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His new assistant isn't his type—until they work in very close quarters! From USA TODAY bestselling author Janice Maynard.

Inexperienced but out of options, Libby Parkhurst accepts Patrick Kavanagh's job offer—even though he's given it at his mother's request. Surely she can hide her attraction to the charming man she's trying to impress...

Patrick sees Libby as a family friend and hires her as a favor. But as their work brings them closer, he discovers the sensual woman she's become—even before a makeover takes her from dowdy to dazzling! Suddenly his interest is no longer platonic. Long-term is off-limits, but taking her to bed? He's making that his top priority!

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Lisa (Remarkablylisa) says

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MY RATING: 4.5/5

What I liked about this book...

This book reminded me a lot like *Pride and Prejudice* mixed with *Legally Blonde*. It featured Libby as a socialite that was in every newspaper because she was rich and gorgeous. She lived a sheltered life of being spoiled by her family and nothing bad ever happened to her until her dad loses the company or whatever and she's suddenly in need of a job. Trading in her high heels to sensible shoes, she applies for a job to work for Patrick who basically dreads working with her because he thinks he's babysitting her.

Libby worked hard, showed Patrick that she's not who he thinks she is, and proved to everyone that she was a strong independent woman. It broke my heart at moments because Patrick said some mean things about her behind her back and she heard. But I can forgive him because he's super sweet and always wants to protect Libby from harm. The real harm Libby was facing was falling in love with Patrick and wanting the rest of her life with him. Patrick refuses the idea of marriage because he's been divorced before and thinks that he ruined the sanctity of marriage when he read his vows in his previous marriage. And Libby tries to convince him that he was just a kid who thought he was doing the right thing at that time and he's still perfect the way he is. Meanwhile, Libby also tells Patrick that she's not perfect like the way he thinks. The secret that Libby was holding? It's a bomb. I was floored and I felt so bad for her. I was even more impressed that she didn't let the world corrupt her and she still is so optimistic and happy.

Definitely pick this book up sometime!

Bec_BookMagicReviews says

Review Posted at HarlequinJunkie.com

Libby Parkhurst has lost everything including her pampered princess lifestyle and her parents. Now she has to rely on the people closest to her to pick up the pieces, starting with Patrick Kavanagh. When he offers her a job, which she's certain his mother pressured him into giving her, she has no choice but to accept if she has any hope of supporting herself. [Read More](#)

Jen says

What a frustrating book! The plot jumped around to a million different places, from hiking in the wilderness, to being trapped in a survival situation, to the office, to NYC, BACK to NYC, and on. Both the hero and heroine were frustrating. The heroine in particular felt disjointed. On the one hand she says she wants independence, wants to make her own way, needs her job desperately, but then she falls into bed with her boss very quickly. (And she's the one aggressively pushing for it. I appreciate her agency, but I also wanted to smack her upside the head because nothing screams "this job is important to me" like sleeping with your boss, eh?) Then she doesn't do much to prepare for the wilderness guide portion and doesn't really fight for the job in the end, again out of character for someone supposedly so desperate. The hero was arrogant, and it was tough for me to ignore the fact that he's taking advantage of his younger, sexually inexperienced, financially desperate employee, so I never really got on board with him either. There are some pretty heavy issues in this book. (Trigger warning: there is discussion of a past suicide and rape, no graphic details about either but there is discussion of the events in the past.) Neither of these situations got the respectful treatment they deserved, so if either of them are even slightly stressful topics for you I'd absolutely recommend staying away from this book. There are no nuanced and sensitive portrayals here.

I did like some of the side characters and I was interested in the premise, but this just didn't do it for me.

N. Kuhn says

I received this in exchange for an honest review

I loved seeing Patrick fall from grace with Libby. This series is quickly becoming one of my new fave families of romance! It's not dull nor repetitive. It's different in each story. Each sibling, they are all so easy to like and love. I enjoy their differences, their personalities! This story is not centralized on sex. There's a true romance here. Seeing Libby change and grow, become more independent, and change. Sure, Patrick helped in that, but in all, this is just a wonderful series to lose yourself in!

Wendy W says

SPOLILER ALERT

For me the book was OK. Hero and heroine were certainly likeable. Just a couple of plot twists that just seemed strange or maybe it was just me.

1. The hero had an earlier marriage annulled. The girlfriend gets pregnant. They decide to marry. Turns out it wasn't his baby. The baby had African American features so of course it wasn't his child. (African American characters are pretty non-existent in Desires so this just struck me as odd. Of course race is never mentioned.)

2. The heroine is a rape survivor. Readers learn this at the very end. So this just surprised me that it was even apart of the story.

Monica Cardoza says

When love comes into the picture there is nothing that can stop it.

This is the sixth installment in the Kavanaghs of Silver Glen and I loved every single minute of reading this story. I love Ms. Maynard's writing style and how she could captivate me from the very beginning to the very end. I love it when characters are just meant to be even though they are struggling with themselves and their feelings. I enjoyed seeing them battle themselves with falling in love with each other. There were times that Patrick was cruel with his words and his actions. Then there was sweet naïve Libby but in the end she showed me that she was a very strong woman. She wanted to know she could make it in the real world independently. But in the end love is powerful and if he can change the way he views love and marriage then maybe they can have the happily ever after that they deserve.

I totally recommend this read!!

Received ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an Honest Review

Christina Montminy says

Another good addition to The Kavanaugh's of Silver Glen series. The story of Patrick & Libby is cute, fun & a little frustrating because Patrick is determined not to let Libby in his life. Libby's life has crumbled around her the past year or so, with her father going to prison & her mother dying, she's lost everything. Patrick's mom brings Libby to town to help her start anew. Patrick & Libby are at odds because he wants her but doesn't want anything permanent & Libby just wants to prove herself useful. It's enjoyable to see the other brothers & their wives watch Patrick crash & burn as each of them did with a little help from their matchmaking mother. Recommend to read.

Melody Cox says

Our hero, Patrick Kavanagh - second youngest of the Kavanagh clan, is being pressured by his mother to give a job to her friend's daughter who has suffered a riches to rags story. She has had a horrible year.

Libby Parkhurst has just lived through the worst year of her life. She's from a very affluent family but her father is now in prison for tax evasion and she has sold everything she owns to help care for her mentally unstable mother. On her mom's third and final try she was successful in her suicide attempt. Now Libby is all alone without a penny to her name. She's in disguise as not to be noticed by reporters and ex-acquaintances who dropped her as soon as the money ran out. She's fled to the safety of one of her mother's best friends, Maeve Kavanagh, who is doing her best to help her get herself back on her feet and begin a new life...and if her son, Patrick, happens to fall in love and marry the young woman she would be elated.

I didn't care much for Patrick. He was unkind, a jerk, crushed her already broken heart, and would not allow himself to care for her. He threw her away like yesterday's trash. Yeah, he figured out he was wrong but...

Huge Spoiler Below

There's a twist that was troubling for me which was responsible for the markdown in stars. (view spoiler) If that would bother or trouble you I suggest you skip this. It ruined the book for me.

Tanya Mayes says

I really enjoyed reading this story. Patrick and Libby made a great couple. Even though he wasn't ready he couldn't deny the attraction. Libby being the strong person that she was and dealing with everything with her father and mother. She was his match. I really wanted to read more of them.

Jonel Boyko says

Once again Maynard has created a romance that will tug at your heart while bringing forward the realities of life on many different scales. Friendship and family, hardship and relief all make their way into the lives of the intricate characters that she's created. All the while, Maynard brings this world to life in vivid clarity with intricate descriptions and a narrative that makes you feel as if you're part of this world.

I really enjoyed how close this family was. Maynard makes the 1% approachable and real for the rest of us. Using this as a backdrop, Patrick's character becomes much more complex. The basis for his decisions are quite apparent and they made me love him all the more, even while he was being exceptionally frustrating. Libby's situation endeared me to her, yet at the same time never made me pity her. The fine line that Maynard walks here makes this couple so much fun to get to know and a fantastic set of main characters for the novel.

All in all this was an exceptionally enjoyable novel. The romance may not have been easy but it was so very real. This is a great read for those who've enjoyed the series or who just want a quick romance that will have your toes curling.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Shannon Shields says

Janice Maynard is starting to become another one of my favorite authors. Another great story.

Susan says

Very good book. Libby has come to Silver Glen to get her life together. She had been the pampered, sheltered daughter until her father was arrested for fraud and her mother committed suicide. She has no real world experience and knows she's only being offered this job because of Patrick's mother, but she is determined to do it well. She just has to try to ignore her attraction to him.

Patrick really doesn't want to hire Libby as he feels she is totally unsuited for the job, but he gives in to his mother's wishes. He's surprised when she handles the office and lodge parts well, but doesn't hold out high hopes for her outdoor skills. He is impressed by her determination.

Libby is fully aware of her limitations and works hard to learn the job. I loved seeing the way that she won over the woman she was temporarily replacing, and the advice she got not to let Patrick walk all over her.

The upcoming overnight camping trip has her worried, but intent on getting through it.

I loved seeing Patrick have to eat his words during the camping trip. Libby doesn't complain and steps up to every challenge he lays down. The fire he sees in her has him looking at her as more than his mother's latest project. The scene in the mine brings their attraction roaring to the surface, but there are issues to face if they give in to it.

Patrick has long been determined that marriage is not in his future. He was married once, right out of high school, and it didn't end well. It left him resolved that he would never risk his heart like that again. Libby also has a relationship in her past that has caused her to doubt her judgment when it comes to men. But believing that they can keep their emotions out of it, they give in to the sparks flying between them. Neither expected it to be quite as intense as it turned out to be.

I loved the growing relationship between them. Their conversations were fun as Libby didn't hesitate to say what she thought. I liked Patrick's growing respect for Libby and the way she dealt with her past. There was also a terrific scene when she answers a question during Patrick's presentation on the executive retreat these people are going on. It really shows Patrick that he was wrong about her. But these changes also bring out feelings that Patrick isn't ready to face and he panics. He breaks things off in an especially cruel way, but doesn't get off unscathed. I loved her reaction: She slapped him hard and then said "You're a selfish, heartless jackass, Patrick Kavanagh...and an emotionally stunted shell of a man. I don't ever want to see you again...not even if your face is on a Wanted poster. Go to hell."

I loved seeing her stand up for herself and take charge like the strong person she is. It was even better seeing Patrick wallow in the misery he created for himself as he realized the truth of his feelings. It was pretty sweet to see him admitting to his idiocy before confessing his love. I did like his reaction to her own revelations from her past. The ending was really great with Patrick's presentation to his mother of his birthday "gift" to her.

Kristy says

How To Sleep With The Boss by Janice Maynard was the first book that I read in the Kavanaghs of Silver Glen series. It truly is standalone, but now I want to know more about the other brothers and their matchmaking mother. I really liked that Libby was an independent woman who faced her challenges head-on. I wanted to smack Patrick for thinking that giving Libby a chance would harm his little world, the jerk. But he redeemed himself in the end.

ARC provided by NetGalley

Heather andrews says

A possessive Patrick is a sexy one, "if any Kavanagh is going to end up in your bed, it's going to be me." The declaration ended only a few decibels below a shout." Patrick is like an animal when he can't find his woman and storms into rooms, "I didn't know where you were," he complained. The man was stark naked, his body a work of art. His pe**s—she could whisper that word in the privacy of her own head— hovered at half -mast, but was rapidly rising to attention." I enjoyed this book, Patrick was entertaining but he was no match for his woman.

Beyond the Pages says

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this romance. The Kavanaghs were a lovely family. Patrick and Libby were endearing. Their story of love, though fast-paced, seemed believable. I adored the surprise these two gave Patrick's mom. It was all so very sweet.

Rating: 3.5/5

Recommend: Yes

Chemistry/Intensity: Yes

Conflict/Drama: Yes (mild)

Family Dysfunction: Yes

Status: Adult

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