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A charming story of single motherhood, a fierce custody battle, and a once dormant volcano that's suddenly about to blow.

Hawaii may be the island of romance according to the travel brochures, but for Keeley Baker-Kekuhi, lately it's been anything but. She's broke, stuck in a dead-end job, studying an extinct volcano---and her husband, Kam, has just dumped her for a hula dancer. Even worse, he's now demanding custody of their four-year-old son. No wonder she's about to throw in the towel on love. But things are looking up. Enter Ian Gardiner, an artist rep whose boyish good looks catch Keeley's eye. A true gentleman, he's sweet, thoughtful, romantic. But does Keely have the heart, much less the energy, to try again?

Flip-Flopped Details

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Trudy says

If you like chick lit... this is pretty good. The story of a mainlander, Keely, that goes to Hawaii to study volcanos and meets, has a kid with, and marries a native Hawaiin. Hubby (Kam) cheats... so they are in the middle of a divorce... sometimes nasty, sometimes sweet... Keely meets Ian while in line to get Davy Jones' autograph... The guy I was rooting for didn't win which makes me a little sad, but it was entertaining... easy, and cute/quirky and throw in a fairly extinct volcano acting up and you get a few good laughs... I probably could have done wihtout the whole Davy Jones thing - lol... but whatever... beachy read for sure.

Leesh says

I was warned by most reviews that the books wasn't that great. Many liked the beginning but said the rest was a bore. I agree with this. I really enjoyed the start, it got me intrigued but then when a new guy came into the picture, I lost interest. This is mainly because I liked Keeley and Kam together. I kept on reading because I was rooting for them. Not to give too much away, I was quite disappointed with the ending. What helped me get through this book was I had actors in mind as I read from each page. I envisioned what I was reading as if it was a movie. Thank goodness I only paid \$4.99 for this book.

Alenna says

I have never been a book quitter... I just couldn't do it. But I gave this book 10 pages to grab my attention, to proceed from one thought to the next understandably and to get me interested in the characters. It didn't pass the test.

So I'm starting a new thing for 2014 - no more reading books that I don't like. (I still don't think I'll be able to quit a book halfway through, but I'm not going to force myself to read something just because I've read a chapter or two and it sucks.) Life is too short to read crappy books!

Juliane says

Habe mich bis Seite 65 durchgequält, dann aufgegeben. Eindeutig nicht mein Fall!

Suzi says

Even with the main character undergoing a chaotic crazy life, the author finds a way to put in humor and make this a fun read. For those readers that like to learn something, the author really did her homework on Hawaii and volcanos. Great beach read and a great late night read with no scary parts.

Ellen Tamburello says

Fun quick read.

JoAnne says

Keeley is a married woman with a four year old son. She is a volcanologist working on a dormant volcano. She starts seeing signs of life from the volcano. Her boss does not care and her job is stressing her out. He is switching her to the PR dept. Her husband left her for another woman and they are divorcing. Kam decides she wants full custody and then he is moving to Fiji (from Hawaii). Then she meets Ian. He is a great guy but lied to her about knowing Davy Jones (from the Monkees). There is a big storyline about Davy Jones! Nothing seems to be working out for Keeley. Will she just let everything go and relax? Will the volcano come to life?

I liked this book. I could sympathize with Keeley's problems. This story shows you how some people grow up and others don't.

Caitlin Moyer says

After reading Jill Smolinski's "The Next Thing on My List," I was very eager to read more by this author so I picked up "Flip-Flopped."

While it was a good, easy read, I found this novel harder to get into, perhaps because I felt distanced from all of the characters. Usually in a chick-lit type book, I can relate to the heroine or main character, but in this case, I was very detached from her.

The book also had a number of different themes running throughout--with plot lines pertaining to everything from divorce and volcanoes to weddings and Davy Jones--and I felt that not all of them were tied up in the end.

"Flip-Flopped" left me wanting more from the story, but I can't quite put my finger on what it is; however, I am not sorry that I read it and I definitely want to read more from Jill Smolinski.

Sallyann Van Leeuwen says

Keeley originally headed to Hawaii to study volcanoes but ended up marrying a local and settling down to raise a child with him. The pace of their world is slow and relaxed. But when her husband moves out with a hula dancer and wants to take their child with him, Keeley needs to join the fight and fast.

Good holiday read, with some funny lines and scenes, but some of the characters didn't really ring true, and it

was hard to see why she would want Kam back.

Heather Hamilton says

I thoroughly enjoyed this story, probably because it has plenty of heart-wrenching spots. You all know I love a good tragedy. I actually stayed up all night and read it in one sitting. That fact alone warrants an extra star. This is my second novel by Jill Smolinski. She's going on my read-everything-she-writes list.

There were plenty of items for me to critique, but none of them were that annoying and none of them even stilted the speed/flow with which I was reading, so who cares what they are?

Sara Strand says

So the book, to me, has a very similar love story as The Next Thing On My List, so much so that I could already tell the ending. Normally I would hate this, but this was such a relatable story for me that I overlooked it and kept reading. Totally glad I did because there was a few twists in it, but overall it was good. The thing that was distracting to me was the secondary story of this damn volcano that I think took away from the main storyline. That's just me though. Basically it's about a woman who is divorcing her two timing loser husband and the ensuing divorce and custody battle over their son. It's relatable because I have contemplated divorce because of Matt's bad deeds and my main reason for not divorcing? A custody battle. Ugh. I can't even fathom how I would handle that. Somehow, it seems easier to stick with him than to put my kids through that. Ugh. The high road- supposed to be glorious? Not so much. Anyways- book was good, nice fast read.

Selene Gudino says

Not really what i was expecting. Kinda fools you but you can still know the end since the begining. This book can surely work as a beach reading while you watch the kids or something, but if you have just a little time to read i urge you not to chose this one. Is light and sometimes kindda funny, but i really expected more. Is not bad though, read it if you have it. I think the author have a lot of potencial, this is my first read of her, but im looking forward to read THE NEXT THING ON MY LIST.

Julias Lesecke says

Inhalt:

Keeley ist Vulkanologin auf Hawaii. Sie hat sich von ihrem untreuen Ehemann getrennt, den sie jung geheiratet hat. Nun geht es um die Scheidung und das Sorgerecht des kleinen Sohnes. Sie beschließt, sich nicht mehr zu verlieben, hat der Liebe abgeschworen.

Zudem steht ihr geliebter Vulkan kurz vor dem Ausbruch und sie lernt den charmanten Ian kennen.

Meine Meinung:

Ich habe vor langer Zeit "Die Wunschliste" von der Autorin gelesen und konnte mich erinnern, dass ich das

Buch richtig klasse fand. Als ich dann das bunte und ansprechende Cover sah, musste ich das Buch einfach mitnehmen.

Ich finde das Buch etwas unstrukturiert, ich habe den roten Faden vermisst.

Es gibt viele Rückblicke in die Anfangszeit der Beziehung von Keeley zu ihrem untreuen Ehemann, vermutlich weil die Story um die Scheidung sonst etwas dünn wäre.

Dann wäre da noch ihr Teenie-Idol, das sie unbedingt kennenlernen will und den charmanten Kunsthändler Ian. Gespickt ist das ganze noch mit dem Geschehen am Vulkan und verschiedenen Streitigkeiten in der Familie.

Wie gesagt, mir fehlte der rote Faden.

Der Schreibstil ist nicht schlecht, typische leichte und heitere Frauenliteratur, aber der Inhalt war irgendwie etwas mager. Es wird zwischen verschiedenen Themen hin- und hergesprungen, ohne eine gewisse Tiefe aufzubauen.

Fazit:

Man kann es mal eben so zwischendurch lesen, aber es gibt bessere Bücher in diesem Genre. Es war alles in allem okay.

mandyfujita says

The character of Keeley Baker-Kekuhi was hard for me to cheer for. There are parts of her that I enjoyed reading about like her interaction with Ian Gardiner, the artist rep that is attracted to her. Even her best friend Regatta who made Keeley her maid of honor is funny to read about. What I didn't like was her relationship with her soon to be ex-husband, Kam, who moved in with his girlfriend and is trying for full custody of their child, Dante.

I realize that the story is named Flip-Flopped, but it drove me crazy when Kam was obviously not going to change and will still be the lying, cheating, lazy husband that he currently is. When love is blind, that's what happens. I wanted to read more of Jill Smolinski's books since I read her other "Objects of My Affection" and thoroughly enjoyed that one. This first book for me was more frustrating since I hate wishy-washy people. I am from Hawaii, but live on the island of Oahu instead of the Big Island where the setting takes place in this book. I was curious how she was going to portray the "locals". The last fourth of the book was enjoyable with all the chaos happening on the island, but other than that I cannot recommend this book.

Iris says

I certainly enjoyed this book, but it was what I was looking for at the time. Something light and breezy. Nothing too complicated at all. I fully admit to not using my brain much during this reading, but I had a slight migraine and I was not tired enough to sleep. Not the authors best work, but still good.
