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Hacía ya un año de aquella tormenta de nieve en mitad de la cual Holly Barrows había corrido a los brazos de Slade Rawlins, convencida de que alguien la perseguía. Había llegado a él como una maravillosa aparición en mitad de la oscuridad de la noche. Pero Holly era real, una mujer de carne y hueso cuyo cuerpo Slade había memorizado con sus dedos. Después de aquella noche había desaparecido y no la había vuelto a ver hasta aquellas navidades, cuando llegó asegurando que habían secuestrado a su bebé...

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Lana says

3.5 stars

Anita says

For the first few chapters I thought "You've got to be kidding". The plot was so implausible and far fetched, I was sure that I would never finish the book. But I kept reading and things started coming together and I could see, if I closed my eyes and squinted, how this could, maybe, happen. Not that I believe it ever really could, you know. Still, having fully discarded reality is several other books, I decided to finish this one. B.J. Daniels writes a good romantic suspense story about a woman who has been taken advantage of by a powerful family and the P.I. she eventually hires.

A year ago on Christmas Eve Slade almost runs down Holly, although at that time she had memory and thought someone was trying to kill her. She stays with Slade for two months and then just disappears. Slade didn't know at the time he was taking advantage, he really doesn't come off as very sharp. A year later, Holly shows up at Slade's office door with a story of her live born baby being replaced by a stillborn one. This time Holly has no memory of Slade. It is absurd on the face of it until you dig deeper and Slade does the math and comes up as the baby's father

The plot also covers the murder of Slade's mother some 20 years ago along with the mystery of Holly's baby. The plot paths of this novel are off in all kinds of different directions and it seems that everyone in Dry Creek, MT has something to hide and the town isn't that big, so how come no one picks up on what is going on?

Judy says

This book was different, it was about hypnosis, drugging people, killing people, artificial insemination, stealing babies from mothers, it literally had it all, but it was good.

Leer por Placer says

¡3.5!

Penny Griffin says

December 26, 2001

B.J. Daniels delivers a Christmas Intrigue in "A Woman With a Mystery," an entertaining, though flawed, romantic suspense. A year ago a mystery woman walked into Slade Rawlins's life, became his lover, then disappeared. Now she's back. Except Holly Barrows doesn't seem to remember him. She wants to hire him to find out what happened to her baby, a baby Slade knows must be his. The doctors claim the baby is dead. Holly says it was kidnapped by "monsters." Can Slade believe her and find his child?

"A Woman With a Mystery" is a compelling pageturner, though Daniels regular readers may find it far too similar to her other books. It's interesting that out of the 12 Intrigues she's written, 8 (8!) of them have involved a secret child or baby being passed off as someone else's as part of the plot. That's two thirds of them. It's not surprising that this book starts to feel old from the start. I had the entire story figured out far too early, mainly because the author has taken me down this same road too many times before. I have the feeling she could have come up with this story in her sleep. Like most of her books, it's overly convoluted and stretches credibility in ways that makes it hard to believe several plot points. That isn't to say it isn't well written. Daniels's prose is typically engaging and fast-paced. Despite the predictability of the plot, I was never bored or anxious to put it down. I was never completely engaged either.

Part of this has to do with another element of the book. Daniels makes it hard to completely empathize with her heroine because so little of the book is told from her perspective. The book is 250 pages long, and no more than twenty-five of those are in the heroine's point of view. This makes it really hard to get into her head and know what she's feeling. She never really came to life for me. The book is hero-driven and we do get to know Slade and his motivations very well. Readers who enjoy good heroes might like this one. But Holly is mainly a victim who gets shuffled from one event to the next, and the lack of insight into her head only makes her seem more passive.

"A Woman With a Mystery" is a pleasant way to spend a few hours. I suspect though the author's talent would be better served with a more original storyline. Something without a secret parentage? Her upcoming entry in the Trueblood Texas series doesn't sound promising. Hopefully her upcoming gothic in the Moriah's Landing series will be.
