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In this warm, high-spirited contemporary novel from author Elisa Lorello, big love can happen in the smallest of spaces.

Skye Littleton said goodbye to her job, her best friend, and her home in Rhode Island to start over in Billings, Montana, with Vance Sandler, a gorgeous guy she met online. On her cross-country flight, Skye shares her happy story with her seatmate, Harvey Wright, a Billings resident who knows Vance—and his reputation for heartbreak. Harvey's infuriating advice to Skye? Go home.

When Skye arrives, she discovers that Vance has changed his mind and wants nothing to do with her. Despite the setback, Skye is determined to rebuild her life and begin a new chapter in Montana's largest city, which sometimes feels like a small town. With Harvey's help, Skye finds a job—and a passion for organizing closets and clearing out clutter. But as she grows closer to Harvey, she finds herself homesick for her former life. Could Harvey be her future, or is she his chance at revenge? Can Skye finally trust her own heart enough to let it show her the way home?

Big Skye Littleton Details

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Monica Mac says

I absolutely needed to read this book by this new (to me) author, at this time. Between all the thrillers I read and the grim state of the world right now, this book really hit the spot for me.

Skye Littleton works in retail. She kind of fell into it, she doesn't hate it but she isn't thrilled either. She tries her best to make a success of her career but when she meets Vance online, she is swept away by him and she sells almost everything she owns to move to Montana to be with him. Big mistake, BIG mistake! It turns out that Vance is the worst kind of guy - filling her head with sweet nothings and promises of a future together that he has no intention of making a reality. I thought that Skye handled the whole situation really well, although I was kind of waiting for her to slap his face or something, I would have done!

Luckily for Skye, she meets Harvey on the plane to Montana and he proves to be an excellent friend, a decent human being she can lean on. He isn't perfect, he has his demons too, but I love that the two of them complement each other so well, in so many ways.

This book, however, is not about Vance OR Harvey, it is about Skye herself. About how the messages she received whilst growing up shaped the adult she became. It is about standing up for yourself, following your heart, figuring out what your strengths and weaknesses are, going for gold, even if you aren't the smartest/best looking/most educated/intelligent etc etc person in the universe. Everyone has a gift (or more than one) and an inner voice that you should listen to. This was my favourite thing about this book :) I was cheering Skye on, all the way.

This really was a corker of a book. It was sweet without being saccharine, it was realistic without being nasty and it features characters that people can relate to.

I highly recommend this novel, 5 stars from me :)

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book. Thank you to THE Book Club and NetGalley.

Julie Morris says

This was my first read of the year for the 2018 Reading Challenge of my online book club, The Fiction Cafe Book Club. The first challenge was to read a book with food on the cover.

I'm not sure why I picked up this book originally, I think I must have read a review somewhere, but it has been sat on my TBR for a while (as have hundreds of other books, that is no indication of how much I wanted to read it. There are just too many appealing books out there and too few hours in a day!). The setting of Montana was the main draw for this book originally – the USA is my favourite place to travel and Montana is a state that I long to visit – but once I dove in, I was charmed by the whole story, not just the setting.

Refreshingly, the main character in this book is not some fresh-faced, lithe twenty-something, but a real-life, realistically-shaped, flawed but likeable woman in her mid-thirties to whom I could totally relate. At the

beginning of the book, Skye Littleton is having a personal crisis which leads her throwing caution to the winds and moving across the country to a strange state where she knows no one, for a man she met on the internet. Predictably, it all goes horribly wrong and Skye has to face up to crawling home with her tail between her legs to the life with which she had become disillusioned or start again from scratch.

I was concerned that I wouldn't buy in to anyone being so reckless, but Elisa writes Skye's story so emotively and with such understanding that I totally bought in to why she would do something so foolhardy, and why she then can't bring herself to go back. I was rooting for Skye from the beginning, wishing her the best and feeling every setback and every triumph with her throughout the book. The story is beautifully put together in this regard.

The location of Billings, Montana was fabulously brought to life in the book, as I'd hoped, and it has only increased my desire to visit this state. The romantic hero of the story is also realistically and sympathetically drawn, and it seems to be the perfect match for Skye, although the path of true love never did run smooth as we all know and, cleverly, I really was not sure right until the end whether Skye would get a happy ending, or even what I wanted that happy ending to be. Ultimately, I found myself wanting what was best for Skye, whether or not that was as part of a couple or single, and I could not decide what that was going to be until Skye herself realised what she wanted.

Ultimately, this is a story about a woman who has lost her sense of self and is trying to find it again, but not in a spiritual 'Eat, Pray, Love' way. (Not that there is anything wrong with that, I loved that book, but this isn't the same). It is the story of someone who doesn't love or respect herself very much and who is on a journey to understand that, until she learns to do that, she will never find a man who can love or respect her either.

This book is a cut above the standard romantic fiction. It is believable, thoughtful, emotive and warm and I totally loved it. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to read an honest story about a real woman and real love.

Susan Angela Wallace says

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Big love can happen in the smallest of places. Skye Littleton said goodbye to her job, her best friend, and her home in Rhode island to start over in Billings, Montana, with Vance Sandler, a gorgeous guy she met online. This was a lovely feel good read. I loved the story and the characters. I loved how Harvey was. I loved the ending too. Highly recommended. 5*. Netgalley and Lake Union Publishing and TBC on fb.

Audrey Gibson says

If you're looking for a warm, fuzzy, feel good and beautiful story, this is the one for you. I had tears in my eyes a few times just because it's such a lovely story. Skye and Harvey are fantastic characters, I loved everything about them and the book. Huge 5 stars.

ROBIN RUIZ says

Big Skye Littleton was such an unexpected pleasure to read. I went into this book, not knowing what the book was about and not having read anything by this author.

We've all been Skye Littleton at one point in our lives, down on our luck and having to find ourselves and our place in the world and I found myself sharing her Highs and lows and cheerleading for her to succeed. This book was such a beautiful, warm, and cozy read Thank you Elisa Lorello for this book, it was my first read of yours but not my last !!!

Jules says

Big Skye Littleton is an enjoyable contemporary romance about making changes in your life, and finding true happiness in the things you do, and with those you love. I'd definitely recommend this to fans of romance.

I borrowed this in audiobook format through Amazon Kindle Unlimited.

Adrienne B says

Skye Littleton follows her heart and makes a life changing decision to uproot herself and move to Billings, Montana. Soon after arriving she finds herself lost, heart-broken and alone. Skye begins a soul searching journey where she seeks to not only truly find herself but also be successful in her career. Harvey, a recently divorced father of two, finds a friend in Skye while also trying to battle his own insecurities and sense of failure.

As a contemporary fiction novel I wanted just a bit more out of the conflict in **Big Skye Littleton**. I kept waiting for more drama or suspense. I was hoping for Skye to meet up with Vance a second time and have a reconnection/fallout or some mystery. Vance was far to dull of a character in my opinion, His dialogue was really only a few lines throughout the entire novel. Harvey was passive and caring but not deep enough for me. Harvey needs to have some negative quality other than just his outburst during the chance meeting with Vance, Deb and Skye. Skye herself was likeable and fun, but a little unreliable. At times she was all about her career and aspirations towards interior design and yet she had so many jobs throughout the novel and seemed a bit flighty when it came to employment.

Overall I would give this book a three out of five. I enjoyed the quick read but was left feeling like it lacked substance. I would recommend more drama or suspense in the conflict of the storyline.

I also want to thank NetGalley and Lake Union Publishing for the opportunity to read an ARC of this book.

Katrece Nelson says

Have you ever stopped to look at your life and realize you're in your mid 30s, single, have no kids, and a job

you hate. Not to mention your family pretty much sucks and thinks your garbage next to your perfect older sister. All this leading to a major mid life crisis breakdown. That is exactly what happens to Skye Littleton in this book and her breakdown sends her across the country into the waiting arms of her online boyfriend. However, on the plane she starts friendly conversation with her seat mate who apparently knows Skye's boyfriend and he paints a whole different picture of the guy Skye gave up her entire life for. Refusing to believe any of this she lands in Montana only to find her perfect boyfriend has stood her up. Thus begins the story of Big Skye Littleton coming into her own and finding out just how amazing she is and realizing that it might not be too late to have the life she's always dreamed of.

I loved, loved, loved this book. If I could give it more than five stars I absolutely would. I was single into my late 20s so I could really relate to Skye's intense need to want to fall in love and settle down because time was running out. I also happened to dabble in some online dating and actually met my husband on a dating website but I am well aware of the many wolves in sheep clothing like Vance. The character was just so easy to relate to and channel her feelings and emotions.

The love story she ends up finding is even more perfect. I've actually been on a suspense/thriller/mystery kick as of late so I was a little hesitant about switching it up and throwing a sappy chick lit in the mix but it was the best book I've read in a long time. I actually felt relaxed while reading and really enjoyed myself. I even at times found myself actually slowing down a bit or even putting the book up for the day to prolong this book. I didn't want it to end and I wanted to get to know Skye more and Harvey and both of them together. Once I was finished I even felt like I missed them. That's when you know you're reading the works of a talented author. The feeling I got reminded me of how I felt when I first fell in love with Debbie Macomber and her Cedar Cove series except Elisa Lorello puts a little more of a modern day twist on relationships and struggles.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone. Especially anyone looking for an easy, relaxing read. I definitely plan on checking this author out more.

Deborah Blanchard says

This was an absolutely wonderful read! It took you from Rhode Island to Montana and on to Washington. Being from Massachusetts and close to Rhode Island, I could relate to so many of the places and I loved that. The vivid descriptions of Montana made me want to go there. It is big sky country after all. This is a story about love, loving yourself being the most important. Skye has always felt less than and this is about her journey to find herself and what she wants out of life, rather than what people expect of her. She takes us on this journey with her. I just loved the two main characters, Skye, of course, and also Harvey, whom she met on the plane. The characters are quirky and realistic. They have their ups and downs, as we all do. They jumped off of the pages and into my life! The story flows well from beginning to end. You will smile, laugh and get angry. You will love this book. My very favorite quote is: "You have to be at home inside yourself first. Then you can live anywhere." I highly recommend this quick read. You will love it as much as I did!

Lori Boyd says

This book reminds me a little of a modern day fairy tale. The underlying message in this book, self worth, not to mention the pitfalls of the internet, are excellent. You will cheer for Skye through the whole book. A

great book to read at the beach, or curl up with. The author did a great job with the scenic descriptions.

Thanks to Net Galley for this book in return for an honest review.

Karen McQuestion says

Oh man, did I need this book. The news has been so grim lately and I wanted a story I could slide right into, one that would lift my spirits. I have to say that Big Skye Littleton delivered, right down to the happy ending. Loved it!

Helen (TBC) says

A really lovely story about life challenges, relationships and change.

I loved the writing style and the characters, and the evocative descriptions of Billings Montana (I so want to go there!) and was immersed in Skye's journey to rebuild her life after being let down in the most brutal way by the man she thought was 'the one'.

Big Skye Littleton is a gentle and inspiring book which will have you thinking about your relationships and the people and things you surround yourself with.

This is the second Elisa Lorello book I've read and like the first was a lovely change from the usual blood and gore or heavier contemporary books that I tend to read.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

Most of us, at some point in our lives have finally felt enough is enough of this, taken a leap of faith into a new situation... and had the rug pulled out from under our feet as we land. Yeah, Skye's experiencing that right now. Her family is a group of worthless people who would rather tear her down than lift her up... ever. She's headed out of the state she's grown up in, leaving behind just about everything to be with the man who says he has a new life waiting for her with him at her side in Montana... except maybe not really.

Big Skye Littleton is a thoughtful, realistic journey into self-worth, self-confidence and finding out that you are an amazing person with gifts you never knew about. As Skye discovers just how bad her situation is right now after being stood up, she's grateful for the mind-saving seat mate who just might turn into a friend, if not more. While Harvey might have been proven right about Vance, he's also willing to help Skye begin her new life in Montana with no strings attached.

This time it's Sky's turn to shine as she makes a new life for herself on her terms, her rules and her decisions. No one to be compared to constantly. Just Skye, Harvey, her cat and the chance at new friends, new experiences and a new beginning. Big Skye Littleton comes alive with vivid descriptions of beautiful Montana, with a realistic feel between Skye and Harvey as well. It is possible to pick up the pieces of your

life and land in a good spot.

I enjoyed this story very much. I'd recommend it for any reader who enjoys Romance in any genre. It's got a good life lesson that we all could benefit from reading.

I received an e-ARC of this novel from the publisher via NetGalley. That does not change what I think of this story. It is my choice to leave a review giving my personal opinion about this book.

Sally McDonagh says

A lovely story about a woman who gives everything up travels across the country after meeting a man. The man sitting beside her, Harvey, on the plane knows her boyfriend and hates him. He tells Skye some home truths about Vance which she doesn't believe until she reaches Billings.

Skye must learn to pick up the pieces and build a new life for herself.

Would recommend

Katie says

This has been the perfect book for me to read whilst I'm sick, it has given me that warm fuzzy feeling inside!

We follow Skye on her journey from Rhode Island to Billings, Montana where she is moving to be with a guy she met online and has only met once. Already my alarm bells were going off, this wouldn't be something I would have done but I admire Skye's determination that Vance would be the one for her. She meets Harvey on the plane who also lives in Billings and he makes it clear he thinks she's making a silly decision especially after he learns who she's meeting.

Of course, poor Skye has been stood up so with Chip (her cat) in tow she moves into a nearby hotel. She makes good friends with Harvey who offers her a job and a place to stay.

I really did admire Skye, I thought she was a lovable character and I loved following her journey to Montana. She managed to rebuild her life with help from Harvey and some other new friends and it really looks like she's managed to make Billings her home after all.

I loved the setting of Billings, I would love to visit Montana, Elisa has done a beautiful job of describing the state and it sounds like someplace I'd be happy to move to.

Big Skye Littleton is just a wonderful, feel-good book that is quick to read and it really did warm my heart.

Thank you to The Book Club on Facebook and Elisa Lorello for allowing me to read and review this book. All views are my own.
