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She wants tonight...

Elena Porter is off to Cabo San Lucas in search of excitement. Her business is blooming, and she's dumped her controlling ex-husband. An island fling is just what she needs to start living again.

He wants forever...

Joe Stephens escaped his stifling corporate lifestyle, preferring to spend his days as a dive instructor. He thinks the sun, señoritas and cervezas will fill the emptiness inside him, but even they fail to inspire the passion he's searching for.

Will his love send her running for the border?

Then Elena blows in like a sultry island breeze, and their time together rivals the sizzling Cabo sunsets. By the end of her vacation, Joe realizes he wants more. The only problem is he has fallen for a woman who wants less. If Joe can't earn her trust and prove his love, he will lose her forever.

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Vickie McGaugh says

I couldn't finish this book. It was so cliché and just had no substance.

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

Loved this book and another freebie that I would of quite happily paid for, another H and H that is middle aged...bearing in mind my romance addiction at the moment this ticked all the right boxes, was a lovely story about two people who only wanted a holiday romance but ended up falling hopelessly in love with each other, tried to fight it, tried to keep apart..lovely smiley face making story!!

Michelle says

Good book

You people should just read this book yourselves and write your own review on this novel yourself and I really enjoyed reading this book very much so. Shelley MA

Steph says

First, I'd like to say that I really enjoyed Moonlight & Margaritas. A lot. I thought it was very sexy with two lovable main characters that you couldn't help but root for. Elana in particular was a breath of fresh air, she lived through emotional hell with her ex husband and has no desire for any man to hold that much claim on her ever again. I liked Joe too, he wasn't a player, but also had zero desire for a permanent woman in his life. The two meet in sultry Cabo, sparks fly and then it turns into a classic case of push/pull for a relationship. He wants more, she doesn't. He's going to do everything he can to convince her, she's going to flee every chance she gets...after she gets to enjoy him in the sack a few hundred times.

That's where it gets a little "been there done that." Other than a few dramatic interludes with Elana's ex and her constantly pushing Joe away, there was little drama or intrigue in this book. It was pretty much an A to Z telling of their romance, which did get a little long winded after awhile.

That said, I really did think this was a good book, it was well written, mildly erotic and had great character development and a strong connection between Elana & Joe. For fans of sweet, sexy and romantic reads with a clear HEA on the horizon, you won't be disappointed in this book. Had there been an element of excitement added to the plot, or a few twists and unexpected turns, I definitely would've rated this one higher. As it is, it's still a very solid read.

Charlene says

I wavered between 3 and 4 stars for this one, but finally settled on 4 because I really like this author's writing style. Although the story was fairly light and the conclusion predictable (it's a romance after all) I found myself interested in the characters and what happened to them. I cheered as they came to their inevitable self-discovery and found their HEA. This is the second work of Ms. Stark's that I've read and I'll certainly be looking for more!

Heather says

Joe and Elena had a spontaneous beach fling that turned into a full blown romance, much to her dismay. I found Joe to be very passionate, romantic, and thoughtful. Elena almost missed her chance at love because of her past destructive marriage. Great quick read with characters I really wanted to find each other. Good happy ending!

Kimberley Humphrey says

It's always great to read about characters in their 30's getting a second (or third or fourth) chance at love. I liked Moonlight and Margaritas. Cabo was a beautiful setting for a romance to begin.

I appreciated the friendship between Elena & Mercedes. Elena's character was easy to relate to & her feelings regarding her relationship status are totally understandable. But along comes Joe & we can all only hope that we'd be lucky enough to meet someone who made us feel beautiful & desired after ending a controlling & unsupported marriage.

I loved Joe. He starts out as a typical player, wanting nothing more than a good time, but somewhere along the line his feelings grow & change. He's so likable in all the usual ways (smart, sexy, successful & hot) but even more so when he decides to man up to his feelings & pursue Elena.

You've also got a villain in the form of an ex husband (who you can't help but dislike just from Elena's description on him & he certainly lives up to the hype).

The realisations come quickly when they finally do come but I loved that it's not overly angsty. Forgiveness is quick & the ending left a big smile on my face.

Emily says

As someone who works in Carmel, I got a kick out of it being part of the setting. I thought I must have misread it the first few times. Anyway, the author did a good job really relaying what a beautiful place it is to live. I also just got PADI certified, and this book makes me want to check out Cabo as a dive site. Seeing a whale shark would be great.

Plot-wise, it was pretty obvious what was going to happen in the first few pages. I could identify with Elena and definitely have a few friends whose company I enjoy that are absolutely Mercedes. Cute, if not formulaic. Enjoyable beach read.

Katie says

The female lead was too jaded for my liking. Continually pushed a great guy away to the point I was ready for the story to end. The setting was nice, the potential was good, just did not like the pushy stubborn female lead.

Karen says

Elena is getting her life back on track after coming out from the shadow of her former husband. She has worked hard to establish her own business and heads to Cabo with her best friend for a break and some fun.

Joe is taking a break from his family business and has decided it is time to have some fun also.

Joe and Elena have some great chemistry and the author does a great job of making their romance develop quickly while being believable.

I have to say that Joe was a sweetheart with Elena and I love the effort that he goes to in convincing Elena to take a chance with him. After reading so many romance novels with uber Alpha Males lately, Joe was very refreshing.

For me this was a 3.5 to 4 star book. It was fun and easy to read with a good mix between sweet and steamy.

Lori Tate says

Enjoyable story, but something about Elena drove me nuts. I think it was the duality of her character that was at odds with herself. On one hand she was supposed to be strong for having survived what she did and started over on her own, but on the other hand she seems so weak and emotionally crippled. I get it, but I feel like she could have been written better. And seriously, Joe should have just let her walk!

DCT says

I love stories that give you the perspective of both the man and woman in a relationship. Joe is really a sweetheart that you couldn't help but fall for and root for in the story of lust turning into love. I was just about to get upset with Elena for not seeing this sooner. Loved, loved, loved the best friend Mercedes; she gave the story some fun humor and great one liners. Fun, feel good read.

Niki says

I bought this book many months ago when it was on sale or free, read the first few pages then started reading something else that I thought was better at the time. I picked it back up again this week needing a book vacation and boy did I ever get one! I loved Elena and Joe and their story! Being a single gal, not looking for a relationship I could totally relate to no strings attached! Makes me want to go to Cabo! Loved how the story played out! Highly recommend!

Dianne says

This book deserves 3.25 stars. This is about Elena who goes to Cabo on vacation to give herself a break from her life. She meets Joe and they decide to have a whirlwind romance during her stay in Cabo. However, Joe starts to fall for her and he tries to make her realize they belong together. I thought this was a cute story. It was your typical guy chases after the girl type of story...first guy says he doesn't want a relationship, then he realizes he does but the girl doesn't want a commitment because she's been hurt in the past. Then the guy tries to do everything to win her heart. It's a stereotypical type of romance and it's sweet. However, I'm disappointed there was no epilogue because I would have like to have read more about Joe and Elena's life together. The book would have been so much better if there was an epilogue. Still an adorable story though!

Duck says

I thoroughly enjoyed the story of Joe and Elena.

While on vacation in Cabo they meet and sparks fly pretty quickly. Everything flowed well and I never once thought they moved too fast.

Perfect for each other Joe was rather relentless. While I can understand Elena and her thought process, there were still some "wtf" moments.

I felt like the ending was a little rushed but it honestly did not take away any of the good vibes I had with these two.

If Cindy Stark decided to continue with their story I would definitely read on.
