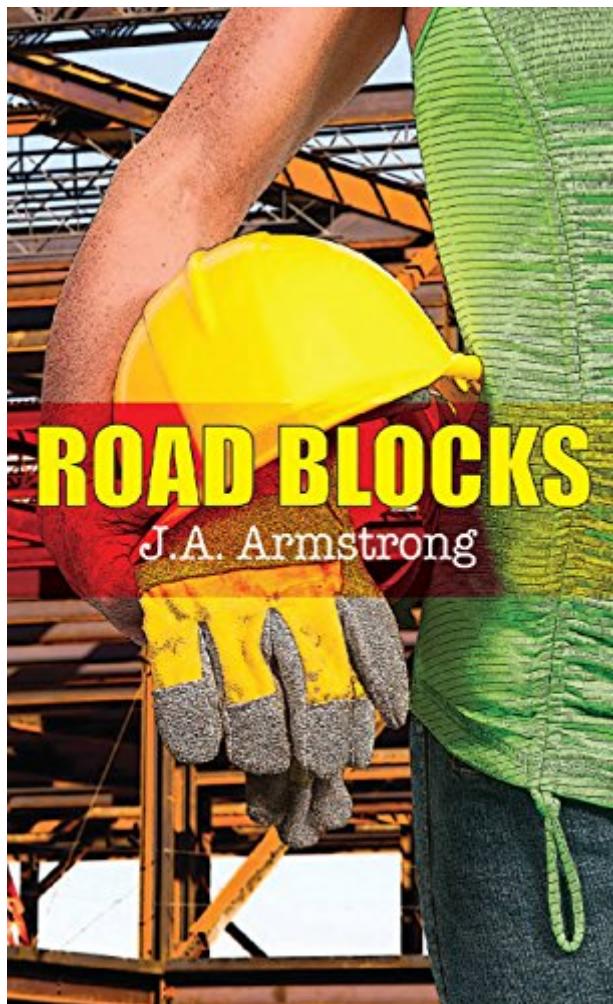


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Road Blocks (By Design Book 8)



Synopsis

Life for Candace and Jameson Reid is never boring. A budget fight with the New York State Legislature, a potential serial killer on the loose, four children, three grandchildren, and an upcoming wedding could test the patience of a saint. That is the typical organized chaos in Candace and Jameson's life. Now, Candace is under mounting pressure to decide whether she will seek the highest office in the nation. Competing priorities, the needs of children, dirty politics, and commitments to her constituents have Candace sitting on the fence regarding a possible run for The White House. As Candace wrestles with her decision, new relationships begin to take shape and old secrets are revealed. Some sage advice from Grandma Pearl, a minor melt-down from Shell, a fortune cookie of two, a spider on the loose, and of course, a bit of Bible Study all lead to one conclusion: "love is everything. For Candace Reid, the family she's created will be the guiding force in her decision. Candace is on the path to become the first woman in The White House, that is if she can navigate all the Road Blocks.

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Customer Reviews

Road Blocks continues the story of the Fletcher-Reid clan. While Jameson (JD) and Candace are the main characters of this series there are undoubtedly many other characters that are integral to the story as it plays out. One thing I find exceptional about this series with all the different characters and their stories, is the seamless transition of each one into the other. This is a series that with each installment you fall in love with the characters all over again as you discover something new about each one. And no matter the gender of the characters involved they represent each one of us so the By Design series can speak to anyone. Do yourself a favor read the first one and get caught up in the magic of Candace and JD (what's her middle name again?)

Family always comes first for JD and Candace and both would do everything for their family. Even if they drive them crazy sometimes. Outside forces always interfere with their lives and that makes their lives exciting but also enervating. Plus the children also need their attention. It's always fun watching them all together. The strong family connection will have you melting and wishing you were part of them. The dynamic between the family members is fantastic. As always the dialogues are sharp and flowed perfectly. I loved that we get a glimpse of one of the characters from another great series. A very pleasant surprise especially because she is one of my favorite character. Cooper and Spencer always make me smile and together they are the little stars of the story. I adore them both. This installment covers all what I love in a story; romance, love, loyalty, intrigue and terrific humor that had me laughing many times. Thanks J.A. for another excellent story and I'm looking forward to the next book in this series.

This is the 8th book in the series, and I honestly skimmed some of it, it felt like I'd read it before, possibly because it rehashes a lot of the same things the past books have. Will Candace run for office (no suspense there, she always does)? Then there's the family stuff, everyone is super supportive of each other and anyone who isn't directly related is still 'like my son or daughter'. This one also features Shell and Mel's wedding, and introduces two new characters that appear to also have their own stories, but I haven't read any of them. I can only give it three stars, not only is it repetitious, but it, like all of her other books, still badly needs an editor. There are wording mistakes in this one too, although thankfully I did not notice any of the 'your' for 'you are' that have appeared in other books. I know Candace's job makes for a lot of the side storylines, but I wish Jameson was giving more to do than just running around supporting everyone. Maybe in the next book, though I won't hold my breath.

This is the eighth book in the By Design series and the best one yet. It tells the continuing story of the Fletcher -Reid clan. This books focuses on the family . I love the interaction between Candace and Jameson and their children. Cooper and Spencer are adorable and sensitive little boys. It is full of emotion and feelings most of which I can relate to having gone through some of those feelings myself recently. Can't wait of the next two books in this series.

Another great chapter in this series, can't wait for the drama of the campaign trail. While Candace and Jameson are the two main characters, I really enjoyed that we got to see a different side of Marianne in this book, her character has really changed over the course of this series, and I like how she is not rushing things with Scott. I hope as the story continues that Alex and her FBI investigation into the serial killer is not forgotten, that along with Grant Hill, and two possible new grandchildren would give Candace plenty to think about other than a Presidential Campaign and of course Bible Study with JD.

I will never get tired of reading stories by JA Armstrong and this episode about Candace and Jameson hasn't changed my mind one bit. This episode is about all the family members, where their lives are right now and what are their thoughts on Candace running for President. Do they want her to run, don't they want her to run and what is the reasoning for their feelings. Candace has always put family first and running for President will change everything, especially for her, Jameson and Cooper. Will she declare her candidacy for POTUS or will she decide she wants to remain Governor of New York? You will have to read this wonderful story to discover that answer but you will love the story.

Loving this series; I highly recommend it! Road Blocks is a well-written, engrossing, romantic, deliciously seductive, heart grabber. Ms. Armstrong is a gifted writer and a splendid storyteller; she's fast becoming one of my faves. I'm eagerly coming back for more...I'm looking forward to the next installment in this series.

Ms. Armstrong has great humor and it's a joy to read her books. It's said that every time you write something down you leave a little bit of yourself behind. Love the whole family dynamics, the openness, sharing, love and the laughter. Don't think too hard about getting the series. It's so worth it!

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