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If there's one point that Jamie McClintock and Nate Goddard can agree upon, it's that love is overrated. Jamie doesn't have time for it. Nate doesn't need it. And they certainly don't want it from each other.

Jamie, a struggling free-spirited artist, is a devoted single mother who hasn't been in a serious relationship since her boyfriend abandoned her after their son was born. Nate, a charismatic jet-setting salesman, is widowed and estranged from his father and five-year-old son, Christopher. Jamie would rather glue glitter to pinecones than go out on a date. Nate spends most of his nights wooing his clients. Then one afternoon Nate's father drops dead of a heart attack. In that moment, their highly guarded worlds collide.

When Nate shows up at his childhood home to settle the estate and reclaim his son, he discovers that Jamie has been living in the Connecticut farmhouse as his father's roommate. Mistrustful of each other's motives, Nate and Jamie bicker about everything from children's nicknames to Jamie's fashion choices to Nate's home renovation methods. It doesn't help that Christopher prefers Jamie to his absentee father.

But after the funeral, Nate and Jamie begin to see each other in a more forgiving light. Nate, traveling to sales conferences all over the country with a sullen Christopher in tow, learns he can't breeze his way through single parenthood. Jamie, who has moved back in with her sister, wonders at the wisdom of her unconventional choices as a woman with a child to support. And both begin to realize they don't know as much about love as they thought. Still wounded by past heartbreak and sorrow, can they learn to trust each other and open their hearts?

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Robin says

Can't remember why I wrote this down but it must have sounded intriguing!

Laura says

This book took me forever to read. Basically, I had trouble getting into it, but kept plodding along, reading a few pages every few days, anyway. I liked it at the start, and found the atypical family of four charming and interesting, but soon realized they were not the characters I'd get to keep for the rest of the novel. In comes Nate, whom I hate instantly. He is such a clueless, self centered, pushy, smarmy salesperson... I just didn't want him to be a main character of the book, or to be the one Jamie was to end up with. The book became more readable for me as Nate began to change, but it still was not a wonderful read I will tell all of my friends about.

I understand the plot device that was used. Nate had to be shown to be one kind of person, so he could grow and change into another kind of person. But, he is still unforgivable in his lack of responsibility for his son. The fact that he abandoned his child for 5 years does not ever go away because he decided to act like a parent later.

Sally says

A nice read. Nothing heavy here, but a very enjoyable read with well drawn characters.

Anita says

The Kissing Games of the World was an impulse buy at Target earlier this week. One of those, 'hmmmm, this looks decent' kind of days. I get most of my books via www.swaptree.com, which I highly suggest checking it out if you've not heard of it. Anyhow, so the book was very good. A very mild type of drama I was looking for. It was more about Jamie and Nate finding themselves than finding each other. Oh they "collided" a few times, and it was wonderful and beautiful, but what was more important was watching them grow as people. Nate especially, with his coming and learning to love his son, Christopher, and feel his way around parenthood. Sandi Kahn Shelton really hit the nail on the head with the children too, with their strange stories and millions of questions, and unpredictable behavior.

This is the type of book that sort of leaves you wanting more. You find out so much about Jamie, Nate, Christopher and Arley that you hate leaving them just when the getting get's good. You want to watch a real relationship bloom between Jamie and Nate. I hate and love that about books. There is such an open end of story that you want it to be told, but if it kept going the book will just get long and boring - so it just can't be done. I can't say that Kissing Games of the World is going to stand out to me as a favorite, but I can say that I loved Sandi Kahn Shelton's writing. There were lines in the book that really made an impact on me and on

the story. This is something to truly admire in a book.

Julie Ritenour says

I picked this up based on the cover and the title. The characters and story drew me in from the very beginning. I'll definitely look for more by this author

Michele says

I have read all of Sandi's books, and this was my favorite. I didn't want to leave these characters -- I want to know how they make out -- will they be able to make it all work? Very enjoyable read!

Angie says

I cannot think of a moment in this book that I would change, where I was bored or critical. The characters were just so well drawn. I loved the characters and would love to know what they are doing know. The climatic ending was a bit abrupt, but my that is tied to my desire to not let the characters go.

Anita says

loved loved loved this book. sympathetic with the single parent struggles, liked the storylines. empathetic characters. good good.

Kim says

This is well written and warmly done. Everyone learns something about themselves and their world by the end of this book. Almost everyone has personal growth, even the jerks. It is sweet, sad, funny, and romantic at the same time.

Heidi says

This book would have gotten a solid 4 1/2 stars if not for the language. Upon reading the first few pages, I realized how long it had been since I had read a book by an author who knew how to write. Shelton KNOWS how to write and create a story. She understands characters. Although it was definitely a romance, it was also a study on how our pasts mold our future decisions.

Sue says

This was entertaining, but sort of a romance novel with some literary pretensions.

Jan says

Great romance. Believable characters, very enjoyable.

Cyndi says

A fun easy read about a single mom living with an older man who dies and the chaos and love that ensues

NancyHelen says

I loved this book. The characters are written with such depth that they felt like real people. The author crafted the personalities so well, I couldn't put the book down.

Judy says

Title and cover are a little misleading - this is another wonderful human story from Sandi Kahn Shelton
