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Jamie McCoy is the ultimate guy: thirty years old, carefree and professionally successful as the writer of a nationally syndicated humor column called "Guy Stuff." Nine and a half months ago, he spent a week basking on the beach in Eluthera and indulging in a fling with a woman at the resort. Never did he expect to find the unplanned result of that fling - a healthy, wailing baby named Samantha - strapped into a car seat on his back porch, along with a suitcase full of diapers and infant apparel and a note informing Jamie that he's her father.

Maybe he is and maybe he isn't. But first things first. He's never fed a baby or changed a diaper in his life. He doesn't own a crib or a stroller. In a panic, he phones the nearest hospital, where neonatal nurse Allison Winslow takes his call and tells him about a class she teaches called the Daddy School.

Classes on how to be a dad are exactly what Jamie needs. But when he attends his first class and sees the tall, earnest, amazingly beautiful and even more amazingly competent Allison, he realizes that he might just need more from her than her lectures on how to hold a baby.

Jamie's efforts to be a father to this precious baby touch Allison. His sense of humor amuses her. His striking good looks turn her on. But how can she trust the sort of guy who'd sleep with a stranger on vacation, without giving a thought to the consequences? How can she give her heart to such a reckless man?

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Shaly says

I really don't understand where Allison's hostility towards Jamie is coming from. First off its really none of her business what happened between him and his baby's mother. Second, even if they are trying to start a relationship, why is she just blaming him for what happened? Its takes TWO people to make a baby, not just one. Condoms are not full proof and her being a nurse should know that. What happened between Jamie and Samantha's mother was a vacation fling, every second person in the world has one so the fact that she is holding that against him is stupid and immature. Plus he didn't walk away from his daughter, he stepped up to the plate and took care of her! Then he tries to help her with her Daddy School and she gets even more hostile, I hate to break it to you lady but not every man out there has a hidden agenda....

Jamie needs to grow a pair and tell Allison to f**k off, instead of chasing after her like a love struck teenager. She turned him down so many times only to turn back around and help him, it had me confused and frustrated. These two co-dependents deserved each other....

Overall the premise of the book is pretty much self-explanatory. There are a few grammer mistakes. I couldn't identify with any of the characters mainly because Allison was just crabby through most of the book and Jamie was a child trapped in a man's body...weird.

Ra Cristina says

I started to read this book because of the cover. Yes, I know, we should not judge a book by its cover, though there was something about it that grabbed my attention. To be honest I didn't even read the book description so I had no idea what was it about.

Father Found by Judith Arnold is a contemporary romance book. The main character, Jamie, is a man close to his thirties which lives a perfect live by himself, writer of profession (he writes a humour column called 'Guy Stuff'). All of the sudden he finds out he has a baby girl, Samantha, which changes his life completely. From the carefree man he must now convert in the perfect father. He is lucky when he meets Alison, a nurse who teaches a class for new fathers called 'Daddy School'. From that moment not only that he becomes a father but he falls in love as well. It is not as easy as he thought though, when he realizes that he has to gain the confidence of the now most important women in his life: his daughter and his loved one.

This book is both funny and emotional. It shows how a man can change when he becomes a father and as well when he truly falls in love. It shows the struggles of a new single father and I find it really touching when in our days we tend to focus more on the new mothers. And it also shows that men can become great parents by themselves with a bit of understanding and confidence.

I loved this book from the begining until the end and I highly recommend it. It definitely deserves 5 beautiful stars. ??

Caro says

A good book and a really good deal for a freebie. I liked the characters, their personalities, and the story line. I liked the Daddy School idea too. Don't know if there really are ones, but it's a really good idea. I'd definitely like to read more in this series after reading this one. There were emotions (tons), plenty of humor, some tough spots, stubbornness, some steaminess, sweetness, some parts when I wanted to knock heads, and a good ending. I wouldn't mind reading this again, but it wouldn't be a top pick. This was more of a fun and serious kinda read, which sound contradictory but that's how it felt to me. Good for an anytime read. Good for the cuddle/snuggle or the waiting room. Enjoy

Serena says

Review originally posted at Snarky Romance Recs: <http://snarkyromancerecs.tumblr.com/>

I have this huge suspicion that this shouldn't have been the first Judith Arnold book I read. Because I actually think she has a voice I could enjoy, and the book is well written... but oh my God, did the heroine bug me.

Jamie McCoy, our hero, writes a popular humor column called "Guy Stuff". You can image what it's about. Credit to the author: the few pages featured in the book are actually funny. He's just turned thirty, and one day he finds a two-week-old baby girl on his porch, with a letter from the mother saying it's his.

Allison Winslow is a nurse and she's just started a "daddy school", aka a free baby-handling course for fathers-to-be, funded by her hospital. Most of her students are 16-year-olds who got their teenage girlfriend pregnant and are in no way at all prepared for fatherhood. Jamie enrolls in daddy school, they meet, sparks fly, you can guess the rest, no wheel is reinvented here. I'm not mad about that. I don't need the wheel to be reinvented with every single romance novel I read. The reason I read them is that sometimes you just want some good old fashioned tropes, written the way they were meant to be written, you know?!

The problem is that Allison is INSUFFERABLE. Oh my God. She goes on, and on, and on, AND ON about how "irresponsible" Jamie is for having a vacation fling with the baby's mother. First of all, it's none of her business if Jamie consensually slept with every single man and woman at his vacation resort, and second of all, this guys finds a baby on his porch, immediately steps up, does everything in his power to take care of the baby, and he's IRRESPONSIBLE? Excuse me? Just shut up. Also, she finds out that Jamie did not intend his relationship with the baby's mother to be a one-off fling, he asked for her number and she gave it, but she gave him a false number because she was actually married - and she continues to blame him for having "poor judgement"? He was the victim, the lady totally played him, and he's somehow at fault? That is seriously her main conflict in this whole book, she just keeps shaming Jamie for it. Oh no, wait, she also has another problem: she doesn't want to take money from him, even though the hospital is pulling the Daddy School funding, so when he goes ahead and asks some of his contacts if they would like to keep funding the school, she totally throws a bitchfit at hos "disrespectful" that is and how she doesn't want to owe him. At no point in the book at all does he hint that she should feel indebted, by the way.

The writing was good. Jamie was adorable, and so was the way he related to his baby girl Samantha. He wasn't a totally flawless father instantly, but neither was he a complete idiot who couldn't figure out a baby's diaper. He fell in love with his baby pretty quickly, but he did have some reservations and resentment over

having his life turned upside down. I just can't figure out what he saw in Allison, who was a total jerk, never apologized for being a total jerk, and was totally unworthy of him. Dude, you can do better.

Deborah says

I wish that I read the reviews before I read the book. I wanted to like this book and even though it took me about 3 weeks to finish it (due to loss of interest), I just couldn't do it.

I hated the fact that Allison was such a Witch and I hated the fact that Jamie seem to be extremely naive. After your babysitter cancels, you ask if one of the sitters friends could baby sit and when that doesn't pan out, you start looking in the yellow pages! I understand him being a new and inexperienced father but, common sense should tell you that you don't hire a complete stranger to watch your infant child so you can go on a date with a woman that you "like".

Who in their right mind would take a infant to an expensive restaurant, especially when you complain about how much she cries.

He was so desperate for a date that he inconvenienced the other restaurant patrons. Even after she cried he still didn't leave and it took the restaurant insisting that they take their food to go in order for them to leave.

It takes you four days to report a crime when 2 people have already told you that it was the right thing to do, then you wait until the last possible moment to get a DNA test. I just don't understand why Jamie was made to look like such an idiot.

Robyn says

I had such high hopes...

I got this book free, and thought it was going to be a fun little story about a guy learning how to be a dad. I expected diaper disasters, awkward moments, and funny anecdotes.

What I got was a guy who was kind of an idiot/kind of trying his best. Diaper confusion was barely mentioned in passing, the baby at the restaurant scene was not funny but actually full of shaming and mean people. (Granted, bringing a baby to a fancy restaurant wasn't going to work no matter what, but the reaction was very stereotypical)

I did actually like Jamie. I enjoyed his sense of humor, and by the time I quit reading, I was enjoying the moments of affection he as sharing with the baby.

I did not like Allison at all. As a nurse, and someone who was so determined to educate men on how to be supportive and helpful fathers, as soon as she was getting 1-on-1 with one of these guys, she was judgemental and nasty. The contradictions in her behavior were abrasive to read.

I made it to 70% in this book. I probably have only read 40% of it though. I started skimming as soon as she started judging. Definitely filing this one on my DNF shelf and won't be picking it up again.

Heather says

Loved it love it loved it. I got this during free ebook day (I believe) and the blub peeked my interest and I

wasn't dissapointed.

This is told from two POVs but the majority coming from Jamie the new unexpected father. Basic plot of unexpected fatherhood when Jamie finds a baby on his porch with a note asking if he remembered Elthura and saying she (the baby) is Samantha. So this guy hits 30 a week prior and now has to takle learning how to take care of this screaming infant. That is when Allison enters the picture. When Jamie calles the hospital in a panic he is directed to her and she invites him to daddy school.

The male perspective was so wonderful. Not only did this story bring back all the good and bad and trying times of new parenthood but gave me an insight on what the fathers go through. I just wish I could go back in time and send my husband to daddy school, maybe then I could have had some help with my children.

Anyhoo sorry I got off track. Jamie not only is struggling learning all about taking care of the two week old baby Samantha but finds he is attracted to his baby knowlege angel Allison. So Jamie goes from batchelorhood to fatherhood to discovering how different dating and impressing Allison can be now that he has these new responsiblities.

From learning how to feed the baby, change a diaper, bathe and clothe to burping and doing laundry Jamie takles each one the best he can. Hell when Sam was a month old and he was too scared to cut her nails he sought out help....a manicurist. Yes that's right he took her to get her nails done, this girl is learning about beauty treatments early on.

Jamie keeps up on the funnies, he is a humor column in the paper after all. I might not have gottend all his jokes but it didn't make or break the story any.

Recommened as a cute semi-funny look about surprised fatherhood and relationships that build not only from parent to child but dating and falling in love through all that life throws at you as well.

Gisela says

I agree with other reviewers about Allison, she ruined the book for me.

Lizzie says

I would have given this book a higher rating if the female lead here wasn't so full of crap. How could she excuse and tend for women, while condemning him for the same thing? If someone even attempts to talk to a single mother that way would get cussed out, and maybe even beaten. Then to claim she wanted to run a parenting class for men, as she is critically judging one of her students, just disgusting. If this were a man doing this to a mother, would this book have made it this far? Hell No! She publicly claimed what she privately dispised. She acted like a two-faced, double-standard having, bigot. I would never allow someone tl cared about to be treated so harsh. And honestly, if he was such a grown and accomplished man, why the hell was he stupid enough to take her crap? I do not know any 30 year old man who would. Be so foolish. This book was unbelievable, and just a way for someone to spew hate. Lousy!

Terisa says

Just okay 2.5 stars

I really thought that I would like this book more than I did but it just didn't do it for me. I really enjoyed Jamie but I never really connected with Allison.

Jamie finds a new born baby girl on his back steps with a note that her name is Samantha and that she's the outcome of a vacation get together with a girl that he never saw again a little over nine months ago. Jamie has just turned 30, has no girlfriend and knew nothing about babies. He was a bachelor that loved to party, take home a random women whenever he felt like it, worked out of his home writing a weekly column for the local newspaper. He was in way over his head, he needed help and he needed it fast.

Allison was a nurse in the neonatal unit at the local hospital. She runs a daddy class for new fathers to teach them how to help with their new born babies. After Jamie calls the hospital and gets connected with her he attends the class and instantly feels a connection with her.

The story started off pretty good but it seemed to go downhill from there. I will admit though that the date at the high class restaurant with bay in tow did have me chuckling a little.

The one main thing though that really turned me off was the ending. It was rushed and went from being super climatic to completely over in just a few pages. It was like the author realized that the page quota was met and then BAM the story was over. I felt that it should have been drug out, give it a fight at the end with true winner not the way that it was done. Sorry but the ending really sucked. I don't believe that I will invest in book 2

Alexa says

Great concept, but the execution leaves a lot to be desired.

My biggest problem with this book was the female lead, Allison. She is super judgmental towards the male lead (Jamie/James) because of some of the decisions he made in the past, and doesn't cut him any slack for having a "out of wedlock" baby (which honestly, who says that kind of crap anymore?) until about the 75% mark, with no real reason for the change of heart except expedience for the writer. She also seems to believe, despite Jamie keeping his daughter and taking care of her when he easily could have placed her in foster care, that he is irresponsible and not committed to being a father, with no real reasoning except her own personal prejudices, but has a sudden change of heart at about the 75% mark.

I really felt that the ending was very rushed and should have been more fleshed out, as all of the major conflicts resolved themselves in about 10 pages. I also would have liked to see more interaction between Jaime and his daughter and less of Allison acting like a judgmental prude with her equally judgmental friends and grandmother. There were also a lot of situations in this book that I felt promoted strong gender roles and misogynistic stereotypes that I just really couldn't stand.

Ultimately, I just really disliked this book and am glad I got a copy for free through Amazon rather than waiting both money and time on it. I wouldn't recommend reading this book.

Evelyn Baldwin says

Oh, boy. At first, I thought this book started out okay, but by the time I got half way through, I wanted to yank out my hair. The main female character is a really unlikable nit wit. She's nothing short of a judgmental asshole who needs a good dose of "reality." Women who act like that give the rest of us a bad name. She defers deserves spinsterhood.

There's lots of attention and time given to secondary characters that don't really matter in the story, which draws the book out unnecessarily. There are also a lot of stereotypes in the story that make it less palatable. The ending is rushed which is unfortunate bc if a lot of the crap had been cut out in the middle, there would have been time for a developed ending.

I would have liked to have seen more on Jamie and the baby, and how he grew as a parent. The things that are baby related are often implausible or age inappropriate for the infants given age.

I probably would have not given this so much though if this had been a self pub, but this is from Harlequin Romance, where they have vetted editors. For a large publisher to produce sub par stories in this day and age...sorry, free or not, there's no excuse.

Debbi Perman says

Warning: I am a mature woman! In all my years, I have never met any male that displayed emotions like this book described. I felt the author jumped ahead on some of the pertinent areas. Like I was following along and routing for a success and wholla, apparently it happened and we're moving along. I read it to the end, knowing full well what the outcome was, mainly because it was a no brainer. No sure if I would recommend it, but to each their own.

Shirley says

I am not a reader who follows the crowd. I'm not a reader who is swayed by anyone's opinion of a book. Yes, I have my trusted bloggers and readers that I depend on from time to time for reading recommendations, but I don't always agree with them either. My taste is eclectic. Not only that, but I'm a very patient reader. I'll give just about any book I pick up a fighting chance. Father Found was a book that I came very close to giving up on and that just makes me sad.

This is the first book written by Judith Arnold that I've read. I really liked her voice. It was easy to read, the characters were well developed and the story was good. So what made me almost give up on this book? I can sum it up in one word.... Allison. If you read any of the other reviews on this book you will see a theme. I swear I was not swayed by any of them. I just happen to share the same opinion. Allison just wasn't a likable character. I can understand her having an opinion about Jamie's character in the very beginning, but she never really lost that opinion of him. It got so bad that I got frustrated with Jamie because both he and Samantha deserved so much better. It's hard to read and get into a romance when you're routing for anyone else except for the 'girl' to get the 'guy.'

Since this is the first book in the series, it was free and I actually liked the rest of the characters as well as the author's writing style, I haven't given up on the series. Who knows, Allison might redeem herself later in the series.

Holly says

I've read books by Arnold in the past and enjoyed them. Sadly, this one was dated and frustrating. The heroine was a prig, the theme outdated and in the end I just wanted to pull my hair out as I read. It did serve as a nice reminder that romance – and society – has come a long way in 15 years. What was considered an unforgivable sin in 1997 – fathering a child out of wedlock with a one-night-stand – is much more accepted today. Not that I'm saying this is something we should celebrate, but the heroine coming down on the hero for it when he was doing the right thing just made me angry. I don't know that I would have said the same in the 90's. Progress.
