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What if a psychic told you that you were destined to have the kind of love about which stories are written ...
“But not until you’re ready.”

What if she was right?

As a teen mom, already ass-branded by one husband both domineering and dense as meat locker beef, Elaine stutter-stepped to independence via jobs typing letters and dialing phones for a series of mouth-breathers who believed a woman’s place was under the desk, spit-shining their assets. A couple of decades later she had, by god, scratched out a role in the corporate testicle festival where she earned fat, man-size paychecks. But her personal life was a dispiriting trail of relationship roadkill, her heart as tough as armadillo hide. Her one faithful love walked on four legs and woofed for his breakfast.

Desperate for a peek at her future Elaine consulted an astrologer-psychic. Allie B fanned out her Tarot cards, did her California woo-woo thing and prophesied unimaginable love.

Enter Jake Kingston. Internationally acclaimed surgeon with a 100-acre ranch in the wine country, two Ferraris in his several garages, and enough love-life failures to make them as compatible as a Brazilian wax and a can of whip cream.

Was Jake the key to the love she sought? Yes. But in a way no one ever could have foreseen.

KARMA DECEPTION and a Pair of Red FERRARIS: A Memoir is Elaine’s spiritual journey to believing herself worthy of love. A journey that involves a karmic pact with a lover who broke her heart, a dumpster dive into the hurts and betrayals of the past; and, finally, finding the courage to open her heart and give the kind of love she so yearned to receive.

With her sassy, Lone Star attitude and a combination of raw, honest insight and self-deprecating humor, Elaine Taylor will have you laughing out loud as often as she breaks your heart.

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Kasey Cocoa says

Taylor shares her very personal life experiences in a manner that makes the reader feel almost as though she is sitting right there. The writing is very well done with a professional yet personal feel to the word selection. While this may be yet another story of triumph in the face of adversity it is an enjoyable and informative read. Overall this is an excellent choice when you are in the mood for something uplifting and honest. I received an ARC through Smith Publicity in exchange for an honest review. This in no way influenced my opinion which may or may not mirror your own.

Angela says

I absolutely adored this book. I could not get enough of it and hated when it ended. I would have loved to hear more of her story, after her journey of self-discovery. It was a little hard to follow when she is doing flashbacks of her life with Mick, but as the book went on I was glad she did as it allows the reader to understand how she went from Point A to Point B. I can't wait to read more by this author.

Katarina says

I liked this book, but wasn't blown away by it.

What I like: it's a memoir and seems honest. It's written with humor and made me laugh a few times. It has achingly sad parts, that made me well up. There is light at the end of the tunnel, even though it's a heck of a rough ride to get there.

What I didn't like: nothing specific. I mean, it's a real story, not fiction, so I can't really say I didn't like the development of pace of the story.....I can't and won't judge someone else's life.

Overall, a good book

Story Circle Book Reviews says

I have a strong appetite to learn from other's experience through healing to hope in order to help others on their journey. Elaine Taylor's Karma, Deception, and a Pair of Red Ferraris was a feast. The title itself hints at the wild ride in Taylor's journey from a neglected and abusive childhood to a woman who can receive and give love.

Taylor's self-esteem foundation was first built by her mother: "You think you're some kind of special, but let me tell you, little girl. You're not. You're a nobody. Just like me. And that's all you're ever going to be." Taylor's writing is gut-wrenching, real, and descriptive, as seen in her reflection on her mother's comment,

"Now there's a Mom-seed for ya, planted deep in fertile soil. That sucker sprouted and burgeoned into an invisible giant low-self-esteem sequoia, faithfully policing the entrance to any path I itched to forge."

Taylor desperately tries to fill the cavernous emotional hole created by her mother and the absence of her father. Burdened with guilt from her belief that she had something to do with her father's leaving and with shame instilled by her mother, Taylor looks for love from a long string of men and seeks direction from a psychic and from a God who she calls .Glorious.. Jake Kingston, a rich surgeon, brings her hope that she may have found the key to the life and the love she desperately longs for. She does find this love, but not in the way or with the timing the reader anticipates. The key lies within.learning to love herself.

Taylor's writing stands out through her use of dialogue and description of scenes, food, and relationships. Viewer discretion is advised: the language is often raw, vulgar, and sexually explicit. This powerful expression gives the reader a sense of the intensity of her self-loathing and the depth of her low-self-esteem. It is an eye-opening memoir that offers the reader a raw and real insight into a journey from devastation to healing and love.

by Cinda Brooks
for Story Circle Book Reviews
reviewing books by, for, and about women

Carol says

This book hit on so many topics that are important to me: love of dogs, clearing up karmic issues, love and light distribution, faithful friendships, fixing brokenness, laughs and tears and so much more.

Kara Griffin says

With a memoir you never quite know what to fully expect, add in a romantic twist and you think is this is another way to tell me about finding "true love." Well, KARMA, DECEPTION and a Pair of RED FERRARIS is so much more than that. Not only is this memoir artfully written but it engages you immediately as the main female character has such a sense of honesty, vulnerability and "toughness" that you are "drawn" to her. I know that in writing a memoir you are opening up yourself fully to the world. Elaine Taylor's story does that but with true rawness that makes the ending so much more incredible and credible. This story is not the cliché "find yourself first stuff we all hear" it is about a journey — each one is very different — and how Taylor found herself and love is simply inspiring. The "karma" in this book definitely has a strong undertone but how it connects at the end left me weeping with joy and understanding. The chapters evolve and flow with retrospective flashbacks that make it easy to follow. I recommend this book to every book club and woman who really wants to find love — within and with others. Thanks to Elaine for your courage and gift of writing that you are sharing with the world. Taylor has written other novels....I will purchase them next.

Bev says

This is a lovely read. Warm, witty, and full of self-deprecating humor, this is a memoir well done.

Even though I found myself shaking my head, disagreeing with Elaine Taylor's take on life and its meaning, nevertheless I was more than interested in her telling of it. Most people think they have a remarkable life, some actually do, few can really write well about it. This is a rare exception. The story and the telling (which had a lot of showing, rather than telling) were delightful, insightful and entertaining.

You won't regret the time you spend reading this one.

<http://bevbouwer.blogspot.com/2015/04...>

Carson Harkrader says

This memoir was a really fun read. My mother is friends with the author, so my parents have both read it, and my husband did as well. We all enjoyed it very much. This is an honest story about a journey of transformation along the lines of Eat, Pray, Love - but in a very US setting. The heroine/author invites us into her journey to shed the layers of emotional armor that are protecting her heart, but preventing her from finding happiness. The story has plenty of twists, funny and heartbreakening events along the way. This is a story that helps you remember why change is important and just how much there is for each of us to learn about ourselves and about the world.

Samantha Chesler-leiman says

A page turner with a heart.

Kme_17 says

I have received this as a first read. I enjoyed this book a lot. I enjoy the author style, which feels like Taylor is sitting next to you telling this story. She is completely relatable and funny. Just a warm good read. Will definitely leave the reader wanting more of the authors writing.

Schuyler Wallace says

Elaine Taylor considers her book, "Karma Deception and a Pair of Red Ferraris," to be creative nonfiction. I'm not sure how she means that, but creative to me means artistic, innovative, and inventive and a lot of other adjectives (see your thesaurus), all of which she abundantly displays. Her life is laid out for all to see and is described in superb writing that resonates with passion. Few books have grabbed my attention with such tenacity.

Taylor is a Texas girl with an attitude. Her childhood was unpleasant, to say the least, but she knows her mind, is resolute in finding her own way, and is unyielding in her convictions. In other words, she's stubborn. She has chosen a personal journey that clammers over a childhood of frustration, three husbands

who are only interested in their personal gratification, displaying a smart mouth and bawdy behavior in her travels. As I read on, I couldn't imagine how she would ever resolve her inner turmoil and find a life that would calm her demons.

Her story is intense and filled with unbecoming conduct that, frankly, only a strong person would dare reveal. She does so openly with a wisecracking demeanor that makes the reader both cringe and laugh while, at the same time, her lyrical language showcases her tenacity and resolve. We travel with Taylor through both joyful periods of inspiration and self-esteem and episodes of depression and self-destruction that include a half-hearted suicide attempt. It's a roller coaster that never slows to let her off and we're along for the ride.

Her bad choices include a decision to continue a relationship with man number four, a doctor whose idea of foreplay is a surprise gynecological exam before their first coupling. She rationalizes it as something a doctor would do, considering all the bad things that go on "down there." It turns out to be an educational, if not always comfortable, liaison.

The author has her champions who hand out advice and prophesies even as they cringe at her continued bad choices. Consider her psychic, both sagacious and enigmatic, who assures her that "when she is ready" she will be blessed with the kind of love she seeks. Of course she ignores the positive forecast and plows ahead on her pernicious course. It is not until Taylor totally surrenders her destructive self-absorbing behavior that she finds what she is desperately seeking.

Few writers can get around their egos enough to produce a truly absorbing biography. Taylor's retrospective has nasty tentacles to evade as she struggles in a undertow for a love she can live with, and she has no qualms about displaying her underwear along the way. She is, in a way, a shameless reporter; also a brave one.

This is a must read for those of us who need reassurance that we can conquer life's struggles. Taylor is our light and shows us how to make it shine.

Toula says

I so fell into the story . By the end even though it had a happy ending I was said for the heroine karma friend that opened her up to love and feelings (her heart)

Story starts off with Elain and Mick her love at the time having a hard time of it . They are at a marriage councelar . They are having a hard time connecting . The councelar gives them an assignment. Why isn't it shocking that Mick failed his . Not once but there Times . Won't tell you what you need to grab it . A few years later when Elaine is Single (she wonders why all her get-togethers fail) she finds out her dog is sick (cancer sick) but she is told that her dog dying will open her up to a great love . She goes to see a clairvoyant and a medium . I know what they are not many people do . Sure enough she does meet someone , a doctor . They hit it off right away . Is this the love of her life that her dog will bring her . I liked Jake . I totally understood why he came to Elaine life . Was sad to see what happened . . It's a must get . It's a real live story .

I'm happy for Elain and the end of the book .

R.G. says

I stayed up reading this until spots started floating before my eyes from fighting sleep for so long, and even then I didn't want to put it down. I don't read memoirs, I don't like anything non-fiction, nobody's life is that interesting, but I am so glad I gave this one a chance. I mean it's better than half the romance novels out there that I've snatched up. However when I think of such stories, I wonder how someone can be so open and honest, but Elaine does so with great wit and a sense of humor that helped make this book so enthralling. From what she tells she had a hard life, and this could've easily been never ending complaining with a healthy dose of 'woe is me', yet (and perhaps because it all ended well for her) she chose to tell it with flair. She shows the good, the bad, and the ugly and doesn't try to gloss over her own short comings either. But what I liked the best is that she didn't necessarily try to villainize those that had done her wrong, but often showed glimpses of their own good moments and hardships, even if they were fleeting. It creates a well rounded picture of the people and places that shaped the person she is today, and led her to the life she loves. It's funny, but mostly it's moving and the sort of book that leads to a bit of your own introspection, which definitely makes it worth the read.
