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A big-city doctor in a small-town Montana practice....A former nurse who has sworn off doctors forever....The scene is set for passions to ignite in Big Sky Country. For readers of Robyn Carr and Sherryl Woods.

City doctor Josh Stanton and his sports car don't suit the country, but with his medical school debt about to bury him, Josh has to make the best out of a bad situation. Adjusting to his new job and life in the middle of nowhere isn't easy, but at least the views of the mountains—and one distractingly attractive local—are stunning...

After eight years away, Katrina McCade is back in Bear Paw for a break from her life, bad choices—and men. But when a broad-shouldered stranger bursts into town, she finds herself unexpectedly saddled with the town's sexy new doctor as a tenant. Katrina doesn't need a man to make her happy, especially a disgruntled physician. But try telling her body that...

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Lisa says

Actual Rating is 3.5 Stars.

I went into this with rather high expectations as it was stated in the blurb that fans of Robyn Carr and Sheryl Woods would enjoy this book. While I have yet to read a Sheryl Woods book, I have read many, many, many Robyn Carr books and I LOVE them. So whenever you make statements such as that they better follow through and I'm happy enough to report that it would appeal to fans of Carr.

I am attracted to stories that are set in small towns and this setting is such. A really, really small town. And for Josh who is accustomed to the hustle and bustle of Chicago is nothing but culture shocked at this new place that he has to relocate to. The small town of Bear Paw boasts a population of 3000 but it seems even smaller than that, especially to Josh but with student loans stacked against him he had no choice.

Katrina, our heroine is from Bear Paw but has lived away in a big city as an ER nurse for over 8 years and is back home now nursing (no pun intended) a broken heart after her relationship with a doctor goes south. She's hoping to regroup and heal while withholding the truth of why she came back from her parents and also swearing off dating doctors.

Josh himself is also wary of getting into a new relationship after he, too, recently came out of one. These two butt heads from the beginning but cannot deny that they have chemistry and they are undoubtedly attracted to each other.

There is no easy resolution for these two and it was a little frustrating but I dug it because I enjoyed the dialogue and the back and forth between the two.

We're also given a second storyline to follow that features Katrina's brother (who is really her cousin but was raised by her parents so is considered a son) and his boss. This too was interesting and kept things moving along.

The full review can be seen on Fic Talk

Danielle says

It took me a while to really get into this book, and unfortunately in the end it was just an okay read. I think what really threw me off was the fact that there were two stories in the book.

We have Josh and Katrina, the main characters, but we also have several parts in Beau's (Katrina's brother) and Shannon's (her boss) POV. I actually enjoyed the side romance more than the main one, but I hated that as soon as I finally got into Josh and Katrina's story it would switch to Beau and Shannon. If the author wanted them to have a story I feel as if maybe she should have given them a novella so as not to take the focus off of the main characters.

So like I said, we have Josh and Katrina as the main focus. Josh is new to the small town and while it's what he signed on for, he isn't exactly happy with the way things are working out. Katrina recently moved back

home after falling for the wrong guy. Both are wary of a relationship and rather than admit they like each other they spend a large part of the book telling themselves they can't stand the other.

Of course eventually the sexual tension gets to them and they agree to no-strings. It's not that I don't enjoy a no-strings relationship, but with both of them so wary from recent relationships, I felt that maybe it should have been handled differently. Maybe form a friendship, then sleep together... I dunno something just didn't quite work for me there.

Or maybe it was the fact that Josh was constantly comparing her to his ex. He was so hung up on her, which is totally understandable considering they broke up the day he moved out there, but it just made it really hard to focus on any developing feelings for Katrina. Not that she was any better, always fretting over the fact that he was a doctor since her previous relationship with a doctor was such a disaster.

We all know how a no strings relationship plays out right?! One, or both, of them usually gets hurt. Well I honestly think the inevitable break up was my favorite part. I know that sounds horrible but it wasn't the break up exactly, rather the fact that it really shows Katrina's growth throughout the book. And Josh's grovel at the end wasn't too bad either!

Overall it was a decent start to a series and I'll probably check out Truly Madly Montana, the next book in the series, when it comes out.

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Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Autry's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4 STARS

Review copy provided for an honest review

Bear Paw...might as well be the the thorn stuck in Dr. Josh's paw, this small town was nothing that he expected it to be, yet finds himself curious about small town life.

Katrina McCade is running back to her hometown to nurse some wounds, and to stay away from lying, deceitful doctors. Helping her family out on the ranch is a great way to help her heal her bruised heart, until her family starts to push her into finding a husband.... because coming home unmarried at the age of 30 is unheard of for Bear Paw. Avoiding the clinic and hospitals is hard for her to do an a RN with years of experience, however the new doctor in town is becoming harder to avoid.

As Josh is slowly starting to realize, life in Bear Paw in nothing compared to Chicago. The slower paced, have-to-know-everyones-business life is not what he is specialized in, ER rooms and busy streets.

Bear Paw already has strikes against the town, it caused him to make two life-altering decisions, and within minutes of finding his "new home" he's covered in paint. As unsettling as the paint is, he also learns he will be working a side job alongside his ER physician job. Katrina is starting to take baby steps to move out of her childhood home, finding a house and finally making it her own, or it was until a new doctor came to town. Being around charming, good-looking doctors is anxiety provoking for Katrina but she quickly finds herself staring at his define chest while helping him shower. The steam only continues to get higher and higher from there, Katrina is a determined to help the city doc get adjusted to small town life so she can move on and leave him behind. Unfortunately that means spending more time with him as well, Josh is

attracted to Katrina and enjoys pushing her buttons, but is still very much gun shy. Josh is starting to become welcome in the community, and the acceptance is going slower than he likes until Katrina and he makes a life and death decision. Then they see what type of partnership they could have if they would work past the issues that sent them fleeing back to Bear Paw. The trust is beginning to form as Katrina's family is sent on an emotional roller coaster; with Dr. Josh being the hand Katrina is reaching for both professionally and personally. This roller-coaster forces the McCade family to realize a lot of things, life is too short, live happy, love deeply, and take care of each other; but will Katrina and Josh love deeply enough to overcome their emotional past and move forward with life in Bear Paw?

I loved the characters of Bear Paw, being born and raised in a small town, this was like a trip down memory lane. Fiona Lowe had great mannerisms of small town life and knew exactly how residents interact with each other. I was laughing within minutes of starting the book and chapters later she had me in tears. Her characters were to the "T" of large families, small towns and hard working ranching lifestyle I was pulling for Josh and Katrina from the start, I knew he would have a battle on his hands for her heart, but when they finally trusted each other, the pieces just fell into place. I do have to admit to being slightly bummed that Beau and Shannon's story seems to be wrapped up in this novel, I would have loved to have seen more of their back story and where life is going to take their family. Overall, I would recommend this to anyone who loves small-town romances with laughter and a little heartbreak rolled into a great novel.

Lynne Marshall says

Lovely writer, wonderful book. The secondary romance is just as compelling as Josh and Katrina's. Humor, tears, challenging medical sequences, the book has it all. Recommended read.

Kelley says

Novel received courtesy of Goodreads.com giveaway

I'll be reading more of Fiona Lowe's "Montana" Series. The characters were well-developed. I was vested in their lives and choices. Even the minor characters were interesting and some were really funny! I loved the story of Josh and Katrina, the story of Beau and Shannon, and the story of Bonnie and Kurt. A teaser chapter of the next novel was at the end of the book; rest-assured, I'll be waiting for that book in July!

Nancy Steinle gummel says

Montana Actually by Fiona's Lowe is a first reads win and I'm giving my honest opinion. Katrina broke off a relationship with a surgeon who never told her he was married with children Kat was a nurse at a hospital in Philadelphia. She loved her job. She decided to move home to Bear Paw. She had bought a cottage and rented it out until she was ready to move back. She was painting the walls with her ear buds in and never heard Josh Stanton knock. He walked in startled her and she accidentally knocked the paint all over him. Josh was an ER doctor hired to work the local hospital and run the clinic. Josh and Katrina hated each other but they had feelings for each other. When they make love, wild and passionately. They each told them it was for the sex, little did they know feelings grow. Meanwhile Katrinas brother Beau likes her girlfriend Shannon. Shannon has a 14 year old son named Hunter. Beau gets real close to Hunter helping him.

Anna's Herding Cats says

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Quickie Review:

Well that was a pretty nice start to the series. My favorite bit was the secondary storyline/romance that omg I so wish had it's very own full book. It was lovely and sweet <3 Definitely looking forward to more from the series. I didn't totally love the ending on this one but overall it was a nice easy read that kept me coming back for more, surprised me a couple times, had me bawling in a couple spots, smiling in others and whew definitely wishing I'd spent a little more time in Montana. They sure have some intriguing men.

Full Review:

OOooo a little Montana loving! I love small town romances and Montana Actually...pretty dang fun as strangers Katrina and Josh land in Bear Paw--basically to escape bad relationships-- and end up having to deal with each other seeing as he's renting the house she'd planned on living in. Gah but I love that kind of storyline and these two were quite the pair as they dealt with each other, living in a small town and all the crazy that can come from that and some knock you off your feet chemistry.

The romance was slow building which I liked. There's a pretty quick attraction and over time the two keep running into each other--something that's not too hard since she's his landlord and, well, Bear Paw is a pretty tiny place. I liked them together. They're both a bit broken and gun shy but slowly healing even if they don't realize. They had nice chemistry and suited even though they kind of drove each other a little crazy.

This was an interesting one couple-wise for me. When things kick off I wasn't so sure about Josh. He's a talented doctor but he's not all that manly of a man. Doesn't know how to fix things around the house, sends a woman in to deal with rodents, that kind of thing. He was just a little too...city boy for me? But Katrina I was digging from the start. She knows her way around a house and can take on any project which was great. And then as the book went along I kind of flipped on them. Josh really won me over as he struggled to fit into a small town that was wary of outsiders. But then Katrina in the last couple chapters lost me a bit. She had a crazy girl moment where she really swung out of left field where their relationship was concerned and he was made to look like he was wrong and it bothered me. I was oh so close to wanting him to just move on and let her go. It was a very near call for me. I did like them though and enjoyed their romance quite a bit other than that last few chapters that were iffy for me.

There was a wonderful secondary romance though that absolutely stole the show for me. I would have loved to see Katrina's brother have a full book. I looked forward to the thread of his romance with the town's new diner owner and got so wrapped up in their scenes I'd have to get back into the original romance which doesn't happen too often. It was just one of those heartbreakingly sweet storylines and gah I could not get enough of the two of them.

There was also family heart ache I didn't see coming exactly. I knew something was happening with her family but I bawled when it hit and just wasn't prepared for that at all. It was all nicely done but was something that just left me raw and hurting for everyone involved and really just brought a realness to the book.

Overall, I enjoyed the first book from Medicine River. It's an interesting little town with some great

characters I can't wait to learn more about. It wasn't a perfect read but it was sure entertaining and had me ready for more.

Rob.C. Rob.C. says

What a great story! I'm a sucker for small town romance, medical romance and cowboys and this book has it all! I was immediately pulled into the story within a few paragraphs.

I loved Josh! He's H.O.T. and funny, and I loved his meet cute with Katrina. I laughed out loud!

Katrina is a great heroine and I really liked her. I liked her strength and her no-nonsense attitude, especially at the beginning, when she's trying to stay away from Josh.

I loved their constant banter and the chemistry that's so strong from the very start and that drives them crazy, as they're trying to stay away from each other.

I like the author's writing style, her way of describing the setting and of creating dialogues that felt real.

At some point in the story the POV totally shifts and we're introduced to a new couple, Beau and Shannon.

I've never read a romance focusing on more than one couple and I thought it would end up being a total turn-off. I mean, how could I really connect with Josh and Katrina AND with Beau and Shannon? I shouldn't have worried, though, because the author's skilled writing managed to make me root for Beau and Shannon as much as I was already rooting for Josh and Katrina (although, in all honesty, I do hope Beau, Shannon and Hunter will get their own book too).

The only thing that didn't work well for me was that there were some scenes that were never described, and that I wished they'd been included instead. I don't know if they were in the book at first and were removed during the editing, but I felt a little cheated when the author led me to believe that something would happen but I never got to read it.

Apart from this minor fault, though, everything else was brilliant and I truly enjoyed the story.

This book made me laugh, swoon, and shed a tear or two at some point. I can't wait to read the next books in the series. I think I may have found a new favorite author and a new series to look forward to.

If you're looking for a light, funny and romantic read, with some deeply emotional moments, pick up this one. You won't be disappointed.

***I received a complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review**

read my full review here: <http://robertasdreamworld.blogspot.it...>

Helyce says

Reviewed here first: <http://smexybooks.com/2015/01/review-...>

I have to admit, the whole small town vs. big city doctor theme presented in the blurb drew me in, and from the first scene with Josh Stanton arriving in the middle of nowhere town of Bear Paw, Montana, I knew that it was going to be interesting and humorous. And it was! We also get a secondary bonus romance in this one.

Dr. Josh Stanton and his fiance had a plan which she seemed to be on board with, until it was time to execute a move to a town in the middle of nowhere. The plan would allow Josh to work as the doctor in a small town where they'd have minimal expenses and be able to pay off the mountains of debt from medical school.

Unfortunately, when the time to move to said small town came, his fiance decided that she wasn't okay with

the plan anymore and after 3 years together their relationship ended. So, Josh moves to Bear Paw on his own and from the moment he arrives, he hits one obstacle after another.

Katrina “Kat” McCade left Bear Paw as soon as she could get out of the little town she grew up in. She’d been working as a nurse and in a long term relationship with a doctor there – until she found out that he was in fact married with children. Feeling all kinds of stupid and swearing off men for the foreseeable future, Kat returns home to take some time and get herself together. Unfortunately, her ban on men doesn’t last long once she meets the new doctor in town.

Josh and Katrina’s road to love was very entertaining as they traverse every obstacle. From the moment they meet, things seem to just go wrong and though there is attraction they fight it. Kat wants nothing to do with another doctor and Josh is determined to just get through his commitment to the town and get the hell out of there. But fate has something else in mind for these two.

After several meetings where their attraction to each other becomes undeniable, they agree to give in-but with rules and boundaries-the biggest one, no falling in love. Josh is clear that he doesn’t plan to stay in Bear Paw, and Katrina seems to be okay with it all–until she breaks the biggest rule and falls in love.

While all of this is going on, the author throws in a secondary story which features Kat’s older brother Beau and her boss at the diner, Shannon. Shannon has a teenaged son who is dealing with moving to the town by acting out and getting in trouble. Beau is man who himself struggled as a kid with a horrible stutter which took years for him to get under control. Beau takes Shannon’s son Hunter under his wing, letting him work at the ranch and forming a bond. But Beau also wants very badly to form a bond with Shannon. And they do; unfortunately, they do it in secret and when Hunter finds out it puts their budding relationship in jeopardy.

I have to admit that I actually enjoyed Beau and Shannon’s story just a bit more and am a little sad that they won’t get their own book. I think their story could have been expanded to include more of their backstory and how Shannon came to be in Bear Paw. Josh and Kat’s story was a bit predictable and Josh came off as very superficial at times. The conflict that causes their rift and short time apart was kind of silly. Having said that, the author does a nice job of having Josh come to his senses and he redeems his previous stupidity well.

The author does a really good job of giving us both stories without taking away from Kat and Josh’s journey. Intermixed with all of it are some heavy emotional moments that Kat and her family have to deal with. This is a well rounded contemporary that hit all the points I look for in a romance including a good combination of humor and emotional content. I’m already looking forward to book 2, Truly Madly Montana coming in July 2015.

Tracey says

Katrina McCade has come back home to Bear Paw, Montana, to heal her broken heart amidst her loving family. With a less-than-stellar romantic track record, Katrina is happy to spend her time far from anything that reminds her of the mistakes that she’s made, especially good-looking doctors with smooth lines and hidden agendas. For Josh Stanton, coming to Bear Paw as the interim ER doctor/GP is nothing more than the fastest way to get out from under his mountain of debt from medical school. A city boy born and bred, he’s convinced that life in a small town is a chore to be endured.

Montana, Actually, is the first book in the Medicine River series by Fiona Lowe. I enjoyed it from the first page, and read it in one sitting. Bear Paw is a community filled with camaraderie and love, and all of its inhabitants immediately captured my heart. Josh shows up in town with a superior attitude, but is not a bad

guy at heart. He's a first-rate doctor and pretty darned hot, and not at all what Katrina was expecting. The more time they spend together, the more they become their real selves, and it's a pleasure to see this evolution.

As much as I liked the romance, banter, and sexy times between Josh and Katrina, though, I have to say that it was Beau, Kat's cousin, that stole my heart. His and Shannon's storyline was sweet, sexy, and touching, and was a welcome side story that made the book that much more enjoyable. Fiona did a great job with all of the supporting characters and their part of the story, and I am looking forward to reading TRULY MADLY MOTANA, the second book in the series.

Saly says

This one was just dull & boring where I didn't care for the characters. Hell for most of the book h/H felt hung-up over their past relationships, h with her lying secretly married surgeon ex and H with his money obsessed ex-fiancee. I didn't feel h/H had any spark at all.

Jacob Proffitt says

It's possible that there's a romance story buried in here, somewhere, with real characters and a through-line you could enjoy. I don't know about that. What I *do* know, is that by the 20% mark, I can't get a read on the emotional state of any of these characters because every single one of them hits the redzone any time the designated member of the opposite sex comes within range. I mean, Katrina drops doors, flings paint, and a sofa catapults her into Josh's lap all because she's having palpitations at his mere presence. And Josh can't bring himself to string two words together without scanning Katrina's finer points. I started to feel like she's a racetrack consisting of a circuit of legs-breasts-eyes-mouth and he's busy trying to get his laps in. Every one of these fools has hormone overdrive engaged at full throttle *all of the time*. It's exhausting. Add that they all seem to have varying degrees of negative motivation* and that Lowe is being coy about the details of why and I'm just done.

* **Negative Motivations:** I kind of hate that the term "negative motivation" isn't widespread, yet. Since it isn't, I'm going to save off this little jag to append to my reviews that feature the term. Jennifer Crusie blogged about it a bit back and it changed how I understand story. The problem with the term is that if you've never heard it before, you'd assume it meant motivations that are harmful or immoral. Not so. What it refers to is motivations *not to do something*. The thing is that many of us are motivated to not do things for a lot of different, perfectly valid and reasonable, reasons. The problem is that *in a story* motivations to not do things are a huge drag on the plot—particularly considering the fact that most negative motivations are overcome by the character simply deciding they don't care any more (or, rather, that they *do care* and are now motivated to do the thing). So not only do you have a counter to action but you also have a situation where to overcome it, all a character has to do is change their mind. Which means eventually, the reader is rooting for the character to get over him/herself already and do the thing we want them to do. Conflict drives story. Conflict between a reader and a main character drives readers away from story.

OpenBookSociety.com says

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Brought to you by OBS reviewer Jerjen

Montana Actually by Fiona Lowe is the first in the Medicine River romance series. I hope it is a long-lasting series because the first book is really good.

Katrina McCade has returned to Bear Paw, Montana, after being away for about eight years. She has returned after a break-up and has decided that she needs to stay away from men, especially doctors. Although she is a nurse, she does not have any plans to continue that career in Bear Paw. She just wants to renovate a place so that she has somewhere to call her own.

Josh Stanton has arrived in Bear Paw to try to help pay off his debts from medical school. He has accepted a job as the new doctor in Bear Paw and he does not know what he has gotten himself into. He is not used to small town living and neighbors knowing everybody's business. And he is definitely not prepared to meet Katrina and learn that she is his new landlord. But he has signed on the dotted line so he has to make the best out of a bad situation.

Both Katrina and Josh do not want to get involved with anyone romantically. They have both pretty much sworn off the opposite sex. So it irritates them to no end when they find they are each greatly attracted to the other. They have to fight off the attraction, no matter what. But things do not always go as planned.....

I found this book to be funny, heartwarming and a feel-good read. I really enjoyed the bantering and bickering that takes place between Katrina and Josh. It is funny and seemed very realistic to me. The writing style flows smoothly and the book is an easy read. The author is descriptive in her writing and it is very easy to imagine the small town setting and atmosphere that you are reading about. The characters seem very realistic to me and three dimensional. I would love to live in Bear Paw and be able to spend time with all of them.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a heartwarming romance that is also funny. I think this book is a great beginning for a series and I cannot wait to see what book two will bring. I definitely want to spend time with all the characters in Bear Paw.

OBS would like to thank the publisher for supplying a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review

MBR says

Dr. Josh Stanton's move to Medicine River County, to a town called Bear Paw comes from the need to quickly pay off his student loans. The move from Chicago hadn't come easy for Josh. The relationship that he has just gotten out of, after being burnt from the brunt of it all doesn't make it any easier to bear. Josh comes from a family of prestigious surgeons. The fact that he had chosen to specialize in ER medicine and lands in a town which requires he divide his time between the clinic and the ER isn't an irony lost on him.

Katrina McCade returns to her hometown after eight years of living it up outside of it. What brings her home back to her family is too shameful for her to reveal. The fact that she had been duped by the man she had been in love with, ready to share her life with is something that is proving quite difficult for Katrina to get over from. The last thing she needs is for the entirely too irresistible Dr. Josh to be her new tenant, a man who makes her stir crazy from desire one minute and makes a side of her she is not too comfortable with to rear up the next.

While the attraction between Katrina and Josh is inevitable from the start, what makes the story juicier is that neither of them wants to be in a relationship and thinks of their non-relationship as a sort of “people who can barely stand each other – benefits” sort of agreement. What neither of them bets on is finding things that they both like, respect and eventually come to love about each other. But the scars left behind from previous relationships prove to be not that easy to get rid of. However, it does deliver the sort of deliciousness that proved *Montana Actually* to be a book that was hard to put down.

Fiona Lowe makes it so easy to fall in love with every single aspect of this book. From the reluctant and very sexy Dr. Josh to Katrina to the whole bunch of secondary characters that brings the whole story alive; there is nothing I would change in any of it. The entire setting, how Josh who would like nothing better than for the nightmare he has been saddled with to be over, finds himself slowly settling into the pace of life at Bear Paw and finding it in his heart to accept and be accepted into a tightly knit community was a wondrous thing to watch unfold.

Every single character that appeared in the story was endearing and unique in their own way. The secondary romance included in the story was just the icing on the cake if you ask me. Fiona’s insight and sensitivity in handling a character such as Beau with his speech difficulties reminded me of Ellen O’Connell’s story *Without Words*. There is an emotional impact when characters such as Beau are delivered in the right manner that just makes a story that much more worth savoring.

The sparks between Josh and Katrina that emerge from the very beginning was a sight to behold and enjoy as well. Josh with his reluctant fascination towards a woman who makes him want to grit his teeth at times and then makes every primal instinct within him come alive at the very next second shakes him up unlike anything else. The pain that Josh holds in his heart from the life and relationship that he’d left behind is very real one, one that nearly broke my heart. But the delicious fun that Josh indulges in with Katrina, all in the name of just sex alone of course, was too fun to watch to dwell on the pain and heartache. And before I knew it, I was in love with Dr. Josh myself. Oh well, who am I kidding. I was in love with him the minute he stepped into the shower – with all his clothes on!

Katrina herself has got a past that rivals Josh’s. The fact that she had come back to her hometown after so long speaks volumes. Her heart had broken into pieces when her last relationship had ended with disillusionment of the kind she never thought possible hurting her soul. Katrina swears off men, especially doctors and the last thing she needs is to have lascivious thoughts about the town’s new physician. But that’s exactly what she ends up doing and more and it was sheer joy to see these two make their way towards their happily ever after.

While the story might seem all light, fluff and laughter, it was hardly that. There is enough emotion in it to practically sucker punch you over and over again. It takes a rare kind of book for me to shed actual tears and *Montana Actually* turned out to be one of those unique books with the ability to make me bawl my eyes out. Perhaps it was because I was in a pensive mood myself or because Fiona Lowe is that good; I’m going to go with the latter, I had to stop reading at a certain point and take a break because the emotional impact of it all was too overwhelming to continue. I don’t mean to scare any of you into not picking this up; let me reassure you that you would want to continue because there is definitely love and laughter at the end and of course the delicious sneak peak into the second book in the series to contend with!

It is tough to pull off a book with multiple characters and even plot in a secondary romance and make ALL of it work to give such a deliciously beautiful book. I for one am kicking myself for having waited this long to read this. Oh well. Life happens and my reading ambitions definitely have a way veering off track during those times. Last but not the least dear Ms. Lowe, keep em’ coming. For there is nothing more that reaffirms my belief that romance books are what keeps the world turning than a good book that engages all my emotions.

Rating = 4.75/5

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CJ - It's only a Paper Moon says

I'm not entirely sure where I stand with this book. Parts of it I adored, parts of I hated, and parts of it I liked.

I won't go into too much detail as this is a fairly new book but suffice it to say I didn't feel that it should have been a two couple book.

You get Katrina (I do not like that name) and Josh and then you get Beau and Shannon. Honestly, I liked Beau and Shannon far better than I liked Katrina and Josh and there were a few times I wished that they were the main couple.

But dammit, there were parts of this book I loved! I loved when Katrina and Josh were bantering (even if it wasn't always harmonious), I loved the whole Beau and Shannon story, and I liked Millie.

I liked that the town seemed like most small towns I've seen and read about, I liked that there was a mention of the Northern Lights, and I liked that we saw a woman being in charge of her life (and of all of the repairs).

I hated that the side characters weren't really developed, I hated that toward the end (view spoiler), I hated that I didn't quite love Katrina and Josh but in the end they worked well together, and I hate that we didn't have a full story of Beau and Shannon (which I mentioned).

I would read this again but I would still be mad about certain things. Sheesh Ms. Lowe, what have you done to me? I'm anxiously awaiting Millie's story but I'm also hoping that there is no subplot which may surpass the main.

Would I recommend this? Absolutely.

Will you feel the way I do? No telling but I do think you should read it.
