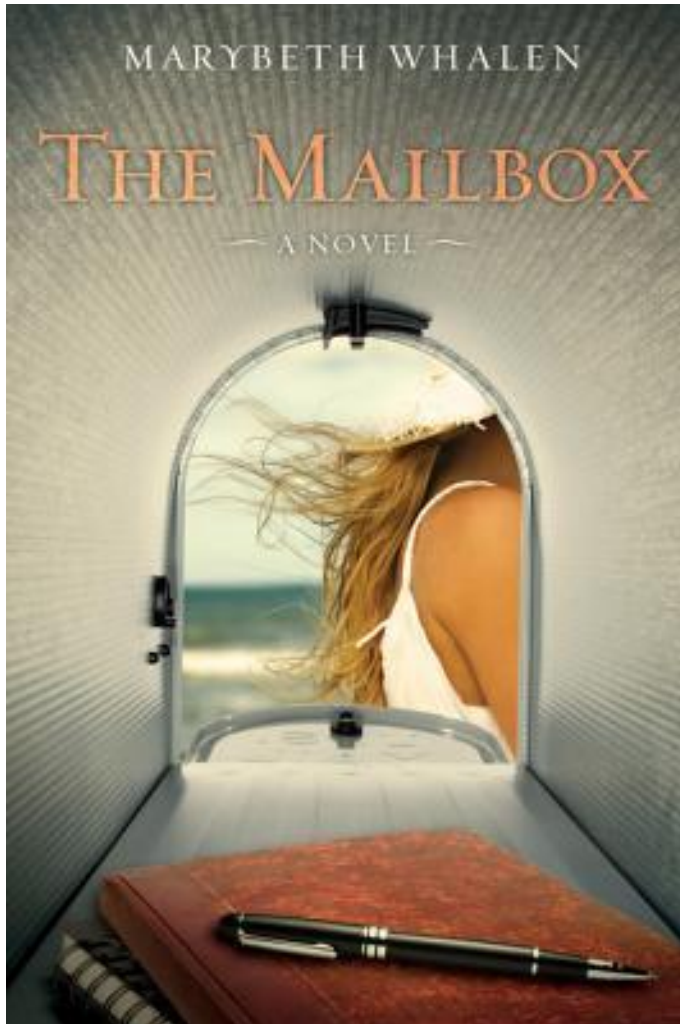

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Description

Centered on a real landmark on the coast of North Carolina, "The Mailbox" blends intriguing folklore and true faith with raw contemporary issues that affect every woman. When Lindsey Adams first visits the Kindred Spirit mailbox at Sunset Beach, she has no idea that twenty years later she will still be visiting the mailbox--still pouring out her heart in letters that summarize the best and worst parts of her life. Returning to Sunset for her first vacation since her husband left her, Lindsey struggles to put her sorrow into words. Memories surface of her first love, Campbell--and the rejection that followed. When Campbell reappears in her life, Lindsey must decide whether to trust in love again or guard herself from greater pain. "The Mailbox" is a rich novel about loss, hope, and the beauty of second chances.

Insightful reviews

Lori Twichell: Marybeth Whalen's venture into fiction is an emotional journey with relatable characters and realistic dialogue. As Lindsay tries to figure out her part in the divorce and who she is now, the emotions she goes through are real and painful at times. Being a mother of two kids doesn't help. Whalen examines the affects of divorce not only on the kids but on each of the people involved. She also deftly explores the dangers of letting your thoughts and emotions wander and the value of trust in relationships.

Lindsay's growth through this process isn't an easy journey, but Whalen handles the difficult topics with ease and encouragement toward God in tough situations that we don't always understand. She also takes us back to what it was like to be a teenager in the 80's and what it's like to see those same people now, decades later. Especially when there are mistakes or hurt in the past twenty years. Who doesn't have some sort of issues in their past that they need to deal with at some point? Campbell and Lindsay need to work out their issues of the past while trying to figure out how they can get a fresh start.

The Mailbox is a perfect summer or vacation read. With moments of lightness and comedy, memories of the 80's permeate this emotional yet delightful tale of love lost and found and a mailbox in the middle of nowhere.

Review copy provided by David C. Cook.

Cindy: If you've ever messed up in your life, you will relate to Marybeth Whalen's characters in her debut novel. Set on a beautiful beach (if you've been there, you'll agree), and using an actual mailbox labeled Kindred Spirit, Whalen explores just what it means to be a Kindred Spirit.

Others have mentioned Nicholas Sparks, and it's hard not to think of his novels when reading this one. Both take place on a beach in NC. Both involve lovers who are heartbreakingly separated but have a second chance. The difference, of course, is that these characters are influenced by having Christ in their lives. That doesn't, however, mean that the characters don't

struggle with the issues and conflict that everyone else battles. It does mean that there is hope in this novel, and it's not tragic like Sparks's novels tend to be.

It was a quick and easy read. I was thoroughly involved in the characters' lives, and I didn't want it to end. Looking forward to the sequel. Highly recommended! I received a review copy from the publisher.

Cindy Thomson

Marji Laine: THE MAILBOX, the debut novel of Marybeth Whalen, was probably the first purely romance book I've read in quite some time. Well, I'm just going to have to change that bad habit!

This book was delightful. The characters were so deep and their reactions to the situations around them showed realistic flaws. I could see myself reacting the very same way, with hurt and resentment, and resistant to resolve those feelings.

I love the way Ms. Whalen dealt with some pretty difficult topics. Grace and forgiveness is woven through the book to take the edge off of some of the painful situations, and even the antagonists, which rise and fall throughout the story, have their moments of some semblance of honesty and honor.

All in all, I love books that portray characters that are so real, not totally good, nor totally bad - just flawed - and struggling to do right.

Christie: The Mailbox was once such as a Nicholas Sparks story- it had the entire comparable type of elements. there is heartbreak, redemption, moment chances, younger love, and renewed love. For Ms. Whalen's first book, this used to be a delightful read. there's a mailbox at sundown Beach, North Carolina. it's known as the Kindred Spirit. There are notebooks and pens for viewers to percentage their tales with the Kindred Spirit who reads what they write. It turns into a spot of certain desiring to Lindsey and Campbell. it truly is someplace Campbell brings Lindsey in the course of their first summer season together. She starts a each year devotion to writing to the Kindred Spirit and sharing her feelings, dreams, desires, and heartbreaks. The tale spans 1985 - 2004 via flashbacks and a few of Lindsey's letters. From this historical past we study that Lindsey is presently within the aftermath of a painful divorce. She is packing to take her childrens to sundown Beach, a visit that used to made as a family. this is often their first sojourn, minus Grant, her now ex. Being at sundown seashore continually brings again thoughts of her past love at fifteen, with Campbell, a local. he's nonetheless there, divorced himself with one daughter. you recognize that it's only a question of time prior to they run into each one other. during this sense, the tale is predictable. you'll find what's going to happen. yet their reunion trip continues to be a candy and touching factor to witness. I loved the flashback parts that aid weave in what occurred for the time being years. the single factor that i did not really comprehend is why the tale stopped at 2004. i used to be looking ahead to there to be an epilogue on the finish that was once "Present Day" yet there wasn't. It would've made extra feel considering the fact that this can be released in 2010 for the years to visit at the very least 2009... this can be a small factor i do know however it was once a piece odd. Overall it's a useful

read. for people that benefit from the sentimental and candy romance tales of Nicholas Sparks, you'll benefit from the Mailbox. it really is Christian fiction however it isn't preachy the least bit and the faith point is barely pointed out by no means a primary focus. it's a fresh romance. the tale made me considering the Kindred Spirit mailbox (there are instructions to discovering it on the finish of the book). It jogged my memory in many ways of the Lake condo movie- how anything so small may have the facility to unite and convey jointly lives... The Mailbox is a mild examining that may be a breeze to get via in 1 day. get pleasure from spending that day on the seashore with Campbell and Lindsey! (The in simple terms cause i am not giving this five stars is simply because whereas it was once an stress-free read, it wasn't a lot in order that i might ever think interested in re-read it.)

T: Christian chick-lit.

Mandy J. Hoffman: MY REVIEW: Since final Fall i've got loved analyzing Marybeth Whalen's weblog and feature anxiously awaited the coming of her first novel - The Mailbox. Marybeth is a skilled author and this publication is really a bit of paintings in black and white. within the Mailbox, Marybeth creatively weaves jointly a narrative that crosses the prior with the current as you examine of the previous and the hot all on the related time. the most characters have been effortless to narrate to and comprehend as they grappled with severe existence choices. Their feelings got here alive and swept me into the story. I additionally loved the unforeseen twist that got here in the direction of the tip simply should you inspiration every thing used to be being wrapped up neat and tidy. Overall, it is a nice summer time learn to pack in that seashore bag or tote bag for any grownup woman. I do tension that indisputable fact that i feel this is often an grownup fiction learn that should remain within the grownup viewers and never younger youngster ladies because of a few small references and conversations that whereas no longer inappropriate, are nonetheless most sensible for adults only. I additionally rated this e-book with in simple terms three stars as a result of a few theological modifications i've got with a number of the content. i feel it is an grand storyline and a very interesting fictional plot with a sprinkling of fact; yet i can't provide it four stars simply because i feel that the guidelines expressed on divorce have to be learn with warning and never with whole recognition as is our tendency once we develop into emotionally connected to characters. So whereas i've got a few reservation at the religious aspect of this book, i can't throw out the infant with the tub water. The Mailbox is a distinct story, a calming read, and makes the reader are looking to slip away to sundown seashore and locate the true mailbox! BOOK OVERVIEW: A rural mailbox stands by myself on an remoted North Carolina beach, and inside its unobtrusive confines lay the hopes and dreams, the heartaches and joys of numerous strangers. Tending the lone mailbox in this abandoned seashore is an nameless reader referred to as the Kindred Spirit...drawing hearts towards therapeutic and hope. Marybeth Whalen's debut novel, The Mailbox, is determined round this real-life landmark. She explores the chance that this remoted and mysterious message middle can reunite those that were separated by means of a life of remorse and confusion. as a result of the mailbox, moment percentages come up within the face of painful loss, and the promise that enduring love and religion can triumph over the destruction of long-kept secrets and techniques earrings true. Lindsey Adams starts off her visits to the Kindred Spirit mailbox as a tender teen. There, she reveals her first love, Campbell Forrester. yet two decades later, she returns to the seashore as a girl whose husband, Grant, has divorced her after a string of infidelities. Remembering her first love, and thinking about no matter what grew

to become of Campbell, Lindsey permits the salty seashore air to reengage her experience of hope. She starts off to visualize that Campbell is probably not lengthy misplaced after all. Meanwhile, Campbell faces his personal hardships—including his damaged dating together with his daughter and his longing to undo his inadequacies as a father. whilst Campbell learns that Lindsey has again to the beach, he can't support yet suppose hopeful that he might detect love again.* * * *This assessment reproduction has been supplied via the courtesy of The B&B Media Group, Inc.

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