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Strawberry Summer



Synopsis

Just because you're through with your past, doesn't mean it's through with you. Margaret Beringer didn't have an easy adolescence. She hated her name, was less than popular in school, and was always cast aside as a "farm kid." However, with the arrival of Courtney Carrington, Margaret's youth sparked into color. Courtney was smart, beautiful, and put together "everything Margaret wasn't. Who would have imagined that they'd fit together so perfectly? But first loves can scar. Margaret hasn't seen Courtney in years and that's for the best. But when Courtney loses her father and returns to Tanner Peak to take control of the family store, Margaret comes face-to-face with her past and the woman she's tried desperately to forget. The fact that Courtney has grown up more beautiful than ever certainly doesn't help matters.

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Customer Reviews

This book downloaded to my Kindle yesterday, and I had planned to read it over the weekend. Had a bit of a lull at work and started reading it. Suffice to say there was little work done yesterday afternoon as I got hooked on the book and didn't put it down until I finished it. If any of my customers complain, my answer will be 'but it was a Melissa Brayden book!' I'm sure they will understand. As always the writing was crisp, the story nicely paced and the dialogue clever. I would expect no less from this author. I think Strawberry Summer has more depth of emotion to it than some of her other books. Expect to be put through the emotional wringer with this one, folks. While the plot was somewhat predictable, I didn't feel like that took anything away from enjoyment of the story. Read this book, you won't be disappointed.

Melissa Brayden, has a special gift to pull someone's heart and hold it tenderly fill it with love from her books and then give that heart back better, wiser and full of love. Every one should have a Strawberry summer. Filled with love, joy, laughter and THAT special some you never ever forget. I had one. Sit back with this beautiful book and return to that special summer. I did!

Brayden didn't disappoint with yet another finely written piece by her. Her character development is spot on and the dialogue between her characters is totally believable and desirable leaving you wanting more and rooting for them every step of the way. The nice touches of symbolism didn't go unnoticed either through the several occasions of tears I shed for these light hearted and lovable and at times broken and flawed characters and their ups and downs throughout their journey. Thank you for sharing your gift of story telling with your readers it is truly a joy to get to spend time with your characters and the bits and pieces of yourself you weave in there too. I would definitely recommend this to other readers. It feels real, raw and has left an imprint on my heart and mind. Be well - read and write on. Thank you again.

I think this is Brayden's best book. The story flows with its humor, and unbelievable moments of deep emotional turmoil. The story was particularly special to me as some parts of it resemble experiences in my life, down to places, time apart, etc. I had to stop to breathe in between readingsome chapters. I just finished it. I wish it had not ended. I strongly recommended.

This is a really enjoyable read. I loved the characters: especially Maggie's parents. Great dialogue, sweet romance, and smartly written. And, one of the best lines ever..."...you remembered.....".

Wow, I really loved this story! In some ways, it reminded me of the characters of *Waiting In The Wings* but with a lot of more depth to them. I have always liked all of this author's books but I think this one is her best. Well done!

A winner!!! I loved this book. The author did a fantastic job of writing the dialogue with humor and sarcasm that worked. In addition, the bantering between the 2 main characters was the best I've read in 25 years. It made the characters "real." I'm not one to read the end of a book ahead of time but I sure wanted to with this one. The remaining pages were getting thin way before the story was going where I hoped it would. In addition, there were several tangents the author could have taken with the story line but I'm glad she didn't. There was just the right amount of info and interaction with the other characters to challenge the depth of Courtney and Margaret.

I've read all of Melissa Braydens books and they've gotten better and better as time has gone on. I was anxious after the Soho series as it's one of my favourite series's, that this wouldn't live up to it. On the other hand, it's one of the best yet. The story is simple and beautiful but the writing is flawless and completely heart warming. I didn't want to put it down and also didn't want to finish!

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