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**Families have been arranging conjugal unions for centuries...**

Janine Hartman's grandfather was an ace negotiator and master meddler, and she had no intention of letting him barter her hand in marriage to his new business associate, Zach Thomas. So what if Zach was tall, dark and handsome? Hardly a minute would pass before she was head to broad chest with him in a heated argument!

In fact, the only thing she and Zach agreed on was how totally unsuitable they were for each other. Though his intentions were genuine, Gramps was stubborn and old-fashioned. But what if he was right?

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## Emily Higgins says

Janine Hartman's grandfather decided that Janine should marry his business partner, Zack Thomas. Because Grandfather came from a generation where arranged marriages were the norm, he felt that an arranged marriage would work just as well for Janine. An early novel from Debbie Macomber, but cute.

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## Emily Stevens says

Cute, non-trashy romance.

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## Chloe says

2 1/2 stars. This was the story of Janine and Zach. Janine's grandpa is Zach's boss and he thinks the 2 of them should get married so he sets up all sorts of situations to get them together. They start off hating each other but they fall in love, get married and decide to have kids. The book is only 195 pages so it all happened unbelievably quick. Cute enough for a short book, but you won't miss much if you don't read it!

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## Shelby says

In Married in Seattle

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## Debbie Heaton says

In Macomber's romantic novel, Jasmine is an independent woman—regardless of her grandfather's opinion. She has plans of her own that don't go hand-in-hand with her grandfather's plan of arranging her marriage. When Zach Thomas merges his business with the family business, he sees it as business only. But when Jasmine's meddling grandfather starts matchmaking, Zach and Jasmine are thrown together despite their individual plans.

Arranged marriages are antiquated and no longer acceptable in today's world, but the couple are forced to reassess that thought when passion flares between them.

What a wonderful story of two people whose lives become entwined for better or worse.

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## **Michele Gonnella says**

### **Four stars**

Predictable and kind of short, but very well written.  
I would like to know what happens next. I'm hoping for more.

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## **rivka says**

Read as part of *Married in Seattle* omnibus.

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## **Nadine Keels says**

*"Financial and practical advantages! You make it sound about as appealing as a dentist appointment. There's got to be more of a reason than that for us to get married."*

It was her grandfather's idea, the whole notion of a marriage between Janine and Zach. An arranged marriage, at that. But the two of them don't exactly plan on going along with the dear old man's old-fashioned plan in *First Comes Marriage* by author Debbie Macomber.

Heeheehee, just look at that 90s cover. I'll admit it was some nostalgia that drew me to it, looking like something I would've pulled off the bookshelf in my seventh grade English class, back in the day. But, hey, sometimes nostalgia makes a book even better.

I enjoyed taking a little break with this romantic comedy. It's not all fun and games, as Janine and Zach do have to work through some serious stuff in the middle, but then it brightens again, fittingly ending on a delightfully comedic note. Quite a nice story for anyone who'd find pleasure in a sweet and easy romance read.

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## **Tania says**

Randomly chosen from my pile(s) of books and it is book 85 of 2011 - aim 133 books in 2011

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## **Marianne says**

First Comes Marriage is the 43rd stand-alone novel by Debbie Macomber. Janine Hartman is a well-off volunteer worker who lives with Anton, the grandfather who raised her after her parents were killed. Zach Thomas is a self-made man whose business has merged with Anton's. When Anton tells Janine that he would like her to marry Zach, both she and Zach are shocked and surprised. This is the modern-day USA, not mid-century Europe! And anyway, they can't stand each other! She's rich, spoiled, illogical and stubborn

(he says) and he's arrogant, stubborn, rude, argumentative and unreasonable (she says). The marriage may look good in a practical and financial sense, but Janine wants to love (and choose) the man she will marry. And she wants grand passion. Anton says "first comes marriage, then comes love". But somehow her interfering grandfather manages to throw Janine and Zach together a number of times, and things start to happen. This novel is filled with crossed purposes, misunderstandings and witty repartee. It is a lovely, funny and light-hearted Debbie Macomber classic.

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### **Debbie West says**

I'm a fan of Debbie Macomber, and this book of hers just confirmed my great opinion of her. It's not part of a series, which is nice. I get tired of the small town series, since our library doesn't usually have all the books in one series..people check them out but don't return them. I enjoyed this delightful romance, though the arguing had started to get to me by the time it ended. The characters were full of life, especially meddling Grampa. I liked the part about him sending his partner & his granddaughter to Scotland separately to fulfill her dream of trysting in the Moors. Very cute! You'll enjoy this light hearted romance!

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### **Ashley Gibson says**

I thought this was a great story. Some of the schemes the grandfather came up to get Zach and Janine together were hilarious. I can totally relate to this story because when my grandmother found out she had alzheimers disease she was determined to marry me off. I couldn't go anywhere because is she saw a guy she would ask if he was single and try to set us up, it was so embarrassing. It is funny to read stories about people who are targets of matchmaking attempts unless you are the target. This is one of my favorites stories and one I read often. It's the story of a loving grandfather who is trying to get the two people he cares about together and while they try to fight his attempts - they wind up falling in love. I highly recommend this book.

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### **Mary Baker says**

This was a quick, easy read that provided humor and escape. I enjoyed it.

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### **Shakira says**

The plot is choke-filled with my favourite tropes but everything has been done better by some other author. It was a half-hearted and apathetic attempt at a novel, which is abundantly clear from the lack of chemistry between the protagonists. It might have been appropriate for the time when it was published but it does not have the timeless quality of other books, written even before Macomber's time.

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