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Life is full of surprises...

Claire Martin's life is perfect, or at least she tells herself it is. She owns a successful clothing boutique, has a steady, dependable boyfriend, and a beautiful grown daughter who is about to be married. Sure, Claire's husband of twenty years left her for a younger woman four years ago, but that is all in the past. Now, Claire is looking forward to her daughter's Bahama wedding and spending a week in paradise. The only thing Claire dreads is her ex-husband and his wife will also be on the island. Claire is determined to make the best of it, though. What Claire doesn't realize is ignoring her ex-husband for the week is going to be impossible.

James Martin's life is a mess. His wife of less than four years has made him the most miserable man on earth and now they are in the middle of a messy divorce. He's happy that he can forget her for a week as he goes off to the Bahamas to attend his lovely daughter's wedding. Jim is embarrassed to admit to his daughter and his ex-wife, Claire, that he made the biggest mistake of his life when he left her for another woman, so he makes up a story as to why his new wife didn't come along. When he and Claire are unexpectedly forced upon each other, Jim soon realizes what he's lost and he begins to wonder if he can find a way back into Claire's heart.

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Kelly Mccurdy says

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This is a different style of book than I normally read. It was a nice change of pace. I personally related to this book since my parents recently got divorced. I could relate to the mom and her feelings towards the new wife. It was a little hard to read at times because Claire would just not let things go, but in other parts, I completely agreed with Claire.

This is the first book that I read by Deanna Lynn Sletten, it isn't going to be the last! Her writing brings a breathe of fresh air into the normal books that I normally read. This book is about learning to let go, and forgive, no you will never forget, but you can forgive.

Racheal says

Destination Wedding is yet another wonderfully written story by Deanna Lynn Sletten. I knew that I was going to have a hard time putting it down once I started reading.

Claire was looking forward to her daughter Mandy's wedding that was going to take place on a small island. She was looking forward to spending a week on a warm beach and not in cold & snowy Minnesota. What she was not looking forward to was seeing her ex husband again, who had left her for a younger woman four years earlier. Claire had worked hard to put her life back together after the shock & surprise when her husband of 20 years left her.

Jim regrets more than anything the mistake that he made when he left his wife for Diane, a younger woman. Diane has made Jim's life miserable and now they are getting a divorce. Jim is hoping to finally be able to apologize to Claire and let her know how much he regrets what he did to their family.

Things are tense between Jim & Claire(to put it mildly) when they first see each other again. Different situations put the two together quite often during the week stay on the island. They are able to "clear the air" of things that were never said years earlier. As they spend more time together, the more they realize that they still have feelings for each other. Problem is, that Claire was proposed to by her boyfriend right before she left for vacation.

I have to say that I absolutely loved how Jim was able to help Claire work through her fear of heights while they are on the island. He seemed like such a wonderful person who just got "lost" in life but knows what is important to him and wants to make things better again.

The author's detailed description of the island, the shops and buildings, along with the activities that the characters participated in has me wanting to make a reservations to go visit the island!!

Is Claire and Jim able to rekindle a relationship or has there been too much emotional damage done to be more than friends? Will Claire accept her boyfriend's proposal because she knows it is a safe relationship??

Destination Wedding was a very heartfelt story that dealt with forgiveness, love and new beginnings. I would highly recommend this book.....and author to anybody

Tia Bach says

Claire Martin is looking forward to her beloved daughter's destination wedding, except for seeing her former husband who left her for a younger woman. She's determined not to let it faze her. After all, Claire's made the most of her life since; she's a successful business woman and has a dependable man in her life.

What she doesn't know is that James, the love of her life and father of her child, is miserable and regrets his rash decision to leave. When fate throws Claire and James together in an intimate setting during their daughter's wedding, old sparks ignite. But can they overcome the past hurt?

Deanna Lynn Sletten is masterful when it comes to creating rich, memorable characters. Claire took the lemons life handed her and turned them into lemonade; she didn't just crumble when her husband left. She clawed her way back to a life and found success. Unfortunately, she kept a wall around her heart because of it and chose the boring, but dependable, mate the second time around.

James is man enough to admit he made a mistake. I wanted to hate him, much like Claire wanted to, but I couldn't. That's a tribute to the author's ability to make you care, even when the characters are flawed.

Plus, I loved the setting--who doesn't want to fall in love at a destination wedding, especially to the man you're meant to be with? Finally, it was nice to read a character-driven romance with two mature people who could see love through more than rose-colored, or crazy passion-colored, glasses.

I highly recommend *Destination Wedding*, especially if you are a reader who wants to emotionally connect to characters. A great summer read!

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Talor Pickering says

I absolutely adored *Destination Wedding*. Why you ask? Well because its all about second chances, forgiveness and learning that no matter how young or old you are, everyone makes mistakes.

Leading lady Claire is jetting off to the Bahamas for her daughters wedding, one week of absolute paradise ending with her daughter saying I do. Theres one problem though Jim her ex husband and the father of their child will be there and he left her one day after 20 years of marriage for a younger woman. She shouldn't be worried she has a good predictable man at home wanting to marry her, wanting her to be his companion. Is that all someone needs, a companion?

Jim made the biggest mistake of his life leaving Claire, when his doubts and ego got to him he latched on to a young woman from his office who stroked his ego and made him feel young, unlike claire who was setting up her business and was always so busy. He should of never left her, he should of been brave, should've told her he felt lost, felt like he was old. Now he is off to give his daughter away and his new wife won't be there because once again Jim is getting a divorce

The two of them are really not where they should be, they aren't with the people they should be and when they end up brought closer by the destination wedding sparks fly, old emotions bubble to the surface and there may just be a chance for Jim and Claire to find what they both are looking for.

Beautifully written with humour and heart warming characters you will find yourself lost in the Bahamas rooting for Jim & Claire. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and was so glad I got to read it. If you like romance novels this is for you, its not the normal boy meets girl theres a problem but they overcome it story. Its boy meets girl, marries her has a baby then throws it all away kind of story.

Sometimes even the people you love the most can disappoint you, they can let you down and make the biggest mistakes but sometimes if you're very lucky you can find love and redemption at a destination wedding!

Amanda says

AMAZING book!

Full Review:

This book was so funny from the very first page. I needed a box of kleenex because of how much I Was laughing.

Clair has the perfect life or so she says. Great boyfriend that purposes and seems to really "care" about her. Love... well who needs love when you have a great future??? WRONG!

James is Clairs ex husband but has made a horrible horrible mistake leaving Clair for a much younger woman. He is so ashamed to tell anyone and so he makes up this elaborate story as to why she didn't come with him to the island for his daughters wedding.

Here is where things get funny.. or messy, lol. Reservations have been mixed up and Clair and James end up having to share a room. The things that Clair makes James do or where she proposes that he sleeps will have you rolling around laughing.

These 2 are made to be nice to each other for the week of the wedding but with friends, inlaws and the married couple to be.... well things aren't as they are supposed to be.

This author is amazing, you wont want to miss out on this story!

Darla says

This book was not too bad, I enjoyed it for the most part, watching two people who'd been divorced for 4 years be forced to spend time together in celebration of their daughter's upcoming wedding. Poor Claire dreaded being stuck with her ex-husband Jim and his younger wife, but when the wife doesn't come, we get to see Jim trying to work his way back into the wife of his heart's heart, all the while Claire tries to avoid Jim like the plague but to little avail. You could still see the sparks between them, hell after 20 years of marriage

there are bound to be some, but you could also see Claire adamantly refuse to entertain any thoughts she still had about the only man she really ever loved. This was a good story because I suspect something similar happens all the time in real life; couple marries young, have children, time goes on, then BAM, the man goes thru his mid-life crisis and thinks he's found the Fountain of Youth between a younger woman's legs because she's paying him attention, so he kicks the woman who's been there for him for years to the curb, only to find out what they usually do real quick; that the grass is not always greener on the other side and all that glitters is not gold! This is my second book by the author, I enjoyed the first one more, but this was a good book as well and I would suggest it to anyone who likes those 'second chance at love' stories.

boogenhagen says

Once again I expect a romance and I get stuck with a doormat h who caves to emotional blackmail and takes back a cheating husband whose only regret is he left his wife of twenty years and got taken in by a bimbo and now he wants his life back and the only thing he is sorry for is that he left his wife to begin with.

THERE WILL BE SPOILERS AHEAD SO DON'T READ IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW.

I am sick and tired of so called second chance romances where every trite plot device and the kitchen sink is thrown in to make a good heroine regret her choices and feel in the wrong for "forcing" her husband to go sleep with a younger woman. The ex-husband made his life, he needs to live with his choices. Never once does the man apologize for inserting body parts into someone other than his wife and the only thing he can manage to say is he is sorry for leaving her. Who cares that he left her, he went out and slept with someone else because he felt neglected and that is the heroine's fault according to this novel. Then when the new wife turns out to be a manipulative gold digger he wants a second chance with the willful collusion of an immature daughter who just doesn't care that her mother's world was torn apart and insists that they share a room WHILE HE IS STILL MARRIED TO ANOTHER WOMAN.

Please, just call your mum a cheating skank and be done with it. The only reason the ex husband wants his life back is because he got taken for a ride and lost his comfortable life style. The heroine is a successful business woman in her own right and is now stuck supporting the wandering piece of excrement in the style he used to have. He is not sorry for sleeping around, he is sorry he gave up his lifestyle. When the h points out his flirting makes her uncomfortable at one point in the story, his reply is SHE has to reign him in and make him stop.

Since when is a 46 year old man incapable of controlling his own actions. So now not only does she has to baby an emotionally immature 24 year old daughter but she has to babysit a 46 year old man with no impulse control who sought out some new fun when his old life wasn't "fun" anymore? SHE is responsible for making the parasitic sewer sludge happy and comfortable in his middle age now? That is an outrage to smart, giving, independent heroine's everywhere.

I was hopeful when she initially said she did not want the ex-husband in her life. I felt the heroine had made some positive strides in ridding herself of a freeloading user and making peace with the turmoil of destruction left in the wake of ending a twenty year marriage. Instead, there is a short epilogue where the heroine remarries the ex-husband. And he still isn't sorry he screwed around on her, only that his life changed for the worse - all this is accomplished by the collusion of his child who, though an adult and married herself, thinks mommy and daddy should be together - mom should just accept that dad is going to go wandering whenever he gets bored cause she wants them together.

What an utter and disgusting waste of my time and what a disappointment to my romantic sensibilities. I read second chance romances all the time, I don't mind a cheating ex reuniting with a betrayed spouse if there is a sincere demonstration of remorse for cheating, demonstrable change in the way the cheater acts with other potential partners and if the cheater takes full responsibility for making the choice to go out and betray the marriage. Needless to say, none of that happens here and I ended this book full of wary foreboding that this sad, emotionally blackmailed heroine was going to have to ride herd on an unrepentant user and adulterer for the next 25 years. My only hope is that while on the island in the Caribbean the ex-husband goes swimming at dusk and winds up in the belly of a great white shark and the heroine wakes up from the mental fugue state she is living in and realizes she had a very lucky escape.

Kathleen says

Life is full of surprises ... especially when you get a second chance at love ...

In *Destination Wedding*, author Deanna Lynn Sletten weaves a wonderful story of romance, forgiveness, love, and second chances.

Set in the tropical paradise of the Bahamas, divorced couple Claire and James Martin try to set aside their differences and come together for a week long vacation at their daughter Mandy's beach wedding destination. With plenty of family and relationship drama, miscommunications, humor, and a richly descriptive setting of a heavenly tropical island paradise, what more could a reader want than to follow two middle-aged people discover that the grass isn't always greener on the other side, put their past behind and forgive each other, and get a second chance at love?

In true Deanna Lynn Sletten style, *Destination Wedding* is a delightful and heartwarming mature romance story that wraps its arms around the reader and engages them to follow the journey of a couple who unexpectedly rediscover their love for each other.

If you are looking for an entertaining romance to wile away a lazy summer afternoon, then look no further, *Destination Wedding* is that book, it will give you a warm fuzzy feeling and leave a smile on your face.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Chick Lit Plus Blog Tours.

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Susan (The Book Bag) says

I am always so excited when Deanna has a new book out. I know I am going to be taken away on a wondrous, emotional journey. In *Destination Wedding* we get to travel to the Bahamas and experience the sun, sand, and surf.

'No setting could have been more perfect for a wedding celebration.'

But then, on the flip side, we also get to experience all the drama that goes with a wedding; glitches in the

plans, divorced parents trying to be civil to each other, and getting to know the new in-laws. You know the divorced couple is going to have a hard time getting along as they try to put their past hurts behind them. But can they?

'The grass hadn't been greener on the other side. In fact, it had been brown, prickly, and downright nasty.'

I love the settings in all of Deanna's books. She writes so beautifully and with so much description that I feel like I am there with her characters, enjoy the scenery as much as they are. One spot in the book in particular that I loved was when Claire enters her room at the hotel and sees it for the first time. I felt like I was looking at that beautiful room just as Clare was seeing it.

Destination Wedding is the perfect book for reading this time of year. This is the wedding season, is it not? And how can you go wrong with a book set in the Bahamas? Deanna has done it again, writing another fabulous story, with wonderful characters, and a great setting! I loved my little escape to the beach!

Vee Paige says

3.5 This needed a longer epilogue.

Effie Kammenou says

Destination Wedding by Deanna Lynn Sletten was an enjoyable book. It's the type of story that's predictable in a feel good sort of way. You know what you expect to happen and are joyfully anticipating it. I love the humor interjected between the parents of the bride.

Although the destination wedding was for their daughter, the story was really about Claire and James, the parents of the bride. Divorced for years, each has current relationship problems and when thrown together all week, tensions from the past flair as well as other types of tension—the good kind!

I think what I liked most about this book was that it gave perspective on the intricacies of what makes a marriage fail and how a lack of communication can destroy it. I thought there was a good amount of realism in their conversation and rehashing of what went wrong. In the end, it was the feel good story I was longing for.

Ann Swann says

I loved this book.

Claire and Jim are divorced. He left her for a younger woman. Now he's sorry but she's moved on. But they still share a daughter, and she's about to be married in one of those "destination weddings." That means they will all be together on a beautiful island for several days. Claire doesn't think she will be able to stand being that close to Jim and his young wife, especially since her own love interest, Steven, has decided not to attend the wedding. Then she learns that Jim's wife decided not to attend either--but there's a catch--the resort mixed up the reservations and now Claire and Jim have to share a room. The story really takes off when she suggests Jim sleep in a hammock under the stars rather than in her room. What can possibly go wrong next? This is a great read, romantic and witty. You will not want to put it down!

Edythe Hamilton says

Claire Martin is owner of the Belle Boutique in Ann Arbor, divorced four years from ex-husband Jim, currently dating Steven for two years who recently asked Claire for her hand in marriage, now must prepare to travel for her daughter Mandy to wed on the upcoming weekend in the Bahamas. Claire did not give an immediate response of yes to Steven but informed him she would use the time while in the Bahamas for Mandy's wedding to consider his marriage proposal.

Claire is unnerved with her ex-husband Jim and his wife Diane attending the nuptials of their daughter Mandy, but Mandy is hopeful in thinking her parents will be civil towards one another long enough to make it through the week long activities and her big wedding day festivities on the island without confusion or any mishaps. Mandy's wishes soon become a nightmare when Diane does not accompany Jim to the island for the wedding bash and the Bahamas hotel hosting the wedding makes a mistake in the room reservations forcing Claire and Jim to share a hotel suite against their better judgment causing Claire's old wounds about her divorce from Jim to resurface.

Destination Wedding is a novel of past, present, future, and new love that sometimes does not always go according to plan and taking a person for granted does not help a situation in anyway. This novel is straightforward with a relatable universal story line and main characters that are more mature in age than the average romance novel and recommend that everyone read this talented work of fiction.

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Sakura (🌸?🌸) says

Finally, a book in which the man showed regret. I wish he had suffered more, but it's OK.

Nash Norden says

Destination Wedding is definitely an enjoyable read with awesome characters, settings, and story line. I love how Claire and Jim relationship was slowly built up. At first, Claire just couldn't stand Jim, but she slowly tolerated him after a few dramas and humorous moment. I guess Destination Wedding was meant for readers in more mature age, but that didn't stop me from enjoying this book. I definitely recommend Destination Wedding for those who loves light romance with humor.

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