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When it came time for Will and Elizabeth to leave, Jayson felt like a lost child, alone and terrified. Elizabeth whispered near his ear, "I will be praying for you constantly. God will get you through this, Jayson. Nobody else can. He will give you the peace and the strength you need." Jayson nodded but couldn't speak. He turned and walked away, feeling as if he were about to literally descend into the depths of hell. And nobody could spare him from the inevitable consequences of the choices he'd made to bring himself to this point. Not even God could do that. With all the pain and loss he has suffered over the last twenty years, does Jayson have the courage to trust the healing power of the Atonement? To allow his spirit to be touched by a child's testimony? To replace doubt and skepticism with love and forgiveness? In this third chapter of the Jayson Wolfe story, best-selling LDS author Anita Stansfield once again demonstrates her profound understanding of human nature. As the resilience of family relationships are put to the ultimate test, Winds of Hope gently yet powerfully carries the reader through the pages of this exceptionally heartfelt and moving love story.

## **Winds of Hope Details**

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### **Spring Clark says**

For Anita Stansfield, this book was fairly good. One thing that just drives me crazy in all her books is that all of her male characters break down into tears way too much! Does she think this what women want? weepy men? No thank you! I like that my husband gets teary eyed on only really special occasions, such as the birth of one of our children.

Anyway, I enjoyed the book and am glad that the series is over. Sometimes her books feel like shortened soap operas and make me wonder how much can go wrong in one person's life? However I continue to read them because they are clean and I enjoy how her characters use the gospel to solve their problems.

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### **Karen says**

This book is part 3 of a four part series. I never read the prior books, but I short overview of what happened is provided in this book. It's about a girl and a boy who are high school sweethearts and then turn away from each other but still remain friends through the years. Both of their lives take on a lot of tragedy. This book is about how they work through all of that tragedy.

The story is very predictable, which is a trait that seems to run rampant with many LDS novelists. However, I did find myself getting into the characters. The part where many LDS authors bring up the gospel in their novels is very cliche and I just reads weird to me.

I did enjoy reading the book, but not enough to purchase it for myself.

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### **Margo Kelly says**

I am thoroughly exhausted after reading this series. After reading the first two books in this series, I was just so relieved to have some good things happen to these characters. But, quite frankly, this being my first time reading Anita Stansfield's books, I'm not sure I can pick up another one. It was just too exhausting. If there is another book in this series (which was alluded to in the front of the book)I am not sure I will read it.

I ranked this book with more stars than the previous two books, just because I was so thrilled to finally have good things happen. I did enjoy reading this book, and this book did make the first 600 pages worth it - but I'm just not sure I can invest so much energy into another one of her books. Books are supposed to be a fun escape. So, right now I will escape into a Dean Koontz book.

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### **Kathy says**

I loved it! Thank heavens. This third book cleared up a few things from the last one and made everything

much more tolerable. Happy ending with an interesting turn of events in the characters lives. I really enjoyed it. A good, clean, uplifting and inspiring book. I even cried. Now that says a lot for me. I would highly recommend it. It was a pleasant read because I didn't have to worry about profanity or inappropriate situations. I have to read these kind of books in between the others just to cleanse my mind.

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### **Sharm says**

How many times does the word "grateful" appear on every page? It gets very monotonous! I agree with other reviewers who tire of reading how the characters "bawl like a baby" and have "a high water table!" Anita needs to come up with new expressions because all of her characters from book to book all sound the same. Jayson and Elizabeth basically use the same expressions as Michael and Emily Hamilton - "oh help!" Also in her books, there is always a wealthy man who bails everyone out of their financial problems or has plenty of money to help out whenever needed. Too bad that isn't real life! Anita's first few books about Michael and Emily were very good and exciting to read. Now her books are getting very boring, predictable, and not even tempting to buy.

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### **Katie W says**

I am sad to say that I torture myself. There are few books of this author's that I like. I read to escape life and a lot of her books are bogged down with serious issues that leave me feeling grumpy and depressed. I enjoy reading a book that makes me feel happy and leaves me closing the book with a contented sigh. As I read this, I sat and wondered how many bad things could happen to one family. But it ended up (like they always do) being a perfect happily ever after story. A lot of the language bothered me too--I just can't picture this big rock star saying some of the phrases that came out of his mouth. And he's way too sappy (high-water table) for me. Don't get me wrong, it's nice to have a sensitive man, but this guy was just too much for me. I felt that the characters repeated themselves when talking to each other and it didn't feel like a natural dialogue. For me, these things got in the way of the story and it turned into one of her "typical" books. I enjoyed the first two books of the series a lot more and probably won't even bother reading the fourth installment.

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### **Kiley McCann says**

This trilogy to "The Sound of Rain" is about Jason again and his new life with his new wife. Jason had gone through a rough patch with the last book and this third book is about how he found a new way of living. He learns that money and fame isn't all that, and he finds himself again with his new love, who happened to be his best friend when he was in high school. They were always close, but she had found a new religion she didn't want to ever give up, so instead she shared it with Jason, and he too came to love the religion. Once they had started dating they got married and had a few kids plus the kid Jason had in his previous marriage.

They have not made this book into a movie.

This was a great trilogy to the original story "The sound of Rain". It had caught my attention as well as the other two books. I love the story line, and the characters in this book. I would recommend this book to boys and girls. It was a great mixture of romance and adventure for the guys.

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### **Janel says**

I love Anita Stansfield. This is her most recent publication and it lives up to her reputation. I love her characters. They have real challenges and real emotions. They also experience real consequences for their choices. This is the 3rd part to the Jason Wolfe story. I got to hear Anita Stansfield speak at our local library and she indicated that she wrote this 3 part book as one book, but the publisher decided it was too long and broke it up into three books. She has actually added a fourth and fifth novel in this series that will be published later this year--I can't wait!

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### **Kathryn says**

Stansfield has outdone herself once again. Jayson has endured the treatment through the rehab center to detox the prescription drugs he was addicted to. He has also dealt with all the hurt in pandora's box that made him turn to the drugs to feel numb. When he is released he finds that his daughter has come home to him after two years of not knowing if she is dead or alive. She has had her own trials and is 17 years old and pregnant. Through love and patience jayson and macy accept the gospel are baptised and Jayson's dream of becoming a part of Elizabeths family officially come true. They have more children, restart Jayson's carrier and find his extended family.

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### **Cassandra Bowers says**

After the first two books in this series, it was enjoyable to finally get to read about the good stuff. This book really made me contemplate how the choices that we make in our lives can have really long term impacts. This book was a pleasure to read.

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### **R. says**

It's about time things finally worked out for Jayson and Elizabeth. Almost a little too heavy emphasis on the whole search/ponder/pray theme and all the repetitive gratefulness running rampant. Other than that, a heart warming story that finally pulls through all the bad times and highlights a lot of really great things for everyone in the story. Especially interesting how Elizabeth ends up on stage with Jayson once again and they manage to get in touch with his own pioneer roots. Amazing what a little genealogy work can bring.

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### **Apzmarshl says**

FINALLY they get together!! Stansfield didn't let me down this time.....not overly wrought with emotion and analyzing the emotion!! She didn't even use her normal descriptors.  
Jayson goes to rehab. Gets out of rehab having dealt with all of the loss in his life that put him there.  
Macy comes home pregnant and abused. She gives the baby up for adoption and makes her life worth living

by totally changing her life style.

Jayson finally embraces the gospel. He and Elizabeth marry, have babies, make more music!!

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### **Sherrie says**

I really really loved all 3 of the books in this series. The storyline was compelling and held my interest at all times. It was hard to put down.

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### **Marne says**

this book touched my heart in a way that not many have in a long time. i literally couldn't put it down, and stayed up ridiculously late to finish it. it inspires hope and forgiveness, and shows how miraculous the truth of the gospel really is. it is life altering, and we are so blessed to have it. also, when jayson finds his lost grandmother and family, even though it is just a novel, it brought tears to my eyes. this really does happen!! it was just what i needed to read at this trying time in my life.

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### **Sarah says**

I was congratulating myself for have 3 down and only 1 more to go in this series (because this series has been completely miserable to read), when the guy who works in the bookmobile informed me that there is a FIFTH book. He told me and I couldn't help myself. I busted out with an, "Oh, CRAP!" He laughed and compared the books to a soap opera. I agreed, only these books are WORSE. Much worse. Why must EVERYONE cry CONSTANTLY. I've stopped caring when bad/sad things happen to these characters. I just think, "Oh, they're crying. Again. Surprise, surprise. I wish they'd shut up and man up." I mean, it's fine having them cry over major stuff. But they are constantly sobbing/weeping/moaning/tearing up/sniffling/etc... over little tiny things that most people don't cry over every single time they happen. And the phrase "high water table"? Don't even get me started on that! Most stupid phrase ever! And the most pathetic way to explain EVERY man in her book being a weepy, whiny baby.

I know some of you are wondering why I haven't just stopped reading these. I'm just the type of person who HAS to finish books (this includes series) that I start. Even if I hate them.

This book would have been a perfect ending to the series, actually. It ended happy and with me feeling a little better about pushing through to the end. But I've still got two more to go. I think Stansfield should have stopped while she was ahead. Or better yet -- she should have stopped before she ever wrote a single word of this entire series...

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