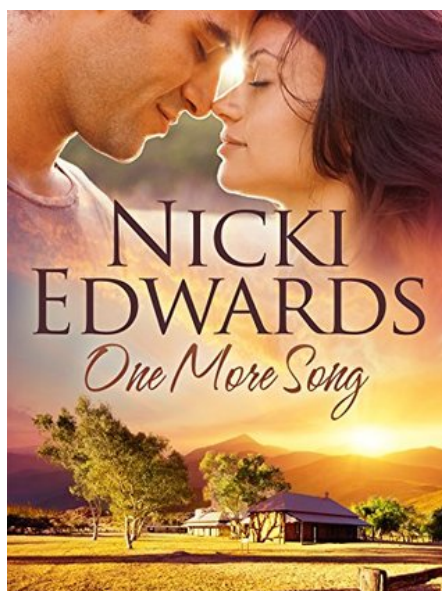




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Harry Baxter and Edwina Campbell lead completely different lives.

A lot has changed for Harry since he escaped his home town of Yallamba ten years ago, headed for the bright lights of the big city. Now he's the star of Melbourne's hottest musical, and home is wherever the next standing ovation is - why bother going home to visit his parents when his dad couldn't care less about his success?

Meanwhile, nothing much has changed for Edwina in the last decade, which is exactly how she likes it. Eddie adores her nursing job and Yallamba community - she can't imagine living anywhere else. And even if she wanted to, she could never leave her beloved grandparents, who raised her and love her like their very own daughter. She's not going to abandon them in their old age. Not for anything.

So when Harry and Eddie bump into each other on one of Harry's flying visits home, their instant mutual attraction seems as pointless as it is intense. There's no way they could ever work it out... Is there?

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Amanda - Mrs B's Book Reviews says

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4.5 stars

Fall in love this holiday season with the latest rural romance novel from Australian author Nicki Edwards. One More Song is the passionate story of Harry and Eddie, two young souls who have very different pathways in life, but find love in the small town of Yallambah. One More Song is a novel filled with plenty of heart, music, romantic complications, family issues and small town country life.

Ten years ago, Harrison 'Harry' Baxter traded life on his family's farm, for a career in musical theatre in the big smoke. Harry has reached the pinnacle of his career, he is the lead in the Melbourne production of the revered musical, Les Misérables. When Harry makes a quick visit home to Yallambah to see his family between shows, he crosses paths with local girl, Edwina 'Eddie' Campbell. Eddie is a nurse and local SES volunteer. She loves her career as much as she loves the town of Yallambah. She is part of the fabric of the community, devoted to the small town and caring for her elderly grandparents. The thought of making a life for herself outside Yallambah has never crossed Eddie's mind. However, when the enigmatic Harry Baxter enters her life, Eddie begins to wonder if she could leave Yallambah for a chance at a happily ever after with Harry. One More Song is the emotional story of Harry and Eddie's pathway to love and happiness – with a few heartbreaking obstacles thrown into the mix.

Last year I read and reviewed my first Nicki Edwards novel, The Peppercorn Project, a book I adored. When the opportunity came through to review One More Song, I leapt at the chance to read another book by an author I have enjoyed previously. I wasn't disappointed, this is another excellent novel from Edwards. One More Song demonstrates the true skill Edwards has for gifting her readers with an unforgettable rural romance novel.

The pairing of nurse and tireless SES worker Eddie, with musical theatre extraordinaire Harry, was a great move by Edwards. I loved how these two strong leads, from such differing backgrounds, managed to find one another. Through spending some valued time with these appealing leads, I gleaned a lot about their lives, hopes and fears. Through Harry, we learn about the fascinating musical theatre world. When it is Eddie's chance to shine, we gain an appreciation for the hard work that goes into being a nurse and a vital SES volunteer. On the whole, the ensuing love story between Eddie and Harry was ideal for me. I enjoyed reading the complications, emotional issues and of course the romance factor in this novel. I thought Edwards presented a love story that was believable and had plenty of drama to keep me turning the pages of this novel at a rapid rate.

There are plenty of issues at hand to keep the narrative of One More Song running. With the complications in love for the leads Harry and Eddie, there are also a host of family secrets, unspoken grievances and health issues for this couple to contend with. Edwards demonstrates her knowledge in the health field by bringing motor neurone disease to the floor through a side narrative thread in the novel. In tackling this aspect of the narrative, Edwards provides a fine balance between raising our awareness of this disease and providing a sensitive portrayal of a family bravely fighting this disease together.

At the heart of One More Song is the sensational rural backdrop to this novel. The township of Yallambah is the place where our leads meet. It is also the setting where the leading lady of the novel, Eddie, feels a deep sense of place. This attachment Eddie feels transfers to the page extremely well. I really felt the stir of emotions Eddie experienced in considering a move away from the only place she has known, for a chance at everything she has dreamed of, a shot at true love. Edwards also gives the reader a great picture of life in a

small town. Although there is the overwhelming feeling of living in each other's hip pockets, Edwards shows us how the sense of community spirit is unbreakable in tiny towns such as Yallambah. This is highlighted by a major incident that rocks the Yallambah community in the second half of the novel. The incident brings heartache and grief, but also much change to the main characters and whole community of Yallambah. It is a pivotal force, influencing the direction of the final direction of the novel. It was a shift that I found satisfying as *One More Song* drew to a fine close.

It was a delight to embark on a jaunt to the charming community of Yallambah, through *One More Song*. The medley of inviting characters, a stunning country backdrop and a remarkable love story, makes *One More Song* a book that will resonate, long after the final page has come to a rest.

*I wish to thank Pan Macmillan for providing me with a free copy of this book for review purposes.

Josephine-Anne Griffiths says

I love this book so much! So much, in fact, I may need to read it again soon.

‘There was a sign in Nan’s kitchen: “No matter where I place my guests, they always like the kitchen best.”’

There’s no doubt about it, Nicki Edwards knows how to tell an excellent story, how to develop her characters to perfection, and how to mingle so many of life’s most devastating issues within the story. It’s not about having sub-plots; no each character fits neatly into the main storyline, and everything comes together and evolves like a well-designed jig-saw puzzle.

The analogies used throughout this wonderful story are brilliant. The descriptions of scenery, people, and situations are magical. Whether dealing with issues of health, relationships, catastrophic disasters, or just life in general, Ms. Edwards handles all these matters with well-defined compassion and sensitivity.

‘The early morning sun dappled through the gum trees. Magpies warbled, singing songs to the pale blue sky. It actually felt good to be home, ... ‘

‘*One More Song*’ is a story of extreme heartache and happiness, love and loss, relationships, grief, and of letting go of pride and acknowledging one’s mistakes.

This book made me smile and laugh, cry and sob until the end.

Nicki’s style is second to none ... I’ve loved her books since reading her debut novel ‘*Intensive Care*’, and not stopped reading since. This book, however, trumps the lot. I feel it is her best yet. I didn’t think anything could be better after ‘*The Peppercorn Project*’, but I’m proven wrong. I wonder what will come next? Will we be lucky enough to hear more about Eddie and Harry? I certainly hope so.

I was provided with an Advanced Readers’ Copy of this book by the author. At no time was I financially compensated or required to provide a positive review. All thoughts are entirely my own.

Anne says

Another enjoyable rural romance.

Nicki continues to put twists and turns into her stories that you don't see coming. The characters of her books and storylines are realistic. Used quite a few tissues while reading the last part of the book. Looking forward to your next book Nicki.

Melissa says

I really enjoy Australian romances. There is something about the country settings of Australia that are magical. Even though I am well and truly a city girl, I appreciate the slower country feel in rural romances. Nicki Edwards came on my radar when I read The Peppercorn Project . As well as being a great read, I think the author appealed to me because she is also a nurse, and I enjoy the nursing parts of her stories. One More Song was another that did not disappoint.

One More Song was an enjoyable quick read that left some warm and fuzzies behind. Single boy meets newly single girl and sparks fly, but they are from very different worlds. Can they make it work?

I did not enjoy it quite as much as The Peppercorn Project, however it was still a good read. I found the romance to be a little unbelievable at first and the story slightly slow. However, this improved drastically in the second half of the book, when there is a catastrophic event that adds a lot of excitement to the story, and a bit more grit.

I thought the characters were great, and I loved the feel of community within the town. I enjoyed that Harry was in musical theatre. I don't often read about men in musical theatre! It was an interesting perspective.

Lovely story that I would recommend to all romance fans!

Many thanks to Pan Macmillan and Nicki Edwards for a copy of "One More Song" for me to read and review.

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Leanne Francis says

This story is just a delight. It's about Eddie and Harry, two people from different worlds, overcoming adversity to follow their dreams and be together. The outback Australian setting is perfect.

Michelle says

One More Song is the latest in the list of Nicki Edwards books that I have read and loved, but I think this is the first that I actually have in paperback so I thought that was a little special; being the first paperback it's the first we have been able to feature as a book club read so I hope that our readers love this story as much as I do.

Nicki's Escape to the Country series was largely set in one small town region surrounding a hospital. One More Song is set in the fictional town of Yallambah in the Victorian High Country, an area decimated by bushfire the year before the story is set.

Harrison Baxter is the prodigal son, born to a farmer and expected to take over in the succession plan. Harrison may have been born to a farmer but he certainly wasn't born to be a farmer and he knew it from early on. Harrison always dreamed of becoming a performer, even though it created quite a rift between he and his father and saw his visits become less and less frequent.

Harry agrees to come home for Christmas in the lead up to a charity show fundraising for the bushfire victims, on his first day back in town he crosses paths with Eddie (Edwina) Campbell.

Eddie also grew up in Yallambah but she has always been very happy nestled in the heart of her community and taking care of her grandparents. Things just lately haven't really gone her way but she loves her work as a nurse and a volunteer with the SES, she is completely community minded and is more than happy to make Yallambah the bulk of her world.

One More Song is another sizzling story of an Australian summer, complete with bushfire threat and the need to be prepared. These stories always get me thinking, and wondering about what I would do in the situation because I'm in an area that needs me to be bushfire ready.

Musical theatre features quite predominantly and I am amazed at how prevalent this subject matter is lately, but perhaps it's just that I have become more open to it. I was always very closed to the idea but over the last year or so my mind has been opened a little, and is ready to be opened some more if the right opportunities are to present themselves.

Harry is currently performing in Les Mis and it's a scaled back version of that being performed in Yallambah, he has performed in some big name shows that even I have heard of, and his dream is to make it to the big time, internationally. He isn't thrilled to be home for Christmas, time with his family always ends up quite stressful but he has even more to face this time round because his infrequent family contact mean he has missed out on quite a lot, but now could be the perfect opportunity to try and make amends. He can't do anything to change the past but maybe he can make a better future.

The complete review can be found at <http://bookgirl.beautyandlace.net/boo...>

Lynda says

I was lucky enough to be chosen by Beauty and Lace Bookclub and Pan MacMillan to receive a copy of One More Song by Nicki Edwards to read and review.

This is the first novel I have read by this author and it didn't disappoint. This is a well researched and very well written story.

The story starts off similar to other contemporary rural romances and is a fun read. It continues with twists and turns and is able to delve into serious topics such as Motor Neurone Disease and struggles of living in the bush without becoming depressing.

I can't wait to read more of this author's work.

Nicole says

Once again we have been taken on an emotional rollercoaster. I loved the character development throughout the novel of all the characters. It became easy to love not only Harry and Eddie but all the characters. Nicki has once again brought to our attention the bug issues such as MND, natural disasters and strained relationships.

I read the novel in a day while on holidays. My only suggestion is be prepared for ugly crying to happen. Not so great when you are trying to hold it together poolside.

Susan Dawson says

Love, love, love! Really enjoy this story!! Had a glorious weekend reading this one ? Big thanks for the escape NE xx

Joanne says

I often rate but not review. Today I need to write a few lines though. Thank you Nicki. I adored this story - enough that I had to just keep reading. I don't thank you for the tears - my eyes are still red and I have to head out to meet people I've never met before with red eyes. I'll blame you...in the nicest possible way.

Jenny says

One More Song is the story of Harrison Baxter and Edwina Campbell and how they both achieve their dreams. Harrison Baxter came home to Yallamba because his father was ill. After Edwina Campbell grandmother had a fall volunteered to take over her job of organising the annual Christmas dinner. Edwina Campbell thought it would easy, however, it was not as easy as she thought and things were starting to fall apart until she met Harrison Baxter. The readers of One More Song will continue to follow Harrison Baxter to see what happens.

I enjoyed reading One More Song. I have read a couple of Nicki Edwards books, and I have loved every one of them. I liked Nicki Edwards portrayals of her characters especially Harrison Baxter and Edwina Campbell. One More Song is well written, and research by Nicki Edwards and it engaged me from the first page. I like the way Nicki Edwards describes her settings and plot. I love the way Nicki Edwards use "Empty Chairs At Empty Tables" from Les Miserables <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POvsv...> it made me cry with her characters in the church.

The readers of One More Song will learn about being part of the musical scene in Australia and what it takes to achieve your dreams. Also, the readers of One More Song highlights the importance of encouraging our children to achieve their goals.

I recommend this book.

Melissa Woods says

Wow. One More Song delves into the emotions of Harrison and Edwina. Both have different emotional journeys, but the strength they contain in themselves, begin to shine, especially when their lives are put to a test. Nicki has a beautiful way of touching your emotions by taking you where your head and heart meets.

Jessica M says

<http://jessjustreads.com>

One More Song is a delightfully heartfelt rural romance novel by bestselling Australian novelist Nicki Edwards. It's heartwarming and charming, but also incredibly endearing and filled with realistic emotion and engaging, relatable characters.

Eddie and Harry are two people from different worlds, and One More Song is about them overcoming their differences and learning to follow their dreams and find a way to be together. Following their story and reading about their budding romance is a really enjoyable experience, and I really thought this book was wonderful and really well-written.

Both characters have their flaws. Harry doesn't really get along with his father and has spent years ignoring the elephant in the room and avoiding trying to work things out with him. Eddie has been living with her grandparents, too devoted to them to really live her own life. When the two meet, they're able to help each other. They are able to tackle their problems and realise what it is that they both want.

"How long has he been sick, Mum?"

She shrugged. "A few months."

"A few months?" He only realised he'd raised his voice when Claire kicked him under the table.

"He never got over that flu," Jenny said.

Harry frowned. "But that was back in June. Are you saying he's been sick for six months?"

I think the novel was paced really well, allowing us to really spend time with the characters and feel like we understand them and can sympathise with them. Nicki is really great at crafting three-dimensional, relatable characters.

I did feel like in real life, these two types of people would never be able to actually make a relationship work, but I cast that thought aside and just went along with the book.

"Her face warmed. Normally if a man ogled her like that, she would have told him to look elsewhere, but with Harry it felt different — like he genuinely liked all of her — inside and out."

I recommend this novel to romance and rural fiction readers. It's heartfelt and beautiful, but it's also a fun and addictive novel.

Thank you to the publisher for sending me a review copy in exchange for an honest review

Brenda says

Harrison Baxter revelled in his life – musical theatre meant everything to him and his lead role in *Les Mis* was a dream come true. The Sydney season was coming to an end and he and the crew would begin in Melbourne in the New Year. In the meantime, Harry was heading home to Yallamba for Christmas. His mother, father, sister Claire and husband Simon, plus their two children had always lived in his old home town, but the bitterness between Harry and his dad was what had kept him away for so long. He wasn't looking forward to the week-long stay...

Edwina Campbell – nurse; volunteer with the SES - had offered to take over the organising of the children's Christmas party which her Nan had always done, as she was in hospital following a hip replacement. Her grandad was with her Nan, so Eddie was alone at the farm. As things started to go wrong – one after another – Eddie didn't know how she would manage. But the arrival on the scene of Harry, with his offer of help, was a lifesaver for Eddie. Maybe their Christmas party *would* be a success after all?

But would the flush of attraction between Eddie and Harry ever come to anything? When tragedy and heartache loomed, it seemed to be over before it began. As the town of Yallamba rallied, uncertainty was high. What would be the future for these caring, special people in the small town of Yallamba?

One More Song by Aussie author Nicki Edwards was absolutely superb! Filled with heartache, hope, happiness and sadness; of loss, the loyalty of family and most of all, of life, *One More Song* ticks all the boxes. Wonderfully rounded characters, I especially enjoyed Eddie – written with compassion, caring and sensitivity, the author has written her best yet in my opinion. Highly recommended.

With thanks to Pan Macmillan for my uncorrected proof to read and review.

Julie Garner says

I received an advanced reading copy of this book.

I love the way Nicki Edwards blends romance, country life and family all into one. She also reminded me about how much I love musicals.

This book is about choices - life choices and home choices are key. Harrison comes home from his successful musical theatre life and meets up with Edwina through a chance encounter. Their separate lives come together in ways that are completely unexpected. It is how they then support one another that I find interesting. Two different people, two different lives coming together in one place.

One More Song is well written and the growing relationship between the Harry and Eddie keeps your interest. I love seeing how different scenarios play out with relationships in books. There are good ways to write them and bad ways. I feel that in this case, Edwards has done a great job considering the various trials and events the characters go through.

The other thing that this author does very well is brings in other characters that help everyone play off one another. As you can imagine, in a small country town everyone knows everyone and your business becomes everyone's business very quickly. Family secrets may stay hidden for some time but they will be revealed eventually. Do you reveal it or does someone beat you to it?

Can true love conquer all? *One More Song* is a great book to help evaluate that question. Does love mean more than everything else you have held true? Can it sustain you when all else fails? Read this book and

enjoy the fun and tragedy that brings Harry and Eddie together, and maybe tears them apart.
