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As a trauma nurse, Julia McCarver is accustomed to dealing with life-and-death emergencies. But she is the one in shock when she answers the door and finds the past standing there in the person of S.T. 'Storm' Dalton. Julia had painstakingly put her life together not just once but three times and she has no intention of doing it again.

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Michele says

I picked this book up in the library of our vacation rental. It's like eating a bag of jelly bellies. Super sweet, a couple of nice surprises, but mostly unsatisfying. You know it isn't good for you and when you finish it you feel slightly sick to your stomach. I'm pretty sure I don't need to read anything from this author ever again.

Tomi says

I like Tami Hoag better as an author of crime thrillers. I know she started her career as a romance writer, but she was obviously following a "formula." That being said, this book had some laugh out loud moments, which changed it from a 3 to a four.

Evelyn Wilson says

Just a quick, cute book about a football player and an ER nurse who finally get together.

Anne Purwitsky says

didn't know she also wrote romances and didn't think much of it at all.

Trish says

Picked this up at a used book sale at my local library after enjoying Cold, Cold, Heart. Was expecting another suspense mystery story, so was surprised to find this was a romance. It is a republished early book by this author that includes a forward by her where she compares romance and suspense, noting that both genres can include the two components she feels are necessary for every good story: "characters a reader can fall in love with, and a mystery." In the case of a romance, the mystery is the "puzzling maze of the human heart." The book was OK for the genre, just not what I was expecting!

Amy Moniz says

Good book, short and quick read.

Amy says

While I generally enjoy the light-heartedness of Hoag's early romances, I didn't feel this one was a good as most. I just couldn't get past the fact that Julia had been left by him 3 times before and yet within a span of 2 weeks, she was supposed to accept that this time would be different. I could believe that he might have truly changed, but I thought it unreasonable for her to recognize and accept that change. I didn't really feel there was anything in the story to lead her to that trust. That being said, the characters were fun to meet and I did like Storm. I just felt like Julia wanted to be a stronger character than she actually was. And I also felt her friends romance was tacked on and unnecessary. I felt there were unexplored possibilities created by her friend "spying" for Storm and I kept waiting for a confrontation that never came. I'm not sorry that I read this one but I don't think it will go into my pantheon of books that I re-read a lot. Some of her others are much more well-rounded.

Bark says

I listened to this book as an unabridged audio. I would never have finished it as a paperback. Taken by Storm is an older series romance that has been reprinted and given the audio treatment. It doesn't deserve it. It deserves to stay tucked away as a relic of old on the shelves of a dusty used bookstore somewhere.

Here's the original cover.

Feel free to scour your tbr piles to see if you have it. Then do yourself a favor and remove it from your home. Or read it first and come back to yell at me if you love it.

So, what's it about? You're dying to know, right?

When the man who broke her heart three times shows up out of the blue with a marriage proposal Julia is steamin' mad. Apparently, S.T. (also known as Storm) has finally grown up and realized he's ready to settle down. He has his sights set on Julia because he's an egotistical jerk and no other woman will have him he has realized she is the only woman for him. He lurrves her so very much. Unfortunately for Storm and his enormous ego, Julia hasn't sat around pining away for him and is engaged to another man. But Storm doesn't let that stop him from being a big overbearing boob and wooing her back into his bed. Ugh. Hell. No. This is not the stuff of which my romantic dreams are made of.

Everything about this book thoroughly and completely annoyed me. The dialogue was unbelievable and the story filled with cliches. The other man, a nice stable doctor type, is portrayed as a complete bore so the heroine will have an excuse to dump his lame-ass and the hero is just so over-the-top ridiculous that I wasn't buying what he was peddling.

There were many great little romances written in the 90's that deserve reprinting but this wasn't one of them. I listened to this book as an unabridged audio.

Juanita says

this was a quick read of a sweet love story. I enjoyed it between reading psychological thrillers! a great change of pace for me!

Connie says

This story from what I know is a rare romance from Ms Hoag who usually writes Suspense/Thriller type books. She stated that when she first started out, this was her chosen genre and how she has a soft spot for it. This story is one of those harlequin type books that is centered around best friends/soul mates who were on again, off again lovers. Storm "JT" Dalton grew up in an abusive household in which his mom left for better pastures and Julie was an abandoned teenager when her mother died and her father dropped her off with her aunt and uncle while he went off to have a life in the middle east. They grew a friendship out of their need for companionship and understanding, and in different stages of their lives when Storm came to different crossroads he would leave Julie behind: first with college, then when he was drafted to the NFL and then one last time when he was traded. When he retires, he realizes that he needs Julie in his life permanently and is no longer afraid of the commitment to be with her because of what he thought of himself and he didn't want Julie see that side of him. He was left with the feelings of inadequacy because of his upbringing and always wanted Julie to think of him as a hero.

Storm woos Julia through a contest of gallantry because she has a fiancée who in all honesty doesn't give two cents about her because he is so Blaise about the whole thing and allows Storm to get away with all kinds of things that no man who loves a woman would allow. Of course in the end, Storm gets the prize but it was hard won because Julie was no pushover and made him work for her attention as he rightly should have after everything he has put her through throughout the years.

This is a good story to remind us that lasting romance doesn't always happen the first time around. :)

Darlene Grant says

Predictable old fashion love story. I didn't hate it just got annoying at times.

Maura says

I like me an alpha hero as much as the next gal, but this guy was a bit ridiculous. Not that he was mean or a jerk or anything, but he got it in his head to be in this woman's life and no matter how much it upset her, he wouldn't take no for an answer. He irritated me.

The heroine's opinions and actions are PERFECTLY justifiable. This guy has romanced her and left her not once, not twice but three times. Three times he's walked out of her life and left her broken hearted. And he expects her to trust him within 3 weeks????? Yes, actually he does. So much so that he gets upset and angry that she won't drop everything (her job, her friends, her home) to move to a ranch in the middle of nowhere Montana. He gets upset that she can't sacrifice everything for him. And what is he sacrificing? Nothing. He

gets to keep his home, his job and he gets the woman. I'd think after his past behavior, making him work for a few months or years would be perfectly reasonable. I think the biggest grand gesture he could make was to give up all his ideas of the future and let her decide (or even give her an infinite amount of time to come to terms with it) - but no, because then that doesn't tell him that she's finally learned to trust him.

And the friend Liz. Not so much of a friend really. I hate the friends in books like this that side with the hero and then turn spy so he can manipulate the heroine into being with him. I wouldn't count anyone as friend who sided with a guy who had hurt me three times! A real friend would have called the cops to get him out of the front yard when he suddenly showed up!

This book was irritating beyond belief.

Cheri says

I knew it was older and a romance novel when I selected it so I have nothing negative to comment. It was a cozy, romantic, funny read. It was what I needed after the holiday madness. There is one scene with a dog and a bone that made me giggle out loud :)

Stacey says

This book was like a harlequin romance!!! No thinking needed and corny!!!! I can't believe that this was Tami Hoag's book

Sierra Brown says

This was such a amazing book. I have to recommend this to everyone who loves romances and tami Hoag. S.t. Storm dalton is my fiction boyfriend. Hope you all enjoy this book like I did!!
