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The tightrope walk is getting trickier by the minute.

As maternity leave comes to an end for Heidi Elliott, so does virtually everything else she thought she knew. The substitute filling in for her high school Spanish classes has made a complete mess—not just with her students, but perhaps in a way more personal. Her husband is developing the disconcerting habit of going out of his way to help a beautiful and wealthy client who is all kinds of perky. And now, to further complicate matters, Heidi's old boyfriend has moved back into the neighborhood.

Fiercely independent, Heidi has never been one to ask for help. But when she discovers unexpected camaraderie with a Moms' Group, Heidi finds herself in a sea of shoulder pads, big hair, and surprisingly strong women who just might hold the lifeline she didn't think she needed.

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Stephanne says

The best part about Kimberly Stuart's writing is that every word she writes is completely relatable. I could identify with main character Heidi Elliott more times than not and that really brought the story home for me. I like authentic characters!! Especially funny ones. :-)

This is a great read for Moms--brand new ones and those well-seasoned--because the message of this story is fantastic. Life is a balancing act and even someone we look at and think, man, so-and-so really has her life together, the truth is she's mostly likely struggling with that balance, too. Matthew 22:28-30, baby. That's the biggest takeaway from this story and one moms really need to hear!

Cathleen says

Cute story

I enjoyed reading 'Balancing Act ' so much. Brought back memories of when I had my children was working full time, a housewife and wife. I remember feeling totally exhausted and stressed. Cute story with a wonderful message.

Christie says

I'm about half way through this book and Stuart has nailed the new mommy life! I also love her narrative style and the main character (maybe because she's a high school teacher?)

This is a great book! Any woman who has had an infant will understand, especially if they returned to work. I laughed because I could relate. It also was candid about the relationship "lag" that happens to a lot of couples after the birth of their first child. I highly recommend this to all my mommy friends or anyone who wants to take a peek into the life of a new mom.

Mackenzie says

Book 1 of 3

*Wonderful! Loved it!

Anne says

Fun, but not mindless. A good study of reactions and responses in relationships when the stresses of living life in 21st century America--marriage, career, motherhood, friendships, and of course, Christian faith--collide. Though I don't have exactly the same experiences as Heidi Elliott, I could relate to the crazy places The Enemy tries to take me in my experiences. This story also gives no excuses for choosing to reduce the

stresses by choosing faith and family above all other experiences. It's given in a humorous, realistic (not smaltzy, idealistic) fashion. I'm on to book #2: BOTTOM LINE

Raewynn says

Well written storyline and characters.
Not my cup of tea unfortunately.

Andrea Wright says

I enjoyed the story and it was a quick read although I'm not sure I will read more of these because it was a bit bibley towards the end.

Marilyn says

Good

the story is one about how one woman who has been staying home with her six month old baby is having trouble adjusting

Debbie says

There were things I liked about this one (the funny aspects of being a mom, dealing with spit up and leaking diapers, etc) and things I didn't. Being somewhat Christian based I was really surprised that both of them had somewhat inappropriate relationships with other people. Not affairs really, though it could be argued that she had an emotional affair. I don't know. Just have a hard time with that.

Shellie G says

Cute first novel by Kimberly Stuart.

Jamie Holzberg / Fluff Smut & Murder says

I was getting so low in my book stash that I started trolling Amazon for recommendations. This showed up and since it was absolutely free, I dove right in. I had read "Sugar" by this same author and liked it and people desperate for a book can't be picky.

Heidi is funny - the kid is funny, can't complain. Yes, its a little preachy-Christianity but I can live with that. Obviously there are no smutty sex scenes and the cursing (you know- everyday adjectives and adverbs) is

non-existent.

Oh well. Right now, Heidi is still a heathen and her hubby is a beginning to be a bible beater so its pretty enjoyable. Since its a trilogy, I may check out book two and three...

Kristy says

nice cute easy read depicting heidi - a woman adjusting to new motherhood, work, marriage, etc.

Christi says

Ms. Stuart does a fantastic job writing about the struggles a new mother faces. How do I know this? I know this, because I found myself praising God that I no longer identified with Heidi. I had my first child and thought I would go right back to work. After only a few days, and with my family taking care of my infant, I decided that I, in fact, did not want to work full time and let someone else take care of my baby. However, my sense of worth was tied directly to my work performance and I struggled with feelings of inadequacy. Reading Heidi's story took me right back to those memories. I could completely relate to her struggles even though not all of them mirrored my own. I am so incredibly happy that I have passed that phase of my life and am now more Willow than Heidi! If you are still in that phase, you are not alone. Read this book and know that these challenges will not always be as overwhelming.

Kathleen says

A quick, easy and fun read that is easily relatable to every mom out there that has to balance home life with an infant along with a career. I enjoyed the fact that she wasn't portrayed negatively for choosing to go back to work as the main character here shows that women like her have an important role to play in helping develop the future generation in a positive way. it's time teachers were recognized for the valuable role they play and in reading this book I gave kudos to her for making the hard choice to balance both home and work (I couldn't handle being apart from my son and chose the stay at home route). Although this,was fictional, I have had some amazing teachers growing up and had the women chosen to be stay at home moms I would have lost out on some wonderful mentors.

This book does great job highlighting the importance of women in general. Well done.

David Murray says

Funny and Irreverent

I very much enjoyed this book. It was funny and down-to-earth. It was irreverent, but God's Grace still shone through. And, for mothers of any age, it was highly relatable.
