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Now available for the first time as an eBook, the dynamic debut novel from beloved "New York Times" bestselling author Nancy Thayer explores the steep challenges of a woman trying to do what's best--for her family and for herself.

Zelda Campbell was just a college student when she met and fell in love with her professor; they married before she graduated. Zelda's love for Charlie was wonderfully passionate--though it came with extras: his daughters Caroline and Cathy. And so begins Zelda's dramatic roller-coaster ride in step-parenting (aka "stepping"), marked by joyous highs and tear-stained lows. As Zelda struggles in her new role, the young girls are constant reminders of Charlie's past life. Further, Charlie's shrill ex-wife is a demanding presence Zelda cannot ignore.

Fast-forward thirteen years, and Zelda and Charlie now have two children of their own. A Fulbright scholarship sends the family to Finland, where Charlie lives out his academic dream and Zelda must once again put her own aspirations on hold. But then an attractive man from her past enters the picture, offering the enticing prospect of an entirely different life. Given the opportunity to choose the road not taken, Zelda must evaluate her life and at last decide where her heart truly lies.

Includes a captivating preview of Nancy Thayer's upcoming novel "Nantucket Sisters"!

Praise for the novels of Nancy Thayer

"The queen of beach books."--The Star-Ledger

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"Thayer has a deep and masterly understanding of love and friendship, of where the two complement and where they collide."--Elin Hilderbrand

"Thayer's gift for reaching the emotional core of her characters [is] captivating."--Houston Chronicle

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"One of my favorite writers."--Susan Wiggs

"Thayer portrays beautifully the small moments, inside stories and shared histories that build families."--

"The Miami Herald"

"Thayer's sense of place is powerful, and her words are hung together the way my grandmother used to tat lace."--Dorothea Benton Frank

## Stepping Details

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## **From Reader Review Stepping for online ebook**

### **Mrs says**

It was okay. Definitely has some old school thinking about stuff. If you're interested in a quick read, this is a good one.

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### **Grandma says**

So Good!!!

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### **Betty says**

I didn't finish this book - would have been an excellent book on the journey of raising step children.

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### **Alyssa says**

Beautiful writing but depressing and frustrating.

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### **Ria Ali says**

Stepping is an emotional book about how a woman gets about to begin loving her step children. well, not so much of my choice but still a good read.

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### **Winona says**

I love Nancy Thayer's books, but I'm glad I didn't read "Stepping" first, or I wouldn't have read any of her other books! It was depressing and unsatisfying, and made me know I will never have stepchildren!

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### **LInda L says**

A great book about the trials and tribulations of stepparenting -- amazing how the woman survived 2 obnoxious stepdaughters for many years. Especially after she had 2 children of her own. Interesting, and probably a lot of truth between these covers.

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### **Samantha Parker says**

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!  
<http://www.BookCrossing.com/journal/7396834>

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### **Laura says**

Quit reading this about half way through, will go back and finish-- just could not face her whining at being alone in a foreign country with 2 small kids.

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### **Rebecca says**

Woman writes about the positives and negatives of being a stepmother (and then a mother herself).

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### **Kim says**

struggled to get through :/

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### **Jill says**

My note says only thought this book was "OK?"

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### **Carol Nummy says**

#### **A long journey**

Yes, a long long journey and I went every mile with them. Lots of insight of course but it took a long time to get to the final understanding. A good read for a long winter time.

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### **Sandra says**

I'm not sure why I bothered to finish this book - it sure was hard going at times! Being Nancy Thayer's first book, it was nowhere near as good as her others, it was rather ponderous, and being written in the 70s it felt quite dated. I did enjoy the parts where Zelda interacted with her step-daughters, more than the whiny, annoying life she was leading in Helsinki. I wouldn't say it was a terrible book, but it was quite slow and I have to say I'm glad it's finished!

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## **Julie Barrett says**

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This story starts out with living in Finland. She is there with her husband who is a professor. The two young children keep her busy and she's able to give them to another for an hour a day to keep her sanity.

Story goes back in time to when Charlie had married and had 2 girls, got divorced as met a studen he fell in love with. The farm belonged to her after her father had died.

Zelda tends to the girls that come to visit for the summer along with the letter of what they must eat every day.

Story follows her life as she steps through different phases, one is teaching English and the twists and turns that occur at that time...and is the stepmother of the 2 girls that come to visit.

Loved hearing about all the new places and their traditions. Relationships Zelda has with step girls is quite unique, roller coaster at times.

I received this book from National Library Service for my BARD (Braille Audio Reading Device).

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