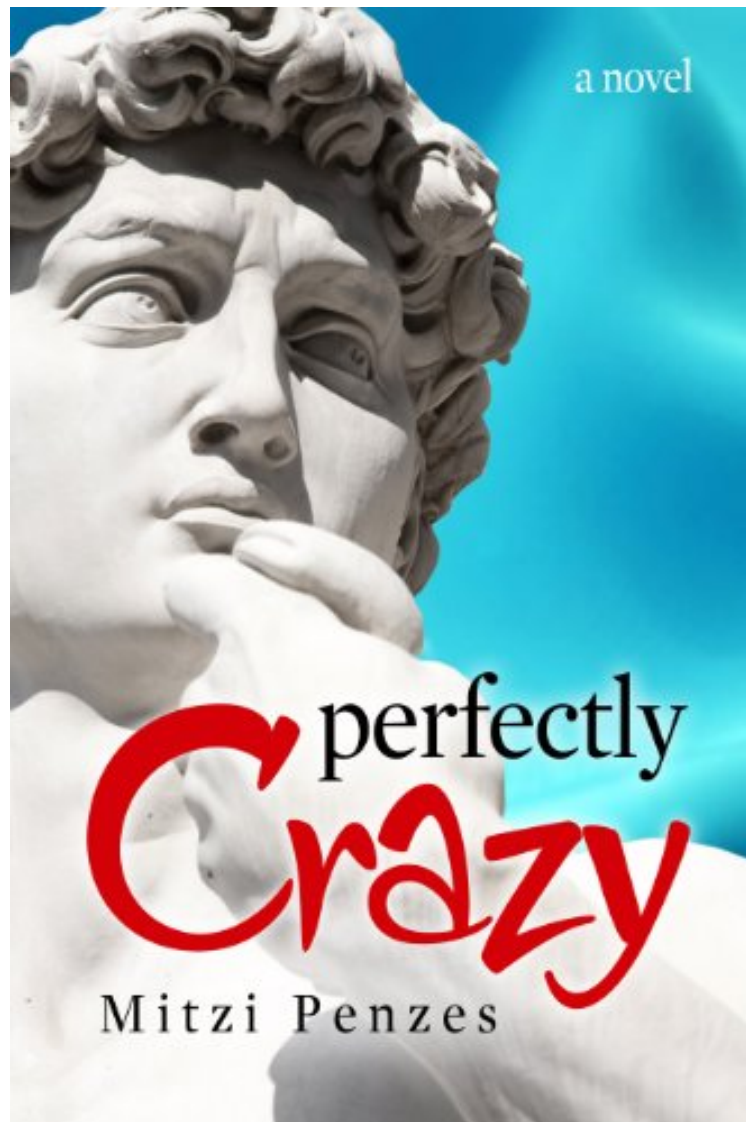


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Mitzi Penzes : Perfectly Crazy before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Perfectly Crazy:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Easy Read. By Cocktails and Books Review by Anne Nell is an amazing woman. She is beautiful, smart and friendly. She has a successful business and a large circle of friends from all over the world. She has a loving husband who is a surgeon, a teenage daughter and an older stepson who adores her and considers her his mom, she has it all. David is her best friend for 20 years they went to college together and he is very established in his career and also married but maybe not so happily as he finds feelings for Nell after all these

years. He is handsome, sexy and they share a kiss. The question is what to do and how to proceed for Nell? Through life's tough times and unfortunate circumstances Nell is left with some hard choices. Nell has a tendency to put everyone else's needs in front of her but her own. She needs a happily ever after but won't allow it because she is too worried about others. Luckily for Nell she has the friends that she needs and can steer her in the right direction. The book was an easy read and when Nell talked with her girlfriends you felt like you were there too giving support and advice along with them. You can't help but root for Nell's happiness. The characters were easy to follow and the ending lead to a happily ever after as we always want in a book.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful.

Crazy in love at any age: Mitzi Penzes' Perfectly Crazy

By Cristina Deptula

Mitzi Penzes' Perfectly Crazy buffets its mature characters with passion, throwing them into hotels and bedrooms and elegant world capitals with the energy and impulsiveness of teenagers. The tale follows the journey of two college best friends towards an unexpected liaison and eventual relationship, despite a few upsets along the way, and serves as a half-decent beach read. Several issues and side plots seem smoothed over in a hurry, which keeps the story tightly focused on the main characters' romance and thus very orderly and coherent, but seems unrealistic at times. That the main character's 16 year old daughter would handle her mother's sudden disappearance so maturely and basically raise herself so soon after another family tragedy strikes me as a bit of wishful thinking. What happens to Jack seems to be resolved fairly quickly too, as only a passing concern. We see a lot of passion and fun and energy from two carefree lovers finally able to release their passion...but everything that's not carefree and stylish (illness, grief, divorce, etc) gets brushed aside too soon. And the main character was friends with her lover's soon-to-be ex wife, and this friendship ended due to their affair. The novel seemed to quickly dismiss Julie and her struggles with some quick negative comments, all while attempting to celebrate female friendship...those complicated issues seemed glossed over without much explanation. I get it that a single novel can't deal with every possible thought or aspect of someone's life, but it feels weird to bring up the issues and relationships, then suddenly rush to drop the subject. David also seemed impossibly attractive and romantic...I would have liked to learn more about him to develop the character, possibly more scenes from his POV? What about his past, or his feelings about his career or failing marriage? We see a lot of physical passion between the male and female lead, but what about everything else that helps them bond as friends? The author tells us what those qualities are, but I would have liked to see the characters' bond illustrated and developed through scenes. Overall, the story's very consistently paced, could easily become a movie and sets a constant, fun, bouncy and peppy mood. This fits with the characters, as well-off fashion designers and business people, and with the sunny San Diego and stylish European capital settings. The subplot with the massage therapist is cute and adds a bit of needed unexpected twist to the predictable fairytale ending. And I enjoyed the minor characters more than the major ones as they seemed more individualized, and wanted to get to know them better. The medical and technical information added some variety and interest to the romance, and sprinkled a bit of reality and spice into the book. And I appreciated that the characters were older and actually not 20-something yuppies, although they seemed unusually well-off, energetic, perky and sexy for their age. The characters seemed to speak in long speeches, and certain major plot points were conveyed through dialogue although they seemed important enough to be shown through scenes. However, I enjoyed the nicknames and terms of endearment, even among adults. This, and other small touches, made the book fun and interesting.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

Ideal Hollywood story, lacking in some areas.

By OrbsnRings

The main character in this novel Nell seems to have it all, her own prestigious business a respected plastic surgeon husband, the perfect daughter and great friends. Nell suddenly seems to find herself passionately in love with her best friend David after a shared kiss. David who is also married decides he has always loved Nell and he feels he has to have her at all costs. When Nell's husband passes away in an accident, Nell now has no barrier and so her relationship with David deepens and they become inseparable. I feel the author chose the correct title for this book as Nell seems to have lost her mind. Throughout this story she struggles with her relationship with David so soon after her husband's death, yet it doesn't take her long to get over him. Although this story did lack morals and the conduct of Nell was out of character for a respected business owner. I didn't find this story unbelievable as many women especially those who come from affluent backgrounds seem to go through husbands like they are the next new fad. And I totally can see a woman like this leaving her daughter home alone to go off on her sexual rendezvous, yet not seeing anything wrong with it. I would not recommend this book to someone who is looking to read a story with integrity as they will be very disappointed and probably outraged. This book has infidelity, death, affairs, sexual content and not all necessarily in that order. I feel Perfectly Crazy did have some potential as the author had a good story going, but it seems to fizzle out and lack in the drama department. With the characters being interesting and the narrative moving so quickly this story would have worked well if it would have been told completely in the first person. I feel Penzes has some work to do and I am sure she can do better on her next book if she works on her weaknesses.

Sexy, stylish and successful, Nell always prided herself on her common sense. So why is she suddenly crazy for David, her married best friend of twenty years? With a single kiss, Nell's perfect Californian life turns upside down. All the safety of her well-adjusted marriage to a respected plastic surgeon and her growing fashion business pale in comparison to the passion experienced in that kiss. Can she go on as before, or will she make the biggest change of her

life? Will she face disaster and tragedy, or perhaps adventure and a second chance? Or possibly both? Find out from this fast paced book where the sceneries are changing as fast as the movies. Life is full of surprises and challenges that anyone would call perfectly crazy yet they may become reality one day. Or will they?

This book is an escapist, very fun read, but it also rings psychologically true when it comes to the complexities of love for successful women in today's world. --Frances C. Elliot
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