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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A New SpinBy For What It's Worth...If ever there was a book that brought you into the characters' lives, Spinning is that book. Baron's descriptions had me feeling as though I was right there with "D" and his friends, Jim, Hank, Billie, and his boss, Mason.***SPOILER ALERT*** DON'T READ UNLESS YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE BOOK IS ABOUT ***Dylan is a regular young playboy, picking up chicks at bars, never staying with one for any length of time. He drinks with his buddies and plans to wow the business world with his intelligence and he's got what it takes.Early one morning after one of his late night rendezvous leaves his apartment, showing up on his doorstep is a woman from one of these flings along with a small girl. "D" as his friends know him as - quickly does the math trying to figure out whether he's going to find out he's the girl's dad.The woman, Diane tells D that she sold her belongings, left Chicago and now needs a place to stay for her and her daughter until she finds an apartment. D agrees. She quickly insinuates herself into his life and into his apartment. It doesn't take long for Diane's young daughter Spring to find her way into his heart.Diane lands a job and an apartment and moves out but continues to be a big part in D's life. He finds himself asking divorced Jim how he knew that his ex was "the one," thinking that Diane might be "the one" for him. He then talks to his friend, ex-lover, and co-worker Billie about it but Billie plays around just like D so she's clueless.D is ready to declare his feelings for Diane but he gets a dreaded

phone call where he find out that she got killed in an accident. He has no clue who to notify. Diane's parents are long deceased and Spring's father never knew he had a child, according to Diane. He expects that Spring will be out of his life now in no time and things will be back to the way they were pre-Diane and Spring - back to his former playboy life once he finds a relative for her but quickly discovers that the three and half year old is scared and needs something and someone familiar. She's confused and doesn't understand that Mommy isn't coming back. Billie and Jim and other of D's friends rally around him. Mason tells him to take a month from work. D makes a half-hearted attempt to locate a relative for Spring. Billie spends more and more time with them and Spring takes a quick liking to her, even making it difficult when D tried hooking up with Lauren who quickly exits his apartment. He's so grateful for Billie and all she's done for them. Her Christmas gift to him is a weekend on Cape Cod for the three of them. After a great weekend, D discovers that Billie still wants to play the field and he tells her to just go and that he can't have her in their lives like that. He misses her. Child Services shows up at his door and they take Spring away. He's made no attempt for custody..._____ Dylan finds that he's grown up a lot -- he's changed having Spring in his life. He can't picture life without her. I was touched by the way his bar friends were there for him and for Spring. Who especially touched me was his divorced friend Jim who lived in the same building as D. Of course, Billie touched me as well, in the way she let down her hair with them and became like a child herself. She brought over food and Jim had the beer and pizza. D could go to Jim's door and wake him in the middle of the night, bringing Jim to the door in his boxers looking frazzled, letting D in and talking with him. There were the ducks, the penguins, the zoo and Mr. Jim and hot dogs. (Mr. Jim isn't the same Jim as the neighbor. Mr. Jim sells those hot dogs.) There was the doorman and others whom Spring never failed to charm. There was the mac and cheese, the frozen pizzas, the soy, and tofu. -----Yes, it's a romance, but more than romance, it's the letting go of the love of oneself and opening up to give and receive love to/from others. It's the learning to let go of self-dependence and depending on others. Letting others in. Really in.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One Star By SC430 didn't read it, this product won't be properly reviewed 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nice story, terrible writing By Ili I wish I could grant half stars in the rating. This is more of a 2.5 for me. The story is nice, a bit predictable; but sweet enough that you don't mind it so much. My complaint is about the writing. I don't know who, or if there was an editor for this book. I don't know whether the problems exist only in the kindle version, though I don't think so. It appears there was never a proof read for the book. Punctuation signs are missing in every paragraph; sentences are run on with each other, ideas are cut short without ever being completed. The problem is big enough that at some point it becomes really annoying. I liked the story, I really did. Perhaps it wasn't my favorite, but it was nice enough. However, I could never in good conscience rate this book 3 or higher with so many writing flaws.