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For Louisiana Richardson, desperate times call for crazy-like-a-fox measures. As the new librarian at Alligator Bayou Parish's struggling library, she's returning to her Southern roots and facing trouble hotter than fresh cornbread out of the oven. Somehow, she's got to draw readers back in and prove the library is still vital—even as domineering parish board head Mrs. Gunderson plans to shut it down for good. If that means Louise has to resort to some unconventional methods—like outrageous inter-library Zumba classes, and forming a book club that's anything but Oprah-approved—well, it wouldn't be the first time she went out on a limb...

Soon Louise is doing everything she can to rally the whole community. Before she knows it, she's sparking welcome changes—and uncovering surprising secrets—throughout her new town. And between glasses of sweet tea, bowls of mouth-watering gumbo and the warmth of a tantalizing new love, the newly single Southern mom might find a life she never imagined—and a place to finally call home.

Emily Beck Cogburn crafts a novel full of charm, delight and acres of heart about the enduring joys of storytelling and the ways hope can write life's most extraordinary moments.

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Antoaneta Mitrusheva says

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Mrs. Midnight Reader says

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Sarah says

5 stars

Huge thanks to Emily Beck Cogburn, Kensington Books and NetGalley for this copy in exchange for an honest review.

When I first got this I thought it was a cosy mystery, it wasn't, it was a stand alone about saving a library and it was a flaming good book too!!

This is how everyone should feel about libraries, that they should be kept open and available to all people, it's social and educational and people need that.

Highly, highly recommended.

Diane S ? says

Not a big cozy reader but when I saw this one set in Louisiana and saving a library I just had to grab it. Alligator Bayou parish is a whole different world, with an underutilized library, a rather strange director and the library itself stuck in the past. To save the library Louisianan and her friend, both mew desperate hires with much to lose come up with some outlandish programs and other comedic adventures. Light, breezy, fun and easy. Some great one of a kind characters, well this is the South, and maybe a new romance for the divorced single mother of two.

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Gina says

As a lover of libraries - everything about them - I was drawn to this book like a moth to a flame.

Written with a sense of humor, the story revolves around Louisiana Richardson, the newest librarian at a library that is about to go under. Leading the charge to close the library is a woman any book lover would despise. The head of the parish board, Mrs. Gunderson, is about as likable as a snake. She is as determined to close the library as Louisiana is to making it a vital library again.

In order to meet her goal, Louisiana needs to increase the community use of the library - and fast. She is willing to try anything, and she does. In her previous job as a Library Science Professor at a college, doing such things as a Zumba class on library grounds would have been unthinkable. But this is a small town with a small struggling library, and Zumba class it is.

As if losing her job at the prestigious college isn't enough, Louisiana finds out her ex husband is about to married in the next small town over. If nothing else, it makes her even more determined to be a success.

I really liked Louisiana (or "Louise" as she is referred to throughout most of the book). I love that she loved the books, and I loved that she understood that libraries are a vital part of the world, whether they are in a beautiful, prestigious college, or on a street in a tiny village.

Lauren says

Okay, so I completely feel in love with Louisiana aka Louise. She was shy and quiet at first, but after a little time she became bold and outspoken. Without Louise and Sylvia the Alligator Bayou Library wouldn't even exist.

After losing their jobs at a collage Louise and Sylvia accept jobs at a small library in the middle of nowhere. Welcome to Alligator Bayou. Louise ends up having to sell her house and move into the town to be closer to work and a co workers good looking cousin. Together they change the library for the better.

New classes, extended hours and more multimedia choices for patrons all help get a new tax for the library. In return, Louise gets a permanent job and gets to see the community grow.

While dealing with the library, Louise is faced with her ex husband moving closer and wanting a relationship with his kids. After their divorce the only thing he had for them was money, when he bothered to send it. Now with his new wife, they are all trying to figure out how to co-parent. It goes a lot better once Louise learns how to let go of control, and its a lot better for her too.

Then there is Sal, her new boyfriend. Thankfully, they are both willing to go slow and heal old wounds fist. This is a dynamite couple, in my opinion, that will last a lifetime.

Trust me, you NEED to read Louisiana Saves the Library!! You will thank me for it later :) Emily Beck Cogburn feels that Louise's story is finished, but if she ever decides to write a follow up I will without question be reading it! (Maybe one of the kids when their older? All the things they learned from a strong mother? Just ideas...)

I received a complimentary copy of this book via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. These thoughts and opinions are all mine.

Terry Buckner says

This was a fun read; nothing too challenging but definitely worth the time if you want a light, fun novel. As a librarian, I really enjoyed the setting.

Kristina says

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This such a cute book! One of those ones where you just want to savor every bit and piece <3

There's an authentic feel to everything in the story... I felt like I could get in my car and drive to this town, visiting the sights and chatting with everyone.

Not a single criticism to be found... cept for it ending *pouts* A wonderful cozy read to take away the chill of Winter.

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Darren says

It wasn't too bad of a book. I enjoyed reading it. I won this book as part of a good reads giveaway. It had a good story to it. This is my first book by this author. I hope to read more books by this author.
