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In the frenetic world of canine pageants like Westminster, where dog hair flies and personalities diverge, Rebecca Lee remains in a cocoon of loneliness. Widowed, with two teenaged kids and a business to run, Rebecca would rather mow through five-hundred poodle cuts than think about dating. But when former quarterback Matt Johnson shows up to buy a Chihuahua, his irresistible grin rocks her world—until Matt's ex decides she wants him back and Rebecca's daughter decides she's against her mom dating. Rebecca now has a choice—crawl back into her realm of dogs or fight for the powerful love that fills her soul.

Chihuahua Momma Details

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Mikko Azul says

Hilarious and heartwarming tale of a single-mom raising teenagers after the death of her husband. She finds joy in showing her dogs, but realizes there is more to life when a handsome new dog owner hires her to help train his dog.

Arlene says

A sweet, funny story about second chances. It was interesting to step into the world of showing dogs, but my favorite scenes were when Matt and Rebecca started bantering. Very well done. I look forward to reading more from Amy Jarecki.

Helen says

I received this book through Goodreads giveaway.

I loved the way the characters were introduced, the teenagers are particularly well written their personalities as you would expect them to be of that age. I love the knowledge of dog shows and how brilliantly they are explained and portrayed throughout the story. I think it made me fall even more in love with little dogs!

Jen Greyson says

There aren't enough stars for this one.

Review to come!!

InD'tale Magazine says

3.5/5.0

This story revolves around Matt learning the ins and outs of showing dogs, and Rebecca's attempts to abstain from happiness.

Read full review in the November 2013 issue of InD'tale Magazine.

daffystjob says

At first I really enjoyed it, some fairly interesting characters and I always like some doggies in the mix, but at around 60% I got a little bored with it. I thought about going back to it after finishing another book but I'm just not curious enough to find out what happens to the characters.

Patricia A. says

Arf! Arf! Arf!

This romance is very charming. I enjoyed it very much and learned a lot about the training of dogs and dog shows. It's too bad that some of the teenage characters weren't as well trained as the dogs.

Trisha says

Story:

Rebecca is a widow raising two teenaged kids on her own and also running her own successful dog grooming/training/showing business. Along comes Matt, a guy running from a recent heartache, who wants to buy a chihuahua. One dog in particular takes his fancy - a prize "possession" of Rebecca's she was intending to put in dog shows, a little guy called Patches. Matt convinces her after a lot of hard bargaining to sell him the dog, and also signs up for showing lessons. There's an immediate spark between Rebecca and Matt, but Rebecca knows that her kids' happiness has to come first. It becomes increasingly difficult for her to resist her feelings for Matt, though. Particularly when he shows that he has feelings for her as well, and isn't just going to walk away easily.

My thoughts:

I think the story idea for this book was great, even if I'm one of those rare people in the world who isn't a dog person at all. I did meet a chihuahua recently, and actually found myself thinking that if I was ever to get a dog, that would be what I'd get. But let me tell ya it ain't ever gonna happen. Still, the dog was cute. Anyway, for some odd reason, despite this book's name and the very obvious front cover, I didn't realise the book was going to be partly a love story and partly an encyclopaedia on the science of dog shows. At times I really felt that I was in a classroom being taught all about how dog shows worked.

There was that, and then there were moments when I just felt that the book could have used one last "nitpicky" brush-through with an editor's comb before being put out into the world.

Plot bits that annoyed me:

- Matt walking around a dog show and noticing something that was "darling". I have never imagined a former UCLA quarterback would use the word "darling" in that particular context, i.e. "It's just darling!"
- Matt having a little rant about the greedy "foreign" taxi driver - that kind of thing really irritates me. Of course there are greedy foreigners, but I think the presence of that sort of prejudiced cliché in the novel was what annoyed me most.
- Both Matt's and Rebecca's attitude to the fact that Amanda had been caught having sex. It wasn't great that she got caught doing that, I'll agree, but these two characters' attitudes about it both rubbed me the wrong way.

- The fact that it had to be pointed out that Matt was comfortable wearing an apron - I mean, why wouldn't he be comfortable in one? Is it only women who are supposed to ever wear aprons? (but possibly I totally missed the point of this detail)
- How Matt decided on his own to call Rebecca Becky. But this is totally a subjective thing, because I am a total grumpy bitch when it comes to people calling me a name other than what I've told them my name is.
- Matt's initial attitude toward Rebecca's gay friends, because of course anyone who's gay must immediately be in lust with Matt.

Bits that I was glad of:

I was glad Rebecca and Matt got together and loved each other that much. To be quite honest I wasn't really dying for them to get together, although after that particular scene late in the book where they'd returned from the NYC dog show, I was glad that they made amends later.

So I guess you could say I had mixed feelings, and I always feel mean writing reviews like this, but I don't like to lie either. What's funny is that I actually feel that I'm being mean to the characters, and especially Matt, by writing those things up there that annoyed me. haha. I think essentially that they were good people and I am glad they got together and found happiness. And yeah, they do feel like real people to me who I am thinking about as real people, not just characters in a book. :P

Christina Lewandosky says

Fantastic

This story not only has a great plot it also captures the excitement of dog shows and what it takes to be involved

Amber Polo says

Excellent blend of life in the dog show world and hot sexy sex. There's no way Amy Jarecki hasn't lived in this world and knows the dogs and dog people. The movie watching scene was over the top believable.

Romance readers looking for a funny doggy story will get more and learn more than they expect. Since this is a romance (fantasy) I won't criticize a few too many dog show wins.
Best in Show! Please write more dog stories.
