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What if one morning you look in the mirror and no longer recognize the person looking back?

When Leelo can no longer identify herself by the roles that once defined her, it's both terrifying and liberating. Oh, she feels the loss, the grief, and then the anger, but when she inherits property up north, she jumps at the promise of freedom and independence.

Yet not everyone in her new community is what they seem, starting with the surly mountain man down the road.

As owner of the local fishing lodge, Roar is content with his everyday life. And the older he gets, the less he appreciates change. So when a blue-haired, tattooed 'city girl' moves into the old motel, shaking up his daily routine, he's none too pleased.

Still, something about the woman's easy smile and almost reckless grit has him step up as her keeper.

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C.P. Smith says

Freya Barker paints imagery that transports you inside the pages of her books. You relate to her characters immediately and want to crawl into bed with her leading men. A Change of View is no different. If you like well thought out stories with vivid characters you can relate to, then pick up this book or any other of Ms. Barker's heartwarming tales. You WON'T be disappointed.

P.S. Roar is mine

Karen Hrdlicka says

I'm not even sure where to start with this review. I have read everything that Ms. Barker has written and have loved each and every story. Somehow this book hit closer to home for me, maybe it's the fact that both Roar and Leelo were only children and their fathers taught them the love of the outdoors. One of my favorite places on earth is the family cabin in northwest Ontario. Maybe it's the fact that like Leelo, in the past I've never felt I measured up to everyone's ideal of who I should be, or maybe it's the fact that I see the man I married personified in Roar, right down to the beard and devilish eyes. All I know is I think this is my favorite book so far.

Leelo is trying to rebuild not only her life, but also her view of herself, after spending her life trying to please her mother, her husband, and her children. After a family-shattering divorce, and an unexpected inheritance, she picks up herself up and moves north to refurbish her uncle's motel. However, someone seems to be sabotaging her new beginning, which she fights tooth and nail. In the process she meets the wonderful characters only Ms. Barker can create. Riordan Doyle (Roar), owner of Jackson's Point is Leelo's nearest neighbor and her savior in many ways. His mother, Charlotte is a take no prisoners octogenarian and when I get old I want to be her. What follows after the pair meets is a smoldering story of self-discovery, intrigue, and love.

Throughout the story Ms. Barker weaves her love of her native Ontario along with a beautiful love story. While Roar is a man of few words, his thoughts and emotions run much deeper than he shows. When he shares his thoughts with those he loves, the scenes are beautiful and heartfelt. If you love a book about a strong woman overcoming the odds and the reinventing herself and a man opening his heart to the possibilities of love and a different future, grab this book; you won't be sorry.

Tracy says

Feck but Ms Freya can write!

I adore her books, the imagery she presents makes you feel like you're in the middle of the story, watching everything unfold in front of you.

The storylines are action packed, with just the right amount of suspense, drama and angst while also packed with so much raw emotion, affection, humour, attraction and heat (dear gods the heat - and I'm not just talking about the temperature in Wawa!!!)

Slightly older characters with baggage, issues, vulnerabilities, flaws et al that come across as real, believable and so very relatable!!

I nigh on inhaled A Change of View, putting my kindle down only when it was absolutely necessary - but that's pretty much what Freya Barkers books do to me... I'm an addict when it comes to her work!

FLOVED Lilith (Leelo) and Roar!!!!

5 well deserved stars. ??????????

Kerri Ann says

With this being my first read from Freya, I had no idea what to expect both as a writing style or as a storyline. I wasn't sure if she'd be a hit you between the eyes writer that surprises you with an unexpected twist or, a gradual tada! I was surprised at how easy a read it was, how simple it was to find myself liking and enjoying the characters, and wanting more of them. I'm not a spoiler girl, but I have a soft spot for a tattooed older woman who won't take shit from no one. I was rooting for her. I wanted her to show the world that just because she's over twenty she can still be amazing, and super strong, resilient and awesome. My kind of girl. Thank you Freya for a great story.

Shanda says

4.5 stars

I really enjoy a nice adult romance and Freya Barker definitely provides that. Leelo is a 46-year-old mother of two who has lost her way after her ex-husbands betrayal. She spent too many years playing the good wife while he tore her down. Leelo decides to move up north and take over her late Uncle's old hotel. She is looking for a fresh start and she feels like she needs to give her kids some breathing room after she wasn't her best around them after her divorce.

Leelo soon meets surly mountain man Roar when he finds her hanging off of her roof in a storm. Roar can't believe she is risking her life for that roof. He grumbles at her and she stomps her feet but he can't help but be interested in her. In true alpha male fashion he pushes his way in and starts helping her renovate. Leelo doesn't take kindly to this for a while because she is trying to stand on her own. But as they work together and open up to each other romance blooms.

If you are looking for a nice slow burn romance with older characters you will love this. It is about real people finding love and learning to stand on their own. The book is rounded out with some colorful characters and a villain trying to sabotage Leelo's fresh start in town. I am looking forward to what comes next in this series. Well Done!

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Anna says

They didnt talk about safe sex, they didnt use condoms, they knew each other only some days...
The hero is some of this KA novels: only grows without speaking at all.

The heroine had some night stands before meeting H, i hope she DID USE f*cking condom then.
Safe read, Hero was all about our heroine, but i like safe sex in real life and my books!

Christine says

A Change of View by Freya Barker is a realistic mature romance with a hint of mystery. This is the second book in Freya's Northern Lights series and the only connection to the first book is that it's set in Northern Ontario ~ can be read as a standalone.

Roar, the owner of a local resort, can't help but be drawn to the new owner trying to restore motel down the highway even if it's only to save her from being hit by lightning. Scared both physically and mentally from serving in the military, Roar is happy with his non-complicated lifestyle and Leelo throws an unexpected wrench into that. Leelo takes a chance on restoring her families motel in hopes of restoring herself and her soul. Events keep arising that puts into question Leelo's choice in moving to remote Northern Ontario but love seems to be soothing her soul.

Freya has blown me away again. A Change of View was a breath of fresh air all rolled in a beautifully told romance between older characters who've lived lives and still have a lot to live. I identified with Leelo's character through out this tale. She's sensitive, independent and stubborn almost to a fault. Roar is a tall drink of water who can rescue me any day ~ no fight on my end. Strong, giving and protective of those around him, Roar is the complete package. I adored the setting of this story. Northern Ontario is such a beautiful backdrop and through Freya's words she's paints a stunning picture of our province. 5 "Star Filled Nights" Stars for A Change of View by Freya Barker

*** Reviewed for Sweet & Spicy Reads - ARC provided for an honest review ***

Jacquie says

This book, A Change of View, is the second in the Northern Lights series by Freya Barker and it's one that will stay with me for a VERY long time to come! Freya's writing is superb, her character development is spot on, the way she writes makes everything come to life...like you are right there, watching everything unfold in front of you, like you are an active participant in this remarkable story of self-discovery, of letting the baggage from your past go and living your life for YOU...and of finding the love of your life when and where you least expect it!

Leelo is one of my all-time favorite characters...she's feisty, sassy, takes no prisoners when it comes to telling ANYONE like it is (some might think she's a bit of a b***h, but I think she's perfect, considering what she's had to endure almost her whole adult life!) yet, at the same time (BECAUSE of what she's had to endure) she's also sooooo insecure and unsure of herself, but bravely faces everything that comes her way! Mind you, she has the support of one very HOT, VERY Alpha, very intense neighbor, Riordan (Roar)....the likes of which she has never seen! I found my emotions were twisted into knots at times, at others, I wanted to bash some heads together ! There were also some hilarious laugh-out-loud moments and times where my heart just swooned with the love pouring from the pages!

The secondary characters were also superbly hashed out! I LOVED Roar's mother Charlie and Leelo's son Matt (who turns out to be a LOT like Roar...that protective, knee-buckling Alpha who looks after what is HIS! Whether that be his Mom, his lover or his friend!) I had issues with Leelo's daughter, Gwen, at first, but

even SHE grew on me and turned out to be not-so-bad!

Throw in some drama with some really scary incidents that had me sitting on the edge of my seat while reading and you have another MUST READ from an author who has hit my TOP 10 Authors List! Thank you, Freya!

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

Great cover on this one! Excellent representation of the hero. Good composition and eye-catching title work.

I enjoyed this one but didn't love it as much as I did the two previous books in this series. The writing was still fantastic and the plot interesting. I liked both main characters. I wasn't sure about Leelo at the start as she came across a bit like a bitch. That said, I warmed up to her quickly. Roar I loved from page one right up until the very end. I especially love that this author writes older characters. The heroine was 46 and the hero 45.

There was an excellent array of secondary characters as well. I loved Charlie and especially Leelo's son Matt. There was some OW drama that I found a bit pointless, to be honest. Especially since it actually doesn't cause any issues and suddenly at 70%, the OW goes from being a jealous bitch to the heroines BFF (slight exaggeration) overnight. It didn't bother me overly much or factor into my rating, but "I" personally would have preferred that the author just made Patti a close friend who maybe was hoping for more and not the heroes former f@ck buddy. The mystery aspect was OK as well.

What brought my rating down was this book felt SO long. I am used to this author writing low drama and slow moving books, but they still manage to keep me interested. Unfortunately, that was not the case with this one, and I found myself continuously glancing down to see how far along I was. Never a good sign. I am a fast reader, and after three solid hours of reading, I was STILL only at 50%. I felt like this could have been wrapped up in a satisfying ending about 50-70 pages earlier than it was. So yeah, I enjoyed it enough that I will continue to read the next books in this series (assuming there are going to be more) but it didn't *quite* live up to its predecessor. Still, yours truly here gives it a thumb up.

Lisa Cullinan says

Just when I think I've read the best book that Freya Barker has ever written, she goes ahead and outdoes herself ... again!

We're back up in the Great White North (except it's summertime and scorching hot) in the lakeside town of Wawa. Leelo Talbot has come to see what shape her deceased uncle's motel is in after he left it to her. Her

personal life recently has taken on some major hits in which a hostile divorce has taken its toll even on her two grown children. Making the decision to stay and fix up the place on Whitefish Lake while finding herself again seems like the right thing to do. That's until she realizes the enormity of what she's up against.

Riordan Doyle owns Jackson's Point, a fishing lodge up the road, where his life seems to be quietly satisfying and comfortable—and uncomplicated. Yeah, that's about to change. Slowly but surely, these two become entwined in each other's lives as Roar offers to help with some of the repairs around, well, everywhere.

Leelo and Roar are great together. She is completely lovable and so relatable to any middle-aged woman. I am positive that Roar is my favorite male character—like ever. There is nothing this man can do or say to make me think differently. He's one-hundred percent alpha. His bossiness is hot—out of concern for Leelo's well-being and not to feed his ego. He's intelligent, well-liked by the townsfolk, take-charge with whatever is thrown his way, loves his mother, Charlie, (she's a shining star in this story!) and quite honestly, brings out the best in those he cares for. I've got it bad for Roar! Did I mention that he knows his way around the bedroom ... and a boat ... and a couch?

Roar was also great with Matt, Leelo's twenty-year-old son, who decides to make Wawa his home as well. Matt is a Roar in the making, and I can definitely see his character having his own story! He's protective of his mother, hard-working, respectful, and just an amazing all-around guy. More importantly, he's a huge factor in keeping his mom safe ... because something isn't right—as if someone doesn't want her around. Random problems at the motel, which start out giving the impression of a prank, quickly change into something quite sinister and deliberate.

This is the part I love the most. Freya Barker creates the best supporting cast of characters I've ever read anywhere. Each one of them, whether their part is a paragraph or scattered throughout the entire book, add so much depth and authenticity to all of her stories. They become as real as the folks who live in any town, anywhere, and A Change of View is chock full of them. There are some interesting twists and turns, a couple of natural disasters, and plenty of humor added as well. But the clincher for me, like I mentioned above, was Riordan Doyle.

The vivid descriptions of the lake and all the breathtaking land that surrounds it, paints a clear picture in my mind's eye, and I can imagine myself there. The storyline flows like a lazy river from one glorious chapter to the next flawlessly because this is so well-written. I've said it before and I'll say it again and again, Freya Barker is one of the BEST storytellers out there. This book is one not to be missed; it's an absolute treasure. I'd give it ten North Stars if I could! I received this ARC for an honest review, and honest it certainly is.

Rosheen says

Well Freya Barker consistently writes a solid, well written story that remains with you and is memorable. Imperfect people who have lived lives that have impacted and shaped them (not always for the positive) however during the story they learn and continue to grow. (Provided an ARC for an unbiased review) I'm still keeping my preorder as this book is worth the money spent.

Pam says

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Freya Barker writes from the very depth of her soul. She takes real life lessons and turns them into spectacular characters that touch your heart as they heal and move forward in life. The will and empowerment that her heroine's find within makes me believe, I have it too.

The past few years have been one of self rebuilding for Leelo. Learning to love and value herself after the years of doing what was expected of her. She still struggles with the effects the breakup of her marriage had on her relationship with her children. Against everyone's shows of concern she packs up to move to Wawa to bring her dead uncles Motel back to life. Does She have all the skills need to accomplish, NO. Is she willing to give it everything she has, YES.

Roar has spent his whole life living in Wawa and loving the land aside from his time away serving his country. He quickly learned not to judge others by appearance or impressions. He has found a happiness at his lodge and is not searching for companionship. Until he meets his new neighbor and all her fiestiness. Somehow she gets stuck in his head, and then he is doing what he can to help her.

Can the draw of the north country help heal slit relationship of a mother and her children? Will Leelo and Roar find the path to happiness? Will the interference of others keep them apart or push them closer together?

I am loving the setting and atmosphere of the Northern Lights series. Taking a little time with nature to heal the soul. can't wait for more Northern Lights and fabulous characters.

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Alison says

Another great book in this series featuring more mature couples.

Lilith (Leelo) has just come out of a painful divorce which has alienated her grown up son and daughter. When she inherits an old inn from an uncle she decides to shake up her life and make a move to the country, she will use her money from the divorce to renovate the property and rent out the cabins. She's also made some physical changes to her appearance - blue hair and tattoos help her assert her independence from a domineering and demeaning ex-husband.

Riordan (Roar) owns a fishing lodge, he's Leelo's nearest neighbour and he can't believe when he sees this blue-haired tattooed townie clinging to the roof of the old inn in a storm. Furious at her stupidity he rushes in, berates her and gets a mouthful of abuse in return. Despite the antagonism Roar is enough of good neighbour/ all round nice guy that he actually turns up the next day to help Leelo fix her roof, then when other things go wrong he's always around to fix them.

This is somewhat different to the other books I have read by Freya Barker, the previous books have featured single/ divorced women in their 40s but always childless. I have to say, although I could read Freya Barker's novels all day every day, it was nice for her heroine to be a mother, especially of adult children.

If you've ever wanted to rebel one last time before it's too late, or at least before you decide to wear purple, if you've ever wondered if you were invisible after 40, if you've ever wanted to tell other people what you really think - then this is the heroine for you. I have the utmost admiration for Leelo's DIY skills as she rips up carpets and lugs lumber around. I loved Roar, this big gruff man with a heart of gold who loves his mum

and his dog.

I am the world's least handy person and yet I sooooo wanted to be Leelo.

Another brilliant novel by someone who is fast becoming one of my favourite authors.

Harlow Stone says

Freya Barker's book based in northern Ontario hits all the marks for a great summer read. Bearded man, lodge on a lake, and some heat that isn't just from the bonfires!

We meet Leelo, a great character in her forties who is in need of some major changes in life. Taking on the task of getting her late uncle's motel up and running, she meets her new and very intriguing neighbor, Roar. Unlike Leelo, Roar hasn't experienced much change in years; but Leelo is just the person he needs to shake things up. Fires, vandalism, and break ins keep the couple on their toes in this new summer romance from Barker.

JG ~ Jezabell Girl & Friends says

Freya Baker's stories are heartwarming and enchanting.

This was another solidly written story from Freya. The characters were endearing and **yes** my age for a change. There are so few stories written involving mature (*urgh, is that what people in their 40's are these days*) characters and this is what makes me love Freya's writing. Her books are both believable and realistic and not in any way artificially enhanced.

Leelo probably portrays the type of person we all are inwardly but she is brave enough to show her true colours; in tattoos and hair dye! After years of living a dumbed down life, thanks to her ex-husband, Leelo now finds herself trying to do up a motel which was left to her in her Uncle's will. With strength and determination, but not necessarily the skills in order to undertake all of the work, Leelo starts to wonder if she's bitten off more than she can chew but when neighbour, Roar, sees her struggling, he soon becomes her saviour in a hard hat, and then some!

Despite facing a daunting task of renovating the property, Leelo finds herself embroiled in mystery and danger as her dream starts to fall apart courtesy of some unpleasant happenings. With Roar at her side though, Leelo is able to draw strength from him and despite facing more and more incidents, from her unknown assailant, and the weather, she knows that together they will be able to realise her dream.

Roar is a dream worthy character and not without his own fair share of demons. Whilst not looking for love, that's exactly what falls into his lap when he first comes across Leelo when she's stranded on her roof. Despite living a solitary life romantically, and never having had children with his ex-wife, Roar soon finds everything that he could ever have wished for in Leelo and her family.

This is a standalone contemporary/romantic suspense book in the Northern Lights series.

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