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Madelyn Stewart knows how to have fun, no matter what her ex-husband claims, but between working two jobs and taking care of her five-year-old son, opportunities for fun are few and far between. So when she is given tickets to take her son to see a live taping of the MyHeartChannel show Take a Chance, they go, even though it means she'll have to stay up all night to turn in her latest article on time. To her shock, the daredevil star, Chance Risk, is none other than Graham Sawyer, the quiet accounting major she'd dated in college—someone she'd cowardly broken up with by note and hoped to never see again. When she makes a major mistake on her article, she has to swallow her embarrassment and reach out to Chance for an exclusive or risk losing her job.

Chance Risk doesn't talk to reporters. Not after the way he's seen them destroy his brother's marriage and career. But Take a Chance is starting to lose viewers, he's desperate. Despite his better judgement, when Madelyn reaches out, he can't resist the opening to figure out why she broke his heart eight years before. His only condition: she has to come to three filming locations with him and his crew to get a real sense of what the show is about.

Swept up in adventure, they start to feel the chemistry from college rekindling. But the reason Madelyn left eight years before still looms between them. If Chance can't convince Madelyn to take a chance on love, she'll walk away again. This time forever.

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Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

This is a sweet second chance romance story with some fun adventures mixed in with a heavy dose of real life. Although Madelyn is often worn down by single parenthood, working two jobs, and a dependent mother, she keeps working hard for those she loves. She has fears that get in the way of her relationships, and Chance helps her realize that there is more to life if she will take a little risk. He is one of those larger than life people, and his attraction to Madelyn and acceptance of her life is endearing. He has his own set of troubles, but he faces them head on and with determination. I didn't quite feel connected to the characters, but it was an entertaining story and an easy read.

(I received a complimentary copy of the book; all opinions in this review are my own)

Rachel DeV Vaughn says

This is part of the "My Heart Channel Romance" series which can be read in any order.

This was such a cute story!! I loved the main characters Madelyn and her son Oliver. Madelyn is a single mom and works hard at 2 jobs just to make ends meet to provide for her son. She doesn't have much time for fun and relaxation. But when she's reunited with an old flame after 8 years, she begins to second guess whether she wants to be a single mom forever but doesn't want to heavily depend on a man like her mom did.

Together, Madelyn and Chance must both learn to let go of their past baggage and open up and communicate with each other if the relationship is ever going to work.

Clean love story with good steady pace and great characters! I really enjoyed it!

I received a copy of this book complimentary for blog and social media review. All opinions are my own.

Enci says

I received an ebook copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This was a quick, fun romance book with a lot of clichéd tropes in it, but I enjoyed it a lot. It's not going to change the world, but the story was cute, the characters were ok, and the kid was super duper cute, I gotta admit that. I was living for him.

I also liked the adventures and that they were doing some interesting things. I am not familiar with America that much, so these were fun and new things for me, though I do realize that the author could have easily picked places that were super popular in America and I don't know about it because I don't live around there, but that didn't bother me. I love exploring and reading about new things, new places, so even if it was only new for me, I liked reading about them.

All in all, I liked the book, it was a nice quick read.

P.S.: I loved the whole afraid of spiders bit, I could relate soooooo much.

Katie W says

I love the idea of this MyHeartChannel. It reminds me of a cross between an HGTV show and a YouTube channel. Chance (aka Graham) is a major risk taker, which completely opposite of me (and Madelyn).

I love the message of following your dreams and living up to your potential that's presented in this story. It's kind of funny how opposite Chance and Madelyn's family lives are--one wants to be needed and the other one has no desire to need anyone at all. Learning to give and take to meet the needs of the other person is an important aspect of a relationship. They are completely opposite in so many ways, yet they complement each other so well.

The spark is alive and well in this romance and it's that attraction that really helps this couple individually overcome their challenges. I loved their connection and interactions, especially as they worked on their issues.

This is such a sweet story and I'll be looking for more of these MyHeartChannel books.

Content: mild romance; mild moments of peril

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Liz says

I received a free copy of this e-book in exchange for an honest review.

Take a Chance on Me had it's cliché moments like all other love stories, but it was worth a read. Kaylee Baldwin's book was fun and cute. It is an easy read and an innocent, clean love story. I think the characters could have been a little more developed and while they did show growth in the story, sometimes I felt like it was not enough. The love story was cute and their story line progressed throughout with clear obstacles and real discussions.

There were a few instances in the story where the names were spelled differently than previously or a wrong name was used, but that didn't really take away from the story, just something I noticed. Baldwin's book is a quick, fun read and I would recommend it to those looking for just that!

Toya says

I'll be brutally honest, I did not expect to love this story as much as I did.

The story opens with Madelyn Stewart, a divorced, single mom who is barely making ends meet to give her five year old son Oliver a better life. She works full time at a diner while writing freelance grunt articles since her dreams of becoming an accomplished journalist have yet to come to fruition.

Madelyn's ex-husband, Jason, is more preoccupied with the next gig his band is headlining to care if Madelyn has enough money to get groceries for her and Oliver. To top off Madelyn's destitute situation, she has a needy, anxious mother who has no concept of independence and solely relies on her since she's on yet another failed marriage.

When Madelyn takes Oliver to see the great Chance Risk, she realizes Chance is the love of her life that she abruptly broke up with in college all those years ago. This is where the story becomes an absolute page turner.

As an independent woman who also came from modest means, it was heartbreaking and enlightening to watch the events unfold between Madelyn and Chance. Knowing that Madelyn yearns for independence after watching her mother, she is unwilling to accept help from a man, especially a wealthy one like Chance, even at the expense of her own happiness.

Kaylee Baldwin did an excellent job of capturing the reader's heartstrings and reminding us that needing someone and help does not always mean that you are sacrificing your independence.

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Julie Carpenter says

This was my first book by Kaylee Baldwin and I thoroughly enjoyed it! I've been watching this new series come out and kept thinking what a fun idea. MyHeartChannel, makes me think of the Home improvement tv shows and such, except the people who have shows aren't just limited to home improvement. Graham has taken his dreams and experiences as a stunt man and created his own hit show. He uses the alias Chance Risk and does fun stunts, scary stunts, visits amazing places, and pretty much uses the slogan 'The Skies the Limit' for what he's willing to do for his show.

Madelyn is a divorced mom with a 5 year old son. Her dreams are so close to coming true. All she needs is to write this one article submit it and bam, she's going to be moved up to a contributing author in her dream company. Sounds easy right? Write the article, submit and have a dream job. Except when it all falls through, she makes a mistake due to some crazy circumstances and now it's all slipping through her fingers.

Madelyn has taken her son to go see Chance Risk and when she comes face to face with him she realizes he's her old college flame. Yikes!!!!!! Be still her heart because he's even more amazing than before. And he's her son's idol. When her article fiasco happens she thinks she can salvage everything by getting an exclusive interview with Chance Risk. Surprisingly enough, he agrees.

Madelyn and Chance are in for many adventures and plenty of chemistry lessons. These two are stinking cute together. Except when the walls and barriers are in place. Chance needs to figure out how to take those down and prove to Madelyn that everything is amazing and better when they're together.

It might be a little bit predictable with the sweet romance but heavens, when you read as many books as I do

and it just makes you smile and swoon throughout the book, it's a great read! Plus the locations were fun to read about and made me want to go visit.

Take a Chance and grab this book, read it, smile, swoon and cheer on Chance and Madelyn through all the walls, adventures, craziness and love.

Content: Clean

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Happy Reading!!!

Pascale says

She's got issues

- 'She'd found herself becoming too entrenched, too dependent, too willing to let him lift the burdens that were hers to carry. Putting a stop to things before they went any further was necessary.' -

She's fiercely independent because her mother is chronically overly dependent. So Madelyn takes it to an extreme, thinking she doesn't need help from anyone. Ever. (I found her annoying, actually. Chance was incredibly resilient and patient with her to keep trying like he did.) Chance doesn't feel wanted by his family. He feels like he's always on the outside looking in, wanting to find his place, never feeling a part of it. Will Chance and Madelyn find a middle ground and balance each other out? Or will stubbornness keep them apart?

Despite the fact I didn't care for the main character, the story was well-written. A clean romance that was fast-paced. I liked it overall.

Tressa (Wishful Endings) says

This was a fun read! Review coming soon.

Kelly says

At first I thought this second chance story would be boring with my recent book slump. But it proved quite the opposite! I finished it all in one sitting! I thought I knew what would happen, but I was wrong, twice!

The story is so cute. I loved how both of their personalities shined through!. I am a lot like Madelyn always wanting to do things yourself and never relying on someone else. This was a good lesson for Madelyn to learn how important it is to let others help you!

Chance wants to help! His family doesn't really want his help. Chance is a bubbly infectiously happy person. Who wouldn't want Chance!! Now put the two together and it will either blow up or work well. You have to

read it to see what happens.

If you like second chances, stunts, adventures, alligators, heights, sharks, zip lines, kids, learning to let others in, and letting yourself love someone than this might be for you!

Megan says

This was a sweet story. I enjoy second chance love stories and this one was no exception.

When the way and reason why Madelyn and Chance broke up the first time was revealed, I felt so badly for Chance. How could Madelyn have done that?

Oliver, Madelyn's son, was adorable! Every scene with him was so cute.

The ending was good and left you happy. I think anyone who enjoys clean romance would like this book.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. I was asked to give my honest opinion of the book - which I have done.

B. D. Mann says

I enjoyed reading this clean, contemporary romance about a hero who is full of life and willing to take chances and a heroine who is his polar opposite. They both have faults, yet both have strengths that complement the other. Unfortunately, I initially had a hard time believing that two people with such significant differences can survive a relationship when the bloom of romance begins to fade. I was a little turned off by the degree with which the weaknesses of both Madelyn and Chance were belabored over and over again. I was utterly turned off by Madelyn's mother and Madelyn's continual pandering to her perceived needs. I know of no one who cannot merely twist a knob on a faucet to turn it off. Madelyn and Chance go running to her assistance, not once, but twice to clean up the mess. In the real world, if she was that incapable of fending for herself, as a last resort, Madelyn should move in with her. A highlight of the book was Madelyn's 5-year-old son, Oliver who is far more intelligent than the average boy of that age. What saved the book for me was the overall message that, in the final analysis, true love conquers all. Despite all their differences, I finally became convinced that Chance and Madelyn, hand in hand, found their path to an HEA future.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

3.5 stars

I love the idea behind this series of books, each written by a different author. Each of the main characters has a social media channel where they specialize in something specific. In this story, Chance does a travel, educational, daredevil channel. He is an extrovert, full of charisma and charm. And Madelyn? She is his polar opposite in almost every way. AND, she is the girl that ran away from him with only a note left behind

and no explanation.

Chance is one forgiving, smitten guy. After everything Madelyn did to him, and honestly continues to do to him, he just keeps coming back for more. I'm not sure I understood what the draw was for Chance and what attracted him so much to Madelyn, but I guess the heart loves who the heart loves. He definitely provided some swoony moments that had the butterflies swirling in my tummy!

The addition of Madelyn's little boy brought a much needed aspect to the story. It helped give Madelyn some warmth and it helped me to connect with her as a mother because otherwise, I'm not sure I would have made that much needed emotional connection.

This is a sweet romance, just a bit of romantic fluff to fill your minutes. I liked it!

Content: kissing

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Ashley D says

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review.

This was a clean, fun, fast read. I really liked how the story developed and how their personalities each played a part in the book. Madelyn's mother drove me crazy but there really might be people out there like that and it makes me sad. I can understand why Madelyn is so independent like she is, but sometimes it gets a little frustrating because you want her to be able to accept help when she really needs it. Chance is a sweet guy. I think he genuinely has a good heart and because of his childhood, it's good for him to be needed. I really like the idea of the show he created, it kind of reminded me of youtube or something like that. I liked how Chance never gave up and even though he got his heart broken to begin with, he still wanted to try the relationship again, all of her "faults" weren't enough to keep him away. It was clean, which I always appreciate, no language, no love scenes. I would probably read this book again.

Maria Thomas says

Cute story. Could have been a hallmark movie... My only problem was that I have a hard time seeing their relationship actually working. They have two sets of traits that do not mesh with each other. He needs adventure and attention while she wants calm stability out of the limelight. She wants to be independent while he is desperate to be needed. I'm not sure how you work that out.

In terms of being adventurous I am much like Madelyn and I'm pretty sure that I wouldn't be talked into doing these adventures ever. But I guess Madelyn is braver than I. For me, it would be a constant conflict. And even if I didn't do it, I'd just be home worrying about my guy while he is off doing crazy stuff. So for me, the match up would be difficult. But since Madelyn was able to overcome her fears to give stuff a try I guess it works.

Her son Oliver is pretty cute and perceptive. Chance is a nice guy. And persistent. Both main characters have to leave behind their baggage from the past and learn and grow from doing so. I think they both learn that

they don't have to go to extremes. Chance can work side by side instead of stepping in to solve every problem himself and Madelyn can allow someone to assist without becoming totally dependent on others.

So overall I enjoyed the story. It is a light, quick read. No sex, language or violence.
