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She is laid back.

He is uptight.

Never the twain shall...kiss?

A deadline-driven workaholic assistant school principal who meticulously plans his schedule months in advance meets an easygoing art teacher and studio potter with no sense of time, living her life as the seasons come and go. When they cross paths again at the Summer by the Sea Day Camp sponsored by his church in Nassau, Bahamas, how can they get along if they cannot see eye to eye?

Byron's Burden...

This is what I've always wanted, right? Then why does this assistant headmaster position hem me in? I feel constricted, restricted, afflicted. I fear I have taken a wrong turn in my career.

What is God's will for my life? And what does Tina think about—

Tina? What does she have anything to do with my career decisions?

Tina's Turn...

Go to the Bahamas, they said. It will be fun, they said.

Well, arriving in Nassau, I feel I could enjoy myself if Byron's not around. I made it, right? I'm here! That's good enough for me, but apparently it's not good enough for Mr. Uptight.

Why does he bother me so? I don't need his approval—

Oh yes, I do. As a volunteer art teacher at the day camp, I have to answer to Byron for four weeks. Well, thank God it's only for four weeks. And then I'm outta here, and he'll be out of my hair.

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Harriett Henderson says

Great Chrsitian book.

If you fail to read this book you will miss a good romance and people learning to cope with life situations using prayer. Scripture, and hep from pastors family and friends

Tina at Mommynificent says

I was so happy to get a full-length novel from this author! I've read most of her novellas, and I almost always found myself wishing the plot was a little more developed or the conversations a little less rushed. This book solved those issues for me and let me see this author for as good as she really is! This book retains the things I already love about Jan Thompson's books - her multicultural characters and deep spiritual communities - and adds to them better plot and character development! Hurray!

I loved the two settings of the Bahamas and Savannah, Georgia, and I loved getting to know these two characters and their families and friends. The growth of both characters was well-executed - they started out quite flawed and showed definite growth throughout the story. This was an altogether good, clean, and uplifting summer read!

Wilani Wahl says

Wow is all I can say. I fell in love with both Tina and Byron. Both characters were compelling. I kept wondering if they would ever get together. In additions to wonderful characters and great writing, I loved the inspirational thread throughout the book. I am looking forward to reading more books by this author.

June says

This story took me a while to read, but only because life has been so crazy. A few minutes here, a few minutes there. I did really enjoy the story though. And the writing was a fast pace. I'd have sped right through it if I'd had the time. Two favorite scenes from the book without spoiling it. The bus axel incident and the iPhone on the way to the island incident. If you want to know, you'll just have to read it!

Bonnie Finney says

Great Christian romance

I chose this rating because I thoroughly enjoyed this romance novel. I loved that scriptures were interwoven

into the story. So many writers think you have to have swearing and sexual content for a good story, not so. I avoid those books.

Dianne Sidebottom says

It was good to read something a little different in the name of romance. This story is in a collection with new authors to me. Tina n Byron's story.

Cheryl Ellis says

A Very Good Story

I enjoyed this book. The main part of the story is based in the Bahamas, which is where I want to visit! Tina and Byron are complete opposite in personality. Byron is very meticulous, never late to anything, and has his life planned. Tina, is from Georgia, but goes to Nassau, to teach art for three weeks. She is late to everything, and is definitely laid back. Byron has always thought he wanted to be the one in charge of the school, but when it almost happens, will he still want it?

Can they get over their personality differences and work together?

Definitely a clean, inspirational book.

Christine Hayes says

Was ok.

Linda says

They say opposites attract. Byron is an organized list maker. Don't mess with his schedule. Tina is more of a free spirit. The joy of life lives in her heart. She is a successful businesswoman, but she knows how to have fun. They fall in love. Uh oh. A very enjoyable romance in a tropical setting. Jan Thompson gives me a great excuse to sit for hours!

Linda Rainey says

Tina was back in the Bahamas answering God's call.

It had been 2 years since had been on this mission because of Byron.

This time they worked through their differences proving opposites do attract.

This was a nice romance in this series.

Josephine says

Godly story

I loved the way the characters had a strong faith woven into everything they do. It was inspiring. I was concerned about reading a cross- culture romance (not cross-racial) because that's a big strike against a marriage, and I thought those differences would be ignored. But with the characters equally living the same strong faith, that was their real culture and the other culture differences were minimal, not that I'd know if that was true....I've never traveled there....so it seemed more of a real possibility. I didn't feel much about the happy ending though. The characters really didn't have much time together so I was still in a disbelief stage. I also wondered why the found father hadn't looked up and cared about his kids previously if he was such a mature Christian.

Wendy Sparkes says

It was nice, but would have been stronger had the story been shown in more places rather than told.

Sarah says

Rooted in scripture

Set mainly in the Bahamas I enjoyed the connectedness to the island and its culture. It provided a wonderful setting for this story of finding and listening to God for His direction in life and not your own. Something that is relevant for everyone! The best part was the scripture passages used between the characters and the prayers with one another. It wasn't just a clean, Christian romance...it was rooted in Biblical truths and we saw how the author carried that out in the story line. I'll read more of her books!

Elizabeth says

Smile For Me : International Contemporary Christian Romance Novel (Vacation Sweethearts Book-1)

By: Jan Thompson

Smile For Me is the first book in Vacation Sweethearts series. Jan Thompson writes Christian romance novel and she drew me in right at the start and did not let go till the end. I really enjoyed Smile For Me and looking forward to reading book two in the series. This is Byron's and Tina's story and they take us to the Bahamas . Tina is an art teacher and Studio potter. She is going to the Bahamas to Summer By The Sea Day Camp to help teach. The camp needs help . Byron is a workaholic assistance school principal and is never late. He cannot stand for anyone to be late. He meets with Tina who he met two years ago and remembers her really well. He would like to stay away from her. She also wishes to stay away from him What will the two do, is it possible for the two to never cross paths ? Tina is always late ,forgets ,and losing everything. Tina drives

Byron nuts two years ago. What will happen this year? This is a very sweet story. I was given a copy of this book by the author for my honest review.

Laura says

I thought to pick out a nice short novella to fill in this day, since I'm under a tight deadline and no time to read a long book. Lo and behold, this ain't no novella! It is seriously long!

I did skim this book a lot as it was more telling than showing and there was a lot of author intrusion, but there was a fun, innocent, humorous twist to this story that kept me interested and wondering what would go wrong or happen next.

Tina is a flighty heroine, colorful, flamboyant, in your face clueless, and oh so clumsy. Brian is straightlaced, a rule-follower, ten minutes early or he's late, and oh so chained to a planner. Tina drives him nuts. Bryon drives her nuts. Is there any hope at all for this couple?

I liked how Bryon has to mentally adjust his thoughts and thinking about Tina, determined to think positively about her since she is volunteering as a missionary. And how Tina tried to work with Bryon's schedule instead of deliberately antagonizing him.

A good read. I would read more by this author. I like the humor.

I bought a copy in the Whispers of Love collection. No review was required