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It's all about that second chance...

Paradise Found is Book Four of That Second Chance Series. (These are standalone books tied together by a common theme--belief in the beauty of that second chance.)

How does one see truly--with the heart or with the eyes?

Matt Brandon has it all--wealth, power, looks, and talent. Women want him, men want to be like him. When a freak ski accident strips him of one of life's most basic needs--his sight--he struggles to accept the possibility that his blindness may be permanent.

Enter, psychologist, Sara Hamilton, a woman who has known her own share of grief and loss and may just be the one person who can help Matt redefine his new world. Sara is every woman's woman--she's not a toothpick or a Cosmo girl, has never been prom queen, or dated the blond-haired god with the big white teeth. She's honest and decent and real...and lives on the perimeter, applauding her patients' successes, nursing them through their failures, but never acknowledging or accepting her own lackings. She's loved and lost once and has been so emotionally scarred, she's not willing to risk those feelings again.

Of course, she's never met a man like Matt Brandon. As Matt and Sara explore the delicate balance between 'blind' trust and hope, they will discover that sometimes you have to lose everything to find what you are truly looking for...

That Second Chance Series:

Book One: Pulling Home

Book Two: The Way They Were

Book Three: Simple Riches

Book Four: Paradise Found

Book Five: Not Your Everyday Housewife

Book Six: The Butterfly Garden

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Becky says

I'm not sure how this was a second chance romance for our H, Matt. Because until Sara he was a man whore! And as for Sara, our h, it's a second chance at love not romance with our H. But when I think of second chance romance I think of two people who once had a romance and then reconnect. This is not that story. They do break up, So maybe that's the second chance part but that's literally at the end of the book. Good characters, good story, good lovin and Hea no epilogue.

Ana T. says

Paradise Found is a contemporary romance. It's a genre that, although I enjoy, I seldom read and when I do it's usually authors I have enjoyed in the past like Susan Elizabeth Phillips or Rachel Gibson. But every once in a while someone recommends an author and that's how Campisi's books found their way into my TBR pile.

It's the story of Matt, a famous author although the way he is described it seems more like he is a super star, and Sara, a psychologist hired to help him come to term with the fact that he is blind after a ski accident. Matt doesn't really want a psychologist; he just wants to be left alone with his blindness. When Sara first comes to him he mistakes her for a prostitute which doesn't exactly help their relationship. Sara also has some baggage; she was abandoned by her husband while pregnant and eventually lost the baby. I thought giving her this tragic past was unnecessary, I would have preferred to focus only on the present relationship and fortunately Campisi doesn't keep reminding us of it at every turn.

Matt and Sara eventually build a relationship that while not exactly doctor / patient, is, on her side, an attempt to help him. But as they spend more time together the attraction between them grows and they eventually embark on a romantic relationship. I did like the part of two adults, with a past and one with a disability, getting to know each other and falling in love. Especially when Sara realises that Matt is not ready for a commitment and has to choose whether to continue with him in a situation she doesn't want or cut her losses and leave. However, I felt that while the potential was there the story never fulfilled it, it could have been a more intense read or a humourous one, the fact that it never really decides where to go and that it loses itself in the usual plot devices prevented it, in my opinion, from being a stand out read.

Grade: 3.5/5

Rose says

Another adventure of second chances

In this second chance journey, Mary Campesi takes us on a journey with Dr. Sara Hamilton, psychologist,

who reluctantly agrees to treat Matt Brandon, author, millionaire, playboy and recently blind from a skiing accident. As she brings Matt out of the darkness both figuratively and literally, Matt finds a way to help the doctor come out of her blindness also. A beautiful story of second chances.

BARBARA DENISE WHITLEY says

Love it

I loved this book. I haven't read her other books but will get them next. This was a great romance

Anita (Anitareads) says

4.5 stars

Tracy says

I really wanted to like this more. I am an affiliate of psychology (not a therapist though) so I was hooked from the very start. However, the heroine did not act at all like the 'excellent counselor' (I forgot the exact words she used) that she was so proud of. As a mental health professional, it is your duty to maintain your own psychological health. Sure, everyone has hang-ups. However, the heroine has made no step towards reclaiming herself in that part of her life. Also, reading the story makes me feel that there's a scoreboard between the hero and the heroine and that the hero has a grand slam score. Seriously, it feels like the hero manages to get what he wants all the time, while the heroine has to make do. Another serious point I dislike is that the heroine is very biased against the hero from the outset. Sure, this is a normal thing in the romance genre, but a counselor/psychologist doing that? The author keeps on using her past as an excuse for her to do stupid things. In the end, we get what is a stupid heroine. One last thing is that the hero sounds like a rockstar or a famous actor rather than a famous author.

2 stars for a stupid heroine with an honorary degree in psychology

Hope Frost says

Again, this book took me several chapters to get in to this one. It seems the way it will be with this series but I am so glad that I kept at it. I really enjoyed it. I love that Sara, while tough, also had a soft side. She was a no nonsense therapist and knew exactly how to get what she wanted, except when it came to her new patient. Brandon was used to being independent and having women throw themselves at him. He was not used to someone that liked the same things as him, someone that was witty and challenged him. I love love love the cook/housekeeper and the fact that she puts chilis in everything she cooks, it really gave me the chuckles a few times. I can't wait for Adam's book, I felt for him.

Sue says

Despite the drawn out angst and repetitive misunderstandings, the characters are fresh - a blind novelist and a withdrawn psychologist - and the resolution is satisfying. I read this one after reading three other "second chance" stories, and found this one the most enjoyable.

Sandra Casile says**Fantastic read**

Really enjoyed the storyline. How she was finally able to let go of her baggage from her horrible marriage and love again.

Deane says**Sara and Mathew**

Great read. Have tissues handy. This book is a love story but also one of trust. We take our lives for granted. Risk has consequences. Matt and Sara's journey of patient doctor to friends then to forever. The characters in this book all have their story too.

Barbara "Cookie" Serfaty Williams says**Paradise Found: That Second Chance, Book4**

The love story of Matthew and Sara. Matt is a playboy, a renowned author and now is blind. Sara is a psychologist who help people, mostly women, find their self esteem. Sara's friend wife is have a baby, and he a me her to take a case for him. She dose and now she is working with Matt. Can she remains a professional or will love win out? OK story.

Cleopatra12010 says

This was so corny. Despite the two main characters being in their 30s they acted like high schoolers. Lack of communication between them was just annoying. The female storyline ofoh I've been hurt so choose to be alone forever and ever. The male.....I won't commit even though I only want her.....Pleeeeeeaaaseeee!! Boring read.

Judy Collins says

I have just recently found Mary Campisi, and am looking forward to reading more from this author!

Matt was a famous author which is accustomed to every woman falling all over him, even though he is now blind after an accident. His brother Adam begs family friend, psychologist Jeff Sanders, to fly across the continent to California to see Matthew. Though willing he cannot leave his wife pregnant with complications at this moment. Jeff asks his partner Sara Hamilton to fill in temporally until he can arrive.

Sarah, a psychologist was abandoned by her husband so does not take any bull from Matt. Their relationship begins to grown as they both let down their guards and trust one another with much chemistry. Again it is all about second chances and starting over.

Jennifer Gallagher says

Mary Campisi has surpassed herself with this the 4th book in the second chance series...Another night without sleep I COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN !!!.. A Blind Writer Mathew Brandon.. Sara Hamilton a psychologist.. He is determined he will not let her help... she is determined she will help him..they both have trust issues for different reasons.. one of them is she wants commitment he says he will never ever commit.. throw in a brother into the melting pot and an ex girlfriend and watch as they interact.. will their lives unravel.. will they become more than friends?? At times I wanted to knock Sara and Matt's heads together.. many times my heart was in my mouth with the way they were with each other. Have to admit I did cry !!. The scene with the "Paradise in Pink" "Blast away Blue" " Remember me Raspberry " made me Laugh out loud!! I will not give the story away I detest Spoilers.. if you want to know the story and what the colours are ..Then you have to read the book.. you will enjoy this book I guarantee.. I now consider Mary Campisi one of my all time favourite authors...

Rose Hefty says

Sweet 2nd Chance.

Who doesn't want do overs? I know I would for many things. This story is a do over in love. Not with the same person but a new experience in life. Old baggage has to be overcome. This story gives us hope and leaves us feeling good!
