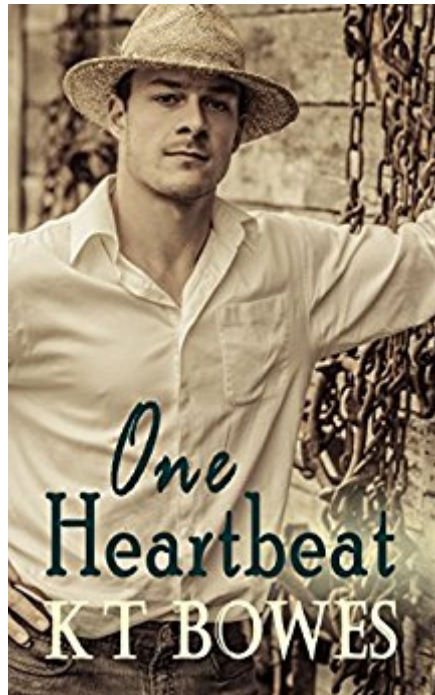


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Synopsis

From New Zealand author, K T Bowes. "Nothing in the world scared Logan Du Rose but one tiny detail - the things which made his life worth living were the ones he had no earthly way of keeping." A face from the past disturbs Hana's second chance at love, pitching her backwards as her old life bleeds irrevocably into her new start with her Maori husband. Hana is forced to deal with buried hurts and learn that forgiveness is a two part process. When a body is discovered at the school boarding house, a whole heap of trouble is unleashed on the Du Roses, dragging Hana into a dangerous intrigue that almost gets her killed. Who is the mysterious man who remembers Hana's skill as a tennis player and makes her feel alive again? And what will it take for her husband to finally begin telling her the truth? Nobody could have foreseen the dreadful outcome of a harmless day out which will threaten the security of the little Du Rose family forever. And Hana discovers we are all one heartbeat away from eternity.

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Customer Reviews

The Past and Present Converge One Heartbeat, by K. T. Bowes, is the latest installment in Waikato Presbyterian School for Boys series. Hana is happy in her new life. Her baby Phoenix is now six

months old, and her husband Logan is in charge of the English Department. Hana's life takes an unexpected turn when she meets the eyes of a man in a fast food place. She thought the man had died twenty-six years ago. The encounter shocks her to the core. Hana wants to turn her back on the man. Maihi, Hana's friend and neighbor, tells Hana she has a stained heart. And now, with the visit of a man who had been thought long dead, Hana may have the chance to remove the stains. Logan tells her the past continues to haunt Hana because it is unfinished. With other surprising events, Hana's life becomes even more complicated. She must learn to accept the past's place in her present, as well as learn forgiveness.

After starting this series I found I couldn't put them down and have now read all six books one after the other, so this review covers all books - as for me they have all blended into one fabulous story. I live in the Waikato in NZ, where the mysteries are set and love the familiarity of locations nearby. The traits of each character are so clear that I miss them now that I have caught up and finished this last book and feel like I know them! The plot of each book is unpredictable, yet realistic and interesting. With little tidbits of life lessons skilfully scattered through they leave you thinking, and they all have a lifelike humour which makes pleasurable reading. Great books!

I could not put this book down. Just one more chapter. Aaahhh I've got 5 minutes, let me just read some. Then I got sick and could read without a guilty conscience. I totally fell in love with Phoebe, or Phoenix. She is the most adorable baby and Hana's relationship and bond with her is touching. Now Tama is also part of the household and he definitely caused a few laughs with this teenager becoming a man routine and his old nature wanting to slip in there from time to time while he is making such an effort to honour those who took him in and showed him real love. Also his relationship with his little sis is humorous and very sweet. Logan's love for his wife and little daughter is beautifully portrayed and though they have a fuller house, their romance is not much affected by it which Tamar finds hard to handle in a typical teenager way. Of course it starts off with such drama when she saw her "dead" father in McDonalds where the air dryer "ate" Jas' action man's hair. And that is how the story keeps you gripped with drama, mixed with humour and a good dose of nailbiting moments where Hana of course is dragged into a murder. KT Bowes keeps you guessing. It never ends as one would expect and now I HAVE TO read the next book..... She gifts me copies of her novels for an honest review. This is the easiest pleasure as I am totally hooked on this series, but also her writing style.

I have read all the books in this series one after the other and yet again I couldn't put it down. I keep thinking I will have a break and read something else but I don't want to because I am enjoying the characters and storylines so much! The author gives enough of the back story that a newcomer to the series will understand what is happening without labouring it for those in the know. This story explores Hana's Christian faith more than the other books but in a very gentle way that wouldn't be off-putting for someone who doesn't share that faith. Another great, well written story.

This book had me in tears, as it has a strong theme of mortality from the very beginning. While it still did have the funny moments that I've come to expect in Ms Bowes' books, this story had far more seriousness to it in keeping with the sombre events. I was fascinated by how this book wasn't about fear of death so much as in being prepared for it, and making peace with oneself and those who will be left behind, should the untoward happen. As a widow, Hana had more insight than most into how suddenly you can lose those you love and it certainly shines through in her thoughts and actions in this book. Ms Bowes certainly built suspense throughout the whole book, with an ending that will surprise many. Unfortunately, having been in Mark's situation in the past, I recognised the early hints and dreaded that I knew what the ending would be. No, I won't spoil this book for you - it's well worth the read, along with the rest of the series. Speaking of which - make sure you've bought the next book when you purchase this one. You'll want to read it immediately afterwards, just like I did. Five emotional stars.

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