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If it was easy, it wouldn't be worth it.

Deni Casparich has been obsessed with the story of the Brockway Mountain Hermit since she was a kid. Little did she know he was her hottie of a boss.

Sawyer Beck is not the legendary hermit, but having spent the last ten years of his life in near seclusion, he might as well be. Pulled back into real life, Sawyer begins working together with Deni on his engineering firm's big new project. Who knew protractors and slide rules could be so sexy?!

But Sawyer's haunted past and Deni's shaky present are putting up obstacles at every turn. Can these two engineers build on a foundation of more than mutual attraction?

Is their love...Worth The Effort?

## **Worth the Effort Details**

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## **From Reader Review Worth the Effort for online ebook**

### **Freya\*\*Secret sin\*\* Romance says**

One of her good ones. Liked!

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### **Niki says**

This is the next book in the The Worth series by Mara Jacobs. I like all of the characters in the book and can't wait to read the next book and see which of the characters it will be about. They are fast and east contemporary romances.

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### **Alicia says**

As someone who lives in northern Michigan (though not as north as the UP) and is at the tail end of winter, I appreciated this book. Another enjoyable book in The Worth series.

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### **Mayas says**

I was waiting for this book and was not disappointed. Deni and Sawyer was a match made in heaven. The struggles were match and heart warming. I cried when he told his wife's story and cheered when Deni put all the cards on the table. She never settled regardless of how her heart felt. Great job Mara

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### **Ceci Marlow says**

This series is incredible. I got my first, Worth the Weight, because it was a freebie on Kindle--so grateful I took the chance. A talented writer that can allow characters to be faulty and even more likable for it, Jacobs also recreates Michigan's Upper Peninsula in fabulous detail. I'm a U.P. fan, frequent visitor, and she's got the places, the natural world, and the SISU of the populace down pat. The plots are strong, the women are strong, the men are lovable even when they're dumb. And the romance is absolutely wonderful. In Worth the Effort I had to put the ereader down because the detail of Sawyer and Deni walking into the bar next to the Calumet Theater was just overwhelming--in Jacobs' description of the bar, yes, but also in that moment when one of the couple realizes this is really the one. Whatever the issues, obstacles, hazards are to an once-broken heart, this person right here is the one. She got that perfectly. Thanks Ms. Jacobs--keep writing.

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### **Cynthia Lanovaz says**

I understand the whole concept of SAD and I am glad that Sawyer realized that he loved Deni before it was

too late. I thought oh now what did Sawyer do by sending in Twain to save the day. I understand what Sawyer was going through and I hope that these two can be a forever couple. Thank you Mara for another great book.

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### **Eleanore June says**

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Nothing really wrong with it, but nothing too right with it either. Interesting location. OK characters, but Sawyer never quite made sense to me. Honestly he wasn't much of a recluse. His transition back to world was way too easy.

Deni's SAD was the main focus of conflict. Depression in general was well handled.

I liked it, but didn't love it.

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### **Casey says**

This is probably one of the best books in the series. It didn't hold secrets or shyness or avoidance of each other. It showed two people who seemed to act normal in a blooming relationship circumstance.

Diane is an architect; Sawyer is her boss- whom she's never met.

When they do meet there seems to be chemistry right in the beginning and I liked that Sawyer took over and asked her out almost immediately.

Diane needs Sawyer and he needs Diane. I liked watching how the two healed each other, talked to one another and built a relationship that I- in fantasy book land would like to think is doing well right now ;) (How nerdy is that eh??)

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### **Christin Thomas says**

Mara Jacobs The Worth Book 4 is out and I just love the story behind it. Worth the Effort is about a sweet romance that both couples fight for. I love Deni's character and how she works through her issues. She is a strong woman who knows what she needs to do. She also knows what she wants and goes for it.

I also love that Sawyer is an older man who isn't perfect. He also is working through his own issues and doesn't want to worry anyone else with them. Until Deni comes into his life. He is willing to help her and cares about her so much.

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### **Holly Ervine says**

**Another great book in the worth it series**

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading these books by Mara Jacobs. This installment from the worth series was an enjoyable read.

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### **Beck Frost says**

Ok, as someone who was named for a pattern, others that were name for a pattern always stand out to me. So, when Sawyer explains his brothers are named because the mom liked Mark Twain (obviously the Adventures of Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer) that you look at the names she chose. She picked two last names and one first name. Which first name? Huck. Well, then the next question is why not Finn? And then in the next paragraph someone asks why the mom didn't pick Samuel? Really. So, is this all intentional? That the Finn in the book is actually supposed to be the same age as Sawyer (who named his son Samuel - is this the author or the characters doing this?) So, from that point on, I kept waiting for Sawyer and Finn to reveal a connection that their parents may have had to have these two characters be the same age with the names from characters from a book in an odd unison. I was obsessed with this happening for the rest of the book. Also over the fact that Huck is the one brother that we never physically meet in the book. Hum...clever or lazy writing?

That is all I got for this review. Honestly.

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### **Cheri says**

I have such mixed feelings on this one. I continue to enjoy this series, but can't help but be disappointed in some things.

#### **The Bad:**

I praised the author for getting better with her writing and flow in my review of the previous book. Unfortunately, there were a lot of errors in this novel and that was such a let down to me.

The references to how much the heroine Deni knew (or didn't know) hockey was annoying. She grew up in Farmington Hills, a suburb of Detroit. I also grew up in a suburb of Detroit. It doesn't matter if you are "into" hockey or not, you cannot escape the Red Wings. I find it very hard to believe she wouldn't know that she lived in the same town as a Red Wings player for years, especially being as he's a hometown hero. And there's the line about her not growing up in the UP so not being as familiar with hockey. You live anywhere in Michigan, you can't escape hockey. Period. For people who could care less about hockey and are not from Michigan, I'm sure you would never give these parts a second thought. It's just something that bothered me since I'm a down-state Michigan native.

#### **The Good:**

Mara Jacobs handled Seasonal Affective Disorder, and depression in general, in a very tactful and skilled way. I appreciated her showing different levels of the diseases and handle it respectfully instead of like it was a taboo.

I really enjoy how the author starts each chapter with a quote. I've found, as I've read more and more of the

series, that I enjoy this touch more and more.

The open and honest relationship Deni and Sawyer had from the very beginning was refreshing. Very adult, which is such a nice change from most books.

So the good definitely outweighs the bad in this book. Enough so that I'm bummed that there are no more full length books in this series. I will be continuing with the novella that comes next, but would also love to find out more about Sawyer's brothers if the author is to continue the series.

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### **Vikki Vaught says**

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### **Pam says**

Worth The Effort: The Worth Series Book 4: A Copper Country Romance is by Mara Jacobs. This book explores SAD (Seasonal affective disorder). How can someone who doesn't have SAD help someone who does have it? How does it differ from depression? Can Sawyer who lost his wife to an accident while she was in a deep depression go through the rest of his life with a woman who has SAD? Is he up to handling it? Can Deni trust him to be there for her?

The book is very good and really brings something to light which hasn't been talked about a lot. Many people do not know about this disorder and many people use lights and tanning beds to help them feel better during the winter months without knowing they have SAD. It definitely makes you think while you are enjoying a good story.

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### **Nicola says**

4 words. Read this, it's fabulous.

Ok it is deserving of a few more as it was a perfect effortless read. It is one of those books that leaves you completely satisfied and smiley, yet at the same time gutted you've finished it! Whilst quite easily a standalone read, I would recommend reading the previous 3 'Worth' books. Not only are they each fabulous in their own individual ways, but the characters from them are mentioned and a couple of them do feature as part of this story.

We met Deni briefly in 'Worth the Fall'. And did she surprise me! I was expecting quite a shy introverted lady. WRONG! She's sweet, caring, quietly confident when with the right person and yes she has a couple of issues she's dealing with, but they are totally realistic ones that any single one of us could suffer or encounter. Sawyer, well hello there. Older, quiet, thoughtful, intelligent and reknowned for being a loner. Delve a bit deeper and you uncover one man than any lady would be lucky to have. And he loves his dog. The man isn't perfect, but that makes him just that. I loved him. And I swooned. A lot. He's stolen Petey's

title as my favourite man.

It's sexy, passionate, funny and is full of moments that are touching and others that pull on the heartstrings. I devoured it and I can't wait to see if Twain can live up to the high standard his brother has set.

One last thing. The little phrases at the start of each chapter were as always wonderful and with meaning, but more so for me this time as I am a geeky engineer (probably why I could associate with Deni in her work environment).

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