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Synopsis

Thirty five year old Grace MacDonald owns and runs a construction company that was her father's until his death. Her mother Ava runs the business with Grace and longs to see her daughter happy and in a committed relationship. Grace spends her days remodeling everyone else's house until one day she buys a rundown house for herself. During construction Grace finds a room that had been blocked off by an old piece of furniture. When she begins to explore the room full of treasures, she finds an old trunk that contains letters with hidden secrets. When Grace meets the woman from the letters and her granddaughter Olivia, the story begins to unfold. Will Grace discover what happened after the letters were written? Will Grace have an opportunity to finally have a committed relationship?

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Customer Reviews

At times the writing format was too simplistic, felt as if I was back in First grade. Also, too many inconsistencies. First Grace had dark hair then she is blonde. The barbecue house warming was Sunday then she invited Olivia for Saturday. Then Penelope tells Winnie that she and Penny had been great parents when she was growing up but we know that Winnie and Penny reunited when

Penelope gave birth to Olivia. Just a few examples. Lack of editing or fact checking detracted from my reading experience.

While the premise was believable the issue I had was the dialog. Redundancy of words in the same sentence and the manner of dialog. To me it read very robotic. People just don't talk like that. Don't get me wrong, I'm a fan of most of Ms Rose's novels but I couldn't get past a quarter of the book.

I really enjoyed this story and the characters. The history of Olivia's grandma's and then the relationship that grew between Grace and Olivia was wonderful. Sometimes the writing seemed like it was a bit rushed to get through a part, but it did not lessen the story

Another great book from Lydia, I really enjoyed the story telling (multiple stories going on at once), and how it was able to effortlessly jump back and forth. I was happy to see Penny & Winnie finally find happiness, after society and other factors had pulled them apart for so long. Grace and Olivia are a fantastic couple, and I would be interesting to see where life takes them going forward. I liked would Nic and Bethany from "There is Just Something About You" had a cameo to help push Grace and Olivia along. This book dealt with numerous touchy subjects, from the challenges of a bygone era, to parents still coming to grips, to modern day bigotry, to preferences (such as Sarah's appearance) but in the end love and friendship won out. A follow up with a possible wedding would be nice, also maybe we could explore Sarah's character and her new love, especially as she immediately became quiet when Olivia shot her down (I wonder if her new girl friend enjoyed the same dog park as Grace?...)

The story has potential but it's in need of a strong editor to correct sentence structure, also to have the story show versus tell. I would like to see this story once its been edited thoroughly. It has the potential to be a five star without underselling the product.

Wao!!! I love the story of Gracie and Olivia, incredibly sweet and charming, Winnie and Penny were exquisite, sensitive and romantic, her story was so special and breathtaking it touched my heart deeply!!!! I couldn't put the book down, I cried emotively, two great love stories in one book. I definitely recommend Now and then, BRAVISSIMO Mrs Rose....it was awesome!!!! I didn't even read the preview when I picked it up, cause everything from this author is good, and she didn't disappointed me, lately the stories I read were so hollow, sexual and empty, but this one fill all my

expectations, spicy and romantic as well, written from the heart!!!!!!!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book along with the cameo of two very lovely characters to boot. I honestly believe this story ended a little prematurely, I would have like to see the weddings and whether Glen came back into the picture to be an even bigger jerk-off, but personal preference isn't enough to justify anything less than top marks. Who knows, maybe there will be a follow up in the future. Great story!

Ms. Rose has done a wonderful job of developing deep loving realistic characters. Showing so many facets of what life as a gay person in love over generations has changed but yet in some ways stayed the same. Where there is true love there are ways to live as a couple in love. Someday may all of us love openly and deeply!

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