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Emily Watson returns to Bay Brook, having lost out on all her dreams of making it in New York. Haunted by her mistakes, she returns to rebuild her life as the editor of the local newspaper. Her heart is guarded when she meets Richard. Richard has lived all his life in the town, being responsible for the family business interest. He is guilt ridden from a tragic car accident that has left him bitter and alone. Second Chances delves into the possibility of finding forgiveness and love in the most unsuspected ways. They are the most unlikely couple journeying on the road of forgiveness and renewed hope.

### Second Chances Details

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## From Reader Review Second Chances for online ebook

### Sasha says

I received the book for free through Goodreads First Reads competition. It was a lovely surprise and a fantastic start to my day.

This was a beautifully written book and I adore the way this author writes. She has an appealing way with words and a talent for story telling. I will be looking forward to reading any further upcoming books from this extremely talented author.

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### Crystal says

I received this book in a Goodreads giveaway. It is a very short book (54 pages). This may sound harsh, but this book was a mess. To start with, there isn't much of a plot at all. The characters are not developed and thus their interactions and "romance" (I use the term loosely here) are not believable. Normally, you would expect an author to use chapters or chapter breaks to indicate a new scene or the passing of time. Here, the author often has many paragraphs per page in which scenes jump or time jumps by days, months, or years usually consisting of only a sentence or two. This makes the story very fragmented and difficult to follow.

The author has the characters speaking in an awkward manner at times (e.g. "Thomas is the name, so you the new bloke.") The author rarely uses contractions and sometimes blunders common English phrases. Perhaps English is not her first language??

I feel like this author has a long way to go in writing a good story.

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### Shannon says

The basic outline of the plot could be a good story if written well, but unfortunately I found the writing style of this author intolerable. It is quite obvious that this is a self-published work, and while I commend the author for trying to put her book out there, it is clear why she has had to self-publish. There are many grammatical errors, such as incorrect usage of punctuation and verb tenses, as well as many nonsensical phrases. Furthermore, the story is only about 50 pages long, but the plot does not fit in with the genre of a short story. If the narrative was extended, making the book into a novel or even a novella, it would work much better and the romance would be much more believable. Another point to make is that the passage of time is unclear and at times confusing; the characters would be having a meeting in the office, then suddenly walking around "the store" (I have no idea what store, or how she got there so quickly, or why she was there at all), and then only a couple of paragraphs later it seems that weeks have passed. Finally, I did not agree with the all too frequent references to Christianity and the apparent sexism in the final chapter on a personal level for various reasons, so that left a bitter taste in my mouth after finishing the book.

There is much room for improvement here in all aspects, so rather than recommending this book to my friends, I would choose to recommend a creative writing class to the author. She clearly has a creative mind and it's just a shame that it isn't conveyed in her writing.

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### **Tanya Thumbran christ says**

A lovely read. Short and sweet. so proud of my school friend for writing this book.

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### **Jessica Powell says**

As other reviews have pointed out, the book needs closer editing to weed out errors, insert breaks, etc. However the story itself is sweet and uplifting - it left me with a smile on my face!

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### **Becky Darnell says**

i love this short story i thought it was very good i wish it had lasted longer

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### **Hazel says**

*I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads.*

*Second Chances* is a short story by Leigh-Ann Singh about two people who have had rather difficult pasts. Firstly there is Emily Watson who moves to Bay Brook to become the new editor of the *Bay Brook Times*. She has moved there from New York thus escaping from a bad relationship. The second person is Richard Cambridge whose family owns the newspaper. He initially appears to be a cold-hearted person until it is revealed he has recently lost his wife in a tragic accident.

The tale focuses on Emily and Richard's relationship, which starts off on shaky ground but improves over time. During the story both characters turn to God to help them with their troubles and begin to find peace with the help of the Saviour. It is not a particularly religious book as the main emphasis is on pointing out that both characters receive the opportunity to have a second chance at life: Richard moving on from the past and returning to the present; and Emily being given the chance at new relationships and becoming "the woman God intended her to be".

Admittedly *Second Chances* is very poorly written and ideally ought to have had a lot of editing before publication however the overall storyline is good. It is a shame that more was not done with it.

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### **Tony says**

I received the book through Goodreads First Reads and enjoyed the short story about the 2 people struggling through their social awkwardness towards a relationship.

## **Desere says**

A sweet and short story about a second chance at happiness for two great characters. But unfortunately the plot did not complete gel out to an amazing read. There was not enough consistency and the read seemed to all over the place.

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## **Stephanie says**

A short but sweet story, about the tragedy and happiness of life.

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