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Even a once-in-a-lifetime love...

When Halston Parker calls his daughter Caitlin to his deathbed, she's shocked to discover that her ex-husband, Dex Madaris, has been summoned as well. It's been four years since Caitlin felt the heat of Dex's touch, the urgency of his kisses and the promise of an everlasting love that never was. As a flood of bittersweet memories warms a cold and lonely night, Halston's real motive for the unexpected reunion comes to light. As does the daughter Dex never knew existed, a secret Caitlin has kept too long from the only man she's ever loved. A secret she fears Dex will never forgive.

...Deserves a second chance

Despite the past, Caitlin and Dex cannot resist the attraction, or fight their hunger to renew a once-in-a-lifetime passion they thought they'd lost forever. As each learns a lesson in faith and trust, they discover that no heartache, no betrayal, is strong enough to withstand the enduring power of true love.

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Chelsea says

HHHHhhh... It's so beautiful to see another Madaris brother find love again. Caitlin was able to melt the heart of bitter Dex! Interesting to see how one mistake ruined the relationship of these two individuals and in the same breath that same mistake reunited them. I truly enjoyed this story and I can't wait to see Clayton turn in his player card!

Cheryl Shaw says

loved it

Monica says

Another one Bites the dust..Great read indeed.

I have to say though when you don't like a book it is a complete waste of time to write a 2 page review about how you disliked the book, especially out of 200 reviews if you are the only one who disliked it; also spoiling it for everyone else who hasn't read the book, by telling the book in its entirety. Brenda Jackson writes ROMANCE NOVELS, there will be no shooting, thugs, the hood, or drugs involved, so if this is what you are looking for when reading from Brenda, she is not the author for you! I read so many negative comments from readers declaring they are tired of reading the same old things in romance novels, that is why it is called a romance novel, there will not be much violence or drama involved. You may want to read Noire, Nikki Turner or Wahida Clark, which are all great authors.

For those of you who enjoys romance The Madaris Family Series is a great romance series to read. You will grow to love and enjoy this group of family and friends, they make you want to become a part of this family....:-))

Judith says

Love the Madaris series

Connie says

Sweet, surprising read. (Read again today third time!) Dex hasn't seen or talked to Caitlin, his ex-wife, in four years. Now, they have just received some shocking news from her father right before he dies! Mr. Parker never filed their divorce papers and Dex and Caitlin are still married. On top of that, there are some dangerous men who are angry over a land deal and are threatening to harm Caitlin if she doesn't sell the land

to them. Will Dex be able to protect Caitlin as well as resolve the issues in their troubled marriage?

Joyce Hudson says

Read this book over 18 years ago and the re-read was well worth it. Didn't remember somethings like Corinthians in this book didn't remember that she and Trevor met in Whispered Promises.

Great love story between Dex and Caitlin. They both fell in love with each the moment they met and it did not hurt that baby brother Clayton was insinuating that he was going to go after Caitlin if his brother Dex did bust a move.

Wow the lengths that a father would take to keep Dex and Caitlin apart. Makes me wonder what happened to the letter that Caitlin wrote to Dex informing him that she was pregnant and wanting him to take her back.

Did Halston Caitlin's father somehow intercept the letter.

Glad that everything worked out for the best for Dex, Caitlin and Jordan.

Bridget says

I enjoyed this book a lot !

Jazzypom says

From what I gather, this book is a Silhouette reissue - so somewhere, somehow, this family series was popular, and probably launched this writer into some sort of stardom. I ask, how?

So, Caitlin and Dex were married four years ago. The marriage was fraught with challenges. First, Caitlin was 21, Dex 10 years her senior, 2nd, it was a 'whirlwind romance'. Caitlin's father decided to play the guilt card (the book never says how, but I'm thinking Fred from *Sanford and Son*, hand over heart, face in paroxysms of agony saying, "Elizabeth, I'm coming home").

Flash forward 4 years to now, and Caitlin's father summons her and Dex by his side, only for Dex to find out that oh, ho! They are still married (through some chicanery by Caitlin's dad). Oh, and Dex finds out that he has a daughter and that Caitlin is in danger (through a letter left to Dex by his father in law) in the first 50 pages.

sighs

Ms Jackson suffers from something that 95 percent of what AA romances/writers suffer from: *the inability to allow the reader to pause, to savour*. Penelope Trunk speaks about people not wanting to pause when speaking because they think that in the spaces, people will find out how bad their ideas/pitches are. The same might be true for the writers. They probably think if we throw in everything but the kitchen sink, the reader won't notice how short on emotion this book is, and might miss a plot hole or two.

Really, it's important to pause, because that's when people reflect. It's the same in writing romance. The reader needs time to 'pause' in the narrative to appreciate how the characters feel, especially in light of revelation upon revelation. I felt cheated out of Dex's righteous anger, because there were so many things

coming out, all at once and you'd think that it would have taken him time to adjust, but he just got angry and then got over it.

In addition, Ms Jackson's writing style is adequate, at best. There's a part in the book when Dexter is (supposedly) so shaken by emotion that it's robbed his voice of all power, right? The writer goes, "he said in a whispered voice."

ORLY?

Then, it doesn't help that Caitlin, the protagonist is annoying. Four years ago, she's bullied/guilt tripped by her dad to renounce her marriage vows - and chooses to do so when Dex has left the country. Then, she holds Dex responsible for *not* coming back to the States to save their marriage because she 'sent him a letter' (that conveniently got lost in the post to Australia). Huh? Okay.

Caitlin forgets that she had the guy's kid and he didn't even know that he left her in that way, but that's nothing because he didn't come back for her. *After* she broke up with him - and sent her papers and wedding ring in the post (that arrived in Australia - but not the letter saying that she was having his baby and wanted him back). Things that make you go, hmm...

But she's still in love with Dex, and that makes everything okay. Because she has to believe that "love draws love." *Ew*?

The narrator then goes on to say how Dex is a Scorpio and can carry a grudge, blah blah blah hooey. Never mind that it's Dex who makes overtures to stay in the marriage, to have a relationship with the mother for the child's sake, to protect her at the behest of his father in law...on his own initiative. I just don't see what Caitlin brought to the relationship at all.

I must say that children are cute in theory, but difficult to write, so I'll give the writer a pass here.

Oh and for the love of holy - no epilogues. It really doesn't add anything to the story, because it's either something to do with having a kid, or just about to have a kid. It's like gilding the lily, so to speak, and doesn't add to the book. But I hear that readers like it, who knew?

I give the book 1.5 stars, not because I like it \neg_\neg - but because there were flashes of humour with some background characters that broke up the WTFness of this book.

Celeste says

Forgiveness is essential for growth

Caitlin and Dexter story is one where you come to understand the importance of forgiveness and sacrifice. Love truly does not insist in its own way . The story takes you on a journey of what it means to honor and cherish and to forsake all others. What God brings together let no person tear apart

Karen says

So far I am definitely enjoying the Madaris Family series. I was so grateful that Dex came to his senses and realized the error of his ways so that him and his true love Caitlin could finally live together in total and blissful matrimony. Awesome read!

Kynshayla says

I don't really know where to start..... this book was amazing, like all of BRENDA JACKSON novels. Her characters to me are as real as if they were standing before me.

T'Laina D. says

This book turned out to be rather nice. I did not like the way Caitlin handled Dexter in the beginning and I did not like the way Dexter handled Caitlin either. I was like why even try to be together but they have a common bond. And to me that bond is worth fighting for. Jordan is their common link and as a woman now I see two parents are needed. A WOMAN & A MAN are needed to foster the development of a GREAT individual.

Andrea Bevier-wimbush says

I am listening to it now and will edit my review when I am done. to be continued with my review. but don't worry I will give one. :)

Dyannah says

Right now I am on about chapter 7. I read some of the review and I completely disagree. I think it is wonderful so far. The little girl Jordan is adorable.

Shannon says

Brenda Jackson has done it again. Dex and I share the same zodiac symbol. So far, Brenda has not let me down. Keep it coming! Her love stories are totally awesome.
