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Forced into marriage by Hannah Raymond's preacher father, naval seaman Riley Murdock vows to be a good husband and give his children everything he never had. But is this enough to lead to love?

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Booklover says

Wonderful Terrific read, It was a great story, the characters were real, with emotional depth, and the pacing was great - everything was just right, and I enjoyed this one very much.

Hannah is a minister's daughter. She was engaged to a wonderful man, but he has just died, before they could marry. Angry, sad, and bitter, Hannah meets Riley Murdoch in a set of unusual circumstances, and, in a wholly uncharacteristic gesture, she throws herself at him. When Riley realizes that this is her first time, he tries to talk to her, but she disappears before he can get any information at all. Riley tries to find her - but without even a last name, it is pretty hopeless - until, Riley meets her in an unexpected way - at the other end of the shotgun. Forced into a marriage neither of them wanted, do they even have a chance?

Hannah always had a protected childhood but Riley had a rough childhood but Riley slowly comes to share his pains and hurt that he endured during it and realises he loves Hannah quiet early but keeps away thinking he does not deserves Hannah and in order woo her god way he makes problems for himself is another thing but he is so caring n protective towards both Hannah and the baby even when he is angry in the early days of his marriage

Some moments are cute, some are awww and some are difficult to read through first half cause Hannah n Riley both keep shouting n yelling at each other but slowly how things change and how both come to love each other its really good to read, You can really connect with Riley's fears when he is deployed and Hannah is due to give birth vice versa though Hannah is scared to death but she puts a courageous front for Riley and assures him everything will be all right

Best moments for me in the books were

- Riley is so caring towards Hannah, never allowing her pick anything and strictly tell her never to pick a cotton also

- when Hannah has this cramps in her stomach due to indigestions but she is so terrified thinks she will lose the baby he acts so fast brings her to hospital and actually for the first time prays in a church (such a cute prayer) and promises to start attending sunday services, when he finds out Hannah is so talented plays Piano and is a gr8 seamstress

- when Riley comes to know abt Jerry, learns how good he was he accepts that he was a really gr8 man and he would have liked to be friends with him

- At the end of the book when he is away his fears for Hannah n baby

- When he holds the baby for the first time he is so scared is stiff as a cardboard and Hannah enjoys it

Okay lemme stop here, my list will be never ending, you all read and find out

This story paces exceptionally well, we feel both Hannah's and Riley's very real reservations, their very real and realistic emotions, as they have to work out what they really want - and how they will get there. I loved this story especially because it was about two people who are trying to do the right thing, about two people who both try - eventually - to rise above their anger and bitterness to try to create something beautiful, meaningful - and lasting. This book grabbed me from the start and had me glued till the end

Actually loved the fact though theirs was a rocky start of the marriage but at the same time both cared and always regretted when they hurted each other and both are cute in their own ways

Great read,definetely a keeper
Highly Recommend it

Katelyn says

This book was very cute although Riley's insecurities do get to be a little annoying after a while. But it does illustrate how two people living in the same house can be on such different wavelengths.

Jenny says

Heroine crazy in love with her dead fiance. Yikes!

Jennifer Ron says

The ending was..... sudden.

Dixie-Lee Campbell says

Review to follow for this 5Star Romance Novel by Debbie Macomber .
Yup 5-STAR !!!!

Drita says

I have read quite a few Debbie Macomber books, and I thought this one was the best that I read so far of the Navy series. Do yourself a favor and read it, you won't be disappointed.

Amber says

It's was a sweet story. I also think the Debbie Macomber understands base living and you can see it in her writing. (navy series)

Jackie says

Cute.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

This is a favorite of the we got pregnant and had to get married books. I like the characters, and how they were so different but found each other, and I liked the way Macomber showed them getting to know each other and trying to build a life together. I also enjoyed how seeing his wife's faith (a preacher's daughter) helped the hero to gain a faith of his own in God.

Lea says

Nice story but i can say that the setting might be in the old days lets say in the '80 maybe? But it doesnt matter since the story was real enough just like other problems in an ordinary people's life. It feels light, fresh and entertaining. Not enough to mobe my heart tho. Thus 3 stars

Debby says

Hannah Raymond is an obedient minister's daughter. She was engaged to an old friend and seminary student when he was killed in a car accident. Depressed, she has a one night stand with Navy man, Riley Murdock, 3 weeks after Jerry's death, so she can lose her virginity. She ends of pregnant (of course). When she finally admits it to her dad, 4 months later, he tracks down Riley and forces a marriage. Riley's been searching for her, but it's a tough sell. They knew each other for 6 hours! They marry but have all kinds of marital problems trying to get acquainted with each other and work out their differing life styles.

Mediocre story.

Umaiya ?A Far Off Memory? says

In a few of my reviews Ive said that, "writing a review for this book is hard." In those case that was because though i liked the books, they werent anything to write home about.

Once again im gonna start my review by saying, Writing this review is really hard. But this time its not because of the lack of the "wow factor". No. This is hard because Im not sure whether i liked the book.

It has me so torn, that i cant even make up my mind. Even after everything, all the explanations, I have a tough time liking Riley. Dont get wrong, its just, there were moment when i just wanted to bash my head. I mean men can be really bull headed and Geez! i thought women were so insecure.

But the more i read (i.e books in general) the more i can conclude that men tend to be just as insecure, at

times even more so.

Having said that (the Riley part :P), i dont mean by any chance that he was the one solely to be blamed. Im a girl myself, so biased or what i would tend to excuse Hannah just because she was pregnant, we've all heard of women going crazy and being unreasonable in those times but all the same, she can be blamed. and i guess i do, blame her.

Maybe im just used to happily ever afters which dont border so close to reality and so maybe thats why this didnt just do it for me.

Nina says

It's the first in a long list of Macomber books I've read. And I think it's the best. I cried, twice. I could feel the main characters pain. My copy is well worn and I re-read often.

Pam says

Navy Baby is a novel by Debbie Macomber. It deals with an unexpected marriage to a naval seaman and how both parties deal with this sudden move. It is a really good book and is easy to read and fun to read. Hannah Raymond was engaged to a naval pilot who was killed before their marriage. Hannah was extremely upset but finally accepted her therapist's advice to get back out there. Unfortunately, her first night out resulted in having a one-time affair with Riley Murdock. This was her first time which really shocked Riley when he realized this. Despite the use of protection, she became pregnant. Her preacher Father located Riley in the Navy and through his contacts, Riley was given a choice to marry her or not. He realized it would break his career so agreed to marry her. What Hannah and no one else knew was he had fallen in love with her at first sight and had tried to track down who she was after that fateful night. Riley vows to give her and his child what they needed even if he hadn't had it in his life. However, he really doesn't know how to express this to Hannah. Will he be able to figure out how to let Hannah know what is in his heart before it is too late?

Jennifer says

This is my first Debbie Macomber, and it was a perfect filler book for a long plane ride as I wait for some other books on hold at the library. The main characters were sometimes exasperating with their inability to communicate, but it was a quick and entertaining read. One odd thing that may have just been an e-book formatting issue was that there were some abrupt transitions in the story that weren't explained or spaced as a transition. I probably won't rush to read the rest of this series, but when I have a lull in other series, I may return to this one.
