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The Salty Dog



Synopsis

Libby had it all. Handsome husband, beautiful condo overlooking San Francisco Bay, and a faithful companion in a golden retriever named Harley. When her life is suddenly turned upside down, the only thing she has left is Harley or so it seemed. Determined to pull out of her depression, and settle into her new life, Libby elicits the help from friends as she embarks on a new adventure. Torn between two men, Libby is tormented by her past, and unsure of her future. What will she do? An inspirational romance, *The Salty Dog*, is a tale of love and loss.

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Customer Reviews

I came across this book on Goodreads and I must say I am pleasantly surprised. IÃ¢Â™m not much for romance stories; in fact, I normally do not bother to read them but this book stood out to me. I expected a run of the mill love story and I cannot tell you how happy I am that she did not follow that route. I was able to read the book in about 2-3 hours and while it was a quick read, there was so much depth crammed in. It was a great mini day vacation to the beautiful Bodega Bay. From

the beginning I fell in love with Luke and Libby and their life together and over the course of the story, I started to love Libby more and by the end, I felt as if I knew her personally. I don't want to say too much without fear of spoilers, but the love story that grows between Libby and a certain guy is actually easy to believe and quite sweet. By the end of the book, I was ready to look up my own small sea side town and meet the man to sweep me off my feet. If you are looking for a real love story, and not some water down erotic dream romance please give this book a chance!!!!

I loved reading this book. I hope that Nora Roberts' fans will give this book a chance. You will NOT be disappointed. I know it's in a crowded category and it doesn't have one of those typical romantic covers but don't pass it by. The story is wonderfully told by one of my new favorite romance authors. Well it's actually more than a romance. It's also a story about living through devastating grief and having the strength to move forward with life. I love the believable characters in the story and I love the smooth flow of the developing romance(s). It's an uplifting story about a strong woman who rises to the occasion after a tragic event and makes her own way in the world. Although she is strong and independent, she also has a big heart. When it comes to love, it doesn't matter to Libby whether the man is rich or poor. When you begin to see the relationships blossoming, you won't be able to put the book down until you see how it turns out. I highly recommend this wonderful 5-star book by a talented author.

This novel I had enough twists and turns to keep my interest. However there was something that seemed predictable and made me feel anxious. It also had some boring dialogue and I found myself skipping pages. I still wonder what they did not seal their complicated relationship and get married.

The Salty Dog is a story about second chances. Second chances for careers, friendship and love. Replete with details, this novel takes you through the daily life of Libby, an ordinary heroine who finds herself in a lonely and uncomfortable role after an unexpected accident alters the course of her life. Alone in a world that she did not choose, Libby struggles to manage her guilt, her loneliness, and two businesses while searching for a new life. Baby steps, new friends and a friendly dog named Harley help her find herself and embrace the new life-style that comes with a budding romance. The Salty Dog isn't a heart-stopping romance but a realistically portrayed novel about recovering from grief and learning to live and love again. It is a novel about peace and self-acceptance, and the courage and steps required to find it. I highly recommend it. Elly

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What a lovely, sweet romance! When Libby and Luke step away from city life in San Fransisco and move to the seaside town of Bodega so that Luke can pursue his dream of becoming a commercial fisherman, the results are compelling and tragic. There are many twists and turns as the story unfolds. Ultimately though, this is a story of new beginnings and the healing power of love. What I enjoyed most about the book was Ms. White's attention to detail. I really felt like I was in Libby's body, seeing, smelling, feeling and tasting life in Bodega. I was really captured by Libby's journey, and the book kept me turning pages well into the night. Great read!

Let me first say this: sometimes it is just refreshing to dive into a gentle read. Don't get me wrong...there is a time and a place for edge-of-your-seat entertainment, but sometimes you just want to take the time to breathe along with the characters whose lives you are inhabiting for a time. Such is the case with The Salty Dog. Author Debbie White has created such a sweet story. Our heroine, Libby, is successful, well-loved, and very much "together," but she unexpectedly finds herself in a situation which makes it impossible for her to carry on with life as she has known it. It's equally impossible for her to truly begin again. The easy analysis would be to say that Libby does begin anew, but I don't believe that's the case - and for me that explains a great deal about the book's charm. Libby is not an immature young thing trying to "find herself." She is a grown woman with responsibilities, relationships, and commitments. She has known true love and it has shaped her. The easy thing to do, when her life is turned upside down, would be to run away, and many authors may have taken the easy way out and sent Libby down that path. Debbie White didn't take the easy path. She took the honest, realistic, relatable path, and that makes The Salty Dog irresistible. To "begin again" would be to deny the power of the past, so instead Libby just keeps on going. This book is an incredibly easy, fast read. Take the time to get to know Libby, and breathe along with her.

I'm a sucker for starting-over love stories that leave me rooting for the heroine to get back on her feet. And I'm a fan of characters that start businesses, in this case The Seaside Caf . Oh, and I love stories where you can't guess who the heroine will ultimately choose. Will still-grieving Libby decide on mysterious Marshall or successful Jackson? She makes some impulsive decisions before making the right one. This book is a romance, not a dog story, although

Libby owns a dog. The Salty Dog is a boat and, as the story unfolded, the author brought me full circle to understand the importance of the boat!

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