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He set out to seduce her for all the wrong reasons -- but found himself falling in love with her for all the right ones.

Alex Knight is dead -- or so everyone thinks. A widowed logger baron with a risk-taking streak, he took on a South American engineering project and was reported dead after a rebel attack. So when he turns up back in Maine very much alive, his grieving family is shocked. But the biggest shock is Alex's, when he discovers he's now married -- to a woman he's never met.

Sarah Banks is ready for a change from running a quiet Bed & Breakfast, and working for the Knight family offers not only a bigger opportunity, but also the family life she yearns for. So she's glad to help secure custody of Alex's orphaned children, whom she's come to love, by marrying their father by proxy before he's legally declared dead. But when Alex returns, the sexy, determined woodsman upends all of Sarah's plans. Because suddenly she's married to a passionate stranger with an easy smile...and tumbling headlong into a fiery dance of seduction.

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Season says

This one was really cute. Everything fit in place really well.

Crista says

This book is the perfect 3 star for me. It wasn't great, it wasn't terrible, it was just ok.

My main gripe is with Alex. I just didn't like him. He was an arrogant, horrible, spiteful man who, in my mind, didn't deserve Sarah. The first three chapters where Alex learns that he's been unknowingly wed to Sarah and his treatment of her were enough to make my stomach turn. Why Sarah would look back onto their first "encounter" with anything but disgust is beyond me.

Although he spends the rest of the book trying to make things right, he still has "lapses" where he treats her rudely and badly. I find nothing romantic about that.

The kids were sweet and a nice addition to the story. I really liked Grady, Alex's dad, and wondered how such a wonderful man could've sired such a jerk! I also am intrigued by Ethan. However, he did show some tendencies to be a complete jerk like his brother so I think I'll contemplate whether or not to subject myself to the sequel "Stranger in His Bed".

I understand why this book would appeal to some, but it just wasn't for me.

Barbara says

Very enjoyable book.

Cheesecake says

OK well maybe not really 5 stars but it was a fun ride with humour, fun action, and romance... and no dull moments!

Alex is a woman-hating stick in the mud, who loves his kids

Sarah is a naive, plucky heroine who really does have heroic tendencies.

Alex shambles home after surviving 10 days in the jungle running from drug lords (er something like that anyways... it's not important). He envisions his family's tears of joy at his return. What he gets though, is a house empty of anyone except a suspicious lady who claims to be married to him... but doesn't know who he is.

There are good reasons for this and that all gets dealt with easily, but also with a few good chuckles from the reader. Now we have a couple who are married, yet strangers and alone together for the night until the rest of his family returns.

Their truce devolves precipitously to him kicking her (view spoiler) out of the house without letting her get a word in edgewise. I was livid!!!

But don't worry, he makes good and the rest of the story is them getting to know each other over a few weeks. It's a nice arc from him thinking the worst of her to him conniving how to keep her. Throw in the snarky brothers, conniving father and some evil smugglers and there's just never a dull moment in the Knight household.

Some people might be annoyed by her naivety but I thought it was explained away well. She grew up in a small island community where her parents died when she was still a teen, leaving her to fend for herself. That didn't go so well. She is now 29 and still a (view spoiler)

Safety is all good. (view spoiler)

Lady Raven RAVE! says

This was a good book for me sometimes Sarah made me get a are you for real look on my face but she was still likable along with Alex and the whole family, I am about to read the second book hope it is as good. This is the first read for me from this Author. I did like how the author incorporated her other romance novel in the story, the book Sarah was reading.

The only thing i don't like is that the story didn't need to be so many pages, i guess that's why some readers think some stories are being dragged out.

Gorgeous Nina says

I had a wonderful time reading this book, it was a very pleasant surprise to find this sweet treat of a very short series. I haven't started reading Ethan's and I am demanding the storys of the rest of the Knight family. Not fair miss Chapman totally not fair.

Running to see what happens to a lady who fired her Boss "snicker".

penelopewanders says

I had read a few other books by this author that came by as a ring like this one. I'm starting to think I'll duck out of the next one. I enjoyed the setting, winter wilderness with ice fishing scenes etc, and I enjoyed the references to the romance novels the heroine was reading, which were amongst those that I'd read. What I enjoyed far less were the actual characters, the mouse who is supposed to be a feisty heroine, the raving stereotypes - she can't drive or do anything technical, (going so far as to get welder's flash while changing a light bulb - and this after having apparently read the warning... puhleeze), he can't cook or think clearly anytime she takes a deep breath.... He's thrilled because she's teaching his little girl to cook and sew while

the little boy is handing tools to his uncles out in the garage... Ah well, there are so so many books out there, it's good to know I really don't need to read them all.

Astraycat says

At the beginning, I really hate the hero! His behavior is so ridiculous that I can't believe it. How can the heroine forgive him is beyond me. However, at the story goes, I begin to enjoy the reading.

Sydney says

I found this book off putting. There is no such thing as a Scarlett Johansson look alike sex kitten, who is obsessed with romance books, wants to have sex and is still a virgin. I could buy that she is attractive and likes the books but she literally begs a man she has known for a few hours to take her virginity after he acts like a jackass. NO! It is also established that she knows how attractive she is and knows how to flaunt it yet she was just waiting for some dick head to accidentally fuck her... I repeat NO! I also would like to point out that unless she has lost the use of her leg, Sara is fully capable of controlling her limbs and therefore pushing on a gas pedal without flooring it. She is an educated woman who has a highly successful business I think she can manage not to act like she is seizing whenever she encounters machinery.

Other than the sexist issues in this book, it was also boring. There was barely a plot. The bad guys only showed up momentarily when Alex needed to act like a cave man. 80% of this book was Sara cooking/cleaning.

Jody says

This is the first of Janet Chapman's books I have read. I have seen many of her Highlander books and got curious. I think I picked this one up because it such an interesting premise. What if you married a man who was presumed dead but then was really alive? Do you stay married? Do you Divorce? This is what happens to Sarah Banks. Sarah grew up taking care of others at an Inn on Crag Island. She also took care of her father and married a gay man. She finally becomes the housekeeper for the Knights only to be talked into marrying the oldest brother, Alex, who is believed to be killed by South American Rebels. When he shows up, Sarah and Alex aren't sure what to do. Alex is sure Sarah is a gold-digger like his first wife and throws her out in the middle of the night. After apologizing, Alex is not only attracted to Sarah but begins to fall in love with her. Sarah is afraid to let herself really care for Alex. This is a good solid romance. I can't wait to read the companion book about the brother Ethan.

Booklover says

This book was awesome, totally adored the book such a wonderful heart warming characters, the plot is gr8 and even the funny scenes are good

Sarah Banks's husband died leaving her nowhere to go. She worked at his family's bed and breakfast, where she met the Knight family. She is now living with them in Maine as their housekeeper and caretaker for Alex

Knight's children, Delaney and Tucker. Alex has been in Brazil for three months working as an engineer in the jungle. Eleven days ago his family was told that he had been killed. Grady, Alex's father, asked Sarah to marry Alex by proxy in secret and to adopt Delaney and Tucker to prevent Alex's deceased ex-wife's family from taking the children.

Sarah never expected to meet her handsome husband and Alex is shocked to come home to find Sarah there. He has no idea what to make of this gorgeous stranger he is married to. Sarah and Alex are very wary of each other and even after a night of shared passion, they struggle to make something of their relationship.

The Knight family, are good, genuine people and their lakeside home is peaceful and charming. Alex is ruggedly handsome and somewhat domineering, but Sarah knows just how to handle him. She is gorgeous, sweet and strong willed. Although it does take Alex and Sarah a while before they give in to their hearts' desires

Liked everything about the story, the relationships between all characters may it be between Brothers, sarah-children-Sarah-Father-in-law , aleax-sarah all of them were gr8 and they bonded nicely , really liked the fact how Alex when accepts that Sarah is a good woman and he loves her, he starts his seduction will not give away any spoiler go n read it

Sarah's driving and Alex's curses dear lord i laughed so hard, then the book that Sarah reads and Alex intervenes when she is at a interesting pointit was a gr8 book

Definitely a keeper
Recommend it

PepperP0t says

Sheltered housekeeper and future entrepreneur Sarah Banks longs for her own business, children and to live her life like one of the merry widows in her romance novels. Marrying her employers deceased son by proxy and adopting his children seemed to be the perfect solution since she wouldn't have to have a husband she didn't want. That is until father, engineer and widower Alex Knight came home after being presumed dead. But he has no intention of marrying again either. After quite the rocky start with miscommunications, misunderstandings and rash actions by both Alex and Sarah, this emotionally damaged couple began to find a way to each other.

Having never read this author I had no expectations of this read, but I was immediately interested in these characters and excited about this journey. The writing style, characters, plotting and storyline were all done well although the story itself was formulaic. I couldn't stop smiling at Sarah, who had no real life experience and based her actions on fictional heroines. She was even funnier when she wasn't quite certain how to fit arrogant alpha Alex into the role of romance novel bachelor hero. Just like one of Sarah's novels, Alex and Sarah had a very cute courtship and I enjoyed their good-natured bickering in addition to the close-knit atmosphere provided by the secondary characters. Although there was always the possibility that the children would become "too cute" and the characters themselves were rather thin, all of the family members added their distinct personalities to provide a sense of fullness to the story. As the couple learned to fall in love and support each other as a family unit, they discover someone is systematically trying to ruin Alex's family's home and business which adds both a bit of suspense and mystery to an otherwise straightforward romance. This light, easy read is perfect for a rainy afternoon.

? Sassy ~ Amy ? says

Part of a series, but it can be read as a stand alone book. I have read all JC books and thought they were great. This series was one I did not have, so I bought them & Low and behold... here I am.

The book was great, but I absolutely HATED Sarah.

Sarah - Beautiful, busty blond... I cannot stand weak women & she seemed very pathetic. She was obsessed with TV & her romance novels. I know people like that, and they are just WEEEIRD!! So I put her in this category. ALSO, this has one of those classic scenes where she thinks she's dreaming, ends up having sex with a sleeping guy for him to wake up at the end & throw her out because he can't believe it happened, only for him to really want her back & shortly there after find out she's pregnant. Shocker there! (NOT!)

Otherwise, Alex is the Hot eldest hard working logger son of Grady who was believed to be dead only for 11 days & his dad Grady decided he should marry him by proxy to their hot house keeper, so Alex's ex-in-laws would not sue for custody of Alex's 2 children. He finds Sarah HOT and then obviously decides he wants to keep her. He decides he needs to seduce her to get his way. She thwarts all his efforts by being blunt & no matter what he says to complement her, it seems to backfire.

Yes absolutely, there are some cheesy moments in this book where you have to laugh & say "WHATEVER!" but the good far out weighs the bad. I think the little side story of strangers in the woods was also just thrown in there, but hey. It can't all be about a fickle girl in a fantasy world... Hey! I read, but real is real. I wish I could pick the alpha male in my book to marry, but I don't think "hmmm... what would so and so do in my place"...

mad4rombks says

Re-read.

Susan says

Another fantastic book by Janet Chapman, full of her trademark humor, heat, and family. Alex has been away in South America working as an engineer. Unfortunately, he was caught in a rebel attack and reported to his family as being killed in the attack. Imagine his surprise when he makes it out of the jungle and home again, to find himself married to a woman he's never met.

Sarah grew up on an isolated island where she ended up running her family's B&B after her parents' deaths. She also married quite young to a bully of a man. After his death and that of her mother-in-law, she was very happy to accept Grady Knight's offer of employment as housekeeper and nanny. Quickly growing to love the family, she was happy to marry the deceased son by proxy to protect the children, gaining the children she's always wanted without the inconvenience of a husband. Alex's surprise resurrection plays havoc with her plans - and her emotions.

The first meeting between Alex and Sarah was funny and a little heartbreaking. Alex's confusion over being confronted by his "wife", and held at bay by gunpoint, had me chuckling, while Sarah's fear at being confronted by a wild-looking and angry man made me ache for her. With the rest of the family away, Alex and Sarah are left to deal with explanations on their own - with the help of some whiskey-laced lemonade and the resulting poor decisions. One romance novel inspired dream results in an alcohol-enhanced passionate encounter, and equally passionate regrets a short time later. Alex makes a first class idiot of himself, shouting wild accusations and kicking Sarah out of the house. I loved his father's reaction when he showed up in the morning and how he made Alex feel like the jerk he was. All Alex has to do is find her and convince her to come back so that they can then figure out what to do. I loved that Sarah didn't make it easy for him, setting the tone for the development of their relationship.

I liked both Sarah and Alex. Both have been hurt in the past, making each of them reluctant to marry again. Finding themselves married to each other is not what either wants, but they have to let it play out for a little longer. Alex is actually a pretty nice guy, a terrific father, and feels guilty for the way he treated Sarah. He'd really like to change her opinion of him, but he'll have to get her to trust him first. That's going to take a little doing because he has a hard time keeping his hands off her. Sarah doesn't have much in the way of life experience, having been isolated for most of her life. She tends to base her thoughts and actions on the characters in the romance novels she reads, which gets her into trouble when Alex doesn't quite fit that mold. I found it especially amusing that the romance novels that Sarah quotes are other books that Janet Chapman wrote. I laughed out loud at this: "He's not even real," Sarah ground out "He's the figment of some demented woman's imagination."

I thoroughly enjoyed the development of Alex and Sarah's relationship. Both of them get a great deal of enjoyment out of pushing each other's buttons, creating sparks of all kinds. Sarah is determined to resist the attraction she feels for Alex, fearing the loss of her hard-won independence if she gives in to him. Alex quickly realizes that he doesn't want to lose her, and tries to seduce her into staying. I also liked how quickly Alex came to understand Sarah and what made her tick. She was an intriguing mix of naïve and worldly. I ached a bit for her cynicism over the way men treat her and her wish for a romance hero of her own. From driving lessons to ice fishing, so many of their encounters had me laughing out loud because they didn't go the way they expected. But there were also some really sweet times, such as the way that Alex cared for Sarah when she was injured and Sarah insisting that they accept her help when it's needed. An unexpected complication gives them extra motivation to work things out, but even that isn't enough for Sarah if Alex can't convince her that he really cares. I loved the ending, as both of them finally take the risk of confessing their feelings.

There is also a bit of suspense running through the book. Strangers in the woods and vandalized equipment have everyone on edge. I loved Alex's protectiveness toward Sarah when she runs afoul of those strangers. But it is Sarah who saves the day in an intense, though somewhat amusing, rescue mission to keep Alex from walking into a trap.

The secondary characters are terrific, too. Alex's kids, Tucker and Delaney are adorable. Tucker is the little boy who is thrilled to have Sarah as his new mom. Delaney is Alex's eleven-year-old daughter who is smarter and more observant than he realizes. I loved some of the things she said, and the way she helped take care of Sarah. Alex's father, Grady, is something of a schemer. He has multiple plans goings, most of which he keeps to himself until he's ready to spring them on the family. From the sports camp to the mill, he has his reasons. I also liked Alex's brothers, Ethan and Paul. There is plenty of teasing, but the love and support are also evident. There's a bit of a teaser for the next book, with a contentious encounter between Ethan and the mill foreman (forewoman?).
