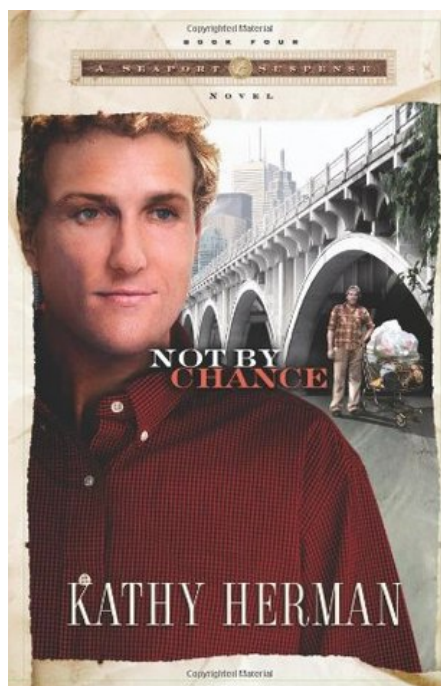




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In Search of Significance

Thirty-year-old Brandon Jones arrives at his parents' doorstep burned out, jobless, and now fiancé-less. Ellen and Guy can provide a place for him to stay only until he figures out what to do with his life. When he takes a temporary job at a summer camp for disadvantaged kids, Brandon begins a turbulent relationship with a biracial adolescent named Caedmon. Somewhere in the midst of the chaos--caused by Caedmon's disappearance just before a hurricane is predicted to hit Seaport, and by a group of racists who will not stop at arson or murder--Brandon begins to see that the pieces of his life are *not by chance*. If he has discovered his life's purpose, can he live it?

"Life is pointless. And if there's a God, He's asleep on the job."

Brandon Jones didn't know what he expected from the homeless man he met on the way out of town. Certainly not the angry words that haunted him.

But then, *nothing* happened the way he expected. Not his promising career, not his engagement to the "perfect" woman. All his certainty that God had plans for him, that he was meant to do something important--something *significant*--had amounted to a big fat *zero*. And now, here he was, thirty years old, no job, no fiancé. Living with his parents.

Maybe the homeless guy was right.

Then again...maybe not. Maybe Brandon has returned to Seaport for a reason. To face down a brewing disaster, steeped in hate crimes and danger. To survive against all odds. To learn, once and for all, that "many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

Story Behind the Book

"I am continually blessed by how many readers express their appreciation for the God-given talent that enables me to write novels, but I'm more amazed that so many of them feel as though they haven't been gifted with anything. My goal in writing *Not By Chance* was to show that God's purpose for every life is in place before we are born. Based on Proverbs 19:21, 'Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails,' I sought to create unforgettable characters who challenge each reader's understanding of their purpose in life. Ultimately, I want to point them to the Creator with the Master plan." --Kathy Herman

Not By Chance Details

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Andrea says

Good read

Lisa says

I've liked the stories in this series, but this one seemed drawn out to me. I also find it irritating that the character's full names and titles are used every time they reappear. It almost makes me feel like the author doesn't think I'm smart enough to know who's who from one scene to the next.

Jackie says

Such a great story with a couple of great messages. This is the last book in the series. That is always a sad thing for me.

JanetW says

WOW all i can say is WOW ... with this 9th & final book with Ellen & Guy Jones ... what an enlightening "education" i've come away with a new found awareness & a closer desire in my own walk with Christ. if you really enjoy reading & learning thru Life Application ... these two series ~ the Baxter Series & a Seaport Suspense. i'm now starting on the next set Phantom Hollow ~ to follow along with Brandon Jones on his new path ... with Christ ... new job ... new wife????

Connie Dickey says

These are kind of entertaining, and has the Maine culture as part of the story. Enjoyed it. It was a good mystery.

Cassandra says

such an epic finale, u won't want to put this book down!

JoAnn says

This was a good end to the series and after 9 books with the same characters it's nice to move on to some new ones. I'm looking forward to starting the next series of Kathy Herman. I would recommend this book

and this series.

Mary says

This will break your heart. It's not new information, but the way the author put it made all the difference. There are so many kids like Cade struggling with depression based on something they cannot change and, like Cade, are reminded of it on a daily basis. The problem lies in the human heart, and it will continue to plague us. There is no way that someone can have the love of God in them, and look down on a fellow brother or sister in Christ, created by the same God, because of race. This will rip your heart out.

Sarah says

Wow! This series has been awesome and hard hitting at the same time. I highly recommend you read a Kathy Herman.

Robbi says

I greatly enjoyed this series. I'm sad to see it end not knowing what happens with Brandon and Kelsey. I will definitely be reading the next series to find out.

Pamela Leinenweaver says

Awesome great book
