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Everyone knows that all the members of the St. John family are destined for greatness - all, that is, except the rebellious Chase St. John. Then, as the fates would have it, a lifetime of drinking, gambling and womanising catches up and leads him to a fateful incident which changes his life. Harriet Ward, on the other hand, has always felt the weight of responsibility caring for her mother and two brothers, but drawing the line at marrying a stuffy bore to save her home, she creates an imaginary fiance, Captain John. There is no one more surprised than she when Chase conveniently shows up, wounded by an unknown attacker, to fill the role of her suitor. As they pose as lovers and begin to unravel the mystery of Chase's assailant, they soon realise that their imaginary love has quickly turned into reality.

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Asti says

Halfway through the reading I already decided that this is my favorite among Karen Hawkins books so far (I've read about a half dozen by this point).

I always enjoy romance comedy, and this book is a certain one. Not only adorned with witty dialogues, but the story itself was classic sitcom with make up stories, pretending to be someone who doesn't exist, sibling mischief.

Although Chase St. John as the hero was not altogether satisfying - major lack of self confidence before his own family - but the heroin Harriet Ward has enough of many things to cover his shortcomings.

And the Wards family are certainly up to the challenge to make a nice and light comedy stage for their sister's romance.

Iza Soares says

Rating 6 of 7

Yeah, Chase, great idea, run of your problems they'll definitely disappear - but honestly, who can blame him?

I really liked that there wasn't a huge problem when she realised he was lying cause honestly she was too (yeah, her mother's idea but) and it would really piss me off if she overreact in that moment.

Pamela says

Rated 3.5

Keri says

I didn't think very much of Chase. Running from your troubles is never a good idea and climbing in a bottle for the last two years and then running and then say I will send my brothers a letter to explain everything. BAH, coward. Thank goodness, you found a lady willing to make you do the right thing. :-)

CameForTea says

Chase St. John was a younger son and wealthy on his own. Faced with a problem he didn't believe could be solved and that his conscience couldn't be made free, he wallows up in self-pity then finally decided to run away from it all. Leaving behind loose ends in London, for his family to find out what had happened to him as he was attacked by footpads, leading to where their Charade had begun to start.

At first the Wards gave the impression of being all dependent on Harriet but as the oldest of the siblings most of the leadership does inevitably goes to her. Theirs was a fun family to read, I like how they were portrayed

as a team, managing their household and all. The charade was a last resort as they struggle to make their last payment when they were unable to avoid some certain incidents that had happened. Overall, I really liked it. The deception was easy to accept and forgive for everyone involved since they were on a level and friendly terms. I was kind of sad at near the end, I just think it was such a shame. This book is the first one I read of the "Talisman Ring" series, I like the ring's subtlety throughout the book since it kind of said that it was not because of the ring that they have fallen in love with each other but it was because of the ring that the holder would have to have to face what fate has in store for them.

Teresa Buchanan says

Oh what fun Karen Hawkins is a hoot! God love her!

Plum-crazy says

If you're in the mood for some romance this is the book for you! Okay it's predictable in that you've got your young plain feisty heroine & your rich handsome hero but who cares?

Harriet is in desperate need of a fiance & as luck would have it Chase St. John enters her life after being attacked - seemingly with amnesia. When he recovers from his accident he finds himself playing the role of Captain Frakenham even though he knows Harriet is lying to him about his identity. Of course, as the two spend more & more time together.....

All in all, this book was a pleasant way to spend a few hours. I'm presuming (& hoping!) there's more in this series as there are a number of St John brothers...let's hope so!

Barbara Rogers says

This is book #3 in the Talisman Ring series. The St. Johns family is one of the richest in England. They are the possessors of the St. John Talisman Ring - inherited from their mother. The brothers and sister are very close and take great delight in tricking each other into taking possession of the ring -- because it is supposed to lead them to their true love. So far, the sister is married (but I don't think it had anything to do with the ring) and two of the brothers who were in possession of the ring at the time. Now, Chase St. John, has possession of the ring. Chase has always been the lighthearted, happy member of the family, but for the last several months he has been different - unhappy, drinking and all kinds of debauchery and his brothers have been really worried about him.

Chase really isn't a hero -- he is the one who gets rescued. That part is a little unsatisfying. Still, I liked the book.

Chase is being blackmailed about an event that happened while he was drunk and racing his curricule. His 'friend' who was with him keeps needing to 'borrow' more and more money. Chase is shamed and doesn't want to bring shame to his family, so he decides to leave not only London but England. He heads toward the coast to catch a ship, but is drunk the whole way and is, therefore, a prime target to be attacked and robbed.

He is rescued by Harriet Ward and her sisters who are accompanied by a dog that is about the size of a horse. The Ward's also need rescuing because the bank is about to foreclose on their property. Harriet's mother has made up a fictional rich fiance for Harriet to convince the bank to hold off on foreclosure. The bank (at least the villainous member of the bank)is questioning the existence of the fiance. So, since Chase has claimed he has no memory of who he is (that isn't so) Harriet's mother tells him that he is fiance.

Chase and Harriet, of course, fall in love and have to manage to thwart the bad guy and save the farm.

This, like all of the Karen Hawkins books I have read has humor laced throughout. It is a good book and I recommend it.

Elisa Vangelisti says

letto a metà, tanto noioso da non credere.

Mya says

I was excited to get back to this series and read how the tailsman ring was going to thwart yet another of the St. John men. Chase was stuck with it at the end of the last book, and I think his story was pretty good. He learns and grows a lot in this book which was good for him. Harriet was a strong lead and I truly enjoyed the banter between them. I would love to read more about her family. Wonder if Hawkins ever wrote any of their stories?.. Anyway, I thought this was a good addition to the series. I am looking forward to Marcus' story.. though his is not up next... it looks like Devon's bachelor life is going to be taken down by a Scottish woman! Should be interesting!

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Stefanie says

I love Harriet!!! She's strong, she speaks her mind, she takes care for her family and she isn't afraid to love and feel passion.

I like how you see Chase grow from a spoiled boy who tries to outrun his mistakes and who's too proud to ask for help into a confident, hard-working, loving young man.

I can't say anything negative about this book. It's fun, entertaining and endearing. I think I've found a new favorite author!

Jess F. (From Me to You ... Book Reviews) says

"3 out of 5 stars. It was a very cute story. More tamed then I would have liked but it still kept my interest, wanting to see where this sweet romance between Chase and Harriet would lead."

Read more of this review and TWO teasers here:

<http://frommetoyouvideophoto.blogspot.com/2010/07/made-grade-st-john-brothers-talisman.html>

steph says

Harriet is the best. Enough said. Loving this series and I love how I always read them out of order. Oh well. This one was pretty adorable and addicting. Good spin on the well used amnesia plotline -oh, and I really enjoyed Harriet's mother and four siblings. They cracked me up. Along with Chase's brothers when they finally tracked him down.

This book reminded me just why I like Karen Hawkins and her writing so much.

Aidyle says

Better story than the second book but equally as funny and entertaining as the first. More details about the St. John brothers unfold in this novel. Details about the hero & heroine's lovemaking is way juicier and sizzling than the first 2 books though.

Rosa-lee Reed says

loved it .. first book I read of this author and was very happy..
