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Designing Love: An Inspirational Romance (Sunriver Dreams Book 3)



Synopsis

Someone is framing Sierra. Can Spencer Preston discover the true criminal before he loses her? Sierra Robbins, single mother and interior design assistant, wants to provide a stable home for her teenage son and become a successful interior designer. She's well on her way to both goals when she agrees to house sit a home in Sunriver, Oregon. It couldn't be more perfect. She'll be close to her job at Belafonte Designs while living rent-free. But things don't go as expected beginning on day one when a police officer responds to the alarm they set off at the house. Was that alarm a sign of trouble to come? Spencer Preston, lives for his job as a police officer in Sunriver, but when he responds to a house alarm and finds Sierra and her son there everything changes. Suddenly he finds himself torn between upholding the law and protecting the woman he believes is innocent.

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Customer Reviews

This is a stand-alone story. A number of the secondary characters were also in the previous books in the series. I love the main characters in this book. Sierra, her son, Trey, and Spencer are easy to understand and relate to. Sierra has a lot of emotional baggage that she needs to work through that really affects her interaction with people now. She is really trying to work on it with God's help. The mystery is mild but woven throughout the story. I really like the fact that it isn't the whole focus, but it also isn't pushed aside and ignored. I received a free eBook copy of this novel from the author. I have chosen to write this review to express my personal opinion. Disclaimer: *Disclosure of Material Connection: I received a copy of this book for free in the hope that I would mention/review it on my blog. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."*

I've actually read this twice because I enjoyed it so much! The first time through I wasn't prepared for the little twist at the end. After reading this, I quickly read the other 2 books in the series because I just had to learn more about these characters. Some of the themes of this book are false first impressions, forgiveness, & learning to trust. I'd loved that Spencer wouldn't use his ignorance or newfound faith as a device to get Sierra to love him. Designing Love is a quick, enjoyable, & well written mystery with light suspense that was impossible to put down until I finished it. I read this as a beta reader, and I wanted to leave my own personal review to say how much I enjoyed this book.

I thought this was a sweet story overall, with a suspenseful twist. I liked reading about Sierra and Spencer. I thought the character interaction was natural and delightful. I was a little out of sync by John however, and his ability to almost bounce from Sierra to possibly someone else. It seemed a little odd, as well as Sierra's reaction to him when I thought she was interested in Spencer. I think the storyline would have progressed better if the John/Sierra element was removed, and they were just focused on professional things. I did enjoy the plot twist at the end...the one who was behind all the stuff happening was not quite who I thought it was going to be. I like a nice surprise like that, and I thought Sierra was just as surprised. I also appreciated the epilogue, as it showed the characters down the road which is something I wish more authors would do. Although this is part of a series, I do feel it could be read as a stand alone. I had not read the previous installments and did not feel as

if I was missing anything. I received a complimentary copy of this book. I was not required to write a favorable review. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Sunriver appears to be a place where people really care and are willing to watch out for others. However, as Sierra soon learns, even that which seems almost ideal can often be the result of failing to look below the surface or to know all the facts. A closer look at the ideal house, job, living situation, or whatever it may be often discloses flaws. In Sierra's case, one of her major concerns is to provide for her son Trey. After being abandoned by Trey's father when Trey was only one year old, Sierra has some definite issues with men. Suddenly it seems there are two men showing interest in her. One of them made a very bad impression on Trey the first time they met so that could be a situation to avoid. She works as a designer for a family-owned company that designs and builds homes. Life starts to look rosier to her but then the roses start to wilt. Everything seems to be spinning out of control. Her Christian faith is sorely tested. Will it get her through all that she is facing? I enjoyed the way the author develops the characters and the role the son plays in the story. The story has a good amount of suspense and some romance. The growing faith of one of the lead characters was great to watch. I recommend the book. If you haven't read the first two books in the series, you may want to read them first since some of the characters were introduced there. I enjoyed all three books in this series. I received an advance copy from the publisher. This is my honest review.

Designing Love #3 Sunriver Dreams series by Kimberly Rose Johnson
Interior design assistant Seirra Robbins and her 15 year-old son, Trey, move to Sunriver, Oregon for a golden opportunity—however, it may turn out to be anything but when a gun waving police officer shows up. Police officer Spencer Preston has always lived for his job, but suddenly everything changes when he responds to a silent alarm at a residential home. Who are these strangers and why are they in this home? I enjoyed the interactions/sparks between Seirra and Spencer. Trey is your typical teenager and his attitude reflects that at times. I like the relationship between Seirra and Trey—not always smooth but loving. I enjoy the quiet, friendly, close-knit community...well, usually it is until recently. Strange things are happening to orders and job sites. It seems it all started after Seirra started assisting at Belafonte Designs, is she responsible? If so, why? Or is she being set-up? But who would want to set her up and to what purpose? I had an idea who really was behind it, then the clues pointed in another direction. This adds mystery, danger and twists the plot in surprising directions. Does Spencer believe she is guilty? Guilty or not, he must uphold the law. I

appreciate the faith element woven within the storyline showing God's provision, hope and love in all parts of our lives. A heartwarming story.~I received an ARC e-book copy from the author, (no monetary gain were exchanged), this is my honest review~

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