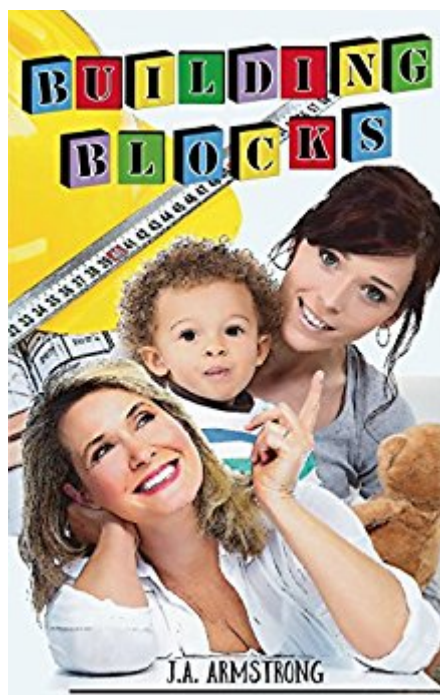


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Synopsis

It's often said that in life everything happens all at once. New York's new First Family is about to find out the meaning of that familiar expression. Just a few months into her first term as governor, Candace Reid already has a full plate. Managing the business of the State of New York is a challenge that requires creativity, intelligence, and infinite patience. And, that isn't the greatest challenge facing Governor Reid. With three grown children, and three grandchildren underfoot, the thought of becoming parents to a toddler would have seemed preposterous less than a year earlier to Candace and her wife Jameson. Now, the pair finds themselves juggling the demands of work, the issues facing their grown children, and the needs of their four-year-old adopted son Cooper. A devastating accident in the state, hurtful allegations, the meddling of distant family members, a health scare, and competing personalities will put Candace and Jameson to the test. As the storms of life rage and pass, Candace and Jameson must endeavor to find their way forward. To succeed, they will require patience, compassion, love, and laughter. Building Blocks for the future. Falling in love may happen in an instant, relationships and families are BY DESIGN, Building Blocks is the seventh installment in the BY DESIGN series.

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Customer Reviews

Welcome back Candace, Jameson, Cooper, Pearl and the Gang. JA Armstrong has once again delivered a great read, the only downside is that there is always never enough time spent with the Reid/Fletcher clan. Which might I add continues to grow. This time we share the highs of weddings, engagements, growing relationships with the lows of sudden trips to the hospital with a health scare for one of our much loved characters, then a second trip for another. Both have Jameson worried and in the second incident worrying what she did or didn't do that contributed to the accident. Marianne is slowly coming to terms with her grief and is asked to lead a grief support group by Scott. Shell and Mel make progress in their relationship much to the delight of all. Laura and Jonah have secrets from the past to deal with and Laura especially has a vindictive parent to deal with though there is also a reconciliation in the wings for her. Cooper and Spencer are delightful though they are only young they put the adults through their paces with a series of questions about relationships, parents, genies, and some provoking artwork with blue paint. Pearl is still Grandma to everyone and the rock that Candace has when things get rough, and get rough they do, personal and professional issues raise their heads and old wounds are opened, but will this allow them to finally be healed? Dark secrets revealed, old hurts revisited, past relationships visited and reconciliations happen, nothing is ever simple in the Reid-Fletcher household and their story continues to delight, enthrall and we welcome these friends old and new back into our lives albeit for a short time. Thanks again JA for giving us a glimpse of this remarkable family and sharing them with us. A great read and able to be read as a stand alone though I highly recommend that you start at the beginning. Why I hear you ask, well that's easy. BY DESIGN, one should always start at the beginning, this enables one to see the story UNDER CONSTRUCTION, whilst building a SOLID FOUNDATION for the characters and no matter how many ROUGH DRAFTS there are, there's always room for NEW ADDITIONS and even sometimes we revisit things for RENOVATIONS, which in turn allows us to continue BUILDING BLOCKS of the tale, though hopefully going forward there aren't any ROAD BLOCKS, that impact on the musings of our storyteller. Let's just wait and see what is to come. Enjoy these great stories.

This is an awesome book that is just as awesome as the series it is part of. It continues the lives of

Candace, Jameson and their family. This time we learn a lot about Candace and how she interacts with people, whether they be strangers, friends or family and whether the situation is bad or good. We get a really close look at how she interacts with family and the myriad of events involving The Three Stooges and Coop. We get to see how Candace copes with the stress, pressure and ever changing events of being Governor of the state of New York yet always putting her family first, most of all Jameson and Cooper. Nancy Ann Healy (JA Armstrong) again has written a book that lets you feel like you are sitting in the living room of the *Big White House* taking part in the family discussion. I highly recommend this series *By Design* to everyone. You will not be disappointed and just maybe you will learn some life lessons along the way.

I love this non-traditional family. They are nuts but so loveable and charming. I've always felt like I was going through what the characters were going through and watching up close how they live their lives. The characters are so real and you feel immediately attracted to them. I had tears of laughter at the innocent, and sometimes practical questions of the boys. Not only the mommies but also other family members have to deal with all the boy's questions. Cooper and Spencer have no way of understanding all the situations fully and that was hilarious. I like the easy open way that Spencer and Cooper converse. They were adorable. Not everything was sunny. Of course there was kind of family drama and also on the political side things went wrong. Someone tried to seriously harm their family. I hated that person, the son of a bitch with his deep-seeded hatred toward Candace. I felt so sorry for Laura. But through true love you can overcome everything and this family love each other deeply. I absolutely adore this series and again it was impossible to stop reading this fascinating book. This time the author made me extra happy with the length of the book.

Another wonderful story from JA Armstrong. Never disappoints. This is a full length novel of Jameson and Candace. Loved the extra length and the continuing story of their growing family. Very well written and I highly recommend

This was a great story in the continued saga of Candace and JD and their collective children and grandchildren as well as the intrinsic machinations and intrigue involving politics and behind the scenes backstabbing. The plot of the story flowed very smoothly and the characters were as usual well developed. Looking forward to the sequel!

The series started out great.....funny, warm, intriguing. Enjoyed the main characters. I feel like the story is wandering and I've seriously had enough of baby talk and the assumption that a child has the level of understanding and reasoning capacity described.

This book was great just like all the other ones I can't wait to read more from u very soon I hope they keep me coming back for more over and over again

This series just keeps getting better and better.I loved getting to know more about each character in this book.I shed a few tears and had plenty of laughs reading about this wonderful family.Roll on summer 2016 for the next book in the series.

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