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Fifteen years ago Sherry Sterling and J.J. Beckett made a child. But nobody in the small town of Oceanside was ready to see the golden boy marry the girl from the wrong side of the tracks. So Sherry left town, pregnant . . . and alone.

Now Sherry's daughter longs to meet the father she never knew, so Sherry returns to her hometown, prepared to face her past—and the still single, incredibly handsome J.J. Despite her determination to forget him, J.J.'s never been far from her thoughts, and though Sherry knows he will never forgive her, she goes back to Oceanside hoping J.J. will at least accept his daughter. But then she sees him again. J.J. Beckett. The only man she's ever loved. And this time she's afraid she might not have the strength to walk away again.

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Saichel says

Sherry has a secret & that secret will come out when she returns to Oceanside, WA. Ryan also has a secret. Whose secret blows the other. Storyline was okay, some lines just seemed redundant. Good character buildup. Enjoyed the read.

Staesha Drage says

This was a good book a quick read. It had one small twist. Great story of a love that lasts through a lot of ups and downs.

Denise Smithson says

It was good but I wanted more at the end...I guess knowing they got married is good but I want a follow up of what happened after the tree house!

Zoe says

I wanted to like this more, however I found myself skipping chunks. What I really did like was the dialogue between characters. I thought it presented well, and I adored the ending. Personally I felt the characters were good, the story's premise was good and the setting good. It just lacked something, a little too much in the past events. I would have preferred more relevance on the present rather than the past. Still pretty good by anyone's standards though.x

Niffer says

I liked this book, but it made me all depressed thinking about past regrets/experiences! Perhaps this indicates good writing, but that's not why I read bits of fluff like this, and the last page and conversation between the two characters seemed really rushed, which ended the book on a slightly flat note.

Debby says

Sherry Sterling got pregnant her senior year by the most popular boy in town, JJ Beckett. She left Oceanside, WA and went to Seattle where she gave the baby up for adoption. Thirteen years later, the daughter finds Sherry and demands to meet her father. They return to Oceanside where still single JJ still lives.

The reunion has its ups and downs, especially when money is involved, but eventually all comes right. So-so.

Author's name originally listed as Natalie Bishop.

Scott-robert Shenkman says

I enjoyed this book. It was different from your standard romance novel in that the author seemed more interested in creating the characters of the MCs more than advancing the plot. Oh, there was a plot, but it wasn't too complicated and there weren't too many twists and turns. I was actually impressed with how different J.J. was from the image he projected – sometimes the people you think are happiest...just aren't. I also loved to hate the villain (J.J.'s mother) – pure evil, ice water in her veins bad. Bad to the bone.

Two things I wasn't crazy about in this book:

I felt that the actual love story wasn't developed enough. I just didn't "feel" that this was "the love of their lives". Perhaps it was "the lust of their lives". I wondered at times if they even liked each other.

The story made it SO FAR without a Big Misunderstanding, that at around 90% of the book, I was about to let out a sigh of relief...AND THEN IT HAPPENED! Ugh. It wasn't necessary, it derailed the story a bit, and it made me wonder just how much the characters could actually trust each other.

But these weren't huge flaws. I didn't think about them until the book was done. I did enjoy this story quite a bit – quick, simple and satisfying.

MuchAdo says

A book that somehow gets the emotional turmoil of adolescence. The two MCs were, I thought, nicely developed and I certainly cared for them very much. I don't know why some have trouble with the fact that the heroine's only love (and sexual experience) was the hero. It does happen now and again, and it no more makes a woman into a doormat than a vast sexual experience makes her into a 'slut'. I found it quite sweet that Sherry could make a life for herself while she remained emotionally and sexually unfulfilled. The only thing I did not like was the easy way the 13 old daughter reconnected with her biological parents (her real parents -i.e., those who brought her up, cared for her and loved her- do not feature as prominently as they should).

The whole past-present angst was well written and handled. I was very invested in the fate, feelings, memories and troubles of the two MCs. I only wish there was a nice fat epilogue at the end, and not the three lines we get after Sherry and Jake's final reunion.

Oh, the writer Nancy Bush is Lisa Jackson's sister. Now I'm a family fan.

Noelle says

I would give this one 2 1/2 **

I'm happy this one was a freebee because had I spent actual money for this I would have been disappointed, now all I wasted was my time.

Sherry (h) was the girl from the wrong side of the tracks, her father as an alcoholic who abused both her and her mother. She couldn't believe it when the richest and most popular boy in school was interested in her. When he said he wanted her she thought why not, she loved him and surely he loved her. So she gave him her virginity. When she found herself pregnant and that he didn't really love her, she ran.

J.J. (H) had everything he could ever have wanted in life, except two loving and devoted parents. His parents were more interested in running the family business and running his life, to them, appearances were everything. He knew his mother didn't approve of Sherry but he didn't really care, he wanted her. He just wasn't sure what else he wanted or where his future lied. One night he was a bit of an ass to Sherry and the next thing he knows is that she's gone.

Fast forward 15 years and Sherry is back in town, the daughter that she gave up for adoption has sought her out and now what's to meet her birth father. A child he never knew existed.

This book had a few errors that pulled me out of the story, but it was a mediocre story anyway. For those who can't stand second chance stories where the h never moves on, no sex with any other man, then this one isn't for you. Yup, she had sex at 17 and just knew he was the only one for her and 15 years later she still feels that way. Not buying it.lol
