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New York Times **Bestselling Author**

This navy SEAL is on a top-secret mission of seduction...

David Holloway is used to hard assignments. Now he faces his most difficult yet: cozying up to the soft curves of Swan Jamison. He wants to know the island beauty...in every way. But romancing Swan as part of his SEAL team's mission tests his honor, even as his feelings become increasingly real. Soon he must make a choice: duty...or desire?

A Westmoreland Legacy Novel

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Maggie Boyd says

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Summer loving will soon be upon us. The days are warming up, the nights are getting hotter and it is at such times that every reader's mind turns towards the ultimate vacation accessory: the perfect beach read. An Honorable Seduction, with its Florida beachside location, talk of cruise ships and descriptions of dates at seaside restaurants and bars makes a nice launch to the summer reading season.

Lt. David Holloway is looking forward to some down time when he gets called into his commander's office. While the rest of his SEAL team is on vacation, the brass wants David to look into an espionage case in Key West. The daughter of one of their own is being accused of selling secrets to the Chinese. His commander knows the girl personally and doesn't believe it, but the evidence seems to point towards treason.

David is given extremely lax parameters for the job and isn't sure how to find out just what's going on. What he does know five minutes after meeting Swan Jamison is that he wants her with a capital W. Long, slim legs. Curly copper brown hair. Cocoa colored skin covering one of the most beautiful forms he has ever seen – the woman is gorgeous and everything he never knew he needed.

Swan is surprised by her reaction to the good-looking guy in her store. She lives in Key West and has seen plenty of handsome men before but something about this one really captures her attention. Maybe it's the broad shoulders or piercing blue eyes. Whatever it is, she hasn't had this reaction to a man in a long time – but she's glad she's having it now.

While David enters her shop planning to buy some of her custom-made jewelry, get the lay of the land and get out, his visceral reaction to her makes him change his plans. He invites Swan to have dinner with him, knowing he's taking a risk, but pretty sure it'll be worth it. Soon they are having dates filled with food, drinks, fun, laughter, and conversation. Both of them step out of their comfort zones in response to the heat sizzling between them. They have so much going for them. Except the truth. David's not only lying, he's lying about something really big, really dangerous and something that might just get them both killed. See the rest of my review at <https://allaboutromance.com/book-revi...>

Brenda Thomas says

As with Brenda Jackson's novels, it was a beautiful story about espionage and love. I don't want to give much away, since the book is set to be released in May. However, I was surprised at who the ultimate bad guy was that was setting Swan up.

Rosie J. says

Swan Jamison, the goddaughter of three high-ranking military officials is suspected of selling government

secrets to China. Her Godfathers know there's no way she's a traitor to the United States of America, so they send Navy Seal, **David 'Flipper' Holloway** to Key West, Florida to investigate and prove her innocence. David immediately establishes a Swan connection and the job quickly turns into much more than proving her innocence -- it becomes a fight to survive to love another day. **Read it.** *Love, love, love the book cover!*

LBAS Book Blogs says

David is a navy SEAL who has been sent on a mission to prove the guilt or lack of it of Swan who is suspected of selling classified information to people with the intent of harming America. His mission involves getting cosy with Swan as he has to find out more about her.

Swan is a biracial resident of Key West and runs a jewellery business. When she meets David, she is unaware of his true reason for being on the island.

Very quickly their relationship blossoms and passion sparks. But what will happen when Swan finds out why David is in Key West and will David be able to prove Swan's innocence.

This story is a mix of mystery and romance. The story is steady and I enjoyed the camaraderie between David and his SEAL mates. They certainly backed him when he needed them.

All in all, another solid read from Mrs Jackson.

Shawnette says

A very PREDICTABLE romance with a bit of mystery and INTRIGUE...David was ALL in from the start...and Swan was hesitant...I REALLY didn't like her name...but I guess they made a CUTE couple...just hope the next book by Mrs. Jackson is better.

Briennai Jackson says

Swan Jamison has returned to Key West after living with her mother in Jamaica for the last few years of her life. She returns to the place where her father and mother lived before her father passed away, and is determined to run her successful business from there. David is a Navy SEAL sent by Swan's godfathers to her store, as she is accused of doing illegal things out of her shop, and they want to clear her name. He doesn't mean to fall in love with his mission, but he can't help himself once he gets to know her. Will Swan still accept him if she finds out about his true occupation?

I sped through this book almost entirely in one sitting, and I loved every minute of it. Swan was such a unique character, being a biracial military kid, and yet she was strong despite having lost both of her parents at a fairly young age and having to make do for herself. With or without David, I still wanted her to be successful in her business and find happiness in life.

Lately, I have always been finding problems with the main love interests in these romance novels. When I read this one, I actually didn't see anything wrong with David. Sure, he didn't tell Swan about his occupation

right away, but he was still a good person in general. He didn't have any dark secrets or any hidden desires for their relationship. He was pretty up-front with everything that he did with her, and I loved him for that.

The setting of this book was lovely, in beautiful Key West with tons of waterfront areas. This drew me in even more because I wanted to be there with the characters. I would have loved the story in any setting, but this one was just especially perfect.

The character development was also lovely, as Swan and David get closer, learning more about each other. Both have a collection of things in their past that they love to reminisce about, and one of my favorite parts of the story was just seeing them talk for hours.

I really had no complaints about this book, it was just perfect to me. I wish more romance novels were like this, rather than having the male love interest be problematic just for plot padding. Also, this was a diverse romance with a biracial girl. Not only has she faced adversity from her father's side of the family, she has to get over her fear of getting rejected by her new love interest's friends and family. This is a large amount of the drama in this novel, Swan just learning to accept herself even though others have been so adamant about not accepting her.

I would recommend this book to lovers of romance novels who are looking for a new diverse adult romance with an independent female main character and "clean" drama-free male character.

I received an advance copy of this book from NetGalley and this is my voluntary review.

UberApril says

May 9, 2018: In February I was listening to a podcast This is Love episode 3 Always Tomorrow and Brenda Jackson was the guest. I've heard of Brenda before but never read any of her books. But after that podcast I'm a fan!!! She was so adorable and her blatant love for her spouse was fabulous. G.E.R.A.L.D!!! Anyways I was on Libby and this book was listed as Just Added. I immediately placed a hold since the universe was throwing all sorts of signs at me. Last month another GR user placed this in her to-read shelf!! And it appears I have another short story by her. Can't wait to read this book.

May 14, 2018: the ebook I'm borrowing from my local library has ISBN 9781488091971 and this was the closest edition I could find.

May 16, 2018: GUILTY PLEASURE alert. This is my first read by Mrs. Jackson and my expectations were low so it wasn't a big deal that there were cheesy parts! I mean his name!! All I could think of was that vibrator you know the dolphin looking one lol. I was extremely pleased to read that Swan didn't call him by his nickname in bed. What is the attraction for men to call each other those ridiculous appellations?!?! Anyways. Was it erotica? No. There were several sex scenes that were sufficient to create the instalust instalove feel of the book. Was it suspenseful? Meh. You didn't know who was the traitor but when you did find out the person was only mentioned once in the entire book so no real clue. Do you need to read the other books before this one? Nope. It did have other characters from previous books but it didn't diminish my enjoyment of this one. Would you recommend this book? OF FUCKING COURSE. The setting is in Florida you know that means hot fun in the sun. The characters are in their 20s old enough to have lived a little young enough to enjoy those marathon sex sessions and yes slightly damaged but perfect together. The men actually communicate with their significant others and to each other. And as expected the HEA!!! The

wedding was over the top that bride entrance and the 12 groomsmen/ 12 bridesmaids. My biggest pro for this book was the interracial relationship. I see lots of IR couples in my life but rarely in my romantic reads.

Natalya | TheIslandReader says

If you are familiar with Brenda Jackson's novels, you probably know Bane Westmoreland. Bane is a Navy SEAL and has a number of close friends who he considers his brothers. Since he reunited with his childhood love, Crystal, his friends have followed suit and found a love of their own. In *An Honorable Seduction*, his friend David Holloway aka Flipper is up next.

Flipper is sent to Key West, per his Commanders requests to help clear their goddaughter's name as there are suspicions that she is involved in selling government secrets to China.

Swan Jamison is a local jewelry shop owner in Key West. When Flipper first sees images of her, he knows she's an attractive woman. However, he knows what his job is and is determined to make that his first priority. Seeing her in person is much different though and once he lays eyes on her, his top-secret mission becomes more complicated.

As with any Brenda Jackson novel, we get a great sense of camaraderie and family. The process of uncovering who was truly at fault for selling secrets was intriguing and I liked seeing Flipper in his element. Stakes were high and it was great to see his friends come to help him as well.

I liked Flipper and Swan individually, however, I didn't necessarily believe they fell in love. They had chemistry, sure, but it all seemed a bit superficial for both of them until we got to the very end, and even then I was still not completely sold. There were a lot of secondary characters in this novel and at times it got confusing to keep up with everyone. Swan had three godfathers who she referred to as Godpop 1, Godpop 2, and Godpop 3. I wished we would have known them by names as there were times I had no clue who she was talking about. This would have been made it a lot easier.

Ultimately, *An Honorable Seduction* had the love affair we come to expect from Jackson along with betrayal and great suspense. It was nice getting an update on the other SEALs. While this book can definitely be read as a standalone, if you haven't read the other Brenda Jackson novels featuring Bane and the SEALs, I would recommend doing so.

**** I received a copy of this book for my honest review.****

Harlequin Books says

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Miniseries: The Westmoreland Legacy

Cherryl Montgomery says

The script was flipped on Flipper!

David "Flipper" Holloway did not expect his undercover assignment to change on him. He knew that Swan Jamison was a beautiful woman by the pictures he saw of her. What got him was not only was she beautiful, pictures did not do her justice. The woman was gorgeous and had him falling in love with that first kiss and wanting him to claim her after their first intimate contact. His assignment turned from an undercover investigation to a personal assignment to protect the woman he loved. He wanted Swan. She made him feel like no other woman had before.

Swan was an only child who had lost both parents. Her father Andrew Jamison died in line of duty saving the lives of three of his SEAL brothers. Swan promised herself she would never get involved with a military man because of her family life not knowing if the one you loved would come home or not. One day, her father did not come home and it broke her heart and devastated her mother. Plus, she had trust issues from previous relations, not only from herself but her friends as well. She was tired of secrets and being rejected by family and things being hidden from her. But David Holloway just did something to her. The man was hard to resist. She was just as smitten.

Brenda wrote a story that was full of mystery that had the plot changing in the end with unexpected results. This was a well written "who done it." This couple just set the pages on fire. Their bedroom scenes were off the chain hawt. I loved this story. Now I have to read about the other SEAL brothers and their women.

Helen Williams says

Navy SEAL David "Flipper" Holloway is given the assignment by his Commanding Officer to go to Key West, Florida to gather information to prove that his CO's goddaughter is innocent of espionage. Swan Jamison has a jewelry shop that she loves. When David walks into her shop seeking a gift for his mother there is immediate chemistry. David knows he has an assignment to fulfill but he knows that Swan is the one for him. Because he has an assignment to carry out he can't reveal to Swan his true reason for being there. Things take a wrong turn and Swan learns the truth. Because of a past experience she feels betrayed. David is not giving up on them and hopes to get the chance to prove to Swan that what they shared is real.

MsKingsPens says

An Honorable Seduction was a really okay read. Swan and David aka Flipper were cute together and I liked how adult they were. Even when things went wrong, they were both mature and thoughtful. The supporting characters are fine, the setting sounded beautiful, and the back story made sense.

It was nice to get both POVs and I didn't mind that instant attraction quickly became love. The intimate scenes were a bit mechanical and I felt like there was too much telling. I got comfortable with David's incredibly corny nickname and then he does some superhuman swimming and I went back to trying not to laugh. I didn't like how many secrets were kept from Swan. David and Jamila had good reasons but this is why I dislike the secret identity trope. Too many half truths and white lies.

The mystery was okay until the bad guys get page time. They were scenery chewing, James Bond villain soliloquy giving, bumbling idiots and their leader was just comical.

If you've read Brenda Jackson before you know the woman loves her SEALs and there will be lots of randomness with that. But "he could see the patriotism in her eyes" was over the top even for her.

The end was sweet and written like an extended epilogue.

Safe mostly (view spoiler)

Starr says

Nothing to write home about but a good story. Sometimes the insta-love works when you have a good epilogue, which gave us an update on the rest of the SEAL team.

Teresa (Reads_Romance) says

I had such high hopes when I requested this book from NetGalley. A great romantic suspense with Navy SEALs? My catnip. Unfortunately I was disappointed in the execution, silly names, and frankly, the sex scenes.

The pros: Just as I was about to give up on this novel, the adventure and mystery aspects got better. Flipper saving the day was fun and sounded sexy. I got a satisfying HEA, unfortunately I was only satisfied because the book was over at last.

The cons: I hate to give a scathing review but this book just didn't do it for me and it started with the sex. Now don't get me wrong, I enjoy gratuitous sex scenes, graphic sex scenes, sweet sex scenes, believe me I've read it all. What I don't enjoy, is comical sex scenes (in a bad way). I don't really even know how to explain how weird it is except to leave a few quotes:

"His mind and body were in sync and a rare sexual aura was overtaking him."

*"He knew she was coming again and, damnnit to hell, so was he. Marveling at such a thing, he tightened his hold on her." **Yup, the hero just came twice in 5 seconds. I'm pretty darn positive that's not medically***

possible.

More cons: Swan (yes that's her real name) has three godfathers that are only distinguished by a number (Godpop 1, Godpop 2, Godpop 3) which makes everything confusing because they are all characters in the book. It made their characterization hazy at best. I need actual names please. This is a very short novel. Less than 300 pages, and we were reminded of two things, Flipper (yes, he has dolphins tattooed all over him) is a SEAL and Swan is drop-dead gorgeous. The constant talk about Swan's beauty made it seem like she had very little depth. I have many other critiques but I will leave it.

Overall, this author was new to me and maybe her writing style just isn't for me. If you can suspend your disbelief for a while and let yourself get lost in a truly fantasy/unrealistic love story, then by all means pick this one up. If you're looking for any correlation to real-life romance, or even relatable romance, this one is a skip.

****I received an ARC of this book in order to provide an honest review****

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Steph's Rom Book Talk says

4.5 Stars

Oh what fun this story was! This is a spin-off story to the Westmoreland SEAL Team stories by Brenda Jackson. In this story you meet David aka Flipper who is assigned to investigate a very special person to his Commanding Officer and Admiral. Swan is that very special person who is being investigated for selling US secrets to China. When Flipper starts this investigation he immediately feels an attraction to Swan and vice versa. Swan's family history is jaded in that her parents were not accepted by her dad's family and he was disowned because he fell in love with a different race. Swan never felt her parent's disconnect from her father's family but it did shape her views on interracial dating and dating someone connected to the military. Flipper and Swan's story is sweet, sexy, and just that perfect amount of suspense that I was very intrigued throughout the entire story.

This specific review will be included in the August 2018 wrap-up.

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