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Just Commonly says

"...that's what makes them different from us. We get to choose if we want to add purpose to our days." (96)

That is what we have here in Courtney Walsh's *Change of Heart*. A sweet and captivating story of unrequited love turned second chances and ultimately surrendering to God. From the start of betrayal to opening her heart once again, and finding confidence in herself, Evelyn's experiences had me following her with my heart - crying with her, rooting for her and even sparring (in my mind) with her to find and accept herself. With Trevor, his love for Evelyn ran true and deep, and Courtney gave him a distinct voice. A voice that speaks to readers as to who he is as a thoughtful friend and a compassionate man. Years of self-denial led to his bitter and grumpy state, but with help from the lovable philanthropic group, The Valentines Volunteers in Love Park, as well as many prayers, his surrender to God was bitter-sweet. Will Evelyn's dream to be an independent artist, and Trevor's dream for Evelyn to be happy come true?

"For something that makes your heart leap. God's in the dream-making business." (259)

A story of dreams and hearts aligned, the second of the Paper Hearts series, will have you wishing for the third story as soon as possible, or buy the first right away, as I did. Courtney's note at the end of the book to readers spoke of God's guidance in her writings and I look forward to more books by an author that surrendered her talents to Him.

"I don't want to be the one who has everything all figured out because it leaves no room for God to work in me. I would much rather readily admit I have no idea what I'm doing and can't do any of this life stuff without Him.

My prayer for this book is that it will not only give you a few hours of peaceful escape, but that it will also help you, dear reader, take a look at the regrets you've been carrying with you and finally lay them down...while the human heart tends to be fickle, God's heart toward us never changes." (397-398)

Thank you, Courtney.

This review was first posted on Just Commonly Blog.

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Laura says

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The opening of this story will grab your attention and keep you turning the pages to see how it all works out. Although this makes for a stand alone novel, for those who read Paper Hearts, you will enjoy visiting Loves Parks again and spending time with the secondary characters and even a few moments with the main characters from Paper Hearts.

Walsh does tackle a delicate subject, divorce, in this novel but I think she did a fine job at using it in this story. Seriously, may I just add, Walsh should win some sort of an award for penning the worlds biggest slime-ball. Chris was such a jerk. O. K. ,now that I have that out of my system, I thought there was a lot a reader could take from the story. Learning how to forgive, letting go of anger and disappointments, finding your identity and self-worth, surrendering your feelings to God, and following the Lords will are just a few. I thought the Christian elements were done well and they were not simple after thoughts that were added with little meaning. I really appreciated that about this book.

However, the reason I am not able to give this a full four star, is because of a personal preference in characters. I can only handle a lack of communication and not being honest with each other for so long. The main characters in this story were pushing those limits for me. I had to chuckle because Ursula, a secondary characters actually says this:

" This thing between you and Mr. Whitney." Ursula said. " It's annoying."

I actually considered giving this a four star simply because Ursula actually said that. Haha! I couldn't help but agree. This actually brings up another good point. There were moments in this book that made me laugh. I enjoyed laughing. Its not a depressing book;-)

I enjoyed the setting of being on a farm in this novel. It sounded beautiful and it made me want to visit there and pick my own vegetables, too.

Seda says

Bir adam bir kad?n? 15 y?l ayn? a?kla sevebilir mi? Trevor Whitney...♥ hem sinirden öldürmek istedi?im hem de sevmesine a??k oldu?um kitap karakteri oldu. Çok naif bir a?kla seven bir adam. Kendini, kimli?ini, hayallerini, ya?ad??? lüks hayat? aniden kaybetmi? bir kad?n. O hayat?n? yeniden kurmaya, ba??na gelenleri kabullenmeye çal???rken, gerçek sevgiyi ke?fedebilecek mi?

Uzun zamand?r okudu?um en naif a?k hikayesi. Kli?elerimiz tabiki var ama bu kitab?n de?erinden bir ?ey eksiltmemi?. ?lk kitap Ka??ttan Kalpler gibi s?cakl?kla, duygusal?kla birkaç saat içinde okunacak bir hikaye.

Tima says

Evelyn appears to have the perfect life. But inwardly she's unhappy. Suddenly her husband is accused of embezzling and even more unpleasantness comes out over the next few weeks. Evie, as her old friends called her, has to learn to stand on her own two feet and learn to think for herself again. She realizes that she's become a stepford wife and has lost herself. With a little help from the women of Valentine Volunteers and a place to retreat on the farm of an old friend, Seth, she becomes someone she can like again.

I've been meaning to read a book by this author for some time. And I'm so glad I did. I now have a new favorite author to add to my list. The writing was heartfelt, dramatic, authentic, and raw. It was full of love, faith, and emotions. There were so rough parts emotionally, but the author handled them well without bringing the reader down. The scene was painted so graphically that I felt pulled into the story and its

characters. Unfortunately I haven't read the first book in this series, but it didn't detract from the book at all. I really appreciated how the author showcased true friendship through the actions of the secondary characters. The elements of faith that wove through the story were integral to the plot, but didn't overwhelm it. Overall, this was a wonderfully written story that will be sticking with me for quite some time.

I received this book free of charge from Tyndale in exchange for my honest review.

Susan Snodgrass says

Put plainly, this was an excellent book! I devoured it. Courtney Walsh goes back to the small town of Loves Park for this second installment of her Paper Hearts series.

Evelyn Brandt, wife of senator Christopher Brandt is shocked when the FBI come to her door to search her house. Her husband has just been arrested for embezzlement and it seems that her life has pretty much been a lie for the last ten years. Evelyn withdraws from the public eye, living in the guest house of Trevor Whitney, her husband's former best friend. Trevor is short with her and she wonders why he is helping her when he can't even be civil to her.

Walsh has created a town that makes the reader want to actually visit and the inhabitants are just the folks you'd want to see in church on Sundays and meet on the street while going about your daily business. I especially love the Valentine Volunteers, the group of ladies who go about doing good and matchmaking.

The spiritual lessons here are tremendous, too. Surrender. To God. The only way to do it right. In her notes at the end of the book, Walsh says, "...this book is about surrendering our will to whatever God has for us. Even when the answers aren't ones we want to hear. Even when everything seems to go completely wrong. Even when every choice we make seems to be opposite of what we should've made." And again, 'I don't want to be the one who has everything all figured out because it leaves no room for God to work in me.' Wow. Pretty powerful stuff that. I've also learned that, even though we may think it is not the way we want it to be, being in God's will is the absolute best place to be. Always.

I highly recommend this book. It's worth every penny I paid for it. And I'd do it again.

Laura says

I didn't love the first book in this series, so I was hesitant to read this one. I'm so glad I did. I loved the characters in the small, quirky community, but I absolutely loved Evelyn. She was so timid and somewhat annoying at first, which is what made her transformation so beautiful. Trevor is also a great character. I felt the author did a great job of balancing Evelyn's healing with the romance. It was a wonderful story, and I'm so glad I read it.

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Alyssa says

About the Book

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My Review

Change of Heart is not normally the type of book I gravitate towards. Change of Heart is the story of a couple going through an extremely difficult time in their marriage. I usually read books about the beginnings of love and the falling love, so this was something new for me. While it's not a book I would normally read the writing was so beautiful and that was what kept me reading more than anything. This book is worth reading just for the writing itself. Change of Heart deals with betrayal, broken marriages, and redemption. It's nice to see some Christian Fiction authors write stories dealing with real issues that some couples go through. I hope to see more of this in the future.

Kathryn Voss says

I can't praise Courtney Walsh's latest release Change of Hearts enough. From the characters to the setting to the message, this book soaked into my mind and left an impression that will not fade anytime soon. I must admit, this book took me a little longer than usual to finish. But this is in no way the fault of the author. In fact, it is a credit to Walsh's ability to present a story that touched me so deeply, that I often had to stop and ponder her message, internalizing the truths that were unfolding before me. This story hit me at a time when I needed her message of identity in God and surrendering to His will. And while the character development and romance were very well written, it is this theme that brought tears to my eyes and hope to

my heart.

Walsh has become one of my favorite authors. Her storytelling style and ability to speak hope and truth through her characters holds a depth that draws me in. I know I will anxiously be awaiting her next book!

Loraine says

This book was so enjoyable as the setting is the town where I live Loveland Colorado (but renamed Love's Park). The story revolves around our annual Valentine's Celebration where letters are mailed and remailed with our annual Sweetheart City stamp. Each of the lamp posts around town also holds a wooden heart with a special message for someone. The focus is Evelyn Brandt, wealthy socialite and wife of a local state Senator. Her world falls apart when she discovers that her husband has been leading a double life. Evelyn had first been controlled by her military father and then controlled by her husband. Now she has to learn to stand on her own two feet. I loved the way she grew and found her true self as well as the gifts and talents the Lord had given her. Trevor Whitney, her friend since high school, was a hero you love to hate. He was so caring towards Evelyn and was always there for her; but, at other times, he was a complete jerk! Made me just want to shake him. But through forgiveness, truthfulness, and God's grace, both Evelyn and Trevor found there are second chances in life. Overall, a good Christian contemporary romance.

Favorite Quote: "It might be time to surrender...Truly and complete surrender. You may've thought you did that, but unless you were willing to accept that the answer might be no, you didn't."

"Takes a whole lotta strength to give the thing you want most over to God, not knowing whether he will give it back to you. And it takes a lot of faith to mean it."

Cara Putman says

I adored this book. Courtney Walsh has a gift for creating novels that illustrate some aspect of love. With Paper Hearts, it was cherishing the good and the bad. With Change of Hearts it's pulling out the weeds that have grown up in our lives to rediscover who we are. It's also about true surrender of the dream of love. The story is so sweet and the characters compelling. I truly loved this story and can't wait for Courtney's next book. She truly has a style I enjoy with the secondary characters and setting that move a story from good to wonderful.

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

I was hooked to this story from the start. Evie and Trevor are written in a way that just draws you in, and I was totally invested in their outcome. Unrequited love has such a potential for passion and angst, which was fully tapped without crossing the line into melodramatic. I loved the themes of rediscovering your dreams and reinventing yourself as Evie realized that it was time for her to focus on herself and not her self-absorbed husband. The ladies that befriend her in her time of need each have their own quirks but provide support and help as Evie gets her feet back under her. I also enjoyed Trevor's aunt who gardens on his farm and gives him a little push when he needs it. It was quite the journey as Evie and Trevor's relationship ebbs and flows, shifts and changes, but always moving toward something special.

(Thank you to Tyndale Publishing for a copy of the book in exchange for my honest review)

Anne says

I have mixed feelings about this book. As far as the story goes, I think the author does a great job of illustrating 3 people who suffer from the consequences of acting (or choosing not to act) out of fear. In the author's note, she mentions that the main theme is surrender, and there's also definitely a large element of that. So while readers might get frustrated with the main characters, bear with them because they have something to say, something they all learn (well, two of them, anyway) the hard way. And I appreciate that the author made sure both characters separately resolved their issues before getting together. Falling in love in and of itself doesn't fix broken people, and a good CF romance author recognizes that.

Like other reviewers, I did think the MC in reality would/should have required more time and space to heal. The one thing that keeps it from being entirely unrealistic and untenable is the fact that both MC's had a history already, so it wasn't a rebound type of situation in the usual sense.

I didn't give it 5 stars because I had a hard time "getting to know" the main character, possibly because she herself was in a state of flux for most of the book. I think a stronger establishment of her "before", "after" and "back to before" characters would have been helpful. (The male MC, however, was consistent and well-drawn.).

I also felt like the end was rushed. After all the angst and turmoil, the resolution was pretty abrupt.

Although I prefer the first book in the series, this one is worth reading for the reasons I mentioned at the beginning of my review. I love a book that tackles a tricky subject!

Cassie says

In *Change of Heart*, Courtney Walsh tackles the difficult subject matter of divorce, betrayal, and the sense of being lost with a sensitivity and grace that was entirely refreshing and believable. It was painful to read and it hurt my heart to watch Evelyn and Trevor struggle through their world-shifting circumstances. But, it was SO GOOD!!

This book was all about discovering that your world is a façade that has shattered and then trying to figure out which parts were real. It was about the struggle of having to start over, and maybe not know who you are anymore because you lost yourself somewhere along the way. It was about picking up the pieces of that broken life and having to make the decision to get up every day and try putting it back together.

And it is a story about the ability to heal and forgive. It is about love. It is about accepting what God has given you, good and bad. It is about hope.

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Linda Syman says

Serious sigh factor! I couldn't put this book down. I loved Paper Hearts (book 1) and got a kick out of the video commercial for that book but book 2 is just as good.

The Valentine Volunteers of Love's Park are involved once again as they help their group member Evelyn recover from a nasty public humiliation. Evelyn's longtime friend Trevor is also there to help her find her way. This book just leaves you feeling good and restores your faith in clean romance. I will definitely be keeping this book in my library to read yearly. I received a copy of this book for an honest review.

Hannah says

This one just didn't work for me. Having known people close to me that ended up in a divorce situation from the same reason (infidelity), their psychologists were all agreed that one should have at least a year after a divorce is finalized before moving on and forming a new relationship which has any promise of becoming romantic. From the beginning, there is an undercurrent of attraction between Whit and Evie. Instead of it being 100% a story of how she learns to blaze her new path in life without her husband, it's very quickly given an underpinning of emotional attraction. Yes, they work as a couple. No, it wasn't wise to jump into a relationship so quickly (yet they call it "slow.")

I didn't like the Valentine Volunteers much in this one, after loving them in the first book. They keep sticking their noses where they don't belong, especially when it comes to getting Evelyn involved in their efforts before her divorce is fully final. They even ask a man if he is gay because he hasn't married—which gets my dander up to no end, because I've known nice church guys that people gossiped about, simply because they waited past 30 to marry, as Whit has. It's a hurtful and wrong to question whether someone is gay simply because they are single. Always makes me wonder....hasn't anyone read Paul's writings about the benefits of the single life????

Anyway, two stars simply because the writing itself is so well done and the ending is really sweet. The story arc to get there simply has issues and I couldn't get past that.
