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Luke Carney has no idea what possessed him to move back to Shelter Springs, Colorado, to set up his veterinarian practice. His parents have long since left, the small farming community is on the brink of extinction, and only one close friend from his childhood remains--Taycee Emerson, his best friend's little sister, who isn't so little anymore.

Then there's the matter of *Shelter's Bachelorette*, an online reality dating show created to raise some much needed funds for the town.

Unwittingly cast as the bachelorette, Taycee wants out, especially when she discovers that Luke, her childhood crush, is back in town and will be one of the bachelors. To make matters worse, it's up to the viewers--not her--to decide which bachelors stay or go. And they all seem to like Luke.

Unwilling to let him break her heart again, Taycee launches a subtle attack on Luke's good name with the hope of getting him voted off the show. But she'd forgotten that Luke's an eye-for-an-eye kind of guy, and when he discovers what she's up to, it means revenge.

## **The Reluctant Bachelorette Details**

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## From Reader Review *The Reluctant Bachelorette* for online ebook

### Cheri says

What a fun read!! I loved it!! I couldn't put it down!! Taycee is from a small Colorado town and loves living there. Several farmers are about to lose their farms and Taycee's friend Jessa has a plan to save them. Jessa comes up with the idea to do a bachelorette show and she has the perfect idea for the bachelorette, only the person she has picked doesn't want to do the show. A laugh out loud story, another favorite by Rachael Renee Anderson!

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### Kathy Jo says

Love... love... LOVE *The Reluctant Bachelorette*! It's the second book by Rachael Anderson that I have read and I can tell you she is definitely becoming one of my favorite authors! It's so easy to forget about life with all it's stress and just get lost in her books.

I absolutely loved Taycee and was right there with her feeling ALL the emotions that she was feeling. I laughed out loud (literally)... got frustrated and wanted to throw something across the room... got sad and thought "Ugh! This is SO not fair!"... was extremely happy when things were FINALLY going right for her and Luke! And the epilogue?! \*sigh\* You will just have to read the book to find out why I loved it so much!! ;o) From the very beginning of this book I felt like I was right there in Shelter Springs watching all of this unfold and I loved every minute of it!!

I would HIGHLY recommend reading this book!! I can't wait to read more by Rachael Anderson!! :o)

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### Inge says

#### 4.5 stars

I've never had much luck with Amazon freebies. I think I've DNFed every single one of them so far. Until I stumbled upon *The Reluctant Bachelorette*. I was already intrigued by the premise, because I used to watch *The Bachelor*. Don't judge me – you know you did, too. It's really bad, just like your average reality show, in the sense that it is clichéd and cheesy, but I kept watching anyway because I was interested in a morbid way and I wanted to know what happened.

*The Reluctant Bachelorette* is the literary equivalent of that, except that it doesn't suck, but you still need to know what happens next. It's a really cute romance about Taycee Emerson, a girl who owns the local flower shop. She's thrown into a blast from the past when Luke Carney decides to move back to Shelter Springs. You know, the Luke Carney she used to have a massive crush on back in high school. The one that was her brother's best friend. She receives an even bigger shop when her best friend turns her into Shelter's Bachelorette in an online version of the show. As it's an attempt to raise money for their town's farms, Taycee reluctantly agrees. However, the bets are all off when Luke becomes one of the bachelors vying for her heart.

It definitely made me smile on more than one occasion. When you have over twenty guys fighting over you, there have to be some rotten apples in the lot. We had, for instance, a guy who's full of himself, and a guy who could not stop spitting whenever he talked. The idea was that the people could vote for the guys rather than Taycee herself, but she tries everything in her power to get Luke voted off. This causes some tension between the two, which was really enjoyable.

We see everything through Taycee's eyes as she's forced to be a part of this show – forced to go on dates with guys she doesn't like. Her dates with the spitter were the most entertaining, I think. And then I got to swoon a little as we meet some genuinely charming guys. We also see her attempts to get Luke voted off the show, and her struggles to continue with the show when her feelings from the past start flourishing again. Especially when it seems like Luke's into her too. Surely she can't fall for a guy the audience has already voted off? What would that mean for the show?

The dynamic between Taycee and Luke was really something. On the one hand, Taycee is annoyed that Luke left town after high school without saying goodbye. She's annoyed that he never called when he said he would. But she also knows that he's looking really good right now, and that he's finally paying some real attention to her. It's a double feeling, but it's so lovely to see them becoming closer. They're beautiful together.

It's definitely one of those rainy day reads – it'll make you feel light-hearted and fluffy, and you'll laugh on more than one occasion. An instant favourite.

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### **Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says**

I decided to read this one again since I was in the mood for a fun chick lit type book and Rachael's books never disappoint. This is still one of my favorites, the whole reality-dating trope is just a fun one for me, add in a bit of the "lost love" angle and this is a winner.

Taycee and Luke grew up together, then he up and moved and never looked back. Even though she was young, she never got over Luke and is stunned when he moved back to town. Taycee doesn't do well with change and has stayed in Shelter Springs, even though all her family has moved away. When her best friend tricks her into starring in their own smalltown version of the Bachelor, Taycee agrees since she will do anything to help her town. Taycee is a very likable character, easy to relate to and fun to root for. I thought their take on The Bachelorette was believable and unique.

When Luke comes back to town he only has plans to open his own veterinary clinic, not star in a dating show. He does not expect Taycee to have changed so much or for her animosity. Luke and Taycee had some great moments together, lots of chemistry and fun banter. This is filled with fun characters, a charming setting and a swoony romance!

I have always hoped that Taycee's best friend Jessa would get her own book. So, I've been thinking of starting a petition to beg Rachael to write Jessa's story...who's with me????

#### Content

Romance: Clean

Language: None

Violence: None

Religious: None

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### **Valerie Waters says**

I. LOVED. THIS. BOOK!!!! It was cheesy and romantic and so dang awesome!!! Kathy and deb I'm so glad we are friends :)

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### **Kathy says**

I LOVED THIS ONE!! Rachael's best yet! Clean romance just how I love it! Add this one to your to-read shelf now!!

Made me smile and laugh. Never gone wrong by picking up a book by Rachael Anderson!

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### **Deborah says**

Oh how I LOVE a good romantic comedy. Kath, this book did not disappoint. You have to know it's good when you have a very handsome hubby sitting by you on the couch(who you are completely ignoring) and this same hubby keeps asking "What are you laughing at?"

I really enjoyed Taycee. I wasn't sure about Luke during certain parts, but ended up falling for him too! I think Jessa needed to take some best friend lessons, but also realize that Taycee allowed that dynamic to happen over and over. The side characters of the story were fun too. I would love to see what happens with Jake and Jessa!!!! I think that would make for a cute follow up book.

If you have a Kindle, Nook, or any other electronic reading device, I think you should buy it, read it, and enjoy!

I'm so looking forward to reading more from this author! She has gained a fan!!!

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### **Lexie says**

Loved, loved, LOVED this book! It is cute, clean romance at its best and is definitely my new favorite of Rachael's!

As I've mentioned many (MANY) times on this blog, I am a huge fan of reality dating shows and books. However, even though The Reluctant Bachelorette is based around a reality dating show, it seemed to take a backseat to the relationship developing between Luke and Taycee.

There was such a flirtatious and playful nature to their relationship. Their bantering, pranks, and fun dates brought me back to carefree days of high school and college and the giddy feeling I got when discovering

new love. I laughed at their antics and loved watching the sparks fly between them as their romance unfolded.

I can also totally relate to Taycee's distaste for change and how she just wanted to freeze time in her growing up years. It is a tough thing to move on from what seems like the perfect time in your life. However, I loved when Taycee realized that change didn't have to be a bad thing and could ultimately make her happier than before. It was a good reminder lesson for me.

If you need an entertaining and fun distraction that will definitely make you smile, then check out *The Reluctant Bachelorette*!

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### **Jacob Proffitt says**

This was an *okay* read. The setup was tough to swallow, and a couple of times I nearly stopped reading altogether, but I ended up enjoying it enough that I'm not disappointed that I picked it up.

Taycee Lynne has supposedly had a crush on a boy who left town ten years ago--when she was fourteen. And that's all it was, really, a crush. The friend of her older brother, they hung out and did stuff, but all with the brother along and never as an actual couple (or romantic in any way). And then he left for college and never looked back. The readers are meant to believe that her ten-years-past love for Luke has prevented her from settling for any of the guys she has dated since and I'm sorry, that just doesn't work.

Fortunately, aside from that one conceit Taycee is a pretty good leading lady and it was fun to get to know her. She's small-town to the core and that's a good thing. Whether through love for her community or fear of change (though probably a bit of both), she is attached to her small Colorado town and you can see how that attachment might lead her to some of her choices (both admirable and questionable).

Luke isn't bad, either. I didn't like him as much as Taycee, but he's obviously a good guy and a very good fit for Taycee. His path in the book is relatively straight forward, though, so I wonder if it was a good idea to spend so much time from his viewpoint. Since switching viewpoints is a convention of the romance genre, I won't hold that against the book.

I had some trouble around the two thirds or three quarters mark, though, as the "Bachelorette" show continued. By then, Taycee had a definite moral quandary and it looked like she was being set up to take very morally questionable action (with the show, not the romance) without the full weight of that choice showing up. (view spoiler) It turns out that some of my misgivings were justified (Anderson took the easy way out at least once with this storyline(view spoiler)), but the author didn't allow them to get out of jail free with the questionable aspects and those moral issues had the impact they should have. Better, they did so without overwhelming the rest of the story or feeling moralistically pat.

So the story was good, but not great. The rocky foundation (attached at fourteen just doesn't work for me) and moral anxiety (however well it was eventually handled) disturbed my enjoyment enough to drop this to a solid three stars. I'm certainly open to more from the author.

**A note about LDS:** Based on the channels I found out about the book from (and some of the author's other work) I'm pretty sure she's LDS. There's nothing overtly LDS about the book, however--no church, no slang, no indication that anybody has any religion at all. Nevertheless, this is rather obviously a "clean" romance.

No sex and all the dating was very wholesome. And yes, I mean that in the best possible way. I point this out because most of my romances have at least some degree of steam and I wanted to call this out to avoid misleading others and/or potential disappointment based on contrary expectations.

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### **M R says**

I love, love, loved this book! The moment I picked it up I couldn't put it down until every word had been devoured. The characters are well developed and multifaceted. They make you laugh, cry and sigh with them! A must read for all lovers of fun, clean romances, like me. :)

When Taycee's best friend makes her the bachelorette for a charity reality show, she is less than pleased. By a cruel twist of fate, the man who broke her heart ten years earlier, Luke Carney, just happens to be one of the bachelors competing for her. Taycee knows she must protect her fragile heart, at all costs. But when her attempts to get him voted off the show backfire, she must face the feelings that have been safely hidden for so long.

Rachael Anderson delivers a story that is sure to entertain as you root for Taycee's attempts to navigate the often treacherous, and always hilarious, path to happily-ever-after.

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### **OhWell says**

Fluff, with some funny moments here and there. The ending was sweet.

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### **Ain says**

I guess the book is pretty okay for a fan of fluffy, light, chick-lit books~

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### **Braden Bell says**

To be honest, I am not a huge fan of romances. I don't hate them--just not my thing. But I had a chance to read *The Reluctant Bachelorette* and was drawn in by the characters and the plot--and if you like romances, so much the better! The dialogue is crisp and real, and the emotions the characters felt--and sparked in me--were very real. This is a fun read that drew me in and also made me think. I really recommend this book.

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### **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

Honest to goodness, Rachael Anderson is one of my favorite clean romantic writers and this book is my favorite. It just made me feel, well, happy. Happy, happy, happy. Like sunshine and lollipops. Well, maybe not lollipops, more like sunshine and chocolate.

It's no secret that this book falls into my favorite genre. What I love about this book is that it is witty and fun. It's easy to read and just feels real. You know? I love the dynamics between Taycee and Luke. Chemistry. Yum.

Okay, so I want to share with you two of my favorite parts of the book. The first has to be mentioned because I am in love with Captain America. (Avengers is out! I have a hot date with my man and the couch to watch it tomorrow!) Anyway, love. Captain America. This is Taycee's first view of Luke after 10 years.

"Slowly, Taycee twisted around and then clenched her jaw to keep it from dropping. It was like watching the Captain America movie where the scrawny guy goes into the machine and come out looking . . . well, everything but scrawny."

And my second favorite bit . . .

"You look good tonight," said Luke.

"Thanks." Okay, so maybe that redeemed him a tad. A millimeter at most.

"I still can't get over the fact that you're all grown up now. It's so . . . weird."

And like Humpty Dumpty, down he went.

I picked this book up the day it was released and I've read it TWICE now. I know, sorta pathetic, right? But I loved it. Both times. I'm so happy to be a part of this blog tour and I'm so happy that Rachael Anderson writes books for me.

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## **Kathryn Cooper says**

Reviewed on Clean Adult Fiction

Wow I loved this book!! It was the cutest sweetest romance!!! If a clean romance is something you're interested in then this is the book for you.

Let's start with the unique story line of the romance. Taycee (I love that name by the way) was twenty-four and an owner of a florist shop in the small Colorado town she grew up in. Luke was her older brothers best friend and her friend too. He left for college when she was 14, and she never seemed to get over her huge crush on the guy. I loved that! How many of us had huge crushes on guys 3 or 4 years older than us when we were 14? I know I did. I didn't continue the crush after they left high school though, but I wasn't best friends with the guys like Taycee was with Luke. I just loved how I could really relate to the memories of her youth emotions. So it's been 10 years since Luke left, and now he's back in town! Dun dun dun. Hahaha I loved it. I'm sorry if this review is full of giddy-ness. :)

The story also revolved around the fact her town was trying to save their farmers. The farmers in their town were losing profit and needed a way to raise money to change their farming methods. The Bachelorette show was a way to earn money for the farmers so there are a lot of emotions Taycee deals with throughout the show. She had a lot of pressure on her for different reasons which I think really added to the depth of the story.

All I can say is I loved this book! I recommend The Reluctant Bachelorette to anyone who loves a unique, beautiful, squeal worthy romance.



Content Ratings:  
sexual: mild  
language: none  
violence: none

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