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Waitress Darcy Penn is the smart, sensible type—flirting with the extremely cute guy in the bar just isn't her usual style. As for ending up in his hotel room? Definitely not! Sneaking out while he's in the bathroom to avoid the post-sex awkwardness? Much more like it...

If Darcy had stuck around, Jeff Norton could have told her about their "epic latex fail." So he shouldn't be quite so shocked when months later, Darcy turns up at his classy L.A. office and throws up in his wastepaper basket. She's got a bad case of morning sickness, and she's here to find out what he's going to do about it!

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NomdePlumePress says

When Harlequin launched its KISS line, it gave away Mira Lyn Kelly's *Waking Up Married* for free (it's still free). It was a fun little book, so I read Kelly's *Once Is Never Enough* when it came out, and was a bit disappointed. It was sweet enough, but Kelly's fondness for incomplete sentences distracted me. But I was up for trying again with the release of *Waking Up Pregnant* -- a companion to *Married*, but a standalone.

Jeff picks up the reluctant Darcy, a cocktail waitress, one night in Vegas, and shows her a good time. Not in that way (well, that way, too), but in a here's-what-you're-missing kind of way. Darcy's very reserved -- men fall all over her, but she's never allowed herself to let loose, just in case she ends up down the wrong path. It's her last night in Vegas before she leaves with all the money she's saved to start a new life, so it's her last chance to enjoy the city she's only just existed in until now.

Inevitably they can't deny their attraction, yadda yadda, with the result being that Darcy flees while Jeff's discovering that the condom failed. Flash forward three months later, and Darcy's showed up at Jeff's office to deliver the news.

Jeff's spent the last three months trying to get Darcy out of his head. He's also wealthy and a good guy, so he steps up and vows to take care of Darcy and their child. But she's made it abundantly clear that she's not looking for any more than that. She's fought too hard for her independence, yadda yadda...

I'm not generally a fan of the baby trope, but I was okay with this one. Maybe 'cause Darcy won me over when she had a breakdown over her clothes not fitting. I remember that day. Sobbing on my closet floor because everything I owned just made me look lumpy. My husband coaxing me out and promising to take me shopping. The horror of the maternity clothing shopping experience. And my discovery of the best thing ever invented: maternity jeans. I guess all we're looking for is a little accuracy in an experience that ranges widely, depending on the mom. So I connected with that, even though in the book it occurred, say, a month later than it did for me. But then it always does in books because everyone's super skinny and not even showing forever and, ohmigod, I didn't even realize I was pregnant! Ahem. Did I mention I'm not a fan of the baby trope? Maybe I'm just jealous.

This book didn't wow me. Darcy was pretty wooden. Reserved, sure, with occasional flashes of personality, but for the most part she was just kind of there. Jeff was a little too good to be true, which is fine, but he lacked complexity. His mom was a great character, though -- completely unexpected. What I did like was the attempt to equalize the characters. Darcy might be former trailer trash and a cocktail waitress, but that doesn't faze Jeff or his mom one bit. She's clearly ambitious and strong and that's all they see. For Jeff, the paternity test is only a technicality -- he has faith in Darcy's character, so he doesn't think for one moment she's after his money. He's aware that she's more concerned about feeling trapped herself than thinking he might feel that way. And Darcy realizes soon enough that accepting his help is the smart thing to do, so we're spared most of the "I'd rather live in poverty and keep my pride than accept your charity" rigmarole.

But Darcy went back and forth a frustrating amount on whether she should give in to her feelings for Jeff, and it started to wear me down. So as much as there were things that worked for me, in the end I was kind of meh on it. It's sweet and lovely in many ways and the writing style worked a lot better for me, but the characters lacked life and Darcy's stubbornness got to me in the end.

Lila

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Full review at nomdeplumepress.wordpress.com.

Sarah's Book Blog says

Waking Up Pregnant by Mira Lynn Kelly

I received this book from to publisher for my honest review.

This was my first Mira Kelly book and I loved it. It was a cute, happy, swoony read. I am all for books with a bit of drama and a happy ending.

This book does everything in the opposite form. The main characters Darcy and Jeff start of by having a steamy one night together which of course ends with Darcy pregnant. Throughout the book, the two work of forming a relationship that will benefit them raising a child together but separate....or not.

Darcy is an independent as they come. She has been alone and preferred it that way since she was 16 years old. While working as a cocktail waitress in Vegas, she is hit on a regularly but never ever dies anything but deny the numerous men. That was until she met Jeff.

After agreeing to one night of just fun, nothing more they end up having such an amazing time together that ends with a BANG (no pun intended, ok, maybe a little). Darcy runs away before Jeff even comes out of them bathroom to tell her about what happened, hoping she will just never have to see him again...that is until 3 months later she barges into his office with a trash bin insight....pregnant.

I really loved Jeff. He was such a caring, generous man. While he very well could have been the womanizing ass like most men in this situation he took this change of events to heart and was determined to be the best father he could be...he pretty much is the best at anything he does.

The two of them consistently denied their true feelings for each other. Jeff can never stop thinking of her, has a need to see her on a regular basis and it just so darn caring. (Seriously, I loved him). During Darcy's pregnancy, she suffered through morning sickness, hormone craziness and he was always there by her side (if she let him) He was just perfect.

While the ending is predictable and something you totally want to happen. This was a perfect combination of romance, swoon, sexy scenes and more. A must read!

Waking Up Pregnant can be read as a standalone but is a companion novel to Waking up Married. You get a bit of Connor for WUM as well.

I highly recommend this book. Mira's writing is captivating and has a great flow. I read this in one sitting since I couldn't put it down. I am now a fan of Mira and look forward to reading more of her work.

Jessica Figueroa says

Even if this book was predictable I still really enjoyed this book. I loved the characters Jeff and Darcy. What

I loved about Darcy's characters was that she was a women who learned from her past and has decided to lead a more stale and independent life. Even when she found herself pregnant she still worked on trying to get her independence, meanwhile Jeff was offering her everything he could to help her. I thought this book was well written and enjoyable. I loved how generous and caring Jeff was. He could've acted like a jerks and think the worst but he didn't and did what he had to do to take care of Darcy and his unborn child in the ways he knew how. This was a perfect mix of romance and steam. Overall I really enjoyed this book and think you will too. 4 of 5 stars!

Kathie (katmom) says

HAPPY RELEASE DAY!

This is a Harlequin KISS book. As such, we know that our two main characters are going to meet, there will be some drama, and they will end up together. Add in the trope of "pregnant after a one-time encounter," and we all know we've read something like this before.

Which doesn't mean that Waking Up Pregnant is a waste of reading time. Far from it! Ms. Kelly's words touched all those lovely places in my heart that make me read this kind of story. I felt her fear, her love, his confusion, and their hopes and dreams. It was a great way to spend several hours.

HE was charming and focused. SHE was broken, just a bit, but working to get beyond her childhood. THEY had steamy scenes that were also incredibly sweet.

I read Waking Up Married by this author some time ago. The characters in that one, Connor and Megan, are mentioned here, but you don't need to have read it to be caught up. BUT, after reading this one, you may want to check it out.

Four and Half Bookmarks for being exactly what I wanted in a romance with a pregnancy at the center.

*Thank you, NetGalley and Harlequin KISS, for the opportunity to read Waking Up Pregnant

If you're intrigued, you can add Waking Up Pregnant to your Goodreads' Shelves.

This one comes out on March 1, 2014.

Melody Cox says

Extremely Disappointed. Why Does There Always Have to be Another Woman Already on the Scene, Taking the Heroine's Place??!!

I am so sorry to say that I did not like this book any whatsoever. The story line was okay and it had the potential to be a very good story, but it sorely missed the mark.

Darcy Penn is a very sensible waitress in Vegas and this is her final night at her job. Jeff Norton is at one of

her tables and it seems she gets to him and he doesn't want the night to end. Unfortunately it does...with Darcy in his bed. When he excuses himself to go to the restroom to dispose of the latex he discovers a very serious malfunction. Before he can get back to Darcy, who is supposed to be waiting in bed, she quickly and quietly escapes before he can break (pardon the pun) the bad news. She is regretting what she has done because sensible Darcy does not do one night stands. She wants it to be more.

Jeff heads home the next day not wanting to end his brief relationship with Darcy but instead within a few weeks he gets involved with another woman, the perfect love interest for him, one, he feels, is a super great fit for him and his life. He has already planned to propose to her in approx 6-months...but they have only been together 5-weeks. That does it for me right there. Why in the world didn't he try and find or contact Darcy if he wanted more from their relationship. He was a very wealthy man and he could have had her found if he really wanted her. Instead, typical man, he thinks he has found his perfect match in just a very short time.

I simply despise this type of situations with the other woman, all the misunderstandings, and the stupid game of trying to guess how the other one feels. Ugh! I looked so forward to this book and I am so disappointed.

I am sorry that I cannot recommend this book, but you may want to try it for yourself. The situation in this book is one that is hard for me to tolerate. Maybe it isn't the same for you.

LPJ says

This was a very solid, innocuous and quick read. I enjoyed the build-up; Darcy and Jeff's time in Las Vegas was completely endearing. I really felt the connection between the two characters.

The conflict was barely there, but at least it didn't devolve into an epically stupid Big Misunderstanding. It was mostly a conflict of stubbornness, which isn't the most compelling thing in the world, but also isn't the worst. I understood Darcy, and found her motivation made sense, I was also grateful that she wasn't a gold-digger. Jeff was a little harder to pin down for me, but still likable. Ultimately, I enjoyed this - a sweet and fun comfort read.

Allyson ?? says

This was cute. It's been a while since I've read Waking Up Married but if I remember correctly I like it a bit better...

It was cute but it just wasn't that great.

I'm just not 100% sure how I really feel about it.

Saly says

Rating 3.5 stars

My HP reading has drastically reduced over the years but Mira Lyn Kelly is one author I do enjoy reading and now I can say that Waking Up Pregnant is one of her strongest books and unlike usual HPs.

I liked Jeff the hero, he was a just man, who loved his mother. He and Darcy meet in Vegas and spend a

night together and while Jeff is in the bathroom, Darcy runs out, not giving Jeff a chance to try something between them or the fact that the condom broke.

A few months later however Darcy is at Jeff's doorstep to break the news to him about her pregnancy and this is when the book got interesting for me. Often I find marriage of convenience plots in books but this isn't what happened in this book, instead these two act like mature adults and get to know each other and agree to keep it platonic. Jeff has started a new relationship as well and I liked how he wasn't quick to drop that and its end made sense.

Darcy starts living with Jeff's mother and I liked how these two didn't behave like teenagers falling into bed together and instead became friends and that their relationship was actually mature.

I loved the book, the romance, the build-up of the relationship, everything worked for me and this was one HEA I could whole-heartedly believe in.

ARC provided by publisher through Netgalley.

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

Waking up Married by Mira Lyn Kelly was and still is free on Amazon. I loved the book so when I saw Waking up Pregnant on Netgally I requested a copy. I was not disappointed. It was a feel good story that featured Jeff, Connor's friend from Waking up Married.

Like Connor Jeff met someone in Vegas. Darcy did not do one-night stands but Jeff was so much fun she ended up in his bed. Three months later she looks Jeff up to tell him she is pregnant and the fun begins. She is determined to be independent. He is gun shy. They are both great characters and a matched pair. It just takes awhile for them to realize it. I loved Jeff's mother, Gail. She is another of those fun characters when add to a story. Connor makes an appearance and Megan is often mentioned.

This was a quick fun read. If you like a sweet fun love story you will want to read this one. If you like Waking up Pregnant and haven't read Waking up Married you will want to read it too.

Suzie Quint says

As always with Kelly's books, this was a fun read. I especially related to the heroine with her need not to look as though she wanted more from the hero than he could give.

Raj says

2 stars

I like the story, but the writing style...not that much...

It's written in 3rd person POV,....I've read more than 600 books, and only a few were able to satisfy me with

3rd person POV's. Why? I usually feel detached to the characters, and that's not my fault.. One of my favorite author tried writing a novel in 3rd person, and god, it was horrible.

I just breeze through the whole novel.

I like the ending.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4 STARS

Review copy provided for an honest review

Waking Up Pregnant is a cute story of a one night stand with consequences but it was one of those books that I couldn't help but like the characters and was secretly plotting ways to throw them together because even if they refused to believe they should be together, I was all in from the minute they met. This book took me by surprise with its lighthearted fun beginning, the crazy, mixed up middle, and the heartfelt and emotional ending; yet despite an unplanned pregnancy it was a perfect romance.

After an evening of fun both in bed and out with Jeff, Darcy finds herself with a little memento of their time together and seeks him out to let him know. I really admired Darcy for having the courage to see Jeff face to face, for letting him know that she was perfectly capable of taking care of herself and their child, and for not letting him railroad her into doing what he wanted immediately. That's not to say I didn't like Jeff because I did; he was a great guy, accepted his responsibility and wanted to help in any way possible because he had the means to do so. I won't say he didn't manipulate the situation a time or two but in reality I felt he did so because he truly cared about Darcy and their baby.

There was so much that was right with this story and even when these two were at odds, I couldn't take sides. They both had some strong reasons for feeling the way they did and while it would have been nice if they had communicated them to each other, they were both a little stubborn and that sometimes got in the way. However, there was never, ever a doubt in my mind they were destined to be together.

This book is hard to classify because while it had quite a few sweet moments, it had some moments of supreme sexiness as well. All in all, Waking Up Pregnant was an excellent story of two people brought together by circumstance but wound up together because of love.

Songster says

So the premise sounds familiar, you have Vegas and a hot guy and a practical waitress who steps outside of her boundaries for one night. Skip forward a couple of months and oops baby is on the way. The difference here is that what could be trite is saved by likeable characters who deal with a difficult situation in reasonable way. But that strength becomes a bit of a weakness when it comes to the plot. There is very little conflict to push the plot forward and what is there feels a bit contrived. There was a bit of a love triangle which doesn't hold up. I actually liked that this didn't pan out, first of all because I'm not fan of the love

triangle device, but mostly because a passionate guy like Jeff could never really believe he could make a long-term commitment to the cold fish almost fiancée. So the eventual conflict is a bit weak. A sort of 'we can't really together because if it falls apart it will be bad for the baby' which didn't really work that well. Neither one wants to face the obvious and there is a lot of hiding from the truth. Darcy's background makes it difficult for her to trust anyone especially herself.

So while the conflict was a bit weak, it was resolved well, and we had likeable characters. Overall, it was an easy sexy read.

Prerana says

All her books are a little short for my taste. Review to come.

Jenn Scranton says

Don't stop reading!

Don't!

Listen to me!

There was a point where I really enjoyed the writing style but thought the "hero" couldn't get any worse.

He was a wienie. Yes, I borrowed a word from my 5 year old's vocabulary because I thought it would be appropriate considering this man's immaturity and inability to take responsibility....

But thank the heavens!!

He came to his senses. I loved it! Fun. Fun. Fun.
