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Stevie Carroll says

Previously reviewed on The Good, The Bad, and The Unread:

In my continuing efforts to read more new-to-me authors across a wider range of subgenres, I've been trying to overcome my fear of diving into series partway through. This time, I started with the third of a four-book story arc, in which four relatively mature women, united by losing their jobs on the same day, search for new career directions and find love along the way.

Jasmine Washington built up a successful interior decorating business before turning over the day-to-day running of the company to her husband, in order to begin a second career as a human resources manager. When she lost her job unexpectedly, she made friends with three other professional women let go from the firm on the same day. Having discovered her husband was cheating on her, Jasmine divorced him and sold the decorating business; now she's working part-time for non-profit organisations while she figures out her next move. Understandably distrusting of men, Jasmine agrees to a no-strings date with a man she met at the wedding of one of her new friends; Cameron Singleton is only in New York on a brief visit, so there's no chance they will get tangled up in a messy relationship – and Jasmine is definitely over any kind of long-distance romance, since that's how she met her ex.

Cameron is an investment banker, working for his family's firm in New Orleans, who visits New York a couple of times a year to catch up with his old buddies from university. Having witnessed all the bad aspects of his parents' turbulent marriage, he is keen not to be tied down and makes a point of having short-term relationships with younger women. Jasmine is older than Cameron's usual type, but he finds he enjoys spending time with her, as one date turns into several, and then into a promise to meet up again for the wedding of a second of Jasmine's new friends. Throughout all this getting to know each other, there is a lot of exchanging of backstories, without Cameron letting on just how influential his family is. Even in the early stages, however, he comes across as controlling and borderline emotionally abusive, though we're repeatedly reminded that he's not as bad as Jasmine's ex, who was only after her money all along.

Once the action moves to New Orleans, and Jasmine finds out that she's pregnant, Cameron, to my eyes, turns into a complete monster, moving Jasmine into the hotel he owns and lives in – in an adjacent suite to his, but still another sign of his controlling personality. I read the book to the end in the hope that Cameron would either learn to be a decent human being or get his comeuppance, but neither happened. Cameron's family is no better, and I was disappointed that Jasmine's friends seemed to think that all this was normal behaviour for rich folks and something to be tolerated as an alternative to Jasmine being taken for every penny she had by her ex.

On top of all that, more than one character used 'living an alternative lifestyle' as a euphemism for being gay. As a bisexual who has dipped into several alternative subcultures before finding a home with the steampunk contingent, I find conflating these two disparate aspects of personality to be highly offensive. It's possible to be very, very conventional and still be attracted to one's own or more than one gender, just as it's very common for heterosexuals to be goths, gamers, steampunks, or SF fans. Rant over, I don't think I'll be going anywhere near this author again.

Kathleen Gray says

Jasmine and Cameron- talk about second chance romance. She's had a tough run and now is in New Orleans running an inn. No interest in love but then...Cameron. These two start out, par for the course, as two people from different perspectives but well, you know what's going to happen! and in this one, a little more happens :). This is part of a series but I don't think you need to have read the earlier books because each features one of four women- and this is Jasmine's story. Thanks to Netgalley for the ARC. This is one of those light quick reads that is, let's admit it, somewhat predictable but also enjoyable.

Michelle Lindo-Rice says

I have read the other two books in the series and I was glad to catch up on the characters. Jasmine and Cameron's story was like a real-life romance. At times the descriptions slowed down the pacing. I love the happy-ever-after but there wasn't a lot of conflict. I am looking forward to the other two books in the series. Thank you Netgalley for this ARC.

Nicola Short says

I received a complimentary copy of "Room Service" from NetGallery and all opinions expressed in this review are completely my own.

My thoughts about this book are based on reading this 3rd book in the series. I did not realize this was a series, needless to say, I have not read the previous books. I feel that having the background from the previous books would have given me a better Idea of the characters, I feel the history of the relationships between the characters was important to know, at least for me.

With that being said, I did enjoy the book and would like to read the first two books in the series and reread "Room Service." It was a nice, light read and watching the relationship between Jasmine and Cameron develop was enjoyable.

Toni says

I loved it, interesting characters and great story. I csn't wait for the next one.

Maggie Boyd says

Romances focusing on older adults are rare in today's market, so I was delighted when I learned Rochelle Aler's Room Service features a hero and heroine in their forties. This is book three of a trio about more mature heroines, but you don't have to read the first two books to enjoy this one.

Jobless but by no means destitute, Jasmine Washington can afford to take some time to decide what she

plans to do next. A dedicated New Yorker, she doesn't really want to leave the city she loves, but an opportunity – in the form of co-managing the new luxury inn her friend is about to open in New Orleans – is calling her south. She has plans to use another friend's wedding in the area as an excuse to hang out in the Big Easy, enjoy the fine food, culture and music and see if she really wants to make a change. Then she gets the phone call.

Cameron Singleton had met Jasmine at a friend's reception the previous year and hasn't been able to get her out of his mind. In New York for a reunion with some college friends, he gives her a call to see if she's willing to meet with him. She is. They have dinner, then follow-up with a lunch at her aunt's inn. He's amazed at how quickly he's falling for her; she's amazed she's dating at all after the devastation her ex made of her heart. Realistically, though, how much of a future can they have if Jasmine decides to stay in New York when Cameron returns to New Orleans? See the rest of my review at <https://allaboutromance.com/book-revi...>

Brenda says

Hannah DuPont-Lowell, Tonya Martin, Jasmine Washington, and Nydia Santiago share a common bond. They were dismissed from their positions at Wakefield Hamilton Bank in New York on the same day. Little did these ladies know that the bond established on that day would forge forever friendships between these four women of different backgrounds. The Innkeepers Series by the prolific Rochelle Alers is a tribute to women (of a certain age) who are given second chances at careers and love. THE INHERITANCE is Hannah's story, BREAKFAST IN BED is Tonya's story, and ROOM SERVICE is Jasmine's story. New Orleans is the main setting, so *Laissez les bons temps rouler*. I recommend that you read this series in the order it is written, so that you can fully comprehend how the relationships between the women protagonists developed. I enjoyed ROOM SERVICE, and I recommend it.

Joyce says

A light summer read and romance between Jasmine Washington and Cameron Singleton with the background of New Orleans. After meeting at a friend's wedding they meet months later to go on a date. Neither person wants marriage, but these two individuals are made for each other according to friends. A tale of second chances

Alana says

I'm really happy to be finished with this book because it was not good. The main character, Jasmine is ridiculous. I love Rochelle Alers, she one of the few authors, that I read, who always gives her characters a real story, they have a history. But whew child, she failed with this one. She kept describing the male character as arrogant, and cocky, but the dialog didn't suggest this.

The book just wasn't well written, and there was this great opportunity to make us really feel the vibe of New Orleans and it didn't happen. I know this was the third installment of this series, and there is probably one more coming, but I'll more than likely pass.

⌘Critterbee says

Great premise, but the characters seemed a bit two dimensional, and the writing dry and predictable. Not my cup of tea, although many readers enjoy her books.

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Hazel Robinson says

Slow

I am enjoying this series but it was somewhat repetitive. The author kept explaining why Carson and Jasmine didn't want to get married. His parents and her ex husband. Was nice catching up with Hannah, Tonya and Nydia. Love the story being based in New Orleans. My husband and I went there for our honeymoon. Looking forward to Nydia's story.

Dj says

Heartwarming and seductive series follows four very different women risking second chances deep in the sultry heart of New Orleans . . . New Yorker (HR) Jasmine Washington had a successful (interior design business), a high-powered marriage, and a chance at motherhood—until her perfect husband betrayed her big-time. He got a hood-rat, with 3 kids already, pregnant and had a child with her, then got a vasectomy so he wouldn't get Jasmine pregnant. When they divorced he tried to take her business, her condo, and get her to pay spousal support so his new family could live in the manner in which he was accustomed. Now starting from scratch, the Asian and African-American stunner is tackling a lifetime opportunity: investing in her friend's new luxury inn about to open in the Garden District and handling HR. The last thing Jasmine needs is romance. New Orleans' most eligible bachelor, (investment banker) Cameron Singleton, begs to differ. Cameron challenges Jasmine's cautious ways, teases her back into having real fun—and makes one sexy, utterly irresistible Mr. Right Now. But their passionate nights soon result in a surprise bonus, baby girl Sabrina Maya Singleton. Even though Cameron insists on being there for Jasmine, can she really believe his love is the real thing? Can she shake the past and design a completely new life? And is there really only one way to find out?

A little repetitive, no a lot repetitive, took away from the overall experience

Tia says

I've enjoyed the Innkeepers series, but Room Service was not for me. I wanted a new story. This story felt old and recycled. The names and locations may differ, but general plot is the same. I wanted more and think the story could've been expanded in many different ways. The secondary characters, from previous books, were pretty much non-existent.

I was given this eArc from the publisher via Netgalley

Marti says

Room Service by Rochelle Alers is the third book in the series named Innkeepers. It is the first book I have read by Rochelle Alers and the first book I have read in the series. I didn't find it too hard to keep up with all the people and information even though I have not read the previous books.

Jasmine Washington was an interior decorator and then worked in HR for a large office. She has been burned by her ex husband and does not trust men any longer. She is pals with three other women who all worked for the same business until the business downsized and they were all out of jobs. Jasmine has worked a temporary job. She has determined to take the summer off and then leave for New Orleans for her friend's wedding. There are obstacles toward her moving forward but she is willing to face them.

Cameron Singleton meets Jasmine at a wedding of a mutual friend, but does not live in NYC like Jasmine. However, when he came up to hang with some college friends, he contacts her and they have dinner, dinner and then more food and drinks. Cameron wants Jasmine but is not interested in marriage. Luckily Jasmine feels the same. Together tho, they are hot and definitely interested in each other!

The book was a fun read and I wanted the book to end happily for Jasmine and Cameron. I felt the book was slow at the beginning with so much time spent in Jasmine's head relaying information from previous storylines. Once the story moved into both Cameron and Jasmine, I felt the book moved quickly and was much more interesting. Room Service by Rochelle Alers was a good read.

Gay Harris says

This was a beautiful story of finding love and starting a family after the age of forty. Jasmine was comfortable with her status, her abilities and in her own skin. After a failed marriage to a deceitful man, she did things based on what she wanted and her schedule as opposed to the wishes of others. Cameron, after the age of forty, a serial dater, never having married, always did things his way and on his schedule. He learned the art of compromise.

This was a great mature love story. Jasmine realized her dream and second chance at 43, while Cameron realized his at 48.
