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Alex Foamer is in love... with the untouchable singles ward heartthrob who has no idea she exists. Enter Sealey Witchburn, the manipulative, sarcastic ward executive secretary, whose scheming is Alex's only chance to catch her crush's attention. But when Alex actually wins the bid for her dream date, she gets more than she bargained for in this surprising LDS romance based on Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid*.

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Lana says

[I wish there was more moments with her and Sealey after Lucas left her until Sealey confessed that he loved her. I feel like the transition was a little sudden...and better that than too slow, but I wish it would be jus

Sydney says

From page one readers will be enraptured with Lauren Winder Farnsworth's delightfully entertaining and humorous novel. A light and fairly quick read, this book, taking a twist on Hans Christian Anderson's fairytale The Little Mermaid, is well-written and entertaining throughout the entire novel. It is one of those stories that leaves you with a warm fuzzy feeling and grinning from ear to ear. This story is also written from an LDS standpoint and includes LDS religious topics.

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Heather Green says

This was pretty predictable, but it was done in such a cute way that I didn't care. I couldn't put it down. I didn't, however, like Alex at the beginning of the story. She was way too whiny and shrieky for my taste. She seemed really immature. But she grew on me. She and Sealey's characters evolved throughout the book. There were some way humorous parts (the grocery store and the restaurant). Ashley, the sister, was really something else. She was a great brat. I especially loved the last half of the book when she and Sealey forgave each other. Their interactions were cute. I really got a feel for their deepening relationship even though they were thousands of miles apart. I couldn't stop smiling long after the book was finished. I don't necessarily like the cover, but the book is a fun, sweet, sweet read. I love that it is clean. I liked that Alex had integrity and made the better choice at the end. I'd probably read it again.

Katie W says

Who hasn't had a major crush on someone who is unobtainable? Alex isn't exempt and when Sealy notices her watching Lucas, the biggest scheme of her life is about to begin.

I have to say right off that I felt like I was back in college. Not only did I go to this same school, but I grew

up in this area and I have some great memories from my college days. It was easy for me to visualize the location and put myself right in there as one of Alex's roommates.

Speaking of Alex, she is a very likable character. Although she's a little older than her roommates, she still doesn't have the confidence and know-all to go after Lucas herself. Sealy is quite a cocky and controlling guy...at first. I didn't really like him, but he definitely grew on me and I loved the friendship he forms with Alex through this "deal" he makes with her. Lucas, oh, Lucas. He's the kind of guy that every girl dreams of, yet he's not perfect either and is a little infuriating at times. There are other great and not-so-great characters that form a charming cast.

I found myself cringing with embarrassment in places, as well as laughing out loud in others. My heart was even in danger of shattering a time or two. This book had me reading all day long--I couldn't put it down, as I was dying to know how it would all work out. This is such a unique and fun way to re-tell The Little Mermaid and I adored it!

Content: mild romance; mild religious elements (it's specific to the LDS church's culture, but isn't preachy).

I received a copy from the publisher through the tour host. All thoughts and opinions are solely my own.

Sheila says

Catching Lucas Riley is one of those fun books that you can pick up, read, and lose yourself in for a few hours. That's exactly what I did! One thing I really liked about this book is that the main characters are in their mid-twenties and they've lived their lives for awhile and are ready to fall in love. This story takes place at a college, but not all of the characters are actually going to school. The author had a great mix of characters, male and female that made the story quite enjoyable.

Main female character, Alex, has had a long-standing crush on football player Lucas Riley. Lucas's friend and employer, Sealey notices and offers to help Alex win the man of her dreams. Little does Alex know, but master manipulator Sealey has his own agenda. I loved Alex from the start and have been in her shoes, so I could totally relate to her. Lucas was nice, but Sealey wasn't very likable at the first. As times goes on we get a different view of Sealey, Alex, and Lucas. There are surprises in the story and some of them I guessed early on. With this being a clean, contemporary romance, there wasn't a lot of mystery in what was happening, but it sure was a fun ride getting to the end. This story is written with tons of humor, sarcasm, and very witty dialogue. These are things that make you smile and other things that make you groan. the whole story is told from Alex's point of view, so we really don't get to know either man in depth, which was perfect for the surprise at the end of the book.

This book is for those looking for a light-hearted read, a clean, blooming romance, and the hopes of a happy ending. This book can be enjoyed by teens and adults. This story is written from an LDS perspective but isn't a religious book. There may be a few terms you might not understand, but it won't stop you from enjoying this cute romance that will make you want to cheer for true love for Alex and her special man.

Angie says

Fun read and clean.

Mindy says

Lauren's books are always enjoyable. KEEPING KATE was more serious than CATCHING LUCAS RILEY, but it showed me the great range in Lauren's writing. Her characters are written well, great page-turning plots, and have great life lessons. Alex, oh Alex. She was a treat. I loved her roommates too. I think many of us girls can relate to Alex's dilemma, but situations she got herself into. Well, she did have some help. I can't go into too much detail without spoilers, but know you are in for a clean, fun book with humor and heart. I was laughing out loud in so many parts. The whole book is witty and fun.

Kathryn says

Ahhhh! This had a range of emotions for me. I became invested in the characters, crying with them and rejoicing with them. It just goes to show the saying of if you love someone, you need to let them go and see if they come back. This was the lesson learned for Alex in her joint plan to get Lucas to notice her and fall in love with her as she'd always hoped.

Casey Tobler says

Well written

I loved this story. It was recommended to me as a modern type fairy tale, based on the little mermaid. I'd say it's very lightly based on this, eloquently written in modern day Logan, Utah. If you're looking for a cute clean read, this is a great pick!

Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

This book was unexpected. I don't know how else to explain what I thought of it. Unexpected is a good word.

Alex has a long time crush on Lucas Riley. She wants a chance to get to know him. Unfortunately, the one person that you don't want attention from has noticed her attraction. Sealey knows all and sees all. He is known as a manipulator. When Sealey offers to help Alex, she knows that there is a hidden agenda to his actions.

There is not a lot more that I can say about the book, because it would be a spoiler, just expect the unexpected! The book has quite a bit of humor. It is also written from an LDS viewpoint. (religious) If you

are not acquainted with the LDS religion, some of the lingo may seem a little foreign to you. The plot and story line would be fun, but some of the jokes wouldn't be funny.

For me, one of the key points would be to be careful what you wish for, you may get it. There may be a something better for you waiting in the wings.

This is a clean book with kissing.

Susan K says

Romance, clean, Christian, lds

This was a cute, fun read. Alex and her roommates were fun characters, Seeley was a great character, and Lucas, his fall, and Alex's crush and hope to catch him were a fun read. While LWF hinted at the surprise ending, it was still such a cute fall, and I loved how Alex faces both parts of it, with her courage, grace, kindness, and insightfulness winning out over her disappointment, along with the realization of what was really the best HEA for herself too. Her true character, and of course her hero's really the best HEA for her, and a sweet one to read. Very lovely fun read, definitely would appeal to a wide audience. It really is about understanding your heart, and seeing what is best and brightest for you. She definitely got her best choice in the end, the person who really had her heart, and her in her best interest, who was interested in her for herself, and who thought she was the real treasure and friend. Definitely a fun, cute read that was a lovely fall. Have had this on my wish list to buy for a while, and so glad I did! Can't wait to read her other novel!

Cathy says

This book was so much fun! I really liked Alex, I liked that she knew what she wanted (Lucas) and was willing to do pretty much anything to get what she wanted.

I thought that it was pretty funny when she decided that Sealey knew that she had a crush on Lucas, so in order to not have him make that public, she went to him. It kind of seemed a bit bold, but that's Alex for you! She does things like that through the whole book, it really makes the whole plot work.

And the way Sealey was made me laugh! He was completely willing to do anything he could to throw Lucas and Alex together, and some of the times it seemed like a bit of a detriment to Alex. I especially liked the Stake Date Auction scene where Alex gets her date with Lucas in the first place. The way Sealey spins this one was just hilarious!

I liked Lucas, he seemed like a true gentleman. Part of the fun of this one is that you don't know what either Lucas or Sealey are thinking. The only point of view you get is Alex's, so you have no idea why either guy does what they do, and neither does Alex.

I loved the whole love story in this one and I really enjoyed the ending! This was a fun, cute book that I didn't want to put down!

Amanda Chandler says

Catching Lucas Riley is a well crafted book based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale, The Little Mermaid. Lauren Winder Farnsworth does an amazing job captivating the reader, as well as constructing a remarkable plot. This is a must read book for 2016! Catching Lucas Riley, really caught me.

Kathy says

Great ending!

Content: Clean

Juliejlb says

Perfect birthday gift!

What a perfect birthday--To read a great LDS romance that just leaves you with a great big smile on your face.
