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With her divorce finally behind her, Faith Miller is ready to move forward. And then, life tosses her a few unavoidable curveballs. Before long, she finds herself traveling down to her sister's house on the coast of Rhode Island with her seven-year old daughter. What she hoped might be a reflective time for her turns into a whirlwind adventure, thanks to her sister's live in in-laws and the gorgeous pet and house-sitting neighbor, Candace. Candace is sexy and fun, and pulls on Faith's heart. Faith, trying to stay focused and get her life back on track, attempts to ignore her growing feelings for Candace to no avail. What starts out as a casual and steamy interlude evolves into something more serious. Will Faith decide her heart is better closed off from potential heartbreak or will she open it back up again to see what this new love has to offer?

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Carly says

Do you know what? I really liked this. Don't get me wrong Faith frustrated the life out of me and Candace has the patience of a saint so at times she seemed to good to be true. But alot of what Faith was going through I think we've all been through, well I certainly have. I think sometimes we all suffer from self doubt and when things are going well you wait for the other shoe to drop. With Faith's doubts she was ruining good things for herself. From past experience things that seem to good to be true usually are. This book gives me hope to just put fears aside and just go for it. This extremely well written as the author had me feeling all sorts of feels. My tummy fluttered when Candace would look at Faith from across the room. The reason it isn't a 5 star for me is that I don't think it's one I could read again.

Rach (Les Rêveur) says

Why did I wait so long to read this book? The Curvy Side of Life has just become one of my favourite books to date.

Faith is the heroine of the story and the whole book is written from her point of view. This is not your usual Lesfic, don't get me wrong it has a lovely love story but what is really special is that it's a story about finding yourself later in life and how wonderful it can be.

Faith has had a rough few years, life has thrown her more than one curve ball and she's at the end of her tether. She's got squirrels reeking havoc on her car, no job, her estranged husband has moved on with his life and her daughter has stopped talking to anyone but her and her ex-husband. She's done! Over it! Then her sister calls and invites Faith and her daughter to come to Rhode Island and get away from life for the summer. When she arrives in Rhode Island she doesn't fit in straight away but the more she relaxes the more she settles in to find herself. One such revelation is she is extremely attracted to the 'Yoga Goddess' from next door and she is getting the growing feeling that it's mutual.

This is the first book I have read by Suzie Carr and I know as soon as I finish writing this review I will be heading to Goodreads to read the synopses of her entire catalogue to pick my next. I think one of the main reasons I connected with this book is that Faith is a mum like me and our parenting style is extremely similar. So throughout the book I felt like I was along for the ride and connected with a lot of her moments with daughter, Bristol.

Obviously the main component in the book is Faith coming out and while that happens she starts to have feelings for Candace, who is the house sitter next door. Candace leads a very transient lifestyle and will only be in Rhode Island until her next house sitting job comes up and this makes Faith wary from the get go. What I loved about Candace is that she wears her heart on her sleeve and is very upfront about her feelings towards Faith and to be honest, as a woman barely out the closet, Candace is exactly the kind of woman who is perfect for Faith.

The secondary characters in this book make up least half, if not more, of the novel content and the book is the richer for it. When Faith moves to Rhode Island she's not only staying with her sister but her sisters extended family and that is a lot of opinions to contend with. Mostly they are supportive and this novel

wouldn't be the same without them, especially Lucia. Lucia's sage advice caught me off guard more than once with her easy-going nature and loving personality.

All in all, this was a fabulous book and I would highly recommend it to any late bloomers in the LGBT community, as well as everyone else.

5 stars

Linda ~ chock full of hoot, just a little bit of nanny ~ says

DNF @ 15%

Just wasn't feeling this one. The writing was a little off, and there was some punctuation fail too. The author seems really obsessed with dreams too - and I say this as someone who loves a good relevant dream sequence. Oh, and the "child who doesn't talk because of trauma" trope is not one of my favorites either, especially since divorce should not be that traumatic, and if it is I'm wondering what the hell her mom and dad did during their divorce and why they aren't getting this kid counseling.

Laure Dh. says

I confess that « The Curvy Side Of Life » is not my favorite book by Suzie Carr BUT this novel remains a good read with believable and realistic characters, a good story and a much appreciated little humor which helps to go through the more dark spirited passages ...

In real life you can easily relate to Faith's desperate situation (failed relationship, loss of job, charming lil creatures which provoke huge problems ...) and this both on the physical and moral side. Having « larger » hips and thighs : it happens (very quickly) when you're not able to make as many sports as you wanted in a tough pass. This plus the low moral, it doesn't help at all to keep faith in the future .. but it lasts only for a moment, after that, something kicks you in the ass and you can once again see the good side of all things and appreciate all what the Curvy Side Of Life has to offer you ...

It's showed well in the story how, sometimes, you need to see all your life falling totally apart to force you to move on by exiting your comfort zone, get a fresh start and find the path you must follow to, finally, find your happiness all along the way ... All this requires a lot of courage.

So ... dance fans or not, never give up and give this book a try ...

Sophie♥? says

A complex look at Faith's life as she spends the summer with her daughter at her sisters lake side house and discovers love and finally lets go of her past to embrace her true self. It's a late coming out story for Faith and a healing process for the whole family as each family member finally begins to live life fully again. I'm not sure I like Faith that much but then that's just how life is.

Sometimes verbose but avoids the usual cliches of Lesfic this was an entertaining story that I enjoyed.

Kristy Drexel says

If your ready for a great romance that takes you on an inspirational journey of healing and finding your true self then go see what Faith is up to in this awesome read

I was given an advanced copy for an honest review

Farah says

If you need a legit get out of jail card, then Faith Miller is your lady.

Q - Babe, what's going on with this back to back headaches?

A - Faith Miller happened

Q - Mum, cereal for dinner again. Why aren't you cooking?

A - Faith Miller happened.

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- Danielle
- Candace [added to Crush list]
- Lucia
- Martina
- Bristol
- Christian
- Emmy
- Pretzel and Henry the dogs

Read the book because of the characters above.

This book is available on KU, Kindle price USD4.99

Corrie says

The Curvy Side of Life is my third **Suzie Carr** novel. I think I like reading her in small doses. Her writing does not charm the pants off of me but she does produce solid work. Like this one. It's a long slow slog to get **Faith Miller** to the point where she can let go of the past and be her own woman. For most of the book she is stuck in said past and worries way too much about her young daughter (who refuses to talk to people).

Faith really tested my patience as she wavered on every decision that came her way. I could understand where she was coming from and how being cheated on and staying in a loveless marriage for the sake of her daughter had turned her into a woman who didn't trust *the curvy side of life* (title and theme of this book). I got all that, but oh man, it was hard work for the people around Faith (and me, the reader) to get her there. I thought **Candace** aka The Yoga Goddess was extremely patient with 'stick in the mud' Faith.

There was a nice cast of extras, all with their own quirks. They all had their little journeys throughout the book. Over all a nice book but it didn't wow me. There was one intimate scene in the book – the pivotal one where Faith sleeps with a woman for the first time - but it was very flowery (as in *they engaged in a soulful dance, moving to the beat of an intimate song meant for them*) the other one was fade to black. I am never a big fan of these kinds of sexy times to be honest, but some authors prefer to do it this way.

f/f

Themes: one crazy family, you are worth it Faith, let it go, salsa dancing, Faith hears the mermaids singing and her life takes a turn for the better, hair stylist, the scene where Faith has a premature orgasm in the food closet made me laugh, communicate people! ... why is that so damn hard in lesfic?

3.8 stars

Petra says

I have only read a couple of books by this author and I have to say I really enjoyed this one! Both the main and support characters of family and friends are interesting, complex, realistic and fun. Their interactions, histories and ups and downs add to the positive energy this book gives the reader. Love and loss, confusion and clarity draw Faith and Candace together. I found myself lost in their story from the get go.

I would definitely give this a read if you enjoy books that combine romance, comedy and a little drama to the mix to create a story that has depth worth reading. I received an arc copy in exchange for an honest review.

Sandra says

After her divorce from Stuart and losing her job, Faith Miller tries to get her life back on track. To clear her head and to think about everything, she takes on the offer of her sister, to visit her with her daughter Bristol and to stay during the summer at her house in Rhode Island. Bristol is very shy and doesn't talk to anybody, she doesn't know very good. Faith is blaming herself and her ex-husband for the problems of her daughter.

Faith craves for a quite time to rethink everything and to apply for jobs. But her sister's house is never quite. She lives together with her son and daughter, her sister-in-law and her mother-in-law. There's so much life going on, Faith can't think straight. And there is the Yoga-goddess, the beautiful, funny and sexy neighbor. Can she overcome her fears of not being able to gain enough money for Bristol and her, for not finding a job and for revealing her secret.

This story is slow in the beginning and the romance burns on a small fire too. Fears and uncertainties playing a big role. I liked Faith, she isn't the poster girl, she's a woman direct from the real life. She has insecurities and nearly fears everything, sometimes it was on the edge of being too much. A few times I wanted to shake her, for always running away and always searching for the bad.

Candace is a wonderful, funny and loveable woman, who doesn't show her own scars of life, on the surface. She lives a nomadic life as a house and pet sitter, and for that she is traveling a lot. But with the right person on her side, would she be able to settle down?

The story is well written in the form of Faith's POV. I liked the secondary characters very much, especially Danielle, Lucia and Bristol. The dynamic in the family sometimes is exuberant and loving and sometimes brings hidden truths on the table. The dialogues are great, you could feel the love, anger and other feelings very well. And Bristol is a great kid.

So the story is about a woman, who has to overcome her fears and to embrace the curvy side of life.

Thanks to the author for sending me an ARC for a honest review.
My rating 4.5 stars.

Heidi says

Love the supportive and crazy family. The love store is very slow building, but works

Amy says

I was given the opportunity to read an ARC of this book for my honest review which is included below

Beautiful and Inspiring!

I really love this book it came into my life when I really needed it the most and once I started reading ... it instantly took me away and I became lost in the story.. it was like everything I had going on just left me and I just felt happy!

the storytelling and the descriptions to the details are fantastic you feel like you're there on the beach feeling the sun kiss your skin and hearing the alluring the sounds of the waves .. it's so amazing!

this story makes you feel so carefree and happy!

it was an absolute pleasure reading this book! it's entertaining, beautiful, and very Inspiring!

I couldn't put it down!

it's easy to follow along with, it's full of content, and my favorite part is the characters!!! oh my goodness they are so COOL!!! it was so fun getting to know them with their different personalities and coming from different paths in life but the best thing about them is their strength and bond!

I can't say enough good things about this book!!!

Luce says

3 Stars

I dunno, I just didn't like this as much as really wanted to. I loved the author's book, The Dance. So I had high hopes. All the elements are there. Loving family with strong, offbeat personalities. But it didn't work for me. I seem to be in the minority. So your mileage may differ.

Faith recently divorced her husband and is out of work. She ends up traveling with her 7 yr old daughter, Bristol to her sister Danielle's very large Rhode Island lake front house to spend the summer. Faith plans regroup, and to continue search and apply for jobs. If I counted it right it is a 6 bedroom house - currently with Danielle and her mother-in-law, Lucia, sister-in-law Martina, 20yr old son Christian and daughter Emmy who I think is a year older than Bristol. With Faith and Bristol its a full house with loud and boisterous family, especially Martina who can be obnoxious and loud.

Danielle owns a successful beauty shop which Christian and Martina are also stylists. They convince Faith, who has a cosmetology degree to come in and help as a hairdresser for the summer. Now don't hairdressers have to renew your license every year? She hasn't done hair for a number of years (actually don't think Faith ever did work in a salon after she finished cosmetology school). The family is hoping to convince Faith (and Bristol) to move permanently to RI, work in the salon, and hopefully live with the Danielle and crew.

As the synopsis says, Faith finds herself attracted to the sexy, "yoga goddess" and dance instructor, Candace. Candace is also staying just the summer, house and dog sitting next door to Danielle & clan. The attraction is mutual.

I was struggling to finish the book and it wasn't until I finished, I figured out why. I didn't care for Faith (it's written in Faith's POV). Yup, I really didn't like Faith. (view spoiler)

Zingari says

Not for me.

I found Faith to be unlikable in many ways. She was pessimistic, judgmental, stubborn, a hypocrite, a self-saboteur, and she used her daughter as an emotional crutch.

She was 35, yet acted childishly. It was too much for me. I had to halt throughout and take a break or I would've quit, never finishing it. I truly don't see what others have seen in this book. The only time I laughed was out of frustration.

Faith's monologue of love and sex were so cheesy it reminded me of a trashy novel with a half dressed Fabio on the cover. (I used to read those, and I'm not ashamed to admit it. In my defense, my choices were limited back then.)

Candace is a saint for all of Faith's crazy moments and constant ups then downs. Honestly, this is the first time I can fully agree, in a romance novel, that someone should learn to love themselves before being in a relationship. Faith doesn't love herself, and it's just that simple. I don't think she really grew throughout, and it was more of "some last minute changes" thing, to me. I don't believe that she's this truly new and improved person.

The only upside to all of this is that the other characters are nice. I was expecting to not like Martina since I read some of the reviews, but she wasn't too bad. I do wish there was more about Danielle and her wood chopping buddy.

This is my opinion, so you may not feel the same. Others have really liked this book, so perhaps, if you're reading this, then it may be for you.

Kim says

Suzie has written another hit! I really liked the storyline in this one! Faith is just your everyday Mom. She worries about her daughter and is trying to come to grips with her daily life! I like how she has insecurities, just like we all do. She's not the perfect goddess, like a lot of authors write their main characters!

The characters, that are written as Faith's posse, have wonderful personalities & have their own quirks! They are quite fun & very memorable.

The love story is written as a slow burn, not your fall into bed at first sight kind of story. I like the build up to the "first time" & how Suzie writes her sexy times! I would definitely recommend this book to anyone looking for a nice, easy read with lots of love, great characters & a touch of angst (nothing too drastic). I was given this book as an ARC!
