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The fence that once brought them together now keeps them apart.

Mandy needs one last photo to complete her MFA project, digitally transforming the deteriorating Crawford mansion into the stately building it could have been. But a fence stands in her way.

Determined to keep land developers and paparazzi from his great-grandfather's estate, Daniel Crawford has taken to chasing off intruders by any means possible. No one is going to cross the fence into his land. Or his heart.

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Annette says

Cute, sweet and well written. Only one tiny plot thing that I felt was unrealistic. I enjoyed the characters' chemistry and I'm a sucker for stories about reuniting with a childhood friend/sweetheart. Hoping there will be a book about Candace and Colin.

Katie W says

I love that Mandy and Daniel knew each other as children, at a time when they each really needed a friend. The first meet as adults was kind of hilarious--and scary, funny, and crazy. This couple doesn't have an easy road. As they've grown, their paths have vastly differed and the one thing that brings them together is Daniel's grandfathers old, run-down mansion.

Lack of communication is prevalent in this story and it's almost like a tennis match, waffling back and forth between who is willing to talk and who isn't. Each are likable characters, for the most part, although their hesitance to trust and talk sometimes makes the reader feel otherwise for a minute. At least, that's how it was for me, and it happens over and over and over again.

Through all of the thick and heavy drama, there are some very sweet redeeming moments and those come when the walls drop, or in this case, the fences fall. I love the vulnerable situations and they really drew me into the story. Of course, the supporting cast is hilariously fun, fierce, and loyal! I'd love to see a few spin-offs result from this book (Candace for one). This is a fun addition to the Mansion set and is full of scandalous entertainment.

Content: mild romance (some light innuendo).

I received a copy, which didn't influence my opinion in any way.

Jessie says

Mandy hasn't seen Daniel Crawford since the summer they met as children. She was living with her Grandma Mae, and he was living in the mansion next door with his grandfather. While working on a project for her masters, Mandy may or may not have climbed the fence to Daniel's property. When he startles her, she falls and gets hurt. This sounds like the kind of meet-cute I would have. I would not be forgettable for my wit or beauty, but by the klutzy way I just embarrassed myself.

Mandy's parting words stir Daniel's memories, and he renews the friendship between them.

This was one of those stories where I wanted to yell at the characters to communicate with one another! Thankfully, there were some amazing secondary characters who did that for me! I loved the people in Daniel's life, from his business partner, to his secretary. They told him exactly what I wanted to say (mostly that he was being an idiot)!

I liked that Mandy and Daniel were childhood friends, and were rebuilding that relationship. There was also some great tension and drama just because Daniel is a rich, and therefore famous, bachelor.

If you like clean romances, or yelling at your characters until they finally get it right, this is the book for you.

Content: clean (some kissing, mild innuendo)

Melissa Medell Hayford says

I really enjoyed Mending Fences. I've enjoyed all the Mansion books, but I think this was my favorite so far. I loved getting to know Mandy and Danny. Their relationship was sweet and frustrating at times, but I enjoyed the ride. I also loved the secondary characters. I would love to read a story about them.

Susan K says

Romance, clean

This was a cute retelling of Wuthering Heights with a HEA. Definitely a 3.5 for me as a reader, but still I love the art aspect, and even though the money and society stuff wasn't really me, the H, and h, were such honest caring people, with hurting hearts, that I loved their story and final coming together. The mirrored story with the Bronte's with the house, the characters, their doomed story, and the deep affection and feelings for each other were really lovely. The misunderstandings, the complexity of life in the 'spotlight', the past and the present, all combined to make a beautiful fall, with a lovely setting in the end. Loved the home that they both created in the end.

A lovely read!

Aud says

"Mending Fences" by Lorin Grace A Sweet Clean Contemporary Romance Story.

I am lucky enough to be on the street team for this the fourth book in the Destined for Love: Mansions Collection. The author gave me a copy to read and post an honest review..AND... honestly I did love this story. I fell in love with the characters... so I hurt when they hurt, laughed at some of the things they did, scolded them sometimes, and cheered them on when I thought they were heading in the right direction. This is a Sweet Clean Contemporary Romance Story. I do love a story that should it be being read aloud, I would not care who heard what I was being read to me. I really think you should give this story a read because I think it is a 5-star story.

Paula Gentry says

Loved it. Sweet, perfect, mystery, love, old mansions. I seriously loved it!

Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

I enjoyed this story for the most part, there was some great back and forth between Mandy and Daniel. I just wished there was more that they based their relationship on than one summer spent together as children and two or so dates as adults. It felt underdeveloped and I think their relationship would have felt more substantial if there had just been... more. It was the details that made this story stand out to me- the house of artists with each kitchen cupboard featuring a different painting from the masters, the chalkboard in the basement for visitors to sign, the creativity of Mandy's MFA project. Mandy's friend and housemate Candace was also a fun supporting character and I felt like I was able to see more between the two of them than Mandy and Daniel.

(I received a complimentary copy of the book; all opinions in this review are my own)

Isha Coleman says

Brick by brick, memory by memory and heart to heart, Ms. Grace has created an enamoring tale. One building holds the key to new beginnings and happily ever afters. Mending Fences lays out a winding road of secrets, heartache and forgiveness that is true to life and hard to let go of. Along with the breathtaking romance, there are some serious scenarios that shine a light on some ugly truths.

Charity Bradford says

This was my favorite story in the Mansions series so far! There was nothing to complain or nit pick. The connection between Daniel and Mandy felt real, as did the things keeping them apart. You could argue that Mandy could have let him explain, but women need a cool down period. After that, she did listen. Sadly, the incident with Coach 'Handsy' also felt real to life. Every time "but the team was winning" was mentioned, I wanted to scream because all too often that is more important than women's comfort and safety.

I also loved how in the end, Daniel figures out that love is really about the every day small moments than the big gestures.

I give Mending Fences a 4.5 and Clean rating.

1-5 scale and what it means:

- 1: I couldn't even finish it / just plain bad
- 2: I hope I didn't pay for this / disappointing
- 3: I didn't hate it, but it was still missing something / forgettable but inoffensive
- 3.5: On the line between good and ok / like, not love
- 4: Solid mind candy / worth reading
- 4.5: So very close to perfection! / must read
- 5: I could not put it down and I'm still thinking about it! / a true treasure

Movie Ratings in relation to my review:

Clean--Hallmark movies, some kissing, no nudity, no sex on or off "screen"

PG--Some innuendo but nothing kids don't hear every day, sex is all closed door

PG-13--some language (swear words not related to sex), more talk about sex, heavy petting, removal of clothing on screen, but sex is closed door.

R--swearing (can be related to sex), feels like the whole story is about the sex and not the relationship or some other plot

Alisa says

I really liked Daniel and Mandy! And I thought this book had lots of great secondary characters, too.

Daniel and Mandy spent a summer playing together as children and they have never forgotten each other. And it's a good thing for Daniel that Mandy had lots of great memories of him as a child because he did not make a good impression when she reconnects with him as an adult! Daniel knows that Mandy is the right woman, but the timing is completely wrong. He is in the middle of a couple of lawsuits and has signed contracts and can't disclose why he is acting a certain way. By the time all the legal issues clear up and he's free to pursue her, a lot of bridges have been burned... But thankfully they both have best friends who aren't afraid to meddle!

I hope we get more of Colin's and Candace's stories, too!

Content: Very clean

Source: Kindle Unlimited

JG says

3.5 stars

Mending Fences is about childhood BFFs who reconnect after more than twenty years in the most unusual way. Mandy and Daniel were inseparable one summer in their childhood. They lost touch since their lives took them into different directions. The remaining physical thing that connected them, Crawford Mansion, has become neglected and rumor has it that it will be sold soon. Mandy hard at work for her MFA decided that the last subject for her portfolio would be that Mansion but first she had to get good photos of it without actually trespassing. Kind of hard to straddle a fence when you're wearing a vintage skirt. Unfortunately she gets caught and accused of the very same thing she was trying to avoid by the very same boy she had one unforgettable summer with, Daniel Crawford. Daniel never thought he would be back at the same place he spent a summer after a tragic event. He just wants to get rid of the property as quickly as possible. He never thought that an obstacle by the name of Mandy would be in the way. The very same little girl who made his stay in this place memorable. When did she become so grown up? As Mandy and Daniel reconnect and try to build a more adult relationship, they start realizing that life was so much easier when they were children. Can they make it work despite all the obstacles facing them?

Mending Fences is a sweet romance, the MCs are quite well developed and the plot is cute. There were just a lot of plot devices used as obstacles making our MCs budding relationship harder to move forward. Also it did take away on how Daniel and Mandy become a romantic couple considering they were like six and seven when they first met and lost touch after that. Still Mending Fences was definitely well written with very engaging characters. It's a great lighthearted romantic read.

Mending Fences is part of the Destined for Romance: Mansion series, which are novellas whose storyline/plot centers around Mansions. They can be read as standalones

ARC provided

Suzanne says

Mandy is trying to get the last picture she needs for her Master of Fine Arts degree. She is transforming photos of the old Crawford Mansion into what it could be today if it weren't in such a state of disrepair. She is straddling a fence in front of the property when she is startled by the owner, Daniel, and mistaken for an intruder. Daniel eventually realizes that Mandy is not there to harm the mansion, since she loved it when they were childhood friends. Daniel is a well-known businessman and has been trying to decide what to do with the mansion that was left to him after the deaths of his father and grandfather now that he is able to sell the place. They end up going out to dinner together and a paparazzi nightmare ensues. When Daniel has to go to NYC to testify in two lawsuits about a highly publicized incident with a spoiled drunken socialite he was dating, he is seen about town with a different woman every night. Mandy sees the pictures of Daniel in NYC and believes that he is the playboy that he claims not to be. Can Mandy learn that pictures don't always tell the whole story? Can Daniel move forward from his lonely childhood and discover that he no longer needs to be lonely? What will happen to the historic Crawford Mansion and the surrounding land?

This is the first book I have read by Lorin Grace and I really enjoyed it. All of the characters are well developed. The secondary characters could possibly be a follow-up book if the author decides to go that route (I hope so because I love Candace and Collin). The portrayal of Mandy as an art teacher is very insightful and realistic. I enjoyed the descriptions of Mandy's home with the artistic touches throughout. I wish there had been a bit more description of the mansion so that I could picture it in my mind a bit better. The plot kept me interested and I finished the book quickly.

I received an ARC of this book and have voluntarily provided an honest review.

Mara says

4.5 Stars for this delightful read.

Amanda Fowler's working on her MFA project so she can graduate and get her Masters, she just needs a few more pictures of the Crawford Mansion. Unfortunately, she's mistaken for a trespasser coming to vandalize the place and falls off of the fence she straddled to get a picture. She recognizes the person who startled her causing her fall (and broken foot)--it's Daniel Crawford, who now owns the mansion since his grandfather and father have died. Daniel doesn't seem to recognize Mandy until she mentions her Grandma Mae.

Daniel Crawford hasn't decided what he wants to do with his grandfather's property in Indiana, since he lives in Chicago and travels a lot for work. He's tired of over zealous realtors and proposals for the property, so when he sees someone on the fence he mistakenly assumes it's a trespasser, but it's not. It's someone he spent one wonderful summer playing with 20 years ago, when he was finally allowed to be a child for a time.

I really liked Mandy and Daniel together and felt for her when she and Candace (her roommate) had to unexpectedly deal with the paparazzi and the Facebook and Twitter trolls saying nasty things after her dinner with Daniel. I loved how Daniel tried to help even though he was out of town, and couldn't tell her what was really going on.

Mandy helps Daniel remember the fun times they had that one summer--playing at the pond with the ducks,

staying up late, all the stuff kids like to do when they're out of school.

I loved the humorous parts, especially Candace's wig story with 'the accountant and the frat ring'. I tried to imagine the decor in Daniel's NYC apartment furnished by the 'colorblind decorator', the incident when Mandy tries to be inconspicuous, and Daniel's duck jokes. Lol. Candace and Colin (Daniel's assistant and best friend) scheme to get Mandy and Daniel together so they can finally talk, and Daniel can explain about the New York dates.

The story about his father's mansion and her Grandma Mae's house was a wonderful surprise, and led to a perfect ending. I'd love to have Candace and Colin get their own story. This is a clean romance.

Julie Carpenter says

All you lovers of Billionaire stories, guess what????? This book was just updated and got a new cover too. It's one of my favorites!!!!

I always love a good second chance story, especially when the two MCs knew each other when they were little, parted ways and then meet up again years later. This had a fun and fresh twist to that type of plot. I was pretty much pulled right into the story when I started it a couple nights ago and was trying to be very patient to find time to finish it. Who says you can't learn patience while reading novels? Not me, because I have to practice that virtue a lot with my love of reading! Hee Hee! A very busy weekend is not conducive to reading a book you don't want to put down. But I found some quiet reading time last night and some today and tah-dah I finished it and loved it!

Picture, if you can, two childhood friends. Running free between their family homes and property, catching frogs, ending up covered in mud, sneaking treats, communicating via Morse code and sharing hours and hours of time together. Then never seeing each other again. Wishing you could just find that friend who knows you so well and someone you want to see happy. The years pass and the likelihood of ever seeing them again diminishes.

Until one day when an encounter with a house, a fence, a camera, a skirt and misperceptions brings it all crashing back to Earth and reality hits. Who is this person posing as your childhood best friend? Imposter for sure!!! Except, unfortunately, they're not. Can you ever catch a glimpse again of the friend you once knew? Or are they gone for good after life has taken hold of them over the years.

I loved Daniel and Mandy! The moments where they shared the pages were great and full of chemistry (even though one or both of them might try to deny it). And the pages where it was just one of them, thinking about the other, the memories and enlightening of the reader of their history together was great and left me wanting more. The angst throughout the book was well written and played into the storyline really well. There were a few thoughts that Daniel had a little ways into the book foreshadowing what was to come and I'm so glad I caught it. I think I liked him even more because of that little foreshadowing. If you don't happen to catch it, no worries, I think you'll still really enjoy it.

Mandy, oh I loved her dreams and yet the uncertainty she felt mixed with the longing and sadness. She was a fabulous character. With all the troubles caused by a certain character, she handled it with dignity and grace (except maybe not in one scene, you know, the embarrassing scene where you wish she could hide but she can't-lol).

I fell in love with these two and many of the secondary characters. Mandy's roommate...Candace. Oh please, oh please, oh please, can we have her story? I'm sure hoping so. It seems like the author has set it up as a possibility, and if you've read the book then you'll know exactly which character I want her to have a story

with. I loved all of Daniel's coworkers/employees! They were awesome! From the higher up to the not so high, the characters were great and just fun to be around.

I loved the wigs, the ice cream, the text messages (swoon), the traveling, the houses, the friendships, the pond, the fence, the shoes (especially the boot), Morse code(the cheat sheet too), Hank (or rather Hank's grandson-Hee Hee!!!), the artwork, the books (it's signal time), the interior decorator, the hospital visits, the diva, the ducks, the food, the camera, Mr. Alexander, the flowers, the notes, the truck rides (with the boot), and I especially loved the sweet and clean romance between Mandy and Danny! <3

Some of those references might seem pretty vague or you might wonder why the thoughts inside the parenthesis but I assure you it will all make perfect sense if you read the book. Great stuff all referenced right there in a way of being vague so no spoilers. This is part of the Destination Romance: Mansions series and is one of my favorites so far! I know lots of my reading friends are going to love it! Grab a copy, some scones, ice cream and maybe a tasty drink(hot chocolate would be perfect)...and enjoy!!!

Content: Clean.

I received a review copy. All thoughts and opinions in the review are my own.

Happy Reading!!!
