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To Get To You (A Wild Air Novel) (Volume 1)



Synopsis

To get to the girl he loves, Riley Kane must head off on a road trip with the father he never knew. Then pray for a miracle. Most teens would love to have a pro surfer for a dad. Just not Riley. Abandoned as a kid, he hates the sound of the ocean and the man who gave himself to it. When the eighteen-year-old learns that his best friend is stranded at a New Mexico hospital as her father fights for his life, Riley hits the highway to head east. But when his Jeep breaks down before he even leaves California, he must rely on the one man he despises to get to the girl who needs him the most. And when it comes to the surfer with the Volkswagen van and dog-eared map, a thousand miles may not be enough to heal the past. A story of new beginnings and second chances.

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Customer Reviews

It took me awhile to finish this book but once I got into it I loved it! It's a very sweet book about Riley, a teenager trying to get to his best friend and the girl he loves after her father is in an accident and her family is stranded in New Mexico. When Riley's Jeep breaks down his only option is to contact his dad, a famous surfer he's been estranged from for years. As they drive from California to New Mexico they repair their relationship and finally Riley gets to his girl. What I loved about this book is

the sweet romance between Riley and Becca. For my more conservative friends looking for a book for their teens to read, this is definitely it!

Simply written, brilliantly plotted, wonderfully memorable. "To Get to You" is the sort of story that jumps off the page, beginning with a snowy Christmas Eve, a discarded Christmas tree, and an unlikely introduction outside a small town feed store. Rebecca Fletcher's innocent beauty catches the eye of the recently redeemed Riley Kane; they form a bond that will transcend the hundreds of miles that their affection will demand that they travel. Riley's journey will be alongside someone he never thought he cared to meet, but sometimes the help that one so desperately needs comes in the form of those whom God decides can mend our hearts and fulfill our dreams.

To Get to You is a heartwarming story! Joanne Bischof never fails to tug at my heartstrings and make me feel for her characters and their journeys. Although To Get to You is classified as Young Adult fiction, I believe Riley and Becca's story is one readers of all ages will enjoy! One thing that makes this tale especially unique is that it is written from the male perspective. I really enjoyed experiencing Riley's journey and loved his memorable road trip with Jake and Saul. The sights and sounds along the way were palpable, as were the emotions. I also enjoyed Riley and Becca's subtle and sweet romance. From very different backgrounds, these two are drawn to each other from the moment they meet, and their feelings continue to grow as they spend time together with Becca's family. To Get to You addresses teenage angst and coming of age issues and does so with humor, heart, and hope. I loved this story of new beginnings and second chances and can't wait for the next book in the Wild Air series!

What a sweet story of young love...a father restored to his family after years of neglect through an unselfish act that was long overdue...and a young man who found acceptance and forgiveness from past mistakes from a young woman whose tender, innocent heart trusted him anew. Shows that life is not about things... but family, sacrifice, love, and that you can be content living in a trailer without much by the world's standards. Realizing that at times those who selfishly chase dreams at the cost of their families, only leave pain and disappointment in the wake, and having no peace and fulfillment in life. Was a pleasure to read, makes me hope my sweet little homeschooled daughter can meet a man willing to sacrifice for her...and may we be quick to forgive those with a checkered past, because that may just be the one God has redeemed just for us.

Around 14 years ago, I visited Hawaii and one of my favorite things was seeing a glimpse of the "surf culture." Seeing things like the North Shore or cars driving around with surfboards strapped on top. To Get to You captures a bit of that essence in this story of a boy and his estranged father who end up on a bit of a roadtrip together. There were so many things to love about this book. The ease in which the story just flowed from the pages. How lifelike the characters felt. The fact that we are given just enough of backstory to make us wonder, but yet it gave enough to fill in the cracks. And just this general sense of the need to offer understanding and forgiveness to those around us. I really enjoyed climbing into the VW with Riley, his surfer dad, Jake, and Saul. I never quite knew what would happen next in the story but I was more than happy to continue on for the journey. As an adult, I loved this story and was entertained by it and it even gave me a bit of perspective on life. I imagine that this book would be even more fantastic for teens as they would relate to Riley very well. I would highly recommend this book, and I'm looking forward to the next novel in this series.

This book. As a mom of girls just entering the YA reading category (and faithful Joanne Bischof historical fiction reader), I agreed to pre-read this story. I never expected to be so moved. Told in Riley's contemporary POV, he has issues. A talented kid, he's made trouble for himself and his family. Now he's working hard to 're-start his life his way. And this journey tale gives him the opportunity to make the peace that passes understanding. Pick it up and take the journey. Beautifully and brilliantly told by dual Christy Award nominated author, Bischof will not disappoint.

It didn't take long for me to realize that this wasn't the type of story I would usually enjoy, but Bischof drew me in and by the end I was fighting tears. Well done.

A gently paced book with a gently paced romance races against angst from a disappointing relationship in a life transformed to win the soul of the young man who struggles to do it right for once. Travel with Riley as he makes one of life's big journeys and you will see, taste and smell the scenes and insecurities as he moves from a hideaway in the mountains to the ocean to the inland desert in search for his dream and overcomes difficulties to reach and find more than he was looking for. It is a great read!

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