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Romance Writers of America® brings together seventeen of today's hottest authors in an anthology of never-before-published tales that reveal true love always deserves a happy ending.

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And Liliana Hart delivers thrills and adventure in her hero and heroine's search for the impossible.

With characters who find love through tough situations, in elegant 1800s ballrooms, with an old friend who shows up when least expected, at a tender age when cliques and homework get in the way of relationships, or after a random encounter in an unlikely setting, *Second Chances* delivers romance to strike every reader's fancy.

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Carlene says

Oh my goodness, if you are a fan of romance, the RWA Anthology on second chances is going to make you a very happy reader. I especially loved Kerri's Carpenter's sweet new adult story, Homecoming. It's entertaining from the very first lines in which we find out the hero's name is Ford and he and his bestie Lana Banana have definitely got more than meets the eyes going on with each other. I couldn't stop rooting for them and I think you'll fall in love just as quickly as I did. Happy reading and rooting!

Michelle says

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Review of *One Night* by J. Kenner: *4.5 Second Times A Charm Stars!*

One Night by J. Kenner is a sweet, sexy fast paced second chance romance of two people reuniting. Penny and Blake had a passionate one night stand after meeting each other when their flights were delayed due to a snow storm. Fast forward to several months later, these two reunites when Blake has to do business with the Stark Enterprise, where Penny happens to be the assistant to Damian Stark. Once Blake and Penny sees each other, Blake proposes Penny another night of passion. Soon these two find themselves wanting more than just a night. Will this second time around be the key to unlocking their second chance at love?

If you are in the mood for hot, sexy, and sweet second chance love stories that are fast paced and insta-love, then this quick romantic treat by J. Kenner is the book for you. Such a fun and sticky as sweet molasses love story!!!

Karen Mc says

Sometimes you need a quick fix when reading, words you can inhale with lightning speed. You need a tale that is going to tempt you to read further but one that you can quickly gobble up in one sitting. You may need a test drive into new author territory before jumping behind the wheel or you may need more from your favorite author. Anthologies like *Second Chances* by the Romance Writers of America are the perfect places to test drive authors' words before you thrust full throttle into their books.

Part of this sensational second-chance romance anthology is *One Night* by J. Kenner. There is nothing I love

more than a second-chance love story!!! Second-chance romances like *One Night* are SPECIAL because that past intimacy is MEANINGFUL. ***One Night, this short second-chance romance, was my KRYPTONITE!***

One amazing, unforgettable, perfect night. And then I'd walked away.

J. Kenner brought me so close inside the heroine's head that Penny felt real, as if I were there with her too. Beautiful Penny had the best one-night stand ever with a gorgeous guy who rocked her world. They shared more than sex; they shared something special. It was a night that felt like fate. One night was all Penny thought she wanted with Blake....until a chance meeting becomes more.

"Forgotten you?"

He moves in again, and the air between us crackles from the electricity we're generating. He strokes my cheek, and that erotic sensation steals my breath.

"Baby, I remember everything."

In one night...

I DEVOURED *One Night*, downing it like a smooth shot of whiskey. Oh did I LOVE this DELECTABLE and DREAMY QUICKIE!

In one night...

I was THOROUGHLY SEDUCED by the SCORCHING and SCINTILLATING *One Night*.

In one night...

I fell in fast love with a hero and heroine who quickly captivated me and made their world mine.

In one night...

One Night UNEQUIVOCALLY OWNED ME.

One Night is INSTANT INTOXICATION, a tale that dazzles fast and furiously. I was SEDUCED with super sonic speed. **Packed with promise and potent heat while spliced with sexual innuendos and sensuality, *One Night* is a short shot of steam fused with feels. Only a masterful writer like J. Kenner can write a taste of romance where you're left both satisfied and wanting more!** This second-chance love story may be short but it SATISFIES ALL THE WAY!

4.5 seductive kisses

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Dawn says

Anything by J. Kenner is always a definite read for me. I'm a huge fan and it is just an additional plus when it is in the Stark world.

This one being Penny and Blake. Penny is a floater for Damien's company and today she is on his administrative desk. But in a previous world she knew Blake for one of the most beautiful, hot nights of her life. So when she gets a call that her Blake is in the building she all but freezes.

And then the elevator dings. Will this be a second chance?

I received this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

Second Chances is a Box Set of Novella Books from different Authors with about 399 pages. I love box sets like these that give you a taste of how the Authors write is a plus with me. In addition, I like Novella books when I am waiting or when I have a few minutes to kill...I am one of those people that once I start a book I cannot put a book down. I have read some of the authors in this set so I knew I would have a few go to books.

Thanks Authors for putting this box set together!

"My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read."

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Tanaka K says

Second Chances features 17 unforgettable and different stories about second chances. I love this trope so much and I got the opportunity to read One Night by J. Kenner. One Night is a sultry and erotic romance about love and taking chances. It is set in the Stark World and I seriously adore the Stark World because it

gives so many goosebumps and sweeps me away from reality. J. Kenner is one of my go to authors and her writing is so descriptive that I find myself transported to the she creates. One Night is an indulgent read that yanks you away and set your world on fire.

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Sofia Lazaridou says

*This review is only for One night by J. Kenner. I am not into second chance romances and I don't think I will read the rest of the stories. *

One night is the latest addition to the Stark universe. It follows Penny and Blake two people who hooked up before and they went their different ways. Now they get their chance at love once again when Blake sees Penny at Damien's office. I liked the book and the characters. The story is stand alone and that makes it easy to read. I would have wanted to explore the story a little more though. Maybe have some character development, even though I know it's hard to accomplice that in a novella or maybe just have the two of them romancing each other. I don't mean have them have sex, but do romantic stuff or just stuff a couple does in its everyday life.

Lacey (Booklovers For Life) says

Originally posted at Booklovers For Life

I love love love second chance romances, so this anthology chock-full of second chance romance stories was perfect for me. It was interesting to see so many different takes on this trope. And despite being short story length, they were all highly developed and well-written. If you love second chance romances too, I highly recommend picking this up!

It's hard for me to review this with seventeen different stories, but I do want to mention few that stood out to me. Christina Lauren's The Fisher Men: Levi's Story was the one that I was most anticipating, and this beloved author duo didn't disappoint. Levi is the youngest of the Roberts men (he's Finn's younger brother!), who are all part of a fishing company reality show. When the only girl he ever loved shows up on his boat to be his nurse after he gets injured, he gets a second chance at admitting his feelings and winning her heart. I adored this sweet, simple story. I wish we could have gotten more of it, not only because I loved Levi and Emmy, but also because I loved seeing Finn and their other brother.

Scandalous by Cassandra Dean is a historical romance and a second chance romance ten years in the making. The scandalous Earl of Edgington may have abandoned Sofie when she needed him the most, but now that she's back from her travels around the world, he's not about to make the same mistake and let her go again. Angsty yet sweet, I loved this story and its determined hero.

One Night was my first J. Kenner story, but it won't be my last. It's a fast-paced, sexy romance about putting your heart on the line and taking a second chance at love. I love when one night stands turn into something more, and Penny and Blake's story just worked for me. I definitely need to go and read the rest of the Stark World books!

With seventeen stories in *Second Chances*, you're sure to find one that you love. There's every kind of second chance romance in this anthology, from being jilted at the altar to falling in love with a magical Djinn. They are all quick, easy, romantic reads that are sure to satisfy the second chance romance lover.

Thanks to the authors for generously providing me an ARC to review.

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Ann Lorz says

Reviewed for Romancing the Readers Blog: <http://romancingthereaders.blogspot.c...>

I really love anthologies. It's the perfect way of finding new authors or just enjoy a short story by a author you love. Because of all I just said I have to admit that I was very excited about reading *Second Chances*.

The fact that they are stories about second chance romances makes it easier dealing with how short the stories are. The characters already know each other so all that's left to do is fall in love...again!

I liked most of the stories in this book. Some weren't my cup of tea but that didn't stop me from reading them. I have to tell you that the only authors I read in the collection are Tara Wyatt & Alyssa Day.

So for me this book was like window shopping. My way and looking for new authors. A few of the authors I will be adding to my list of authors I read.

My favorite story from the new authors for me is *Scandalous* by Cassandra Dean. I really enjoyed her writing and the story was very good. I will for sure add her to my list.

I'm happy so glad that I gave this book a chance and I think you'll enjoy it too. If nothing else you'll find a few new authors that will be added to your ever grow TBR pile.

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ARC received for a honest review

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

So admittedly, I only got this anthology for the novella by Christina Lauren. What? I'm an addict when it comes to their writing. If you're like me, you're going to be thrilled to be getting Levi's story. And if you're not familiar, Levi is Finn's younger brother from *Sweet Filthy Boy*.

There are a whole lot of authors packed into this anthology, and this worked out well for me because I got a taste of some authors I've been curious to try but haven't had the chance to yet.

Each story has the same theme of, you guessed it, second chance romance. Being a sucker for this trope, I gobbled each story up.

This is merely a taste for each author more so that a novella, in my opinion. They're much too short to be entirely satisfying (about 30 pages give or take per story if I had to estimate), but they're long enough to let you get to know the author and their writing style and fall in love.

The Second Chances anthology was a fun, swoony read that introduced me to several new to me authors that I can't wait to read more of.

My one quibble is that it felt more like a sampler than an anthology, but that's because I'm greedy like that. I would have loved to have a more in depth story, with a fleshed out ending. Admittedly many of the stories here felt abruptly ended when I felt like things were just picking up.

I don't think I can really rate it with the stories being so short, so that's why I won't. If you're looking for a fun way to get introduced to a wide array of different authors, this anthology is great.

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Wit & Wonder Books says

**** ARC provided by the author for an honest review ****

A second chance as defined by Merriam-Webster is an opportunity to try something again after failing one time. In the Romance Writers of America collection, Second Chances seventeen authors give their spin on second chance. These romantic short stories vary in age and genre, guaranteeing there is something for everyone.

The anthology starts off with a visit to the Roberts brothers from one of my favorites, Christina Lauren's Wild Seasons series. The Fisher Men: Levi's Story is you guessed it, baby brother Levi's chance at love. This one was super sweet, as Levi gets a second chance with his high school crush, Emmy, when the reality show hires her to be his nurse after an accident. Levi is a sweetheart and his flustering around Emmy is adorable. Of course, Finn and Colton are there to give him hell for his feelings. I only have one complaint with this story, it was way too short!

Another one of my favorites is J. Kenner's Stark World. In her short story One Night, Damien's secretary Penny comes face to face with the one night stand she's never forgotten, Blake Thornton. When he shows up at Stark Industries by chance and lays out a deal for the night, she agrees because she still wants him. But is it seduction or punishment for him? These two are hot! With cameos by Damien and Jackson, I loved this stroll in the world of Stark.

Let's switch gears for a minute. In the only paranormal story, Alyssa Day closes out the anthology with Jake's Djinn. Jake is a wizard and Donya is a Djinn, they have history in the form of a night of wishes in Vegas a few years ago. Neither has forgotten the other. These two are so entertaining. I found myself laughing out loud at their bickering and quips. An absolutely wonderful and fun story to end with.

This anthology has a little bit of everything, from young adult to romantic suspense to historical, there's even a M/M story. Besides my favorites I mentioned already there are authors that were new to me but are definitely on my radar now. This collection is a must read for those who believe love deserves a second chance. FOUR stars to all the incredible authors included in this amazing collection.

Lynne says

I'm a total sucker for 2nd chance romance- ESPECIALLY any story with high school 2nds chances, which was why I loved Kerri Carpenter's story so much. It hit all my buttons; nerdy computer geek, reunion story, friends-to-lovers. Total perfection!

The Romance Book Disciple (Samantha) says

So, I have been really digging anthologies lately! I love getting short stories I can dive into and finish in one sitting and I love getting a peek into authors I might not have heard of or read before. In this case, those authors I have never read before were ALL of them except Liliana Hart and Tara Wyatt. Yep, I have never read J. Kenner or Christina Lauren. So, here is a perfect way for me to get a taste of LOTS of great new-to-me romance authors! Yay!

All the stories have 1 thing in common: second chances! So, if this trope is your JAM you will love this. There are historical stories, teenage drama stories, romantic suspense stories, PNR, and contemporary stories so whatever genre you prefer, you can find a second chance story that works for you!

Obviously, I am not going to give you my thoughts on all the stories, because no one has that kind of time. So, here are my top picks with a nugget of why I enjoyed them:

Fortune's Treasure by Liliana Hart: Bad break up and history!!

One Hot Mess by Tina Ferraro: high school love and hijinks!

Scandalous by Cassandra Dean: ruined reputations and a rogue who is sorry!

And I was thrilled to get a glimpse into the worlds of Christina Lauren and J. Kenner! Having never read them before, I enjoyed getting a peek at their style and characters!

Second Chances has literally something for everyone and its short stories are perfect for quick reads while you wait at the doctors office (I read one while waiting for my ENT), on the subway, at your kids games, etc!

Any of these authors, or other second chance stories like Wrecked by Cynthia Eden, Its Me Again, Baby by

Katie Reus ...then you will probably like Second Chances!

Second Chances

See full review on The Book Disciple

Kathleen R. says

4 unexpected stars

If there's one thing i've come to realize from J Kenner, it's that you never know which favorite character of her Stark series you'll get to revisit after all this time. Heck, even when you think you've seen the last of the large Stark family, somewhere and somehow, she brings you right back by creating some sort of link to Damien and Nikki that you simply can't help but be giddy about it!

One night is no exception to the rule as we get to find out what happens to Blake and Penny. Their second chance story, added in an anthology, might be short, but it doesn't lack in punches, making any skeptical believe in second chances. It has everything i come to expect from her: love, drama, angst, humor, and the closure that i needed after these two didn't get their happily ever after. As always, i look forward to finding out just how J Kenner will create that link to her Stark series in her next books.

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Ambur says

I've always been a sucker for a good second chance romance, so when I saw that RWA was putting together an anthology titled, *Second Chances*, I jumped at the chance to read it! I actually didn't look at the author list until I was about to start reading it...and when I saw that the first story in the anthology was written by Christina Lauren, I was thrilled! :D

To be honest, I don't typically read anthologies all the way through, but with this one I did! I did it because I wanted to give the entire anthology a fair shot, and I actually really enjoyed the stories and wanted to keep reading it, too. As I've hinted already, the *Second Chances* anthology starts off with a story by one of my favourite authors, Christina Lauren! It was titled "The Fisher Men: Levi's Story" and it featured, you guessed it!--Finn's brother, Levi! Levi is one of the secondary characters from their *Wild Seasons* series, and this anthology was worth reading for me for their story alone. I absolutely LOVED Levi's story and I only wish that it had been longer! haha ;)

Other than Christina Lauren, I hadn't actually read anything by any of the other authors in this anthology until I read their short stories here, but I enjoyed them all. I definitely liked some more than others, but they all had their merits and I think this anthology would be great for all romance readers, especially if you're already a fan of any of these wonderful authors! I was surprised that two of my other standout favourites in the anthology were the historical romances: "Scandalous" by Cassandra Dean, and "The Jilt" by Sharon Sobel. And the last few stories had me tearing up, especially "The Family Tree" by Brandi Willis Schreiber! The final story in the anthology, "Jake's Djinn" by Alyssa Day also surprised me! It's the only fantasy story in the anthology so it felt a little out of place at first, but I loved it (made me want to go back and read the author's books from the same series)!

I think what I loved most about this anthology was that the authors interpreted second chances in different ways. Most of them were what you would expect, couples that had their time together, had some kind of breakup/separation, and they came back together, but they were all still completely unique which I really loved! Other were second chances of another sort, which was interesting! I also loved that there was a mix of genres. Some were contemporary, others were historical, and as I previously mentioned, there was even one fantasy! The age range varied too. A couple of the stories were young adult and were sweeter, light romances, while others were a bit steamier and were aimed at a more mature audience. Most of the stories were m/f romances, but there was one m/m, and all of the stories were definitely adorable! Some of them had me laughing, others had me crying, but they all left me smiling in the end!

Overall, I really loved the *Second Chances* anthology! I don't think you necessarily have to read all of the stories at once--it would be a great anthology to come back to whenever you were craving a quickie romantic

novella, but if you do choose to read them all in one go, like I did, I don't think you'll be disappointed! This is the perfect anthology for anyone who has a romantic side, and loves happy ever afters!
