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Imagine a visiting-nurse service with hot young guys as caregivers. What golden girl wouldn't dig that? Valerie Palka is a savvy businesswoman who is obsessed with keeping her elderly mom, Helen, safe from all the lethal disasters that can befall widows living alone. Helen thinks the workaholic Valerie should focus on having as much luck in the bedroom as she does in the boardroom. But when Helen takes a spill and is rushed to the ER, a handsome male nurse, Keith Nuber, strikes her fancy, and she tells her daughter, "If you could get a handsome devil like that to take care of me, I'd be willing to consider it." So Valerie creates a care agency, Home Health Hunks, staffed by attractive younger men. Valerie's idea is filled with potential . . . and potholes. As she navigates the tricky road to satisfying her mom as well as her own ambition, she finds herself falling for one of her employees-Keith-and is forced to examine her beliefs about the true meaning of success.

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Melissa at My Chaotic Ramblings says

I was hesitant about reading this one as the cover kinda threw me off. Though I am glad I picked it up! Valerie the main character is a little older than what I normally read (44) and there are a few scenes in the book that kinda made me cringe (think old, and I'm talking 80-90 year old almost sex). That just wasn't something I even want to think about!!!

The story mostly revolves around Valerie trying to get her aging mother to accept help or move into an assisted living facility, and Helen, her mother, but Helen is set on staying in the house where she feels a connection to her dead husband; though she doesn't tell Valerie this. All of that leads Valerie to start a business that provides home health aides and physical therapists for older ladies. From the name of the book you can guess what gender those aides are!

We met Keith early in the story and didn't hear too much more about him. Then all of a sudden he's back and working for Valerie as a "Home Health Hunk".

This is a love story and there is tragedy, and while there was a lot of jumping around, most of the story was easy to follow!

C.D. Hersh says

The book cover picture does not do the book justice as there is more to the story than just eye candy. The author takes a look at a work-consumed heroine, Valerie Palka, dealing with an aging parent and learning to smelling the roses.

Valerie is a career woman who loses her husband but finds that "Even when you're at your absolute lowest, life can still be good." Another favorite line from the story is when they reminisce about a time that Helen (Valerie's mother) was working in a department store and a man came in and wanted to buy a brassiere for his wife. Helen asked him what size she wore, and he said he didn't know. So she said, "Would you say they're plums, apples or cantaloupes?" and the man said, "I don't know, I've never tasted them!" Just an example of the humor spiced throughout the book.

There is sex and it's not always with the characters you would expect but this is a quick read that holds your interest as you want to find out if Valerie can resolve her issues and achieve her happily-ever-after.

Diane says

I won this book in a Goodreads first-reads giveaway.

This book has funny and sad moments, but it has a lot of heart. It is quite relateable to what life is like when you are trying to balance work and life commitments, as well as relationships. This book is about love and

life and sometimes you have to take risks to get the life you want. It can be an emotional read, but it is inspiring and uplifting as well. A touching and moving read, with some humour and romance thrown in for good measure.

Jane says

A Hunka Hunka Nursing Love using a love story and the characters to explore the topic of care for aging parents and all the options, dilemmas and difficulties that develop as roles are switched from the parent to child control to child to parent control. Valerie, the daughter takes on starting a second business where good looking young male medical professionals provide home care services for seniors. She deals with a mother that wants to live alone in the house she shared with her dad for over forty years, despite her declining health issues. Legal issues, senior rights and the true concern for parents by their adult children comes out in the story with touches of humor and lots of love written into the story. Valerie finds Keith a male nurse and physical therapist for a love interest, along with other characters dealing with different issues for their parents to give a wide variety of situations that any of us with aging parents have to face. This is a story that was easy to relate to as we have had both my husband and my parents to help in their senior years, along with our siblings and it isn't always easy with the worry and concern when our independent parents have wanted to keep homes and live independently when they really do need some help. This is a book I could relate to on a very personal level and thought the author presented the problem with multiple solutions in an excellent book.

Lisa says

I wasn't expecting much of this book, but it was pretty good. I loved the characters and the story was nice. Sad in parts, happy and not too graphic love scenes.

Maggie says

Don't let the cover of this book fool you. I almost didn't buy this because of the cover but after reading the premise of the story I figured on giving it a try. I thought if I didn't like the book it was no loss because it was free. I'm really glad I gave this a try. I loved all the characters and felt like the author did a good job in making them believable. I teared up a few times which I rarely do when reading a book - that's how much I enjoyed the story.

Valerie is a newly divorced workaholic who over time and through issues in her personal life learns there's more to life than work. She is running two businesses and has started a new relationship with a hunky male nurse from her business who is ten years younger. She also has an aging mom with issues that are always on her mind. Valerie had a lot on her plate to deal with then a tragedy strikes. Valerie learns there's definitely more to life than working and sometimes we need to step back and reconsider our choices in life and actually live life.

While this book isn't in my top ten, I'd definitely its worth reading.

Barbara says

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Valerie was very obsessed with keeping her mom safe. As an elderly woman living alone, Helen could have an accident or need medical care. Valerie decided to start a new business with good looking young men that were nurses in order to get mom the home health care she wanted her to have. In doing this she found that her being a workaholic with two separate business, left no time for a life of her own. I really enjoyed this story, as it hit home with some of the decision she made for success and what she did to have a life for herself.

Renee says

I was fully expecting a different kind of novel than this was but ended up loving it. You really felt for the characters in how they love their moms but are concerned for their well being as children of elderly parents. The situations that the main characters go through were sometimes funny, sometimes dramatic, but very realistic in how it was portrayed. After recently watching my mother go through a similar situation with her mom, I can totally relate. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

Shay says

Not at all what I expected from the title and the cover. While there was some humor in the story, it was a realistic story about a middle aged woman dedicated to work and taking care of her mother to the detriment of all else. It also had a nice romance, again much more like real life than most books. The end definitely brought me to tears because I went through something similar in my life, down to the party.

Joelle says

Don't judge a book by its cover, no pun intended. This book is and is not what you think. Valerie is the main character. Businesswoman. Divorcee. Caregiver to her mother. Best friends and business partner with Pam. She spends all her time and energy focused on work and loses her husband. She ventures into a second business of home health aides = health hunks. During her journey she reassesses her life and her priorities. She cares for her elderly mother and finds a new love interest Keith. In the end, Valerie realizes she is not really living her life to the fullest and may be missing out on what she truly wants. When she finally takes control and sells her second company, focuses on her mother's needs and really pays attention to Keith, things start to turn around. This book is humorous and dramatic with a surprising ending.

Some of my favorite lines:

- “don’t dip your pen in the company ink.”
- “you’re a barracuda in the business world. But when it comes to matters of the heart, you’re chicken little.”
- “so do I get to dip my breadstick in the olive oil?”

-“my favorite was the time this man came in and wanted to buy a brassiere for his wife. Helen asked him what size she wore, and he said he didn’t know. So she said, ‘would you say they’re plums, apples or cantaloupes?’ and the man said, ‘I don’t know, I’ve never tasted them!’”

Lynn says

Valerie is chained to her company. So much so her husband of twenty years just doesn't care any more. Plus her mom slips and falls & ends up in the ER. That's where she meets Keith, the nurse. Her mom says if she had Keith as a visiting nurse she would feel better and so starts Valerie down the road of a second company. But is it just another excuse so she doesn't find happiness in her personal life and only in the business one.

InD'tale Magazine says

3.5/5.0

An emotional story about a woman finding faith in love again, building up a relationship with her mother, learning that sometimes it's good to stand still for a moment and think what is it that really makes you happy.

Read full review in the 2013 September issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Jennifer says

I almost didn't read this book because I thought the cover was a bit cheesy. Boy am I glad I decided to give it a chance! What a great story, I laughed and I cried during Valerie's journey. A great story!

Joyce says

The premise was very clever and I liked the way the mother-daughter relationship developed. I felt Kathryn Maeglin conveys clearly the love and strains in their relationship. These characters seemed fuller than in many books in this genre.

Gaele says

AudioBook Review:
Stars: Overall: 5 Narration: 5 Story: 5

Surprisingly layered with deeply realistic characters and situations that many are facing, Maeglin's debut offering is clever, heartwarming and full of situations that range from laugh out loud funny to tear-inducing.

Valerie has just celebrated her forty-fourth birthday with a husband who needs a break, an aging mother who is requiring more care and supervision, a thriving business and not enough hours in the day. When her mother's health requires her to have some additional help around the home, she flatly refuses. But a brainstorm had Valerie thinking that handsome, qualified and referenced male medical care workers would encourage her mother's cooperation, and perhaps be a viable business, everyone deserves some eye candy.

This is not a simple story about her struggles and successes with the business though: her relationship with her mother, her best friend Pam, the dissolution of her own marriage, her mother's new love interest and the blossoming relationship that is now developing for Valerie all combine for laughs, tears and are completely believable and relatable to all readers. Don't let the cover put you off – the story is far more substance than fluff – and the issues will feel familiar and possible, if not ripped from your life at this moment.

Narration in this story is provided by Anne Hancock, who manages to completely capture the 'feel' of Valerie, while managing to vary her tone and delivery just enough to distinguish between characters, and provide their appropriate emotional feel. She doesn't overreach in her male voices, a lowering of her normal register and change in pacing and delivery are all more than adequate to distinguish without distracting.

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