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Seven weeks have passed since bakery-owner Ren lost her boyfriend to a skiing accident and his organs were sent all over the country for donation. Now she must fly to Denver to empty his apartment and find a way to finally say goodbye.

Minor celebrity Eric Sorenson is looking for something, but he's not sure what. Ever since his heart surgery he's felt incomplete, so he's been scouring the country in search of that elusive element.

The two meet on the plane to Colorado, but what Ren finds in the enigmatic Eric takes her by surprise and she begins to wonder: is it possible for a donated heart to make its way back to its beloved?

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Taking Heart is a 58,000 word contemporary romance novel.

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From Reader Review Taking Heart for online ebook

Bloggeretterized says

I don't usually give a book five stars but this one I had to.

My review is not from a writer's point of view, I'm a plain jane reader and I'm not taking into consideration the writing style and all those things people analyze when reviewing books and authors.

I gave this book 5 stars for the sole fact that I read it from beginning to end in one day. I started it and couldn't stop reading it. The story captivated me.

The reasons I list below are spoilers, so if you want to be captivated like I was, skip them and know that at least for me, this was a great love story.

(view spoiler)

I read the last line and smiled.

Like I said, this is a great readable love story, modern, entertaining and heart warming. Just what the hopeless romantic in me needed to read. :)

p.s. the kindle cover is lovely too. After reading the book I get it. It fits perfectly to the story.

Dora Okeyo says

I loved the font- on the Kindle Version of this book.

Like most books that follow grief and healing- this was beautiful and I did not wallow in Ren's sorrow as much- but got to see how hard moving on could be especially for new people. Eric loved Ren, but she was still hung up on Ben and all he could do was hope that one day-she'll let Ben go and love Eric instead for who he was.

The dialogues are also well written. It was a good read too.

Carrie Sims Schutze says

I highly recommend this book!! It was a good thing it was a short read because I absolutely couldn't put it down. The characters personalities were amazing and I found myself smiling like a fool and tearing up right along with them. I was having a bad day when I started reading and by the time I was done I was in a great mood! This is an amazing story about life lessons, dealing with grief and that eventually, life does go on! Good stuff!!:)

Martha says

This was a very interesting story. I like the meet, friendship, develops into more story line. I enjoyed Ren and Eric's relationships and the evolution they went through. I do wish the epilogue went a little further down the line in their relationship besides a few weeks but all in all I liked the book.

Alina Man says

This was one easy read and I really enjoyed it. I would recommend it to my friends.

Moon Love says

This book made me cry, which is a good thing. It means I'm able to connect with the characters emotionally. It also means the author has done a great job.

Don't let the synopsis or blurb throw you off. This isn't a story about a heart finding it's way back to the one it loves. It's a story of two unlikely people finding what they need in one another. It's so much more.

Jill says

3.5 stars

Seven weeks after her boyfriend, Ben's death in an accident, Renee Lawton is flying to Colorado to clean out his apartment. His organs have been donated to those in need. Seated next to her in the plane is Eric Sorenson, a celebrity-by-association and best friend of a famous actor. After undergoing heart surgery, Eric an aimless party animal, begins travelling the country searching for direction in his life.

After reading the *Disarm* series by June Gray (aka Wilette Youkey), I was keen to read another contemporary by this author. Again I'm impressed with her writing and story-telling. Her strength in both contemporaries lies in the realism she creates in both her characters and their developing relationship.

There's also an unexpected turn with the plot. And though the romance is at the heart (ha,ha) of this novel, it's also a story about dealing with life and death.

The heroine who owns a bakery with her sisters, is relatable and likable. The hero's initial introduction as an intimidating and angry jerk is a little off-putting. But like Ren, we discover that he's not the arrogant bully he first appears.

Taking Heart is a lovely romance, a refreshingly different contemporary that doesn't follow the path you quite expect.

Steam: 2.5

Courtesy of Wilette Youkey

Jae says

I loved it. An amazing *light* roller coaster ride. I was crying from early on, but the 88% mark (the Iowa scene) totally got me sobbing and bawling. Good thing I already got myself three boxes of tissues handy.

Thanks to Terri N who generously loaned me this book.

Wendy says

3.5 stars.

Ren Lawton is on a flight back to Colorado and finds herself striking up a conversation with a charming very sexy Eric Sorenson. The spark of attraction is there, but will Ren ever get over her one true love Ben?

This is a bittersweet tale of love lost and a chance for new happiness. It's touching and engaging and a definite for the romance lovers.

Courtesy of Wilette Youkey, for an honest review.

ShoSho says

[the hero sleeps with another woman and is in relationship with her for a while and even thinks about proposing to her (hide spoiler)]

Rosa Coronado says

Lo termine el viernes, yyy me gusto mucho, no es la típica historia de amor inmadura de siempre jajajaja la cual encuentro en varios libros, esta historia de amor tiene un proceso el cual me encanto porque a pesar de todo lo que ellos pasan por la vida logran superar la perdida en el caso de Ren y el miedo y la superación en el caso de Erick.

Me gustó que ambos personajes sean tan afines al punto de saber que es lo que necesitaba cada quien. Eric entendía tan bien a Ren era tan perspicaz que fue lo que mas me gusto de este personaje, ahora Ren desde que se conocen siente algo por Erick que no sabia explicar porque era capaz de hacer cosas que nunca había hecho con nadie tenían mucha química, lo cual la lleva a una confusión, confusión mía también ya que hubo un momento en que pensé que la historia se centraba en que Erick estaba unido a Ren por causa de la muerte de su novio (culpa de la sinopsis tambien jejejeje :P), y me sorprendió de que no era así en absoluto, ya que Erick no tenia el corazón de Ben, ahí es cuando ambos tienen que darse el espacio suficiente, separarse y así

poder cerrar lo que los atormentaba, lo confuso que era todo sobre su amor
Por lo que Erick se encuentra buscando darle un giro a su vida, al darse cuenta de sus sentimientos por Ren trata de luchar por ella, se encuentra queriendo tener una vida real al lado de ella y Ren en el poder superar la muerte de su Novio Ben lo que logra con ayuda de Erick de una manera un poco traumática pero la ayuda al fin y al cabo lo que seria el comienzo del fin para su dolor y la aceptación de dejar ir a Ben, logrando finalmente su amor :)

Iria says

I enjoyed this book very much. I liked the character's growth throughout the story in this book. I absolutely loved the friendship and connection between Ren and Eric.

Melody says

DNF

I started it a few months ago but I put it down because I couldn't get into the story. Now, I honestly don't think I want to continue it.

Wendie says

Really enjoyed this book:) I liked Ren and Eric and thought their relationship was realistic and interesting. Overall a good read.

Heidi says

great story! Loved the twists and turns and overall vibe of the book. I teared up, cracked up and smiled while reading. I recommend it :)
