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Ten years after therapist Ruby shared an unforgettable kiss in Paris with a stranger, he shows up on her doorstep – and reveals that he's a prince! Duty has kept Prince Alexander away, but now he can make their dreams come true...

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Monique says

Star Rating: ★★½??

Sometime says

[Explain to me how you spend one really great hour with a man and then spend the next 10 years pining for him and comparing every man to him and never really living your life? It was an hour 10 years ago. Get some perspective. Then explain why it was a good idea to purposefully have a baby who will never know it's mother? Why would you pla

Becky says

SO CAAAAA-YUUUUUUTEEEE. ...ahem. I really enjoyed this one - it was the cute, soppy romance I really needed to read!

Melody Cox says

I liked all the characters in this book, Alex (some of the time), Annabelle and Ruby always. Theirs' is a very deep and troubling love story that I had many difficulties with. A lot of the facts were just too unbelievable. I will give examples later. This was an emotional read for me and my review will reflect those emotions that were stirred in me.

This book did have an HEA but unfortunately it did not leave me feeling happy or content. No warm and fuzzies in the least. In fact for hours after concluding the book, every time I thought of the story I cried. I went for a swim and cried all the while. There had been so much heartache on both sides, too much for me when reading a book to escape. For someone who had loved Ruby for ten long years it was not very evident by his earlier actions of ten years of absence. Alex, even though likable, left a very bad taste in my mouth. I somewhat struggled with what his true feelings were and if he really loved her and how much. His total lack of contact with her had shown Ruby that she was just another girl, nothing special. Now, I ask you. If you fell quickly in love or even heavy in like with a young woman...or man... that completed you perfectly and you were called away on an emergency unexpectedly - would you totally give up on her when you didn't get an answer to your one single message you sent...the message she never received because you, my Prince, sent it to the wrong hotel? I simply cannot fathom his cavalier attitude even though I tried. And I ached for Ruby and her devastation as day after day she awaited word from him, as she watched while he later married another and had a child. This is deadly serious for me folks. He was single and free for a long time before he married and he could have easily been with Ruby. He knew exactly where she was and sent her beautiful flower arrangements every month or so but unsigned. She had no idea they were from him. If he was so certain that she didn't want anything to do with him then why the heck did he send her flowers regularly except for the two years he was married to his best friend, who I might add, was dying and desperately

wanted an heir to carry on the Queenship (if that is a word) of her country after her death. So he married her, not loving her, (still in love with Ruby,) and the Princess did not love him either but needed an heir before she passed away to save her country, both knowing she would not live long. This just about destroyed Ruby and I certainly see why later in the book she feels like the consolation prize. So would I and she had every right to feel that way.

The excuses he gave for the ten year absence were unrealistic, unbelievable and did absolutely nothing to redeem himself. He left a message at the wrong hotel that had his private number on it. When they couldn't deliver it could they not have reached him at that number and let him know he had the wrong hotel? He sends those flowers, even though he assumes she wants nothing to do with him, but never bothers in those ten years to actually sign his name or send his number. Since he knew where she was I felt he was being an ignorant fool for not calling her or showing up on her doorstep. How in the world can he say she was in his thoughts every day yet not step up and call or contact? That is just too unrealistic to be believable. So many things like this that didn't seem like the normal/natural human response from someone who cared deeply for or loved someone. I really and truly disliked him for this and there was no excuses good enough...at all. Just stupid excuses that a ten year old would have known better what to do. Scary that this coward runs a country. Said coward told Ruby that he had been too busy running the country to call or have a relationship yet he had time to marry his friend and have a child. Just bull and I was thrilled to see Ruby call him on much of this.

So to sum it up...I was deeply disappointed. It's not a book I would put my emotions in turmoil again to reread. Too much sadness, heartbreak, frustration, and devastation for Ruby. She deserved better, so much better. Too much negativity with very little positive and very unbalanced. I understand there is heartbreak and angst in books but I would have loved to have seen a bit more happiness to balance out all the sad, bad, and heartbreak. Something from the Prince to make him likable and not such a jerk, something to redeem him.

Megan says

I actually really enjoyed this book.

I think it was sweet and cute and I really enjoyed the romance between them.

I think it could have been better, and would have been nicer to have had them meet a bit sooner but I do believe they were in love and I actually enjoyed this book the most out of the Christmas Collection 17

Debra says

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A sweet timeless take of a common woman who fell for a prince. But they didn't get together at first. He left her when called home. She didn't see him for over ten years. Now he needs her help with his daughter. Since she had gotten a degree in the speech part of medicine she was perfect for him. But was that all she was going to be involved in? He was a widow with a country to run. How could she, a commoner be anything more to him?

Nas Dean says

THE PRINCE SHE NEVER FORGOT by author Scarlet Wilson is a January 2015 release by Harlequin Presents series.

Ten years ago Ruby Wetherspoon met and kissed a mystery man, Alex. But she could never forget him. She did find out that he was Crown Prince Alexander of Euronia. And then he married, had a daughter then became a widower. Now he needed Ruby. Would Ruby take this chance? Dare she risk her heart once again?

But Alex wanted Ruby to work with his small daughter to help her speak. And Ruby's heart melted when she met the little princess. Could she leave them now after doing her job?

THE PRINCE SHE NEVER FORGOT was a heart-warming story. Author Scarlet Wilson brought the emotions to the page in a way that would move readers to tears numerous times. A reader would stay hooked to the book till the last page and this story would stay with the reader long after the book ends.

Highly recommended for all readers of romance.

Trenchologist says

This read like a Hallmark movie. Which, since I like Hallmark movies, meant it was just fine. But just fine is all. For a book where fireworks featured so prominently there weren't many for me. I think the momentum (and Ruby's character) got too bogged down in the third act, and too much stop-start action before the obvious end. Like buying time or filling word count to get there.

The premise all in is a bit preposterous but that doesn't bother me. I'm all about a fairy tale. I'm also fine with love-at-first-sight and just clicking with someone. But I didn't quite get how much the Prince went astray in his decisions regarding his first wife, or regarding a *ten year* gap before he went after Ruby. Or all his obvious mistakes in would-be finding her in the first place. Add in Ruby carrying a torch built on not a lot, it was a stretch to take to them as characters and their 'second try.' He knew where she was for 10 years and didn't bother to do better than send anonymous flowers. Their history & lack of development to explain and forgive it all gave me a mostly meh feeling at the end.

Due to these disconnects for me, it all felt like devices to get in the way of another story that could have been told--a young woman with her own life at her feet deciding whether she can become a Princess instead, and have a happily ever after with a Prince she's just met and suddenly has the full responsibilities of a the throne thrust upon him.

2+ stars.

Min Li Li says

Alex'in a?k?na pek inanas?m gelmiyor nedense!Yahu 10 y?l boyunca k?z?n nerede oldupunu

biliyorsun. Sürekli çiçek gönderiyorsun ama neymi? mesaj?na yan?t vermedi diye kar??s?na ç?kmam?? Senin a?k?n bu kadar m?yd? yani? Üstelik gitti ba?kas?yla evlendi. Tam 10 y?l sonra k?z?n kar??s?na geçip k?z?ma yard?m et diye ç?kt?. Neymi? ondan ba?kas?na güvenemezmi?, peh... Bu yüzden Ruby ke?ke daha çok süründüyseydi onu dedim ama nafile k?z a??k olunca bir kaç mesafeli davranıştan sonra yelkenleri suya indirdi. Yine de Alex'e iyi dayand? ve sinmedi hiç. Üstelik sordu?u bir soru vard?, cevab?n? çok merak ediyordum ama Alex prensimiz cevab? geçi?tirdi. Yine de sevdim kitab?, okurken bilmeli?im ?eylerde ö?rendim.

Pauline Destinugrainy says

Bagaimana mungkin sebuah ciuman dan perbincangan singkat membawa kesan yang mendalam dan bertahan hingga sepuluh tahun kemudian?

Itulah yang dialami Ruby. Dia bertemu dengan Alex yang menyelamatkannya dari kerumunan orang pada malam tahun baru di Paris. Ketika Alex menciumnya di bawah kembang api tahun baru, Ruby tidak tahu siapa Alex yang sebenarnya. Malam itu mereka berpisah secara terpaksa ketika beberapa pria dengan setelan hitam menjemput Alex. Beberapa hari kemudian, Ruby baru mengetahui dia adalah Alexander, putra mahkota kerajaan Eronia.

Sepuluh tahun kemudian, Ruby yang sukses dengan karirnya sebagai ahli terapi wicara dan bahasa, sudah berusaha melupakan Alex. Bagaimanapun Alex adalah pangeran yang di luar jangkauannya. Meski dia tidak sepenuhnya bisa menghilangkan perasaannya pada Alex yang meninggalkannya begitu saja tanpa kabar. Dari media, Ruby tahu Alex telah menikah dengan Putri Sophia, dan memiliki seorang putri. Sophia kemudian meninggal karena kanker tidak lama setelah melahirkan. Ketika Alex kemudian muncul di hadapannya, memintanya untuk menjadi terapis bagi putrinya (Anabelle berusia 3 tahun dan belum bisa bicara), yang ingin ditanyakan Ruby hanyalah kenapa dirinya, dan kenapa harus menunggu sekian tahun lamanya bagi Alex untuk mencari Ruby.

Senang rasanya bisa membaca Harlequin yang tidak mengutamakan hubungan fisik dalam alur ceritanya. Di dalam novel ini, konflik utamanya adalah bagaimana Alex dan Ruby bisa menjelaskan satu sama lain mengenai sepuluh tahun yang terlewati. Karena nampaknya, bukan hanya Ruby yang tidak bisa melupakan Alex, Alex pun demikian. Hanya saja bagi Alex kondisinya tidak semudah yang Ruby pikirkan dan alami. Alex punya tanggung jawab sebagai putra mahkota yang kala itu ayahnya (raja Eronia) jatuh sakit. Alex harus mengambil alih pimpinan kerajaan sejak sepuluh tahun yang lalu. Alex harus mengerahkan seluruh kemampuannya untuk mengembalikan kondisi kerajaannya yang hampir kolaps. Dan selama sepuluh tahun Alex menaruh Ruby dalam satu sudut pikirannya, mengirimkan bunga tanpa identitas kepada Ruby sesekali. Namun ketika Alex memiliki Sophia dan Anabelle, mengirimkan bunga kepada wanita lain terasa tidak benar. Di sini saya melihat, Alex sebagai sosok yang bertanggung jawab. Dia menyisihkan egoismenya untuk kepentingan banyak orang. Dan berusaha berjalan di jalan yang benar.

Ruby sendiri bukanlah wanita lemah yang mengejar cintanya semata-mata. Sepeninggal Alex, dia melanjutkan hidupnya, sempat bersama beberapa pria meskipun rasanya tidak pernah benar. Hingga akhirnya ketika dia bertemu Alex, Ruby tidak serta merta melemparkan dirinya ke dalam pelukan Alex. Dia menguji dirinya, dia menanyakan kesetiaan Alex dan dimana sebenarnya posisinya di dalam hati Alex. Sementara itu, Ruby bersikap profesional dengan mengatasi kesulitan bicara Anabelle.

Satu lagi yang menarik dalam novel ini adalah kondisi Anabelle. Dia mengidap Mutisme Selektif (atau di

dalam buku ini disebutkan sebagai Bisu Selektif). Saya pernah membaca sebuah buku tentang kondisi ini yang diceritakan dari sudut pandang si penderita. Tapi di novel ini, Ruby sebagai seorang ahli mencoba melakukan banyak pendekatan mencari tahu tentang bisu selektif yang dialami Anabelle. Anabelle sempat merasakan 11 bulan bersama ibu kandungnya. Meski Sophia dalam kondisi kesakitan, dia ingin menghabiskan sebanyak mungkin waktu bersama Anabelle. Ketika Sophia meninggal, Alex dan seisi istana Euronia yang tidak mengetahui apa-apa, menghilangkan Sophia sama sekali dari kehidupan Anabelle. Banyak ahli mengatakan bahwa ingatan seorang anak baru mulai terbentuk di usia dua-tiga tahun. Namun kenyataan itu tidak bisa berlaku umum bagi semua orang. Anabelle menyimpan di benaknya suara ibunya yang didengarnya selama sembilan bulan di kandungan dan sebelas bulan sebelum kematian ibunya. Ketika ibunya tiada, Alex sebagai ayahnya yang penuh dengan kesibukan dan tanggung jawab sebagai pemimpin Euronia juga menjauh dari Anabelle. Inilah yang menyebabkan Anabelle memilih bahasa isyarat daripada bersuara. Dan Ruby mengetahui hal itu melalui pendekatannya pada Anabelle.

Selayaknya novel Harlequin, novel ini menjanjikan akhir yang bahagia. Ini bukan spoiler ya... yang sering membaca Harlequin pasti sudah tahu pakemnya romance satu ini. Tapi bagaimana kedua tokoh utamanya menemukan kebahagiaan itulah yang menjadi inti dari novel ini. Kisah yang mengingatkan kembali kepada kita bahwa cinta sejati itu ada. Bahwa cinta bisa menemukan jalannya kembali dengan banyak usaha. Bahwa cinta butuh perjuangan, pengorbanan, dan juga kompromi.

Susan says

Very good book. Ruby and Alex had met in Paris on New Year's Eve while in their twenties. He had rescued her from a crowd and they spent the next few hours together enjoying the holiday. Ruby had no idea who he was as they made plans to meet the next day for sightseeing. Alex is suddenly called away because his father is ill, and she doesn't hear from him again. She isn't surprised though, as she discovers who he is a few days later.

Ten years later Alex suddenly appears at her workplace, asking for her help with his daughter. He's never forgotten her, and has kept track of her career. He's convinced that she is the only one who can help Annabelle, and will do anything to convince her to come with him. Ruby also never forgot Alex and the kiss they shared that long ago night. Seeing him again brings those old feelings right back to the surface, but he's still way out of her league. However, she can't refuse to help his daughter, so off she goes.

I loved both Ruby and Alex. Ruby is passionate about her work with kids, and empathetic with Alex and his worry about his daughter. I loved seeing her focus on Annabelle and what the child needs. She is terrific at looking at the whole child and what might be causing the problem. As she and Alex work together to help the little girl, Ruby discovers that her old feelings are growing stronger, and she begins to dream that a future is possible. She is also remarkably clear sighted and realizes that part of Annabelle's problem has been caused by Alex's inability to deal with the grief of his wife's death. And until he has done that, she sees that there is no future for her either. I loved seeing her explain her observations to Alex and force him to face the truth. It also opened up the chance for them to get to know each other as they are now, rather than seeing each other as they had been in the past. I also enjoyed Ruby's fresh attitude toward life in the palace and the way she slowly won people over. She was a bit naive though, about what would happen with the media when they discovered the budding relationship. She wasn't entirely fair to Alex with her reaction, but she hadn't been prepared for the fallout. She had a lot she had to think about before she could have her fairy tale ending.

I thought Alex was wonderful. His rescue of Ruby on that New Year's Eve was great, and I loved the way

that he enjoyed the way she had no idea who he was. I loved seeing the ordinary things they were doing that evening instead of the fancy things he could have provided. He was really enjoying being with her, right up until he found out about his father's illness. He tried to get word to her, but when he didn't hear back from her he tried to go on with his life. Ten years later, as a widower with a small daughter, he is in desperate need of Ruby's help. He's followed her career and is convinced that she's the only one who can help Annabelle. While he's never forgotten that magical New Year's Eve, he's surprised to discover that his feelings for her are growing, now that they are spending time together again. I loved the way that Alex is so determined to do whatever it takes to help Annabelle. Though aware of her reputation, he is surprised by Ruby's methods, and more impressed every day. He also begins to think about seeing where the growing feelings for Ruby might go. It is here that Alex's inner romantic really begins to shine. I loved seeing all the little things he was doing for Ruby, and the things he tried to do with her. He was falling hard for her, which made it doubly stunning for him when she confronted him about his actions regarding his daughter. Though it surprised him, he had to admit that she was right. It was great to see him take her words to heart and make the necessary changes. The emotional growth in him was great, and things were going great until he pushed a little too fast and ended up causing great heartbreak for both of them. His romantic side came through though, and the ending was really fit for a fairy tale.

There were some really fun parts of the story as well as some really emotional ones. There were a couple of really funny parts involving Ruby, Alex and water that showed he could be lighthearted. Seeing him really start to connect with Annabelle was sweet -- and seeing Ruby protect his time with his little girl was fantastic. I loved the way that Ruby and Alex's mother-in-law bonded over the well-being of Annabelle when things could have turned out so differently. I loved the part that she played in Ruby's happy ending.

Linda Walters says

I liked this book, it had some surprising elements to it. Both Ruby and Alex were interesting people. So was some of the things that happened to them during the ten years that they have been apart.

Ruby's best friend Polly, was someone who I wasn't too sure about. At times she seemed like kind of "Debbie Downer." I wasn't so sure that she was really looking out for Ruby. But in the story, Ruby probably put it best. It was like having her own professional cheerleader and piranha all in one. Well put! Now, Annabelle was a whole different story, she was one of the reasons that Ruby was in the country. She was a sweet, sad toddler who needed Ruby's skills and a whole lot more. There will be challenges for all.

I will say that at times the story dragged a bit. But it was also because they had so much to deal with in the present and also the regrets of the past. At least that was my take on it.

CuteBadger says

I've never read a Mills & Boon novel before and only read this one as I was thinking of entering a magazine competition to write one. The book felt like a summary of a longer work so there wasn't much description of people or places, other than the main characters. The plot was predictable but that's more the fault of the genre than of this author. It was fine as what it was, but not for me - and I've decided not to enter the competition!

Aini Ainayya says

Buku ini selamat dari DNF dan bintang jelek karena bahasan terapi wicara yang diulas lumayan oke. Dapet ilmu parenting banget baca ini, terutama gimana memperlakukan anak yang ditinggalkan ibunya saat usianya belum genap setahun.

Aku masih tidak suka akan bagaimana Ruby mengungkit masa lalu sepintas yang dihabiskan dengan Alex. Mereka menjalani kehidupan baru dengan orang lain selama rentang waktu 10 tahun itu. Tapi, ohemjeh mereka dramatisnya ampun-ampunan seolah ciuman singkat di malam tahun baru mengalahkan kehidupan pernikahan.

Cintya Larasinta says

Buku ini tdk kusangka bnr2 bgs n manis bgt!
