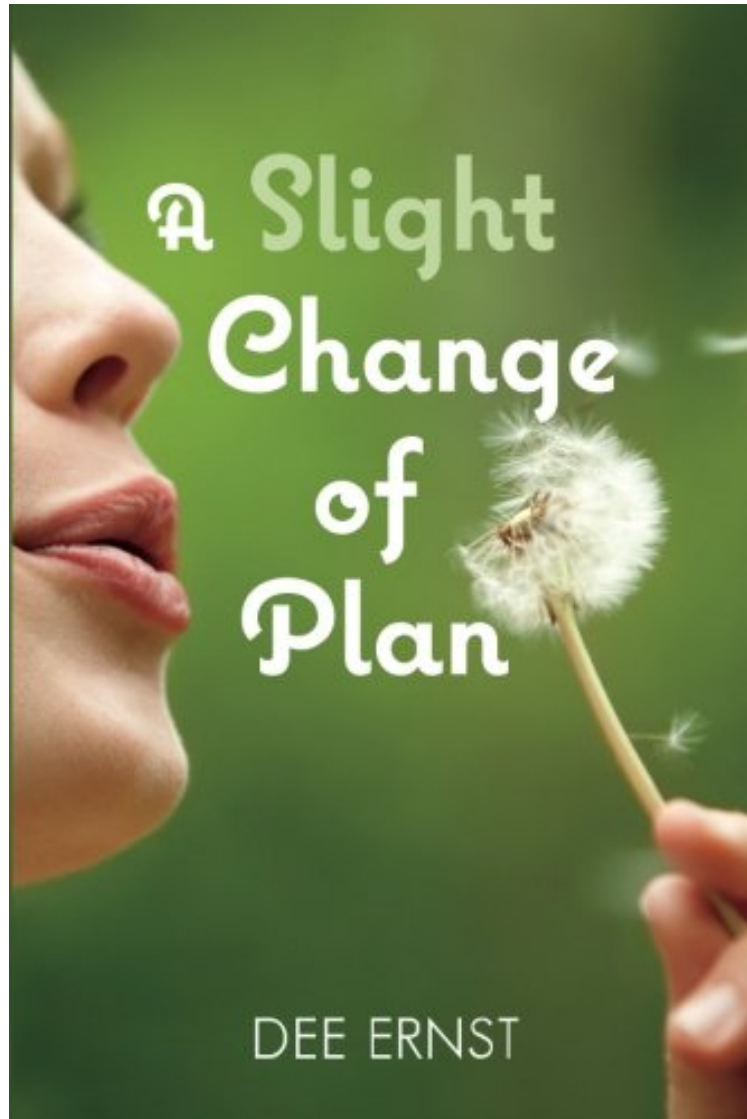


A Slight Change of Plan

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Dee Ernst : A Slight Change of Plan before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Slight Change of Plan:

22 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Dee did it again! By Sue JI received a complimentary copy provided by author/publisher for an honest review. No spoilers - just a general outline. Dee Ernst has done it again. After the first 100 pages, I actually got out a highlighter to mark favorite favorite lines and conversations. At one point I was laughing so hard I dropped the book and just couldn't stop. (Y'all will know where, when you read about Marco and Cheryl's date.) An honest, true-to-life book about a 55 year old widow, her slightly nutty family, her fabulous

friends, and the re-emergence of the love of her life, who dumped her in college. I wish I was part of Kate's circle. I fell immediately in love with all the characters (well, maybe Tom not so much), and cannot wait for this to be released so my pre-ordered copy on Kindle arrives and I can re-read it, highlighting some of my favorite passages ("My Italian mother belonged to one of the more complicated religious affiliations - Lapsed Catholicism) for all to see. I pulled out her other two books to re-read and comment on, since I rated but didn't leave comments. She is definitely on my pre-order list, books sight unseen. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Not a fan. By sandyk This book told in great detail the life of a 55 year old mother who had her life planned one way, only to have everything fall apart after she sold her big house and moved into a condo. Her job was cancelled, and her son, his girlfriend, and her mother all moved in with her. Her problems were endless and the book gave a play-by-play detail of her life and her family interactions each day. The solution for all problems seemed to be drinking throughout the day and at all occasions - and smoking pot. I may be old-fashioned, but I do not enjoy reading books when these two habits are discussed in great detail, routinely practiced, and seem to be a reoccurring theme. I will not be reading any more of this author's books. 13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Man plans, God laughs ~ and we all chuckle along with A Slight Change of Plan! By Theresa Thornburg In the spirit of full disclosure, I received an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. Now let me tell you how and why I got it: I begged for it. I saw that the author had a few available up for review and I literally pleaded "Pick me, pick me" and much to my surprise Ms Ernst did! I don't need to give you a full synopsis of the story - you can read that above. What you need to know is that if you have a sense of humor and are breathing you will laugh out loud when you read this book. If you're of a certain age - I'd say around 35 and older, but I don't want to exclude anyone - you're going to identify with some one in this story. If you're from Jersey and you run into the City every once in a while, you'll really appreciate it - but that is certainly not a pre-requisite. That's because this story is written in the language you know, spoken by the by people that you grew up with, the ones you hang around with now, the ones you raised, are currently raising or by which you were raised. It makes you realize you're not alone with your rebounding kids, a sister that 's also your best ally (Hi Cali!) your sometimes annoying mother (not mine!) and a goofy best friend that you can tell your secrets too (Hi Char!) especially when it involves the details of your college romance and the lingering questions from a hasty breakup (Hi, oops, almost had me!). This is a story that makes you say, 'Oh, other people do that too!' and 'When did she peek into my life?' and gives comfort in the realization that the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray but sooner or later it all makes a great story! One that gets even better when sprinkled liberally with some cold White Wine. At the risk of keeping you from reading this book for another minute, I'll tell you why I begged for a copy of this book: Earlier this summer I downloaded a copy of Better Of Without Him and was instantly smitten with Ms. Ernst's writing style. Next I devoured A Different Kind of Forever. The cast of characters in all of Ms Ernst books are so 'people you know' or 'people you wish you knew' and they instantly feel like friends and are really fun reads. Just like the reviewer above, all future books will go on pre-order status the way I did with this one even though I HAD A COPY and I am the queen of FREE Kindle Books! So curl up on the couch, take it to the beach (down the shore) or sneak a chapter or 4 in while you're waiting in the car at the next after-school practice and you'll have a good giggle - I guarantee it. Don't forget to like her facebook page and you may be the next in line for a sneak peek at what's coming next.

Kate Everett is about to begin her second act. She's been a widow for eight years and thinks it might be time to start looking for someone to share her life with again. She quits her high-pressure job for something that will allow her more leisure time. She gets rid of the huge family home and moves into a fabulous condo that's smaller and easier to manage. She's pretty much got the rest of her life figured out. All she has to do is sit back, relax, and let the pieces fall into place. But her real life never gets the memo. First, her son moves back in with her along with his girlfriend. Her dream job falls through, leaving her unemployed. Her mother, whom she hadn't spoken to in years, can no longer live alone and has to move into her basement. And her only daughter is planning the smallest and simplest wedding in the history of all weddings, much to Kate's dismay. Kate thinks that she and Jake, her former college love who has reemerged on an online dating site, of all places, can build something real, and that maybe her happy ending is in front of her at last. But the arrival of Edward, her daughter's future father-in-law, presents Kate with an unexpected choice. It looks like real happiness may require a slight change of plan.

"... organic and universal. [Dee Ernst] has written a funny, smart novel." The Star-Ledger "Ms. Ernst has created such a splendid story in A Slight Change of Plan. This book took me back to the days of when I use to read Erma Bombeck. ... Anybody looking for a great fun relaxing book will want to read this... highly recommend..." The Jeep Diva, 5 stars "This is the most 'hysterically funny romance intertwined with drama' that I have ever read. I didn't expect the ending. The writing style, setting, pace, and different voices portrayed by Ms. Ernst are carefully put together." Trully, er for Coffee Time Romance More About the Author Dee Ernst was born in Newark, New Jersey, and grew up in Morristown. She attended Marshall University, where she majored in journalism. Several years, career changes, and a few daughters later, she was listening to the Joan Hamburg Show, where a guest made the suggestion that if you want to be happy, you should go back to what you were doing when you were ten and try to make it a career. Since Dee was

writing stories when she was ten, she decided to give writing another go. After three novels and many rejection letters, she self-published *Better Off Without Him*. Her next book, *A Different Kind of Forever*, was released in April of 2012. In the spring of 2013, she signed with Montlake Publishing, which re-released *Better Off Without Him* and launched her third title, *A Slight Change of Plan*, that fall. Though Dee finds a lot in common with all her heroines, she is happily married and living in New Jersey.