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Boardwalk Summer was such a sweet surprise. I was a little caught off guard by how un-put-downable it was. It reminded me a little bit of a Lifetime/Hallmark movie. It was sweet, a bit dramatic, and full of heart. And really, I didn't put this one down. It would make a great summer beach or poolside read. The cover was deceiving to me. It looks like this book should be much lighter and fluffier than it really is. I wouldn't consider the book heavy, despite the subject matter, but it does have an unexpected depth to it that I really enjoyed.

I was also surprised by how much I liked Kimberly Fisk's writing. I haven't read her before, but I would definitely pick up another book from her with no hesitation.

I received an advance reader copy of this book that I have chosen to review.

Faith89 says

received through First To Read(Penquin) for review

3.5 stars

I really liked the synopsis of the story. We have a second chance at love with a secret pregnancy. The story has great characters. My only exception being, Hope. It took me a while to warm up to her. She made a lot of assumptions about Nick before giving him a chance to show her who he became. I did like how she fought for her kids and tried to protect them. There was angst without being over the top dramatic. Nice read for a relaxing weekend. I loved the epilogue.

Suze Lavender says

Hope is a single mother. She raised her twins, Joshua and Susan, mostly by herself. She became pregnant at seventeen and thought she and Nick shared something special, but Nick let her down and she had no choice but to move and start over. She made a life for herself in Tranquility Bay and never thought she'd see Nick again. However, when her son's life is in danger she calls him and asks for his help.

Nick is a famous race car driver. He's won many prizes and has achieved almost all of his goals, but when Hope calls him he feels he's missed something. They didn't keep in touch when he left her behind all those years ago and he didn't know Hope was pregnant. To his surprise he's the father of two teenagers and wants to be part of their lives. To be able to give Joshua a chance Hope and Nick need to patch things up. Will they be able to make amends for the sake of their son?

Boardwalk Summer is an impressive emotional story. Hope is a sweet woman. She does everything for her kids and fights for them in any way she can. Her strength and dedication are admirable and that's something I loved about her character. She managed to deal with the heartbreak of the past and has given her children a good and warm home filled with love. I liked this heartwarming part of the story a lot. Hope has such a beautiful personality and that gives Boardwalk Summer a wonderful warm atmosphere.

Nick is a kind and determined man. He once was really poor and had a bad reputation, but he managed to make something of himself and now he's rich and famous. Status isn't everything though and he finds out how much he's missed when Hope invites him back into her life. He has some tough choices to make and realizes that money isn't everything. He still has a lot to learn and discover and being with Hope and the twins broadens his horizons. There are plenty of unresolved feelings between Nick and Hope and I couldn't wait to find out if they'd manage to make things right.

Kimberly Fisk writes about difficult subjects in an honest empathic way. Her main characters are going through something awful, but they never lose hope. They're realistic, but stay optimistic at the same time and I liked that attitude a lot. Boardwalk Summer is a moving story with plenty of different layers. The main characters are struggling, but they're making progress as well and I loved to see them grow. Kimberly Fisk balances this with loving and romantic scenes, which gives her story a good balance. Boardwalk Summer is a terrific story and I enjoyed reading it very much.

Kelly (Simply Kelina) C. says

4.75 Rating

I was sent this book as part of a blog tour. Thank you to the author for allowing me to read this emotional and page turning story.

Let me start by saying the cover is stunning, but it is deceiving! This involves teenage pregnancy, a bad boy, and a life changing illness for one of the characters. I would never get any of that from the cover. Also, the significance of the boardwalk will not be what you think, it is even better!

I am the type of reader that has to be pulled in by the first few chapters, and this did just that! So much happened in chapter one alone, and I was hooked. I started this at almost midnight thinking I would not be able to get into it and would only read a chapter or two. The next thing I know I am fifty pages in and still did not want to put it down.

This book was amazing. I loved the characters, the storyline, and the writing style. I found myself laughing out loud and also shedding some tears. OK!...a lot of tears! I felt so many different emotions while reading about Nick and Hope. My heart was breaking for Joshua and his family. Yet, at the same time my heart was melting when Nick was meeting his children.

The only critique I have is I wish Hope did not go back to thinking about the past as much. Every time she would get close to Nick it was about how he left her in the past. I think that part was a little too overdone, and it dragged the story down just a little.

This was my first Kimberly Fisk read, and I loved it. We need more! It was the perfect summer read!

Susan says

I had a hard time with the star factor because I tend to be too hard on romances. I finally added a fourth star because I realized I had been reading the book nonstop, so it must have caught my interest!

The characters are strong and sympathetic; nobody gets on your nerves too much; things don't get sappy. The plot stays realistic even if the romantic "leading man" is a very famous, very wealthy wealthy NASCAR driver. The way Fisk wove him into the picture made perfect sense.

Hope Thompson and Nick Fortune had been high school sweethearts. When his father, the town drunk, died, Nick felt he had to leave their small town if he was ever going to make anything of himself. Unfortunately, he left not knowing that Hope was pregnant. Her mother gave her two choices: get an abortion or get out of her house. Hope fled to her aunt in Washington state where she gave birth to twins Joshua and Susan. She raised them on her own since Nick never returned any of her phone calls.

Fast forward sixteen years. Joshua is gravely ill with leukemia and in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant. Neither Hope nor Susan are matches. Hope has to swallow her pride and contact Nick after all this time to see if by any chance he would be a match as a donor.

Questions, resentment, astonishment, bewilderment, a bit of joy. These emotions have to come to the forefront, but not in an overly dramatic way, thank goodness. I was ready for three or four chapters of Hope and Nick going their separate ways so they could have the romantic reunion. Even better, they kept their wits about them and focused on what needed to be done.

Hope's mother is a real piece of work who had made life pretty miserable for her. She was her own worst enemy and a fly in the ointment for Hope. With her rigid actions, she factors into this story in so many unexpected ways.

A good 'in!

Nicole says

I received this ARC from Goodreads giveaways.

Wow! This is my first book by Kimberly Fisk and I'll be reading more!

Wonderful storyline and a great pace... more to come to my review later.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Hope and Nick are forced to overcome many obstacles to try and help their son; it's a life and death matter. Hope is a very private and guarded person, with her sons' trouble Hope has been forced to become even more precautions and guarded about her life. Nick has always lived life in the fast lane; from absentee parents to fast cars and faster women, Nick are thrown a huge curve to find out he's a dad.

Boardwalk Summer is a very hope filled novel. Hope that overcome a parents worse nightmare, hope to reconnect with a past love, hope to move past parental betrayal. I did feel a connection between Hope and Nick, their love is still burning strong after 17 years. Their relationship was a slow burn rekindling as opposed to an intense all consuming love. The secondary cast adding a great best friend paired along with an bitter old school mother. I would have liked to see more resolution to the mother daughter relationship, however I didn't feel cheated out of anything. Watching the road to recovery for their children and a relationship become strong again was a great novel. If you are looking for a second chance romance, grab Boardwalk Summer, it will not leave you disappointed!

Review copy provided for a voluntary review.

Barb Lie says

Boardwalk Summer by Kimberly Fisk is an emotional second chance romance. Hope Thompson, is a single mom, who lives with her two children, Susan and Joshua in Tranquility Bay, Washington. Years before, Hope left her hometown to start a new life, after finding out she was pregnant, and her then boyfriend left town and never returned as promised. Hope had tried to contact the father, but unsuccessfully. She had no relationship with her mother, who pushed her away. Content and happy with her wonderful twins, Hope's life takes a dramatic turn when Joshua is diagnosed with Leukemia.

When there is no bone marrow match, Hope gives in and contacts her mother whom she has not seen in 16 years. Her mother hasn't changed, and Hope must try her last resort, contact the father of the children.

Nick Fortune, our hero, is a famous race car driver. When Nick is told there is a message from Hope, he decides to visit her in Tranquility Bay. Hope is shocked to see Nick after all these years, and in a short time to tell him that he is the father of her children. Nick is upset and blames Hope; she tries to explain that she tried to find him; but he walks out threatening to come back and meet them. The bitterness from Nick and the fear from Hope was very real, but they must put that aside to find a way to help Joshua.

Hope was having mixed feelings, as their attraction to each other was beginning to rekindle; but she did not trust Nick, and only wanted to protect her children. Her despair is evident, and Nick will do all he can to help. When Nick turns out not to be a match, Hope falls apart, bringing them even closer. Money is no object for Nick, and he will get the best doctors for Joshua.

What follows is an emotional story line, where the family, including Joshua begins to lose hope. Kimberly Fisk does a wonderful job allowing us to feel the emotional toll on each of them. I really did like all the characters in this story. I did feel that Hope, who was a wonderful mother, was a bit too hard and unbending with Nick. She does warm up later, even if she continues to not want to take risks, especially with his racing career.

This is a beautiful & heartwarming story on life, heartbreak, taking risks and the different degrees of

emotions throughout. Once again, Kimberly Fisk gives us an emotional story with real life issues when faced with possible death of family; you can't help be drawn to them in this trying time. The romance between Nick and Hope was very nice, and Fisk did not let that overtake the real story. Very well written.

Barb
The Reading Cafe

Linda Zagon says

My Review I would like to thank First to Read, Berkley Books and Kimberly Fisk for the ARC (advanced reading copy) of "Boardwalk Summer" by Kimberly Fisk for my honest review.

The genres for this book are Women's Fiction, Fiction and Romance.

I really liked the characters in this story. Kimberly Fisk describes them as flawed, worried, insecure, fearful, brave, courageous and hopeful. These are characters that could live in our community.

Hope is a single mother of two teen age twins, a boy and a girl. She also is a teacher. When her son gets sick she reaches out and seeks her former teenage love and father of the children. Nick is now a famous Race Car Driver. He had no knowledge that he had children.

Whenever the twins were little and sick, Hope would take them to the boardwalk. It was their safe place. Hope has the support of a good friend who helps in many ways.

I liked so many things about this book. It is upbeat with feelings of hope. How will the twins react to meeting their biological father? How will they act when they find out he is famous. Is it possible to have second chances?

I appreciate that the author discusses issues of family, friends, love and hope. I also like the positive feel in this story. Life is always about taking chances and risks.

I would highly recommend this delightful enjoyable read to anyone that likes Women's Fiction and Romance.

Maudeen Wachsmith says

An emotional read great to include in the beach bag this summer. This book was the winner of the prestigious Golden Heart Award from the Romance I Writer's of America. Hope is the single mother of boy/girl twins, living life with her family in the Pacific NW when her son is diagnosed with leukemia. Only a bone marrow transplant will save him. But since neither she nor her daughter are matches, this means contacting her estranged mother and the children's' father, a nationally-known race-car driver who is unaware of their existence.

Fisk writes with emotion and poignancy, with characters that are fully fleshed out. This book is highly recommended for readers of Susan Wiggs, Kristin Hannah, Mariah Stewart, who tell wonderful stories

readers want more of. I'm looking forward to her next read, and it can't come soon enough for me.

Wendy says

The pink clouds on the cover of Boardwalk Summer are a bit deceiving. This book from Kimberly Fisk is certainly not only a romance-only. We meet Hope Thomson, a single mum, juggling between going to the hospital to her son Joshua, trying to console his twin sister Susan and keeping two jobs to pay for all the bills.

Joshua has been diagnosed with cancer. After the first successful treatments, the cancer reappeared and this time, there is no other option than to find a donor for him. Kimberly has done an excellent job in describing the mixed emotions for Hope. You can feel her despair, when neither she nor Susan are a compatible donor. As a mother myself, I had a hard time keeping the tears at bay. Because no one wants to think of the possibility of your child dying from cancer. And yet, Hope has to face this reality and when she breaks down in front of Nick your heart literally almost breaks as well.

Nick Fortune, the father of Joshua and Susan is surprised, when his former sweetheart Hope leaves him a message to contact him urgently. He could never have guessed that he would be hearing the fact that he is a father for almost sixteen years. Wounded by Hope's betrayal by denying him his children for all those years, and shocked to hear his son may be dying, he soon learns that his way to the top in racing will come at a prize. Is he willing to pay that prize?

A wonderful read. Heartbreaking, romantic and above all a mother's love to save her children. Five out of five stars for Boardwalk Summer. And thank you FirstToRead and Berkley Books for this ARC.

Laurie Ryan says

Wow. What a poignant story. The reunion between Hope and Nick is for a desperate need that immediately pulled me into the story. These two had no choice but to work together, their common goal reminding them of so much more. I loved the main characters. They had depth and the emotions felt real. And the secondary characters, the kids and Hope's friend, were just as thought out. I'll be hoping the author has more stories in the works because this one tugged at my heart and made me want to read more.

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Review:

Hope Thompson is a single mom, raising her teenaged twins in Tranquility Bay. She has her children, she has a best friend and she even has a potential love interest, she is happy with her life.

Until her son is diagnosed with leukemia, and then everything changes. After having exhausted all other courses of treatment, it is determined that a bone marrow transplant is needed. The best chance of a match is a family member, but when her and her daughter are not matches, Hope has to turn to the two people she never wanted to see again: her mother and the twin's father.

She has never had a good relationship with her mother and she has not seen her in sixteen years. Her mother is unloving, uncaring and only worries about herself. Her mother never really cared about her, and when Hope got pregnant as a teenager, her mother sent her away. Now Hope has to find a way to get her mother to agree with being tested, to help out her grandson.

At one time, Nick Fortune was the most important person in Hope's life. When they were teenagers, they were in love and had their whole life planned out, being together and raising a family. But life got in the way, and instead, Nick went on to become a famous race car driver, which was also another dream of his. And Hope was left to raise their twins on her own, with no help from Nick. She tried to get a hold of him to let him know she was pregnant but could never get in touch with him. Now Hope has to tell Nick the truth and pray that he is a match.

The characters are well rounded, well developed and three dimensional. Hope is a loving and caring person who will do anything for her children. They are her whole life. Nick is a good decent guy and he has not let fame get to his head. When they first reconnect after being apart for so long, Hope is worried and scared that Nick is going to completely destroy what is left of her family. Nick is angry that Hope has kept her pregnancy (and his children) from him. They have a lot of work to do to mend their relationship. The characters both have a lot of things to work through and growing to do but if they do it together they just might find their happily-ever-after. The secondary characters (Hope's children and her best friend) added a lot to the story and I enjoyed getting to know them all better.

This book is such an emotionally charged story. You will laugh, you will cry, you will feel despair and you will feel hope. As a reader I could not help but be drawn into the story and wanting to find out how the whole drama was going to unfold and end. I feel like it takes a special author to get all of those feelings and emotions out of the reader in just one book. I also feel like it takes a special author to take such a

heartbreaking topic and write about it in a realistic heart warming way.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a well crafted women's contemporary. I really like the author's writing style and I cannot wait to see what else she has written. Do yourself a favor and give this book a try, but be sure you have tissues close at hand.

OBS would like to thank the publisher for supplying a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review

Jessie Young says

This is a sit and read all day cuz you can't put it down type book. The storyline is simple but so real. Characters were authentic and lifelike. Well developed throughout the story. They interacted naturally. Feelings were real not exaggerated. Deals with many issues but not in an overly dramatic way. I was hooked pretty much from the beginning and found myself rooting for the characters to "win". Great love story. Great family dynamics story. It is a quick enjoyable read. Loved it. Can't wait to read other books by this author. I received a digital copy from the publisher in exchange for my honest opinion.
