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Flynn Rammage knew Hether Devany shouldn't forgive him for the way he'd left her. But now he needed her more than ever. The sexy single Dad had just been given custody of his young son, and the boy needed a mother's love. And Flynn wanted Heather in his life-and his bed... Heather wasn't interested in Flynn's arrogant proposals-she'd been hurt too badly before. But she couldn't deny the urge to hold Flynn's son close to her heart. And she couldn't ignore the passion that still smoldered in Flynn's eyes...

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MJ4S says

This book was pretty outdated in some respects, but I found it a quite nice read, anyway. I also liked that the heroine took a stand for herself and that the hero had to grovel to get back into her good graces. I really enjoyed reading it.

Kay says

4 Stars ~ The story opens with Flynn worrying how he was going to win back the heart of the woman he had brutally dumped eight months ago. He'd been in a bad place after a bitter divorce and Heather had reached out to comfort the deep pain within him. She'd offered her love, he'd taken it and then he'd smashed it by coldly ending their brief affair. Away in Saudi Arabia, Flynn had come to terms with his bitter divorce and losing custody of his son. He also reflected on his time with Heather and realized she hadn't deserved that treatment, especially when she'd given her heart openly and so passionately. She'd haunted him. When he's called back to the States as his ex-wife relinquishes custody of their son, Flynn comes to realize what a fool he's been over Heather. But Heather doesn't want anything to do with him.

He'd known she wouldn't run back into his arms. He'd told himself to be realistic. But for the first time, Flynn faced the reality of the task that lay ahead of him. He'd burned her badly, and she wasn't going to willingly risk returning to the source of the fire.

This is a very early Krentz romance, not as polished as her better known works, but very enjoyable none the less. Flynn is a typical 1980's alpha hero, intent on getting his way and battling with his own impatience when he realizes he's too gung ho. Heather's not sure whether she can trust her heart to him and though she holds tough to her shields, she can't ignore the sincerity of Flynn's regret on how he'd treated her. I love a good alpha hero grovel and in this one, the hero finds himself constantly having to do so. Fun read.

Izzie d says

What I liked about this story is the hero Flynn has come back to redeem himself so rather than him constantly hurting the heroine, Heather as is often the case, he is trying to make things up to her after he left her months ago.

So he admits he loves her but he has to prove it and what he thinks is a good plan to show her, often backfires as he is still arrogant and hasn't really thought about how much he hurt her.

StMargarets says

Oh, boy. I really didn't like this. It's probably not fair to give it one star because it's not horrible, horrible. But the hero raised so many red flags for me and then the author threw in unnecessary suspense at the end and the whole thing left a bad taste in my mouth. I know this is early Jayne Ann Krentz, and readers love her, but this did not stand up well.

It begins promisingly enough with the construction company owner hero groveling. Seems he dumped the secretary heroine 8 months before when he went to Saudi Arabia for a construction project. He was not only running away from her but was in a rage from his ex-wife who got custody of his three year-old boy.
(view spoiler)

The heroine rented her furniture in the past(?) and now has nothing in her fixer-upper that is probably structurally unsound. A perfect metaphor for their relationship.

Erin Burns says

Why on Earth did I used to adore this book?

Vanessa says

Flynn Rammage hurt the innocent Heather Devany eight months ago when he told her their affair had been fun while it lasted, but it was now over and please don't make any scenes at work. Flynn was planning on taking a job overseas and he was finished w/ making Heather pay for what his ex-wife had done to him. Heather was hurt when Flynn broke it off w/ her as she had opened herself up to him and thought there was more there b/w them. Soon after he leaves for his overseas trip, Heather leaves the job as well. Over the next 8 months, Flynn had been trying to locate the absent Heather and beg for forgiveness. He now realizes that what he had kicked aside is what he had truly wanted; only he was still dealing w/ anger and resentment because his ex-wife had hurt him so much by taking his young son from him.

Flynn truly believed that he should have things his way and he continued to push for that throughout the story. He didn't like it if he felt that Heather was trying to find reasons to resist him either. Flynn thought he should explain himself once and that should be it. Heather should then accept the status quo and go from there. His constant bullying got tiring, but Heather's pull/push was just as annoying at some points. It would have been nice if there truly was OM on the scene to give Flynn something to truly go up against. There were some clichés about divorced men having baggage, looking for a caretaker for their children, or women dinging up the prized vehicle – seriously that didn't even sound like her fault, but he still blamed her. LOL! It was a quick engrossing read that kept you interested. The added character of a stalker/villain was

unnecessary and I would have liked it better if Flynn hadn't been so overbearing in his my way and only my way stance and Heather had to her guns a bit more. BUT I have to say a guy who loves his child as much as Flynn did his and was willing to admit his flaws and explain himself as Flynn did seemed like a pretty decent H IMHO. Don't get me wrong, Flynn is not perfect and he does snap and snipe at Heather when pushed, but he realizes what he did immediately and apologizes. Heather doesn't seem to dwell on it much either and she is by no means perfect either.

Booklover says

Enjoyed the book but would have loved it if Flynn was not so bullying, liked Heather, she did not fall in bed immediately with Flynn made him work for forgiveness and win her back, the stalking thing was unnecessary, still it had me glued from pg 1 till the end wanted to know what happens next

Overall a good read, this was my first book by this author definitely not the last
Recommend it

Farah says

I enjoyed it but the book felt very undeveloped , it lacked a few touches here and there that would have made the story more solid. The plot is actually grabbing and the characters are intriguing but the end result was a bit on the lacking side. Heather was a nicely constructed heroine , she's sweet , understanding and kind. Flynn had his annoying provocative moments but he always redeemed himself just seconds later , he admits his mistakes and does his best to make things right. The problems I had with this book was with Flynn's son Jeremy , their relationship felt forced and lacking , there wasn't enough scenes with the son and he didn't seem to fit right in the story , also Heather's relationship with Jeremy was too awkward and also felt forced. The villain at the end didn't quite fit with the story and was kinda of anti climatic , I expected something a whole lot different especially when Flynn's Porsche was hit , I thought we'd end up with a stalker villain or someone a bit more threatening but that wasn't the case. I liked the book but it had potential to be much better than that.

Renana says

so bad it made my teeth ache... stupid spineless heroine and horrible chauvinistic male lead. I did not relate to either. The plot and dialogue were ridiculous.

Maria says

Dated but still classic Krentz.

Joy says

Flynn is determined to win Heather's forgiveness and her heart. If he has to, he will use his little son as bait.

The use of Stephanie James, an early pen name of Jayne Ann Krentz, indicates the characters will be dated. Granted, the stupid decisions made by her characters are realistic for real life romance. The plus side is the way Heather steps up in a crisis. Krentz has had from the start a knack for lively scene-writing.

rivka says

2.5 stars

Maria says

One of my favorite Stephanie James, this one was published in 1986 and shows a growing maturity in Ms. Krentz's writing. Flynn Rammage is her usual tough male while Heather Devaney is a bit softer than her women usually are. With her usual flair for authenticity, Ms. Krentz portrays Flynn's practice of parking his Porsche as far away from other cars as he can, showing that she understands the male mind in a way that I rarely see in the other authors I read. My one disappointment was that there were very few scenes with Flynn's four-year old son, Jeremy. He was adorable.

Sue says

I devoured these books in my teens. They are short reads with minimal love scenes, which was why I was allowed to read them. Stephanie James wrote a bunch of them. This one is pretty good, except the hero, Flynn, acts like a total douche a lot of the time, and his love interest, Heather takes it, somehow reasoning his doucheness is her fault. This book was published in 1986. Have women changed that much since then? I sincerely hope so!

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

jerk
