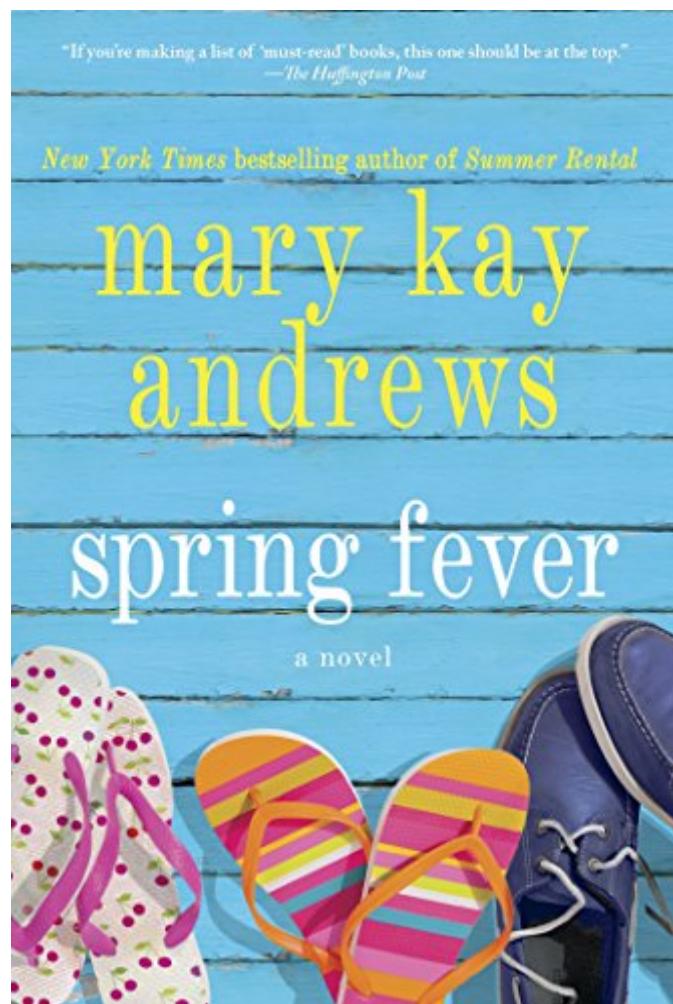


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Synopsis

The New York Times bestselling author of *Summer Rental* delivers her delicious new escapist novel about small towns, old flames, and deep secrets. Annajane Hudgens truly believes she is over her ex-husband, Mason Bayless. They've been divorced for four years, she's engaged to a new, terrific guy, and she's ready to leave the small town where she and Mason had so much history. She is so over Mason that she has absolutely no problem attending his wedding to the beautiful, intelligent, delightful Celia. But when fate intervenes and the wedding is called to a halt as the bride is literally walking down the aisle, Annajane begins to realize that maybe she's been given a second chance. Maybe everything happens for a reason. And maybe, just maybe, she wants Mason back. But there are secrets afoot in this small southern town. On the peaceful surface of Hideaway Lake, Annajane discovers that the past is never really gone. Even if there are people determined to keep Annajane from getting what she wants, happiness might be hers for the taking, and the life she once had with Mason in this sleepy lake town might be in her future.

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Customer Reviews

spoiler alert I keep hoping that MK will write a book as good as "savannah blues" and "itty bitty

lies". The characters in her earlier books are very funny and likeable. You find yourself invested in their stories. And in this book it is obvious what's going to happen after the first few chapters. Also the main character's love interest/ex-husband is such a cowardly, selfish man. The primary character soul searches and discovers that she must dump the sensitive, wonderful man she is engaged to so she can have her panties ripped off by Mr Pathetic ex husband on the eve of his wedding to another woman he is about to marry because he thinks he knocked her up. Well hip hip hooray, the other woman is of course lying about her pregnancy and now they can live happily ever after! Ugh!MK's book promotes the cliche's women who seem to be chronically wrapped up in bad relationships ascribe too:1. Sensitive, open, caring men are somehow less virile.2. And that you can change a man's character by making him realize he misses you. [Better known as: "When I'm gone you'll be sorry !"] Misogyny reins sexual supreme here. The male perpetrators are portrayed as wealthy business men who become weak, hapless, easily preyed upon stooges when a woman they are sexually attracted to enters the room. The main characters in her first few books were independent, intelligent, women you would want to be friends with. The main character in this book is that annoying woman at work who pines for, and whines about her loser ex after their divorce. Hopefully MK will return to her old form in the next book.

Can't write this without spoiler alerts so don't read if you don't want to know what happens. Really, like you don't already know everything that's going to happen from page to page. I have read many of MKA books and loved them. Just like with every other author, I close my eyes to unbelievable situations since I know it must be hard to come up with new scenarios all the time. I get over it because the actual writing is good. Who, with any freaking intelligence at all would marry someone they can't stand just because they SAY they are pregnant??? You know a normal, intelligent man would require proof that they are pregnant and probably wait until the baby is born to check for DNA...or at least see a stomach poking out. Actually, I think a dumb, uneducated man would require proof. Who would let a marriage break up because they didn't want to tell their Dad was an adulterer? And what kind of an idiot would let a man marry a woman when they know the woman is having sex with their younger brother? There is much more but I am having an anxiety attack just typing this. I ignore a LOT of stuff in books that I read but this was just very very bad!!!! I read books to escape from a daily stressful life but this book was just terrible. I cannot believe all the stars and positive comments. I know good books and this wasn't one. When a book is more serious like this one is, you just can't get by with all the unbelievable decisions that characters make. When you are writing a light and funny book, stupid decisions by characters are easier to overlook.

A 402 page book started last night and finished early this afternoon? Doesn't that say it all? I LOVED, loved, loved Mary Kay Andrews' newest novel, Spring Fever. Annajane and Mason were in love and married. Now Annajane is watching Mason stand at the alter as his new bride walks towards him. Then the fun begins! There is corporate back stabbing and there are lies & secrets, some of which I never saw coming (which is a sign of a good writer!). There is love and loss and so much fun along the way. So much happens in 402 pages. I hated to read the last page because every second spent reading this gem was joyful! Mary Kay Andrews always writes quick paced books with surprises. This one I loved as much as the first of hers that I read years ago, Hissy Fit. Now I sit and wait for another!

I am not a die-hard Mary Kay Andrews fan, but after reading three novels by her, I am becoming one. After seeing Ms. Andrews' name for years in bookstores everywhere, I finally picked up "The Fixer-Upper" in the fall of 2009 and gave it 4-stars. In June of 2011, I read "Summer Rental" and gave that book 4-stars as well. Neither book was absolutely the best book I have ever read in the genre, but I enjoyed them both and thought the books were good enough for me to seek out "Spring Fever" when it was just recently published. I finished it this afternoon and have to say I enjoyed it quite a bit. I have been dealing with some major health issues with my aging mother and really needed a book that would draw me in enough to provide a distraction but wasn't so deep as to be a difficult read. I also needed an uplifting book but didn't want one so sappy that you could hear the violins playing in the background. This novel absolutely fit the bill. There were enough twists and turns in the story to keep me turning pages (one night way after I should have been asleep) but I knew everything would turn out well in the end which I found was very comforting. I knew where things were headed but I had no idea how we were going to get there. It isn't quite a five-star book for me, but it was pretty close. I have already purchased "Hissy Fit" for my Kindle and will be looking to read other books of hers. Three very solid reads that I enjoyed a lot. Mary Kay Andrews is about to become a "go to" novelist for me

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