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When Braden MacDowell is reunited with Lana Donnoli, will their rivalry douse the last spark of their youthful infatuation? or ignite embers that never stopped smoldering? Don't miss this new installment of Caro Carson's miniseries, The Doctors MacDowell!

She didn't want to imagine that the Braden MacDowell she had once loved could have turned so cold and calculating. But the billionaire CEO was taking away Dr. Lana Donnoli's funding. Just what was going on beneath her ex-fiancé's icy facade? And just what could she do to get him to change his stubborn mind?

The last place Braden wanted to be was back in his family's hospital, close to the woman who had owned his heart. His business was all about the bottom line, a fact Lana just couldn't comprehend. But their passion for each other was still just as intense, still impossible to resist. Would those old feelings be enough to get them to a place where love was the best medicine?

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Harlequin Books says

"Carson's second-chance romance is fantastic and timely for Valentine's Day. Her couple couldn't be more right for each other, and it's a blast watching them fall in love. The hospital setting adds the perfect backdrop for this story." RT Book Reviews, rated 4 1/2 stars

Miniseries: The Doctors MacDowell

Jeanie Jackson says

Another strong and complex romance in The Doctors MacDowell series. Another winner! Once again Caro Carson takes an established concept and makes it new but not easy. One of her talents is showing that while love is easy, relationships take a lot of work. I found myself loving this couple enough that I wanted to give them advice, but she guided me to understand as their story unfolded that there are seldom easy answers.

Braden MacDowell returns to Austin, Texas and the hospital his father built with two tough projects in mind. The first is all business; he must announce the shut down of a research project that his biotech company has been funding. The second is much more personal. This is the place he most identifies with his former fiancée, and it is time to make peace with those memories and move on. What he discovers is that Lana Donnoli has returned to the hospital and is now in charge of research. It is not any easier to push the living person out of this mind than it has been the memory that has held his heart for six years.

At first, I wasn't sure that I would fall in love with this tough couple, but it didn't take long at all for me to begin to understand their vulnerability and to appreciate their pain. I still lean toward Jamie and Kendry, but I love Braden and Lana too!

I can't wait for the May 1st release of Quinn's story, The Bachelor Doctors Bride. As I mention in my review for Doctor, Soldier, Daddy, I won the first two books of the series but I have preordered the third for myself!

Dylan Newton says

The second in the Doctors MacDowell series, "The Doctor's Former Fiancee" is another great read by Caro Carson. It's rare for me to enjoy a Harlequin Special Edition--typically, they are too short for me to really feel immersed in the story. However, the author does a fantastic job of creating believable characters in a medical setting (which is not the easiest thing to do) and I found myself swept into their story.

If you're looking for a quick, fantastic read, Caro Carson's book is just what the Doctor ordered!

Tracy says

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Carrie says

Loved all the angst!

Dottie says

Readers will find this heartwarming story hard to put down! Taken from my review at RomanceJunkies.com:

Braden MacDowell became engaged to fellow med student Lana while they were in college. The chemistry between them was undeniable, but they had other issues. It was during his residency that he decided he wasn't cut out to be a family physician. His father, who built West Central Hospital, is disappointed, but Braden's two brothers, Jamie and Quinn, have gone on to become doctors at the hospital their father started. Instead, Braden went to work for PLI, a company that supplies grants for research. Now it has been six years since Lana broke off their engagement and sent him his ring back through the mail. Braden, now a billionaire CEO, is about to open a research unit in his hometown of Austin. He is even considering marriage to another woman, but he has never forgotten his former fiancée.

Lana has just become head of research at West Central Hospital and has barely become oriented to her new position when she is confronted by Braden on her first day. She has not seen him in six years and it is disconcerting to see him again. To make matters worse, he is pulling their research grant on a particular migraine study. She is trying not to fail the hospital the way she feels she failed Braden. But seeing him again stirs up all her old feelings, which she is determined to keep under wraps.

Although Braden came personally to the hospital to pull the grant, he also planned the trip as a way to make peace with his feelings for Lana. Once that was accomplished, he could go on to marry the woman he is presently dating. But he never expected to be conducting business with Lana. After an evening business meeting and a shared kiss, he is certain she is the only woman for him. But can he convince her that they can deal with anything as long as they are together?

An absolutely delightful story, *THE DOCTOR'S FORMER FIANCEE*, the second book in author Caro Carson's *THE DOCTORS MACDOWELL* trilogy, is a heartwarming, contemporary romance that I could not put down. This is a very romantic story of two deeply in love people who need to overcome many issues, including a six year separation, if they ever hope to find happiness together. A workaholic, Lana feels guilty about the miscarriage she suffered six years earlier and believes that Braden will realize he made a lucky escape when he finds out her part in the ordeal. But this is just one of the issues facing these two. The one area in which they have no problem is their passion for each other.

An unplanned pregnancy, miscarriage, expectations, guilt, forgiveness, healing, romance and true love all combine to give readers an unforgettable story. I absolutely loved this story and cannot wait to read the next installment of this amazing series. Ms. Carson is a new to me author, but I will be watching for her books in the future. Do yourself a favor and check out *THE DOCTOR'S FORMER FIANCEE* for yourself. I am sure you will love it as much as I did.

Dottie, RomanceJunkies.com

Amy says

This is a great love story about second chances. Often we are quick to judge and make rash decisions in the moment that we regret later. Sometimes it's easier to just let everything go instead of staying to fight and working through the pain. What would you do if you got a second chance to make it right? This was a great book. I just wish I had read Doctor, Soldier, Daddy first. I think these can be stand alone books, but I felt like I was missing a little something from the first book.

Mysterious says

I liked the mature consideration about how to balance two careers with a relationship and family.

Anne says

At last, a romance novel for intelligent, accomplished readers! The protagonist, petite Dr. Lana Donnoli, excelled at caring for patients, conducting medical research, and study administration. A new position unexpectedly requires her to confront her medical school lover — the one she thought dumped her rather than play second-fiddle to her ambition. The chemistry and love between them reignites, but how will they resolve the very real world problems of rivalry, having children, and competing careers? An accomplished woman herself from a highly competitive field in the military, Carson weaves longings, realism, and ambitions into what we all wish for in happy endings.

Judyrudy says

The Doctor's Former Fiancée is an absolutely beautiful heartwarming story about second chances. Lana and Braden fell in love during medical school. Lana thought they had a well thought out plan for their future. They'd purchase a family practice and live happily ever after until Braden changed his mind. Six years elapsed since they last talked. A new job and an unexpected visit from Braden changed their lives. A chance to revisit the past and reclaim their love was on the horizon as long as she agreed to his offer. Lana had to set aside her fears and believe in Braden. I would highly recommend The Doctor's Former Fiancée. This was the first book I'd read by Caro Carson and I can't wait to read the first in this series Doctor, Soldier, Daddy.

Gail says

Texas story, nicely done.

Kathleen says

Easy read on second chances, but fast paced. Both are matured adults and very level-headed on solving their misunderstandings- good communication skills

Susan says

Very good reunion story with feelings of guilt, expectations, forgiveness and healing. Lana had called off their engagement six years earlier when she saw their lives going in drastically different directions and she hasn't seen Braden since then. Then, on her first day as head of research at West Central, Braden arrives to cancel the funding on one of her research projects. She can't believe that he would put money ahead of the good of the patients. What she needs is to find a way to change his mind. She's not happy to discover that the attraction between them is just as strong as it ever was, because she doesn't see any way to reconcile their two completely different mindsets. I felt so bad for Lana. She and Braden had met and fallen in love during medical school. Their dream was to open a practice together and build a life together. During their final year she saw him suddenly start to pull away from medicine and start talking about getting a business degree. She felt betrayed by him and abandoned when he left Texas for Harvard. To top it off, she felt guilty about miscarrying their baby, blaming her workaholic habits for it. Now that he's back, she's fighting that attraction because she still doesn't see a future for them. She thinks that Braden would blame her for what happened. But as they work together to find a way to keep her research going, she discovers that after six years apart perhaps both of them have learned a little about the art of compromise and communication. I loved seeing Lana finally tell him what had driven them apart and the effect it was still having on her life and her fears of their future.

Braden had realized quickly during medical school that being a doctor was not going to make him happy, in spite of the family tradition. He was much more interested in the business side of the profession. Unfortunately he was never able to convince Lana and he was heartbroken when she ended their engagement. Six years later he is dating another woman and considering marriage to her, but feels that he has to lay the ghosts of his past to rest. He uses the research funding as an excuse to come to West Central and confront his memories of Lana, not expecting to see her in person. He is stunned to realize that he never stopped loving her. Now he wants to find out what went wrong before, and see if there is a way to be together again. I loved Braden's determination to win Lana back. His idea of the camping trip, where there were no distractions, was a real winner and it was great to see them finally begin to get to the bottom of their problems. It was nice to see him admit to his own role in their issues. The real challenge came when he had to go back to work and they had to deal with separations. I loved the ending and how they worked everything out. I have to say that I suspected that Braden would end up doing what he did and found it to be the perfect solution.

I really enjoyed seeing both Lana and Braden show their individual strengths. Her abilities as a doctor are outstanding, as is shown during the accident scene that they help at. I really liked Braden's obvious appreciation of her skills. Braden was a little harder to like at the beginning because his financial abilities seemed to have made him uncaring of the results of his actions. But he did end up willing to help her find a way to continue the program. I liked that he had the courage to go after his own dreams rather than just do what was expected of him.

Sarah says

Love second chance romances!! Lana and Braden are both ruthlessly ambitious but manage to rekindle their med-school love despite a heartbreak in their past.

