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## **Love Under Construction . . .**

Construction executive Jefferson Traynor has zero problems attracting women. Until now. A blow to his ego, beautiful Marisol is immune to his superpower charm.

Marisol Ortega is on a mission-- build the safest women's shelter she can on her shoestring budget. If that means playing along with the gorgeous, cocky stud building it-- then game on. A single mom to foster son Hector, she can't afford distractions.

Chasing Marisol was supposed to be no-strings. A fling while building a safe haven for the strong women living there. Falling for her and Hector was never in the blueprint. When the little boy goes missing, Jeff will stop at nothing to find him. Haunted by the past, will Marisol risk building a shiny, new life with him?

## **Chasing Marisol Details**

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## Alex Jo says

Marisol on a mission to collect donations to build a new wing at her shelter `New Beginning` to make it safer for the abuse women that need a safe place to stay at, in the process, she meets Jefferson the man who is in charge of building the new area. In this book we see a woman who gives her all to the shelter and her family, on the other hand, we have Jefferson who thinks all the relationship he can have are just one night stands, will his train of thought change when he meets Marisol? I can honestly say that I was in heaven while reading this book because of its full of life values and it kept me on my toes all the time. I received this book for free from eBook Discovery. I voluntarily review this book.

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## P.e. lolo says

Marisol Ortega is working at building a women's shelter on a shoestring budget. Always looking for donations, or fundraising she is now at a meeting with the hope of plans to build a building at the location of the shelter. Jefferson Traynor is the son of the owner of the construction company and is also an executive. He of course makes a fool of himself as he walks in seeing Marisol and making comments about her and then thinking that she will fall over him to go out with him. When he finds out that she is the reason for the meeting it only gets worse from there. When he gets to the shelter the next day he continues to make a fool of himself and does so for the 25% of the book. He starts to come around and realizes what and why they are there. He is still drawn to Marisol but also to the boy that she is working at adopting. Together they both decide to go on a few dates and when you find out about her past you begin to see why she is doing what she is. You also begin to see a change in Jefferson, and you wonder if it will be enough or will he leave once the project is done. A good story about women being abused and trying to get away with their children and also how they become stalked by their spouse and what the entire family goes through. For that reason alone this is a great book but the story is good just as well. I got this book from Netgalley.com I gave it 5 stars. Follow us at [www.1rad-readerreviews.com](http://www.1rad-readerreviews.com)

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## Kerry says

My favorite of the series! I've read several books lately where the hero was previously a womanizer, but it didn't bother me in this book. I loved Jeff and Marisol, and Hector was a great addition! The suspense angle was perfectly balanced with the romance!

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## Christine Menditto says

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Jeff and Marisol are amazing. It was nice to read a book where the Hero chases after the woman and actually has to work hard to get to date her. I really liked how Jeff matured while getting to know Marisol. I definitely recommend this book.

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### **Toyenlon says**

This is a most enjoyable and pleasant read. Mari works in a shelter for abused women. Jeff is the contractor who is to enlarge the shelter home. The two met and were attracted to each other but Mari was not ready for a relationship due to her past experience with her ex who was abusive to her. Jeff too had his own issues, due to his parent's divorce he doesn't stay long in a relationship but he was willing to chase Marisol. Along the way, they fell for each other and had to go through some issues and difficulties especially on Hector the foster son of Mari. I totally enjoyed the book. "I received this book for free from eBook Discovery. I voluntarily review this book. This is my honest review".

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### **Linda Mitchell says**

**Couldn't put this story down.**

Story had my interest right from the start and kept it til the end.  
Can't wait to start book 4.

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### **Trimaze says**

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When I first received this book I wasn't aware that it was the third book in the Blueprint to Love series. Although I hadn't read the first two books it didn't matter as they are standalone and can be read in any order. That being said, I loved this book and will definitely be reading Trusting Jake and Falling for Ken which are the first two books in this series.

I commend the author, Lauren Giordano, for writing about such important social issues as women's shelters, homelessness and abuse with such emotion and artistry. The characters she's created are realistic and heartwarming. They will grab your attention immediately and make you wish for a happy ending.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys romantic stories that have realistic storylines and characters who must overcome heartbreak and hard times to find love.

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### **Wendy says**

In "Chasing Marisol" the third book in the "Blueprint for Love" series which I won through Goodreads Giveaways, sexual fireworks explode when Jefferson Traynor a sexy partner in Specialty Construction who gets roped into building an extension to "The New Beginnings" women's shelter meets Marisol Ortega the key fundraiser for the project. When confronted by the charming, arrogant builder Marisol Ortega, a woman haunted by abuse in her past who's raising a sweet five year old plagued by the selfish manipulation of a drug

addicted mother has no time for a sexual games or the man who persists in pursuing her. Yet as Jeff manages the building project and they get to know each other their chemistry ignites , each becoming vulnerable as they let down their defenses and fall in love.

Lauren Giordano sets the stage for a touching love story at a women's shelter where Jeff Traynor and his company have been hired to build an extension. Disgruntled at having to manage his father's charity project Jeff 's interest is quickly sparked by the beautiful and smart Marisol Ortega, a single foster mother who's in charge of coordinating the funding. When they meet sparks fly although both have been shattered by events in their past, and Marisol is still dealing with a drug-addicted mother who refuses to give up her rights to five year old Hector, the young boy she's been fostering.

In an emotionally -charged story Jeff who likes fun and no commitment in his relationships suddenly finds himself attracted to a woman with secrets in her past, who's immune to his sexual charm. In a plot that points out the destructiveness of an overloaded and ineffective legal system and the fragility and violence of life at a women's shelter, love wins the day as Jeff not only grows to admire the workers and women at "New Beginnings" but quickly loses his heart to Marisol and her amazing little boy. Tension escalates not only when a drunken ex-husband attacks Marisol at the shelter, but when Hector is discovered missing from his school bus. Amid all the trouble and turmoil as events unfold that move quickly and smoothly to a heart-warming conclusion, humorous and poignant moments lighten the suspense especially when Hector looks to Jeff for manly advice.

Bringing realism, depth and passion to this touching page-turner that you can't put down until the end, the author has created unforgettable and complex characters who have faced heartbreak in their past yet find love together. Marisol (Mari) Ortega a sassy and tough administrator at the shelter has no room for romance in her life after the abusive treatment of an ex-boyfriend. Her heart belongs to the sweet and loving five year old who she's been trying to adopt. Single-minded and stubborn she refuses at first to succumb to Jeff's charm putting all her energy into her pet project. Jefferson Traynor a good-looking, self-indulgent player who has no trouble attracting women is drawn not only to the sensible, kind and giving single mom, but also to her little boy who wants to help him dig the foundation of the new extension. Uneasy with commitment he's challenged by the secretive woman who he quickly comes to love and admire.

Among a cast of memorable characters who heighten the drama of the story are Jeff's dad Linc Traynor a workaholic father who nearly lost the family he loves; Pete Shea an intimidating former military soldier who's a protective guardian at the home; Hank Freeman the blunt, cranky but practical project foreman; and Anne an abused, hardworking mother who finds love at the shelter.

I loved "Chasing Marisol" a touching story of trust, love and "New Beginnings" at a safe house for broken women. In future I will look for more novels in this fascinating series.

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### **Becky Burciaga says**

Jefferson (Jeff) and Marisol's (Mari) story is a feel good romance with just enough passion, tension, angst and suspense to keep you hooked up until the last page. Of course the chemistry between Jeff and Mari is off the charts, which in itself makes for a heart sighing good read. The third book in the Love Under Construction series brings back the characters from the first two books, providing enough back story to keep the flow of the book moving at a perfect pace.

I've come to enjoy Ms Giordano's brand of writing, and am looking forward to reading more from not only this series, but the debut of her new series, Can't Help Falling.

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### **MJ Bookreader says**

I really enjoyed this book. Very good story.

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### **Angel Hatfield says**

Jeff's father owns Specialty construction. Jeff has asked for more responsibility, but that didn't mean going to his father's favorite charity board meeting. Jeff seen a woman before going to the meeting he tried flirting with and she basically ignored him. At the meeting he finds out the same woman who's name was Marisol/Mari is the main fund raiser for New Beginnings - a homeless shelter. Mari and Linc - Jeff's father had been working on a new area to house women and children with domestic violence who usually did a quick escape from their situation. Mari has a five year old foster son- Hector she was fighting to adopt Hector from his drug addicted mother. Mari had not been with anyone in two years. Mari and Jeff are attracted to each other but Mari feels she has enough on her plate especially until Hector is legally and forever hers.

Excellent story, I really liked this story talks about the very real problems in today's world: being homeless and domestic violence. This story had a very good plot and well written. I liked there was no instalove in this story. I loved the characters especially Mari and Jeff and all the ups and downs Mari and Jeff go through. I highly recommend.

I received an ARC of this story for an honest review.

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### **Timothy Hendricks says**

I loved this book. It made me laugh and cry. There was a bit of suspense. I learned quite a bit about domestic abuse that I didn't know. First of all was how many people are impacted by one abusive relationship. The helplessness that so many people feel both men and women who are affected by the abuse someone they know and love has been subjected too. It was very hard for Jeff to know exactly how to react to the situation. To want to go and find the person abusing his loved one and tear him apart but having to swallow that and try to figure how to offer the kind of support that Mari needed. And for Mari's family wanting to protect their daughter. Because no matter how old a son and/or daughter get, to a loving Mother and loving Father you are always their little one and the desire to protect is overwhelming. Another thing that came out in the story is how long it can take for someone to get over the damaging impact of an abusive relationship after it has finally ended. Also how overwhelming the impact is. There is Annie and she is all but imprisoned in that facility because leaving would put herself and her children at risk. She barely has a life she can't do anything except what she is allowed to do within the four walls of the facility. She can't even pursue her profession as a nurse. And it seems to go on forever. Even after she has divorced the guy he doesn't give up. I didn't realize the danger the caregivers are at these facilities are in as they strive to protect those in their care. The things they learned to deal with when faced with violence. Its a terrible thing.

However we also learn reading in this book how vital friends, family, and loved ones can be for these people adults and children caught up in abuse.

I did love this book. I look forward to reading, "Sheltering Annie."

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### **Margaret Watkins says**

An excellent, well thought out book, Chasing Marisol draws the reader into the story from the very first page. Jefferson's manipulative father has inveigled Jeff into taking over the improvements to the women's shelter New Beginnings recognising that Marisol, the single minded director of the project, will challenge Jeff at every level. Playboy Jeff quickly realises that he has bitten off more than he can chew when he starts to prowl after Marisol, but her resistance towards him only peaks his interest. For the first time, in his quest to win her over, Jeff really begins to know and understand Marisol. In doing so his eyes are opened regarding the work the staff are doing at the centre, and the challenges they and the women they are protecting face on a daily basis. The story escalates into a really scary situation and speeds up towards the end, when life threatening situations crash down on Marisol and her staff, and she comes to realise who her friends really are. I found the story informative regarding the nature of of abuse towards women and children and the measures that can be taken to protect them. The story also brings out that the legal system, while put in place to protect innocent people, sometimes fails those it is meant to keep safe. The attraction between Jeff and Marisol was both tender and passionate, and the transformation that took place in Jeff's life as the blinkers are removed from his eyes, is heartwarming. A thoroughly enjoyable, read with lighthearted and very amusing interludes, interspersed with all the pain and drama that comes from dealing with abuse. I received this book for free from eBook Discovery. I voluntarily review this book. This is my honest review.

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### **Stacy says**

This was a nice book about good people. Marisol is a saint, helping at a shelter for homeless and for victims of domestic violence. She opens Jeff's eyes, when he is brought in for the contract to build an addition to the shelter. These two are really sweet together and I love that they are both really good with Hector (her foster son). I also liked how they overcame their issues (separately and together) and grew from their experiences.

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### **Bette Stanek says**

4 Hector is Amazing Stars. Chasing Marisol is the third book in the Blueprint to Love series by Ms Giordano and it reads as easily as the first two. This one touches on the very serious subject matter of domestic abuse, the victims, and the people who dedicate their lives to helping them. Reading this, you get a glimpse into the lives of those who seek help in shelters. There is also a simultaneous storyline that deals with the foster care system, how slowly it moves, and how impersonal it can be. Even though the subjects are living in the middle of all of this, they rarely lose their sense of humor or compassion. You get to revisit the characters from the previous books and in usual Traynor fashion, they all end up coming to the rescue in Chasing Marisol. You also get to meet some interesting characters from the Ortega family and will smile, if not laugh out loud, at some of their antics to protect their own.

