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Kate arrives for a regular day at the office -- only to get a major shock! The new managing director is none other than her ex-husband!

Billionaire businessman Sean Howard is still smarting because his marriage to Kate ended. But when he sees her again he realizes their mutual physical attraction can be re-ignited with just one touch.... Soon Kate's not just sleeping with the boss -- she's become mistress to her husband!

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StMargarets says

Title is very deceptive. Yes, the H/h meet again in the office after a five-year separation but she doesn't become his mistress or even work with him. In fact, she comes down with the flu and the hero takes time off of work to sponge her down.

Yes, PJ is still sponging her way to an HEA.

H/h broke up after two years of marriage. H was on the cusp of making it big, had just bought a huge country house and then one day came home and told the h he was divorcing her because he was tired of being married. When questioned, he didn't deny there was another woman.

Heroine was devastated, wouldn't take the two million pound payout, and only after she refused his money did she find she was pregnant.

It's been five years of single motherhood and going to school at night and now she has to give up a lucrative position because her ex bought the company. When the H receives her resignation letter, he looks into her work file and finds her address. Even though his secret son looks just like him, he refuses to believe the child is his.

The heroine thinks it's because he doesn't want children but the real reason is . . .

Can you guess? I could but the heroine still didn't understand for one hundred pages of his denial until he spelled it out for her (view spoiler)

The H/h still love each other – there's been no one for either of them – we find all that out during the sponging. The H comes to love the little boy and proposes marriage. The heroine agrees because her son needs to know his father. She keeps resisting full blown sex, but she has lots of orgasms.

Eventually the hero is hit by a car saving the little boy. It's a good time to get a DNA sample. The doctor tells her they can't do it without patient permission, but there are sites on the web . . .

It's the hero's birthday he wants the heroine to sign adoption papers so they can be a family. The heroine shows him the DNA results. The hero gives an impassioned speech about he loves the boy whether they shared the same DNA. And he confesses he was eaten with jealousy thinking the h had another man.

The h is pregnant again because her powerful orgasms make the most of the thin stream of sperm. (Really – PJ thinks that you can orgasm/love your way out of infertility) Epilogue with twins, puppy and HEA.

Besides the dubious infertility philosophy, this was a nice story. The H was a good guy, a little too touchy about the ammo he was packing, but we wouldn't have had a story if he communicated. Heroine is a little dim about picking up on what the H's problem was, but she was sweet and kept her angst levels to the minimum.

Fiona Marsden says

One of the things I loved about Penny Jordan is that she could conceive of men who could remain faithful to

the woman they love through all kinds of adversity, for years at a time. Her heroes in most cases are men who are not ruled by their libido. This is such a refreshing change and makes her heroes that extra bit special.

This is the story of Sean and Kate who married when Kate was quite young and Sean was still a bit rough around the edges, having worked his way up from being a builder's labourer to owning his own company.

Then suddenly, five years ago, he ended the married saying he didn't want children and when Kate pushed for a reason, suggesting an affair, he agreed. Broken hearted she made a new life for herself and the son Sean didn't know he had and she was certain he didn't want.

Of course it wasn't so simple and when he takes over the company she works for, he finds out about little Oliver. He knows the child can't be his because tests showed him unable to have children. But as time goes on he finds he loves the boy and still has feelings for Kate.

Kate is confused by his reaction to Oliver, the fact that he refuses to believe Ollie is his child and his accusations that she must have found someone immediately after the breakup. At the same time, Ollie is devoted to Sean and Sean...Sean is acting like a father despite his protestations.

There is a lot of hurt and misunderstanding between these two but also a lot of passion. Oliver is a nice addition without being too cutesy. Loved the ending and the way things worked out for them.

KC says

Ring . . . ring . . . ring. . . What's this, you ask? The sound of Penny Jordan phoning it in, of course. That's because the book contained more sex than plot and character development combined. Kate and Seam even indulged when she had the flu. LOL. I don't know about anyone else, but when I'm sick I neither feel sexy nor have the energy to *move*.

I also had a problem with Sean, who denied paternity of his son like a doubting-Thomas in training. If he didn't believe Kate, why didn't he demand a DNA test as soon as it became apparent one was needed? (view spoiler) Sean didn't grovel as much as I thought he should have after everything he put Kate through. Sure, his initial intentions for divorcing Kate had been good—selfless really—and he did suffer emotionally. However, these weren't enough to make me forget Sean's unsatisfying redemption.

The positives in all of this were the mild angst and longing from both Sean and Kate. I liked Kate for her fierce motherly instincts and her son Oliver for his adorable ways.

MaryD says

I had a bit of trouble with this, but couldn't pin it down until I read Sandra TheSnarkyOne's review here that clarified my issues with this. I thought the angst was high, but the reason the H broke up his marriage and destroyed his wife was totally infantile and unrealistic.

Jacqueline says

Solidly written HP. Decent motivation for the secret baby. Reasonable motivation for the hero's decision to divorce the heroine. Reasonable in his mind but I think it's kind of silly on his part. My only real caveat is that the heroine married him at 18 and was married to him for 2 years and divorced for 5. He is 35 when the story starts and the author keeps talking about how he was such a young angry man when they met, poorly educated and rough around the edges. She came from a higher class background and helped polish him up and he has since become really wealthy. I'm thinking super wealthy in 5 years doing construction is not real realistic. I'm also thinking that 28 is not all that young to still be so young hungry and rough. He was written more as if he was 22 or 23 when they were married. Most guys by 28 are starting to get their sh*t together and don't really need an 18 year old to teach them how to go on.

Jenny says

Kate and Sean are married and blissfully in love. Kate is heartbroken when Sean asks her for a divorce because he has an affair with another woman. In reality there is no other woman. Sean just found out he is infertile and can't give her the children she so desperately wants so he sets her free to find another man and make her dream of motherhood come true.

Five years later Kate arrives at her office and is shocked when she finds out that her new boss is her ex-husband and the father of her baby boy. Sean is furious when he discovers that Kate has a son but no husband to support her financially or emotionally. He is determined to protect Oliver and Kate and be there for them in every way.

Hero is a wonderful, sensitive and vulnerable man! He thinks Oliver is another man's child but still he loves him and accepts him with all his heart. He even risks his life for him. He also wants to adopt him legally. I shed a few tears when Sean asks Oliver "Will u let me be your daddy?" And then Oliver asks if he can call him daddy and our macho alpha hero actually cries. Aww!!!

Heroine was a classy, mature amazing woman and a great mother. She never stopped loving Sean but her heart is bleeding because of his supposed betrayal. Can she trust him again now that she has her son to think of as well?

Five year old Oliver is also adorable. His scenes with Sean are cute and emotional and their bonding times super sweet. I laughed when he said to Kate: "Mummy I'm really glad that Sean is going to marry us" awww

Super emotional, super passionate read with a dreamy, kind and honorable hero who knows how to grovel! I miss PJ so much. She was a lovely author!

Caro says

Esta novelita sale fuera de lo común con el resto de historias hiper trilladas porque le dice al héroe que tuvieron un hijo, pero como él se hizo un exámen donde los pescaditos (...) le salían medio sin cola, entonces lo niega rotundamente.

El resto es estirar una trama por demás estúpida. Hasta que a la heroína se le ocurre dejar de andar desmayándose de dolor/enfermedad/amor y viene con el dichoso ADN. ¿Qué hace el idiota del prota? No lo acepta porque "no hacía falta". Pero, ¿sabes qué? Vete al infierno maldito perro.

Maura says

[(even though he was innocent, she doesn't know that!) (hide spoiler

Sandra IsAMoodyCowWhenSheCan'tRead says

Penny J has a magic touch with her intros, always an amazing hook in the beginning that never fails to drag me in. She also does an excellent finish in this one and the sweetest epilogue but it drags in the middle with a pig-headed H and pointless sexual drama.

Oh, dear. I complain when there's too little sex and I complain when there's pointless sex. There's just no pleasing me these days. I'm turning into a cranky fuss-pot.

H is the epitome of the macho man, working in labour and construction, rough around the edges and irresistible to our sweet h. They both fall madly in love. She inspires him to work better not harder and he starts attending business school, becomes successful and they get married. After the wedding, during a medical procedure, H finds out he is impotent.

No, of course, he's not. But seriously, his reaction to finding out that he can't make babies is so exaggerated that I was amazed he did not just turn impotent. I wonder if Penny J could have pulled off an impotent Hero.

H takes the news of infertility as failure at being a real man. In true macho style, instead of communicating this "shameful" fact to his lovely wife who speaks about nothing but having a loving home full of babies, he decides to lie about having another woman and that he doesn't want to be tied down with kids. All this just to get her to leave so she can have happiness with another man. Alpha male logic at its finest.

His plan works. She leaves in shocked grief, decides not to tell him of her pregnancy and files for divorce while not taking a single penny from him. She struggles with single motherhood, does night school to get a master's degree and doesn't tell a single soul at work that she has a child knowing this could lead to bias when it comes to promotion. Hats off to Penny J for highlighting the crux of a problem faced by single mums till today.

They meet again and the angst begins. Though this was his intention, he hates that she "moved on" and has produced concrete evidence of it. He can't help feeling bitter but admirably, shows no resentment to the boy and instead forms a strong bond with him. He can't help but love them both to the point of offering her marriage so they have financial stability and a proper father figure in their family unit.

On her part, she makes no pretence on the truth of the paternity and is full of bitter anger at his constant denial of this possibility. But of course, not to the point of denying herself orgasms.

PJ tries to carries the book solely on their angst, sexual passion and how they attempt to function as a family. But this isn't vintage; the persistence in not believing his real paternal identity gets old in a modern romance.

But Penny J can't do much wrong in my eyes so it's still a good read for me ?

Lani ?? the Destroyer ?? says

1.5 stars. When I was younger Penny Jordan was a go-to author for a classic category romance, but this one was just stupid. It was one of a mystery box bought at a charity book sale so I didn't check out reviews before picking it up. Had I done so I probably wouldn't have read it.

The hero, Sean was a total dick and even at the end never really convinced me he was sorry. Kate was a doormat that lost her common sense whenever Sean touched her. *rolls eyes*. The whole plot and execution was poor. Maybe I am just remembering PJ's earlier mills and boon books too fondly, but I have to say this is most definitely not her best work

Corandra says

3.5 stars

Kay says

4 Stars! ~ Five years ago, Kate's husband suddenly announced that their marriage was over, and never did he wish to be saddled with children. Because Kate had been blissfully in love, she forced Sean to admit that he had found someone else. Utterly betrayed, Kate left and refused the money he offered in the divorce settlement. Two months after their separation, Kate discovered she was pregnant, something she was determined Sean would never know. When Sean bought into a small company, he had no idea that Kate worked there. He was further surprised that she had a son but no husband; he'd been sure she'd have a large family by now. Seeing how Kate has to scrimp to support her child, Sean is outraged that the child's father had abandoned them. When he insists that Kate tell him who the father is, she tells him the truth, that he is. But Sean knows that's impossible; Kate must have jumped into another man's bed immediately after she left him. Yet something in Sean bonds with the boy, and he can't help wanting to take care of them both. Kate's never gotten over Sean and she's determined that he will never reject her son as he had rejected her.

Gosh, at the beginning of this book you really hate Sean. The cold way he had ended their marriage reads pure swine. As the story evolves, we see the hidden Sean and how deeply he's always loved his wife and the true reason he set her free. Kate's been in love with him since she was 18; she should hate him but she can't seem to get her heart to agree. Powerfully emotional and highly passionate. A very good read!

Kaycee ♥? says

Seriously? Both hero and heroine were simply TSTL too many times for me!

thadine says

Five years ago Sean suddenly told Kate he wanted a divorce. She found out later that she was pregnant but decided not to let him know. Now Kate has a new boss who turns out to be her ex-husband.

First of all, let me say that this is not the sleazy story the title implies. In fact, the title has absolutely nothing to do with the plot. At no point does Sean ask Kate to be his mistress. What actually happens, is that five years ago Sean discovered that he has a low sperm count and would be highly unlikely to father any children. He does the macho thing and decides all on his own that he has to set his wife free to have children with someone else. Instead of telling her the truth, he tells her that he has been sleeping with someone else and has no interest in having children with Kate; in fact, he only acted like he wanted to have a family with her to get in her pants. Obviously this is so much better than telling her the truth (rolls eyes). As for Kate, she keeps trying to tell herself how much she hates Sean for what he did to her, but keeps trying to jump his bones. Every time they get together they get it on. I couldn't help but wonder if they talked as much as they made out, they may have been able to sort out their marital problems long ago. I got so sick of all the make out sessions that I started skimming through them. The author seems to have gotten a little carried away with being able to use the word "erection" (instead of all those other euphemisms we have seen so much of through the years). I counted it 9 times; in other words there are at least 9 separate sex scenes (though very few of them end up with actual intercourse), which is a lot for a wee little book.

Am I giving the impression that I didn't like this book? Actually I found it all right, but the premise of the plot really annoyed me. Sean's whole self-sacrificing rubbish was so annoying. He loves Kate so much that he can't allow her to stay with him and never have children, even though he knows that he will never want anyone else. It doesn't occur to him that she might feel the same way about him? Then when he finds out that she has a son, he gets mad at her for "betraying" him by sleeping with another man after they were divorced. This, after he told her that he was cheating on her. To add insult to injury, he also tells her that the other woman was just a meaningless fling... so he divorced her and broke her heart over a meaningless fling? He gets brownie points from me for not having another woman over the past five years, but it doesn't make up for his high-handed decision to divorce her due to his low sperm count. Kate's lack of self-control around Sean was really annoying, too. We see this kind of thing a lot in category romances; the heroine is so overcome with passion that she forgets all common sense. It's supposedly a sign of love. I personally see it as a sign of lack of character development. Kate was especially annoying in this aspect because she has a five year old son to protect. I would expect her to be more careful of not letting her son form attachments or get his hopes up, but Kate is too busy jumping Sean's bones. All in all this was not one of Penny Jordan's better works.

Grace Harwood says

This book by the late great Penny Jordan clearly illustrates just why she was such a fantastic and well-loved author for Harlequin Mills and Boon. This is a lovely story with all the emotional intensity, great characters and steamy action that other M&B authors might strive for, but seldom achieve. Her heroine, Kate/(Kathy in a former life) is perfect - likeable and utterly devastated and bewildered by why her husband (Sean - a red hot sexy Jordan hero if ever there was one, with the hard lines upon his face, black hair and flashing blue eyes) should suddenly demand a divorce when they have been seemingly very happy together in their wedded life.

The action commences with Kate now a single mother to 5 year old Ollie - the legacy from her marriage which hard-hearted Sean knows nothing about. As the story commences it transpires that an unknown wealthy individual has just bought out the company that Kate works for. No prizes for guessing the identity

of said unknown wealthy individual. In fact, it transpires, Kate knows said unknown individual much better than most people do, i.e. in the biblical sense. Sean (who has always known Kate as the much younger and more naive Kathy) is back on the scene and it doesn't take him long to discover Ollie's existence (although he absolutely denies that it is possible for him to be the boy's father). From there, we go on a highly charged sexual adventure, including along the way, Kate catching the world's worst dose of Norovirus and nearly expiring and Sean getting run over by an articulated lorry, along with all the usual M&B misunderstandings, before we get to the inevitable happy ending. After all those obstacles, it is reached by the reader with not a little relief and the sense that those characters really deserve that happy ending!

There are a few flaws - I don't know about anyone else but I know the last thing I felt like doing when I caught a dose of Norovirus was what Kate and Sean get up to, so there are a few issues regarding realism here - but, hey, this is a M&B after all! Plus, Sean's utter inability to believe Ollie is his son, and the reasons behind why he ended their very happy marriage in the first place, raise BIG questions about Sean's level of intelligence. Still, stupid he may be, but red hot sexy hero he definitely is, and that's good enough for me.

Read in 2 hours during the world's most depressing shift at work - this one really cheered me up and reminded me just why I'm such an enormous Jordan fan.
