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Best-Laid Plans



Synopsis

Meet Amanda Wyatt - she had an eight-year plan and accomplished so much more. Attractive, talented, she was a success whether she was designing high fashion or running her own elegant shop in New Orleans. And she had a friend-with-benefits relationship with Lucas Crosse, her lawyer and the brother she never had, for 12 years. He knew her intimately - well almost. Now, he's decided he wants that, too. And he's ready to fight for Amanda with Wade Lloyd. He entered Amanda's life by accident. Now he wants to be a permanent fixture. But can he handle her success? Can he handle Amanda? Can he handle her friendship with Lucas Crosse? As for Amanda, she has choices to make. A new, exciting love? Or a best friend whose benefits she's begun to dream about?

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Customer Reviews

This was just a delicious treat. The way Ms. Chase develops her characters, the likability of Amanda and Lucas is amazing, the unexpected chemistry that both experience gives the reader something that they will need to see to the end. And when a handsome addition comes on the scene . . .OMG you will be breathless to see what happens next. Of all the books of Ms. Chase that I have read, I have to say that this is my favorite (so far!) If you are new to this wonderful author, this would be in my opinion a great introduction. You won't be disappointed!

Nostalgia is what led me to this 80's romance. I miss the era of curvy figures and hair out to here.

This is a simple, innocent, push-and-pull love story between friends that occasionally shines due to flirty interactions and characterizations provided through flashbacks. As a rule, I loathe flashbacks, but these were brief, and without them the story wouldn't have had much character context. This book is the perfect constitution of detail for fashion designers or interior decorators, regardless of the era. There are pages and pages dedicated to the description of clothing and furniture. But for the general romance reader, I don't think it meets modern expectations. Ms Chase devoted more words to inanimate objects than character attributes. The writing overall was skillful, however, I was put off by the disembodied appendages. The hand did this. The eye rolled this way. The lips tilted. Phrasing the action beats this way, losing the pronouns, just made me feel more disjointed from the characters. The result: a story that could have been better laid, wound up only kind of.

A beautifully written, steamy, romantic read. Interesting because of the era and the fashion angle, it also pulls you along into the lovely, fun, relationships between the characters. I enjoyed the descriptions of both the fashion and the feel of New Orleans in this story. There's everything you might want in a romantic comedy, including the love triangle. Original, and with threads of fate taking over lives, this book is very entertaining and I enjoyed it immensely. Highly recommend.

A twinge of bronchitis is trying to grip me, thus it is time to cancelled plans, get cozy under the covers and drink honey tea and rest. The restless spirit cannot sleep, pulled out the kindle and with the finger flick through tbr file. Stop at an attractive cover of a romantic lure; Best Laid Plans. By Elaine Raco Chase, open to the first page and found my soothing distraction. It starts with an ambitious young woman orchestrating a cancer fundraiser as a fashion designer of the setting of New Orleans. She flashes back in time and had plans to be the best fashion designer of NY and Paris and planned to own her own boutique in eight years, and now her dreams were achieved. He, her best friend come to visits her to offer her attractive proposition. They thought back of the memories when they attended NYU and when she was she is team up with her orientation buddy and he is a hard headed Texan who was studying to be a lawyer. Through the tumult bonding of college, they discover a safe harbour in each other company through the college and lives woes. They lost touch with each other as their lives become busy and yet know with insight when they need each other, and come back together. This time the friend is be her lifeline. The plot is set in elegant scenery of NY, Paris, New Orleans and Texas. The author has the touch of written details, to be attractive and descriptive of the surrounding, and culture and traditions of each location, it is like you are sitting in a cafe in Paris or New Orleans, and enjoying that latte and watching the artists

and others enjoying life. Witness their interactions as they are discussing personal issues among old friends. The reader becomes caught in their memories, of the talented fashion designer and the lawyer and their life experiences and their possible destiny or not. She is at a crossroad and in a rut; he, her best friend comes to her rescue and offers to swift her away to his ranch for a month. Yet there are twists, as he realizes she is no longer his adopted sister, she has mature in more ways than he thought, he discover a mystery woman on this visit, and with insight, thought this may be the woman of his dreams. He is in a query, as how to change his bond with her, at the same time, the author is hinting they will be competition, of another suitor and he as a best friend or possibly more will need to express his hidden emotions and make a choice or lose her. It is sensual, suspenseful and exciting. Highly recommend it.

This was a very enjoyable read. The basic premise of this book is that we can plan all we want but sometimes fate intervenes to change everything; in love that change can be really great. Amanda Wyatt and Lucas Crosse have been best friends since her freshman year at college. Lucas, as an upperclassman had been her mentor and the two of them hit it off. The story begins years later after she has become a successful business woman in her chosen field of fashion. She owns a very elegant dress shop in New Orleans. Lucas meanwhile has finished law school and has thriving practice in Texas. They have remained friends over the years and stayed in each others lives. Things change when Amanda reaches a point where she has to make some decisions about expanding her business or keeping it as it is. When she talks to Lucas he offers her the chance to take a vacation from her business to think things over; he has a new home in Texas and he would like for her to use her skills to decorate it and make his house a real home. Lucas has ulterior motives because over the years he has come to understand that he loves her and want's to present his case to her. When she arrives to begin work on the house, she begins to suspect that maybe her feelings for him is more than friendship. Now enter Wade Loyd a Texan she meets at a party and to whom she takes an instant like. Amanda soon finds that she has to make big decisions about not only her business but which man she wants to spend her life with. She finally decides and for me she chose the right one. I loved the authors descriptions of New Orleans and I really liked Lucas and Amanda and adding Wade into the mix added just the right amount of tension.

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