HR and IT, and has a general sense of his schedule, his likes and dislikes and even how he takes his coffee. Far from what Doug expected, she's also got a habit of speaking before thinking, has a keen eye for business, and has brought a whole new atmosphere to the office: he's almost looking forward to coming to work.

Oh the back and forth, with Doug's secret, Abby's sisters and Doug's willingness to allow Abby a chance to learn and use her skills for business - she's getting HUGE experience, that few (apart from Doug and his former lover / marketing director ) recognize. Abby is adorable and smart, organized and wholly responsible for her family – and managing to juggle work, home and added research and information while finding new ways to tempt and astound Doug in near every moment.

With plenty of family angst, a secret about himself that Doug shares, ham-handedly – and a ton of 'these two are better together than even they see, it's not until Abby takes a page from her own 'dare to go for what you want' book – and risks it all – with great reward.

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