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Sparkling, poignant and wise, Chances is a tale of love, marriage and friendship, and the accidental love triangle people can sometimes find themselves in.

When Vita's relationship with Tim ended, they both knew they had to move on but Vita's struggling to come to terms with Tim's new girlfriend. Then Oliver comes into her life and he seems to be the perfect man but will she ever be able to compete with the memories of his late wife? Meanwhile, Tim, Vita's ex, finds himself similarly torn between two women as he tries to make peace with Vita and work out his true feelings for his new girlfriend.

What Vita is about to discover is that people come into your life for a reason and that second chances come along when you least expect them...

Chances Details

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Louise says

Just brilliant! This is a heart warming story of two people left heartbroken who find love in unexpected places. It is wonderfully written as the character's emotions come to life in the book and through heartbreak and vulnerability it can turn to strength and love in unexpected places.

A must read for anyone who has had their heartbroken recently.

Sue says

My first Freya North, and I have since bought pillow talk to read later.

Rea Cobb says

I have just finished the new book by Freya North. I have read books by Freya North before and I have enjoyed them but they have never really stuck in my mind and so it is not an author I usually keep my eye open for. Her recent book which she has released is called Chances. With the front cover of this book though it is hard to just walk by. If you are looking for a real summer looking book this one is going to grab you.

Plot

Vita is heartbroken after she leaves her cheating partner Tim. Things would be much easier for Vita if she could just walk away and never see Tim again but there is a problem, they are joint partners at That Shop. Vita spends her days working in That Shop and is usually found with her nose in a book. Vita soon starts to wonder if she will ever manage to settle down and have children and would it be better to just give Tim another chance as she is not getting any younger.

Oliver has lost the love of his life DeeDee. He works as a Arboricultural Consultant (or as Vita puts it a Tree Man!) Oliver is left to look after his son Jonty. Oliver is hesitant to start dating again as he is unsure how his son will feel about it and will he find anyone to love the way he loved his wife.

Vita and Oliver's paths cross when a pear tree in Vita's garden is causing problems and Oliver is called into help but things do not get off to a great start between them! Will they both take a chance and be happy or is it easier to stick with what you know?

My Opinion

Vita is our main character in this book and I found I enjoyed her character pretty much from the start. She seemed quite familiar which gave a girl next door feel to her. Freya has a wonderful way of writing which lets us as the reader really feel what Vita is feeling and you just hope that this caring woman can find her way to the happiness she deserves.

Oliver has to be one of my favourite male characters I have read in a long time. I usually find when I read these kinds of books that the character of the females are brought to us in great detail and yet the male characters are only skimmed across, this is not the case in Chances, Oliver's character is warm and loving if a little fragile as anyone would be after loosing their partner and left alone to look after a teenage son. The way Freya North wrote about his grieving and his needs felt so true to form I actually found it quite touching to read which made me like Oliver even more.

After the meeting between the two I did have a feeling that I knew how the book was going to end but this

did not ruin the book in any way for me as it was great watching both Vita and Oliver's journey. I was surprised how indepth the detail of the trees were Freya North had obviously been doing her homework here!

I loved that the book started off slowly while we got to know our characters and then the remainder of the book stayed at an even pace. The ending was finished nicely it did not feel rushed but yet it gave us all the answers we need without leaving us on a cliff hanger.

I enjoyed this book on a whole but I have got one little niggle. Vita's character was warm, quirky, gentle and is often in a dreamworld which is why I liked her character so much, but she did swear which just didn't seem to fit her character, I just couldn't imagine her swearing! That is the only thing that I can say I didn't like about the book.

I loved this book and would defiantly recommend it for anyone looking for a nice summertime read. The front cover defiantly gave the book justice in my opinion. Before reading this book I would have walked over Freya North books but after reading this book I will defiantly be keeping my eyes peeled for any future books released by her.

Also on my blog <http://reabookreview.blogspot.com/>

Yen Lian says

A pleasant and quick read.

MegMog says

I really enjoyed this book as it was a quick and easy read and the plot was lovely.

However, there were a few things that annoyed me. Some parts just didn't seem realistic. For example:

- Vita runs to Oliver's work which is two miles away in the height of summer while looking like a tent because of the way she is wearing her cagoule. This doesn't seem to be something you would normally do.
- The whole thing with Lord Seddon just seemed a bit strange to me. First of all, Vita demands she be let into Wynfordbury Hall outside of opening hours. Then she gets Lord Seddon to take her home. But it was just the way she shouted for him to come back to take her to Oliver's. She didn't even know this Lord Seddon so that just didn't seem quite realistic to me.

This is just my opinion, though and I expect many readers didn't see these points as unrealistic.

Jill says

An ok read but I felt it took a while to get into it.

Enjoyed the last 3rd of the book as more seemed to happen then.

Lisa says

I've LOVED reading this. Freya North writes with such warmth, truth and tenderness and although I have loved all her books, I have to say that this is my favourite to date! I have been silently urging on Oliver and Vita, the main characters, in their quest for love, feeling their disappointment and confusion and practically crying at their happiness and joy.

It's fun, feisty, a little sad, has a healthy quota of sex, hopeful and happy. A truly fabulous feel-good-book.

Tracey says

Another book i've pre ordered ready for delivery on publication day, straight to my kindle.. I've read all of Freya's books and like Katie FForde's books they are really great and so easy to get into.

Well it arrived and i enjoyed every single page of this brilliant book. It had me laughing out loud and i mean proper belly laughs, in some parts. Cringling in others, quite sad in some, but thats what made Chances. A really brilliant read that i'd most certainly recommend.

Sarah says

I was torn between giving this 2 stars and 3. It is a light fluffy chick lit book and therefore is a pleasant read. However it did feel like it dragged a bit and could have been trimmed in length. Very predictable- woman just separated from her unpleasant boyfriend but still has to deal with him as she co-owns a shop with him, widower with a son comes to her rescue with an infestation of wasps. A few misunderstandings and fireworks later they get together.

Maryam says

3.5

Fuka-chan says

Too boring. I can't see any interesting plot or anything that made me keeps going. I had to literally push myself to still continuing this but i just can't. Please dear god no more love-syrupy kind of books.

Sall says

A good storyline although it was predictable from the very beginning that Oliver and Vita would end up together. The only thing that let the book down is that the sex is at best mediocre. It feels as though it's written by a very young teenager whose anxious and unsure about talking about sex, in fact had the sex been between Jonty and a girl it would have been perfect instead it was between two mature adults who in my

opinion would have less awkwardness in the terms used.

Tasneem says

This was a good book, not one of her bests. I guess because I didn't cry as much. I did lov Vita and Oliver though and Jonty was a darling. I hope that if I ever have a child that he will be just as loving as Jonty. I think the beauty of North's books are that her men and women are real. They have real issues, real problems and real emotional moments of feeling insecure, unsure, uncomfortable, but then can also experience the glories of real love, the normal kind of normal doings and happenings.

Noorah Fatima says

One of my most favorite books. Simplicity is the key in this book. The plot is really good and there aren't any flaws that I found with this book. I loved Vita's home and shop, they were described really well. The character development is great and the story takes its time to develop which I like. Catch my other reviews at <https://www.instagram.com/noorreadsbo...>

Jill says

enjoyed the book admired the character vita, don't think I could still work with my ex. I don't her letting the old lady continue with the shop lifting. loved the character Oliver and felt sorry for him, and glad he found happyness.
