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Hilary Parker is very happy. She has a kind, caring husband, David, two lively children, and she immerses herself in both family life and life of the village of Hulme Welford. Then one morning, her entire world is turned upside down—Hilary discovers David is having an affair. Whatever she decides to do, life will never be the same again. But even so, Hilary is completely unprepared for the startling turn of events that awaits her.

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Abby Nancarrow grimshaw says

Wished I hadn't read this book. In the first book I didn't really like the sister to the main character and this book was her story. It was like watching paint dry but I persevered. It was a disappointment to say the least!

Chrissi says

This book didn't take very long to read. It's quite addictive and not very long. The story involves a lady who seems completely perfect and to have everything. Her life changes when she thinks that her husband is having an affair. This isn't my favourite book from Erica James. I didn't connect as much with the characters compared to her usual writing. It's still worth a read though if you're a fan of her work.

Philippa says

My first book by this author and it's an old one I've had tbr for an age. I quite liked the story, but didn't engage with the characters too much. They all seemed a little humourless except for monster child Becky! Will definitely try another book by Ms James though.

Claire (Cem) says

How is it that you can love and adore one book, and yet barely get through another by the same author?

I have loved some of Erica James's other novels, but this one I struggled with. For starters it switched around all the characters too fast for my tastes, and I kept feeling like there should have been a book before this one, introducing various people and all their connections. I kept getting confused as to who was who, and to whom!

Some of the characters were great, others were simply annoying and I could easily have done without them. It felt like too many different stories and none truly given enough time. Or explanation. I found the ending rushed and, for me at least, unsatisfying.

Still, I'll read others of Erica's books in the future I'm sure, but this was one I am happy to say goodbye to.

Sarah says

I really enjoyed reading this book. It was an easy read that I could put down when needed but pick up and it didn't matter if I hadn't read it for a few days because I just sank back into it. On occasion I did get confused with who was who with the characters initially but once I was into the book it was easy to read.

It was easy to connect with the characters especially Hilary who is the main character in it trying to decide what to do when she finds out her husband is cheating on her. The story has quite a few characters and I think there is someone relatable to everyone in it. As well as the main storyline there was other little back stories going on to help you understand and connect with the other characters.

I enjoyed how easy it was to read and how I felt part of the story for some of the characters and felt like I was on the journey with some of them feeling what they felt and dealing with the issues that they had. I like that it wasn't just about the main character and their family but that you really felt like you was learning about village life. Other characters not necessarily central to the story were brought in and you got to know about them too yet it didn't detract from the main thread of the story.

This is the 3rd book of Erica's I have read and I haven't been disappointed yet! Erica has a way of drawing you in with her book and you can read until the end and wonder where the day has gone. I highly recommend Erica as an author and if you can you should read her books.

Carol Peace says

A compelling story about life in a small village. The trials and tribulations of everyday life and the comical sabotage the ladies try to stop the newsagent selling a little bit more than top shelf magazines. They definately do not think lingerie is appropriate.

Hilary Parker seems to have it all until her husband slips up one night when he is talking in his sleep. She can not decide whether to pretend she doesn't know or confront him. Maybe she decides it would be a good idea to have a dalliance with the attractive newcomer.

Laura Dobb says

How can you love a book by an author and really dislike another book by the same author. This book has taken me over a week to read (I usually read a book in a day or two) but this book was so slow all the way through. I understand she THINKS her husband is having an affair, but either get over it and tell him, or just leave, stop twoing and frowning on the matter. I did finish the book, but I can honestly say, I will not be picking this book back up, and am now thinking 'the real Katie lavender' (the other book I liked and have read from this author) was maybe a fluke...def not for me

Evelyn says

Right from the beginning I had an uneasy feeling about the conclusion the main character Hillary made based on her observations, as well as the very poor advice she had received and was determined to follow. As the story progressed, my feeling deepened to despair. At the end, my fear was realized - stupid woman, she caused so much pain. I have no patience for people like that.

However, as a redeeming quality, there were several other characters that I thoroughly enjoyed. Both Iris and Georgia were a breath of fresh air with their straightforward directness that was sometimes shocking. Tiffany, Becky and Chloe were strong-willed children, Nick was intelligent, and Derek, well, what can one actually say about Derek???

Lynne Easy says

Found this story a little slow and dated (think it was written a few years ago). An OK read.

Samantha says

After reading some reviews prior to reading this book I did get the impression this was not one of the most loved Erica James novels... and I can see why.

I found the story extremely slow moving. So slow in fact not much happened at all. The characters weren't likeable in the slightest and there were a hell of a lot of them to dislike.

I liked the book in the beginning, but as I read more and more I just wanted to get to the end so I could read something else.

I did however like the fact that the chapters were relatively short so I could constantly pick up and put down this book and not get lost along the way. Also, the last 3 chapters gripped me and I did enjoy the ending.

I will be reading more Erica James novels. I won't let this one disappointing read put me off reading more from her in the future.

Nikki says

Time for a Change begins with a scene familiar to most readers of domestic fiction: the protagonist discovering apparent evidence of her husband's infidelity. In the course of the book, she will discover much about herself, her children, and even her husband; make new friends; and deal with the usual irritants of the tiresome in-laws, the snotty women of the PTA, etc. Set in a village in Cheshire, the book also has many other enjoyable characters and subplots ranging from a sister's upcoming wedding to an anti-smut campaign when the local newsagent starts a sideline in naughty lingerie. I've been reading Erica James for years (when I can get hold of one, they're easier to find in the UK than here) and have never been disappointed. Perfect January reading.

Ann says

Dreadful, dated, dross. Just awful. I have succumbed and have downloaded a book to my Kindle I really can't take any more of this chic lit rubbish. I am recuperating after surgery and a friend has lent me a load of books but enough is enough.

Liz says

One of Erica James' first novels and quite dated now! Hard to believe the characters would actually behave the way they do!

Chris Peace says

Totally predictable, but padded out with village life and village people.

Rachel Gilbey says

I've read loads of books by Erica James and they were all a lot better than this one.

There was nothing overly wrong with it, I just didn't really like the main characters, and kept getting confused with who was who.

I just found Hilary to be utterly spineless and incapable to make any decision for herself.

If you haven't read an Erica James book before, then please don't use this one to introduce yourself to this author.
