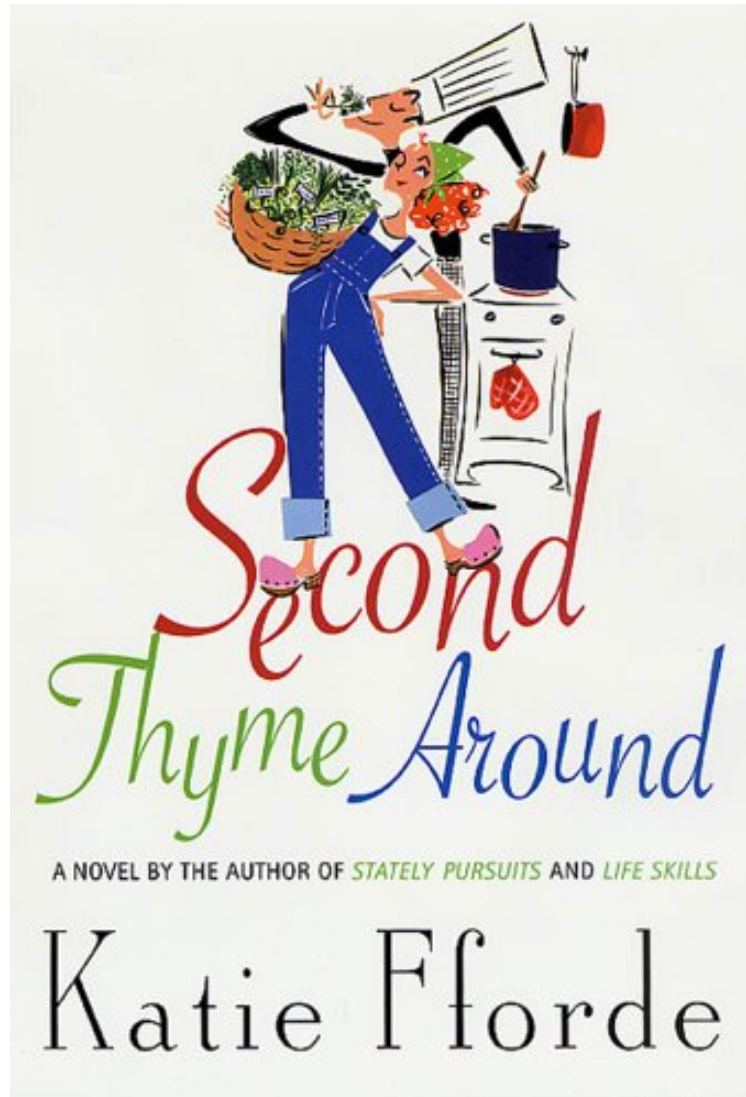


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nette Story - Schade um das EndeVon alexKatie Fforde's neues Buch "Thyme out" ist ein typischer Fforde: eine sehr sympathische, wenn auch anfänglich unattraktive junge Frau, die sich nach gescheiterter Ehe in die Arbeit gestrzt hat, um sich eine eigene Existenz aufzubauen. Als ein junger Mann aus Ihrem vergangenen Leben auftaucht fngt es - gegen Ihren Willen - an zu knistern. Fforde hlt die Spannung wie auch schon in "Living Dangerously", nur der Schlu

in Form der letzten 2 Kapitel sind zu vorhersehbar und tun dem Genu einen Abbruch.2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sometimes life is a rollercoasterVon SkatersallyPerdita, just turned 30 years old, started after her divorce a delivery with organic herbals and vegetables to a near restaurant. She is single and not even interested in dating. Instead she loves gardening. Next to her lives Kitty, already 87 years old and the godmother of her own mother. She became the most important person in Perdita's life. One day there is a new chef in the hotel which is to be delivered by Perdita. What a surprise when she learned it is Lucas, her former husband. Actually, she was completely over him. However, that is what she says. But the reader can soon follow a nice story about feelings and the interpretation about them. Perdita gives the tough woman who always know what to do and can manage her whole life. Nevertheless, the next moment she invents a boyfriend for denying her single status. Until now it seems to be a flat and rather predictable story about ex-partners who are definitely not done with each other. The novel made a turn with the disease of Kitty. Suddenly Perdita has to cope with medical care and how to organise Kitty's life. While she is under such pressure, she hardly realise her own weakness. Soon there is the point where she needs help with the business, the houses, the gardening and taking care of Kitty. Far away from a romantic novel the reader has to follow this serious chapter in Perdita's life. Katie Fforde writes in her well-known style. This sixth novel also creates loveable characters and nice entertainment with some funny dialogs. Although, at the beginning Perdita is a bit childish with her acting, you can presume a romantic end. So I can recommend this novel to everybody who loves romances written by life.4 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Liebesgeschichte mit SubstanzVon Kufer JWDie hbsche, geschiedene Perdita lebt Tr an Tr mit der schon recht betagten Kitty. Die zwei verbindet eine schon lange andauernde tiefe Freundschaft. Perdita betreibt ihre eigene kleine Grtnerie und beliefert die umliegenden Restaurants mit Gemse. Eines Tages begegnet sie pltzlich Lucas, ihrem Exmann, der sie vor 10 Jahren fr eine ltere Frau verlassen hat. Das blde an der Sache ist - er ist Koch und ein Kunde von Ihr und somit kann sie ihm nicht aus dem Weg gehen. Tja und hier started die Story richtig. Lucas freundet sich mit Kitty an und als Kitty krank wird, laufen Lucas und Perdita sich immer fter ber den Weg. Ausserdem versucht Lucas Perdita zu berreden ihm bei seiner Fernsehkochshow zu helfen - nicht beim Kochen (Gott bewahre - dass kann sie nmlich nicht), sondern sie soll ihm ihr Haus zur Verfgung stellen! Das alles hrt sich nach einer der typischen, vorhersehbaren Lovestories an - ist es aber nicht. Klar, zwischen Perdita und Lucas knistert es gewaltig - den obwohl Perdita so sehr von ihm verletzt wurde, ist sie immer noch stark von ihm angezogen. Aber die zwei haben auch herrliche Streitereien und als Kitty schwer krank wird, wird die Geschichte auch etwas ernster. Die Geschichte ist keine Minute langweilig, die Nebenfiguren sind interessant und die Chemie zwischen Lucas und Perdita stimmt! Ich konnte das Buch gar nicht mehr aus der Hand legen, weil ich wissen wollte, ob sie sich denn nun kriegen oder vielleicht doch nicht. Ich kann das Buch wrmstens empfehlen - gute, intelligente Unterhaltungsliteratur!

KurzbeschreibungFor years, things have run quite smoothly for Perdita and her organic gardening business. So what if her hair needs a complete overhaul, her sweater has more holes than Swiss cheese, and there's no hope of a boyfriend on the horizon? The last thing Perdita wants is a meddling man in her life-but she's about to get one, in the form of her completely infuriating ex-husband, Lucas. Lucas is disagreeable, curt, arrogant, and smolderingly gorgeous. He's also the new chef at Grantly House, Perdita's number-one customer. Worse, Mr. Grantly has the insane idea of starting a television cooking show that will put Lucas and Perdita together as "The Gourmet and the Gardener." Now, things are heating up in the kitchen--and elsewhere. With the bright lights blazing and old feelings stirring the pot, it could be a recipe for disaster...or absolute delight..deIn the 10 years since the collapse of her tempestuous marriage, Perdita Dylan has become beautiful, confident and determinedly celibate. Now the owner of a thriving salad nursery, she has patched her life back together and has almost completely forgotten how much she loved, and then hated, her ex-husband. So when she finds out that he has taken over the kitchen belonging to one of her most important clients, she is understandably wary. Add to this the fact that she is going to have to play at being polite to him during the filming of a new TV celebrity chef programme at her run-down cottage and it seems inevitable that her world is about to fall apart. Thyme Out is Katie Fforde's sixth novel and builds on her strength as a funny, poignant storyteller. She has the knack of portraying realistic, self-sufficient women such as Perdita, who although vulnerable and alone, especially when the mainstay of her life (the 87-year-old Kitty) has a stroke, is never desperate--indeed it is only the concern of her colleagues and friends that forces her to reassess whether or not she wants to do anything about being single. Predictable yet comforting in its familiarity, Thyme Out is perfect reading for the bath. --Jane HoneyFrom BooklistInitially, this novel seems to be merely fluff: silly, light, and substance-free. Perdita, our heroine, confronts the appearance of her ex-husband in her peaceful life with a school-girlish response, pouting and flustered. A grower of exotic greens for the restaurant market, she finds her ex's new position as head chef in the kitchen of her best customer totally disruptive, then the unbelievable events that force them into a cooking show filmed at her house increase the friction to a catastrophic level. Their juvenile behavior is brought to a halt, however, by the failing health of Perdita's beloved godmother. The need to cope with hospitals, home care, increased debility, death, and the aftermath while still

running her business force all other concerns out of the picture, so that the woman participating in the predictable romantic encounter at the end of Fforde's tale is far different than the one in the opening pages. Although not profound, the result is a pleasantly romantic if bittersweet read. Danise HooverCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved