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Selena Rosenthal left behind her high school sweetheart, who was the love of her life, seven years ago.

Now, she and the once-rebellious Oliver Bowman are back in Chandlerville—after his foster father’s heart attack and Selena’s contentious divorce—to deal with her secrets, the recklessness that caused their breakup, and the almost-strangers they’ve become to each other and their families.

As soon as his father is stronger, Oliver must return to the successful career that helps support a new generation of foster kids. But he’s falling for Selena again, her daughter has a hold on his heart, and he can’t imagine leaving behind his brothers and sisters once again.

More attached by the day to their charming hometown and families, Selena and Oliver fall in love for the second time.

Has fate brought Chandlerville’s prodigal children together again...this time forever?

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Kristen says

In Anna De Stefano's Let Me Love You Again, the 2nd installment in the Echoes of the Heart contemporary romance series, we return back to Chandlerville, Georgia, for another heart-warming romance novella. For prodigal son Oliver Bowman, he returned home when his adoptive father suffered a heart attack. From there, he ran into his former flame, Selena Rosenthal, who broke his heart years ago, when she slept with his future brother-in-law Brad Douglas. For Selena, she kept the secret of her daughter Camille's paternity for seven years, and was also a recovering addict like Oliver was. She was also dealing with Parker, her soon-to-be ex-husband and their pending divorce, who didn't give a damn about them. While Oliver dealt with the past and needed to make a clean slate to make things right, he wondered about Camille being his daughter, while Selena learned about the truth about her father. In the end, they've mended fences along with their broken hearts and fall in love again.

Lynn Lim says

I just read a new book by a new author, well new to me anyway. Her name is Anna DeStefano, and her new book is Let Me Love You Again. It is about old love found again. It is a wonderful story of two young adults, both with a serious underage drinking problem. Now, seven years later, as grown up adults, they both have the problem under wraps with the help of tough love from family, and AA. I do not usually like stories that have to do with characters with alcohol problems. I grew up in a family with this problem. Just goes to show, a well-written story can get a reader thru anything and Ms DeStefano does a phenomenal job writhing this book. I really LOVED this book! All of the characters are well developed. The writing really makes you feel all the emotions possible for Selena, Oliver and their families, and what they went, and are going thru. I really cheered for Selena and Oliver when they came out the other side. I loved the give and take between Selena and her 6 year old daughter, Camille. Camille was such a grown up little girl, to read her mom the way she did. It just made me smile reading these passages.

I want to thank many for the opportunity to read this book, NetGalley, Montlake Publishing, and most of all Anna DeStefano for writing this story.

Thank you for reading my review. You really will enjoy the book.

KathyAnne says

4.5 rating...

Such a great story... gave me warm fuzzies... I love it when that happens... :)

This book really took me by surprise because I wasn't expecting it to stir up my emotions as much as it did. The story revolves mostly around Selena and Oliver crossing paths again after years of hiding away from the mistakes of their youth. But it also revolves around Joe and Marsha Dixon, the foster parents of Oliver, and it was his parents that had me hooked mostly into the story. I loved their marriage and how they devoted their entire lives to helping children in need. They couldn't have children themselves, but they turned it into something wonderful instead of letting it bring them down. Very inspirational characters that I grew to love. Selena and Oliver made huge mistakes in their teen years... it's a story we've heard before right?? Their Wreck-less behaviors eventually pulled these two apart even though they loved each other. Sometimes you hurt someone so much they have no choice but to run away. And, that's what both of them did.

Tragedy strikes the Dixon family however, and Oliver found himself back in this small town facing the woman he loved in his youth with a new set of eyes. It's funny how time and a few years to grow can help heal the hurts of the past and find a way to give someone a second chance. It also doesn't hurt to have a huge family of foster brothers and sisters to set you straight!

The other thing that I LOVED about this book is the way the author included the occasional POV of Selena's little girl... I thought this was really powerful. Looking at a situation from the eyes of children is always a rude awakening. They see things simply and even though you try to hide the truth they can also be very, very perceptive! I fell in love with little Camille.

Joe and Marsha Dixon perfected what it means to be a real family. Sometimes a little love and patience is all the medicine we need to carry on. I loved the way they loved all of these children and gave them a sense of belonging and home.

I hope there are more installments to this series. I would love to get to know some of the other characters a little better!

A wonderful story that I would highly recommend to small town romance fans and those who just love a story that leaves you feeling good at the end.

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Georgianna Simpson says

Let Me Love You Again is a wonderfully romantic and complete storyline of finding the love of your life as a teenager and losing it due to the immaturity and teen drama that most people face. Then years later and a lot of heartache, recapturing that and more.

Anna DeStefano is a very talented writer who creates a world of characters that are incredibly real and yet can be so very different from each other, much like the people you know in real life. She takes the time to weave an intricate and compelling story, allowing it to develop naturally without rushing it to a hurried conclusion.

This romantic and compelling tale unfolds with the hero Oliver returning home, once a foster child with the Dixon family, he's now an incredibly in demand computer security specialist. Unfortunately, he hasn't been home since he left seven years before. He sends lots of money to help his foster parents raise more children in their loving home. He finds the love of his life Selena, back at her home next door with a daughter.

That's all the setup and spoilers I'm going to do! Except to let you know that the author spins a realistic and exciting tale of small town life. She's given a wonderful picture of foster parents dedicated to helping kids have the family they so desperately need. Even if things don't always go well. Sometimes kids get into self-destructive things, even with the best parents.

Oliver and Selena (whose father abandoned her and her mother when she was a child) fell in love, but life got in the way. They both became teenage alcoholics and the consequences were devastating for a good part of both of their lives.

The story centers on their old relationship, the lives they have now and Selena's daughter. Can they become

friends or lovers again? Can they get through all the baggage and hurt? Whose daughter is Selena? There is so much great drama and fantastic self-discovery in this heartfelt story, it's incredibly hard to put down. It entwines the lives of the many children the Dixons have raised, as well as health issues of the father that bring the family back to help.

It's very talentedly written and believable, a completely captivating read that will alternately warm, break, then rebuild your heart. Grab lots of tissues, your favorite beverage and settle in for a wonderful ride that will play your heartstrings like a violin.

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Deb says

I always look forward to anything new from this amazingly talented author in contemporary fiction! Each novel is a wonderful, heartfelt story full of drama and romance, usually with a HEA- my kinda book ;) ... I also love

Ms. Anna's style and flavor of writing about small town life with the love and support of families & friends and sometimes struggles with real life problems, then finding solutions :)

Rich details and descriptions bring the well defined characters & settings to life, keeping the reader engaged & the pages turning! I was fortunate to receive an ARC in exchange for an honest review and I honestly loved this 2nd book in the "Echoes of the Heart" series and I highly recommend you add this to your must read TBR list :) ... I also hope that Ms. Anna will take us back to visit the wonderful folks of Chandlerville for another visit and soon :)

Natasha says

Review by Natasha Gentile

Selena Rosenthal left behind her high school sweetheart, who was the love of her life, seven years ago.

Growing up next door to your boyfriend can be somewhat of a catch 22. It's all fun and games, till the end is near and then it's awkward.

This was the case for Oliver and Selena.

Seven years later their path collide once again when his foster father has a heart attack.

Oliver Bowman is back where he said he would never go back again. He is perfectly happy having walls put up around his heart. After being left by his high school sweetheart he said he would never love again, and he didn't.

Now that they are both home because of circumstances their lives collide once more, but he has to decide if he will take that step again and risk losing her again or just leave her this time.

In a story that has ups and downs and secrets I was quite taken with it.

Bette Hansen says

Adored this one! Neither Selena Rosenthal nor Oliver Bowman thought they would ever return to Chanderville. However the demise of Selena's marriage has her and her young daughter returning to live with her mother until she can get back on her feet. When Oliver's foster father, Joe, has a heart attack, he returns to Chanderville to help out the family he owes his life to. Never did he expect to see Selena living right next door.

This is an incredible story of dealing with the past, letting old hurts go, and moving toward the future. It is one you will definitely want to read. I highly recommend it.

Vikki Vaught says

My Musings

Sweet little romance with heart warming characters, especially Camile. I loved that Destefano have her a POV. I can't wait to read the next one in this series. Happy ?reading ?!

Angelle says

In this story we get to know Oliver Bowman and Selena Rosenthal. Selena was the love of Oliver's life until one crazy night when they were teenagers and mistakes were made and hurtful words were spoken. These two are back in Chanderville for their own personal reasons and have no idea the other is there. When they are forced to talk to each other will they find that the old feelings are still there or will they cut ties forever? I love Chanderville and all the families that live there. These two have found their way into my heart just like every other person in Chanderville. I would highly recommend this story and any of Ms. DeStefano's other books. This story can be read as a stand alone.

Kathy says

This is a sweet story of how one can overcome the past and start anew. Selena and Oliver had a past together, which did not end well. Oliver returns home to help out when his father becomes deathly ill. Serena is home because she is trying to get her life back together after filing for a divorce from her cheating husband, who really did not care for Selena or her young daughter Camille, and who will do anything to get them back to maintain appearances of having a loving, stable marriage and family.

The only problem I had with this book was the way the author made everything a big drama, so much so that it almost detracted from the story line and current happening. For example, the author dragged out the initial encounter between Oliver and Selena, the confrontation between the two while the Child Protective Services was doing and impromptu inspection of Oliver's parents' home environment and never did mention the inspection later (why insert this anyway if you are not going to even mention it and possible impacts/repercussions after the fact, since it added nothing?), and the initial meeting among Oliver, Selena

and Brad in the hospital while all were visiting Oliver's father. I could go on, but I won't. I just cannot understand why everything, regardless of importance or complexity, became so very important and usurped the story line so much so that, as I said, I sometimes had difficulty remembering/realizing what exactly was going on. I realize the author wanted to bring out all the past events that led to what was occurring and to bring out their importance but there are other ways, often employed by other authors.

Otherwise the story is a well done, sweet romance. I enjoyed reading about the town and the families and watching the interactions between the characters, though there was nothing all that different from other books in this same genre. I have not read anything else by this author, but she seems to be quite good, and I will now look for other works by her. The story is a good romance and will appeal to readers who are looking for and enjoy them. I received this from NetGalley to read and review.

Marla says

Let Me Love You Again takes us back to Chandlersville. Back into the lives of Selena, Oliver, Dru, Brad and all their foster families. Forgiveness, family and starting over are some of the stages of life that will keep your heart open in this story.

Peggy says

Love love love this book. Once again a welcome trip to Chandlersville. But, I think this is the best visit yet. I was immediately drawn back into the lives of Joe and Marsha and their foster children. These are characters that are so well written that they feel like a part of my family. And, the reader becomes emotionally invested with their lives. From the beginning, I cheered for Oliver and Selena. Camille draws the whole family together in a wholesome feel good way. I read this book when I needed it badly. I put a smile on my face and was just a feel good read. I am read for Anna to write the next in the series. Hopefully, there will be many more.

Nancy Naigle says

LET ME LOVE YOU AGAIN is an emotional journey following the heart-tugging choices made by Selena, and the domino-effect upon her return to Chandlerville. Oliver, Selena's high school sweetheart, is forced back due to a family emergency and these two are faced with the past. I admired Oliver as a successful businessman with a sense of family duty right from the get go, but Lordy he grew wings and a halo and a spot on my "come sweep me off my feet" list before I knew it. Anna's characters are engaging in a way that make you hope for them, worry for them, and root for them to find a way to their meant-to-be.

It wasn't long before I felt like part of the Chandlerville community too as these neighbors tried to sort through the past and follow their hearts. Thanks for weaving a beautiful tapestry of family, hope and second chances.

Andrea Guy says

Let Me Love You Again is a beautiful tale of second chances. It is book 2 in the Echoes of the Heart series, by the fabulous Anna DeStefano.

I thought Here In My Heart was wonderful, but Let Me Love You is even better.

What really drew me to this book was the fact that Oliver and Selena are far from perfect. Both are recovering addicts, but they have pulled their lives together. Oliver is doing his best to take care of the foster parents who made him who he is and Selena is doing her best to be a good mother to Camille.

These two were an item, but their teenage problems pulled them apart.

The struggles that these two have are very real. I have to admit to loving that Oliver really wants to be part of Selena's life, probably more than Selena is ready to have him in hers.

There's more to this story than just the rekindling of a romance. The big picture really focuses on the importance of family. Selena is coming to accept her mother, who she had a strained relationship with, as well as Oliver's family, The Dixons.

If you don't love the good hearted foster mom and dad, Marsha and Joe, there is something wrong with your heart. There is one scene with Marsha and Belinda (Selena's mom) that will tug at your heartstrings.

It was really wonderful to see the two families come together.

If you are a fan of family romance, this is definitely the book or series for you. I can't wait to see whose story is next.

Lynn Lim says

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