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Laura Van Nice says

First, a confession – I did what we're never supposed to do. I judged a book by its cover. I've never read anything by Victoria Bylin, but the cover of her new book got me. It was just so whimsical, like a piece of one of those adorable Pinterest engagement photos, radiating hope and optimism. And in the case of *Until I Found You* – I'm so glad I did!

There's Nick Sheridan, a man trying to leave behind the disaster he'd made out of his life and walk in the newness of a relationship with Christ. Then there's Kate Darby, a woman headed into disaster trying desperately, fearfully, to hold onto what little control she can wrest out of the world. Add in a loving Grandmother and, believe it or not, a few California Condors and you have the makings of a story that turns out to be surprisingly poignant and packs quite a spiritual punch.

There's plenty of sizzle between Nick and Kate as she longs to find security in him and he fights his attraction for her in order to point her to the only Source of security that will never fail her. In setting up this conflict, the author does a masterful job of illustrating how easy it is to put faith in things that fade. With all the spiritual heavy lifting going on, the story nevertheless wasn't too weighed down, but instead moved along at a nice pace and came with the requisite happy ending that was truly joyful.

Altogether maybe not a light read, but very satisfying, and I'll definitely be looking for more from Victoria Bylin, no matter what the cover looks like!

Aditi says

Sweet and enticing tale of love and belief!

Lauren Kate, an American author of *Fallen* series has been quoted as:

"Sometimes beautiful things come into our lives out of nowhere. We can't always understand them, but we have to trust in them. I know you want to question everything, but sometimes it pays to just have a little faith."

Until I Found You by Victoria Bylin is a pretty amazing Christian romance, and for any first time believer in Christianity, this book might stand out to be an useful guide! And for the rest, be it for a believer or not, this book might make you fall in love with the idea of faith and trust! This is not my first time to read any Christian book, but believe me, Christian books are quite inspirational and has the power to make you see things with a more wider perspective.

Victoria Bylin, a Christian author, has penned down this tale of love and the journey of a young man and woman's road to belief for the first time in the Californian hilly backdrop. **I feel lucky to read this book, provided to me by the author herself! Thank You so much!**

I absolutely loved how Kate and Nick are destined to meet each other. One hanging from her life from the edge of a dangerous cliff and the other to her rescue. But both have made some promises to themselves of not falling in love, but once you're destined to fall in love, no power in this world can change that and evidently, Kate and Nick couldn't deny that inevitable attraction between them. And after saving Kate for

one time, it becomes a habit for Nick to rescue her a lot of times. But the strong chord of attraction between them pulls them towards each other and finally lighting up the whole book with their undeniable chemistry. And their journey to the road of faith is really quite inspirational.

If I try to point out any negative aspect in this book, then I'll fail, since, I didn't find a single flaw into it. The plot has a good pace; sometimes stories to the road of Christianity can be so captivating. And the authors grip on her primary characters, Kate and Nick is really very strong. From being flawed to clueless to committing mistakes in the past, Kate and Nick is the perfect epitome to portray them as the reformed Christian struggling on their road to faith and trust. Along with their journey to the road of faith, their love story too begins in the same way, from being confused to strongly attracted, to finally opening up to themselves. The best thing is the dialogues, which are sometimes so emotional that I found my eyes welling up a lot of times, to making me smile, and sometimes I found them quite stirring. Even Kate's grandmother, Leona, manages to draw a mark upon the minds of the readers. Leona's strong sense of belief in Christianity to leading her grand-daughter to the road to faith is quite motivating and assuring. The location is more than perfect to stir up romantic emotions among the readers and the log cabins add a bonus pleasure for the readers.

This book is perfect to curl up it with a mug of hot tea on a quite gloomy, cloudy monsoon afternoon.

Kathleen (Kat) Smith says

It felt like deja vu when I picked up the latest novel *Until I Found You*, from author Victoria Bylin. When I first began writing in high school I had written a story that began much in the same aspect as this one did but that is all the similarities between the two. It took me back almost 35 years but with a fondness for great romance that Victoria shares in this one. Kate Derby is heading to help her grandmother who is recovering from a stroke in California. On a rain slicked highway, Kate loses control of her car when she steers clear of a giant condor on the road in front of her. Unfortunately this particular stretch of highway doesn't have guard rails in place to keep the drivers from going over the cliff. Kate is lucky when her car is stopping from a two hundred foot plunge by a set of trees but it doesn't seem like it will hold the weight much longer.

When Nick Sheridan it out for a drive on his Harley, he notices that a car has gone over the side on the road. Calling for help, Nick knows that the precarious situation with Kate will not last long enough for help to arrive. He proceeds to climb down the embankment and manages to free her from the car at just the moment the branches break lose and send the car plummeting below. Thinking she might have an opportunity to salvage the effects of her personal items from the car later, the car suddenly explodes. It shakes Kate up more than she realizes what her fate could have been had Nick not rescued her in time.

Nick has made a vow to God that for the next year, he will refrain from dating in order to keep his life in check and provide him a much needed break from bad decisions from his past. Only he didn't expect to fall for Kate. Now he will need more than prayers to God to help him keep his commitment. He needs time to ensure himself that Kate even follows the same standards he has set in his walk of faith. She is driven in her career in advertising but has taken a leave of absence to help care for her grandmother and run the local paper until she can figure out what to do. But it seems no matter what she believes is the right choice, she struggles with coming to terms with a faith she sees in Nick and her grandmother that has her longing for more than what this life has to offer.

I received *Until I Found You* by Victoria Bylin compliments of Bethany House Publishers and Christian Fiction Blog Alliance for my honest review. I did not receive any monetary compensation for a favorable review and the opinions expressed here are strictly my own. I love how true to life Kate's struggle is. To

wonder what she should do as opposed to what feels right on the inside, wanting to care for her ailing grandmother and resolving her feelings for Nick. It seems to Kate she must choose one or the other. She can't afford the care her grandmother needs running the local paper, and while her advertising job will pay the bills, it won't be close to her grandmother or Nick. The choice won't be easy but it will lead her to the home, God has always planned for her. I easily rate this one a 5 out of 5 stars and can't wait for more from Victoria Bylin in the near future. She is on my must watch list!

Teresa Snyder says

This was a totally amazing book. The characters were so real, so much so, you felt like you were part of the story. The struggles, very real. The journey, uplifting.

Nick was a new Christian. His past life in the fast lane, living for the moment, living for himself, changed when he had an encounter with God. Now, he's like a knight in shining armor. Putting others first. Treating people with respect. Swoon worthy.

Kate was scared of not being in control. When she had a car accident that left her dangling over the side of a mountain, she called out to God, assuming he was real, but not knowing for sure. God sent a knight in shining armor, Nick, to rescue her. The attraction, chemistry, between them was instant. But, for totally different reasons, they both fought it. Nick, more than Kate, due to his vow of not making any major like changes for a year.

Nick, determined to treat Kate with respect, putting her needs first, was an absolute dream. Kate, determined to be in control of her life, depending only on herself, was likable, but a little frustrating at times. The journey they took was fantastic, moving, eye opening. You just have to read the book to understand. And my favorite, in any book, an epilogue.

Erin- SeRIAL Book Reader Whittenberger says

So, the book starts out as a typical girl in distress, guy shows up and is her knight in shining armor and saves the day (more than once!), it quickly grows into so much more. There's depth to the characters, a story line that just has you turning page and after page and a beautiful weaving of faith into a romance that sizzles with chemistry right from the start.

Karen Kirst says

Victoria Bylin has created a realistic world with characters the reader will relate to. I can especially relate to the heroine, Kate Darby, who deals with the fear of what-ifs. Nick is a new Christian and focused on building a life completely different than the one he lived before he came to faith. There's an instant connection between these two. However, they both hold back from pursuing a relationship. Kate doesn't share Nick's faith. And Nick has made a pledge to remain single for a year. We get to know Kate's grandmother, Leona, who struggles after a stroke leaves her unable to speak and facing physical challenges. The unique descriptions bring the quaint town of Meadows, CA alive and give the characters depth. Great read!

J. says

Victoria Bylin has written a book about a contemporary knight in shining armor, one of the most engaging heroes I've read in a while, and the woman who tempts him, a new Christian, to break his vow not to date for a year. Fresh from a broken relationship, the heroine is torn between her career and caring for her grandmother recovering from a stroke. Neither is looking for a relationship but the best things happen while we are making other plans.

In addition to the realistic romance with all its temptations, joys and misunderstandings, the author shows a genuine understanding of the toll of strokes on the victim and family, as well as the loneliness and regrets that hit many a thirty-something. Her characters have seen the world and found it doesn't hold what they need most. The beautiful scenery of California, rare birds and an engaging grandmother with her own story to tell only add to the richness of this page turner. Can't wait for Victoria Bylin's next contemporary.

Kav says

Relatable characters in the midst of realistic struggles anchor this incredible story. If you like Real with a capital R in your fiction, this is the book for you. The action packed opening (which is also symbolic of Nick and Kate's relationship) took my breath away.

I love the way their stories unfold -- gritty, raw, but inevitably hope-filled. By the time we meet him, Nick has made a radical life change and he's making valiant attempts to prevent a repetition of past mistakes. Loved that about him. Absolutely flawed, but knowing he can be better by the grace of God. Kate, on the other hand, is a lost soul, yearning to fill the emptiness inside with all the wrong things. We live her struggle right along with her and get to break out in the Alleluia chorus when she finally 'gets' it...but not without a lot of angst-riddled moments along the way.

Probably the most authentic fictional 'coming to Christ story' I've ever read. These are real people with messy lives and conflicting desires. Kate in particular, wants absolute control in everything. She's scared of letting go, trusting God. I can totally relate to that. The inspirational thread doesn't dominate the story though, rather it lifts it up as it completes diverse lives.

And a side note: Loved Kate's grandma, Leona. Her story is honest and triumphant in the midst of all manners of affliction. She's the epitome of "I have fought a good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith." And there's more realism there because as faith-filled as Leona is, she hasn't met all her challenges with complete grace and trust.

Simply an awesome read!

Alannie Marshall says

I recently finished reading Until I Found You by Victoria Bylin. This has to be one of the most boring books I have read in a long time. But before I get ahead of myself, let's start with the basics and go from there. The cover is immediately what drew me to the book itself. It has both excellent photography and design. The

story sounded pretty interesting from the synopsis, so I figured I'd give it a go. As for characters, Nick is pretty typical, except that he has supernatural patience for his lady friend, Kate. Kate on the other hand, is what ruined this story for me. I understand we all put up a fight sometime or another when confronted with change, but this girl takes the medal for most stubborn personality. She is very selfish, very clueless, and overall she just rubbed me the wrong way. She had her moments, to be sure, but they simply didn't outweigh the bad. I feel like Leona was just completely random. Nice lady, I'm sure, but completely unnecessary in my opinion. Overall, I felt that Kate's conversion wasn't genuine, and that she and Nick should part their separate ways. I definitely don't feel like they were right for each other, which is something I have never come across in all the books I have read. I have never read anything by Victoria Bylin, and I can't say I will again. I was very disappointed in this novel, which is a shame, since the story had good potential. I received this novel from the publisher in exchange for my fair and honest review.

Judy says

Until I Found You by Victoria Bylin

Kate Darby's mantra is to enjoy life one day at a time. She enjoys her work and living in the city. When Leona Darby, her grandmother, becomes ill Kate heads to the small mountain town of Meadows to take care of her and help run the small newspaper her grandfather started. She suddenly finds her life having more twists and turns than the mountain highways.

Nick Sheridan isn't proud of his past. He had a bestseller book about his old life, his hedonistic life. One night on Mount Abel had changed all of that. He became a Christian and promised God he would stay date-free for one year. He still struggled to lose all those old habits. His struggle became a bit harder when Leona's beautiful granddaughter came to town.

Leona Darby was ready to die, but she was still needed on earth. She had to tell Kate about the condors. One morning while she poured her heart out to God in prayer, she told Him she would do whatever it would take to help Kate, she had no clue God would take it so literally.

A page turner. I could not put this book down until the end. It was so true life. The struggles of leaving old lives behind, of giving up control of one's life to an unseen God, of having the right people around you to help guide you. Or, to follow the wrong people. The questions of why God allows bad things happen. Learning to depend and trust God even when life isn't full of roses, because there will always still be thorns. <http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

Rachael says

DESCRIPTION : Finding each other was only the beginning . . .

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dangling on the edge of a cliff, the daredevil in him jumps into action. He doesn't expect to be swept off his feet by the car's occupant. He's made a vow--no dating for a year--but keeping that vow is going to be a lot more difficult now that he's met Kate Darby. . . .

MY REVIEW: I'm not sure exactly what I was expecting from this story, but I felt it dragged in some places and emotionally touched me in others. I really liked Nick. He seemed a great character who upon his conversion began to change. He is always there for Kate no matter how long it has been since she gets in contact or how many times she cancels their plans. He loves her that much. He is always there for her, no matter what.

I didn't like Kate. She seemed to always put herself first in her relationship with Nick as well as in other aspects of her life. I really can't understand why she kisses him when they are together, yet she refers to him as " just a friend." She didn't seem to gradually become more stable either. It's like it happened all in one nanosecond. I found her character distant and hard to understand.

I found the information on the condors fascinating, and I so loved Kate's grandmother, Leona.

The story itself didn't draw me in, but I will be the first to admit this isn't the first contemporary Christian fiction book about which I had mixed feelings. If you like contemporary romance stories, you will probably love this one. It was an okay read for me.

I was given this book through bookfun.org for my honest opinion which I have given

Rebecca says

In the beginning, I really liked this book; by its completion, I respectfully loved this book. Respected because, what could have been a very predictable story morphed into something entirely different. The raw emotion and realism exhibited by the two main characters was very refreshing and took me completely by surprise.

Kate Darby and Nick Sheridan have much in common; they love and have loved the "high life"; living for accolades, recognition and shallow happiness. When Nick Sheridan's life is completely transformed by his conversion experience; he becomes much more comfortable with "simple", quiet, and unassuming; vowing to give up dating relationships for a year while he gets used to his new life as a believer. However, when Nick literally rescues the beautiful, confusing Kate Darby off the side of a mountain, he begins running a marathon in patience.

Kate Darby is at a crossroads. Talented, determined and emotionally fragile, Kate is at odds with the life she thought she wanted to live. Just when she thinks that she could be happy running her grandmother's small local newspaper, Kate is offered the chance of a lifetime as an advertisement executive. Actually she is offered two chances of a lifetime and it takes a multitude of prayers, a grandmother's journal, and a beautiful, scarred condor to help her make the right decision.

"Until I Found You" is a wonderful book!

Iola says

Kate Darby is returning to her small home town to care for her grandmother when her car goes over a cliff. She is rescued by the handsome Nick Sheridan, a freelance journalist employed by her grandmother at the Clarion, the weekly town newspaper.

Like many good novels, *Until I Found You* works on several levels. It's a story of two people searching for love in spite of the fact they've been burned before (to the point where Nick has actually committed not to date for a year. And it's six months until the end of the year).

It's also the story of two people searching for faith, and trying to find the life they are meant to live. I particularly liked the Christian element of the novel—it felt real. Nick and Kate are both flawed characters with histories, characters searching for they want out of life, and finding the answers aren't easy.

Although Victoria Bylin isn't a debut author, this is her first full-length novel, and her first contemporary (her previous books have been shorter Love Inspired historical romances). I've found that not all authors adapt to the longer form novel, but Victoria Bylin has done an excellent job in developing the combination of plot and subplot needed for a longer novel. I'll look forward to reading more of her work.

Thanks to Bethany House and NetGalley for providing a free book for review.

Brooke Barenfanger says

Having never even heard of Victoria Bylin, I did not know what to expect. I wanted the book mainly because of its cover (it's gorgeous front and back!). The author has a way of making her characters and situations extremely realistic. This book would probably be really good for new Christians, as it deals with a lot of questions they would experience. Nick Sheridan had only been a Christian for six months at the beginning of the story. Kate was just beginning to question all she thought she believed in.

Until I Found You also deals with humanism, or pleasing yourself in the place of God and relying and trusting yourself more than anything else in life. The author dealt with the subject in a realistic, accurate way. The author also did an excellent job of portraying false philosophies and Christian-living side by side. The results were very different and insightful. What will happen if you live a life to please only yourself? What will happen if you live a life to please only God? These were the main questions with very different answers.

Nick and Kate kissed far too early in the story. They had known each other only a week and had not made any commitments to one another. I also found that they both thought it was acceptable to drink wine and champagne in public settings. Perhaps some Christians think it's all right, but it is not what I believe.

Despite these issues, I really enjoyed the book. One thing I noticed about the author's writing style is that she was really good at building tension in single scenes and letting the reader down gently after the adrenaline rush was over. It was a satisfying, fresh read told from Nick's, Kate's, and Leona's point of view. Leona was Kate's grandmother. By adding Leona's point of view in, the book flowed even more smoothly and quickly than it would have without it. I will definitely consider reading something else by Victoria Bylin if ever I have the chance.

I give Until I Found You 4 out of 5 stars.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publishers for my honest opinion, which I have given. The opinions expressed in this review are mine and mine alone. To read more of my reviews visit my blog at <http://brookesbookblog.weebly.com/blo...>

Hannah says

I found this for \$3 on the Mardel clearance shelf and loved the cover...so I grabbed it, since I'd heard good things about the author. I really, really loved the story! Both Kate and Nick have a past—Nick is recently saved; Kate has been wandering in her faith—but it is handled very well on the author's part, and I never felt like she gave a sense of either condonement or condemnation for their past choices. Just "that's past; I'm a Christian now; I have to fight to make the right choices and stay pure now." I really admired that aspect of the story. It's a deeply heartfelt tale of what faith and family really mean, and how to find true fulfillment in life. The grandmother was a great side character, and I loved the whole thread about the California Condors.
