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Susan says

I can not stop reading this series.....two more to go!!

Jessica Sanderson says

Read this series!!

The whole series so far has been wonderful, tugging at every single emotion. This book had me in tears but it's wonderful!

Cheryl Baranski says

Huckleberry Spring, By: Jennifer Beckstrand

This is by far this best book yet in the Matchmakers of Huckleberry Hill series. Jennifer Beckstrand has such a wonderful way of making her characters come to life in her stories. This book had me in stitches I was laughing so hard. The unexpected that happens and leaves you reeling with the thought what will happen next. Be sure to have your tissues and drink and anything else that you want before you start to read this book. You won't want to put this book down. I couldn't get enough of this book. It was so good, I felt like I was part of it. These characters have touched me so. You gotta love the antics of Anna. Kind good hearted Anna always wanting to see those that she loves happy and in love. After all who knows better that Anna who is in love and who should be together. An excellent book. Be sure to get your copy today. 5 stars!! I highly recommend this book!

Maria says

I received a complimentary copy of this book as a part of a book tour for a fair and honest review and rated it 4.5 out of 5 Stars.

Matchmaking grandparents, a confused would be groom and his dumped fiancée are the focus of Jennifer Beckstrand's Huckleberry Spring, the fourth book in her Matchmaker's of Huckleberry Hill series. Colorful characters, emotional angst and a second chance romance kept me turning the pages from start to finish. Reminding us that "Love is patient", Ms. Beckstrand's story is one any romance lover will enjoy.

Ever since Ben Helmuth broke their engagement and took off for Florida, Emma Nelson has kept busy and worked on "self-improvement". Determined to "keep on a happy face" and not others see how heartbroken she is, Emma has attended every social gathering, improved her cooking and concentrated on being less accident prone. One area where she naturally excels is gardening so when Anna Helmuth, Ben's Mammi (Grandmother) asks her for help, she reluctantly agrees. After all, it's not like she's going to run into Ben since he's in Florida. Only Emma didn't know about Anna's matchmaking plans, or about Ben's return from

Florida.

Ms. Beckstrand does a great job developing the characters in this story; I easily connected with Emma; she's a sweet girl who thinks of others first, is somewhat of a day dreamer and needs help with her homemaking skills. Ashamed of being dumped by someone like Ben, who she considers the perfect man, after having overlooked so many of her failings in the past, Emma takes all of the blame for their failed engagement. Even though she's really clueless as to why Ben dumped her.

Ms. Beckstrand also does a good job developing Ben, I was also able to connect with him even though there were plenty of times I was frustrated by his behavior. Hard working and kind, Ben has the tendency to take responsibility for everything and everyone around him. He also has a tendency to keep secrets or keep things to himself that he should share and he never thought about how breaking off his engagement the way he did and fleeing to Florida would make others look at Emma.

As usual, Anna and Felty Helmuth are fabulous secondary characters and Anna's plan to get Ben back to Huckleberry Hill really required Felty to make some personal sacrifices. I have to say she's been very lucky so far that her "schemes" haven't really injured anyone yet. They both make me laugh though and their marriage is a shining example of what being in love should look like, regardless of your age.

Will Emma ever discover why Ben really broke off their engagement? Will Ben share his secret with his grandfather and take his advice about matters of the heart? Will Emma and Ben's love really be able to conquer all? You'll have to read Huckleberry Spring to find out. I enjoyed it and can't wait to see what new adventure Anna cooks up next when she decides to match up another one of her grandkids.

Lisa says

This was a nice Amish story about a couple in love and how a misdiagnosis caused havoc in their lives. He broke up their engagement because he thought he had ALS. He does have a disease but not as fatal as ALS. She thinks he broke up with her because she is accident prone and he doesn't want to have to take care of her all the time. He actually asks other men to date her. A well written story.

Nancee says

Emma Nelson's happiness was swept away from her when Ben Helmuth broke her heart. With no explanation he broke off their relationship and moved to Florida, leaving Emma heartbroken. She tried unsuccessfully to find happiness, but her love for Ben hadn't lessened. A clumsy girl, she suffered numerous accidents and suffered incessant teasing. Ben's grandmother summoned him home to help out on the farm while his grandfather recuperated from surgery. Reluctantly Ben agreed, secretly hoping to avoid contact with Emma.

Huckleberry Spring is the fourth in a series of Huckleberry Hill Amish books. I haven't had the pleasure of reading the prequels to this book, but the story stands well on its own. Some background information may have been helpful, but not a necessity. Ben's grandmother is quite a character, looking for ways to keep her

grandson home in the Wisconsin Amish community. Each of the characters in this book are strong personalities, and their roles are well defined. At times I found myself feeling sorry for poor Emma, but she shed enough tears for the entire cast of characters. Other times I found myself laughing aloud over humorous incidents that were cleverly written.

Throughout the first portion of the book I felt as if I wanted to move the story along, but once the action picked up speed I was absorbed in the story. Jennifer Beckstrand has a gift for bringing her cast of characters to life, making them realistic and familiar. I thoroughly enjoyed reading about Huckleberry Hill and the developments that transpired throughout. Life was described in a realistic fashion that I found refreshing. Many times a story is glossed over, but not this one. The author brought realistic issues to life through this Amish community. Pick up a copy and enjoy!

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review. All opinions expressed are my own, and no monetary compensation was received for this review.

Deann Doolittle says

Loving this series!

Melody says

The Matchmakers of Huckleberry Hill series are my go to books for sweet and cheerful romances. Jennifer Beckstrand always managed to make me laugh with her delightful set of characters.

In this book, Anna Helmut is trying to get her grandson Ben back together with his ex-fiancée Emma, and her poor husband Felty gets caught in the middle.

With two intertwined love stories, laugh-out-loud scenes, and an underlining message of faith and hope, Huckleberry Spring is one of my favorite in the series so far. It makes for a great spring or summer read, and I would highly recommend it to fans of Amish fiction. The only thing I liked a little bit less about the book is the ending, which seemed a little too good to be true, but I still enjoyed it.

5 strong stars for me! ;)

Laura says

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HUCKLEBERRY SPRING is the fourth book in the Matchmakers of Huckleberry Hill series. I haven't had the privilege of reading the other books, but its okay as this one easily stood alone.

I have to admit that I love Ms. Beckstrand's voice. Her sense of humor is top-notch and shines through her writing. The events in Emma's life were way over-the-top, but while not exactly believable at times, it was an enjoyable read for the most part. The characters were very immature for most of the book, Emma spending a lot of it in tears, but when she needed to be strong the most, she was. Both Ben and Emma were super kind, going out of their way to serve others. Ben especially wanted to take care of Emma—keeping a guard-like eye on her—but yet he left her for a year without any protection so it seemed odd that when he was home he didn't trust her to be careful. The faith message was weak, but again, the humor and the romance were great. I'm giving it four stars.

Available in ebook and paperback as well as large print. 352 pages.

Melina says

I haven't sit down and read a good Amish story in a while, and this one was a great one to get me back into Amish books. I really enjoyed this story, it kept my attention the whole way through. I really connected with the characters and felt their pain. This story also had some humor in it. The interactions between Mammi Anna and Papi Felty were very funny and had me laughing out loud at times. I really liked Emma, and felt bad for her a lot. I was so happy with the way this story ended, it was really an uplifting, inspiring story.

I received a complimentary copy of this book for my honest review.

Barbara says

Anna really has a patient hubby -- I don't think mine would put up with half the things that she gets away with.

I can't say that I'm ever going to want to eat jalapeno banana bread!!

Vickie says

I enjoyed this book so much! Jennifer Beckstrand has wrote a very moving romance story that is so true to life in parts it had me laughing and then crying (okay sobbing) a chapter later. In other parts though I had a little hard time believing some of the shenanigans of the grand parents. I found myself asking would anyone do that? I have to admit this made a great part of the story though.

In the end I believe the grandparents are my favorite characters. Willing do what it takes to help the younger people have a happy life.

I found the moral of this story is to be always truthful with one another in a relationship. Then you can let the other person decide what they will do about the situation.

This was a fantastic read, one I know I will put on my bookshelf to read again!

J.C. Morrows says

OH MY WORD!

OK... right up front I have to be honest with you. My plans for reading this book were a bit derailed when my devious mother told me someone dies in the book.

She is such a rat! She just loves to needle me when she gets to read a book first and she loves dropping bombshells with absolutely no explanation!

Anyway, coupled with the emotional turmoil that was currently going on among the pages, I thought I might just be better off stopping right where I was.

But boy oh boy... am I glad I didn't!

"DO NOT LET ANYTHING stop you from reading this book!"

I always say the current book is the best I've read yet and it's always true! Each one of Jennifer's books get better and better and better!

"This book is by far and away the best I've read yet!"

And one of the best things about Jennifer's books is that I always want to go back and read from the beginning so I get to read all my favorite parts and then breeze right into the new story as if there were no agonizing months in between waiting for it to release!

And I don't mind telling you that I had some reservations about this story when I read the sneak peek.

"Surgery... poor Felty. That man really will do anything for his sweet Anna!"

Only Jennifer Beckstrand could write such a story and make it so wonderful! Only Jennifer could write such a heart-breaking story and make it so wonderful! Only Jennifer could come up with such a roundabout story of gut-wrenching pain and redemption and weave romance through the entire thing!

“WOW! WOW! WOW!”

And, as usual, I can hardly wait to start the next one! Especially since I read the sneak peek!

This book needs 10 stars! Can I give it 10 stars...

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Sunnie says

I am so lucky to have been able to read Huckleberry Spring! Jennifer Beckstrand is such a fun author. There is a little of everything in her books, including humor.

So Anna and Felty Helmuth are at it again. Anna has a grandson, Ben, whom she wants to "marry-off" and she wants his ex-fiance to be the one!

But since Ben just dumps her without explanation, leaves Bonduel, WI. and heads to Florida, it will not be an easy to fix situation. But, of course, Anna is up to a challenge.

Will she succeed or fail? But Ben carries a secret alone in his heart that will change lives forever.

Jennifer's characters are well developed and the story lines are always new and interesting. Never a dull moment. You can read this book as a stand alone, but I highly recommend the earlier books in the series because they will keep you waiting for more. This is a great read! I am so happy I was able to read this!

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Here is the link to Jennifer's blog. And where you can find all about her and her writing!

Her book is available here for preorder at Amazon.com

Josephine says

It was a sweet and poignant book
