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From Reader Review Emancipating Andie for online ebook

Alexis *Reality Bites* says

SPOILER FREE REVIEW -mature content reader discretion is advised.

4 STARS out of 5

Genre: Contemporary Romance

“You’ve got some serious control issues,” Chase said, the words out of his mouth before he could think better of them. “Excuse me?” Andie said. “You don’t even know me. So don’t—” “You’re right, I don’t know you,” he said, cutting her off, his own voice rising in spite of himself. “All I know about you is what you’re showing me. And right now, with the way you’re acting? With your rigid driving plan, and your ‘nobody drives but me’ nonsense? What you’re showing me is that you have control issues. Hardcore, grade A, first-rate control issues.” ~Chase

Andie Weber lives her life in a straight line and she has no plans to deviate from it. Everything about her life screams **“I love to play it safe”** She has high walls carefully placed up to protect herself. These walls assist her need to be in control. These walls guard her heart and keep it safe. These walls contain her safe house. But one road trip with the free-willed and spontaneous Chase McGuire has her walls tumbling down and opening up to the different possibilities that life has to offer outside of her safe house.

“Are you telling me you’ve never done something just for you? For no other reason besides the fact that it was what you wanted? Screw consequences?” ~Chase

A road trip with a pretty girl you are attracted to isn’t so bad right? Well umm, maybe, if said girl has a boyfriend annnnd said boyfriend is your friend. Yup, that could pose a problem.

Chase does not necessarily fight his attraction to Andie.. He knows she is off limits because of who she is; the girlfriend of his friend Colin. That alone should be enough to hold him off yet the attraction builds the more he get’s to know her with every mile gained towards their destination.

“I’m ready to face my consequences, Andie. I just want you to be sure,” he whispered, his bottom lip grazing her top one. *“I want you to think about what you’d be giving up.”* ~Chase to Andie

Andie decides playing it safe is no longer the route she wants to travel. She also decides that Colin may not be the person she chooses as her traveling companion. Can carefree Chase be the one for her? Or does his appeal to her solely lie in his spontaneity?

My Thoughts

The love story has a slow build, way slower than what I am use to. And the steam in this book was on a light simmer but I loved it all the same. I have to admit that although the steam was not my usual there was this one seen were he says

“One day I’m gonna take you up here.” Andie turned her head slightly to look at him. *“Aren’t we already up here?”* Chase shook his head. *“One day I’m gonna take you up here,”* he said, running his hands down over her hips as he pulled her body back against his. Andie groaned softly as her eyes fluttered closed. *“Then do it,”* she whispered, turning in his arms and wrapping hers around his neck. *“Take me.”*

So G O O D! The writing is good and the story has a realistic feel to it. If you enjoy romance I highly recommend that you READ IT!

My Ratings

Characters- Sweet, I loved them

Writing Style- Good

Plot/Storyline- A page turner

Steam Factor- Low on a Light simmer

Overall- I enjoyed it! READ IT!!

Now go forth and read. Then come tell us about it on Goodreads!

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Sharon ☺ is an emotional book junkie ☺ says

If you had a chance to love with your head or love with your heart, which would you choose? That's the decision that Andie is faced with. Her whole life with one exception, has been about order...thinking calmly, keeping everything in its place. And one meeting and one road trip blasts that to smithereens...and his name is Chase.

Chase is like nothing Andie *ever* thought she would want. He says what he wants and does what he wants but as she gets to know him...the *real* him, she sees into his soul and the goodness there. Plus Chase **makes** Andie embrace life and happiness. Before she was all about safety but with Chase, she wants to take chances.

The story is a little shaky for a bit because Andie has a boyfriend and that boyfriend isn't some random guy but one of Chase's best friends. They both are walking on thin ice and they both deny, deny, deny their feelings for each other. There is sooo much sexual tension but I loved seeing them bring the best out of each other.

The beginning started off a bit rough and I couldn't imagine why people liked it so much but luckily it quickly smoothed out. Then the wondering if they were going to cheat or not about drove me crazy. On top of that, we had to read about Chase "doing things" to try to get over Andie...ugh. And my heart really went out to Colin, not only at the "big night" but when he went over to Chases.

We do get some steamy scenes with Andie and Chase but it's not very descriptive. The romance though....phewwww, that made it all worth it. I loved how much Chase wanted her...and how much she wanted him. How sweet he was with her, teaching her about things and their first date was wonderful!

♥ Touching Moments! ♥

- ◆ The Napkin Ball Olympics
- ◆ Chocolate-covered bacon
- ◆ Lemon Drops
- ◆ "Andromeda"
- ◆ A Lake
- ◆ Tybee Island
- ◆ locked doors
- ◆ piano lesson
- ◆ childhood mistakes
- ◆ an unloving parent
- ◆ secret stories...and books
- ◆ Know Regrets ♥

? ? Chase & Andie's song ? ?

I loved the ending...how Andie thought she was being sooo sneaky but how Chase knew, well knew some of it. It ends well, aka no cliffhanger, but I could definitely see another book, continuing their adventure. That would be amazing!

Favorite quotes:

♥ "Love with your head, and you'll be safe."

"You love with anything else, you find yourself in big trouble."

♥ "Plus," he added, "how could you have lived with yourself if you messed up all this pretty?"

◆ "I *love* lemon drops." She shrugged flippantly as she added, "I do. I *am* a liquor kind of girl."

♥ "You may very well be the only thing I've ever done right."

♥ "That was devious," he said softly. "Well played."

"I guess I'm a better seductress than I am a robber."

♥ "I want the couple in the park."

Tough Critic Book Reviews says

If my hands could be someone else's hands, I think I'd want those hands to be Priscilla Glenn's. She writes in a way that flows so effortlessly it's almost like she's breathing the words. She inhales, then exhales a book.

I'm going to play the honesty card right now and admit that after reading *Emancipating Andie*, I was a little indifferent. My head was still wrapped all over *Back to You*...all over. I was expecting *it* and I got *that*. My

expectations were clouding my judgment. Shame on me! Do we really want authors to reincarnate the same books over and over again? What's so wrong with different?

This is the book you need when you're tired of being the cliffhanger's bitch. The book you need when you want a break from the ones that Temple of Doom your heart, rip it out, and play hacky sack with it, putting it back a little darker than it was before. A book that doesn't push your limits. Don't get me wrong, I love all those things, but sometimes I need...I need...I need something else. This is something else.

People are always coming to me after reading books like *Captive in the Dark*, *The Fault in Our Stars*, or *Taking Chances* wanting to read something good, but at the same time needing a break from being emotionally fucked. I think *Emancipating Andie* is that perfect break.

It is a slow building, painfully well-written story full of passion and great characters. At first I thought it was a little slow, but I realized that sometimes it's good to slow things down. Sometimes a pinch of this and a dash of that makes some damn good cookies. This was a damn good cookie.

I fell in love with Chase! He had the asshole gene that makes your racing heart drop right between your legs. His and Andie's story was slow and sweet, hard and soft. It had its share of drama, but just enough to keep the pace. The book does contain a pseudo love triangle, but not in the way you think. I hate to be triangled but after EA, Priscilla Glenn has earned the right to triangle me anytime!!

Don't go into this book thinking you're going to read another *Back to You*. You will cheat yourself out of enjoying a really good book. A book you need to read when you want the perfect romance that won't leave you hanging.

READ ON!

Julie says

**This is not a love triangle in the traditional sense!! Make no mistake, this is Andie and Chase's story, 100%. (See more below).

ARC from author for an honest review.

Glenn's second novel, *EMANCIPATING ANDIE*, rocked my socks off. There are a very small number of authors I'll drop everything to read their book. Priscilla Glenn is 100% one of those authors. I love her, I love her, I love her. This was one of the books I stayed awake all night to finish AND got out of bed to immediately write the review. I can only think of a couple of other times I've done this, so those of you that don't know my reading/reviewing habits, this is huge.

First, I want to thank Glenn from the bottom of my heart for creating the character Chase. I laughed so much at his banter! I fell in love with the story in chapter 2 where the road trip begins and his sarcastic wit started

to roll. I loved his humor and personality. He's one of my favorite male characters now. Not only sexy and witty, but just everything about him I adore. He's loyal, honest, has a conscious, and once we start to learn about his family, his past, how he deals with situations...I'd fall in love with him too. For me, Glenn sold me on Chase through his dialogue, his reactions, his stories, and I didn't need to know his sexual prowess in every chapter to be hooked in this romance.

Andie. I wasn't quite sure how I felt about her at first. She is quite uptight and when Chase basically calls her out on this, insinuating if they could put coal under her she could create diamonds, I grinned like the Cheshire cat. Things I thought were funny that Chase says, Andie sees as rude and doesn't understand his humor. But as time goes on, we really do see how Chase helps emancipates Andie from herself. I think part of my discomfort with Andie at first is that I could see myself from 7 years ago in this character. I had my own *Emancipating Julie*. :) As the story progresses, I really 'get' Andie's internal conflict, discovering what was real, good for her not good by someone else's standard and what others expected. Glenn offers some great life epiphanies through these characters which made it all the more enjoyable for me.

I recently came across a comment that someone was worried about reading this due to the love triangle with Chase and Colin being best friends. I thought, "Love triangle? Wha...Ohhhh." From the description it does sound like a love triangle. Let me be clear, this is not a traditional love triangle of being torn between two soul mates or whatever. Make no mistake, this is Andie and Chase's story. Not Andie, Chase, and Colin's story. Colin is more of a secondary character. The chapters are told from alternating POVs between Andie and Chase, progressing the story along, not rehashing what one already had led us through. I didn't even mention Colin in my first review (this has been added since my original posting) because he really isn't the focus in this love story. Who knows, maybe Colin will get his own story one day. Lord knows he could use some emancipating too. :)

This is a true love story. There is some steam, but as a whole, this is a fantastic love story that just wraps you up in these people's lives, rooting for the characters to find a happily ever after. Glenn has a way of writing romance with lots of sexual tension without needing to be graphic or have play by plays. She nails character chemistry in my opinion.

The best word to describe my feelings while reading this book is anticipation. I kept trying to call it *Anticipating Andie* to some reader friends too before I ever started the book. :) I felt like I was going through a new crush and love myself. I knew there were going to be obstacle and I found myself anticipating them happening to see if Chase and Andie were going to make it. This is one of the best adult contemporary romance novels I've read in a while that has its own feel and flavor. Sweet. Glenn can write sweet romance without being sappy.

I highly recommend this book to any and all contemporary romance fans.

Elizabeth (Liz) says

Review posted at: Swept Away By Romance

GENRE: Adult Contemporary Romance

HEAT LEVEL: Low to Medium, but with wonderful chemistry and emotional intimacy

ANGST LEVEL: No crazy dramas here! The angst is just enough. It's bearable, nothing OTT

5 Stars

Seriously. Where do I even start? Hmm. Andie would tell me to be logical and start at the beginning. Chase? Well, Chase would likely react to Andie's logic with something very similar to one of my favorite quotes from the story, "You know something, Andie? If we could find some coal for you to sit on, we could both retire early.". Given that Andie and I have (sigh) a few traits in common...we'll be starting at the beginning ;-)

Andie Weber is a lover of structure and careful caution. She has a nice apartment, a reliable job and a stable, sweet boyfriend, Colin. It's a good life, if a bit bland and colorless. But, given an incident from her past, she's determined that 'safe' and 'smart' are the keywords for any and all life decisions. If only she didn't have to deal with her boyfriend's best friend, Chase McGuire! Chase is the polar opposite of Andie, and he lives his life with a complete lack of structure, routine or apology. He's witty, sardonic and slightly abrasive. They have a lot of preconceived notions about each other, and none of them are good. When they are manipulated into spending two days together in a car, the dread is palpable. Oddly enough, though, despite a rough start, the vastness of the open road begins to work a miracle and the two find that there is more to one another than they thought. There are lessons to be learned that will extend far beyond the confines of a forced road trip. Lessons about tempering caution with courage. Lessons about taking chances and finding lasting happiness. Lessons about love.

Now, then. Let's get down to it. You know, I could tell you how much I love the characters of Andie and Chase, and even Colin. I could tell you that I can identify with Andie's sense of caution, desire for safety and her (to me) endearingly anal-retentive qualities. I could tell you that I find Chase *incredibly* funny, sexy and real. I could tell you that some of my favorite moments in this book are relatively quiet conversations. I could tell you that Andie and Chase have an attraction and pull to one another which you can surely feel. I could even tell you that, together, Andie and Chase find a kind of imperfect perfection that makes me want that for myself. But, it's more than that. What I love so much about this story (about each of Priscilla Glenn's stories) is that there's that extra *something*. Without question, Emancipating Andie is a reader's dream with relatable characters, great chemistry, fantastic dialogue and honest character growth. That combination alone is more than enough to make you LOVE this book! Yet, even so, Priscilla Glenn gives us that undefinable something more.

This is where words fail me. I just...I wish I could find *the perfect words* to describe what makes this author's writing different, what makes it leap out at me and come alive in a quiet and confident way, what it is that makes my heart beat faster and my reactions more intense. It is agonizingly frustrating to love and admire a writer's talent and ability so much and NOT be able to find the words to adequately express *why*! I have this problem with, maybe, a handful of authors, and she's one of them. In the end, I do my very best,

but I never feel completely satisfied with what I have. I still feel as if I leave people wondering about the true cause of my effusiveness and enthusiasm.

Honestly, though, maybe, in a way, the cause is very simple. Maybe I've been trying to make it too complex. So, here's my theory. Words *mean* something. One word on its own or a bunch of words strung together...either way, there is meaning. That's language. That's simple fact. However, two people can use the same words and have very different impacts. It's a matter of the skill with which the words are chosen and blended, the intent behind them, and the 'voice' which brings them to life. This author uses her words flawlessly. Flawlessly. Her intent is not to shock or pummel. Her intent is to evoke real emotion, honest feelings. And her 'voice'? What can I say? Priscilla Glenn's 'voice' is a little bit of magic for me.

Emancipating Andie has undeniably made it to my favorites shelf! If I have somehow managed to leave you in any doubt as to my feelings about this story, doubt no more :-) I <3 Every. Single. Moment. There is not one thing I would change. Truly, all I can do is shake my head in awe and respect and wait eagerly for Priscilla Glenn's next book!!

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Aestas Book Blog says

A slow-building, sweet, beautiful love story with a deeper message set against the backdrop of a road trip.

Given how much I absolutely adored Back to You, I knew that Priscilla Glenn was capable of strong, fluid writing that would draw me into the story. And by the end of the first page I was just smiling to myself because I could already feel this was another winner.

The flow of this one was very different than a lot of books I'd been reading recently. It was slow building, but totally drew me into the story. It was actually almost relaxing and yet totally engaging.

Andie's life was straight-laced, perfectly planned and under control. She had a perfect, predictable boyfriend, a career and a life path. But from the moment Andie met Chase, he her life out of whack. He was impulsive, spontaneous and lived life in the moment – the complete opposite of her. And despite his charm, everything about him just got under her skin. So, when an impromptu road trip forces them to spend 2 days together, everything changes.

"It was harmless, his playful taunting. He had no intention of making a move on Andie, but still, in the back of his mind, he knew he shouldn't be needing her. Yet as he slid into the passenger seat next to her, he also knew it was going to difficult to stop."

"This would be impossible, he realized, trying to keep this drive amiable. She got fired up too easily, and, if he were being honest, he enjoyed the reaction too much. It was a bad combination."

Their banter was just hilarious. It wasn't even banter really at first because they genuinely just annoyed the hell out of each other. Chase just couldn't resist teasing her and nearly everything he said made Andie's defenses go up — much to his initial glee.

"Are you going to put your shirt back on?" She blurted out.

Chase froze, looking over his shoulder at her with the most maddening smile. "Why? Is this bothering you?"

"I just... I mean, what if we get pulled over or something?"

"If we get pulled over, this could only work in your favor," he said, running his hand over his chest.

Andie tried to stifle a laugh. "My God, your insufferable."

But the more they got to know each other, the more they got to what was under the surface, and the more open they got with each other. Walls came down and hearts opened up.

This book perfectly captured that special road trip feeling. I loved their conversations – it was true “car talk”. About anything, everything, random musings, little anecdotes and stories... and all the while they slowly fell into a better place with each other and, even though they didn't realize it at the time, they fell in love.

I have so many pages of their dialogue highlighted. Their conversations were like little mini stories within the larger one of the book as a whole and I totally relaxed into the read with a smile on my face.

And the more I read, I found myself dreading the end of the road trip. I loved the little world they'd created. There's something magical about road trips, you know? Just being away from everything else, away from relationship, commitments, responsibilities... it's like an in-between sort of place full of potential. And, if you let it, the experience can be just so liberating.

But, like all good things, the road trip does eventually come to an end and Andie and Chase have to decide what to do with this feeling, this connection that has grown between them.

Now, although technically Andie has a boyfriend for part of the book, I still wouldn't really specifically call this a love triangle book. First, there is no cheating, and second, there was never even a shadow of a doubt who the 'right' guy was. And it was just a question of the characters getting to a point where they realized that in order to be truly happy in life, they had to follow their hearts.

"He took a step forward, composing himself, his voice softer but his eyes significantly more intense.

"Why do you hide? Why can't you just be brave and do what you want instead of what you think you're supposed to do?"

..."Chase, I can't live the way you do."

..."Have you ever even tried?" he asked softly."

I have to say that I really went through Andie's journey with her and that moment when she finally became 'free', I swear I felt it like a rush and could not stop grinning.

For those of you looking for a break from the more angsty, darker books and just want a sweet, quiet book that you can relax into, you should definitely consider this one. And please don't think that just because it was 'quieter' that it was boring. Far from it! I loved Chase and Andie's story. I cared about it and felt for it. And the overall feeling I got from reading this book was one of going away on vacation – you're relaxed, surrounded by the things you love, enjoying your time, and yet, at peace.

This book has many wonderful messages – to not judge someone before knowing their whole story, finding the strength to believe in yourself and your dreams, and most importantly to live life to fullest and to always follow your heart.

This is a stand alone with a happy, resolved ending :)

I loved Back to You and I loved this book. I can't wait for more from Priscilla Glenn!

4.5 stars

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NO FIXED DATE, BUT PROBABLY IN A WEEK OR TWO.**

CASTING (see above and below)

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*Jessica says

Ok....I feel bad. Everyone else seems to love this book...even so much as comparing it to "Back to You"....and I can't help but think that this book was just *mediocre*, while "Back to You" was one of my favorite books.

This book kinda let me down. I was *SO* excited to start it because come on...A woman falling in love with her boyfriend's friend? There is usually a lot of angst and intensity in books like this, so I prepared myself to enjoy a roller-coaster of emotions. But it never came. I never felt the butterflies while she was falling in love with Chase. I didn't feel any intensity or angst that their relationship warranted. I was just like...yeah, Chase is a nice guy. I can see why she likes him. But I never actually fell in love with the guy. Every thing was so "easy-peasy" with them. It was like, she met him, thought he was an asshole...a year and a half later, she takes a rode trip with them and realizes he's a nice guy. That's it. No real depth to it. I mean, yeah, he makes her realize what she wants out of life, but I never actually "felt" their connection. The conflict was "a given", and I felt like there really wasn't anything special about this book. I was really let down because "Back to you" had that special trait that made it brilliant, being unique and heart-wrenching, being so connected with the characters that you feel like you're experiencing what they're experiencing. This book lacked that.

Do I say it? Yes, I think I will...I was bored. Yup, totally bored. The writing was good, and there were no "cheesy" moments or eye-rolling moments, so that's a definite plus. Priscilla Glenn is a terrific writer, but this story was too generic for me to enjoy.

So, I rate this book 2.5 stars.

Paula says

Ever since I read Priscilla Glenn's story *Back to You*, I've been craving to read more from this author. I'm beyond intrigued with her writing style. I was never worried that her next book wouldn't live up the greatness that is *Back to You*. I had faith in Miz Glenn. Not only did *Emancipating Andie* live up to my expectations, but it had me loving every single laugh, smile, and heart-clenching moment. I loved this book made of awesome sauce covered in sprinkles.

We judge people by our own standards of happiness... What makes you happy might not make that woman over there happy. But human beings have a terrible habit of thinking they know what's best for each other.

Andie Weber learned a long time ago that being carefree can only get you into trouble. Ever since an incident from her past, she's been determined to live her life smart and safe and well-structured. She has the perfect boyfriend, a good home, and a respectable job. Andie has it so incredibly together and yet her life is so incredibly bland. Spontaneity is not a word in her vocabulary. And then she meets Chase McGuire, her polar opposite. He's spontaneous, carefree, witty, and sarcastic. He lives his life as a traveling photographer without any kind of structure. He refuses to relent to what other people expect of him. He's straight forward, abrasive, and makes no apologies for who he is. Andie can't stand him.

The moment they met a year and a half ago, Andie judged him right off the bat as a loser, someone she

would rather not have anything to do with. So, when Andie's boyfriend decides to fly to Florida early for a friend's wedding, he asks his best friend, Chase, to ride down with Andie. Knowing she's going to be stuck in the car with Chase for two days made Andie uncomfortable and irritable. Personality wise, they are nothing alike and it shows with the snarky tension between them when they first get on the road. But eventually, as the miles are traveled and they get to know one another, the tension and stress of being together slowly dissipates. Andie's itinerary is thrown out the window as the road trip turns into flirty banter...

“Are you gonna put your shirt back on?” she blurted out.

Chase froze, looking over his shoulder at her with the most maddening smile. “Why? Is this bothering you?”

“I just...” Andie sputtered, floundering through her response. “I mean, what if we get pulled over or something?”

“If we get pulled over, this could only work in your favor,” he said, running his hands over his chest.

...laughter, smiles, impulsive fun, and simply enjoying life. Chase opens Andie's eyes to a new world. He helps her shed her skin and be free. But when the road trip comes to an end, what happens between Andie and Chase is another journey they must take.

I was genuinely sad when the road trip ended. But it wasn't the end to these characters journey. Andie continues to struggle to uncover who she is and what she wants from life and love. Her confusion and frustration with thinking with her head and feeling with her heart was vividly depicted. She's ready to pursue a life of writing and liberate herself from her well-constructed life. But, even though she's happier than she's been in a long time, there is still something or *someone* missing from her life. She can't stop thinking about the man that brought her pure unadulterated happiness in just two short days. The feelings she developed for him have invaded her heart and soul. And now it's up to her to figure out if the relationship between her and Colin should continue. Or should she go after what her heart truly desires.

“I’m gonna fall in love with you.”

Chase is a fantastic hero. He's incredibly sexy and funny. I loved his use of sarcasm and witty remarks. The way he struggled with being a good friend by staying away from Andie, the one girl who could bring him to his knees, simply moved me. The thought of her makes him happy and sad all at once. She's the girl of his dreams, but he couldn't have her. My heart went out to Chase as his pain and frustration came to the forefront. He fell for his best friend's girl and he is determined to remain loyal to Colin. The last thing he wants is to take away his friend's happiness and for Andie to regret being with him.

His heart was racing, and he wanted her to hear it. And he wanted her to know that from here on out, it beat solely for her.

The connection between Andie and Chase is unquestionable, yet the question as to whether they should pursue the feelings they have towards one another continuously hangs in the air. As the story progresses, they both find it harder and harder to stay away from each other. They are drawn to each other like a moth to a flame. There is absolutely no cheating, but that doesn't mean there wasn't a lot of heartache and pain that goes along with such a complicated situation.

My favorite part is how Miz Glenn builds the story slowly. She gave me time to see the characters change and grow, find themselves, and, yes, eventually fall in love. There is nothing like a great friends-turn-lovers story that will melt your heart into mush. The writing style flows beautifully and I found it difficult to put the book down. This isn't an overly steamy book, but there is an emotional connection, incredible chemistry, and genuine intimacy. The little touches and secret glances made the butterflies in my belly flutter.

There is a quiet scene with a piano, and a beautiful song I love, that made my insides all warm and gooey. Andie and Chase both realize at this point there is no going back, no matter how hard they fight their attraction towards each other, they will never be the same again. The way Glenn wrote this scene, I could feel how hard these two fought to control their desire for each other. I could feel their need and their want. It was so vivid and so intense.

This story has a powerful message behind it... follow your dreams, believe in yourself, and do what makes YOU happy. I really enjoyed following along Andie's journey of self-discovery. But this wasn't just Andie's journey, this was Chase's as well. In each other, they find courage, happiness, confidence, and unexpected love. This is truly one of those stories that just *needs* to be read. *Emancipating Andie* mesmerized me and left me with a blissfully happy ending.

Rating: A

Heat: Warm

-- *A Romantic Book Affairs Review*

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AJ says

I absolutely fell in love with Priscilla Glenn's debut novel, *Back to You*, last year, and have been waiting oh-so-impatiently for this book to be released, and I was not disappointed. Chock-full of epic quotes - which I could not help but share ;) - I loved it!

It's the story of Andie – analytical and uptight, she lives a very ordered and “*safe*” life. This is thrown into turmoil when her “*safe*” boyfriend of a year and a half organises for her to drive with his friend, Chase from New York to Florida to attend a wedding. Having met Chase once over a year ago, she took an instant dislike to him, so the idea of a two day road trip fills her with dread.

Chase is sensational! Carefree, spontaneous and funny, he is who he is, and he makes no apologies for that.

“I do what I want to do. I refuse to hold back what I’m thinking or what I’m feeling anymore. And if someone doesn’t like it, then they don’t need to be in my life. If that makes me an asshole, then so be it. I don’t want to spend any more time trying to make other people happy. Life is much more enjoyable when you’re surrounded by people who just accept you for you.”

The fun begins when the two of them begin their journey. With Andie being totally antagonistic towards

Chase, and with his carefree nature and quick wit, the banter is sensational!

“Are you gonna put your shirt back on?” she blurted out.

Chase froze, looking over his shoulder at her with the most maddening smile. “Why? Is this bothering you?”

“I just...” Andie sputtered, floundering through her response. “I mean, what if we get pulled over or something?”

“If we get pulled over, this could only work in your favour,” he said, running his hands over his chest.

As they get to know each other, Andie’s anger towards Chase melts, and the dialogue between them is brilliant! It’s total road trip conversation – from the ridiculous (chocolate covered bacon and the appropriateness of ‘Destiny’ as a baby’s name as opposed to a stripper name) to the profound (sort of)...

“Everything happens for a reason,” she finally said.

“What?” Chase scoffed as his eyes flashed back to hers. “Oh you’ve got to be kidding me.”

“Why?”

“Because it’s total horseshit,” he laughed. “That’s just some crap people say when something bad happens and they have no way to explain it. It’s a pathetic way to try and make somebody feel better. And if anything, it has the reverse effect.”

Andie shrugged. “I disagree.”

“Anytime anyone has ever said that to me, it just made me want to punch them in the face.”

“That’s because you’re an asshole,” she said matter-of-factly.

Unbeknownst to Andie, Chase has had a crush on her since they first met. While he does his best to stay distant, he watches her, and sees the real her, and he’s not afraid to tell it like it is.

“You know something Andie? If we could find some coal for you to sit on, we could both retire early.”

But he can also see beyond that to the person that she wants to be. Andie is trapped in her life, following a horrific experience as a teenager, she is scared to break free of the carefully planned life that she has created for herself. As soon as Chase realises this, he does his best to encourage her to be spontaneous, to live her life the way she wants, and to do what makes her happy. He encourages her to be free, he tries to give her the confidence to be who she wants to be and live the life she’s dreamed off, without fear or restriction.

“Don’t ever apologize for being you, Andie.” She opened her eyes and turned to him. He was looking at her, and there was such conviction and sincerity in his expression that Andie felt like she was going to break under the weight of it.

I’ve got to say, these scenes are absolutely amazing! Glenn’s writing is so beautifully descriptive, it reaches out and pulls you in so you feel like you’re there in the moment – and I totally wanted to be there in the moment, it was so beautiful! And I felt it right along with Andie as she started to feel “*unbound*”.

“You look like new right now ... Like you’ve just discovered yourself ... It’s hard to explain, but I wish you could see it. It looks good on you.”

Through all of this, there is a strong romantic element building, as Chase’s feelings for Andie intensify, and she starts to feel things for Chase that rock her world. I really felt the chemistry between them, and the build up of the UST is phenomenal. But Chase is a gentleman, and Andie still has a long road to go on her journey of self-discovery. There is a bit of a rocky road for the two of them, but it’s all very realistic – there is no stupid, and not once did I get frustrated by anything that either of them did. It all plays out perfectly.

I fell in love with both Andie and Chase, and as we get both of their POVs, and learn more about their pasts, we see some fantastic character development going on as the story unfolds. The romance is gorgeous, with a bit of steamy stuff, but the focus is definitely on the emotion.

“His heart was racing, and he wanted her to hear it. And he wanted her to know that from here on out, it beat solely for her.”

This is a wonderfully written book with drama, humour, romance and some wonderful insights. With a beautifully resolved, happy ending, I absolutely loved it.

4.5 stars.

Plus, book that includes life advice from Dr Seuss, is a winner in my view :)

“Be who you are, and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.” - Dr Seuss.

Angie - Angie's Dreamy Reads says

This Review was Posted at Angie's Dreamy Reads!

5 STARS

This was my first Priscilla Glenn book and I have to say I loved it. Between the characters, writing and plot, I felt captivated. I started and finished the book in less than six hours. From the first word to the last, I was engaged and in love with Chase and Andie. The way their relationship developed was slow and gradual keeping you turning the pages eagerly. This is a slow building romance. It wasn't love or even lust at first sight. There's no instant pay off or crazy sex. It's just beautiful writing, a good plot line and characters with heart. It's a sweet, intoxicating love story that will have you smiling and swooning.

Andie lives her life making safe choices. Choices she knows are going to bring good consequences. She's dating a great guy named Colin and working for her father's restaurant. She's comfortable and happy with the direction her life is going, until she meets Colin's friend Chase.

Chase has had it slightly rough. His father's an arrogant ass and his mother has passed away. He feels he needs to live his life for himself. Knowing he has no one to rely on for his happiness. He doesn't think about consequences or others and just lives to be happy and fulfilled.

Colin and Andie have a wedding they need to attend. While Colin is flying down, Andie has decided to drive. Colin's not too happy about this and insists that Andie not make the drive alone. It just so happens that Chase is in town and needs to be at the wedding too, so Colin suggests that Andie and Chase drive down together.

The problem with that is Andie can't stand Chase. He seems to push all her buttons and likes to get a rise out of her. Knowing she can't turn Colin's suggestion down without sounding like a petulant brat, Andie obliges and agrees to having Chase accompany her. On the trip down to Florida things for Andie and Chase start to slowly change. Chase shows Andie that there's more to life than living by the book. He teaches her to

embrace the fun, wild side of things, something that Andie has a hard time doing. Over the two day trip a bond is forged. One that leads to more than either expected. It's rocky but amazing, showing you that true happiness can come when you're least expecting it. But like anything in life decisions are hard and Andie and Chase have more than themselves to think about. They have Colin who is Chase's best friend. Someone that Chase admires and loves and Andie is in a serious relationship with. It gets angsty and gut wrenching but how can you deny a pull to another person who's made just for you.

Overall I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It was sweet and heartwarming and kept a smile plastered on my face. Chase and Andie have an amazing relationship, one that draws the good out of each other. I'm an emotional reader and this book definitely hit every emotional button in me. I was so entranced by the words she had put down on paper for us to read. I loved the way Ms. Glenn pulled the reader in slowly, the pacing in which her characters developed. It was beautiful. I honestly can't think of one bad thing to say. I loved it all and can't wait to read more from her. This was a 5 star read for me.

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Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

What a wonderful story!!

“All I'm saying is,sometimes things happen and we don't see them clearly,either because we're not at the right point in our life,or we're too closely involved to understand.But just because we can't see the reason behind things doesn't mean there isn't one.”

Andie Weber has always played by the rules. The one time she decided to throw those rules out the window and do something spontaneous,she paid the price heavily...

Now, Andie has learned to live cautiously. Her job is stable. Her boyfriend,Colin,is safe. She follows the advice her mother has drilled into her head:

Love with your head, and you'll be safe. Love with anything else and you're in big trouble.

But see met her boyfriend's best friend,Chase McGuire!Chase is the polar opposite of Andie and he lives his life with a complete lack of structure. They have a lot of preconceived notions about each other and none of them are good. When they are manipulated into spending two days together in a car the dread is palpable.I find Chase incredibly funny,sexy and real!!

Andie and Chase find that there is more to one another than they thought. There are lessons to be learned that will extend far beyond the confines of a forced road trip. Lessons about tempering caution with courage. Lessons about taking chances and finding lasting happiness. Lessons about love. I could tell you how much I love the characters of Andie and Chase, and even Colin.

I loved Emancipating Andie so much. It was mesmerizing, beautiful, breathtaking, witty, and thoughtful. I always enjoy books that make me think and this book has every wheel in my brain turning!!!

For more reviews you can check mine and Kristinas's blog. :D

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bibliophile (Romance Addict) says

I've written a long review about this, but for some weird reason, it didn't save & it got all deleted... DAMN IT!!

Jennifer Kyle says

"You should always do what your heart tells you."

Emancipating Andie takes a reader on a well written, sweet, funny and enjoyable journey.

Andie Weber has been following her mother's advice when it comes to life and relationships since a terrifying incident happened in her teens. Keeping herself safe, her life in order has kept her comfortable until the day she meets...Chase McGuire.

"Love with your head, and you'll be safe."

Andie works as a restaurant manager for her family's business, but longs to be a writer. She is dating Collin who is a very stable, kind and caring boyfriend. While attending an engagement party for friends of Collin's she meets Chase. Chase is a childhood friend of Collin's and he irks her beyond reason. There are some sparks but truthfully his teasing and his boldness makes her angry and uncomfortable. Chase pushes her buttons and shakes her to her core.

Fast forward a year and half later and we find Andie content with her relationship with Collin and preparing for her car trip to Florida to meet up with Collin for the wedding. Andie finds out that Collin has offered Chase the passenger seat in Andie's road trip to Florida.

This book is told with the perspective of both Andie and Chase. Conversations between Andie and Chase were deep, very funny and their connection while slow building was completely realistic.

Andie and Chase get to know each along this road trip and Andie starts to see life and Chase very differently by the time the two arrive at the wedding festivities.

"You look new right now," he finally said.

"New?"

He nodded. "Like you just discovered yourself."

Andie felt something jolt through her veins as he added, "It's hard to explain, but I wish you could see it. It looks good on you."

Andie returns home completely inspired by Chase. They both are drawn to each other but this book doesn't have cheating in the physical sense. Both Andie and Chase struggle with their feelings for one another as well as their feelings for Collin. In the end, all is how it should be, even for Collin.

I found this story to be well paced and told perfectly. The angst was high, the banter fun and the story overall well done.

Christy says

4.5 Stars

?A sweet and beautiful story about living life to the fullest, and never settling for less than what you want. And most importantly- to always follow your heart.

After one mistake, Andie has spent her life living cautiously. She has always followed her mother's advice.

Love with your head and you'll be safe. You love with anything else, you'll find yourself in big trouble.

Andie is a control freak, she always follows the rules. She dreams of being a writer, but she is just working at her family's restaurant. Andie's boyfriend Colin is sweet, responsible and the perfect guy for her, in her head

of course. But Andie meets Colin's friend Chase, and he changes her whole world in just two days.

Chase is more of a free spirit. He is a photographer. He is fun, spontaneous, and he lives life for himself, and to the fullest.

'I do what I want to do. I refuse to hold back what I'm thinking or what I'm feeling anymore. And if someone doesn't like it, then they don't need to be in my life. If that makes me an asshole, then so be it. I don't want to spend any more time trying to make other people happy. Life is much more enjoyable when you're surrounded by people who just accept you for who you are.'

Chase and Andie are opposites in many ways. After driving each other crazy, picking at each other, and going back and forth with some funny banter, they develop a connection.

They learned so much about themselves and one another on this trip. I didn't want this part of the book to end. But they eventually reach their destination. Andie is with Colin, but she can't keep her mind off Chase. As much as she cares for Colin, she doesn't love him. Not like she should. One thing I LOVED about this book, is even though there was technically a love triangle, the angst was to a minimum, and there was NO cheating! Hallelujah!

Andie realizes even if it's not meant to be with Chase, he has changed her. She can't go back to living the life she was living before she met him. She has to live her dreams, and she wants to be with someone she can't live without, not someone that is just convenient.

This story was sweet, fun, and I loved the characters. Priscilla Glenn's writing was excellent. We got both Andie and Chase's pov<3. The ending made me happy. A really enjoyable read with a fantastic message!

'Don't ever apologize for being you.'

'Sometimes things happen, and we don't see them clearly, either because we're not at the right point in our life, or we're too closely involved to understand. But just because we can't see the reason behind things doesn't mean there isn't one.'

'If we can't recognize when we've messed up, then how will we know when we've gotten it right?'

'Know your regrets. Wear them like a badge of lessons learned.'

Mo says

I really liked this book. Good solid story where you can really feel you are there with the characters in all that they go through. Have read her other book which was also very good and look forward to reading more from this talented author.

"Be who you are, and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

The words of

All night long he'd been holding on to the notion that at some point in every guy's life, he's been guilty of looking at a friend's girl and thinking things that were less than appropriate. He could be a good guy, he could be a good friend, but when it came down to it, guys were guys, and shit happens. The subconscious is an impossible thing to control. A guy wasn't considered an asshole unless he acted on those involuntary thoughts.

What a fucking asshole Chase's father is

"Na agapas me to kefali sou, kai tha eisaia asfalisi."

CHASE AND ANDIE....

If you've read it, you'll get it, if you haven't read it, get reading!!

"Colorblind"

*I am colorblind
Coffee black and egg white
Pull me out from inside
I am ready
I am ready*

I am ready
I am
Taffy stuck, tongue tied
Stuttered shook and uptight
Pull me out from inside
I am ready
I am ready
I am ready
I am..fine
I am covered in skin
No one gets to come in
Pull me out from inside
I am folded, and unfolded, and unfolding
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His heart was racing, and he wanted her to hear it.
And he wanted her to know that from hereon out, it beat solely for her.

KNOW REGRETS
