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Hilly says

2.75 stars.

Early (earliest?) Jayne Ann Krentz -- this is so politically incorrect! I often wanted to hate the hero, who is often frightening and barbaric.

And yet, I still enjoyed it, in a completely non-pc way.

Of its time, I suppose.

P.S. - FWIW, I checked it out of archive.org via OpenLibrary, and I used the site's online reader to *listen* to it. Even read by an automated system, I. Still. Enjoyed it.

Jadzia says

I was a little afraid to read this book - the oldest one from Ms. Krentz, but it seems I didn't need to worry. It lacked the elements which make reading her books difficult for me, but was an enjoyable read. It could have some fragments written from the point of view of the hero though. But all in all - it wasn't all that bad.

Murphy says

I really enjoyed this book. Her characters are always different than expected. I enjoyed all of her 80's books and took them for the era they were in and what was selling.

Avaroe says

Love this book for the alpha possessive male that wants the h to himself. The introduction of the couple is one of my favourites and this is on my reread list for this type of book when I need a possessive male fix.

Murphy says

I really enjoyed this book. Her characters are always different than expected. I enjoyed all of her 80's books and took them for the era they were in and what was selling. I do wish they were all in Kindle Format!

Mudpie says

3.5*

1980s story that had a spunky heroine and chauvinistic hero who luckily did not cross the line into assholery!

Poor Hilary had managed to get rid of three unworthy suitors whom her father had to bribe with his profitable restaurants into wooing and marrying her. Her father had the fear she was involved with a poor artist!

Having run out of ideas on how to dispatch with candidate four, she decided on the direct approach by telling Logan what her father had planned - a final term to the sale agreement included marrying her!

As his secretary was too good at her job, Hilary was kept waiting for more than an hour so she had marched up to lady and declared she was the future wife of her boss! The opening and their first meeting was so funny and engaging. It's no wonder Logan was so intrigued by Hilary, he had to spend more time with her!

Hilary was really upset to see him with her father in Santa Barbara, her home. She had thought he knew what's up and after their lunch she really liked him. But now he still showed up as candidate four?! This was where Logan's chauvinism showed, he'd adopt the strong man controlling his woman attitude ...I guess the insider joke was both Hilary and Logan had the appearance of "sensible and placid business types" but wow in private those two had some primitive tendencies and strong passionate natures!

Hilary could not get over the suspicion that he only wanted her for her father's restaurants, while he tried to keep her off balance until she believed him, and was willing to admit she loved him too. It was a fun read, and typical of an 80s heroine she did slap Logan once.

He was always threatening to paddle her, not letting go of her wrist till she apologised to her father, breaking into her house not once but twice, and once into her locked bedroom (to shower her with roses while she slept, and to show he could have easily entered the room the previous night after the slap if he wanted to), gifting her an engagement manacle, er bangle...creepy chauvinism or alpha male romance?!

Mem says

Enjoyed this romance, Hilary was not sitting back and waiting to see what would happen, she took her future in her own hands and confronted the man. The result was not what she had planned on, but that made this a good story. I enjoy reading Jayne Ann Krantz books and those written as Stephanie James are on my to read list too.

Farah says

Very enjoyable !! I started giggling from the very first page. Hilary like most of Jayne's 80's heroines is on the annoying side with the entire package of " Hot and Cold , Yes and No " but her sense of humor and failed attempts at outsmarting Logan made her a very interesting and fun character. Logan has an ego as big as the sun , the man is arrogant and proud yet he managed to pull that off charmingly , he was funny and very

unpredictable. **It was amusing watching both Hilary and Logan take a bite out of each other. One of my favorites.**

Maria says

As with most of Jayne Ann Krentz's Stephanie James books, there is little plot. Mostly the book deals with the twists and turns of the relationship between Hilary Forrester, a restaurant owner trying to deal with her father's misguided attempts to buy her a husband, and Logan Saber, a businessman in the process of buying her father's restaurants before realizing the hidden price tag. Published in 1981, it is a reasonably good early effort.

Arati says

Warning: this is classic old-school romance with a hero who's a MAN.... expect chauvinism and zero political correctness. But enjoyable as long as you know what to expect and don't take it seriously

LJ says

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This is a very early book by James/Krentz. The protagonist was annoying; the dialogue was weak.

Ana says

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