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She only remembers loving him. But he can't forget the way she left.

Following a concussion, Lucy Lovett can't remember the last seven months of her life. She doesn't remember leaving her fiancé Zac Callahan weeks before their wedding or moving to Portland, Maine. And she sure doesn't remember getting engaged to another man. All she remembers is loving Zac more than life itself.

It's taken Zac months to move on after Lucy left him with no explanation. He's thrown himself into his family's farm and his restaurant business in Summer Harbor. Now Lucy's back, vulnerable, homeless, and still in love with him. She needs his help putting the pieces together, but letting her back into his life is a risk—and the stakes are high. If he follows his heart he'll win back the love of his life. But if her memory returns he'll lose her all over again.

The Goodbye Bride Details

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Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says

Wow, this is one emotion-packed book! I really felt for both Lucy and Zac and the difficult situation they find themselves in. Zac's struggle to be there for Lucy despite his hurt and anger shows his character and strength. Lucy is hurt by his distance, and doesn't understand how she ended up rejecting him when she loves him so much. Zac's family is a bit protective of him even though they like Lucy, although she finds an ally in Beau's new wife Eden. There's a lot of heartache that Zac and Lucy work out, and the hope for reconciliation is strong as well as their chemistry together. There is a bit of suspense wondering when Lucy will regain her memory and find the answers to her secrets. I enjoyed the flashbacks to the early days of their relationship and seeing how they fell in love. Highly recommend to fans of clean contemporary romance!

(I received a complimentary copy of the book; all opinions in this review are my own)

Kara says

my rating is 3.5-4 stars, yeah it's one of those ratings where I want to be fair but I wasn't really into the book like I thought I would be.....

I won this book from Hunter's facebook page and I'm so grateful for that. The story starts out really well and had me intrigued, the writing was well done as always. Yet as the plot moves on, I just couldn't get into it. I love Hunter's books, but for some reason this one just isn't my favorite. I really enjoyed the Callahan family, the brothers are so close and such a treat to see how they're doing. The romance was off the charts special, too, but Lucy's amnesia just didn't hold my attention throughout the book. There is a huge misunderstanding between Zac and Lucy (Hunter is awesome at misunderstandings that get cleared up and getting to the happy ending), but by the time it's revealed it felt like the story is too drawn out. I loved Lucy, what a sweet girl and great person, she is so charming and totally humbles herself in this one!! Zac was also great. Don't know, just didn't keep my interest like I thought it would.

The next book should be about Paige and Riley, should also be interesting.

Cara Putman says

A delightful romance that left me longing for just a bit more. These characters are wonderful, and going back to Maine was a treat. The story of abandonment will resonate with too many readers -- but the message of hope that grows from it will be a balm to many.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

sigh I really loved this one.

Isn't that cover gorgeous? Anyway, I was definitely excited to read Zac's story after finishing the first book (this can stand on its own, btw) and find out what happens between him and his fiancé who had jilted him a week before their wedding. Fast forward about seven months when the book opens and Lucy is waking up with a head injury and no memories for the past seven months. She's still deeply in love with Zac and beyond confused when he is treating her so coldly. I really loved Lucy and Zac, they had great chemistry and the added tension of their past and everything that was going on really added another fun level to their relationship. At least for the reader, probably not fun for them. I liked how things progressed, how they really had to work things out and learn to trust again.

I loved returning to Summer Harbor, I liked that we see returning characters but their woven into the story in a way that doesn't distract from Lucy and Zac's story. This may be my favorite series from Ms. Hunter, I think this is definitely my favorite book of hers. I really enjoyed every minute. Great story!

Content

Romance: Clean, just kissing. Loved how sweet and clean their relationship was, but still packed full of chemistry and swoony moments.

Language: None

Violence: None

Religious: Mild

Series: Book two in Summer Harbor series, but can stand on its own

Source: Review copy

Galaxy Adventurer says

after re-read:

I love this book

that is all

first time reading:

The Goodbye Bride is about Lucy Lovett and Zac Callahan. Lucy suddenly leaves a few weeks before her and Zac are supposed to get married. 7 months later, Zac is trying to move on with his life when he gets a call from Lucy not remembering anything that had happened in the last 7 months. As they try to figure out why she left and what happened Zac tries to decide whether or not to let Lucy back into his heart.

Oh my stars this book was so good! I didn't want to put it down until I found out why Lucy left. Zac is amazing, really amazing <3 ;) Lucy is also a amazing and relatable character :)
I will definitely be picking up the other books in this series :)

I received a free book from Thomas Nelson/Zondervan Fiction Guild in return for a honest review.

Susan Snodgrass says

Denise Hunter hits another home run with her second book in the Summer Harbor series. Her brothers Callahan tales are top notch. This book is Zac Callahan's story, along with Lucy Lovette. Seven months ago Lucy ran off and left Zac right before their wedding. Now, dressed in a bridal gown, she calls him to come help her, having no idea where she is or why. Zac rushes to her aid, of course, because he is a nice guy. But will his heart take this? Especially since Lucy thinks they're still getting married? Whoa.

Denise Hunter has once again crafted another wonderful Christian fiction tale, complete with believable and super great characters. I love hearing her descriptions of Maine. I would love to visit Maine now. It was wonderful to catch up on characters we met in the previous book. I do hope Denise allows Aunt Trudy to find happiness in one of these books. I do hope so.

This book was wonderful. I read it in one day! Now I have to wait for September for Riley Callahan's story. I highly recommend The Goodbye Bride.

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

Well, this new book is part of the Summer Harbor series but it is definitely a stand-alone novel. This is the first time I had been able to read a book by this particular author and I was highly impressed with the beautiful and highly descriptive story that she has created.

Both of the characters were highly likeable and you are just pulled right into the story. The premise of the story is one that we see often but I really enjoyed the author's twist on it. There was a lot of mystery that surrounded the story and keeps you really intrigued as far as what was going to happen.

Even though this is a Christian romance and a clean novel, there is so much depth of feelings between two main characters. There is plenty of sweet romance, endearing with longing love. You really get a sense of how much these two mean to each other. I may or may not have shed a few tears over this story!

The author includes some beautiful sections with an inspirational message of trusting in God and believing He will always bring to you what is good and right in the world. Also believing in listening to your heart as that's going to lead you in the right direction as well.

This is a refreshing novel that will leave you feeling wonderful and looking forward to the next installment in the series. Definitely an author that I'm going to be following now that I've been introduced to her.

Rachel says

I enjoyed this story about a girl who hits her head, loses her memory, and consequently calls her ex-fiance thinking they were still in love. It was a unique take on the amnesia story line that I enjoyed. It was sad every time Zac rejected her but you understand where he's coming from. And he's a good man - he goes above and beyond what most ex-fiance's would do to help her. Lucy is so sweet and vulnerable. You'll root for her from the beginning. And when you finally find out why she left Zac in the first place, your heart will be touched by her pain. And I love the romance! Swoon-worthy for sure! ;)

I was a little put off by the fact that there was some language I'm not accustomed to in my Christian books. Some would consider them "soft" swear words (dang, darn, etc). I don't use them but I know they can be pretty common in people's daily lives, even Christians. So just a note for content purposes.

CD {Boulder Blvd} says

This one starts with a bang as our heroine, Lucy, comes to in the bathroom of a café feeling lost and confused. She calls the man who she thinks she is engaged to wanting him to rescue her. What she discovers is that time has passed and there is a gap of time that she has lost and doesn't remember. This book takes us on her discovery of what she remembers, what her heart remembers and what it will take to find her dreams.

At first I thought, "Oh, no – not another amnesia story". But what I discovered was a unique love story and a unique twist on the amnesia story that makes this story worth the read. Ms. Hunter has developed an appealing story with Zac as the fiancé that Lucy had previously left. He thinks he's finally over Lucy, but finds he can't stop himself from helping her and getting that close again is dangerous to his heart. Zac is definitely a swoon worthy type of guy.

I like Ms. Hunter's writing style and I really enjoyed this sweet Christian love story. I read the first book in Ms. Hunter's Summer Harbor Series and like it as well. Although many of the characters from book 1 are present in book 2, this one still reads as a stand alone.

Thanks to NetGalley, Ms. Hunter and Thomas Nelson publishers for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Stephanie says

1.5 Stars. I thought about giving it 2 stars because the writing wasn't bad and I think a lot of people would like the story, but at the end of the day, I just had soooo many issues with this book! Lucy was selfish and hypocritical and had no self awareness of it at all for much of the book. No one ever called her on it, either, which drove me crazy. It really rubbed me the wrong way that she never really took responsibility for what she did to Zac, just because she couldn't remember doing it. It took until the second to last chapter for Lucy to finally understand what she was doing and while I appreciated that growth and the message behind it - it was almost the very end of the book. There was not enough time after that for me to like her.

Brittany says

I loved this story! I really enjoy Denise Hunter's books and The Goodbye Bride was no exception. The plot for this book was a great one to begin with, but the author did such an amazing job of carrying it off with little details that really brought the emotions of the characters to life for me.

Lucy Lovett was such a complex character and I felt such sadness for her. From the confusion and hurt she felt at waking up, to her new reality that didn't include a relationship with the man she loved, to the flashbacks of her painful childhood, Lucy became a character near and dear to my heart. I don't cry easily during novels, but the flashbacks to Lucy's father brought tears to my eyes and an ache to my heart.

Zac was an amazing leading man. I loved that even though Lucy had wounded him horribly, he stepped up to help her. Time and again, he proved to Lucy that he was a good man. Watching his struggle and his determination to remain strong against the pull of his love for Lucy was powerful!

I thoroughly loved this book from start to finish and I am very excited to read the next book in this series!

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

You can read this review on my blog (and enter to win a copy, giveaway ends on 5/17/16):
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Amy says

When you see there's a new Denise Hunter book out, you can't help but get a little bit excited! You also would like that you could spread it out and read and enjoy over time, but NO! These books are so awesome you just can't put them down! I was excited to read the next installment in the Summer Harbor, Maine series, telling the tale of the Callahan Brothers. This is what Denise does best (series writing), and the anticipation for the next one is high! With 'Falling Like Snowflakes' #1 in the series, Denise really stepped it up, and added an element of danger we haven't seen before in her writing. Surpassing I feel, a Nicholas Sparks novel. So, as we are introduced to this story, in which Lucy Lovett the ex-fiance who just disappeared seven months prior, calls Zac Callahan out of the blue, claiming amnesia and needing to be rescued, you immediately are set on a path of wondering just what happened. It is evident all the way through that these two are destined to be together, and that their love has never really ended, though both dealing with a lot of hurt, though from different perspectives.. Zac doesn't understand why she suddenly left him all those months ago, and Lucy doesn't understand how she ended up in Portland, why she left him, and why he is not responding to her in the way he used to when they were together. There's so much that tugs at the heartstrings with these two. I was so grateful for Eden's presence in the story, as she is able to reach out to Lucy in an unbiased way, and help bridge the gap for the family who are having a difficult time showing her any kind of forgiveness for what it appears she did to their brother. Eden is the friend she needs, in a town that appears set against her. You could read these books on their own, but don't - read them in sequence! Denise is so descriptive, you just feel like you are right there. She keeps you hanging always wondering what will happen next, and in this book - with questions about those lost seven months almost the entire way through. I could not put this down! I love Zac & Lucy's story, and cannot wait now for Riley's, due out in Fall 2016. Denise is a bestselling author who has quickly become one of my favourites. Clean, Christian contemporary romance novel - that has a nice gentle thread of inspiration.. in which I loved seeing Lucy learn to trust again, by learning to trust in God, and knowing that even if you are hurt or abandoned by those in your life, He will never leave you alone. Thank you Denise for another, wonderful book to get lost in!

Thanks to Netgalley & Thomas Nelson Fiction for the ARC in return for my review.

Ririn says

2.75 stars

A character-driven story, so it was to be expected that the pacing would be a slow one. Even though the plot

was nice and intriguing enough, it was too slow for my liking that it makes me lose my concentration.

Kara says

I always enjoy a Denise Hunter romance, so I was quite happy indeed when this one turned out to be a fun way to spend a few hours! She certainly knows how to write a swoony hero, doesn't she? :) Equal parts mystery (what with the amnesia) and romance (goodness did those two have chemistry), this story is a sweet addition to your library. You should definitely be adding it to your TBR shelf!

Lucy, herself, is pretty memorable. Considering she has no recollection of the last seven months, she has no qualms about making her opinions on where she should be, how her life should look, and what she's going to do to get it back to what she remembers. I have to confess that she frustrated me a bit in the beginning. I wished she had been a bit more willing to realize how her actions might hurt Zac. I could understand her desire for things to go back to what she was remembering, but when someone you love tells you that your actions have the potential to hurt them, wouldn't you do all you could not to continue doing that? Or at least be a bit more understanding about it? I was very happy once she accepted that she needed to take a step back. When that happened, the flow of the romance worked better for me.

And speaking of, I loved the little glimpses we got of how Zac and Lucy met and their time together in the past. I also loved that the angst was kept minimal between them. Yes, they hurt each other, most times very unintentionally, but their chemistry was undeniable, even to them! These are two people who had an awesome relationship and now have to struggle to understand what happened. They both have scars and pain in their backgrounds, Lucy especially, so when they finally reach those pivotal moments, it was wonderful to know they had each other to help work through any future hard.

Also, I do love this Callahan family. The way they pick at each other and support each other no matter what. And the way they're always willing to tell the truth to each other, no matter how difficult it might be. Plus the fact that once you're one of them, you're family! Unless you do something stupid, of course. But Lucy redeems herself, so no worries there! ;) I was also very happy that Eden (from Falling Like Snowflakes) chose to overlook her own fiance and befriend Lucy at a moment when she really needed someone on her side. Their friendship was so sweet.

A quick and entertaining story that had me smiling once I closed the final chapter! If you need an escape into a fictional world for a little, this is a fun way to spend that time. :)

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Hannah says

I loved the premise behind this one so much that I was very impatient to read it! It came through at 11pm on the 7th from my library, and I read until midnight. The next day, I was busy reading at stoplights, at lunch, and between lessons until I finished! I enjoyed both characters a great deal.

Gripes: a bit of cursing (one Lord, one Lord-a-mercy); the heroine stays in a room near the office of the hero's restaurant (it's plain 'nothing happens'...but honestly it was playing with fire on their part); longing for

hugs and kisses repeatedly. Minus one star.
