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"One last night... The temptation of one last night of heady passion with her husband is too much for Melanie Masterson to resist... But in the morning she kisses his sexy mouth goodbye and turns her back on her marriage, believing Forde deserves someone better – someone who can be a good wife and mother. ...has an unexpected consequence! Discovering Melanie is pregnant with his child pushes Forde Masterson to his limits. He will reclaim his wife and child even if that means playing dirty...with a sensual onslaught so powerful she will never want to leave his arms again!

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Jenny says

Melanie and Forde are married and deeply in love. But when Melanie loses her baby she abandons her husband and asks him for a divorce.

Forde is the perfect man! His love for his wife is unlimited and unconditional. His patience and pure real love is exactly what Melanie needs but won't allow herself to accept. He is so compassionate and loving towards Melanie and tried to see the situation from her point of view, putting her needs ahead of his own.

Melanie is full of doubts and fears and is wrapped up in her own grief. She is convinced that Forde would be better off without her and she believes she is a curse on those she loves. She knows her guilt and remorse have turned her heart inwards and that she is wrapped up in self-condemnation but she feels she deserves all the pain and heartbreak.

This was one amazing love story. Slow, sweet love story that was both heart-wrenching and heartwarming! I shed both tears of sorrow and tears of happiness!!

willaful says

3 1/2 stars. Could someone please buy Helen Brooks some commas for Christmas? This was mostly an excellent read, but it's not fun to continually have to stop to decipher a sentence.

Melanie and Forde are on the verge of divorce, a divorce she initiated and he fought against. When they wind up in bed one night and Melanie gets pregnant, Forde finally begins to understand the grief and guilt that's been driving Melanie to push him away.

Forde is a lovely man: tender, devoted, and determined. Melanie may seem annoying to some readers, but I found her backstory and subsequent emotional stunting relatable. This is a good read for those who like angst without any villains or external conflict; it was heading for 4 stars, but poor editing and a loss of tension in the last several chapters brought it down.

Trigger warning: (view spoiler)

Sincere says

Forde and Melanie happily married for a year before conceive the child. Then the accident happened, miscarriage brought sorrow to everyone, especially Melanie. Couldn't cope with grief, Melanie decided that she should let's Forde go for his sake. But Forde couldn't let her go, not when he love her so much. He's tried to reach her, but Melanie always cut it down.

Until one night, Melanie's guard was down. They shared night with passion. The consequence was unexpected, she pregnant again and Forde didn't have any intention to let's her or his

baby go

4 star

I love the storyline. I always want to know the after HEA.
And this is it.

Melanie described her first year marriage (before miscarriage) as a heaven on earth.and after that it just turned to hell.

For Melanie, This line is describe her.

'You developed a defense mechanism to keep people at arm's length so you wouldn't be hurt'

I have a hard time to understand her. She had too much flaw,too much fear.
Her fear consumed all of her.

there's a time, I want to say.

For Forde,For your dedication

The story was great.This is very emotional. Not pure sweet.
This talked about life, lost, love and hope.
Great book to read :)

Tia says

Decent storyline. It was emotional and chaotic at times but worth the read at other times. I really adored the ending of the novel, I even teared up a bit. Compared to the last book I read this one was really inventive and good to read.

Vanessa says

Melanie and Forde are estranged for several months. She seems to be getting on well on her own with her business beginning to boom, as well. Forde contacts her for help with his mother, Melanie's weakness. Melanie has some pretty thick walls that Forde has to chisel through. She blames herself for something that she had no control over and he, Forde, has a difficult time convincing her that he doesn't blame her and she shouldn't either.

I thoroughly enjoyed it because Forde was just so darn sweet and driven. He went after her! He had listened to some bad advice to begin with, and then he listened to his gut and proved that he should have listened to himself to begin with. I didn't like that Melanie blamed herself for what she did, but I understood why she would, given her background and the foundation she held for that thought process. I found some similarities with the orphaned cat and Melanie and Forde's relationship, as well. It seemed that the cat helped Melanie to heal as well as the professional's help too. Melanie just had some deep seeded problems that she needed to untangle. Overall it was a romantic read because of Forde and his unconditional love :)

Giovanni says

This book has an interesting plot. It seems I'm in the mood for second-chance-theme lately.

Melanie and Forde were married in haste. First meeting, they're attracted to each other. First dating, Forde fell in love fast and hard. I wasn't sure about Melanie. Three months after that, they're married and Forde became a sweet, perfect husband. I still wasn't sure about Melanie.

Melanie wanted to start trying for a baby right away, Forde was fine, of course. What would a loving husband do anyway? So they live blissfully happy for eleven months and she's pregnant. Melanie had an accident, had a miscarriage, then walk out of her marriage. Just like that.

I realize that she had a terrible past as a child. But over a year living happily in love (this I was assuming, of course, because I really couldn't catch up with her feeling throughout the book), your husband adored you, at least you would still have to talk together, right? Face your griefs together. That's what a sensible person do as a couple in *love* marriage. Unless, you married for convenience only to feel being loved and only want to have your own family and when it hadn't happened as you wish, you simply decided to "okay, i've tried it and failed so that's it." Divorce just a click away.

What is the words by the way? You can't feel love unless you love yourselves? Well, something like that. I think those words could be applied in this heroine. She's pictured as a cold woman but in my eyes she's fallen to a very vulnerable woman category.

Still, it's a good story when she had a great husband who tried to convince her that she's not stupid. Ups. Sorry, can't hold it!

A mild romance to fill your time.

Helen Moulden says

What a heart wrenching story. So much sadness and yet so much love. the ending is absolutely amazing. Love it when an author sews up all the ends. Helen Brookes writes stories that are "full". She has you laughing and crying at the same time.

Bubu says

Forde is one of my fave H. I want one for me. This was such a sweet but sad story.

Booklover says

Wonderful emotional second chance at love & saving their marriage story, Nell-Forde both meet fall in love and get married and were happy but the death of their first child brought their marriage crumbling down. Nell completely shut Forde out, left him and asked for divorce. Forde always stood strong for them both and fought to make Nell realize that they always belong together.

This was such tender sweet story, adored Forde so much, Nell sometimes frustrated me cause she kept Forde pushing away and hurting him again and again. Forde must say he was a PERFECT husband. Even after going through losing two people whom he loves so much, never once did he break down, he showed immense patience when it came to handling Nell. I really cried with Forde-Nell when they both together mourned their son's death. Actually liked the fact Forde never gave up, he respected his marriage vows, put in all efforts and made Nell realize that their love and marriage is worth fighting for.

This book played havoc with my emotions, I cried, smiled and even got angry at Nell but after going through so much they finally manage to get their much deserved HEA. The epilogue was cute. Overall a wonderful read.

Recommend it.

Dalia says

3.5 -4 stars

This is no sweet romance about falling in love, it's an intense & emotional story about a marriage in peril. This is one of HB' trademarks. Same old ingredients : a damaged heroine & a loving hero full of determination & patience.

Melanie is damaged by her miserable childhood spent in foster house after foster house. She becomes accustomed to keeping everything deep inside her and presenting a façade to the rest of the world. After her miscarriage, she shuts Forde out, then leaves him & asks for divorce for his own sake. She unconsciously punishes herself for her baby's death. She thinks she brings misfortune on those she cares about. She believes there is some sort of jinx on her that touches those close to her. The death of her parents, her grandmother, her school friend, and then her unborn child.

HB heroes are out of this world. Big & tough with a soft center. I simply loved Forde. He is the perfect husband. He is so loving, so patient with Melanie.

Esther says

Fantastic epilogue, one of the best ones I read in a while!!!!

Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says

Vintage says it better (shocker!)

Where are those Forde's born? Reserve one for me, thank you.

I know what you're thinking: ningún chile me embona (something like "no chili fits me").

You can throw at my face all the times I've said in my reviews or commented on another's that some of us NEED therapy... she gets therapy here and I started skimming ?

I know I should have been more understanding because she went through a lot and who am I to judge her when I throw a fit if my little cousins use my concha nácar soap to wash their hands... My point is I found her annoying when I should have been sympathetic.

By the way, just a warning for any future daughter in law I may have: I'm already 25 and really far away from having children... let's suppose I'll have them in let's say 10 years, when they're in age of dating and/or getting married I'll be in my fifties and if my daughter or son in law dares say this to me, I'll make him/her suffer until he/she is no longer my in law.

*"You're a lovely **old** lady," she said, with a tenderness that brought moisture to Isabelle's eyes."*

More likely those tears were because you called her old lady...

Vintage says

Not a perfect book, but the overwhelming love the alpha hero has for the heroine is what makes a romance so compelling. Forde is truly a hero for the ages. Patient, loving, adoring of Nell, he is also downright sexy. If you are sick of big meanies, then look no farther.

The heroine is a little hard to handle, but she has some serious issues to work through.

One surprise element that I have not seen in any Harlequin or recent romance, is the hero's reference to the heaven or the after-life. Not over-bearing, but very sweet.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

Just One Last Night is a very good and quick contemporary romance about an estranged married couple who have a very tragic event in their lives that causes a rift in their marriage.

Without spoiling readers, I would say that what happens to this couple was very devastating, and it would take two very devoted people in love to overcome it. Melanie is already carrying baggage from her childhood, on top of their recent tragedy, and this acts as the icing on the cake for her belief that she is poison to love. What I loved about this book is that Forde is a man who loves his wife enough to fight for her, and he loves her in spite of the way she pushes him away. When he made those marriage vows, he took them seriously, and is more than willing to fight for his marriage. A devoted hero is Helen Brooks' stock in trade, and she does it very well. One of my favorite kinds of heroes is a devoted one who will surmount any obstacle to win the woman he loves.

I could understand Melanie's emotional wounds. I could even give her some slack for how she was pushing Forde away, although she was admittedly being irrational about her past and how it affected her self-image. I mean, that's very human to be less than level-headed when it comes to emotions and their impact on our

lives.

I especially enjoyed the cozy days around Christmas that Melanie and Forde shared, their feline companion(s), and the unique way that this couple becomes reunited. I'd have to be honest and admit I'm not big on stories with estranged married couples. However, Brooks acquitted herself admirably with this book. The execution was well-done, and Just One Last Night was a very good book to read in the month of December to get me in the Christmas mood.

I recommend it!

Chitra *CJ* says

"Just One Last Night" is the story of Forde and Melanie.

This was an absolutely beautiful, angsty, tear-jerking read which involved an estranged couple in love, a husband fighting for his wife's love, a wife fighting for her husband's happiness, a supportive MIL, and just a lot of feels.

Melanie leaves her husband Forde after her premature child's death, and decides to move away so he can find a better wife. She has lived her whole life in foster homes, everyone she loves has been dead, and the baby is her last straw which pushes her over the edge.

7 months later, she works as a gardening supervisor..when her estranged husband returns..and their one night as consequences!

The author dealt with the subject of bereavement, miscarriage as well as post partum depression with great sensitivity which was appreciable.

The H was devoted, loving, and never gave up on his wife despite her consistently pushing him away due to her trauma- and you never hate Melanie because her pain and insecurities are so well written- you can't help rooting for these star crossed lovers.

Their love making scenes are beautiful, and the whole Tabitha and kittens scenes were just too sweet.

The epilogue..OMG. One of the best I've ever read. SO. GOOD!!

I ADORED THIS BOOK.

Safe

5/5
