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Krissys says

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My Review:

I wasn't sure when I got this book that I would like it as much as I did but I liked the clean cover being simple and the focus being the couple instead of graphics and I liked the blurb. Jumping into the book I already got the smooth feel that this book was reality based romance which I've begun to enjoy in contemporary romance these days.

You have guy and girl finding one another then returning to their real lives only to be reunited due to circumstances out of their control. I liked that even though there was instant attraction vibe it wasn't instant love.

Both Jake and Liz have priorities in their lives that they are both more determined to stand by instead of simply jumping into their passions and getting involved in a serious relationship. I really liked that about both of them.

I really wish more contemporary romances were more like this one. It had honest romance, and honest characters, among a surprising "conflict" to keep you interested along with the building relationship.

Just This Night was a great read and I'll be looking forward to reading more of Madison's work in the near future.

My Rating:

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Note: I received a print copy in exchange for an honest review from Berkley Publishing

Casey says

Just This Night is my first book by Mari Madison, as well as the first book in her new Exclusive Romance series. I enjoyed this story a lot and read it in one sitting. I liked the characters and didn't want to put this book down. I did have a few issues with the last half of the book that kept this one from being a five star read, but other than those this was a great start to this series. Beware of spoilers below, as some of what I had problems with is hard to be vague about. I wanted to state what I had an issue with and there really is no way to avoid spoiling a few things when doing so.

Jake "Mac" MacDonald is starting his life over after his wife betrayed him and their 4 year old daughter by leaving them behind. He left Boston behind to head to California to be closer to his sister and landed a job as a news photographer. His brother-in-law drags him out to a club and though he isn't looking for a relationship, he figures being with a woman couldn't hurt as long as it's just for one night. But he quickly learns that his one night stand is actually his new partner at work. Elizabeth White was looking for her own escape for one night, but because of the awkward situation they find themselves in she vows to make the best of it and to put the attraction aside. But when someone starts sabotaging them and puts Beth in danger, she knows that he is the only one she can trust.

I really liked both Mac and Beth. They were great together, and I really believed in their connection. These two had a ton of chemistry and I loved how well they hit it off right away. They were funny and the ease with which they were able to talk and joke around right from the start showed how special what they had was. I also really loved Jake's daughter Ashley and how well she clicked with Beth also. They were adorable together, and seemed to really enjoy doing things together also.

The biggest problem I had with the last half of the book was the amount of drama there was. Some of it

seemed to work, while some of it didn't for me. I expected Jake's ex to come back in the picture, but I didn't expect the reaction we got from him. It bothered me and I didn't like how far things got out of hand. I understood his motivation for his actions, but at the same time I didn't agree with what he did. He could have done so much else, and I felt like it really sort of cheapened what he had with Beth. (view spoiler) If it hadn't been for that happening, I honestly would have given this book 5 stars. But I just couldn't get over that, and unfortunately it happened at the end of the book so that is the last thing the reader remembers. I really did love the first half to three quarters of the book as well as the characters (even with Jake's actions) though and I will read more from Mari Madison in the future. I am looking forward to the next book in the series, and I think if you are a fan of contemporary romance this is one worth giving a shot. Jake, Beth and Ashley's story was one that I enjoyed and I think a lot of readers will also.

ARC Provided by Publisher

Thuan says

DNF @ 45%

The story started off very well, but I thought it turned very cliché, especially from the hero of the story. It's not the author's fault but lately, I've been reading a lot of hero with a torture past because [insert tragedy reason that isn't really a big deal] and frankly, it's getting very tiresome.

Jake's wife left him and his daughter and now every time he tries to enter a relationship (friendship or more or whatever), Jake keeps mentioning his divorce like a person who lost his virginity. He's always telling himself that "he's ruined" or "he's very messed up in life" or some such nonsense. He's a guy and I just wish he'll just stfu with all those whiney comments.

People become depressed after divorces but the way the author painted the hero wasn't grief, depression, or anger but more like a guy who complains and whines 24/7. I'm not sure if that was intended but it came off that way when I read it and it felt very off and honestly, very *boring*.

And the second thing that I got fed up is Jake hiding behind his daughter from moving forward in his relationship with the heroine, Beth. *For my daughter's sake, I don't want my daughter hurt, I can't expose her to a new woman, I can't risk her being abandoned again, and etc and etc*. Yeah. Please. People get remarried with children. Hiding behind his child is a tiresome read.

You know what would have been a better approach to Jake and Beth's story? Them going through the troubles of being partners in Channel 9 News. Them working together as a couple in a work environment. Them juggling between careers, relationships, and taking care of his daughter. Them finding insecurities with the pressure of work and taking care of his daughter. Things like THAT. Instead, we get hero who whines and bitches all day about his ex-wife and his lack of candy.

Otherwise from the above, this book has great prose and, surprisingly, a very likeable heroine. Too bad I'm fed with the cliché and the hero.

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Elizabeth "Beth" White and Jake "Mac" MacDonald have both been dealt some seriously ugly love blows, resulting in a heaping load of baggage keeping them decidedly not interested in pursuing new relationships. Still, encouraged by friends to get out and back on the horse (so to speak), Beth and Mac find themselves lonely and miserable, together, at a club. They hit it off immediately—Beth's quick wit and kind demeanor immediately appealing as she saves Mac from an awkward situation. After spending some time getting to know each other, they decide to indulge themselves, following through on their crazy attraction for each other—for just one night.

It *was* only supposed to be one night. Mac—a single dad—is in no position to take on a new relationship, and Beth can't afford to open her heart to someone not ready to emotionally invest in a relationship. Just one night, it's all they can give. So, imagine their surprise when they discover that they're now co-workers. The only thing more awkward than having to face your one night stand every day, is knowing that the connection feels so much deeper, the chemistry so hot it makes forgetting how they met nearly impossible. Mac and Beth try to navigate through this awkward new terrain, eventually forming a sweet friendship that lays the foundation for something so much bigger.

One of the first things I thought as I began this book was "Holy crap! I love this writing!" I can't even put my finger on what it is, but Ms. Madison managed to write her characters as sort of self-deprecating without ever drifting into "woe is me" territory. They have a sense of humor, heart, and a level of depth that I wasn't expecting from this book. My appreciation for Ms. Madison's writing style persisted throughout the entire story; it completely sucked me in and kept me glued to my Kindle for the entirety of this story.

And, I *loved* this story! Mac and Beth were so incredibly likeable that even during the middle of the conflict when I wanted to shake some sense into them, I still loved them so much. They were sweet and tender and mature—openly communicating, and not creating drama. They were also incredibly sexy, their physical chemistry sparking even when their relationship was fizzling.

I loved the family dynamic and the affection they all shared. I loved the plot twists and the news anchor storylines. The whole package is...wonderful! I cannot even tell you how much I enjoyed this book—if you could see my smile, it would speak for itself!

The only minor complaint I have is that the ending felt rushed and didn't necessarily ring true for me. I felt like it might have worked better with an epilogue. It didn't negatively impact my enjoyment of the story, necessarily, but I felt that the timeline could have been shifted a bit to keep things true to character.

That said, my minor grumble doesn't even come close to taking away from my enjoyment of this book. Funny and flirty and sexy while also dramatic and angsty, and even a tiny bit suspenseful, I never got frustrated or bored with this story. I was completely sucked in the entire time, gripped by Mac and Beth's stories, and completely invested in their happily ever after. I'm so excited that this is a series—and cannot wait for the next one! ~ Shelly, 4.5 stars

Margie's Must Reads says

This book had me laughing then swooning the whole way through.... I loved it. :)

Danielle from Short and Sassy says

I saw this book at Walmart and thought to myself I should get this book!!

The cover was cute and I thought to myself "I could use a cute story".

Just This Night did not disappoint!!! I love a smart book with intelligent characters who have their own careers and goals. Elizabeth White is a reporter in San Diego. She is smart and witty and down on her luck. She got jilted by her fiancée. Throwing caution to the wind, she ends up at a club at the assistance of her roommate to have fun and meet someone new. A fling would do the trick.

There she meets TV news photographer Jake "Mac" MacDonald has moved to San Diego for a fresh start. Little does she know, he is now her coworker. Information she could have used before she sleeps with him.

Mac and Elizabeth have an up and down relationship. Coworkers, former fling, a daughter, crazier coworkers and ex-wives are a few things that make their relationship a rollercoaster.

I loved this cute story though. It was smart and well written. I can't wait for Mari Madison next book!

Addicted2Books says

"TV news photographer Jake "Mac" MacDonald was betrayed by his wife. He left Boston with his four-year-old daughter to start a new life in sunny San Diego. Swearing off women, his daughter is his first priority. His brother-in-law thinks it's an excellent idea to hit the club and blow off steam. All his rules go out the window when he meets Beth."

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Tricha Leary says

I love the give and take of the relationship with Mac and Beth. It starts as Just One Night and becomes a struggle to become what is meant to be.

Elizabeth H. says

This review was written by Marie for a guest review post on Ever After Book Reviews blog:

5 Stars

What a fantastic book! Mari Madison has written a gem of an introduction to this brand new series. It's an

adorable romance between Jake, a news photographer who was betrayed by his ex, and news reporter Beth. After what should have been a one night stand, these two discover that a night of fun was so much more...once they've gone their separate ways. But their separate ways very quickly meet at the exact same destination.

Beth chalks it up as just another anonymous hookup until she finds out that Jake is now working with her. They both spend some time trying to fight the attraction they feel, but inevitably, they give in to their feelings and find their happily ever after.

These two are adorable. Beth is everything you'd expect out of a female protagonist. She's smart, sassy, funny and beautiful. Jake isn't your typical male, but everything about him screams romantic. He is charming, sweet and loves his daughter tremendously. Together, they're a dynamite pair with fantastic chemistry. Their up and down journey to happiness is entertaining, fun, dramatic and oh so sweet. I enjoyed watching them go from determined individuals to people who sacrifice everything for happiness and love.

This was a wonderful story that reminded me of why I enjoy contemporary romance so much. It's the kind of book that hits home and leaves you feeling hopeful, happy and full of love.

I read and reviewed a paperback copy gifted to the blog, from the publisher, in exchange for an honest review. All conclusions reached are my own

Tonyalee says

See this review and more on my blog, [After Hours at Lilybloombooks](#)

I am not often one to read light, fun & fluffy romance. For me, THESE are my escape books when I am in funk mood or just want something light I am able to consume, without my emotions and mind stuck in a whirlwind. *Just this Night* is just what I was in the mood for - and I am so happy I got my greedy little hands on it.

Told in dual POV of Mac & Beth, this is a story of one night stand turned hot fling. Beth is reeling over the news about her ex - and needs a night to escape. Mac is new to town and is pushed out of the house by his brother-in-law for a night on the town. When these two meet at a night club? Instant chemistry.

As I mentioned, this is a light romance, so it's low on angst **and** a quick read. However, that doesn't mean lack of development for the characters OR lack of drama, because there was both. I adored both Mac and Beth, and I was rooting for them the whole time. Both had a level of insecurities and personal struggles to work on, and they all developed nicely throughout the novel.

There was also a little suspense on who was working to sabotage Beth's career. I was taken aback by WHO it was, and why, simply because I didn't see the obvious connection! I also loved the humor. There were several moments that I laughed out loud and read a few things to my husband, too!

My only small issues was with one of Mac's decisions. I understood it - but I thought it was rather selfish of him to ask what he did of Beth, after the choices that HE made. And in the end, everything wrapped up rather quickly. Still, these small things didn't hinder my overall enjoyment of the novel.

All in all - I adored *Just this Night*. It's fun, light but full of heart, sexy times and swoons. I highly

recommend it!

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Shay says

Beth and Mac have experienced betrayal. Hard to let your guard down after left. They meet one night promising themselves just this night but an instant attraction turns into more. Obstacles will be placed in their way. Will they be able to overcome?

Quick and sexy read that had me from the very beginning. The characters are well developed.

Can't wait for more!

Reviewed by Shay from Mommys a Book Whore

Ashley - Book Labyrinth says

This was good!! Sweet and hot romance. Liked the characters and the plot.

Full review to come.

Danielle says

I really enjoyed this story and the uniqueness of the plot.

Beth is trying to get over that her ex is now married to her younger sister. Her roommate thinks she needs a night out and definitely needs to get laid. Beth doesn't plan on going through with it until meets Jake aka Mac. After the night they spent together Beth thinks they could maybe have something until she realizes Jake is gone.

Jake can't stop thinking about Beth but he has a daughter to think about and her well being is more important. Now that he is starting his new job he hopes everything will eventually work out well that is until he realizes not only was Beth not a one night stand but that he will be working closely with her. Can these two make it work? Or will the job come first?

I really enjoyed Beth and Jake. I like how Jake wanted to help Beth and how quickly they had not only a friendship but it became more. I know Jake was confused on what he wanted but I loved how he fought himself in doing what he thought was right and what he wanted.

This story had some real cute moments and of course some sabotages to help end Beth's career. I was actually surprised to find out who was behind all the crazy things going on which was nice. I liked that suspense of it.

I adored how Beth and Jakes daughter took to one another. Although we see Jakes ex and learn the story of while he was starting over I never wanted her in the picture.

Madison is a new author to me and this book won me over. I am looking forward to reading more of this new unique series. I can't wait to meet the rest of the news team!

Kathy Martin says

Elizabeth White and Jake MacDonald are both having awful days. Her ex-fiance is marrying her sister and he is trying to get over the fact that his wife just took off for her career leaving him with his broken-hearted four-year-old daughter. Each are convinced to spend the evening at a club to take their minds off their trouble. They meet and hook up but a one-night stand isn't enough for either of them.

Beth is surprised when she sees Mac at Channel 9 where she is a reporter and he is a new photographer. Naturally, in a way that only happens in romances, they are assigned to be partners which is an uncomfortable situation for both of them. The situation gets even more complicated when Beth is promoted and then becomes the target of mean pranks designed to sabotage her work. And it becomes still more complicated when Mac's wandering wife wanders back to San Diego and wants to rekindle their marriage.

The story was very emotionally intense as two people who love each other try very hard to do the right thing despite their breaking hearts. I loved the relationship between Beth and Mac and I really loved the relationship Mac had with his daughter Ashley.

This was a very nice romance novel.

Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says

An ambitious reporter and a single father fight for their second chance at happiness while navigating the treacherous world of TV news reporting and the challenges of single parenting in this sweet debut novel.

Elizabeth White's plan to get over her ex by getting under another man gets complicated quickly when her one-night stand turns out to be her newest colleague. Things get even stickier when they are assigned to work together because their one night together has only stoked their hunger for more, but they have to put their mutual attraction aside in order to work together. Besides, Beth has her hands full with her new promotion and dealing with a co-worker's attempts to undermine her.

Jake "Mac" MacDonald move to San Diego for a fresh start after his marriage and career exploded and he's got his hands full trying to provide a stable home for his little girl, with no room for anything else. But Beth has slowly wormed her way into his life and he has to decide if he'll put his daughter first or choose his own happiness, or maybe choose both.

Who knew that the newsroom could be such a hotbed of intrigue? Between the backstabbing colleagues, the attempts at sabotage and the return of Mac's ex, Beth and Mac have got a lot going on and they have to make a tough choice between their happiness and what's best for Mac's little girl.

JUST THIS NIGHT is drama-filled, sweet and very enjoyable. Mac and Beth together are irresistible, with great chemistry in and out of bed. With Mac's daughter they form a perfect little family of their own and will

have readers rooting for them to find their happy ending. This is a well-written story with a lot of heart and steamy sweetness and Ms. Madison is an author to watch.

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