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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Then Came HeavenVon Stacy AtkinsonI read the book, "Then Came Heaven," by Lavyrle Spencer. I liked this book because

I could relate to the story line. Every one has lost a loved one, and this book showed the emotions of that loss. Eddie and Krystyan fell in love in high school, and later got married. They had two children, and were married for about two years. One summer day, Krystyan was in a hurry and sped through a stop light. She crossed train tracks, and was hit from the side. She died instantly. The story then goes on to show Eddie's depression. He slowly learned how to live without her, and how to raise their children. Years went by, and he met a woman named Jean. He became close to her, and they fell in love. She taught him how to move on. This book is good for young adults, and older adults. I wouldn't recommend this book for young readers. I enjoyed the happy, sad, and terrible moments of the book. It was well written, and was told from an outsider's point of view. I think women would like this book better than men would. If you want to read a good story about love and tragedy, I recommend this book for you. It is a book for mature readers and ones who would appreciate the full story. Through its sad, and sometimes slow parts, I truly enjoyed "Then Came Heaven." 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great "grass roots" love story! Von Ein Kunde I was immediately taken in by the story of Eddie Olczak. The setting of the story invited the reader to settle there and come to know the characters...which I did. I found the author's descriptions of the small town, the people, the church, the priest and the religious community of sisters to be real and not manipulated or contrived. The struggle that Sr. Regina experienced was also quite valid and very well illustrated, as was the reaction of her family to her leaving the community. Although I found a few errors, the description of religious life, along with the trauma of leaving that life (especially before Vatican II, 1963-65) were pretty accurate. As a former religious sister, myself, I felt a strong connection with the story, as well as with the small town which was very much like the one from which my own family came. Also, Spencer's description of the sisters with whom Regina lived reminded me of some of those with whom I used to live!! (There were no exaggerations here!!) Regina and Eddie's evolving love story seemed very natural, sweet and innocent. (And, of course it was predictable...a young widower and a young nun struggling with her vocation? What else would one expect?!) Spencer handled the relationship delicately and with great respect. (I should be so lucky to find someone as lovely as Eddie!!) Good work, LaVyrle, I think this was a charming contribution with which to end your writing career! From the sound of it, you either interviewed some wonderfully candid religious (and former religious) women or may have even been one yourself...??? Wouldn't a sequel entice you? 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Total Letdown!. Von Ein Kunde I can't help feeling disappointed with this book. I've read many of Spencer's books including Years, The Fulfillment, The Endearment and Morning Glory and enjoyed all of them. But this book, Then Came Heaven is a total letdown. The beginning and middle part of the book was interesting enough, when it kept you guessing when will Eddie confess his love to Sister Regina and vice-versa. But, to be honest, there's hardly any chemistry between those two. And I think it's not just because Regina is a nun... I find that the 'love' between them developed a little too quickly and out-of-a-sudden. Eddie's wife had only been dead for about 3 months.. and Eddie had already kissed and seduced his sister-in-law and has the 'hots' for Sister Regina. Eddie didn't turn out to be a very likeable hero after all. Nothing is mentioned on what Eddie and Sister Regina find so fascinating about each other. The love and emotional scenes seemed false and forced. I felt that Spencer could've done better. After Eddie (finally) confessed his love for Regina, the story just went downhill all the way.... you might as well close the book there and then to save you the awful disappointment when you come to the end of the book. Unless you're a true Spencer fan, I suggest you stay away from this book, but read some of her earlier works like Morning Glory (which was made into a movie starring Christopher Reeves), Years (my favourite) and The Fulfillment.

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