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Bailey Moore has an agenda: skiing in the Rockies, exploring castles in Europe, ballroom dancing in Argentina. Now that she has a second lease on life, she's determined not to miss a thing. What she doesn't realize is that item #1 comes with a six-foot-one ski god hot enough to melt a polar ice cap. She doesn't want to miss out on him either, but Hudson Kincaid isn't the type of guy to love and let go. And as gorgeous as Cedar Ridge is, she's not planning to stick around.

As head of ski patrol at his family's resort, Hud thinks he's seen it all. But never has he run into someone like Bailey. She might look delicate, but her attitude is all firecracker. And her infectious joy touches something deep within him that he's been missing far too long. Now he'll just have to convince Bailey to take a chance on her biggest adventure yet . . . something rare and all kinds of wonderful.

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From Reader Review My Kind of Wonderful for online ebook

Mandy says

3.5

sweet romance with a few laughs. I love the Kincaid family and Cedar Ridge. The romance lacked a little of the chemistry I felt in the first book but I did like both Bailey and Hudson. I can't wait for the next book in this series.

Yodamom says

3.5 stars

Sweet romantic tale of two people who need love and a connection with the world. He is an over worked, over burdened, guilt ridden hero to all. She is a survivor of cancer and is learning how to live expecting the next day to come.

Very enjoyable audiobook, excellent narration.

◆*Arianna◆* says

4 Stars!!

“*My Kind of Wonderful*” is the second book in Jill Shalvis’s newest series entitled “*Cedar Ridge*” and like the previous installment was a sweet contemporary romance that made me smile and swoon and fall in love not only with our two main characters, but also with all the supporting characters and the small, gorgeous town - Cedar Ridge. It seems this author has the perfect formula for a great clean contemporary romance – a great strong heroine, a swoon worthy hero, entertaining supporting characters and a lovely romance that will make you melt in a puddle of goo. “*My Kind of Wonderful*” tells the story of another Kinkaid man, Hudson and the woman who will stole his heart.

*“It’s okay to live, she reminded herself. Okay to be happy and excited.
And there was no doubt she was both, she thought, still staring at him.”*

Bailey Moore never had the chance to experiment much of anything in life. Not because she didn’t want to or because she was a coward, but because for the last ten years she was sick, really sick. She’s been given a new lease on life and she she’s beyond grateful. She wants to really live, to experiment things, to visits different places, to be independent, to do something with her life.

She works as a graphic designer, but she also loves to paint, painting being very important to her. When she is hired to paint the mural at the sky resort in Cedar Ridge, she’s very excited and more than ready for an

adventure.

Hudson Kinkaid is the head ski patrol and also a Cedar Ridge cop. With his two jobs, a big family and a mother who suffers from dementia and also with some big regrets that seem to destroy his spirit more and more, Hud doesn't have much time for anything else. He obviously has many responsibilities, so a relationship is at the bottom of his priorities.

He definitely doesn't want a relationship, but he can't deny the strong attraction he feels for the little firecracker who for the next two months will paint the mural at his family's resort.

This was such a sweet and lovely story! Bailey was a heroine I loved from the start. She was a stubborn firecracker that really, really wants to live. She was strong and determined to do that no matter what and I loved that about her. She was also sweet, caring and attentive not only with Hud, but also with his mother. Hud was genuinely a good person. He cares for his brothers and he loves his mother deeply, treating her with so much care and respect. I loved the way he was with Bailey from the beginning. He didn't pity her at all. All he felt for her was admiration and I loved him for that. He showed Bailey not only how to live, but how to love as well and I was very grateful for that. Like I said, he was a great guy. Both of these characters were well developed, had depth from the start and were relatable and really endearing.

I enjoyed how Bailey and Hud's relationship progressed. Their chemistry was well done, palpable and their sweet interactions melt my heart. I admit I wanted more sexy times between them, but what I've got was satisfying to say the least. Their passion and connection were there every time they were together and I loved it!

Once again the dynamic between the Kinkaid's was phenomenally done. I absolutely loved their banter. These guys clearly loved each other very much and you can feel that reading each and every one of their interaction.

The drama and angst were low which I clearly enjoyed and expected. The romantic aspect was really well done. You will smile and swoon from the very first chapter and you will definitely root for these two great main characters.

Overall, a really great read! I'm looking forward to read the next installment in the series - Jacob's story!

☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

- Cedar Ridge #2
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Book #3 Nobody But You will be released 29 March 2016

Bailey is finally healthy again, after fighting that stupid cancer for almost ten years.
And she has a list. A list of things she wants to do in her 'new' life.
One item on that list brings her to Cedar Ridge.
She was hired to paint a mural on a wall of the ski-town's hotel resort.
A family portrait of the Kincaids.

Enter Hudson Kincaid.

He and his half-siblings own and run the resort - and if being on the ski-patrol wouldn't keep him busy enough, he's also a town cop a few shifts a month.
He's had a couple serious relationships in his life, but they all fell apart, because he works too much, and wouldn't change it for those girls.
But now he might have met the one girl he could imagine forever with.
Of course he doesn't know it yet! ?

It's instant attraction between the two of them.
And it's adorable to watch how they both try to not take this relationship too seriously.

It might take them a while to get to their HEA....

and until then, let's just look at this hot - stripping - Kincaid brother!!! ?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO BAILEY & HUDSON???
WILL THERE BE A HEA???
WILL THERE BE A CLIFFHANGER???

Nope . . . I'm not telling you ?

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Such a beautiful & funny & moving story!

After I finished Jill's last Lucky Harbor book, I didn't know if anything new could compare to that amazing town. But Cedar Ridge and sexy its Kincaid family.... yesssss I love it!

This was such a cute and adorable and sexy and funny and moving and snowy romance!
I could read books like that every day!

*I loved every second of this book!
And now - can I pleeeeaaase have my own Hudson?!?!*

Set in the amazingly beautiful & snowy background of Cedar Ridge.....MY KIND OF WONDERFUL is the perfect book for a cold winter night. Funny, sexy, moving - just adorable!! Grab a mug of hot chocolate and fall in love with Hud and Bailey!

And now please hurry Madame Shalvis - I need more sexy Cedar Ridgers - the next book will finally be out the missing Jacob!!!!

Maria Rose says

That really was 'My Kind of Wonderful'! I loved it, including the ending which made me want to laugh and cry at the same time.

Mini Review can be found at All About Romance! <http://www.likesbooks.com/blog/?p=18990>

Stacey is Sassy says

Too busy for love

I started *My Kind of Wonderful* a little worried. I'm a huge fan of *Jill Shalvis*, loved the first book in this series and enjoyed the family dynamics of those crazy Kincaids. I was scared of getting emotionally attached

to someone who “has a second lease on life” and “might look delicate”. Was the story going to be about someone sick? Were we going to have to see this couple just starting out, dealing with illness? These thoughts were running through my head in the beginning and every time she was asked, “are you okay?” I got it all wrong. This book wasn’t about dying or sickness it was about living and making the most of each day. I had to learn to stop looking at her past and get excited for her future.

Hudson Kincaid meets a bright eyed and beautiful Bailey when she got stuck on the top of the mountain. Bailey had her map the wrong way and instead of going to the beginners slope ends up at the top. She’s not silly enough to try and ski down, especially considering her ski binding is broken, so she waits patiently enjoying the view. Hud’s a bit of a cranky arse and with his unbelievably busy schedule, this job is just another thing to add to his list of responsibilities. Once they chat for a bit and he looks a little closer at her, he can see that she’s quite frail. He’s concerned for her, but Bailey is stubborn and wants to do things for herself. Both of them feel an attraction to each other but have no idea that their paths are going to be crossing again sooner rather than later.

We get to see Hud in work mode with rescues, explosions and fence mending, all in a days work when you’re on ski patrol. Add into the fact that he works regularly as a police officer in Cedar Ridge, it’s surprising he has time for anything else. Although work is important to him, his main priority is his family, especially his Mum who suffers from dementia. Seeing Hud with his Mum, Cassie, was one of my favourite parts of this story. His weekly visit to take her to her favourite pizza parlor for her birthday (she loves celebrating birthdays and having cake and presents) and her regular phone calls to remind him to be home for curfew showed what remarkable patience he has. Hudson’s busy schedule is his way of keeping relationships casual and avoiding too much time to think. He doesn’t want to remember the way he pushed his twin brother Jacob, away. Nearly a decade without knowing he’s alive or dead is killing him, but he doesn’t know how to fix it. Luckily his Kincaid brothers and sisters Gray, Penny, Aiden, Lily and Keegan are there to kick his butt and remind him to stop once in awhile.

Bailey has her own type of family issues. Her mother, who’s a nurse, can’t help but worry for her and struggles to accept her healthy status and positive mindset. Bailey’s ex Aaron also struggles to take the cotton wool protection down. Even though they’re not together anymore, he still feels like he needs to watch over her. I could see and understand where they both were coming from, but I could also see they were stifling her need to break from her cocoon and fly.

Obviously with Bailey’s health issues and Hud’s family issues these two come with baggage. Both of them start the relationship with a *one time only hookup* mindset...that turns into two....that turns into three... and next thing you know there’s desk and walls getting used for “banging”.

I really enjoyed *My Kind of Wonderful* and I was stoked it wasn’t all tears and sadness. Bailey is strong, determined and as bright as a butterfly. This couple did have their struggles and Hud had *Kincaid foot in mouth syndrome*, but they weren’t stupid. They knew they had something special and were willing to work at it. Jill Shalvis has again left me content and with a smile on my face. After reading the teaser, I can’t wait to see how Jacob finally sorts out his issues with Hud and the rest of the Kincaids.

I received a complimentary copy of this story via Netgalley for an honest review.

To buy My Kind Of Wonderful - <http://amzn.to/1Zok7FU>

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MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

4.5 Stars!

(ARC provided by author)

Bailey Moore is a 24 yr. old woman who grew up in a small town south of Denver. She works as a graphic designer, but also enjoys painting on the side. Bailey has had a rough time these last few years, & feels like she has a new lease on life. For so long she never had time for anything but survival, but now she has a list of things she wants to do, & she plans to live life to the fullest!

Bailey has been commissioned to paint a mural at a family owned ski resort in Cedar Ridge, Colorado up in the Rockies. This is about two hours away from home, but she figures it's also the perfect opportunity to learn to ski better & also complete some things on her list. What she doesn't bargain for is the drop dead gorgeous Hudson Kincaid. Hud is the head of ski patrol at his family's resort, & also a part time Cedar Ridge cop. He's very close to his siblings & the person everyone can always count on. He gives so much of himself to the people he cares about. So much that there's nothing left for himself. Between the resort, his jobs & family, there is little time left for down time or dating.

Hud meets Bailey & they both feel the sparks. There's something between them, but they decide to keep things casual. Things soon become more complicated when real feelings develop. Hud doesn't do relationships & Bailey doesn't let anyone get too close to her, so they both have to come to terms with their feelings. Hud begins to make Bailey feel whole again as they fall hard for one another. They both try to resist, but it's no use. They are already in over their heads & crazy about each other. I really enjoyed this book & can't wait for Hud's twin brother Jacob's book! Every time I pick up a Jill Shalvis book I know I'm going to just fall in love with the guy & get a fantastic sexy love story that takes me away to a beautiful place & makes me want the next book right away! ;))

-"When I'm with you..."

-"I feel things. You make me feel things."

-Everything about him did it for her.

-I know you care about me because I can feel it in every look you give me, in every touch.

Julie says

My Kind of Wonderful by Jill Shalvis

Here is a snippet of my review posted on Night Owl Reviews:

The humor and sharp witted dialogue kept the story balanced and despite the heavy hitting subject matter, it did not become too mushy or drippy. Like Bailey, I am a big fan of mixing romance with great passion and emotional attachment and it is so very refreshing to read a romance novel that provides all these elements. Bailey and Hud finally get their hard earned happy ever after and no one deserves it more than they do.

To read this review in full click this link: <https://www.nightowlreviews.com/v5/Re...>

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Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

My Kind of Wonderful is book two in the Cedar Ridge series by Jill Shalvis.

I completely fell in love with the first book in this series, Second Chance Summer, which focused on Aiden and Lily and the Kincaid family and the ski resort they co-own and run at Cedar Ridge, Colorado. So there was no doubt that I would equally love getting to know the first of the twins, Hudson Kincaid.

Hudson and his twin brother are half siblings to the other three Kincaids. They and their mother are the product of a fling their father had had. Their mother did the best she could to raise them alone but she also had her own challenges. At an early age, she started to lose her grip on reality, suffering from early onset dementia. She was at times lucid and in the present, but at other times, she lived in the past. At the age of twelve, they discovered the existence of their siblings and were accepted into their open arms, where they stayed. Now, four of the Kincaids run the ski resort, the fifth, Jacob, Hudson's twin, is not there. He has been gone for ten years, since their 18th birthday. And Hudson blames himself.

Hudson has a full plate, more like an over flowing plate. He runs the ski patrol, works part time in town as a cop, and takes care of his mother who is now properly cared for in a local facility. He has someone full time looking for his brother, trying to find out if he's okay. So, there is no time for anything or anyone else. But then Bailey happened.

Bailey Moore has a future to plan. That is more than she could ever have hoped for. Since the age of fifteen, Bailey has suffered from cancer. With constant treatments with grim outlooks, she was told more than once that her days were limited. But now, as of her first three month check up, she is cancer free. For the first time

ever, Bailey can plan. She has a list of things she wants to do, to experience. The first is to paint a mural. Bailey is a graphic artist by trade. But she can also paint. Hudson's mom has hired her to paint a mural at Cedar Ridge of their family. But Bailey won't take payment for this. She has to do this for herself. It was on her first morning there that she met the oh so heartstoppingly handsome ski patrol, Hudson. It didn't take long for the electricity to spark between these two.

“There was something about her, something that made him smile, made him think, made him...yearn.”

Both of these two are flummoxed by their attraction to each other. Neither was looking for something right now. Hudson has no more room in his life and Bailey has a life to live. A list of things to cross off. Maybe, though, she could have just one night. Experience a night of real passion, something she'd never been able to have. Passion with a man that wants her because he can't fight his attraction to her, that doesn't feel like he has to be careful with her. But, can one night ever be enough?

“Uh-huh,” she said dryly. “Because you have no idea what you’re doing right?”
He was still smiling but his eyes were suddenly very serious. “When it comes to you? No,” he said. “With you, I’m so far out of my league I can’t even see the league.”

Hudson and Bailey stole my heart from the start. Hudson carried the weight of his entire family on his shoulders. He carried the guilt for his brother's absence. He felt he owed this family everything for taking he and his brother and mother in and loving them. He would do everything in his power to repay them. Bailey you can't help but love. This woman has suffered for so long and for the first time, is given the promise of life. And live it she will. What wasn't on that list was falling in love.

“I thought maybe I made some of this up in my head.” He murmured.

“Some of what?”

“How beautiful you are. I didn’t. You undo me, Bailey.”

In pure Jill Shalvis form, you will be swept away in this book. In her moments of lucidity, it is apparent just how much Hudson's mom loves her son. That alone stole my heart, along with Hudson's devotion, well, all of the Kincaid children's devotion to her. And the journey of Hudson and Bailey made my heart smile, then break, then smile again, as these two found their way. I am beginning to think that it is not possible to not love Jill Shalvis's books. I am not a skier, believe me. Nor do I enjoy cold weather. But this book made me yearn for the mountains of Colorado. I can't wait to read the next book which will be the long lost brother, Jacob's story, *Nobody But You*, as Jacob finally finds his way home and back to the family that loves him.

Claire Robinson says

5 - ***'Mountain Hottie'*** Stars!

What can I say about Jill Shalvis, that hasn't already been said. I consider myself lucky in that I only discovered her writing this year, what makes me lucky? I have dozens and dozens of books by this author that I can now take my time and immerse myself in, and nothing gets this reader more excited than a series, and Jill has certainly got quite a few of those on the go that I have some serious catching up to do with.

"I don't need options... I just need you."

I fell in love with this authors writing with the first book in the *Cedar Ridge* Series, and I didn't think any of Jill's other guys could top Aidan Kincaid from *Second Chance Summer*, but he has just been slightly pipped by his brother Hudson.

She'd fallen in love with Cedar Ridge, with the people in it, with the life she'd made for herself here... With Hudson Kincaid.

I think what makes books by this author so easy to read is that although the characters are all dealing with their own sets of problems and dramas, Jill never takes it to the point that you get ground down by angst. Bailey for instance, is living to the fullest due to having spent a large part of her life so far dealing with a debilitating illness that meant she never had the chance to experience much of anything. Enter '*The List*' and Bailey's reasons for being in *Cedar Ridge*.

"You have no idea what you're doing right?"

"When it comes to you?

Hell no...

With you I'm so far out of my league, I can't even see the league."

Hud is the same, dealing with being the main carer for a parent with mental issues and the feelings and emotions attributed to not knowing where his twin brother is and how he is doing. These things could lead to major angst and drama overload, but Jill pitches it all just right, and you come away with the positives of the situations and not all depressed about everything.

Romantic. Feel-good. Wholly entertaining. This couple had it all, and were just and absolute pleasure too read together, and separately as they both work out that you can have something you want, even if it doesn't necessarily fit into the plans that you had originally laid out for yourself.

"Love is worth it."

I have fallen for the residents of *Cedar Ridge* and even more-so for the Kincaid family in general, the banter, the kinship and just the total family togetherness makes this series and each book so far, not-to-be-missed books to add to your TBR.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was my absolute pleasure to provide the above honest review.

Dali says

My Kind of Wonderful is amusing, sexy and tender all rolled up in an attractive snow powdered package.

“He flashed that panty-melting grin and all her poor, neglected womanly parts flamed to life and did the Macarena.”

Bailey Moore has never “had time for anything except survival.” But now she has a new lease on life and with it a list of all the things she imagined she’d enjoy doing during the decade she battled cancer, starting with painting a mural. When the opportunity to do it lands on her lap though, she didn’t expect it would include an impossible to resist, cantankerous, sexy ski master. She’s seen how loyal, genuine and protective he is with his mother. Which makes him an adventure she wants, but only if it comes with an expiration date.

Hudson Kincaid’s plate is almost overflowing with responsibilities. He’s head of the ski patrol at his family’s ski resort, on the police force, taking care of his mentally unstable mother and worrying day in and out about his estranged twin’s wellbeing. He doesn’t have time for a relationship nor does he want one, but one look at Bailey and a few moments around her happy and magnetic personality is enough for him to want to stay in her orbit. Can he let himself be happy? And can he convince Bailey that their Kind of Wonderful is forever?

Jill Shalvis is a joy to read, you can’t go wrong with her when looking for a touching contemporary romance with strong characters that make you want to root for.

“You make me feel things.”

“Like irritated? Annoyed?”

“Yes... But Also warm. And... Fuzzy.”

“Warm and fuzzy..? I’m not a pair of slippers Bailey.”

I loved the witty back and forth between Hudson and Bailey that stoked their instant chemistry. I appreciated Bailey’s strength which never faltered and gave her an inner beauty that was hard to resist. Especially for a man like Hudson who is strong and loyal to the core. And completely swoon worthy when he turned his sexy loving towards Bailey.

“It’s my turn for a question now.”

“Aren’t you afraid that might express persona interest?”

His smile was a little naughty. **“I’ve had my tongue down your throat. I’m pretty sure I’ve already expressed personal interest.”**

Even though they had decided that whatever was going on between them was temporary and would remain light, the loving intervention from Hud’s incorrigible siblings and his mother pushed them in the right direction, helping Hud forgive himself and both to live life fully.

“We’re all gunning for you to trip over your two left feet for a woman. It’s your turn.”

The family meddling is another layer I fully enjoy when reading Jill Shalvis’ books. Those pranks the brothers pull while knowing they’ve got their backs is completely endearing. My Kind of Wonderful also had Hud’s mom very close to the center of the story. She adds both heartwarming, humorous moments, as well as heartbreakingly ones depending on her mental stability or lack of it.

I loved the pace at which Baily and Hudson grow closer. There isn't any over the top drama, just the right amount of angst for me to be glued to the story while rooting for them to be able to find their happy ever after adventure. Oh and let's not forget the hilarious pranks the Kincaids pull on each other that's worth barrels of laughs! Two words for you this time: choking hazard.

Book Facts: My kind of Wonderful is book #2 in the Cedar Ridge series by Jill Shalvis. It's written from both points of view. Can be read as a standalone with a happy ending.

Amazon -> <http://amzn.to/1OXh2tq>

* I was given an ARC of this book courtesy of the author via NetGalley. The excerpts are from that copy. *

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Anna's Herding Cats says

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Prepare for a swoon, ladies. Prepare for a swoon. Jill Shalvis has done it yet again! I swear. She hits the right spot every single time. My Kind of Wonderful was just that...completely wonderful. From beginning to end Hud and Bailey had me in one big ol' swoon and left me with a big grin on my face and a happy sigh in my heart.

The quick of it is that Hud and his siblings run a ski resort and his mama has hired a random woman to come in and paint a huge mural on their resort wall. And Hudson...not so pleased! The resort's struggling and they just don't have the funds for something like that. But dang if that cute little artist will be denied! This gig is important to Bailey and she's determined to do it even if it means working pro-bono (much to his dismay). And oh the sparks they fly between as these two are forced all close together.

So. Hudson and Bailey. Hud's a little growly, a control freak, he's a protector and has such a sweet underbelly he tries to keep a hidden. He's a cop and does ski patrol and all kinds of other alpha male things at the resort. Yum! And Bailey is all strength. She's a survivor, talented and has a lovely spirit about her. Their chemistry...total sparkly deliciousness. They butt heads, they growl, they get all lusty and sweet. It was one helluva good time watching these two fall for each other. I loved seeing them on their jobs too. Her working on the family mural and him on patrol. Totally sexy when he goes into rescue mode. Noms!

Now. My favorite thing about the book...this family. I freaking LOVE this family. Hud's brothers and sisters are something else. I love the way they are with each other. They give each other absolute hell, the guys torment each other, they snark and growl but they are solid and there for each other. It's a fun dynamic seeing them all together. I busted out laughing more than once and totally had moments of wishing I wasn't an only child. The heart and love of it all just gets to me. They definitely add a wonderful background element to the romance.

All in all, *My Kind of Wonderful* was just a fabulous read. Had me smiling and laughing and going all girly. No matter what series Shalvis tackles I instantly want to be a part of the world she creates. The settings, the people, the feeling of home and family and friendship. An amazing talent, that.

Amazon: <http://amzn.to/1JtqjmG>

Jonetta says

Hudson (Hud) Kincaid is one of a motley crew of siblings managing the family ski lodge in Colorado. He's the one who works 24/7 and when he's not working ski patrol he's a cop with the local police force. It's clear something's driving him, which makes him all kinds of interesting. When he finds Bailey Moore stranded (and unapologetic) at the top of the dangerous, expert slope, Hud knows there's something special about this young woman.

I really liked both Hud and Bailey, two very different but colorful personalities. Her outlook was refreshing and his commitment to family extremely admirable. Their childhood stories were tragic but I never felt sorry for either of them because neither wanted pity and saw in themselves (and each other) how those experiences made them better. These were wonderful themes that were elements in all aspects of the story, including their romance. It made the times when both had boneheaded moments much more understandable.

The dialogue is often pithy and both have wicked senses of humor. The Kincaid family created lots of hilarity and I enjoyed them almost as much as Hud and Bailey. I liked everything about this story, including the uncomfortable times involving those close to her. I wasn't crazy about the last book and this more than compensated for what I found lacking. I'm already queued for twin brother Jacob's story!

(I received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review)

Lily (Night Owl Book Cafe) says

Guys! I cannot believe that as a lover of romances that it took me this long to pick up a Jill Shalvis book. No, really, I am quite embarrassed. Once I read *My Kind of Wonderful*, which of course I was unable to put down, I have crowned Jill my new Queen of Romance.

Jill's writing in romance is **exactly** what I crave. I love the humor, I love the banter and I absolutely adore the quirky characters that dig their way into your heart.

Bailey and Hudson were the main characters of this book, though the rest of the Kincaid clan pops up in the book - with the exception of Jacob. Hudson was wonderful, even if he does come with a bit of baggage. He feels terrible about what happened between him and his brother Jacob and feels completely and utterly responsible for his mother and her state of mind. Between taking care of his mother, worrying about the whereabouts of his twin brother and taking care of the resort - Hud has no space for anyone in his heart.

Bailey was fantastic. She is a cancer survivor who has a list of things she wants to do in life, especially since she is now free of cancer. She is hired to paint a mural for the Kincaids at the resort, where she runs into

Hud. The attraction between the two is crackling, and no sooner do they start a small fling, that quickly develops into something more, a lot more than either of them are willing to admit.

This book was quite a ride. The interaction between the Kincaid clan alone just made the entire journey worthwhile. The way they pick on each other is both endearing and amusing. There is a lot of love there, even if for the most part they are all step-brother's and sisters. The Kincaids significant others fit into the series perfectly. The book made me laugh, it brought joy into my heart and had me completely hooked. I am now looking forward to more from Jill and I will be reading the books that I have missed out on. This review was originally posted on Night Owl Book Cafe

Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life in Books.

I had a fantastic time with this romance. I pulled this book from my virtual stack of past due review books. It was a great book so I have no idea why I waited so long to pick it up and read it. Of course, I have yet to read a Jill Shalvis book that I didn't like so it really is no surprise that I liked this one as much as I did. This is the second book in the Cedar Ridge series but it is easily read as a stand-alone novel.

Hud takes his responsibilities very seriously. He takes care of his mother and accepts all of the blame for his brother leaving town. He is very dedicated to his work and seems to be on the clock all the time. He wants no part of the mural for the resort that his mother has arranged. Bailey is ready to embrace life and do all of the things she has had to put off for so long. The first thing on her list that she wants to complete is the mural for the ski resort.

The characters in this book were great. Bailey has been through a lot but still has a very positive attitude and is looking forward to her future. Hudson is an incredibly hard worker who is dedicated to his family and doing what is right. Hudson has a large family that also work at the ski resort that played a big part of this story and were all a lot of fun. Bailey's loved ones wanted to protect her and keep her safe even though they didn't always seem to completely support her choices.

I loved Hud and Bailey together. The chemistry between them was amazing and I felt like these two really needed each other. Hudson saw Bailey as more than her illness and helped to give her back the sense of normal that she needed. Bailey added the balance to Hudson's life that he didn't realize he needed. I felt like both of these characters came alive every time they were together and I couldn't help but cheer them on towards their happily ever after.

I would recommend this book to fans of contemporary romance. This was a story filled with great chemistry, touching moments, and a lot of hope. I can't wait to read more from Jill Shalvis!

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Initial Thoughts

I pulled this book from my virtual stack of past due arcs. Why didn't I read this book years ago? It was great so I have no excuses. I read the first and third books in the series back when they were being published so skipping this one really made no sense. I love Hudson and Bailey together. The whole Kincaid family was

great and I never felt like I was missing anything even though I remember very little from the other books in the series. These two had so much in common and their chemistry was off the charts. They have both been through so much and I was thrilled to see them find their happily ever after together.
