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AND THEN THERE WAS YOU

A CHESTNUT RIDGE NOVEL



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Reeling after falling prey to a Romeo con-artist who just waltzed away with the better part of her belongings, Natalie Maynard works closely with the detective assigned to her case, only the few leads have led nowhere.

Detective Randy Fellowes can't promise Natalie restitution, but he's determined to find the culprit and serve up justice. Married to his work, he's caught off guard when Natalie has his thoughts wandering to more than the case.

Natalie soon seeks refuge in the one thing she still owns — an old fishing cabin in the mountains of Chestnut Ridge. She quickly falls in love with the town and the eccentric people who are teaching her so much about the area and its heritage.

Through these people, and the determination of Detective Fellowes, she rediscovers her courage, self, and a reason to risk love again.

A NOTE *from* THE AUTHOR

Dear Readers,

Thank you for choosing ***And Then There Was You*** for your book club selection. I hope you find yourself quickly immersed in the beautiful settings of this story. Taking Natalie from the white sandy beaches of Cancun, back home and then off to the mountains to heal, allows us to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us no matter where we go.

This story was sort of ripped from the headlines following the exposure of The Tinder Swindler and the socialite con in the Netflix series *Inventing Anna*. My research brought to light the staggering truth of the surprisingly large number of people who have fallen victim to this type of crime. At first blush we might think it could never happen to us, but these cons are masters and it could happen to any of us.

Although the crime is what first inspired this story, the focus is on Natalie's journey. The ups, downs and discoveries along the way, and a reminder that family isn't always just the ones we were born into.

I couldn't wait to get back to this town. I'm delighted to share I recently finished another story set there. ***Christmas in Chestnut Ridge*** comes out September 2024, so we'll all experience Christmas with these folks too.

Until then, hugs and happy reading,

~Nancy

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS *with* NANCY

Please share your favorite line(s) or quote from this book.

Answer: I love this brief look into Natalie and her memories of her late husband. It's a teensy snippet into their relationship, but I think it shows how thoughtful she is at the very core. In this scene, she's just arrived in Chestnut Ridge and is grocery shopping to prepare the hunting cabin. She's missing her late husband more than ever with all of this going on.

On the coffee aisle, Natalie stocked up on her favorite light-roast toasted-coconut blend, then reached for a box of sugar dots. The splurge always made her feel so lady-like.

As she held the box of sugar cubes, she heard Jeremy's voice as plain as if he were standing there with her. *Have you ever tried to chop up one of those dots in a bowl of Wheaties? Doesn't happen. You're left with nothing but soggy flakes by the time that thing dissolves.*

She pulled the sugar to her chest. They'd laughed about that forever, but she'd kept a big bag of sugar right next to his cereal box just for him from that day forward.

Natalie lingered there in the grocery aisle, glowing in that sweet memory for a moment, then whipped her cart around and grabbed a box of Wheaties, his favorite. "For old times' sake," she whispered, feeling closer to Jeremy than she had in a long time.

Nancy, can you share a few FUN facts about this book?

- Fact 1 :: Chestnut Ridge is a fictional town based on Patrick County, Virginia.
- Fact 2 :: I integrated some of the endearing things about this region like the fairy stones, yes they are real!, and that these mountains were once filled with enormous chestnut trees, as big as the redwoods, until blight took them out. Pictures from the late 1800s show entire families standing in front of the base of those trees. Amazing!
- Fact 3 :: Yep, the fire department in my neck o' the woods really are called the BULL MOUNTAIN BOYS, and I got to meet them when my house was struck by lightning August 2022. An outstanding group of men and women, they swiftly identified the point of entry and exit (from the front porch all the way down it and then up the three ridges to the highest point) and made sure I was safe. It took me months to get all the damage sorted out and repaired. I'm so thankful for Co. 23 Patrick Springs Volunteer Fire Department and delighted to make them part of my Chestnut Ridge novels.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS *with* NANCY

Would you hang out with your heroine in real life?

Answer: I'd definitely hang out with Natalie. I love her can-do spirit and giving nature. I'm pretty sure the two of us would be busy crafting cool things together and catch up on the latest local news, *or call it gossip*, over lunch at the Snout & Trout.

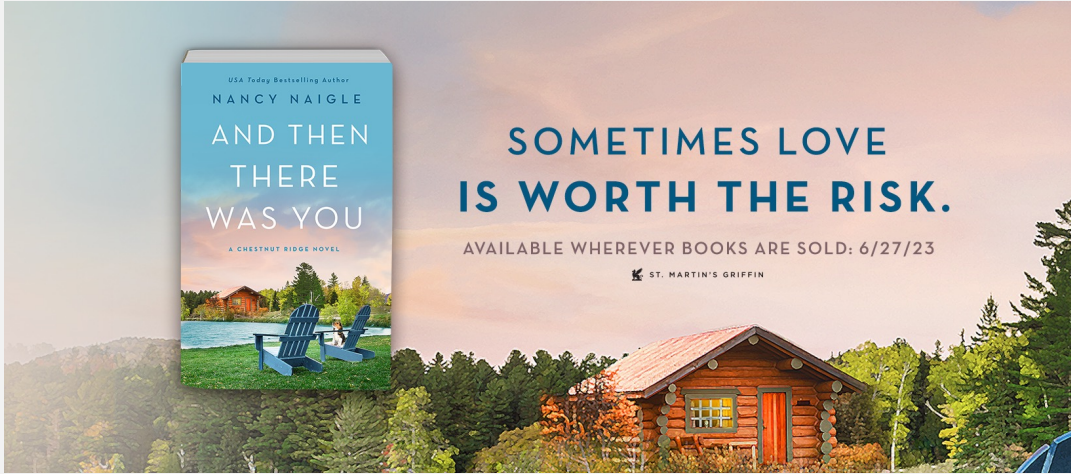
What are three words that describe your hero?

Answer: Honorable, Trustworthy, Determined

What are you currently working on? What are your up-coming releases?

- I have a romantic comedy coming out in late May/early June 2024 called *The Law of Attraction* about sister-in-law divorce attorneys who get caught up in a social media frenzy that is causing a real mess.
- *Christmas in Chestnut Ridge* will come out in September 2024.
- And in 2025, *Angel By The Sea*, the follow-up to *The Shell Collector*, will be released.
- I have a few other projects that I can't share just yet. Stay tuned for updates!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- 1) ***And Then There Was You*** is not only the title of the book, but could tie to many other things and characters. How does the book's name relate to the story for you?
- 2) Did you like Natalie when you first met her and lived through the realization that she'd been a victim of a crime, or did you warm up to her as you got to know her?
- 3) What were your thoughts on Natalie and Sheila's friendship?

4) If faced with a similar situation, could you move to a small town in the mountains where you knew no one?

5) Detective Randy Fellowes is juggling his job with a growing interest in Natalie. How did you feel about that? Do you feel he handled the situation in a professional manner?

6) Orene knows everyone and everything going on in Chestnut Ridge. How do you think Orene added to the story?

6) The author enjoys infusing some lighthearted moments to give the reader a break from the intense emotional scenes. Does any particular scene from the book come to mind?

7) Paul is an eccentric man. Did his eccentricities add to the story, or detract from it?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

8) Who was your favorite secondary character and why?

9) Before reading ***And Then There Was You*** had you ever heard of fairy stones? Did you know they are real and can be found in the mountains of Virginia?

9) What would you have named the beagle puppy?

10) If faced with moving into a small hunting cabin in the mountains like Natalie was, what would be the first update, renovation or modification you would have made?

11) Do you think Randy and Natalie will have a happily-ever-after?

12) Are you ready for another visit to Chestnut Ridge?

13) Who would you like to see as the lead characters in ***Christmas in Chestnut Ridge*** coming September 2024?

14) What was the overarching theme or message that made you love this novel?



Coming in 2024

Christmas in Chestnut Ridge

In the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Chestnut Ridge finds joy and peace even when disaster strikes at Christmas and it takes the entire community to put the pieces back together.

Shhhh....for book club readers only, a little inside scoop on the hero and heroine in the upcoming release,

Your heroine: Natalie's best friend, Sheila

Your hero: The Fire Chief, Tucker

REVIEWS & WRITING YOURS

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I promise the author will be grateful for your effort! 😊

Example NetGalley Reader Reviews for this novel.

- For Hallmark movie fans, *And Then There Was You* is a must read. Five glowing stars.
- This is a beautifully written story that at times is heartbreaking and others can make you laugh out loud. There is a wonderful kaleidoscope of characters that make this story rich.
- By the time I finished this book, I know I felt like I wanted to give a warm hug to everyone, family, friends, and loved ones, not to mention my dog. What a delightful, embracing nod to belonging, family, and finding your own safe space.
- The plot contained a few unexpected twists, which made for an engaging read. Yet, there were also a number of poignant and heartfelt moments that moved me to tears. But the pièce de résistance was the finale. It was a welcome and timely surprise.
- A bingeable, light small-town romance.

NOTES FOR YOUR REVIEW::

*If you enjoyed this book, and want to help Nancy grow her readership, who do you know that would enjoy this story, or other books Nancy has written?

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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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