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One-night stand + two percent condom failure rate = happily ever after?

Bar owner Kevin Kowalski is used to women throwing their phone numbers at him, but lately he's more interested in finding a woman to settle down with. A woman like Beth Hansen. If only their first meeting hadn't gone so badly...

Beth's tending bar at a wedding when she comes face-to-face with a tuxedo-clad man she never thought she'd see again. She tries to keep her distance from Kevin but, by last call, she can't say no to his too-blue eyes or the invitation back to his room. Then she slips out before breakfast without leaving a note and, despite their precautions, pregnant.

Kevin quickly warms to the idea of being a dad and to seeing where things go with Beth. After all, he's not the player she thinks he is. But she's not ready for a relationship and, given his reputation, it's going to take a lot to convince her to go on a second date with the father of her child...

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Jennifer says

★★★½

Undeniably Yours is the third installment in Shannon Stacey's contemporary romance series titled: Kowalski Family. I am a fan of Ms. Stacey and her writing, and I love this series! It has wit, humor, a primary and secondary romance, and a down-to-earth storyline. However, I didn't enjoy Undeniably Yours as much as the other two I have read thus far (Exclusively Yours and Yours to Keep). The female lead is stubbornly independent by nature and it gets annoying after a while. That is my only complaint and what ultimately affected my enjoyment. The male lead: Kevin is an original member of the Kowalski "clan" and the characters in this family are consistently great and part of what I love about this series. They take family (and love) seriously. I am looking forward to happily working my way through this series. The third installment: Yours to Keep was the first book I read in this series and it remains my favorite to date. Each book can be read as a standalone with lead characters from past/future installments making appearances here and there. If you're a fan of this genre, show Shannon Stacey some love and check out this great series!

My favorite quote:

"When the reception was over I went for a walk and...she's pregnant." They were both quiet a moment, exchanging one of those old-married-people looks he still couldn't decipher, but which made him squirm. He and Beth were both adults, but that didn't make telling his parents he'd accidentally gotten a woman pregnant any easier. "Lot easier to walk with your fly zipped," Leo grumbled."

The Kowalski Family Series includes the following installments: (as of December 2014)

- #1-Exclusively Yours
- #2-Undeniably Yours
- #3-Yours to Keep
- #4-All He Ever Needed
- #5-All He Ever Desired
- #6-All He Ever Dreamed
- #6.5-Alone with You
- #7-Love a Little Sideways
- #8-Taken with You
- #9-Falling for Max

Chan says

This book frustrated me.

And the heroine

Beth: Kevin is hot. I want him.

Kevin: Let's sleep together

Beth: Okay.

A week later

Beth: I'm pregnant

Kevin: Cool. Let's get married.

Beth: I don't need you to get married. I can marry myself

Kevin: Well let me help you with the pregnancy

Beth: No. I'm so independent. I impregnated myself.

Kevin: but I love you

Beth: no you don't. I love myself.

Exasperating and infuriating woman! I was so ready for this book to end. The redeeming quality was the Kowalski family. I enjoy the connection they have with each other. They are a real fun loving bunch.

Holly says

I remember really liking Kevin in the previous story, and really wanting him to get his own, but I can't exactly recall why I liked him. So I kind of went into this book blind.

I really liked a lot of it. Kevin and the whole Kowalski clan were wonderful. I loved the sense of camaraderie and friendship between them, and the other secondary characters.

Kevin was a solid character, who really wanted to do the right thing by Beth. He also wanted to settle down with a family, so the timing was right for him. Beth didn't want to settle down, which meant he wasn't able to just bulldoze his way into her life. It was good that she didn't just fall for him hook, line and sinker, though I do wish she would have given just a little bit.

As for Beth herself, while I understood her need for independence, I don't understand why she was so fierce about it. I think Paulie, Kevin's bar manager, had a better reason to push people away than Beth herself did. Her reason for being so closed off was that her parents had smothered her as a child. We never saw evidence of it, though. They sounded like concerned parents, but they weren't overbearing or smothering. For her to scoff at every offer of help - whether emotional, mental or financial - and push everyone away because she was an only child and her parents cared about her...well, it was too much.

Despite my issues with Beth and her need for independence, I really liked this story. I think it would have been better if Beth had given in sooner, but overall it had a sweet quality. It helped that Paulie and an old flame, Sam, had a secondary romance running in the background. That kept the frustration from Kevin and Beth's lack of relationship at bay for the most part.

~Tina~ says

I'm so glad that this book was about Kevin Kowalski since he seemed like the only sibling who got a bum deal in the last book and I wanted a happily ever after for him. I didn't exactly expect this *kind* of happily ever after mind you, but I'm not one to complain. Even though it's not something new, I really enjoyed the way the story-lined moved and I never lost interest.

I simply adore Kevin. I love how much he genuinely cares. He's not your average player even though he could easily live like one. You can tell family is really important to him, he could have taken the news like most men would have, but he's a Kowalski so I shouldn't have expected anything less. Kevin is a solid guy through and through.

But sadly I wish I could say the same thing about Beth. She's a nice enough character but she's got some issues. I mean there's stubborn and then there's *stubborn*. The reasons not to be with Kevin and her denial of what she was really feeling was getting pretty old and while I understand the why's it didn't stop me from being frustrated and impatient as Kevin.

What I really loved about this book was that it seems to include the whole package. If you get one Kowalski, you get them all and that's always a good thing. I loved those moments between the brothers and those times when it's just the girls and then when it's the entire family. There is just something incredibly infectious about this family and it makes me wish I was apart of it.

All in all, I still really enjoyed myself with **Undeniably Yours**. I loved that I could just sink right into this and lose myself and how much I cared about these characters or the fact that I want more the minute I'm done reading, but one this is clear, Shannon Stacey has got herself a new fan!

Sexy, Smart and Irresistible!

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Samantha says

I really liked Kevin in the first book, so I was excited to learn that he was going to get his own book. However, after meeting his lucky lady my happy feelings died. Beth was a miserable female the whole book. They have a one night stand that leads to them having a baby. Instead of Beth accepting Kevin's help, she pushes him away repeatedly. The whole book goes on with this cycle. I really wanted more of a connection between them. I thought the pregnancy would have brought them together and their friendship would have turned to love. Instead, Kevin falls in love and Beth is just being pregnant! Not a great addition to the series.

Renae (Romantic Parvenu) says

I picked up *Undeniably Yours* because it was the next in a series, so...I didn't realize it was an "oops, I'm pregnant after a one-night stand" type of book. To be honest, that's not my favorite plot-line. I just don't like babies, okay—all the "awwwww, so cute" moments for me are more "gack, disgusting" moments. So, you know. If this had been a standalone I most likely wouldn't have been in a hurry to get to this.

But I'd already made the effort of checking this out from the library and I do like to finish a series whenever

I can (sense of accomplishment and all that). So, onward I rode, into the wilds of pregnancy hormones!

I guess what I do think works, and what stands out most, about *Undeniably Yours* is that the male lead, Kevin, is on board from day one. He was interested in Beth the first time he saw her, and so an accidental pregnancy is more exciting for him than anything else. Throughout the story, he remained supportive and sweet, and was mostly not an asshole, except for a few eyeroll-inducing moments where Shannon Stacey had to assert her character's "manliness" (i.e. riding snowmobiles, being grossed out by birthing classes, and needing the baby to have *his* last name and not any of that girly hyphenated shit *thankyouverymuch*).

Beth, for her part, was okay, too. Her "issue" is that she wants to be independent and she'll do anything to not feel crowded or that people are hovering. So she lives a vagrant lifestyle and refuses to be tied down. Except her pregnancy test comes up positive and now she's tied forever to Kevin and New Hampshire. And, because of course she does, she fights it tooth and nail. It gets to the point where she's really happy with her life and loves Kevin, but her stubborn-ass *pride* won't let her accept it.

Girl, I totally understand where you're coming from, but when you've got a newborn baby and haven't gotten a full night's sleep in two months, and your baby daddy is practically begging to help you...jump on that shit. Sleeping is important, okay?

I mean, no, I didn't *love* this. But that's honestly pretty par for the course, considering that contemporary romance is a genre that I want to love but never seems to love me back. Shannon Stacey's characters are mostly likeable—though I do think the series' main selling point, the entire Kowalski family, wasn't as in-focus as it could have been. The story's concept wasn't my favorite, sure, but I was still entertained.

I dunno. Overall, I'd say *Undeniably Yours* was light, easy reading. It wasn't anything truly remarkable or unusual, but it was fun while it lasted. I'll probably forget all about this book shortly, but that's okay.

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

Kevin was ruined. No way in hell was he going to have a normal relationship with a woman's vagina ever again.

Shit. He was even using the word 'vagina'. He was totally, irretrievably ruined as a man.

I LOVE these books... every single one of them!! Absolutely favorites and keepers, each and every one! *Undeniably Yours* is book two of the Kowalski family series and it's funny, heartwarming, sexy... and in case I didn't make it clear enough, I LOVED IT!

This is Kevin and Beth's story who, after a one-night-stand, end up pregnant. Yeah, they'd used a condom, but sometimes Fate has other ideas, and I'm so, so glad for it! Just like the other books in the series, while there are definitely some very emotional moments, this is not an angst ridden story. I've ended each book with a smile on my face and a deep sigh of contentment!

I'm going to share a couple of my very favorite scenes and then call it done, because no amount of my raving can do this story justice -

This scene takes place when Beth meets the whole Kowalski clan for the first time. The entire event was funny as all get out, but this bit had me smiling so hard my cheeks hurt--

It was a little overwhelming, even though they were a very likable bunch of people. Like agreeing to learn the doggy paddle and being shoved off the high-dive board. And to keep things interesting, somebody told Bobby, Kevin's youngest nephew, the baby could hear stuff and he was determined to make his new cousin his BFF in utero. It was a bit disconcerting having a kid randomly tell bad jokes to her stomach. Like now.

“Why did the weasel cross the road?” he yelled at her belly button. “To prove it wasn’t a chicken!”

Then he laughed so hard he almost fell over. He was a cute kid, she thought, and then it hit her—a little over seven years from now, she might have one just like him. Some faceless, nameless boy with too much energy and the knees almost worn out of his jeans, telling jokes to crack himself up. Maybe, if they were lucky, he’d look like his daddy, dimples and all.

And Bobby strikes again -

Beth was laughing at his story when Bobby ran up to her. She lifted her plate out of harm’s way and smiled at Kevin over his nephew’s head as the boy put a hand on either side of her waist.

“Hey, cuz!” Bobby yelled at her stomach. “What does a snowman eat for breakfast? Snowflakes!”

Then he laughed like a loon and ran off in another direction.

And for some reason, this one really got to me. One of the simplest, sweetest ways to hear that a man had fallen hard for his woman -

Countless women had walked through his bar. Walked. Sashayed. Danced. Staggered. He’d even had a few try to climb up onto the bar and strip. Who knew he’d be turned on by the one who waddled?

So yeah, do I love these books? Absolutely!! They are fun, feel good, sweet, romantic, and very sexy stories guaranteed to leave you with a smile on your face and have you wishing that you were part of this family - or better yet - one of the lucky ladies who has stolen the heart of a Kowalski.

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Tina says

The only reason this book gets even three stars is because of the hero, his dialogue, and the B-plot. The heroine was a very frustrating protagonist to read about and was the reason I originally contemplated giving the book 2-stars.

Kevin Kowalski is a bar owner from a huge and loving family. He is immediately attracted to Beth and the two have a memorable night together. Very memorable as it turns out because he condom failed and beth is pregnant.

Before I get to my problems with Beth, I'll say what I liked about the book.

Kevin, the scenes in the bar he owns, Paulie, and the Kowalski family are great. I loved Kevin's character. He is a stand up guy who LOVES his Boston teams with an almost comic fervor. The big family interaction is well depicted without being overly cloying or precious. I enjoyed how all the brothers snark on each other and get along. Yup, Kevin is a fantastic character.

And then there's Paulie. She is Kevin's right hand at his sports bar and has a whopper of a secret that comes out in the course of the book. Her romance has a better hook and was much more involving than the one between Kevin and Beth. Paulie and Sam should have been the main story. I was so invested in them and wanted to follow the course of their relationship much more!

But Beth annoyed the bejesus out of me. There is being independent and proud and then there is being just plain stupid. She was just such a frustrating character because I could find no reason for some of the decisions she made or why she continued to treat people so stand-offishly when they only wanted to help her. Why is it considered a bad thing to accept help? Especially when the help is coming from the father of your baby? And this continues up to the bitter end of the book. I couldn't for the life of me see why Kevin would continue to put up with her.

The other big weakness of the book outside of Beth is I simply didn't buy why Kevin was so into her so quickly. Yes you can be attracted to someone, but he was into her from the start and never looked back. They hadn't really even shared a meaningful conversation before they were between the sheets and he was contemplating changing his long established dating pattern behavior just for her. And...I dunno....I just felt he was into her waaaay more than she was into him. That may not have been the intent of the author. But that is in the end how I felt about the characters.

Read it for the hero and the B-romance plot. Try not to want to slap the heroine too much.

Gamze says

Dün ak?am kitab? bitirir bitirmez akl?ma bir replik geldi.

Cem Y?lmaz'?n filmine ait olabilir ama emin de?ilim aç?kcas?.

Kitap için bas bas ba??r?p o repli?i söylemek istiyorum defalarda..

"Doktor bu neee????!"

Kitab? neresinden tutsam elimde patlayacakm?? gibi hissediyorum.

Karakterler özellikle de Beth... Okurken ölüp ölüp dirildim resmen. -_-

K. says

If it wasn't for the hero of this book ... I'd have rated it a 2*! The heroine, Beth, spent the entire book

spinning out the same extremely annoying "I need my space" type of independence theme, and rejecting the very sweet and protective hero, Kevin. I pretty much could not figure out why the heck such a "good guy" hero fell in love with her. Talk about "phoning it in" on Beth's character - she needed a personality transfusion!. She was very one-dimensional to an extreme, while the rest of the book was actually filled with quite a number of richly developed side characters. I found it strikingly odd that one of the main protagonists was so neglected in development. To be honest, I found the secondary romance of Polly and Sam much more interesting, and they definitely had more depth and were more believeable.

I haven't been able to score a good "accidental pregnancy" romance, one of my favorite themes, for some time now. I guess the hunt goes on! :(

K.

Anja says

2.5 stars.

I wanted to bash Beth over the head with the boulder that is her pride. She spends the *entire* book whining about how everyone wants to help her and be there for her but she is too independent and afraid of smothering to allow it.

I have no idea what Kevin sees in her. Why does he try so hard when he is getting nothing in return? He puts up with her crap for *ten* months. Being supportive, trying to show her affection. I wanted to shake some self-respect into him. Women are always giving him their number with suggestive remarks but he doesn't even look at them. He is wrapped up in Beth who ignores him and makes him feel overbearing. Six months into the story, Beth whines to her mom that Kevin collects these napkins with phone numbers from bar bunnies so how could she trust that he wants a real relationship with her. Despite evidence that he doesn't take these women up on their offer. Despite the fact that Kevin spends all his time with her being a nice guy.

I knew going in this was a pregnancy book but every now and then my eyes would glaze over at all the babyness.

I vastly preferred the secondary romance and wish it had been given more screen time. It was a bit too rushed to make way for repetitious narrative on how letting the father of your baby assist you and want to be in a relationship with you was horrible.

The author's voice was enjoyable and there were several humorous bits of dialogue.

Teryl says

This book was frustrating. It never got any deeper than the surface. Beth was a stupid idiot and I have no idea why Kevin even liked her. I totally didn't buy their HEA. Very disappointed because the first book in this series was so good! It felt like the author took 2 steps back in the writing department.

Jaci Burton says

I loved this book. I thought Shannon's first book, *Exclusively Yours*, was wonderful, but I loved this one even more. She writes real characters with real flaws. I loved Beth and Kevin was perfect. This book made me tear up and smile and laugh and run the gamut of emotions. An excellent read!

Maggie says

MENTAL CASTING NEWS

(I put the mental in mental casting!)
(Also, I've had a littttle bit to drink.)

I read three romance authors: Victoria Dahl, Julie James, and Shannon Stacey. Dahl I read for the sex, James I read for the dialogue, and Stacey I read for the men. The Kowalski men. Hot damn. Of the 3 Kowalskis, Kevin Kowalski of *Undeniably Yours* is my favorite. He's just a good guy. He owns a bar, he loves the Celtics (forgivable), and he loves his family. He was married once before to a woman who took advantage of him, so now he's single again. After his divorce, he had his share of one night stands, but he's always been about family and relationships. Enter Beth Hansen.

Beth is independent and determined to stay that way. Even after she finds herself pregnant after a one night stand with a certain bar owner, she's determined to take care of herself. She's not looking for handouts and fights Kevin's overtures at every turn. Even when his offers are reasonable, she fights him because she doesn't want to become dependent on him. Beth eventually caves and moves into the apartment across from Kevin. Despite her resistance, Kevin slowly wins her over with his sincerity.

I was somewhat skeptical about this book because babies and pregnancy, ew. I want SMUT in my romance! There are some smutty scenes, but I was surprised by how sweet this book was. I liked how Beth and Kevin's relationship developed from strangers to lovers to unexpected partners to friends and then eventually, after much hemming and hawing, back to lovers. When I first read the book, I gave the story 3.5 stars and Kevin Kowalski 10 stars.

(I wrote the above ages ago and left it in my drafts.)

So who is Kevin Kowalski?

Howdy, neighbor.

Hellooooo, Chris Evans. I cast him after reading this article in Details. He's such a Kowalski! And after a Tumblr search, I found the rest of my Kowalskis.

RDJ is Joe (*Exclusively Yours*)
Chris Hemsworth is Sean (*Yours to Keep*)
Mark Ruffalo TBD when the rest of the books come out later this year.

But back to Chris Evans/Kevin Kowalski:

KarenH says

This is the second book in the Kowalski Family series written by Shannon Stacey. The first book, Exclusively Yours, is Joe & Keri's story...and where we meet Joe's brother, Kevin. The book was so enjoyable and Kevin was such a fun character I had **no doubt** that Undeniably Yours, Kevin's own story, would be even better. *sigh* Think it's time I strike the haughty, over-confident phrase from my vocabulary and simply look upon it as the name of a good band.

Kevin Kowalski, youngest of the 3 K. brothers, is handsome, smart, funny, charming, gracious and just about every other complimentary adjective you can tag a person with. He's the standard by which your mother compares all of your boyfriends...and finds them woefully lacking. Kevin's appeal, however, doesn't stop at the senior level. Working at the sports bar he owns, Kevin's hard body and chiseled features, made perfect when he smiles and reveals his dimples, have women propositioning him on a daily basis. At the end of each night, Kevin can be certain of one thing - a nice-sized pile of lipstick-kissed napkins bearing phone numbers of beautiful women - all ready, willing and more than able to satisfy his every sexual desire. The "no strings" relationship was exactly what Kevin wanted after a short but disastrous marriage to a woman he caught cheating made him rethink the whole concept of "love". But lately, seeing how happy Joe was with Keri, as well as his parents, his other brother Mike, sister Teri, and their spouses, had him feeling pangs of longing and loneliness . It was time to start thinking about a serious relationship.

For all intents and purposes, Beth Hansen should have been just another one-night-stand for Kevin. Having first met under less-than-ideal circumstances (he had tossed her drunken boss out of the bar and Beth was fired as a result), when they meet again at Joe & Keri's wedding reception, not 10 words are exchanged between the two before they are banging away in Kevin's hotel room. Morning comes and Beth's plan is to sneak downstairs & grab 2 coffees & a few pastries from the continental breakfast cart in the hotel lobby and then sneak back in before Kevin wakes up. But as she opens the door, she hears Kevin say "lock the door on your way out". She doesn't return.

One month later, the stick turns blue and Beth is at Kevin's bar informing him he is going to be a father. That's it. She wants no financial help, no quick marriage, nothing...not even a chance to get to know Kevin better. In keeping with character, Kevin totally embraces the idea of becoming a father and spends the majority of the book trying to warm Beth up to the idea of a permanent relationship. But she plays the "I am woman..hear me roar" card at every opportunity, claiming she needs nothing at all from Kevin - no money, not a better place to live than the cramped, unheated apartment located in a crime-infested neighborhood that is her current residence, no friendship from and certainly no romance with the father of her baby. WTF is her problem, you ask? What else? Her feelings were hurt because he had not tried to contact her after their one night together, and she would be damned before she would be another faceless telephone number on a drink napkin!

Kevin's total devotion to Beth and then to the baby was sweet and sigh-worthy. However, Beth's continued resistance to Kevin - maintaining they were nothing more than "friends who had a baby together" - her insistent yapping that she needs no help from him and that they maintain separate apartments - finally took its toll on both Kevin and me. While Kevin issued an ultimatum that resulted in a HEA for him, Beth's admission of love and her subsequent redemption didn't sway my belief that she was acquiescing simply because she was afraid of losing her free babysitter and cushy meal ticket.

Beth = 2 stars, Kevin & the Kowalski family = 5 stars, Undeniably Yours = 3.5 stars
