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With a big anniversary party in the works for her parents, Ryan will pretend to be Abby's husband for just one last weekend.

Ryan McKinley has tried to move on from his ex-wife, Abby. He's sulked, he's gotten angry, and ultimately he bought her dream house. Big mistake. Living alone in the massive 2-story has only made him miss her more. When her parents call him out of the blue about their anniversary party in Summer Harbor, Maine, Ryan believes God has dropped a golden opportunity straight in his lap.

Abby McKinley never exactly told her parents about the divorce. A strained relationship with her dad has culminated in a distant relationship with her parents, but she's finally succumbed to her mom's pressure to make the drive for their 35th-anniversary party.

Then Ryan shows up on her doorstep, looking as devastatingly handsome as ever. When he insists he's going to Seabrook, with or without her, Abby knows she can't say no. Her parents still think they're married and now Ryan knows it too. Besides, he only wants to check in with his best friend from college—her cousin Beau, who just lost his dad. It's just a one-week road-trip with the man who broke her heart. What could possibly go wrong?

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Aerykah says

Very good! I'd been looking forward to Ryan's story almost from the beginning of the series and this book did not disappoint. It was quite interesting to read his and Abby's story.

Chloé W. says

Hmmmm-mixed feelings about this one.

Book #4 didn't exactly live up to what I remembered of the *Chapel Springs* series. I'll never pass up an opportunity to read about the McKinley family, but I was uncomfortable with some of the content.

Emilee says

If you enjoy Christian romance Denise Hunter is a MUST READ! Seriously, I'm never disappointed when I read one of her stories!

Brittany says

I have been wanting to know Ryan's full story since book one of this Chapel Springs Romance series, and the author certainly did not disappoint me! In fact, I have really enjoyed this entire series. *Dancing with Fireflies*, book two, was previously my favorite of the books...but now I can wholeheartedly say that *Married 'til Monday* has taken its place in my heart as my favorite of the four stories. If you haven't read the other books in the series, you can still enjoy *Married 'til Monday* as a stand alone. I would definitely recommend the entire series, though, because it is just such a good one.

This book is, to me, so much more than just a romance. There is such hurt and heartbreak living inside these two characters. I absolutely LOVED the way the author did the flashbacks in this story. The reader gets multiple peeks back in time. Glimpses from Abby's childhood, Ryan and Abby's first time to meet, the beginning of their romance, the beginning of their marriage, and even the difficult dissolution of that same marriage. So many of the memories are wonderful, but just as many are completely crushing to read about. This book delves into some very serious issues and does so in a way that is tactful, yet truthful.

The current thread of the story is just as enjoyable as the flashbacks. Denise Hunter simply writes awesome tension into her books. The attraction, the anger, the frustration...it is palpable throughout the story and makes it seem so real. She also controls the story at the same time. As you can imagine, these two characters were once madly in love. As they begin to experience feelings toward each other again, and struggle with their attraction to each other, the author never lets things go to far.

Married 'til Monday is not only my favorite book in the series...it has definitely made it onto my list of all-time favorite books. I highly recommend it to fans of contemporary romance.

My thanks to BookLook Bloggers for the complimentary copy of this book that I received in exchange for my honest review.

You can read this review on my blog at:
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

I just have to say, I love the cover!

I always enjoy Ms. Hunter's books and I've been looking forward to reading this one. I've enjoyed this whole series and was curious to finally get some answers about Ryan and Abby.

Ryan and Abby were college sweethearts, but their happily ever after came to an end only a year (or so) into their marriage when Abby leaves Ryan. The story picks up three years later when Ryan finds out Abby never told her parents about their divorce. When he's invited to his in-laws anniversary party he sees it as a second chance with Abby.

While I did enjoy this story, it deals with some sad childhood trauma and it did give the book a heavy feel, at least for me. Abby has a lot of issues to work through, I was kind of hoping it would have been something she dealt with during the three years they were separated, it seemed a little late in the book when she finally realizes how her upbringing has effected her relationship with Ryan. I liked Abby okay, but I definitely wanted to jump in there and shake some sense into her a few times. Ryan was great, he was patient and so in love with Abby. Again, I would have liked to see them together when Abby was in a more healthy place and I would have loved for her to confront her dad.

Overall, I did enjoy this one. It was well written and sucked me in. I read it in one sitting.

Content

Romance: Clean

Language: None

Violence: Mild (view spoiler)

Anna says

Ryan McKinley is still in love with his ex-wife Abby. He bought the house Abby daydreamed about. When Abby's mother calls to persuade Ryan to attend their anniversary celebration, Ryan sees it as an opportunity to win back Abby's heart. It turns out Abby has not told her parents she and Ryan are divorced due to her strained relationship with her father. Can the road trip from Indiana to Maine bring Ryan and Abby back together?

Abby carried a lot of hurt and pain from her childhood, causing her to guard her heart carefully. Ryan

desperately wants to break down the barriers between them, but knows he must tread carefully. A sweet story filled with wit, charm, hope and redemption.

Rissi says

When ranking Denise Hunter's novels, like any reader, I certainly have my favorites. But each time I learn of a new novel from this seasoned author, excitement is more than a little off the charts and I am guaranteed a lovely read at the very least. As her latest four-book series draws to a close with this release, I saw my review copy patiently awaiting its turn to be read and after reading it, am left wondering how I delayed cracking open its pages this long. Those who've read all three of these familial novels will know that book four is about Ryan McKinley, the eldest sibling in the quartet of siblings. Ryan is one hero with a darkened past because of the marriage and divorce he proceeded through, now gone three years. When he learns that his ex-wife, Abby, has never confessed their divorce to her parents, Ryan invites himself to tag along on her return home for her parents anniversary party. Feeling led by God to pursue a fresh, mature and healthy relationship with Abby, Ryan sees this as his one opportunity to win back the trust of his ex, but Abby isn't receptive to the same feelings as Ryan...

Ryan's story didn't set out to be a reconciliation story (publicized in the author's note), however I have to admit even back in book one, I had a sneaking suspicion Abby would work her way back into these books and the life – and heart, of Ryan McKinley. How happy I am to have had that inkling proven right. What's unique about this story of second chances is that we had no opportunity to form an opinion of Abby. Or not much of one anyway. She was an established character in and to Ryan's past however to us, the reader, it was as if we were being introduced to a new heroine and had to base our first impression off of that. All we had was the second hand opinions of the McKinley family. Mine would certainly be a favorable one. I adored Abby, and the interaction between she and Ryan is on-point. True she isn't the most outgoing heroine, but there's good reason for that. Through loving Ryan and eventually, recognizing the serious flaws she played in their marriage, she learns to live without the dark cloud hovering over her.

Potential readers should know that when this story draws to a close, there are still fractured relationships in place. Don't misunderstand, there is the happy ending we root for and need, but Denise doesn't give one specific relationship a dab of super glue for a "quick fix." No, she leaves this relationship where she found it and I respect that. The rest of the book really needs no more explanation or praise because it speaks for itself. *Married 'til Monday* is a remarkably well crafted redemption story that speaks for itself. From the gorgeous image of intimate love on its cover to the final pages, the book shines with the purest kind of emotion. It's bittersweet that with Ryan's story, we're closing out a chapter in the lives of a family we've come to love as friends. But fortunately, Denise also sets up her next (presumed) trilogy and with it, the anticipation that the three brothers' we're going to meet in Summer Harbor will quickly take up residence in our hearts. Until then, be sure to add *Married 'til Monday* to your summer reading lists. Forgiveness, flirty banter and hilarity, emotional tumult and family all co-mingle to make this one of my favorite reads of 2015.

Sincere thanks to the publisher for a complimentary copy of this novel for the purpose of reviewing it.

Dawn says

3.5 stars. There were points that the characters were heartbreakingly, and their messy past was very fitting for

what needed to take place in their lives now... but the pace and plot of the book was very fast for what all needed to happen for them to HEAL properly.

Andrea Cox says

by Andrea Renee Cox

The lead female annoyed me to pieces. I never did like her. She kept flip-flopping on whether or not she wanted to get back together with her ex and ended up playing with his emotions more than anything. I ended up rooting for him to forget her and move on to a more settled woman who wouldn't change her mind about loving him over and over again.

My mom found this book a light and fun read, so I know other readers will enjoy it a lot more than I did.

This is my honest review.

Cee (The Mistress Case) says

ARC provided by publisher through Netgally in exchange for a honest review.

I didn't realize this was a Christian Fiction when I requested it.

How do I put this without receiving backlash from the Christian community?

I've read my share of Christian Literature and found them mediocre when it came to the romance genre. Why? Truth is they lack the romance part. The Christian references and mention of God tend to overpower the-butterflies-in-stomach sensation I love getting from romance books. I am a hopeless romantic, so can you blame me?

Maybe I just "don't get it." Maybe I'm not "devoted." Maybe I don't have "enough faith." Maybe I don't "appreciate" that God is essential to life and that He guides us through a lifetime, through every emotional and spiritual journey, through every hardship. Or maybe I'm "skeptical." Or maybe the book is "too clean" and not a trashy romance.

A lot of maybes. Whatever. People will believe what they want and presume to know me.

It doesn't change the fact that these books make me feel like I'm attending another Sunday of church. Too many God references every two paragraphs ruining my enjoyment.

Married Til Monday is a tolerable exception. It made me *feel*. It made me angry. It made me miserable. It made me believe in the couple. It made me believe in their love. The emotional depth really surprised me because I'm used to seeing it shoved into the trunk while the religious know-how takes shotgun.

I appreciate the reality of this story. When tragedy strikes, we often take out our anger and fear on the people

we love and we even put the *blame* on God. What did we do to deserve this fate? If God loved us, why would he do this? "Without suffering, there is no compassion." Yeah, sure, if sweet words can easily cheer you up. The fact that Abby questioned God is what I find realistic and understandable.

Another thing I like about this story: God does not simply exist for moral support and Abby and Ryan must have faith in themselves and act on their own free will. There is no meant to be. If you want something, you fight for it. We see that Ryan continues to fight for Abby, even though she convinces herself they aren't good for each other. She has a paper heart that can easily be ripped into shreds and she doesn't want him anywhere near it.

The voices of these two characters touched me on a personal level and their relationship is heart-warming as well as heart-wrenching.

Married Til Monday is a lovely story and I rate it three stars!

I can't find it in me to love this book and there are a few things left unresolved.

Melanie says

Married 'til Monday was such a fantastic read! I have loved this series, Chapel Springs, so much and hope we get more books with these characters some day. Ryan's story was so sweet and I loved the reconciliation story -- a great showing of second chances.

The characters were great and I felt like we really got to know them through this story. Abby had a difficult life and I definitely felt for her and all she went through. Ryan was a great MC and I loved how he tried to woo Abby back to him and yet also gave her space. Something else I loved -- the moments when we got to see the rest of Ryan's family and know what was happening in their lives.

All in all, I loved *Married 'til Monday* and definitely recommend it if you enjoy contemporary romance. So good!

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Alicia says

Somehow I missed the fact that this was the last in the series when I first picked it up, but that didn't deter me from me enjoying the story one bit (it worked as a stand-alone). I really loved it!

Abby and Ryan have been divorced for three years when they end up going on a road trip together to attend a 35th wedding anniversary party for Abby's parents. Ryan wants to go because it means a chance to win

Abby back, and Abby resignedly agrees because, well- she hasn't told her parents about the divorce. Old hurts and heartbreaks are brought to the surface as Ryan and Abby try to discover what went wrong in their marriage and what their week together means for their future.

This book focused on some heavy topics, but also on hope and healing. Ryan and Abby had a lot of problems to overcome, and their journey from the start to the end of the book was heartbreakingly inspiring. Ryan was so patient and unwavering in his pursuit of Abby! He's a new favourite book character.

This was my second book by Denise Hunter, the first being *The Convenient Groom*. I loved that book and had high hopes that my next read by her would be a worthy successor. It definitely was!

Kamaliah says

I absolutely love this story....

Ryan is awesome! For him to wait for Abby, his ex for three n a half years is something that I applaud. Not many guys are able to do so. He loves her unconditionally but he was young then n was clueless... But he made up for all the mistakes he did then.... For him to suffer thru the years n then went thru what he went to win her back is..... *sighhhhh* [Have no words to express how much I love him for that]

I hated Abby at first.. Just like the siblings... How could I not. She left my Ryan.... :) Well... at first, I didn't know her. I didn't know how she grew up. I didn't know the hardship she's been thru. How she was emotionally and physically abused. As her tale unravelled, I got to know her the way Ryan did and for her to come back to him when she realize what a b**** she had been.... to me... ALL IS FORGIVEN.

This is a very simple story... Very very simple in fact because basically the story only revolves both of them but it really captured my heart. I was captivated and finished the reading within 2 sittings despite my hectic schedule. To me... their love is pure because it stood the test of time. They never gave up and that's why the ending really touched my heart. I thought I was in love with Cole but Ryan won hands down! This will always be my favourite book of the Chapel Springs series. And owh... when PJ n Cole got married... I think that is a perfect fairy tale came thru for me because I love both of them and to have them in this story is definitely a bonus for me....

It was a wonderful reading of a beautiful love story and 2nd chance always works.... How I wish the story doesn't end.... *sighhhhh*

Hannah says

So...I've been wanting to read this since the first moment I read the synopsis. I'd never read any of the series before, but I honestly tried to read them first. This book taunted me from the shelf for a solid month while I read the first, got the second, and made it halfway through that one...and then I caved. And read the whole story in two sittings on a single day.

I knew I'd love it. I had extremely high expectations, and I still loved it. I connect really well with characters that are working through difficult relationships because they love each other enough to do the hard work. The minute Ryan told his mom he meant to win her back, I liked him. And seeing Abby's emotional scars and seeing him realize how he'd only made it worse was priceless...it doesn't seem like there's any hope for these two, but the journey is great. I loved it!

Marian Baay says

A lovely and captivating novel from the pen of Denise Hunter, “Married ‘til Monday” is more than a lighthearted romance. The author explores the psychological aspects of the effects of child abuse during the adult life.

Having read the previous books in this series, I looked forward to Ryan’s story. I knew he was divorced and couldn’t get over Abby – but what had happened exactly? In “Married ‘til Monday”, the reader will discover what went wrong during their marriage, but also that real love is not something you can put “off” just because you are divorced.

This is a story about a broken marriage and ex-spouses who both need healing and forgiveness. It is a tale of a restoring romance, longing for times gone by, dreading to plough through a hurtful past, fearing the future and making the same mistakes all over again.

I enjoyed this book from beginning to end. The author easily draws the reader in with humor and loveable characters. The last book in the “Chapel Springs” series, this might be one of Hunter’s best.

Thanks to NetGalley for my review copy.
