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## From Reader Review The Blackmail Baby for online ebook

### Treece says

Rating: 2 stars

Not one of PJ's best efforts. The h was weak-minded, naive and childish and under no circumstances could I understand what the H saw in her. One of those types when things go wrong, her first reaction is to run away and not talk it out. In very Lynne Graham fashion, there's a vile relative doubling as an OW throwing shade all over the possible romance between the H and the h. Why the h willingly believes a woman who never liked her is beyond me. Of course, the angst that ensues is rife with misunderstandings galore that become tiresome. Finally, the reason why the H "woos" the h into coming back after she stupidly runs away on her wedding day (why not run away BEFORE the wedding?) is lamer than a duck a la orange post-Christmas. The H should not have allowed a dead man to ruin his life. Or just told the h to grow up and the OW that if she didn't leave him and his wife alone, he was going to file harassment charges and use that to cut her off.

I forced my way to the ending, got through it and was glad to be done. Hence, the reason it took so long for me to finish. Can't say if this one had potential to be improved or what.

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### Diamond says

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### Azet says

I have enjoyed all books i read by Penny Jordan, but "Falcon's Prey" and "Shadow Marriage" are my all time favourites by her because they have the powerful epic element of romance...

whilst "The Blackmail Baby" missed it.

But i love the romance in this one and the strong characters. Imogen and Dracco are both strong-willed characters who both love each other with a passion, while also hiding it throughout the story.

'You know why, I had promised your father, and I agreed with everything he had said. You were too young. I knew for your own sake I had to let you go. Not that I ever really did,' he admitted. 'I kept tabs on you the whole time you were in Rio, and when you came back---'

'You rejected me when I tried to tell you I loved you,' Imogen interrupted him sadly.

'Imo, I hated myself for the way I'd forced you into my bed, and because I wanted so much more from you than just sex. Too much more,' he groaned. 'Everything, all of you, just as I wanted you to accept and love all of me.'

The sexual tension is all around between them, but I so wish Imogen hadn't misunderstood him on their wedding day four years ago. Dracco doesn't behave cruelly towards the heroine like most PJ heroes are, he did blackmail her, but all he was doing was to fight for her, and make her love him.

They undeniably loved each other and I was so happy when ALL the misunderstandings were finally cleared and they had their HEA!

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### **Jasbell76 says**

Very emotional, it made cry a lot. I need to reread it ;)

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### **KC says**

[After her witchy stepmother informed Imogene that Dracco loved someone else, she didn't demand further clarification but instead fled without a word to Dracco after their wedding ceremony. Her belief had been confirmed when Dracco agreed that he loved "someone", not realizing this someone was actually herself. (hide spoiler)]

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### **Riz says**

#### **3.75 Stars**

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### **Chitra \*CJ\* says**

"The Blackmail Baby" is the story of Imogen and Dracco.

So, the trope is

-A super naive and tsfl heroine

-An angry and dominant hero

-Crazy stepmother

And I think you can guess the rest of the plot?

I mean why do I torture myself with the Harlequins, only my psychiatrists know - but they are my guilty pleasure even though most ones like these give me heartburn.

*rant*

Who listens to bitch of a stepmother and runs away from love of their life? Who says I'm mad about you but the minute the heroine asks, oh no it's just sex? WHY WAS EVERYONE LISTENING TO LISA THE EVIL CRAZY BITCH? Why is nobody behaving like an adult?

That being said, I give this the stars because

1. Dual POV
2. Hero in love
3. They respected their marriage vows during separation

Safe  
1.5/5

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### **Melanie♥ says**

Meh. The misunderstanding that the whole book was based on was just silly.

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### **Debbie DiFiore says**

Okay this story made me want to scream. The heroine is such an idiot and believed her evil stepmother and ran away on the day of her wedding. She was gone two years living in a convent and I felt so sorry for the H. I don't say that very much but he really deserved better. He loved her so much he waited for her to come back and watched over her from afar. When she came back, his loving personality went into hibernation and he became Dr. Jekyll, or wait is that Mr. Hyde? Whatever it was it sucked big time. Instead of communicating with her and telling her how much he loved her, he blackmailed her into having a baby with him. At this point, I was ready to throw the Kindle and just dnf it but I persisted. And then after they make love and she declares her love for him, Mr. Hyde, or wait is that Dr. Jekyll, tells her it was just sex and not love. OMG. I was like where did that come from? It just went down hill from then on. At page 171 I realized they were both total morons. When the almost explanation was happening he gets a call and leaves saying we will talk and then it takes 17 more pages (because Harlequin Present Paperbacks are always around 188 pages of course) for us to get the HEA and the final explanation. Of course she is pregnant and they all live Happily Ever After. I just hope the baby isn't in the parents end of the gene pool. What idiots they were!!!! I gave it two stars because he was celibate and they mentioned a convent. I love those things.

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### **Jenny says**

Another classic by the flawless Penny Jordan. New Harlequin \*debut authors cough cough\* could take a lesson from her.

Imogen is a naive innocent teenager. She has a huge crush on her father's protégé Dracco. She is pining for him, she worships and adores him. What she doesn't know is that Dracco adores her as well. He knows he can't have her cause she is so young but he can't stop loving her. Plus Imogen's father makes him promise to keep this love a secret until Imogen matures and is ready for a relationship.

When she is 18 her father dies and Dracco proposes marriage as the only way to protect her and her inheritance. On the day of her wedding her liar scheming stepmother Lisa tells her that she and Dracco are having an affair. Our naive heroine believes her and runs away to Rio.

Four years later heroine, who is now a charity worker and works with nuns, wants her inheritance back so as to donate it to a charity for street children in Rio. Dracco is willing to give her the money but only if she agrees to remain his wife and have his baby. Imogen accepts but things get complicated when her evil

stepmother is back to seduce Dracco and Imogen finds out she is pregnant.

Wonderful love story. I adored both characters. Heroine has old fashioned values and she is a dreamer. She never stopped loving her husband and she can't let him go. Hero is also smitten and obsessed with Imogen. There isn't anything he wouldn't do for her! And guess what both H/h respect their marriage vows and they actually remain faithful to each other. Groundbreaking!

Loved the epilogue and Dracco's gift to baby Alexander. He has a heart of gold and so does the heroine! Heartwarming romance!

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### **StMargarets says**

May/December, runaway bride, epic series of misunderstandings that hinge on the way a question and answer were worded right after their wedding ceremony.

Now, four years later, the h is back and wanting her inheritance so she can give it away to the orphans in Rio. She has been living there and helping the nuns while she licked her wounds. The hero sees his chance for reconciliation and blackmails her into baby-making for 2 million pounds to be given directly to the nuns.

Heroine agrees. They move into her childhood home and begin a physical relationship. Since we get the hero's point of view we understand why he isn't confident that this is the path to winning the h's love. The heroine has problems of her own. The evil stepmother is still around insinuating she's having an affair with the hero.

When the heroine finally gets around to telling the hero what lies the step mother told on their wedding day, the hero has to rush off to save the orphanage land from speculators and doesn't stick around to clear up the heroine's misinformation. Taking his lack of denial as confirmation, the pregnant heroine bolts for the airport.

Hero realizes his tactical error when he returns home and finds it empty. Heroine changes her mind when she sees a child saying goodbye to her father at the airport and realizes she doesn't want to do that to her child. They finally clear up the misunderstandings. HEA.

Just a nice PJ story. The hero was besotted and the heroine too young and naive to see it. I was glad she elected to do something with her life and help others when she left the hero.

PJ checklist:

Sponging - 0

Quivering - 0

Fainting - 1

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### **iamGamz says**

A Penny Jordan classic that I read ages ago. Upon re-reading I realized that I could sum up this book in one

word "angst".

Imogen and Dracco have loved each other for ever. But due to a misunderstanding and a promise Dracco made to her father, they each believed that the other did not love them.

Four years and a lot of angst later, a simple conversation between them clears up all the misunderstanding and brings the truth to light.

A great, painful story whose moral is that couples should communicate with each other!!!  
Thank you Penny Jordan for that wonderful life lesson and you are missed.

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### **Chantal ❤️? says**

Wow what an awesome story. He was jealous and loving. I can't believe she could not tell he was crazy about her. Come on did he have to wear a sign? Sweet and loving.

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### **Kaycee ❤️? says**

**The Blackmail Baby** is your typical read where both the hero and the heroine were in love with each other but too afraid to say it. But in this book, it's pretty much understandable especially on the hero's side. Dracco was a lot older than Imogen. And he also promised his mentor and Imo's father that he will wait for her to be ready and that his feeling will never change no matter how long it takes. And it took him four long, lonely years.

Dracco's swoon-worthy hero. He's a perfect combination of alpha and domineering, and sweet and protective. He's willing to do anything to have her in his life even if to the point of blackmailing her. And as for our heroine, Imo, I couldn't blame her for running away after thinking that Dracco loves another woman and that he's only marrying her for financial gain. I guess they needed the time to be away from each other especially Imogen. She needs to grow up first and experience life.

Seeing these two trying to give their marriage a second chance albeit all the drama was truly wonderful and satisfying read.

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### **Sophia Triad says**

Dracco is definitely the sweetest character. He will give some breathing space to Imogen to grow up and understand his feelings.

He definitely has made many mistakes but they don't compare to Imogen's naivety.  
All the misunderstanding will be clear in the end when a baby is already on his way.

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