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Lauri says

Did anyone notice that the title is A Soldier for Christmas and the guy is a Marine? I've read enough nonfiction to know that the sailors/airmen/soldiers/marines identify unique characteristics contained in the title.

Rachel says

I enjoyed this romance, but it struck me as too contrived from the beginning. The main female character is unrealistically engrossed in the failures of those who should have loved her in the past, and it seems the story could have been much shorter if she had trusted God with her future earlier. Hart portrays her as a faithful Christian, but Kelly spends so much time resisting the truths she's reading in her daily devotions. kind of frustrating.

Kate says

I can't remember a 'Love Inspired' book making me cry so much before! I mean, they're all sweet and gentle love stories, but this one . . . I think it was because much of the courtship between Kelly and Mitch was done in emails and phone calls. That was how my own long-distance courtship with my now-husband went. I thought as I read those emails between Kelly and Mitch that this is how courtship should be, really . . . a friendship growing through time and letters to become ever so much more . . . something strong, something that will honour God with its truth and purity. I agree with what Katherine said: "That's how it starts, you know . . . The real thing. True love. Happily ever after. It starts with being best friends." (page 214)

Molly Cline says

This was recommended to me by Good Reads because I had read some other Love Inspired books. This is apparently a 1st book in this series; however I guess this series has sections to it? and this is the 3rd section? I wasn't lost so apparently you don't have to read any books before it to understand what is going on. You can kind of see where the other books "May" give you some of the background on some of the secondary characters but nothing major to the story itself.

When this story started and up until about half way through I was going to give it a 3 star (nothing major good but wasn't boring) but then it seemed like the author just kept repeating what she was saying just rewording it and several chapters was the same. A little bit of the story would pick up here and there and then at the end it picked up and 'rushed' through the last three pages. So I couldn't help but take a star rating off. Will I ever read this again? Possibly but I won't be 'looking' for it. But I will continue with this series to see if the other books are better

Teri-K says

This started out like a pretty typical Love-Inspired, then the characters surprised me by developing interesting back stories and unexpected depth. It became the lovely story of the friendship between a damaged, slightly-older-than-normal, college student and a confident Marine. This kind of heroine doesn't always work, but this time she clicked for me. I could completely understand why she was trying so hard not to care. Sometimes you just can't take the idea of being hurt one more time.

I also loved the way their relationship grew, sometimes taking a step back, and that the two MCs actually spent time getting to know each other. By the end of this book I could believe they'd make a good pair.

A good Christmas treat. Nicely done.

Emily Grace says

I LOVED it Jillian Hart knows how to write!! It's a great Inspirational Romance in a great setting. I would defiantly recommend this book to any who love Inspirational Romances.

Karen says

OK, so this one made it to three stars with the tug at your heart stuff. It still ended way too soon. Kelly and Mitch had math class in high school together. They meet years later while Mitch is home on leave from service in the Marines and Kelly is just finishing up her degree.

Nellie says

This was a well written, inspirational romance. Very clean, and easy to read. I thought there was a lot of repeat in the fear of rejection, and not feeling good enough. But it ended well, and was a nice story of fear of rejection, and letting the past over shadow the future. I like this author, I just don't FEEL the intensity I like in a 4 or 5 star story. It was worth reading, and very clean so I'd give it 3 1/2 stars if I could. From the book: When the tall soldier entered the Christian bookstore, Kelly Logan nearly fell over. Could it be Mitch Dalton, the classmate she'd once had a crush on? Skinny Mitch had matured into a heart-stoppingly handsome man. And he wanted her to help him find a present for his mother. As they discovered the perfect gift, a friendship ignited. But friendship and a common faith was all it was. Mitch was leaving for the Middle East, and besides, after her tumultuous upbringing, Kelly felt relationships were hazardous. Yet, a lingering hope told her that perhaps God had special plans for them....

Veronica says

I really enjoyed this book. The characters were really great and had excellent chemistry. Mitch was the best. I would have given it 5 stars had the ending been a little less abrupt but overall the book was excellent.

Would like to read again.

Allie says

It can't be easy to write a romance where the couple spends more than half the story on opposite sides of the planet, but Hart did a great job. Although I do feel the ending was a bit rushed, I still loved the story. It was so moving, making me teary eyed more than once.

Jan says

i read this when it first came out. Then i discovered it yesterday on my haven't read shelf. So i read it again. I was marked with 5 stars and i still agree with the rating. I am married to a soldier and though we didn't follow the same path, there were some situations that i could relate to and hit very close to home.

Rosa Cline says

2 star

Anna Marie says

A letter-writing novel. With actual LETTERS in it. **YESSSS!!** One star, automatically!!

I don't know, but I'm very tired of Jillian Hart's lackluster modern heroines. The girl is cowed, talentless, meek to the point of dysfunctional, and beyond boring. Kelly just... has no redeeming qualities, whatsoever. She doesn't even have faith - she is positive there is nothing good in her future. Interesting, for someone in singles group at church, college fellowship group, and works at a christian bookstore.

We're told that she has shut herself off from love and can't let people near, but she's got a roommate that she is super close to, co-workers and customers that are more friends than anything else, and she's a surrogate family member of the McCaslin clan... so the premise of her 'deeply rejected soul' is such a croc, I can't even begin to articulate.

And yet somehow a guy with strength, talent, endurance, faith, and personality is DRAWN to this train wreck? Just because she's party?

Pick another book. Please. And make sure it isn't by Jillian Hart. Or if you're a letter-writing obsessed person like me, read this for the letters, but expect NOTHING else good.

Judy says

Read this for the 2nd time March 13, 2010 as part of the McKaslin Series.

Great book and gets you thinking of the men risking their lives for our country.

Lorraine says

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REVIEW:

Jillian Hart's story line really hit home with me. Having been engaged to a military man who was deployed to VietNam, I could really identify with Kelly's feelings as Mitch was serving overseas in war. The sweet e-mails they sent to one another brought back memories of the many letters that flew back and forth between my husband and I which we still have and are now re-reading. I liked the way that Jillian slowly developed the relationship between Mitch and Kelly and that she allowed Mitch to let Kelly who was filled with misgivings and sad memories develop her feelings at her own pace. This is not my first Jillian Hart novel and I always enjoy her writing.
