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*Just when she feels she's lost the life and love she most wants to have, she finds them—in the last place she'd ever think to look.*

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## The Post-it Note Affair: A Romance Novelette of Love Lost and Found Details

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## From Reader Review The Post-it Note Affair: A Romance Novelette of Love Lost and Found for online ebook

### Evelyn says

I loved this story. It was short and sweet. The writing was good, clear and easy to follow, the characters were believable and their reactions were realistic. I love the main character's moral struggle. How much she longs for a little excitement in her life, it's an experience that people face every day and is relatable to nearly everyone. Josh's uncertain motives leave me curious even after I've finished, which is always something I enjoy in a book. And I absolutely adore Stephen's unconditional love makes me kinda fall for him a bit, which makes her struggles even more personal.

I was scared for a while at how it was going to end and in a book so short that is impressive. I thought it could have used a bit more of a resolution, it kinda ended a bit abruptly right after the climax but it was well written and I enjoyed reading it, it's always a compliment when a reader wants the book to be longer, even if only a paragraph or two.

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### Kimberly says

The Post-it Note Love Affair compellingly addresses what most people (men included!) battle at one time or another in a relationship with a loved one: the disheartening fact that sometimes a spouse has unknowingly taken the other loved one for granted.

The story begins with Emily, who describes how seemingly discontent she is in her marriage. She knows Stephen loves her and she him; yet there's no spark anymore. She feels like Steven's more like that of a loyal puppy dog rather than what she really wants, which is to be sought after...wanted. Then as if out of the blue, Emily begins receiving uplifting, borderline affectionate Post-It notes from whom she feels, without a doubt is the office's newest charming and very easy-on-the-eye new hire, Josh. Then in turn, she begins to act out in ways towards her husband AND Josh; all in response to the feeling that Stephen has taken her for granted for way too long. Little does Emily know where this secret love affair will take her with every new Post-it Note!

Justine Avery's writing style is superbly riveting. Her descriptive adjectives and methods of how she paints a picture of the main character's relatable witty inner monologue, truly engrosses the reader to want to see where this love affair will go. Avery writes in such a way that reminds and makes one feel not so alone in the indisputable notion that all any partner craves in a relationship is to be desired, to be adored, or just know they are wanted.

It's a wonderfully quick read that undoubtably will touch the heart and hopefully remind one that a few simple words written on a simple note can dramatically change one's entire perspective, if not their future!

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### Erin says

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Here is a summary of what the book is about.

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Wow I loved this book because it reminds you of the important things in life.

This is a very quick story there are only 7 chapters in it.

I found the storyline to be very cute and sweet. I also saw some surprises that I didn't see coming.

I would recommend this book. I believe you all would enjoy it as well.

Happy Reading Everyone!??

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### **Sara Pack says**

A little thing, such as a Post-It note or this novelette, can make a really big difference. The little things can change a moment, a day, a week, a life. I had high hopes all along about the direction of this story, and I was not disappointed. Emily learns some very important things about herself, her husband, and her marriage. It is easy to connect with Emily as the story progresses. Justine Avery has done an excellent job of capturing Emily's perspective and personal thoughts. This is a thought-provoking story that will have you reflecting on your own life, your relationships, and your perspective.

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### **Tegan says**

"The Post-it Note Affair" is a very cute book. The main character is a happily married woman, or at least she's as happy as she can be despite the supposed lack of passion in the marriage. Her days are made when she starts finding little encouraging notes written on post-it notes hidden in her purse. Whose day wouldn't be made after those notes? To top it off, a new cute guy at work enters the picture, and she finds herself thoroughly distracted.

I've got to get Avery credit for the pleasant ending as it wasn't at all what I was expecting. Without giving any spoilers, it does explain the attitude of the new guy at work. I'd definitely recommend this book to

anyone looking for a quick and cute read.

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## **Kindling Micky says**

3.5 stars

This is a rather short novella, but still a story in full. The context is a marriage that has dulled and the heroine Emily begins to find post-it notes in her bag that are complimentary, sweet and flirtatious. There's a new guy at the office and he's definitely flirtatious. That said, I didn't trust Josh-the-new-guy, there was just something a little too much about him. Stephen, Emily's husband was difficult to get the measure of but he seemed a little passive and fully in the rut with Emily.

The outcome of the novella wasn't wholly unexpected but it was an entertaining little read and it did deliver on a completed story, even if I did want more insight into Stephen. This novella was easy to get into and I would consider it a quick, light read.

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## **Theresa says**

Just want to thank netgallery for letting me review this book.

To say this was a short novella it still was a full story it was brilliant I instantly connected to this book cause I have felt the same way.

It was a feel good book. It's amazing what words can do

I will be reading more of Justine Avery.

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## **Paula Phillips says**

Have you ever wondered or have you felt the power of what positive thinking can do to a person? If you saw a note that said "You're Terrific" - would it put you in the best mood ever? For Emily, she has the most wonderful husband and someone who loves her unconditionally, and they have been together since high school. Lately, however, she feels like they have lost their spark and their zing. One morning at work, Emily finds a post-it-note in her bag reading "You're Terrific." This makes her smile and feels good for the day. The next day, Emily meets Josh - a new worker with the company, and they get talking, and Emily sees it as flirting. Over the next course of the novel, Emily finds more and more post-it-notes with things that her secret admirer as she calls him likes about her. Emily starts to convince herself that Josh is the admirer and starts to lap up the attention and her mind wanders to what life with Josh could be like. What will happen though when Emily confronts Josh and gets a big surprise? Part of me loved this book as it was cute and the whole post-it-note idea calls to my romantic side but the other frustrated me as it was like Emily- Goddamn it open up your eyes. Readers, this is a clean romance read but it does teeter on the line of what could be

considered cheating - depending on what your personal view of what is defined as cheating on your husband. If you are wanting a quick romance read with a bit of positive reinforcements and optimism, then check out The Post-It-Note Affair by Justine Avery today.

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## **Ebony says**

This was such a cute story about a woman forgetting (momentarily) the love that her husband has for her and rediscovering it. I think what I loved most about this short story is that we are all guilty of forgetting about what we already have and this was just a little reminder not to take it for granted.

I look forward to reading more from Justine Avery!!!

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## **A Reader's Heaven says**

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I have no idea why this book - or should I say short story - has such good ratings.

The story of a married woman who wants to sleep with the new guy at the office because she got some post-it notes in her handbag that complimented her - she didn't even know if he sent them.

The internal dialogue of "should I/shouldn't I?" or repetitive sentences of how tight her clothing was or how her heart beat SOOOOOOOOOO hard when he smiled at her...uggghhh, how nauseating. At no point did Emily even consider her husband. Just all about getting it on with the (stalker-ish) new guy at the office.

The ending was telegraphed in the second chapter and was about as satisfying as a brick up the side of the head. It was a cop-out. Where was the conversation when she tells her husband how she was flirting with another guy, where she admits that she lusted after a stranger? No, instead we are left to believe that her husband is the problem...

Sorry, but this is not a very good story from multiple angles. I wonder what the reviews would be like if the roles were reversed...

Paul  
ARH

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### **Judi Easley says**

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~ Judi E. Easley for Blue Cat Review

My Review:

High school, college and into first jobs all with the same man. That's a growing time for people, couples. Things change and then things start to settle into a routine for the years. Oh dear, that sounds dreary, doesn't it? It doesn't have to be. Men, in particular, can settle into routines, while women tend to still want romance. That's why we have created such a market for romance novels!

Emily wants something she can't seem to convey to Stephen and she's stopped trying. Then there's the tiny sticky note in her purse. Who put it there? It's all so exciting and she feels wonderful and feminine and excited.

There's a new guy at work, too. He's really good looking and he seems to be flirting with her. Is it her imagination?

When things fall apart and she needs to feel safe and loved, there's only one place to be.

This little story packs a punch. Ms. Avery has really done an excellent job of putting those emotions out there on the page for you to feel right along with Emily. It's marvelous! Wish it were longer, and yet perhaps the beauty of it is the fact that it's such a small gem of a story. Definitely, a sweet summer read!

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### **Connie says**

I just found this book silly. It made me a bit angry as well. Here you have a woman that was happy at home but just a bit bored. Instead of taking charge she looked for excitement somewhere else, totally ignoring the attempts that her husband was making. She wasn't trying to escape from a bad marriage, she was just being lazy and self absorbed. A problem with a great deal of people these days.

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### **Jean says**

A cute, super quick, fun read. It's short but packs a full story. Emily has an easy life. She married her high school sweetheart, her best friend. He's cute, fun, a great listener and he utterly adores her. But Stephen just doesn't do it for her anymore. Her life has gotten boring. Until one day at work, she finds a post-it note in her purse which uplifts her spirits. And then she meets the new hot guy at work. When he smiles at her it gives her shivers and makes her desirable. Now comes the battle of going with someone who is exciting or staying with someone who is comfortable.

The story was predictable but still a compelling read. Very well written.

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### **Laura says**

Despite being such a short novella, I found this was a really great story in itself. Based on the main protagonist receiving a number of post-it notes with positive thoughts on them, the story follows her emotions as she tries to work out where the notes have come from. It's a story that I could relate to and I'm sure many others can too, and I enjoyed the ending. It was a nice snappy read but with a very full-bodied plot, despite it's short length.

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### **Kendra says**

I honestly can't figure out what to say here. I am so torn.

In the beginning, the novella was going great! Then it started to have a 'let's cheat on my great, boring husband' type feel. Then it was sweet. Next, I got mad at the husband because he's just so meh.

Slowly, I started to feel better about it, but then the ending hit and it was like, "Yep, I saw that coming."

Overall, this was a cute story.

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