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A wonderfully warm novel to curl up with about family loss, hidden secrets and new beginnings. Perfect for fans of Trisha Ashley.

Alice finds herself suddenly widowed in her early forties, leaving her with an empty house and a lonely heart.

Laura and Evie, her twenty-something daughters announce their separate and unexpected news, which ploughs Alice straight out of grieving and into the prospect planning a wedding and becoming a reluctant – yet glamorous – granny, to not one, but three grandchildren.

Frank, an old family friend returns to give his godchild Laura away at her wedding.

A whole host of secrets unfold that rock the family's foundations and set Alice free to finally begin a new, exciting chapter of her life with no regrets.

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Alayne says

This was an interesting plot although quite ridiculous at times, but the thing that really annoyed me was the bad punctuation, grammar and the use of the wrong word at times - eg, "she looked at him covetously" when the author meant "she looked at him covertly" - one of many examples. And the romance finally just fell into place at the end as if none of the rest of the book had happened. A shame really.

Sky says

Mothers and Daughters by Minna Howard is a very touching read. It was so wonderfully written and was just a lovely book.

I really liked the main character Alice after losing her husband unexpectedly and dealing with her own grief she somehow manages to find the strength to move forward with her life while helping her two grown up daughters. She has a fierce love for her girls which shines through in the book and would do anything for them.

There are a lot of secrets that unfold in this book but they set Alice on the right path to finding happiness again.

I highly recommend reading this book.

Thankyou to Netgalley for a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review which I am more then happy to give.

Marilyn says

Good

the woman who lost her husband early in her life. there children were grown but had issues that she tried to help them with.

Susan says

Painfully redundant and poorly edited. Should have stopped after the second instance of "bought" instead of "brought." Characters are shallowly rendered. Too many plot "twists" that don't add value or richness to the

storyline. I cannot even recommend as a light, fun read.

Lady Fembo says

Good read

Good light hearted book. The usual family complications. A widowed mother found herself overwhelmed by her two daughter's life choices and as if that's not enough found her husband has a grown up son that he fathered before they met but miraculously never mentioned to her and she only found out by chance

Joan says

I struggled with this novel. It seemed to waffle a great deal - Alice's angst over her younger daughter's pregnancy, her angst over her older daughter's impending wedding, the OTT angst over her (dead) husband's relationship before they married which resulted in a child.....

There were some moments when I went 'WTF????'

e.g: Evie's baby is due to be born 'in about three months'.

COME ON!!! She MUST have been to the midwife, had a scan, got a 'due date' but seems not.

And then (this is complicated!) Laura's fiancé's ex-wife's father has 'a heart attack or stroke or something' (??) so Alive ends up looking after the fiance's six year old boy. (who is utterly delightful!) BUT the poor kid is terribly shy and reserved (not surprisingly) And Alice describes him as '*damaged*'

FOR GOD'S SAKE!! Being shy is NOT '*damaged*'. I found that terribly offensive - and it made Alice come across as a sanctimonious snob who had no compassion or empathy. Neither of her daughters were any better.

The timeline was all over the place - jumping months (or so I assume) without any sense that time had passed. Frank was an anomaly as well - there were some hints that he was not all he seemed to be, but in the end this was not answered. Neither were the hints that there was something 'dark' behind the paternal grandmother's claims about the grandchildren's allergies.

Faith Hogan says

I loved this book, I'd been saving it, because I knew it would be good, I wasn't disappointed, it was great! Looking forward to A Winter Affair!

Suze Lavender says

Alice is in her early forties and she's a widow. Julian was a few years older and he was her first love. They had a few amazing years together and he was her rock. Alice misses him terribly. Especially now that her daughters, Laura and Evie, are in trouble. In both cases it's something they have caused themselves and dealing with the consequences should be their own responsibility. Alice is powerless, she can't force her daughters to make the right decisions and she has to stand by and support them no matter what. Fortunately Frank, her husband's best friend, is back in her life. He's a great shoulder to lean on and she needs him more than ever, because in all the chaos with her family there are also unexpected secrets that finally come to light.

Mothers and Daughters is a great story about a mother who has to deal with a lot of unexpected problems while she's still grieving. Alice is strong though and adventurous. She doesn't let herself become a victim of the situation and tries to do whatever she can to improve things. Evie is talented and beautiful, but sometimes the heart wants something that should have better been left alone. Laura is smart and practical and Alice thinks she might have chosen safety over everything else and that there's maybe a little too much of it. Her daughters have to make their own mistakes though and she can't tell them what to do. It was interesting to watch her inner struggles and to see her eventual reactions. The love for her daughters is the most important thing in the world, so she supports them while silently disapproving what they do. Minna Howard describes the battles she fights inside her mind in detail and I loved getting to know Alice so well.

Frank is a kind man and there's a lot he hasn't told Alice. Now that he's back in her life he wants to be there for her, but he doesn't dare to tell her the truth. I loved seeing them together and they have a special connection. I liked Minna Howard's choice to let her readers witness his feelings as well. Most of the story is being told from Alice's point of view, but she's also given Frank a voice. He's an amazing person and has sacrificed a lot. I kept hoping he would get what he wanted. I enjoyed reading about him and instantly liked him very much.

Minna Howard tells her story that's filled with terrible messes and difficulties in a wonderful way. Her story never becomes too heavy. While there's quite a bit of sadness in Alice's life, she manages to keep the right amount of lightness in her tone of voice. Mainly because Alice finally has the chance to do exactly what she wants and because of that she's becoming her old bold self again. Alice's family is definitely fascinating. I couldn't wait to find out more about the secrets and about the implications of Evie and Laura's decisions. I was also curious to discover what would happen when the truth would be revealed. I loved the romantic ending, which is surprising and fittingly turbulent. If you like a good family story, you will definitely love this book.

Teresa Perrott says

Heartwarming

Truly heart warming read. If you want some light hearted but a powerful read than this is for you. Howard goes into all the quirky nature of family, love and life in this story.

Katie Gregory says

I really enjoyed the book, couldn't put it down and loved the whole story , very addictive book I must admit .

Gail Atkins says

Thanks to NetGalley for my ARC for an honest review. From the first page I knew that I'd enjoy this book. The story depicts the lives of a recently widowed mum and her two daughters who are finding it hard to get over the loss of a husband and dad. The daughters are living in the modern world and their life choices Alice doesn't always agree with.

We walk through their lives as secrets emerge and their life choices develop. The book is written in a way you can picture the characters depicted in the book.

A great read!

Roz Curney-Sherod says

I thought this book would give me the warm and fuzzies as implied in the title "a wonderful warm novel", NOT! The story was interesting but all of the characters were like spoiled little children including our heroine and her love interest. Our heroine made such a big deal out of her husband's secret that I was yelling at the book (audio version) "grow the F--K up! Because the man didn't commit a crime, he just had a past like everybody else and the weird thing is that they all were holding onto secrets. The subplot with her friends' husband wasn't really necessary because there wasn't any resolution the reader could say, "OK, that's what happened"! IMO, Alice our heroine worried way too much about her grown-up daughters whom were both at least 21 and had to learn to deal with their own choices. The only character I really enjoyed was Cecily, who seemed to have good, sage advice and knew how to be loving and supportive to Alice. Both of the secondary little girls (Zara & Lexie) bridesmaids were written as spoiled grown-ups with little respect for anyone else. Then there was Elspeth, stereotypical mother in law to be, (grooms Mom) a nasty and know-it-all attitude that turned off everyone. I really got tired of hearing about how Julian was the perfect husband and man. Everyone admired him and how Alice was so lucky in her marriage, until she wasn't. It was an interesting story and it kept me turning the pages but IMO the plot wasn't realistic and not many people would have made such a big stink out of Julian's secret. Also no resolution of Ned. I would have liked to know if he knew he had half sisters and if he wanted to meet them.

Emma Tirel says**A little repetitive**

Love disappearing in a chicklit,with a cosy blanket & cuppa, ordinarily but i found this a little hard going. The same topics are repeated each chapter and felt the writing was a lot of filler to make it longer. The story was quaint but i struggled to finish it.

Elizabeth says

Such a great book with each character having their own secrets and describing how they eventually come to Light and effect not only the secret holder, but eventually trickle through the family... and, there is just so much more throughout the book that happens, I cannot do justice in this review. The book was more than I expected.

Gurpreet K. Cheema says**Wonderful story of friendship and love**

She was married to his best friend and he was living far away from them. Then his friend died and he went to his goddaughter's wedding and met up her. Read on for more.
