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Determined not to repeat the same mistakes as her mother, Taylor Cole left her husband with their toddler in tow fourteen years ago and vowed never to return to Merryton. Now she is finally ready to face her demons and put the past and her ex-husband behind her, but to do that she and her daughter must return to the place that haunts her memories. A place where she lost not only the love of her life, but her childhood hopes and dreams.

When they move back, Taylor can't seem to remain apathetic toward her ex-husband or his nine-year-old daughter. She discovers that maybe all wasn't as it seemed so many years ago. And maybe—just maybe—she and her ex-husband need each other more now than they ever have before. But can the exes put the past behind them and find a way to forgive each other? Or will they let past mistakes and misunderstandings keep them from future happiness?

Return to Merryton and join Taylor and Easton on their journey, and catch up with old friends you grew to love in Jessie Belle.

## **Taylor Lynne Details**

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## From Reader Review Taylor Lynne for online ebook

### Christina says

Why in the world did I wait so long to read this book?! I have more than learned my lesson when it comes to a book by Jennifer Peel. She continues to amaze me with her talent for writing an incredible story.

This book started out after our two main characters, Taylor and Easton, have been divorced for fourteen years. Their journey was an emotional one. I'm still reeling from it- but in the most contented way.

I loved Taylor from the start. She is smart and confident and such a great mother. Easton is such a good man and father, yet reading about their past separation and divorce showed how easy it is to take marriage and family for granted. Watching them break down the barriers and slowly rebuild their relationship was a sweet joy.

There were many swoon-worthy moments that had me sighing, and other moments had me bursting into sporadic laughter. Jennifer Peel has an incredible talent for creating a story with real depth, sharp wit, lovable characters, life lessons learned, and of course the very best clean romances! I can't wait to read the next book in the series!!

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### Vee Paige says

Satisfied my craving for angst. Although, I think Easton was weak for letting his marriage end the first time, he more than made up for it and spent most of the book proving that he was serious about a second chance. I liked that Taylor didn't give in easily although don't get me wrong, it wasn't entirely Easton's fault either. I love the kids and how they tried to get Taylor and Easton together.

Overall a great second chance romance.

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### Mara says

I adore Jennifer Peel's books. Somehow she makes you feel like you know these characters and you feel for them as they go through the ups and downs of life. Taylor Lynne moved to Alabama when she and Easton divorced 14 years ago. His second wife was a witch (which is an understatement) and Easton didn't want he and Taylor's daughter, Ashley, exposed to her caustic personality so he never had Ashley visit him in Merryton. Taylor and Ashley move back to Merryton so Ashley can get to know her father during her last 2 years of high school, but Taylor plans to move back to Alabama once Ashley graduates. Easton is now twice divorced (he and his second wife are already divorced in this story) and he has custody of their 7 year old daughter Emmy. Ashley seems to easily forgive her father and they quickly fall into a great father/daughter relationship. Meanwhile Taylor is determined not to care about Easton although she can't help falling in love with Emmy.

This is a great story that shows how important communication is in a relationship, and it's also a story about forgiveness and second chances. I love how the characters from Jessie Belle's story are in Taylor Lynne's story. We get caught up with Jessie & Blake, Rachel and Cheyenne are there too. Rachel is the next

Merryton lady to get her story told.

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### **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

If you have never read a book by Jennifer Peel, you are missing out on something fantastic. I'm serious. Jennifer has a way of writing that just pulls you right in as a reader. Every single book. How does she do that? What a gift. Seriously.

This book brought me right into the lives of Taylor and Easton. We first see Easton in the first book in this series. He is a broken and unhappy man. Knowing of him indirectly in the other book (Jessie Belle) really helped me feel for Easton in this book- especially since the whole book is told from Taylor's point of view.

I felt like I was living right in this story with the characters. The emotions were real and tangible. I understood them and I was just bursting for wanting things to work out. My tummy had butterflies and my heart pounded. I felt sad and I felt happy but no matter which emotion I was feeling, I love how the underlying emotion was always hope.

I really can't say enough good about the way Jennifer Peel writes. It resonates with me as a reader and I am always over the moon excited when I get to read a book that she has written. I cannot wait for the next book in this series!! It's going to be good!

Content: Clean

My biggest, loudest, most heartfelt thanks to the author for providing me a copy of this book for review. :)

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### **Beccie says**

I definitely don't like the Women of Merryton series as much as I love Jennifer Peel's other books. However, I still love reading them, even if I get a little miffed at the characters.

This one gave me a heart-warming little chuckle because there were 3 instances where I said to myself, "Yup, I've used that with the YW before". Frogs in hot water story, holocaust survivor forgiveness story, and cake cooked in orange peel while camping. Check, check and check.

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### **Toni Shiloh says**

I am a big fan of Jennifer Peel. She has a way of bringing every emotion in you to the surface over fictional characters! It's a testament to her skill as a writer. And of course, it's great for a heart wrenching read.

What I liked most about this book was the journey Taylor Lynne took regarding her faith and perception of herself. Not only that, but forgiveness was a vital subject in this story, something we all struggle with. Jessie Belle didn't really touch the element of Christian faith, so this was a welcome surprise.

As for the romance, Taylor Lynne had it in spades! I was hoping that Taylor and her ex-husband would have a story when I first read Jessie Belle, and Ms. Peel did not disappoint. The emotions Taylor went through were realistic and had me engaged in the story until the very last page.

This is a book that makes you cheer for the characters and wish and hope that each character will get their

own story. The women of Merryton series is a must read!

\*I received a free copy of this book but was not required to write a review.

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### **Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says**

Loved it! I've quickly become a fan of Jennifer Peel's writing style. This is the best romance I've read about a divorced couple. I especially loved reading it after Jessie Belle so I already knew and loved many of the secondary characters and had a glimpse of Easton's life before Taylor moved back to town. I think it helped me to think about the situation from his perspective as well as Taylor's as they reunited.

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### **Gai says**

I didn't finish this one, stopped at 34%, as I'm not a fan of doormat heroines, especially when they extend their doormattedness to include their children, but assuming it's an UEA (unhappily ever after). Reasons why this insult to womanhood masquerading as a book didn't appeal to me:

1. Imagine this: You work 2 jobs putting your husband through med school, you set your dreams aside so his may come alive, plus you now have a baby, and take care of baby and home with absolutely no support of any kind from your husband, husband ignores you totally and comes home late almost daily and is cheating on you, you leave with your baby when you find out, he makes absolutely no effort to see you or his child for 14 years, yes 14 years, (apart from one weekend when daughter visits the father's family and is so abused by the new wife that she calls her Mom to pick her up and no apologies from the "father" so he is apparently ok with it). Wait, it gets worse.

2. The man has now married the ow and has a child with her. When his wife leaves him, he asks first wife to come back so he can have a relationship with his first child (whose existence he forgot about for years), and SHE AGREES! And impossible as it may seem, things actually get even worse! This excuse for a man asks the heroine to take care of his child (the one he had with the ow) and she is ok with it! During one conversation, she asks him why he never came to see his daughter and he says that his ex-wife wouldn't allow it. She swallows this without a word. Not one single remark about how it would have hurt their daughter, how can you call yourself a father when you put her last always? I defy any woman on this planet to stay quiet during this conversation.

I do not believe there is a mother in this world who would be ok with her child being relegated to last place (way behind his wife and new child).

This author and her publisher need to be on a banned list, they are an insult to womanhood and motherhood. Women who belittle themselves and allow their daughters to be treated like shit, ought to be locked up for good. With women like these inhabiting our planet, who needs Donald Trump? Heaven help America.

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### **Rachel K says**

I shouldn't have done it. I saw the 4 and 5 star reviews and it seemed like JP redeemed the hero.

Unfortunately in this one, I couldn't get past the heroine.

Not only was she weak, she allowed herself to be manipulated by EVERYONE, especially her daughter,

Ashley. I felt like slapping her and demand to know who the parent was!

I also didn't understand Ashley's easy acceptance of her father back into her life. In the beginning of the book, the author makes out like Easton has pretty much cut off all ties with his daughter except for a few calls here and there. Then later in the story, Easton and Ashley apparently talked on the phone often. Confusing.

As for cheating...I guess it depends on your stance. For me, cheating isn't just a physical thing. If you are encouraging and maintaining an emotional connection with someone other than your partner, to me that's cheating. So yes, during the last year of their marriage, Easton cut himself off emotionally from Taylor and formed a bond with Kathryn. When a misunderstanding happens and Taylor takes off, she convinced herself she did the right thing because Easton didn't come after her and pretty much married Kathryn (and gave her everything he never gave Taylor i.e. Big lavish wedding, beautiful wedding rings, etc) as soon as his divorce came through. To be fair, she never communicated to him how she was feeling (like she had to do EVERYTHING as well as working two jobs to out him through Med school without any support or thanks from him). But he took for her granted and allowed Kathryn into his life. I think if Taylor had been a strong woman and had some decent sort of relationship during their 14 year separation, I could have gotten on board with their reconciliation. But she wasn't. So I can't.

I will say the ONLY thing I liked about Taylor was how she was with Emmy, Easton's daughter (with Kathryn). I really liked how although she was reluctant, she never took out any of her hurt and confusion out on an innocent child. That was really sweet of her to do that.

On a side note, I guess the author decided maybe she should try to make up for Blake's behaviour in the first book and have Maddie call Jessie 'Mom'. Oh and then adopt as well. I guess that's supposed to make up for his behaviour previously. Still don't like him though.

Overall, I don't think I will continue with this series. I have enjoyed other books of hers but this series is leaving a bad taste in my mouth. The heroines are spineless doormats and not people I could ever find myself liking. The heroes aren't that much better.

The end.

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### **Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says**

This is a good example of why Jennifer Peel is one of my favorite contemporary romance authors. I love that her stories are unique and often focus on married couples working on their relationships. It's a nice change from the typical romances I read where the main couple is meeting and falling in love for the first time.

In this book, Taylor and Easton had been married for about seven years before they divorced. The story picks up fourteen years after their divorce when their daughter requests to move back closer to her father so she can get to know him and his nine-year-old daughter better. Being the good mother Taylor is, she puts her own fears aside and agrees to the move. Hoping to see little of her ex, she is in for a surprise when Easton won't leave her alone!

A part of me thought Taylor was a bit rash in leaving and divorcing Easton, but on the other hand considering her upbringing and insecurities I could see why she did what she did. She did have valid

concerns and Easton didn't do much to stop the divorce either. I'm a sucker for second-chance love stories and really enjoyed seeing Taylor and Easton get another shot at love. I also loved the relationship between the sisters and how everyone gets a HEA. Is that too spoilery?

Anyway, this was a fun read and one I'd easily recommend. Can't wait to read Rachel's story coming out in a couple weeks!

#### Content

Romance: Clean -kissing and very mild innuendo

Language: None - mild, maybe one curse word

Violence: None

Religious: Mild

Series: Book two in Women of Merryton, but can stand on its own.

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### **Jacob Proffitt says**

I love second-chance stories. And yeah, divorce is painful, particularly when a child is involved. So I was interested to see what these two would do to overcome the hurt. Only then you find out what happened in the past and I lost all sympathy with everybody in the story (except the daughter, Ashley). Taylor divorced on assumptions and circumstances. Yeah, it looked bad, but not bad enough to *tear your family to pieces without even talking about it!* I don't care how incriminating it *looks*, you *have the discussion!* And that's on both of them because Easton then let the divorce happen without talking it out, either. So very much stupid broke my ability to stay with the story. I couldn't hear either of them talk about how hurt they are/were without shouting at them in my head. And not because they hurt each other. That happens. But Taylor tore her child from a man who was obviously a good father and denied her years and years of that relationship because she's a pro-class idiot. And he let that happen because he's competing in that league, himself.

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### **Kathy Jo says**

May 2017:

\*dreamy sigh\* I am SO glad that I am rereading all of Jennifer's books! I am falling in love all over again with these characters! Still 5+ stars for me! Merryton is definitely one of my most favorite places to visit! <3

April 2016:

5+ Amazingly Beautiful Second Chance Stars!

Taylor Lynne ran away from the small town of Merryton, CO 14 years ago and swore she would never return. When her ex-husband Easton wants to build a relationship with their daughter Ashley and have her get to know her sister, Emmy, Taylor decides this is just what she needs to finally get over Easton. Little did she know that fate had something else in store for her.

Easton knows he made a huge mistake by letting Taylor go all those years ago without a fight. Now that she

is back in Merryton, he will do his best to right his wrongs. He definitely has a fight on his hands but it's totally worth it if the prize is having Taylor and Ashley back in his life.

Ashley was such a strong, amazing girl! Even though she had been hurt by her father's lack of contact, she was willing to move back to Merryton and give him a second chance, give themselves a chance to get to know each other and build a strong father/daughter relationship.

And little Emmy won my heart from the very beginning. Even though she is only 9 years old, the adorable little girl is broken.. haunted by her mother. Taylor tried her best to stay away from Emmy, but she too fell in love with the little girl. She showered her with love and affection and the little girl blossomed! Oh how my heart melted with all their interactions!

This book was absolutely AMAZING! I LOVED it! The message of love, forgiveness, growth, family, friendship, fresh starts, new beginnings, second chances... it was all prominent throughout the book. I was sucked in from the very beginning. I stayed up way too late and woke up way too early just to finish it. I had to see how Taylor, Easton, Ashley and Emmy would become a family... I had to see them get their HEA! And I was definitely NOT disappointed! Have I told you that this book is absolutely AMAZING?!

If you guys have not read anything by Jennifer Peel yet then you are seriously missing out! She has a way of capturing you and not letting you go until the journey has been completed. I have devoured and loved every single one of her books! She is truly talented! I can't wait for her next book to be released!

And of course I could not forget my casting! These two are pretty perfect in my opinion.. ;) Hehe.

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\*\* I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review. \*\*

## April says

### 4+ Stars

This book sucked me in and had me staying up way too late last night to finish it! I enjoyed seeing this story unfold and catching up with characters from Book 1. I will say, especially early on, I really would have liked to have read this story from both Taylor AND Easton's point of view. The story is told strictly from Taylor's perspective, which ends up being fine. I just wanted to get a peek into his thoughts.

Taylor Lynne had some good drama, sweet romance and some food for thought faith wise too! Overall, a really enjoyable read. Can't wait for Book 3!

Romance - clean

Violence - none

Language - I can think of one instance with mild language.

\* Not sure if this would be categorized as a Christian novel but it did have faith based elements in it.

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### **Susan K says**

Romance, clean, mild Christian elements.

This was more of a 3.5 for me.

There were some interesting twists, it is definitely J.P.'s voice, the southern sass is definitely there. When they had their moments and she saw him for who he was in his good parts, it was a lovely read. Sometimes, I think I don't enjoy the sass, and the defensiveness because it is too close to my years growing up as a child of divorce, so more of a personal preference for me as a reader that this wasn't the best read for me. Still some interesting twists and turns. The HEA for the girls and the H and h, were a nice read in the end, and glad they were able to find some resolution to their past, and healing and hope for their future that was really what drew them together in the first place.

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### **Charissa says**

Peel has done it again. She wows me with her characters with each new story she releases. Taylor Lynne is a stand-alone book in the Women of Merryton series. Her ex-husband, Easton, popped up a few times in Jessie Belle's story (the first in this series), and I really liked him. When Taylor moves back to Merryton because her daughter wants to get to know her father (Easton), she has a rough time. Yet, she loves her daughter and wants her to have a father-daughter relationship with Easton; she's always wondered why he never came after her 14 years ago and turned his back on them. But Merryton holds all the demons of her past...her ex-husband who she still is in love with, her abusive father she despises, and a town prone to gossip about both. This was a very moving story. The author made me connect with Taylor so completely that I felt her anguish, her heartbreak, her flickering hope, her doubts, her love. Very well done! A touching, realistic story about second chances and forgiveness.

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