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Determined To Be A Dad Biology teacher Peter Gladstone may have lost his beloved wife, but the tragedy only strengthened his resolve to create a family. With a donor egg and a surrogate mom, Peter is sure to be a proud papa soon, thanks to the fertility specialists at Safe Harbor Medical.

Harper Anthony seems like the perfect choice for the donor. She's smart, beautiful and a great mom to her young daughter. The problem is, Peter has recently become reacquainted with the young widow and now sees her as a friend-or maybe something more than a friend. And Peter has chosen to keep his identity a secret. If the truth comes out, the consequences may threaten their budding romance. But only the truth can turn them into a family....

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**Sandra Chambers Cunningham says**

**Jacqueline Diamond . Is a great write.... Here is a highlight from the book**

I may have jumped to conclusions about your plans.” “Apparently so.” “I’m willing to listen, if you’re willing to talk,” Harper said. He hesitated. “Actions speak louder than words.” Was he upset with her? “I don’t understand.” He indicated a white wrought-iron bench. “Mind having a seat?” She complied, finding the bench comfortable despite its hard surfaces. Belatedly, she wondered if she should have checked for dust, but soiled clothing was the least of her concerns. Peter glanced at the sack. It was elegant, silver foil stripes alternating with textured white. Fancy chocolates? Harper wondered. But that would hardly account for his nervousness. “Brace yourself,” he said. “I’m sitting down,” she reminded him. “I guess that was more for my benefit than yours,” he said with an apologetic smile, and then he did something extraordinary. He went down on one knee. \* \* \* PETER DIDN’T REMEMBER being anywhere near this anxious when he proposed to Angela. His heart hadn’t stuck in his throat, and his pulse hadn’t sped as if he’d just run a mile. Of course, he hadn’t been worried that she might reject him, either. Seeing Harper in his house had transformed it into a place of new possibilities where they could raise Mia and their baby or babies-to-be, sharing decisions, supporting and encouraging each other. He needed her, and loved her so much that he couldn’t imagine her not feeling the same way. But there were, as Mia might say, no guarantees. Still, she’d come here, and there she sat, awaiting his next words with her lips parted and her eyes bright. What a unique spirit she had, this woman who had healed Peter’s heart. From the sack, he retrieved a velvet box and lifted the hinged lid. Sunlight caught the diamond, awakening its brilliant clarity along with the gleam of sapphires on either side. He wished he’d prepared more carefully for this moment. And that he saw more in her face than simple astonishment. Go for it. “Harper, will you marry me?” Peter asked. She swallowed. He let his thoughts spill out, unguarded. “I love you. Let’s make a home, you and me and our children. You can pursue your photography. I’ll handle the baby care. Well, as much as possible. And, um—” what had he left out? “—we can exchange the ring if you’d prefer a different one.” He hadn’t spoken eloquently, but he’d been honest. Was it enough? “The ring’s exquisite.” Her chest rose and fell. “But I know how much you want to move back East to be with your family. It might be hard on Mia to leave her friends....” The tip of her tongue flicked over dry lips. “Oh, heck, what’s so terrible about starting over?” “We’ll stay here.” Peter had no qualms on that score. “The point is to surround the baby with a loving family. If you’ll marry me, we’ll do that.” She leaned forward, her fingers tracing his jawline. “But your job’s making you miserable.” “There are other schools in Southern California,” he said. “And till I find the right one, I can put up with teaching P.E.” “What about your parents?” “They’ll adjust.” Peter gave a dry chuckle, still uncertain of her response. “When—if—we get married, do you suppose we’ll debate everything?” “We do both have strong personalities,” Harper said. “Is that a problem?” “Not if you’re saying yes,” he answered, and rubbed his cheek against her hand. “Frankly, I like hashing things out. That way, we reach solutions that suit us both.” “I love you, Peter.” Harper’s forehead touched his. “The answer is yes.” Around them, the world buzzed and hummed with joy. How lonely he’d been these past two years, and how easily Harper had lifted that burden. He was going to be her husband. And Mia’s father. And they were having a baby, too. Incredible. Peter kissed her lightly, which was the best he could manage from this position. Then he sat beside her and slipped the ring onto her finger. It was a little loose, but fixable. Harper nestled against him. “There’s a basketball court,” she said. “What?” Peter wondered if he’d misheard. Her laughter tinkled through the air. “Around the corner of the house. I couldn’t see it before.” Now he understood. “I’m full of surprises.” “You are, indeed.” Harper slid her arm around his waist, and they kissed again, for a long, thrilling time. When they reluctantly broke off, she said, “It might seem a little strange.” “What might?” Peter asked, too delirious to think straight. “There seems to be a trend toward pregnant brides.” She released a mock sigh. “But in our case,

we're having a baby that I'm not carrying. How will that look? Will we be snubbed by wedding planners?" "You could wear a padded pillow." "I just might." Harper rested her head on his shoulder. "Mia will love being a flower girl." He wrapped his arm around her. "I hope she'll love having a daddy." "More than you can imagine." Peter could imagine it. With Harper in his arms, he could imagine a lot of things. Most of all, a future full of happiness.

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## **Susan says**

Good book. Peter really wants to be a dad. He thought his dream was over when his wife died, but then found out it could happen after all. When Peter sees Harper's name on the egg donor list he feels she would be the perfect one to choose. He likes her and her daughter and would love his child to be like them. The problem is that she doesn't know that he's going to be the father.

I liked both Peter and Harper. Both had issues that were keeping them from having a happy future. Harper had lost her husband a few years earlier in an accident. He was a nice guy but she found herself giving up her dreams in order to pursue his. Now she doesn't want to be that dependent on a man again. She enjoys her life as a mom, a nurse and a photographer and doesn't want to give that up. She does want to give back and decides to be an egg donor to help some other family have the children they want. When she is chosen as a donor she is disappointed that she won't be involved with the new family but accepts it. At the same time she gets reacquainted with Peter, who had been a coworker of her husband's. She is surprised by how much she likes him and then by the attraction she feels toward him. When she finds out about his involvement in the program she is hurt and angry at first but they soon move past that. Harper is very independent and has no problem speaking up when something is important to her. She lets Peter know how unhappy she is that he kept the secret even though they are friends. I really liked the way that Peter was supportive of her photography and the way that they were collaborating on the book. I also liked the way that it brought them closer together. As much as she came to love Peter she also kept trying to keep him at a distance trying to protect her heart.

Peter was still grieving for his wife two years after her death. He wanted to follow through on their plans for a family. When he meets Harper again he is surprised by how much he is drawn to her. Finding her name on the egg donor list seems like fate to him so he chooses her, not thinking at first how that could affect their friendship. He thinks that if he keeps it secret she'll never know. As they start to work together on a children's book Peter finds himself thinking more and more about Harper and her daughter. But he also feels guilty about his growing feelings for Harper, and feeling that he is somehow betraying his late wife. I really didn't like the way he kept comparing Harper to his wife. He really couldn't see that Harper's upfront attitude and way of dealing with things was so much better than his late wife's passive-aggressive way of getting her way. He just didn't see that she always got her way. He has to make a decision about those feelings before he can take a chance on having a future with Harper.

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## **Yazmin says**

In *His Baby Dream* by Jacqueline Diamond, Peter Gladstone has not given up his dream of being a father, even after he lost his beloved wife two years before. But he doesn't want another woman in his life, he only wants children, so he will create his family thanks to a donor egg and a surrogate mom with the help of the fertility specialists at Safe Harbor Medical.

Harper Anthony is new on the egg donor website and she seems like the perfect choice. He can see his kids as a slightly different version than Mia, Harper's daughter. [Read More...](#)

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### **Amanda says**

Got this book from goodreads give away and I loved it. I will be looking for more books by Jacqueline Diamond. This book was a fast read for me because it was well written and flowed beautifully. Thank you Jacqueline for sending my book so quickly. If you ever need an idea for a book I would love to share my own personal romance story with you, LOL.

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### **Michelle Diez says**

It was a nice story to read. It did seem to drag on during certain sections of the book. There was a steamy section included in the book and then a very happy ending.

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### **Sue says**

This was fine... but great, worth recommending... it falls short. It was missing something but I can't quite put my finger on it.

Was it the heros' inability to let go of his late wife's memory? You can only beat that dead horse so long.

Was it her ability to "forgive" secrets too early... Here was a point that could caused a real "couple" issue and it was glossed over in a few pages.

Saving point, feelings around surrogacy were really fleshed out (Positives definitely, negatives - little info/feelings were presented... but this is HEA). Recipient and donor.

Angst at a decent level wasn't present... problems were resolved too smoothly, this makes or breaks a story in my opinion.

Rating 2.25

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### **Harlequin Books says**

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**John says**

I have loved this series and this a great addition to it

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