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Jeremiah Cortez thought he'd left the past behind him -- especially the part of his past concerning Phoebe Keller. Once she had stirred his world-weary soul. Now, years later, seeing the blond beauty again sparks dormant desires. But he has to push his emotions aside -- he has new ties that can't be broken.

Phoebe thought her feelings for Cortez were buried as deep as the artifacts she studies in her museum. An expert in Native American culture, she has her doubts when an anthropologist claims to have discovered a Neanderthal skeleton on a nearby reservation. But before Phoebe can pursue the matter, the professor in question turns up dead -- and the FBI sends Cortez to investigate.

Now, as the two delve further into the murder, they find themselves entangled in a world of conspiracy, deception...and a love more powerful than anything they've ever known.

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Kaycee ♥? says

Just wow. I loved it. Well written. I loved the characters, the storyline, everything. I was so impressed. As expected.

Three years ago Phoebe Keller fell deeply in love with Jeremiah Cortez. And she thought the feeling was mutual. But he broke her heart when she received a newspaper clipping about his wedding to another woman. No words. No explanation. Then circumstances involving murders occurred, a situation that forced them to work together closely.

sigh I loved Jeremiah. He's my kind of hero. He was one of the most unforgettable heroes I've ever read about. He was willing to sacrifice his own happiness for the sake of the people he loves. And when he got a second chance, he was willing to do everything to be with her and never let go.

Jenny says

Sexy, passionate and heartwarming. I adored this book! I can't believe DP wrote such sensual sex scenes. Sizzling hot!

Amanda Sheila says

Another good Diana Palmer I think.

Phoebe's been in love with Cortez since her years in college. At that time, Cortez promised her future together. Until one day he left and sent her a letter, with his marriage clipping in it! Heartbroken and alone, Phoebe went work at a museum. Three years later when she's involved with a murder case, Cortez's the one who investigate it. What will happen next?

I kind of liked it. I find Cortez's not that snob as Diana Palmer's Hero usually be. He's tender and surprisingly sweet. I just can't imagine a man with hair as long as woman's. Kind of freak me out.

Anyway, the angst's enough to me, even though I expect something more deathly, like Lawless. But so far so good. I loved Joseph! He's cute!

Anyway, definitely enjoyable to read and Diana Palmer's fan would loved it. :)

Chitra *CJ* says

Omgozzz!
So many feels.

I really really enjoyed this super sweet love story between curator/ archeologist Phoebe and Native Indian cop Cortez.

Sweet virgin, sacrificial hero, mild angst and years later HEA.

What I really liked was

- the hero remained celibate and didn't cheat during his marriage
- the hero heroine instantly connected
- there were mild trust issues but not stretched
- they really adored each other

A really well written one.

Safe read

4.5/5

Rachael says

A terrible book about an anthropologist and the jerkwad Native guy she loves for some unfathomable reason. He's an ass, she's stupid, and the whole thing is unbelievable and poorly written.

Christel says

Another Diana Palmer book that is not set in Jacobsville. This one is a murder, mystery, romance and pretty dang good too. This story is set in North Carolina near the Cherokee reservation there.

Phoebe has been in love with Cortez since she met him in Charleston. Cortez has the same feelings for her but he is afraid. Needless to say circumstances happen that lead them to be apart from one another. If I tell it gives away a major part of the story. Phoebe now is the curator of a museum just outside the Indian reservation. One day she gets a phone call from a mysterious man saying that he is an anthropologist and they have found remains at a construction site that maybe Neanderthal in origin. The next day the man is found dead on the reservation. Now it is a federal case and a new department will be coming in to investigate the murder. Cortez is that investigator. He is also 3/4 comanche Indian.

Just a really nice story. If I tell to much I will give everything away. But it was a good book to read

Jenny says

My favorite book of hers.

Alexis-Morgan Roark says

Another dollar book find!

Hero not as awful as some of her others. Still a jerk, though.

Wow! A Diana Palmer that didn't TOTALLY turn me off from the hero. Although, I wonder if it's because her previous heroes were such jerks that this guy was a prince among them?

I liked this book. I liked the characters and supporting characters, too. It was a quick, engaging, sexy read.

Speaking of sexy...the heroine's loss of her virginity was one of the sexiest scenes I have read to date. We're not talking erotica here, but it was a sweet, slow, seduction of the senses.

It made me want to be a BAV (Born Again Virgin).

Toni says

Having got a few chapters in I recall reading this sometime last year.

Its a story off a girl broken hearted, who moves away to a small remote town who has got a degree in anthropology, but she is currently working in a library to heal her broken heart running away from a romance that was cut short with no explanation. The man she was in love with and has never gotten over is a cherokee indian "Cortez" with long dark hair and much older than her. It is when the girl receives an anonymous phone call about neanderthal human remains on the reservation closeby that the FBI are called in which happens to be her lost love Cortez who she thinks deserted her having married another woman suddenly and without any explanation. She soon learns that the wedding was a farce and that her indian lover's wife was not in love with him, but his brother, who had been killed. She had been of white decent and was pregnant with a baby when her man died in an unfortunate accident.

Cortez the Indian is forced to marry this woman of his brother but she is so deep in grief she commits suicide within less than a year after having her child...

Its an amazing story which I was very happy to read fully a 2nd time and the ending is a happy one
I would reccoment this book without hessitation a love story with hiccups do read it

Jacqueline says

I keep telling myself I'm not going to try any more Diana Palmers but the local library is limited and I occassionally take them home. This was better than the others I've tried. At least he loved her the whole way through and knew it and wasn't an ass to her the entire time like is usual in Palmer's books.

The book was published in 2004 so I'm not sure why it was set in 1994 and 1997.

I liked the thing that kept them apart for the first 3 years. When they met again they got it out and explained pretty quickly but then kept regressing and having problems mistrusting each other's feelings which seemed odd since they seemed to be so open with each other about the said feelings.

The biggest weirdness was that this story took place over 1 to 2 weeks and the characters reacted and had conversations as if months were passing.

The suspense part was not real strong. If not for that driving the plot to happen so fast maybe the previous conversations would have made more sense. The bad guys were pretty bungling.

The best part was the strength of the hero's feeling for the heroine. He really seemed to love her and regret having to hurt her 3 years earlier and want to really protect and care for her. He really seemed to love her intensely.

(view spoiler)

SheLove2Read says

Cheesy plot ✓
20 something virgin heroine ✓
15 year age difference ✓
Eye rolling dialog ✓
TSTL (slightly) heroine ✓

Typical Diana Palmer cheesy goodness? ✓✓✓!

Andrea says

Overall this was a really good book. The only thing that this author does that puts me off slightly is her multiorgasmic men. Which in itself isn't a bad thing but if all her books contain multiorgasmic men it gets old. Now the plot in this book was great. There was danger, secrets, and romance. It caught my interest and kept it. I'd recommend this book.

Pat Cromwell says

One of Diana's best. Again, a tough heroine which man the insane alpha hero human.

Cheesecake says

Phoebe and Jeremiah. Jeremiah Cortez is better than the usual alpha-hole heroes. Sexy native american hotty fbi/prosecutor who is 13 years older than Phoebe. Three years ago she thought they were in love, until he sent her a newspaper clipping of his de facto marriage to another woman.

No letter. No explanation.

Phoebe is devastated and retreats to a small town job as a museum curator. Then Cortez shows up as the FBI agent sent to solve the crime of a murdered anthropologist. With him, he brings a toddler from his marriage ...and answers. Will the answers be enough for Phoebe? Will she be safe from the murderer?? (view spoiler)

Mostly this was a satisfying read. My only complaint is the silly misunderstandings in the last third of the book. They seemed obviously contrived to further the plot. For an MC that has no problem speaking her mind, Phoebe loses that ability in the face of animosity from a girl even younger than herself. (view spoiler).

But anyways, the ending is still sweet and satisfying.

Not my favourite audio reader. She is pretty good, but I find that she often makes her characters sound like they are about to break out laughing, and not when they should...

Julz says

2.5 stars

Still enjoy Diana Palmer but she certainly has some stinkers. This one wasn't *that* bad, but it wasn't great, or even really good. Maybe ok.

Blonde chick and hot Native American (with just a smidgen of Spanish in order to allow him to be called Cortez) are madly in love after two kisses and a snuggle. He off and dumps her for the most stupid reason (Di should've thought that one out more) and heroine goes nuts, whacking off her hair and moving to the boonies, never to touch a man again.

Out of every investigator in the US, our hero gets sent to her little ol' small town to investigate a murder on an Indian reservation (totally plausible, eh? And don't get me started on the H's shaman father!) and voila', they are all hot for each other again.

Our author definitely didn't invest much thought either into the whole murder mystery. I guess she figured we'd be too enthralled with the hot romance to care (*feh!*).

If you have nothing else to read (or listen to, like me), it'll fill the time well enough. But it's otherwise nothing special.
