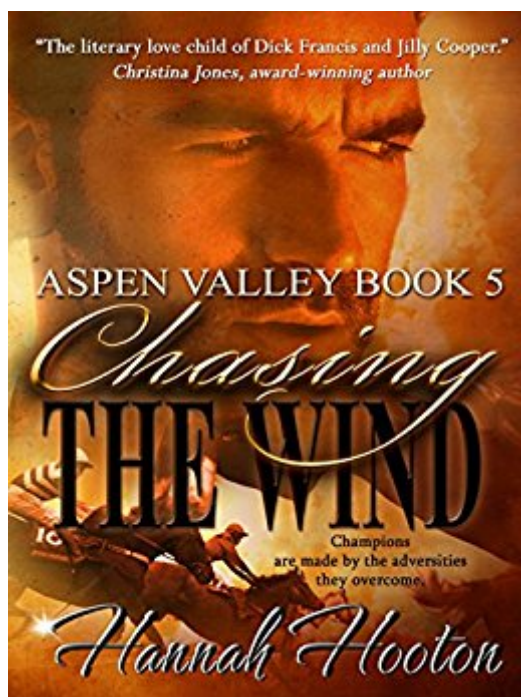


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Customer Reviews

I received this book in an exchange for an honest review This book is highly aimed at Aspen Valley where horses are trained to be entered in competition's and races. There are two main vocal points in this book, Jack and Lucy. Jack is a high profile race horse trainer in the UK, whereas Lucy is a student who just graduated from Cambridge University. Lucy is a typical young adult who wants adventure, has no idea what she wants to do after just graduating . I like how Lucy was very relatable to pretty much anyone, she is a trustworthy, loveable, reliable character. What sets her apart from other characters in the book is why she initially went to Aspen Valley and why did she lie she is a journalist? What are her motives? You don't have to wait too long to find that out in the book and thank god for that, I was seriously thinking I would get old by the time it would be revealed. Lucy is very brave, I liked how she stayed true to her relationship with Callum even though he is overseas. That is a very hard thing to do considering he is so far away doing his Masters for a whole year, I can't say the same about Callum though and oh god! What she does to him in the cafe is so COOL! I was in stitches laughing, he so deserved that! Jack on the other hand is a busy bee with his horses, personal and family responsibilities. And one incident costs him big time and everything around him in ashes. It was one problem after the other. What happens to Gabby is truly heartbreaking, I was devastated. Poor baby! Jack is emotionally reserved, he finds it hard to talk about his feelings and keeps it bottled up. He doesn't realise that is his problem until he is forced to see it. Two secondary characters were the best part of this story; Pippa and Finn.

Honestly I am beginning to believe that I am my own worst enemy! I mean what sort of doughnut actually willingly starts with the last book in the series and doesn't for one second consider that she will be tearing her hair out by the time she gets half way into the story â€œ really ..Duh! But once I was into the story I shrugged my shoulders at my mistake and resigned myself to read the book for none other than what I had in front of me and for the purpose of this review I am reviewing it almost as a standalone novel. The book was very well written, it was precise and clean, there were no mistakes and the dialogue flowed seamlessly. As the last book in the series, it appears to have done exactly what I would have expected, it hit the ground running or perhaps I should say trotting in this case and it refused to give up. The events at the start of the book are more heart-breaking than I could have ever imagined, Jack's soul was completely destroyed by his loss and his life seems

to be beginning to spiral out of control. He is at the mercy of the forces around him as he continues to try to come to terms with his loss, but what else is slipping through his fingers? Can he hold his life together, can he be the man his wife needs to help her handle her grief or will they drown in each other's devastation and take the yard down with them? The mystery surrounding the subterfuge that is taking place at the yard was played to absolute perfection, it had me second guessing who and what were everyone's motives. I was wary of Lucy, then again I usually am when there is an undercover reporter in the story but I as reluctant as I was to take her at face value, and I couldn't help but be entranced by the situation that was brewing between her and Finn.

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