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If forgiving your ex-husband was easy, everybody would do it. Brent had cheated on Dayna and coldly said goodbye to her seven long years ago---dashing her hopes of having children or growing old with the love of her life. Working hard to make herself successful as a hospital executive, Dayna has moved on, finding comfort in a new dating relationship with a faith-filled colleague, Warren. But when Brent resurfaces on her doorstep at just the wrong time, Dayna's heart threatens to come unglued. Why is Brent asking for forgiveness now? And why are he and his new wife, Tamara, interested in reconciliation with Dayna? The unbelievable answers begin to surface in the ebook download of *Coming Home* as Brent boldly asks Dayna to support him at the most crucial time of his life. While Tamara's heart brims with guilt, both women will discover what it means to reach beyond pain and baggage to love unconditionally, leaving the consequences to God.

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Cf says

I typically don't read Christian fiction by African American authors they are obsessed with adultery. They tend to paint women as doormats, weak willed, stagnant idiots. That can't move on to a healthy relationship in which they put themselves first.

I love how Brent only apologized because of his condition. If he wasn't sick, Dayna would have remained an afterthought in his life. And Dayna who risked her relationship with Warren for a man who discarded her like yesterday's trash.

Forgiveness is for yourself not the offending party. You don't have to welcome that person back in your life under any circumstance. That is why God gave us wisdom, you forgive so you can move on in life. You don't invite that past drama back into your present let alone jeopardize your future.

I would have allowed Brent to apologize on my porch, added him to my prayer list and wished him well. His season in my life was over.

Denise says

What did I like. I liked that it was multicultural, I liked that the women were educated and seemed to be savvy in their positions and I liked the interracial relationship. Other than that, I had a very hard time connecting with this book (and I thank God for that). A woman is cheated on, by her husband, with a friend of hers. He then marries the friend and 7 years later shows up because he has a terminal illness. I could understand if he wanted to apologize, which he did (sort of,) but, really, he wants her help with his life's mission. I love that forgiveness is a central theme to this story, but there's "forgiveness" and there's being a doormat. She helps her ex-husband at the expense of her current relationship (which I think had issues all its own). Lastly her friend has an extra-marital affair with a church Deacon and that was one hot mess! The friends lack of self-respect and desperation was kind of gross. Lastly, I listened to this on audio and the narrators over-pronunciations drove me insane. On the positive side, this book was a learning experience!

Margaret says

A basically good read about forgiveness concerning the wrongs occurring in a broken marriage and the various inter-locking stories about relationship. It didn't knock me off my feet but it did keep my attention.

Lisa Carter says

Amazing, heart-touching story of the power of forgiveness and unconditional love.

A book that can bring healing to shattered dreams.

I'm a new Stacy Hawkins Adams fan.

T. Beasley says

Have you been through a situation you believed could never be forgotten? Dayna felt this way after her ex-husband Brent, stepped outside their marriage in *Coming Home* by Stacy Hawkins Adams. Seven years has passed and Dayna has moved on, working as a hospital executive. Dayna is in love with a new man and everything is going well until...

Brent returns to ask for Dayna's forgiveness as well as her help. Brent's wife, Tamara is uncomfortable with her husband's plan and does not understand his determination. Tamara starts reading between the lines and realizes that she must decide on what is best for her.

Warren loves Dayna with all his heart and when new develops enter into their relationship, Warren starts to question if he still has a place in Dayna's heart. The Devil is always busy and temptation rears its ugly head. Warren will have to depend on his faith and love for Dayna to power through this trial.

Coming Home is about love, faith, and forgiveness. The author amazes me with her ability to capture readers' hearts with her characters. These characters were well developed and the storyline engaging. I love reading Stacy Hawkins Adams work because her books always provides a life-changing message. I cannot wait for the next installment in the *Winds of Change* series.

cg says

Very Christian overtones. I really did like the book, but felt at every opportunity, the message was obvious, and very clear. At times it felt more like a religious education than a story, limiting the reading audience.

Monique says

Coming Home by Stacy Hawkins Adams - 4 stars

Dayna has the right to have a closed heart and troubled relationship with God. You see her husband of seven years cheated on her and eventually left to marry the mistress. It took Dayna five years to get her life back on track - new friends, boyfriend that adores her, and high powered career. With very little warning, her past comes falling into her present.

Coming Home is about relationships...not only with friends, family, and lovers but with cheating ex-husbands. The intensity of emotions and pace of the activities in the storyline make for a quick read. There were a couple of times where names were mixed up making me go back to figure things out. Dayna gave me fits with her wishy washy decision making and contradictory actions but in the end I was on her side. Forgiveness and love lead the way to God's heart in this Christian fiction novel.

Katrina Burchett says

Before Dayna Wilson started dating Warren she was married to Brent. She was left with much heartache after the divorce and it had taken years to get to a point where she could function again. Now Brent is back; he showed up on her door asking for forgiveness. Why now? And will Dayna be able to find it in her heart to forgive this man who hurt her so deeply?

The thoughts that popped into my head while reading:

1. Brent couldn't apologize to Dayna way before this? So, if he hadn't been ill would he have ever apologized for hurting Dayna the way he did?
2. Why is it that when a married man commits adultery everyone looks at the other woman as if she's more guilty? Yes, she's wrong, but c'mon now, the man knows he has a wife.
3. If the author would have shown what happened in Chapter 29 instead of having Audrey tell what happened, I would have been on the edge of my seat.
4. Christians should be willing to forgive (Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:14) but that doesn't mean it will be easy. Depending on the situation, forgiveness can be downright difficult.

For the most part, I was into the story – Chapter 27 is where Adams really got my attention – but every now and then it got a bit slow and that's the reason for the 3.5 rating. Coming Home reminds followers of Christ how important it is to take our problems to God in prayer – In the Name of Jesus. The story also has messages on forgiveness and how to grow in the Lord. I like how honest the author was when it comes to Christian couples waiting until marriage to have sex (it can be difficult to resist temptation), and what I liked most was that the author showed what true friendship is all about.

Maureen Timerman says

Wow! This is an interesting thought provoking read. What would you do in Dayna's place? She seems to have it allgreat job, great friendships, and in a relationship that seems to be leading to marriage.

Then all of a sudden there is her former husband, who dumped her for another woman, at her door! Had to ask what would I do?? Very, very hard question. She has moved on and with the help of God has forgiven, but now it is in her face.

Don't know how I felt about Warren, her new man, he was rather unsupportive at times. This is a real page turner of a book, and I enjoyed the story. Made you feel like you are in the real world, not a fictional book. Throughout the book there is a theme of Forgiveness and giving everything over to God. Loved the different relationships here and how they followed their Lord.

I received this book from Tywebbin Virtual Events and the Publisher Zondervan, and was not required to give a positive review.

Alicia says

I really enjoyed this books. It was a fresh take on several complicated issues (divorce,infidelity,forgiveness, interracial dating to name a few) and I enjoyed the way Ms.Hawkins-Adams presented them- not too cliched, but with the reality that these issues and the people that live them exists more in shades of gray than black

and white. While this book is considered Christian fiction, it was not overly preachy or filled with perfect people. Readers will be able to see (parts of)themselves in some of the characters presented in the book. I see this book is the first in a series and I look forward to reading more about this group of people.

Jackie says

Loves this book. It was very real to me and hit close to home. Dayna's ex-husband shows up 7 years after he leaves her to be with a friend. He says its to apologize, but it turns out to be more than that. Dayna is torn between turning the other cheek to help her ex, and leaving the past behind for the future she longs for. Dayna's faced with a dilemma many of us have faced...knowing we should walk away from a situation, while others keep trying to guilt you into staying in it.

Shannon says

What would you do if your ex-husband came back into your life after a bad divorce? I would like to think I'm working on grace & forgiveness like this chic but I don't know. I really like this book because the characters were believable. You could relate to the drama transpiring throughout. There were moments I questioned my own beliefs and values. A really good read for anyone still holding onto stuff in their lives.

Sandra Barnett says

Wow

That was deep! I was up and down. This story challenged me to think about how I 've forgiven pass hurts. I truly appreciate seeing the love of God's glory going forth! He is an awesome God!

Nardsbaby Reader says

Cake

Dayna Wilson is seemingly happy. She's involved in a healthy, serious relationship with Warren Avery, a co-worker she met while learning to Salsa dance. They both came with baggage, Dayna a divorcee and Warren a widower with two sons. But they were both treading through and making things work for them. That is until the green-eyed monster makes an appearance.

Brent Davidson, Dayna's ex, pops up uninvited. It's been seven years since they were divorced and she's not trying to hear anything he could possibly have to say. Brent is persistent and continues to track Dayna in hopes of apologizing for how their marriage ended. Dayna finally agrees to allow Brent and his wife, Tamara, the time. Will their apology begin a new friendship?

Warren is growing more and more uncomfortable with Dayna and Brent's bond. He knows that she's the

woman for

him, but he also sees how Brent looks at Dayna. Will their past wreck their future?

It's not just Warren who is on edge. Tami is beside herself with jealousy, grief and fear. She's desperately trying to be a doting wife, but fears that karma may be presenting itself. With Dayna in their lives, is there still room for Tami?

COMING HOME by Stacy Hawkins Adams is love! From the very first page readers are captured trying to figure out the

angle. You can't help but to immediately sympathize and fall into the past, while rooting for the future. I absolutely loved the conflict, the lessons about learning to pray and trust God, and most importantly, forgiveness. Hawkins is clearly writing books worthy of recommending.

Darlene says

This book was very inspirational. I like the spiritual aspect of how to deal with some hard life lessons and how the worst of circumstances can be overcome through faith.
