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Ben, the most romantic of the smoking hot Knight brothers, knew from the moment he met his high school sweetheart, Julie deGaia, that she was the one for him. Marriage, kids...he wanted forever with Julie—until the moment she skipped town without a word. Then Ben's father was murdered, and his life was irrevocably changed. Now, after twelve years, Julie's back. Ben's over her, of course. They're completely different people now.

Right. If they're so different, why do his feelings for her seem so damn familiar?

And how, after all this time, can she still make Ben so hot and bothered?

Julie was never supposed to return to Jupiter Point. It's only by staying away that she's ensured her safety. But she owes a huge debt to the wealthy and demanding Reinhard family, who took her in as a child. What the Reinhardts want, they get, so here she is, dodging a handsomer-than-ever Ben Knight. Her former sweetheart has turned into a hunky pilot who aims that sexy smile at everyone except her—until he learns the truth about why she left in the first place.

If the past can't keep Ben and Julie apart, a deadly threat in the present might. As for that idyllic future they always dreamed about? It might take some Jupiter Point magic to put this star-crossed couple on the road to happy ever after.

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Ellen Anderson says

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In true Jennifer Bernard style Hot and Bothered from the Jupiter Point-Knight Brothers series is another great book that will keep those pages turning until you are done. This is Ben Knight and Julie's story. Definitely a five star book.

Toni says

There is something special about a high school sweetheart story; the shared history, surviving one of the worst times of your life together, finding a way to make it despite all that. Ben and Julie in Jennifer Bernard's latest Hot and Bothered, are such a couple. A terrible misunderstanding pulled them apart, now that both are back in Jupiter Point they have the opportunity to straighten it out. While Ben and Julie are fun, Felix, Julie's godson, steals the show. He adds another dimension to the story which makes it all the more fun. There is more suspense in this novel than Bernard's other works, but she works it in subtly so even non-fans won't even notice. Bernard does leave a major thread dangling at the end of this installment. I hope it doesn't take her long to pick it back up. It is time to solve the Knight murder. If for that reason alone, I can't wait for the next installment.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this novel.

Gale says

Can I give this more than 5 stars??? I have loved the Knight Brothers books/series since the very beginning. With Hot and Bothered, I can honestly say it gets better and better and better! There's so much I want to say about specific things I enjoyed about this story however I do not want to deliver any spoilers. It is about Ben and Julie this time, but of course all the brothers stop by...and they, too, just keep getting more and more endearing.

Not only is the story of Ben and Julie wonderful and warm and heart-hurting (all at the same time), it brings us closer to the story about the Knight family both in the past and today. We are introduced to Savannah and Felix Reinhard – I won't try to connect the dots; read the story, you won't be sorry – and Felix's character is just amazing. How Julie, and even Ben, deal with him? I'd want to know both of them and even have them as part of MY family.

I wish I felt I could say more but each time Ms. Bernard writes about a Knight brother, I fall hard. This time is no exception. Julie will endear herself to you as well, as she has had just as "bad" a childhood as the Knights, in a much different way. Just when I thought things were looking up for these two, well, the story takes another turn that kept me reading until I had finished. Loved the book, loved Ben, Julie, Felix and

Sarah... Don't know how to recommend Hot and Bothered/Jupiter Point – The Knight Brothers series more. Great reads, all. And special hugs to Ben.

Laura says

ARC Provided by the Author and InkSlingerPR

This is my first title by this author, and while this was a standalone, I did feel like maybe there was some information I didn't have, coming in to this in the 7th book in the series. There is a subplot that, while I was able to follow along, I don't think I was invested enough in the events to really understand the amount of time that was given to it.

The parts of this that focused on Ben and Julia were strong. I liked their relationship, the way it was in the past and also in the present. I thought they had a strong connection and it was interesting to watch them put their relationship together in the "now".

However, the murder subplot seemed a little tossed into the story to me, and I thought it took away from the overall story. As I mentioned, there was what felt like a lot of weight given to it, and it is a weighty subject, murder isn't light, but the time spent made me feel like I should have more info about it than I did on the way into the story...maybe the other stories build this up some and I missed that as I have not read them?

I did enjoy this overall, and I do recommend it...but I think it might be a good idea to have read other titles in the series.

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Eileen says

Again WOW!! I don't know how she does it, but every book, including Hot and Bothered, Jennifer Bernard writes in her Jupiter Point series is better than the last. This is an amazing story about two people who get a second chance at the love they were denied as teens. Ben and Julie are perfect for each other, then and now. Neither could forget the other, their first love and nor could they find someone who could fill the hole left in their hearts. Julie gives all of herself to others, especially to her best friend and godson, but takes nothing for herself. Ben is all about family; his brothers and missing mom and sister. After twelve years away, Julie returns to Jupiter Point with some clues to the murder of the Knight Brothers' father. Now it's time for Julie to think and act for herself and her love for Ben.

I really loved reading this book and had trouble putting this book down. This amazing story is a sexier and steamier story than Ms. Bernard usually writes. However, this story really drew me in and did not let me go until I turned the last page. I highly recommend this book to other readers and can't wait to read her next book. This is not only the seventh book in the Jupiter Point series but also the third book in her Knight Brothers series.

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book.

Between My BookEndz says

Back in the day, nothing got Ben Knight more hot and bothered than Julie deGaia. And vice versa - everyone in Jupiter Point knew this two teenage love birds were destined for forever....until they weren't.

The big mystery swirling throughout the Knight Brothers series spin-off from Jupiter Point (right after who murdered the Knight Brothers' father) was what happened between Julie and Ben that sent Ben into the Air Force and Julie away from Jupiter Point for 12 years. Now that Julie has waltzed back into Jupiter Point, it becomes clear that not even Ben is quite sure what happened. Misunderstandings and missed opportunities seem to have plagued these two in the past, but danger is swirling in the present. Just what is going on?

This is another emotional read from Ms. Bernard that will give you all the feels - the romance, the warmth, the suspense, the heartache - not to mention some anger towards those that did Ben and Julie wrong years ago. I enjoyed every up, every down, every "bump in the road" this couple experienced on their way to HEA. This author can always be counted on for a well-written plot with interesting characters you will love or hate, maybe even at the same time! (No spoilers, but the Reinhardts? Hmmmmmm) Bottom line is that this book left me happy, satisfied, and intrigued for the next one! A+

Cindy Reifel says

I've been waiting quite a while for Ben's story and, it was well worth the wait. Ben lost the love of his life when she disappeared 12 years ago, just before his father was murdered and, he found him. Because of this severely traumatic sequence of events and, the fact that his mother left and took his sister with her after his father's murder, Ben has lived his life with his heart walled off. He and his brothers have all managed to do well and, 2 of his 3 brothers have found happiness with the loves of their lives. Ben thinks his life is going well until Julia, suddenly appears back in town, towing her Godson, Felix.

Julia has decided to finally return to Jupiter Point because she feels that it's been long enough that the man she ran into the night that she left, has finally, hopefully, left town and, she will be safe. She also feels that she has to tell Ben and his family the real reason why she left.

The history, miscommunication, pain and angst between these two is so very well written that you can't help but be pulled into the story!

I finished this book at 1AM this morning because, I couldn't put it down!

Cassie May says

Reviewed on behalf of 3 Degrees of Fiction Blog

For me it was the first book in this series and the first book of this author in total, so two first times. This book can be read as a complete standalone, even though I will pick up the first books in this series, because this book was so much fun to read.

The Knight Family is a tight-knit group of brothers that went through thick and thin together already. The

murder of their father, the disappearing act of their mother together with their sister and obviously a lot of heartbreak. All this you can get from hints to the previous books.

Ben, the brother in this story has known heartbreak. His highschool sweetheart left him without a word and without a possibility to contact her. Ten years later she comes back to Jupiter Point and his feelings for her rise again. They have never left and it was so awesome to see them fall in love with their older selves again. Their younger selves are still there, but of course, ten years is a lot of time, a lot of development and a lot of change.

The plot was a bit confusing from time to time, but not that much, even though in the end, it all happened a bit fast for me. It was like this slow stream led towards the end and then there was this waterfall hurling me over the cliff in the last few chapters.

Not all questions were answered through the book and I really wanted to know some stuff, so I will have an eye on new releases from Jupiter Point and pick up the older ones, to read more about the Knights.

Kerry Croucier says

Jupiter Point and the Knight Brothers...what a combination!

Ben knew what he wanted when he met Julia in High School. Everyone expected them to be together forever, until the night she left town without a word. Then his father was murdered and his life took a completely different track. He returned to Jupiter Point, started a business with his brother, and is happy...or is he? When Julie comes to town he realizes that he isn't over her. Julie isn't going to let the fact that she never heard from Ben and his current attitude keep her from the town she loves. Besides, she may have information that may help solve Ben's father's murder and it's past time she shared it.

Misunderstandings and secrets kept these two apart, but when it becomes obvious that they still care, can they overcome the past and their current situations to find their future, together?

With strong, likeable characters, a small town full of interesting people, and high school sweethearts looking for a second chance, this story kept me turning the pages to see what was next. It is book seven in the series, but can be read as a stand alone.

Pam says

What do you do when your high school love comes back into town 11 years after she ran off & left you behind? According to Ben Knight, you act like it didn't bother you, ignore her, & avoid places you may run into her. The thing is, Ben can't pull it off. Everyone can tell it bothers him & that he is still extremely hurt by what he sees as her actions. Ben has gone on to have an excellent military career & now is co-owner of Knight & Day, a flying tour business. He just hadn't found anyone to settle down with. Can he forgive Julie & move on?

Julie can't figure out why Ben is so mad at her. She's the one that left him a message to set up a meeting when she had to leave town & he stood her up. Who knew that her message wasn't delivered? She's devoted her life to helping her best friend raise her child. She's brought him back to Jupiter Point to visit his grandparents & manages to get mixed up in the Knight brothers search for their father's killer. Now she's realized she never left her feelings for Ben behind. She just ignored them. Can she find a way to integrate a relationship with Ben into her life without everything falling apart?

This was a great second chance love story! As the reader gets involved in the story, Ms. Bernard's writing style has you feeling the same emotions that the characters were feeling. Every time the Reinhardts emphasized that Julie wasn't a true part of the family, you feel her hurt & pain. When Julie & Ben were near each other, their chemistry burned hot, heavy & intense. The interactions between Julie, Savannah & Felix showcased the love & affection they felt for each other. The plot was intriguing & the continued thread of trying to discover who killed the Knight's father added unexpected twists & suspense. Great story!!

Ann Lorz says

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

I can't tell you how much I'm loving this series. I really feel that Bernard does a great job of writing hero driven books. She just gives you guys you want to know.

In Hot & Bothered we have another Knight brother story. Love me some Knight brothers. They are such great, sexy guys. If you need a reason other than hot firemen to read this series I'm giving it to you.

As you guys know, if you follow me, I'm not a huge fan of second chance romances but I'm always willing to give them a chance. With Hot & Bothered I feel it's more of them putting a pin in it than a second chance. I think I feel that way because they had nothing to do with them not seeing each other again.

Other forces did that for them.

In fact it really pissed me off all that they go through at the hands of others. It was horrible and they are way to forgiving.

Okay, I got that out. Even with the bullshit they are dealing with because of the past you can see, almost feel, how much these two love each other. You will cheer for them throughout the story. You want them both to be happy.

I really loved Ben, he was such a great guy. The interaction between him and his mother broke my heart. I felt so bad for him. I also felt that he was more invested in his relationship with Julie. Now that doesn't mean I didn't like her, I do, I just didn't care for all her choices in life.

I just didn't get her over-the-top need to be there for Felix. Over even her own happiness. At times it was just a little too much.

They both had to learn to deal with their past and Julie really needed to learn how to trust the man she loves.

As a whole this is a great action filled story. I like how the firemen are tied into the story. I really can't wait for more books in this series. I will tell you that I feel like it should be read in order. You really get to know the town and the people better that way.

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Amy says

I think I say this every time, and if I don't I feel it, that each new book in the Jupiter Point series is my new favorite. Well, Hot and Bothered definitely takes the cake. This is absolutely my favorite of the series! This book has everything I look for in a second chance romance and then some.

I adore Ben, pretty sure he is my favorite Knight brother, hands down. Julie is amazing with Felix. Her love, devotion, and loyalty to him and Savannah shone brightly in everything she did. Felix was like my nephew and I saw his face in my mind's eye every time he was in a scene. I thought Jennifer Bernard did an excellent job with his character.

As Ben and Julie seemed to be making their way back to each other, we are thrown for a loop with one heck of a twist and turn of events! I loved the action and drama, it added a whole other element to the book. I don't want to give too much away by saying too much, but it was perfect!

I can't wait for the next book in the series. I'm so wrapped up in the town, the people, their lives, and most of all I want the Knight brothers to get to the bottom of their father's murder!

Phenomenal job, Jennifer Bernard!

Jennifer says

Ben Knight and Julie were high school sweethearts who KNEW they'd get married, have kids, and live happily ever after. Then life got in the way. Fast forward twelve years...

Ben, a former military pilot, and his brothers have opened Day and Knight Tours. They take tourists up in the skies for tours of Jupiter Point and surrounding areas. Ben loves his job, but feels as though something's missing in his life. Although he tries not to be, he's a little envious of his brothers and their significant others. He wants that for himself.

Julie has carried a secret for twelve long years and it's one of the main reasons she's returned to Jupiter Point. Once home, she realizes the messages she left for Ben all those years ago, were never received. Actually, the messages were relayed, but they weren't her words. As Julie works to make Ben forgive her, there is a stalker in waiting.

Loved, loved, loved Ben and Julie! Ben is swoon-worthy, patient, and romantic! Julie has a heart as big as Texas, but almost to her detriment. Julie has given up twelve years of her life to help her best friend raise her son. As a result, she has no life of her own and is willing to put her life on hold for her godson and best friend. Ben tries to be understanding, but also tries to get Julie to realize she needs to start living her dreams before it's too late. I enjoyed Ben's interaction and patience with Julie's godson. Intriguing ending, but actually wanted more, maybe an epilogue of sorts. This was the seventh novel in the series, but can be read as a stand alone. I read a gifted copy and all opinions stated are my own.

Rosie says

Ben Knight is an Air Force Reserve pilot--after serving 12 years active duty. Having come home to start up a flight company that mostly caters to Jupiter Point's honeymoon clientele, his main goal is to fly high and often. All that comes crashing down when a blast from the past returns. Why here and why now?

Julie fled Jupiter Point 12 years ago when her best friend called needing her help. She stayed away for fear of what she'd find when she came back. But NONE of that compares to what slams into her every time she catches a glimpse of the love she left behind. A second chance love story. A tale of two sweethearts. But when you fall in love at 16, can you really rekindle against the teenage angst that has had over a decade to fester?

I have read over 25+ of Jennifer Bernard's books. With some author's you would find that the characters start to muddle together, or the plots become hazy as one bleeds into the next. But with Bernard's Jupiter Point series, you are never fed the same book twice!!

Ben Knight is the perfect addition to the Knight brothers. The more emotional of the four, he's the one they all thought would get married and start a family first. Instead he finds himself avoiding the one person he ever loved because she left without a word. I love the Bernard was able to meld a tough as nail fighter pilot with a teddy bear! He got the rough language of someone who has flown over some craptastic episodes, but the heart of a man who only ever wanted one thing. He's what most girls DREAM of!

The saga of what happened to the Knight brothers' father is continued in this book. I will say I am not a fan of "thrillers" or "crime" books, so while we do have a case of whodunnit, I appreciate it isn't the focal point of the story. This is the 7th book in the Jupiter Point Series, and the 3rd of the Knight Brothers. It can be read as a stand alone, but truly you should check out the previous to help get a feel for the sub-characters. I loved Ben and Julie TOGETHER and can't wait to see where the upcoming books find them!

Marybeth says

I am still seriously swooning over Ben Knight! Yes ladies another of the very sexy, charming and incredibly awesome Knight brothers, finally comes face to face with his fate or in Ben's case finally does again. We definitely see who got a big helping of sweetness, vulnerability and the ability to fly circles around the heart of the woman he wants.

I am such a sucker for a really good second chance love story, and this certainly is that!! I love how both Ben and Julie are totally unprepared for the onslaught of feelings that come to the surface again after 12 years. They were just teenagers before and hadn't ever taken their relationship to that final level of intimacy. Oh but how they most definitely get there now!

Ben & Tobias have something special to be proud of in their flight tour business and stepping in to help the Hot Shots when needed. Ben is very happy in Jupiter Point.

Julie has a successful cleaning business in LA and is very devoted to her friend Savannah's son Felix as she has stepped in to be his caregiver while Savannah is on location shooting since she is an actress.

Julie brings Felix with her back to Jupiter Point because she really wants to make everything right for Ben and his brothers after leaving the way she did 12 years ago and to finally give them the information she has

been afraid to talk about for so many years. It takes so much courage and strength on her part. That whole part of the story line is so just good and intense.

I love that Ben & Julie have both basically been unable to love anyone because they have loved each other for so long and are finally getting the chance to be together and be everything to each other. They have some intensely hot chemistry and some very sexy, steamy moments. But what happens when Julie has to leave to go back to LA? Can they make it work?

Hot & Bothered does not disappoint and definitely lives up to it's title. Jennifer Bernard can't go wrong with this series in my eyes!
