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There's more to life than playing make believe. Sandra Moyer has a good reason to distrust actors. She was once married to one who left her and her child. However, she's desperate for publicity to help her struggling preschool. Hollywood playboy Ben Capshaw's request to access her classes to prepare for a role is an offer she can't refuse. Sandra second guesses herself on that decision until she sees Ben in action with the children. Her apprehension turns to wonder, and then to feelings she'd thought were closed off forever. Yet how can she trust that what she's seeing is real? As a boy, Ben learned that acting was the answer to everything. The role he's up for now will enhance his career and, he's sure, secure his happiness. But spending time with Sandra and her daughter stirs up emotions that-for once-aren't pretend. Ben's ready for a lifetime role as husband and father-if he can convince Sandra not to typecast him.

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### **Young Dovey says**

Best ever.... :)

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### **Jules says**

I really liked the author's voice. Funny and cute and romantic.

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### **carlybanarly says**

DNF @ 44%

Usually I have to finish books even if I'm not really liking it because I want to know how it ends. Not so with this book. I was forcing my self through the beginning, thinking that I would start liking the characters and get to invested in the story but it never happened. I got to the point that I was avoiding my kindle and doing odd jobs around the house rather than reading the book. That really sealed the deal for me- it was time to move on.

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### **Kristin says**

I read a lot of paranormal novels, and I needed a little break from that, so I picked The Role of a Lifetime out of my TBR pile. It was such a breath of fresh air! Shirk's writing is witty, the dialogue is believable, and the characters feel real. This is a fast-paced, fun, clean romance, and a touching story.

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### **Iyad says**

This book could have been promising. An actor and a preschool teacher with an ex-husband actor falling for each other. But the story did not give enough unique opportunities for characters' depth, as well as the rise and resolution of conflict. I was looking for some great, sexy and witty banter too between the main characters and found it wasn't that special.

When two characters with amazing potential meet in a book, I was just really expecting explosive or mismatched chemistry.

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### **Kristi says**

This book was like being wrapped in a warm hug...I couldn't quit smiling while reading it.

The romance that blooms between divorced mom Sandra and visiting actor Ben feels very natural and believable. Their witty banter (which I loved) and strong voices carry much of the story. I wasn't sure, even right up till the end, which way Jennifer would go with the plot, but I wasn't disappointed.

All in all, a very fun, easy read and a great story.

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

Cute! I don't know why, but I do enjoy plots that involve the normal girl falling for the Hollywood star. I liked Ben and Sandra, if I suspend belief I can even believe they'll live HEA. I'd have an easier time buying it if the story had taken place over a longer time period, I have my doubts about a two-week courtship. It was a cute story though, I liked the setting and characters. I thought Sandra overreacted at the end. But, I guess you have to have some conflict in a story. I also wanted to see her ex's reaction when he finds out she's dating a huge star. That would have been great. Overall, a fun read. I liked it.

#### Content

Romance: Clean, kissing and mild innuendo

Language: Mild

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### **Patricia says**

This is the second book I've read by Shrink. I expected to find in this book more of what I had liked in the first book, and to an extent I got it, but what I did not like and what accounts for some of the absence of stars in my rating was the suggestive and lewd "flirting" the main characters did with each other at certain times in the book. For Pete's sake, they hardly knew one another more than a few days and they were in a professional setting. For that reason, I cannot call this "clean" although there was no sex. Otherwise, this would have been 3 stars--which means OK but I still would not recommend it.

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### **Bookrushed.com says**

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### **Paula Bothwell says**

This is a cute, PG13, story. I write this with a caveat: I know there is a wide spectrum of what constitutes

PG13. This references French kissing, and roving hands (without details), and tucking shirts in post kissing. It's a pretty fast read at just over 200 pages. I enjoyed the egomaniac H getting his comeuppance. I wish I had cared a little more about the H and h. It was a nice distraction; I liked Jennifer Shirk's book \*Fiance by Fate\* better, but I will read another of her books.

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### **Erin says**

Sandra knows just how charming, selfish, and deceitful actors are. After all, she was married to one... She found out the hard way just how little their words mean, how little they actually want to work for a normal life, and how often they break their promises.

She has worked hard to put her failed marriage and her broken heart behind her and focus on her precious daughter and the preschool she opened. Sure, start up costs ran a little higher than she anticipated and enrollment is not quite as high as she needs them to be, but she's resolved to make things work and succeed.

She has things as under control as much as possible until Ben Capshaw enters her life. Ben Capshaw the actor!! He's invading her preschool with the intentions of researching and snagging the role that will boost his career to the next level - Hello Oscar!!!!

With Ben being the great actor he is, however, how can Sandra know if what he does and what he says are sincere or his fine tuned acting skills? Despite her reservations, Sandra finds herself falling for the beautiful specimen that is Ben Capshaw.

As for Ben - he's never met anyone quite like Sandra, who switches roles herself - going from Ice Queen to Enchanting Princess - in the blink of an eye. She's captivating, strong, beautiful, and comes with the most wonderful little girl he's ever come across. He doesn't quite understand her lack of excitement with his movie star status, and instead of turning him off, that just fuels his fire. Sandra is a challenge that he gladly accepts until his agent reminds him that ANY sort of bad publicity will ruin his chances for his well earned red carpet walk. As schooled and practiced as he is with acting, he's not quite sure he can convince himself that he'd rather continue his pursuit of the esteemed Oscar than incorporate Sandra and Hannah into his life and assume the role of husband and father, the role of a lifetime...

The Role of a Lifetime was such an enjoyable read! I found myself smiling and laughing through most of the read. I loved the characters and their down-to-earth dialogue and internal thoughts. The chemistry between Ben and Sandra was sweet and his interactions with Hannah just about had me swooning. I mean, hello - what woman with children wouldn't love to see a man leave play dough remnants in his hair as a trophy or a battle scar? How cute!!!

Would I recommend this book? Absolutely! Would I re-read it? You betcha!

Who would I recommend this read to? Anyone, male or female, who is looking for a light and sweet romantic tale. Anyone who is looking for a more reality based vs. fantasy based romance. Anyone loves reading witty and spunky verbal volleys between lead characters. Anyone who loves reading about people finding the love we all dream about and strive for. :o) Ah....

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### **Carmen says**

I'm glad I won this on Goodreads because I really enjoyed this heart-warming, romantic, and breath-taking book. A story about an actor Ben and Sandra, a divorced mother that owns a preschool falling for each other with some confusions in between.

I finished this book in like two days, which I have never done before. I just didn't want to stop reading. A short read, but really enjoyable book. The only thing that bothered me a bit was the dialogues, it was cute, but too much of the "um's and uh's" and some editing was needed here and there, but that can be ignored. =]

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### **Englishrose says**

Another fun a lighthearted romance from Jennifer Shirk. This was a sweet and enjoyable book with wonderful characters. Quirky situations and great romance sucked me into the story while keeping a good pace. Sandra is a good blend of uptight and strong mixed with a longing for love. Ben is sweet and lovable and overly confident in an endearing way. They mesh and interact well with each other. I was rooting for them the whole time. It's nice to see a contemporary novel that is a sweet romance without trying to delve into the deeper psyche of the modern mind. Sit back and enjoy this great romance!

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