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From USA Today best selling author Rebecca Shea comes a new standalone second chance romance, Fault Lines.

At eleven he was my first crush. At sixteen he became mine. At nineteen he broke my heart and destroyed me. That was ten years ago and the last time I saw Cole Ryan.

They say you never get over your first love...I beg to differ. I left my shattered heart buried in a town I never expected to return to. I erased every thought of him and buried the memories never to be found.

I moved on...now ten years later I have the perfect life, the perfect fiancé, the perfect career. Everything I ever wanted until I'm forced to go back and face my past and the man that destroyed me.

He won't stop until I know the truth no matter how hard I fight it. In the end, lies will be uncovered, hearts will be broken, and my life as I've come to know it destroyed.

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Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

2.5 STARS

I would beg, plead, and sell my soul to the devil for one more chance with Frankie.

This book had me at the blurb. I'm a sucker for a tear jerker and emotional second chance romance. The more it makes me hurt, the better. I'm a romance masochist that way. Unfortunately, as much as I adore this author's writing, this book fell entirely flat for me.

The story was predictable and almost formulaic. It had a silly misunderstanding that could have been resolved with one conversation that was stretched out for the entirety of the book. While I can excuse the mistakes these two made as teenagers, as two grown adults I kept waiting for them to finally get their shit together. The whole "secret" was mostly eye roll enduring for me. It wasn't shocking, but more ridiculous. All of this drama over something so silly. All these years wasted over something that could have been resolved in one conversation. Perhaps that was the intent, but misunderstandings that stretch for an entire book happens to be one of my huge pet peeves, so I never clicked with it.

The main problem I had with the book was the entirely convenient and predictable plot devices. It read more like a soap opera for me. Where I wanted angst, I got mere drama, and that's just not my cuppa.

Beyond the issues I have, I do have to say that the story still kept me engaged enough to keep reading. I truly felt the connection between Frankie and Cole, and while I wanted to slap them for the decisions they made, I was still rooting for them.

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Rejane says

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Cocktails and Books says

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I've been on a second-chance romance kick lately so when I was given the chance to read this one, I jumped on it.

Ten years prior, Cole had purposefully broken Frankie's heart. She didn't know why he did what he did, but it caused her to run away from their hometown and abandon her family to hide from the pain she still wasn't over. But when a family emergency brings her back home, she's forced to face why she left and how to reconcile the past from the present.

I wanted to love this story. It was obvious these two still harbored deep feelings for the other, but I couldn't understand with those feeling why they let 10 years go by. Frankie's hurt made sense, but to fall so quickly back into those feelings just let me wonder why'd they wait.

Fans of Rebecca Shea will love this book, but my questioning of why took away from the reconnection to fully enjoy the essence of the story.

Tia Louise says

Beautiful, touching, second-chance romance. It's a story of selfless love and redemption that will surprise you and leave you smiling.

Curl up and spend some time with this five-star page-turner...

You won't be sorry!

Courtney says

3.5 Stars

Once again - another book that I enjoyed while reading, but it's one that I don't find myself remembering in a short time or wanting to go back and re-read because it was that damn good. And it's these reviews that I hate the most writing.

I love Rebecca and her books - she writes beautiful stories. And while I am reading, I am so into the story and the characters and how everything pans out. But once it's over, I move on and forget about it in a few weeks. ./ UGH

Rebecca gives us a story on second chances. Frankie moved out of town after her freshman year of college and hasn't looked back since. She's forced to return back 10 years later when her mom's health is failing. And she hopes that while she is back in town she doesn't run into the one person who made her flee all those years ago.

Cole made the hardest decision when he had Frankie believe a lie that forced her to leave their hometown. He has not been the same man since but has chosen to try and forget Frankie in booze and women. But he's also tried to become a better man by rebuilding his small hometown in the process along with expanding his father's business.

Cole knows that Frankie is returning home but doesn't expect to be able to make any amends for their past. But they both are holding and hiding so much back from one another that tension between them is bound to

snap. And snap it does.

As I said, I really enjoyed this story as I read it. The story line is sort of played out but Rebecca brings it some fresh air but adding in her own style and letting things play out naturally. Cole and Frankie were inseparable growing up and you can tell that time hasn't changed that connection. I truly loved that it wasn't these two apart for like 90% of the book and then poof, HEA. No, Rebecca has them easing into the start of something new about 60% and building that strong foundation they once had. Yes, there are still some road blocks thrown up I loved that we got to see them slowly achieve that HEA, like life normally is.

As I said before, I liked the book. There wasn't anything that wow'd me but it wasn't a bad book either. It was just a really nice and enjoyable read. There were some small angsty parts but nothing overly dramatic and it all worked out in the end.

Abby O'Shea says

I've been waiting on the edge of my seat for Rebecca Shea to finish writing this book, and she did not disappoint! It's an emotional second-chance romance with a happily ever after. There's nothing better, in my eyes. I loved the characters, although I do wish Cole would have had to fight a little harder to win Frankie back. I know she loved him, and there was no way they could NOT be together, but I wish she would have made him work a little harder after how badly she was hurt. And then to find out her secret later? Oh, man. These people had to overcome some serious hurt to work toward a future together. Overall, I loved the story. AND DID YOU SEE THAT COVER?! Top fave!!

Justadele says

I was really enjoying this book up until Frankie's big reveal & that killed it for me.

Wil Loves Books! says

This one hurts. Mostly cause I was really looking forward to it and well it disappointed me greatly. You all know how much I love my second chance stories but this one was not for me. Again, it could be a case of it's me and not the book.

First off, this one is extra OTT dramatic. So much drama, so many "secrets", big misunderstandings that could've been resolved earlier are just dragged and dragged. The entire secret was so silly, and this super smart heroine, is the silliest of them all. She listens to no one and no explanations, and she sounds like a teenager most of the book, which is a contradiction to her supposedly strong, lawyer, prosecutor persona.

Also the plots are mega convenient, everything conveniently clicks, especially the whole side story with the fiancé, total cop out. Another thing that bothered me to no end is the faulty timeline and the fact that when they broke up, she was only 19 and a freshman at college, so still had 5 more years of schooling to go (unless it took her less, but wasn't explained) yet 10 years later she's some mega accomplished lawyer with years and years of experience, in both a private firm and public sector. Anyway, I just wish authors would tighten their timelines better, I know the typical reader doesn't give a damn, but when your reader has a legal background it's a complete turn off. Anyway, this was a rollercoaster of drama and more drama that reached its peak with the biggest twist of all at 83%. The heroine has been whining and hurt the entire book only to find out that her secret was way worse than his stupid secret. What she did to him is unforgivable, if I was him, I would get myself a really good lawyer and I would dump her for good. After that, I just couldn't enjoy anything else in the book. I actually wished they wouldn't have ended up together.

This is a new to me author I've been meaning to read for a while but I think I might have picked the wrong book to start. Again, it could be me and not the book, but it just didn't work for me.

Carla Bulian says

3,8. Livro bem escrito, com certeza. Mas achei muito mais do mesmo....

Jemima says

Title: Fault Lines

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Holy Batman People! This one... God.. Fault lines was everything I wanted to read in second chance romance novel. There is truly something to be said about any author that can captivate you from the very first paragraph. I was hooked. I devoured this book! I love this book!

Fault Lines was definitely ONE of the mostly blissfully beautiful frustrating romance novels I have read this year. You could feel the Connection and love between Frankie and Cole, and you couldn't help but pray that they get back together and actually 'make' it to the finish line.

I hope you guys can give this one a read because it is such a beautiful heartbreaking love story of love and sacrifice.

Shayna says

~~ 4 1/2 STARS ~~

“Come back to me.”

A beautiful, heart wrenching, second-chance romance that was PURE ANGSTY GOODNESS! Secrets, lies, deception, and betrayal...just when you think there isn't a happily ever after in sight, Ms. Shea works her magic and gives us one that we will never forget! FAULT LINES will be a tough read on your mind, but a fulfilling one for your heart and soul.

With a prologue that will tear you apart and an epilogue that will completely melt your heart, everything in between was romance magic! Frankie and Cole had this dynamic that just pulled you in and left you breathless. Written in a dual POV, we get inside the minds of both complex characters and the feelings that they experience end up washing over you with so much intensity. You can't help but to FEEL right alongside them. I think Rebecca Shea has always been a master at this. She brings out so many emotions out of me, I can't help but to experience the power of them all.

I absolutely LOVED Frankie and Cole, together and individually, even though I wanted to scream at them on multiple occasions. I wanted to pull them apart at times, and I wanted to push them together at others. I think the thing I loved about this romance the most was the fact that Frankie's hurt ran so deep that this wasn't a quick resolution love story. The pain and hurt and betrayal was palpable at the beginning of this book and I wanted to hold Frankie and cry along with her...take away some of her pain. The fact that this was a slow-burn second chance romance was addicting to me. I know it might not be the same for some, but it just shows me that this is a romance worth reading, and worth hurting over.

All in all, Rebecca Shea broke my heart and pieced it back together, all in just under 300 glorious, painful, and beautiful pages. She impresses me more and more with each new release, and I can't wait to see what she gifts us with next. If you haven't dug into a Rebecca Shea romance, FAULT LINES is a FANTASTIC start for you! Angsty, sexy, emotional — a complete page-turner, for sure!

Under the Covers Book Blog says

I've never read anything by Rebecca Shea before, but when I got the opportunity to review this title I jumped

on it. One of the reasons, yes, the beautiful cover, but the blurb seemed like something I would totally love. Second chance romance is my crack!

I think this was a good sampling of the author's writing and although it's a bit more angsty than I was in the mood to read, it's a testament to how intrigued she could keep me in the unfolding events and back story that I gobbled this up quite fast.

This is a classic second chance story where the high school sweethearts and lifetime friends had a huge falling out and one left to pursue a bigger and better life. Frankie (our heroine) finds herself living a life of success in the big city. She's a great lawyer, living a fast paced life she thought she always wanted and has an equally successful and gorgeous fiancé. Things get a bit shaky with one phone call from the ex that broke her heart to tell her about her mother's health declining and she has to go back. Back to that small town that destroyed her once already and back to seeing the man responsible for it.

There were a lot of things about this story that I liked. You could still feel the connection and chemistry between Frankie and Cole and I was reading and dying to find out what really happened (because I wasn't too happy with the reason we "know" of at the beginning of the book). My one complaint was that reveal. When the reason becomes evident I was a bit annoyed because I thought it was all so stupid. Ten years of heartache that to me were wasted.

So while I found the reason for the hurt, and the ultimate resolution, a bit lackluster I still enjoyed reading this story. The characters and setting were great for this trope and it was an enjoyable and fast read.

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Shari Kay says

I can't enjoy a book if I despise the heroine. Skipping

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A.L. Jackson says

Fault Lines is Rebecca Shea at her BEST! An angsty, sexy page-turner that will keep you up all night!

Bex | TotallyBex.com says

There's something to be said about an author who can create an emotion response and draw you into the story from the very first paragraph. Rebecca Shea had absolutely no problem doing exactly that straight out of the gate with Fault Lines. Frankie's emotionally-fraught starts with a bang and continues to drop bombshells until the very end of the story. This one is a rollercoaster of emotions and I'm glad I buckled up for the ride.

Frankie has been through the wringer most of her life. A misunderstanding (granted, it was designed for maximum impact) in her late teens forces her to leave home and never look back. She pushes herself to become the best lawyer she can be, until a family emergency brings her back to the one place she never wanted to return. Of course, she has to see the neighbor/cheating boyfriend she left in her dust while she is there and there's no hiding from him while she is there.

Cole has been in love with Frankie for most of her life. They shared secrets and dreams and Frankie had big plans to get them out of their one stoplight town. After it all comes crashing down, Cole retreats into work and builds a real life for himself. Unfortunately, it doesn't feel complete without Frankie there to share his success.

Fault Lines is an angsty and drama-filled story of miscommunications, bad decisions, secrets, lies, and what-could-have-beens. Some of the scenarios were resolved a bit too neatly for me, but I enjoyed Frankie and Cole's story of forgiveness and learning to move on with their lives. The secondary characters also added a nice layer to the story and give us some insight into the past of Frankie and Cole.

I've never read a story by Rebecca Shea, but after reading Fault Lines, I will definitely be looking into her backlist. Fault Lines is perfect for lovers of small-town romances, second-chance romances, and angst-lovers!

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