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Jeremy Ferguson is caught between two worlds-the conservative, faith based expectations of his Southern preacher father and his own ambitions to live the life of a model in New York.

Aura Vanderleigh is similarly trapped by her own battle for self respect, her own family's expectations, and her dream of finding true love. As a plus sized woman, she's been indoctrinated with the belief that she doesn't deserve love, let alone the love of a beautiful white man. She's surprised and intrigued when Jeremy shows up at her church one day. Fate has something in store for the two of them...true love!

When Jeremy returns home with Aura, neither is prepared for the backlash. Will Jeremy's family be able to set aside their prejudices and accept their son's choice for a mate? Can Aura's family and friends learn to embrace her choice and believe that she deserves the love of an extremely handsome and sexy man like Jeremy? Can they inspire compassion and tolerance in those who would tear them apart? THIS BOOK CAN BE FOUND ON LULU.COM

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Marni says

I would like to thank the author for providing me with a complimentary print copy of her book for review. Doing so does not sway my opinions and feelings in any way.

Oh my! When I opened up the package and saw this book I started salivating and I think my children had to repeat what they were saying to me at least three times. Holy hotness in all its glory! Now, this really made me wondering what was going to happen with the story. I was snorting at the end of the first chapter, because I knew this book was going to be a doozy.

This book has its fair share of drama, love, conflict and tensions. All of this is mixed in with Christianity but not in a way that would turn a reader off. I actually found it more relatable in that way, especially when Jeremy and Aura talked about how they had been away from church and found that they had missed it. I have experienced that in my life, especially during times in the military. A place that you can be fully at comfort in and be with others that share the same spirituality as you.

The book flowed pretty good, not a hard read, but I found some of the dialogue hollow. A little more emotion would have pushed this book over the top. Other than that, the author really keyed in on some of the prejudices and how generations are overcoming them and seeing people for who they are, not by the color of their skin and how some prejudices the world still needs to work on, especially with body image. I also liked how Christians were portrayed. As a Christian, I know I'm not perfect. Every day I find myself stumble. Does this make me a bad Christian? No. It makes me human. As a human and as a Christian, I pick myself up, dust myself off and learn from the experience and help others learn from it too.

The story of the preacher's son, isn't just about him, but about those around him. About those in his and Aura's extended family, about friends, about difficulties that life has brought them. The characters intertwine with one another and an extension of the introductory story springs forward and branches off. You start learning more about how people tick and the reason's behind their actions.

I am a bit disappointed in Jeremy and Aura. Her wanting to wait, his understanding but yet constant pushing. The quickness to get to the solution and the person who made the suggestion. It just didn't feel right and I was a bit put off by that part of their story.

This book centers around Christianity, but the majority of the book centers around doing the right thing. Putting the prejudices behind and opening ones eyes to reality. This is a good book for anyone entering into adulthood to those who are just looking for a good read.

Robin Fleming says

Wonderful

This is the first book I have read by B.D.Anderson but it won't be the last. I couldn't put it down.

Mary E. Hastings says

I received this from First Reads Giveaways, and I just want to say... WOW. I am a devoted Christian woman myself, but that being said, I don't normally like Christian literature because the Christians in the literature always seem so... stuffy and unyielding. Not these characters. These characters could easily be real, every day people. Oh I just loved this book. I think I'll be reading it again soon. And also, the beautiful man on the cover doesn't hurt either. :-D Hey, I said I was a Christian... I didn't say I was blind!!

Diane says

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I liked this story. 3 1/2 stars.

The writing was a bit choppy(?) at times, not flowing as well as I would have liked throughout. That doesn't change that the story is well told. All the characters are great and I'm hoping for more stories with Jeremy and Aura, Olivia and Emerson, Nadine and Eric, Nathan and Janice, as well as Max and Matthew!

I've never met a person like the protagonist(s) so it's a little hard for me to relate to that type of behavior. Religion was just not much a part of my experience. I do however have several friends and acquaintances in interracial or same sex marriages. They are married and it doesn't matter what race or gender they happen to be. I can't say what they have experienced behind closed doors or out in the big bad world but in our hometown interracial relationships didn't appear to be an issue. It definitely has not been, nor will it ever be, an issue for me personally. Love is love.

One of my favorite parts is Mrs. Ferguson (Charlotte) on page 59 "Daniel David Ferguson!"...

I am not a huge fan of explicit sex scenes (erotica). The Olivia story got a little weird for a minute. The scenes in this book go a bit beyond what I will usually tolerate but they didn't drag out so I continued reading and am happy that I did.

I do recommend this book. It was a quick and easy read and unless you hate reading books with ANY religion or explicit sex in it you will probably enjoy this sweet story, rife with prejudices and ignorance but tempered with tolerance, kindness and love.

I received this book from the author/publisher after being selected as a winner in the Goodreads First Reads Giveaway. Thanks so much! I appreciate the personal note at the front as well. The review above is my honest opinion of this book and has not been influenced in any way by anything other than the content of the story.

Kelly Scott says

I don't even know where to start....

Let me start out by saying that I found myself enjoying the book and I'm laughing to myself because I did

not expect that.

Some of the dialouge did have me rolling my eyes at times, especially some of the things Reverend Ferguson was saying. I also felt that the author exploited every Black female stereotype out there, which I understand due to the nature of the book, but, it was thick. Honestly, it bordered on self-hatred. But, again, dealing with the subject matter of her book, I understand the usage.

Despite all of this, I found myself genuinely invested in the stories of her characters. Some bordered on predictable; others so far from the scope of reality it was ridiculous. But the two main characters, Jeremy and Aura, were such a pleasant surprise. What I particularly loved about their union was that this was not a cookie-cutter IR marriage. This wasn't a hot WM model dating a hot light-skinned European-featured BW. This was a hot WM model dating, loving, worshippjng a full-figured dark-skinned BW.

I loved how the author told Jeremy and Aura's story with such grace. I do feel like this book isn't complete. What happens with Eric and Nadine? Is Matt able to assist Max? I would love to read a continuation of their lives.

I think I will be looking for more from this author.

LaKisha Dunn says

I'm a fan

I loved this book. It was sweet and funny and romantic and real. It was a wonderfully told story and so different from many of the books out today. I loved all of the characters, even the ones I loved to hate. I loved Aura and Jeremy as a couple. I loved their devotion to one another. This was a sweet book. I hope to read more about all of the characters I have fallen in love with. I plan to read more by this author and I highly recommend this book.

Hazel Robinson says

Loved It

I have found a new author, loved Jeremy and Aura's story. There was so much racism in this book on both sides, Jeremy's family, and Aura's grandmother. This book address some tough topics, Racism, Rape, family secrets, defrauding, but in the end there was so much love. There was also laughter, Jeremy's grandmother was so funny, she told everybody's business. Just purchased the sequel, Maxine's story. Cannot wait to get started.

Barba Pomales says

Surprised at how good it really is

Awesome book .i cant wait to pick up sequel i was amazed how much i liked it. Can wait to read more!

Romance Novels in Color says

I can understand writing a story that delves into prejudices and stereotypes of different people. The problem I have with the Preacher's Son is the giant emphasis on all the stereotypes and prejudices, which make it feel like the storyline is in the 1950s-1960s South and not the 21st century. It is incredibly difficult to wade through and get past every single stereotypical thing about racism in order to actually find a story within this book. Bigotry about African American and white relationships are shoved down the reader's throat, along with the stereotypes about male models and the modeling industry.

From the beginning, you are introduced to Jeremy Ferguson who is not only a white preacher's son but also someone who goes his own way in life and against everything his father wants him to do. Instead of following his father into religious life, he becomes a male model. Immediate animosity with his father and awkwardness, at least throughout two-thirds of the storyline, reign supreme. Then we are introduced to Jeremy's girlfriend, Aura Vanderleigh. She is African American, while his family is southern white baptist, so welcome to the anxiety which pervades throughout the book.

There is a scene in the book where Jeremy's father becomes a witness to a very romantic scene between Jeremy and Aura and all of a sudden he has an epiphany that Jeremy isn't a gay man (just like Jeremy has always said) and his attitude towards Aura changes. That is a little out of the blue and odd.

I felt like there is just too much the author is trying to put in this story. She throws in too many other story lines. For instance, there is Jeremy's cousin and his girlfriend (who is also African American) and how they have hidden their relationship for their entire high school life and she gets pregnant (stereotypical) and her father throws her out of the house. This should and could have been another book. It detracts from what could have been a well-written story about how the preacher's family, who is mired in bigotry, has to come to terms with Jeremy and Aura's relationship and how Aura's family has to come to terms with the fact that Jeremy is there to stay by Aura's side.

It was painfully hard to read some of the dialogue without rereading sections to make sure I hadn't gone back 50 years to segregation and the deep south and then jumped forward to the 21st century for the other story line and specific family members that are thrown in. I wanted the author to stop imposing the same old fashioned rhetoric within the families' dynamics and show us that even though they were hard-headed and very stupid at times they were still people trying to change.

-Reviewed by Khriste

Amanda Griffith says

Amazing Christian book

I loved this book!!!!

Its about not judging others by their looks and or actions.

Its also about second chances

Char (1RadReader59) says

What an amazingly complicated story that was one I just couldn't put down. It's subject I would have that I was reading this story's subject about a time from the 1960's. Yet, it was 2006 and it was about two families one black and one white who could seem to support their children in their love for one another.

On one side there is Aura Vanderleigh a full-figure woman of twenty-six who is an accountant and very involved with her church. She lives a spiritual life and has saved herself until marriage. Which hasn't been a problem she believes due to her darker color skin for a black woman, her size 16 body, she keeps her hair in its nature with small twists, but most of all she is not very pretty.

What she doesn't have in looks she tries to have in her faith, her service to God, and her friendships. People just seem to want to be around her she just seems to have this grounding an effect on people. But none more than on Jeremy Ferguson.

One day at church she sees the most gorgeous white man enter her all-black Baptist church while she played the piano for the youth choir that day. After services pastor asked her to show him around. And so, it begins. Let me back it up.

You see Jeremy is a big-time model for Chaz well known everywhere especially at Macy's New York where he is from. At least now originally, he is from South Carolina. Anyway, he was getting tired of the life that modeling afforded him. "Wine, women and song." Especially, like on the very day he signs on to do an important contract and there is no one to share it with.

Jeremy resorts to what he grew up with, you see he's a preacher's son. He gets on his knees and he asks his father God to help him to not only find a home church but to find him a wife to share his life. Someone that he could love and that would love him for him, not the model they see. One that would believe as he does and understands his work and be okay with it yet be his partner too. He finishes he feeling, so much better, lighter.

He finds a church to call home and gets to a bible study for a week before the first service. When he sees the most beautiful smile from the woman playing the piano. He thinks maybe she's the one. She was a big beautiful curvy woman black woman with a big beautiful smile.

When the service was over the pastor called out to him to come to the altar. It was perfect because She was up there where the piano is and he could get a much better look at her. When he got closer he could tell she had it all. The pastor asked Aura to show him around it was the best thing he had ever heard. She recognizes him, which was embarrassing. She just laughed this laugh that went straight to his man parts.

He circled Aura several services before asking her out. Now, over a year has gone by and she is meeting his parents. Say what you will about progress but in South Carolina in this story any way it doesn't accept interracial marriages openly and in your face. Now you can have affairs with them and even children history can prove that. Just not marry them. You know colored/black people.

Jeremy knew his parents were going to be a touchy sell and warned Aura. Hell, his dad still thought he was

gay for being a model. When he said he invited a girlfriend over for dinner the first night of his visit they were excited now they were wishing he was gay. His father was hostile.

See if they can turn this around and find a peace within their families? Or whether with or without their blessing they will end up married? Or will the pressure be too much?

This author deals with some heavy-duty subjects in this book. Yet, she allows you to laugh at the craziness of it all. But also, see how sad it is how we think we have progressed yet we are not even close. Her style of writing is funny and fast-paced. There is a sequel: part two where a couple of the characters will get the rest of their story told. Yay! I give this: 5+++ stars. Provided by netgalley.com. Follow us at www.1rad-readerreviews.com.

Fashionista says

This was a pretty good read. Jeremy as an H was really HOT yet Sweet. The author made you wish he was your man. I also liked Aura as the h. She was nice but no pushover by any means. The stereotypes of racism were saturated throughout this novel - maybe a little too saturated for the 21 century. I also was left wondering what happened to Max and Matthew. Is there going to be a Book 2? If so, I will read it . ;-)

velvetgypsy says

4.5 stars

D'Nae Gardner says

The synopsis of the story did not really give anything other than a pretty boy meet plan girl normal storyline. This book was so much more than that it was a TRUE LOVE story, one where you root for the principal H/H there so in love you want them to always have that same passion. Not only that you start to cheer and want to know more about the Great grandmother, the grandmother , the fathers, the mothers, brothers, cousins, random friends in the book. You want there to be so many more and new stories that comes from this story alone on top of that you don't want this story to end. I'm not sure if she has any new books but I would live to read more of her books and more about Aura and Jeremy

B.d. Anderson says

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