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Emma Dodd has always taken care of everyone. She raised her niece when they were orphaned and she cares for the students that she works with. Deciding to move to Fairfield where her niece now lives, she was hoping to finally find a place to call home.

Jake Campbell, was gorgeous enough to catch any woman's eye, but he had a hard time finding the right one for him. A Fairfield detective, he lives with his mother to help care for her since she was diagnosed with a debilitating disease. After meeting Emma, he knows he has met the woman of his dreams. Now he just has to convince the independent Emma that it is time someone took care of her.

While helping one of her students, Emma becomes suspicious of criminal activity in her new town. Will Jake be able to save Emma in time for them to build a life together?

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The BookChick says

I enjoyed and still enjoy reading Harlequin romance books. The stories are usually very sweet and, 10 times out of 10, end in a happily ever after for the characters. Well, Emma's Home reminded me of traditional HQN story. It contained all the familiar trappings with characters that endeared you to them in the most unique manner.

Emma Dodd was sweet and selfless, and absolutely the type of woman you'd want to know in real life. She seemingly gave up everything in her life to become a full-time caregiver for her young niece, Laurie, when she herself was only about eighteen years old. Laurie and Emma were a mix between mother/daughter, aunt/niece, sisters/best friends -- it just depended on the moment of their life. They were all each other had left of their family after the tragic death of Laurie's sister and mother. Because they were so close in age, Laurie and Emma both struggled to finish their college degrees. They took longer than the average student would; however, they did it. Laurie earned her degree and moved to a small town, Fairfield, to become a teacher. While there, she met the love of her life and fell madly in love. Her new, permanent, home was in Fairfield. But, her location took her three hours away from Emma. So, as soon as Emma was able to find a student counseling job, she too moved to Fairfield. Emma's first night in Fairfield changed her life forever because that's when she met Jake Campbell. *Sigh* Jake was a 100% alpha male who was loyal, dedicated, and loving to the core. Oh...did I forget to add he was a hawt and sexy law man? Because he was. After the death of Jake's father, he moved back into his mother's home after she was diagnosed with a debilitating disease. Jake's "living with mommy" situation definitely put a crimp in his love life. He had yet to meet a woman who'd accept the role that he happily played in his mother's life. Well, that was until he met Emma. From the moment he laid his eyes on her...POOF...that was it for him. She. was. his. one.

I really enjoyed the flow of Emma's Home. It was sweet and sexy without being overly erotic for those who do not enjoy erotic romance. I also appreciated that the story had just the right amount of drama and suspense woven throughout it. Most readers will figure out "who done it" fairly early on but it was well played within the story.

This is Jordan's first book in the Fairfield series and I'd definitely say she has a winner.

Amazeballs Book Addicts says

I loved reading Emma's Home. It's Maryann Jordan's debut novel and she really did hit it out of the park with this one. It has romance and suspense. Emma hasn't had easy life. She has ended up raising her niece (Laurie) who isn't much younger than her. Emma moves to be closer to Laurie. She meets Jake who is a friend of Laurie's boyfriend. It's funny because at first Jake expects Emma to be old because she is Laurie's Aunt. Jake and Emma have instant chemistry. Jake is taking care of his sick mother, which has been a deal breaker for all the other girls he has dated. He's afraid that it might be a deal breaker for Emma too. Emma works at a high school and some of the football players have come to her attention by falling behind in school work. Jake and Rob are police officers for the town. Emma's work and Jake's work collide when Emma gets threatening letters. I found who was involved in leaving the note a little predictable but I still read on because I wasn't sure. There is no cliffhanger.

Erika says

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This hero is really great to the heroine BUT... I just really wanted a hero and heroine who have fairly equal sexual backgrounds. This hero was a manwhore in college and then had several girlfriends during his 20s. He mentions that he hasn't been this attracted to a woman in awhile. But I want a hero who NEVER was this attracted to a woman. Just like the heroine never felt anything like this for a man. She has very minimal experience. And feels insecure about it, knowing

Angela says

This was one amazing book! Maryann Jordan's debut novel is full of everything. Strong Alpha males. Stronger women. Great relationships. Love. Mystery. And sexiness. What else could you ask for?

Emma Dodd's eighteen year old life changes when her mother and sister die in a car accident, leaving her to care for her sister's young daughter, Laurie.

Years later, Emma moves to Fairfield, where Laurie now resides. In comes Jake Campbell. Police Detective and hawt goodness defined! The moment they meet changes everything for them. They've both been strong for others and have no idea how to do otherwise. They now must learn to trust and lean on other, instead of worrying about others.

I don't want to give away more, because you need to experience this book for yourself!!! Seriously amazing! The thing I loved most about the characters is the fact that they are neither wishy-washy, nor are they full of drama. That, in itself is worth the read!! I fell in love with Jordan's characters and felt like I've known them forever.

I highly recommend this book to everyone!!!

And Jake Campbell.....I think he's my new book boyfriend! Great job, Maryann Jordan! Now, give me Laurie's story!

Maryann Jordan says

I loved writing this story and as I have watched the reviews roll in, I have to pinch myself to realize that others love the characters as well. Emma is a strong woman, smart, funny, and has a huge capacity to love others. Jake is an alpha male, with a heart of gold. From their disaster of a first meeting to falling in love, with their friends by their sides, Jake and Emma will take you on a journey. I hope you enjoy their journey as much I did writing it.

Jennifer Alumbaugh says

Absolutely LOVED this book! I had the honor to read Emma's Home, and I was blown away! This is a very down to earth and realistic story that will touch your heart. Not only is it steamy sexy but the challenges that

Emma faces would be completely overwhelming to others. If you are looking for a book that has a very strong female lead, this is the book!!

Jasmine Cardi says

I started this book with no expectations. I had no idea what it was about. Just what I could gather from the title, Emma's Home. I knew it was a romance. HOLY MOLY! Can I have Jake?! Let me not get ahead of myself. Let's see if I can share a tiny bit about the story without spoilers. Emma has had a rough set of cards dealt to her at a very young age. She accepts responsibility and matures very fast. Now at the age of 31 she is able to breathe and relax a bit. Moving to a new town to be close to her family and starting a new job the last think she is expecting is Jake. He could not be a better match for her? Is she willing to let her guard down enough to let him in?

Ok, first off, JAKE! Think of all the Ryan Gosling jokes of him saying "Hey Girl." SWOON! I tried to find a video of that for this post but no such luck. He is such a stand up, respectable guy. There is no way you won't love him!

Not only is this a romance but there are some story lines you wont see coming. They keep you guessing and the pages turning!

Cindy says

*****I was lucky enough to beta read Emma's Home from Author Maryann Jordan.*****

This is the debut novel from Maryann. And can I saw what an amazing job she has done with Emma's home. We got romance, drama mystery. I absolutely devoured this book. I couldn't get enough. I LOVED every moment of this book.

Emma becomes like a surrogate parent for her niece when her sister and mom are killed in a car accident. Emma is now a high school counselor. Emma is a loving women who has devoted her life to raising her niece. When Emma moves to be closer to her niece Laurie she meets Jake.

Jake is a detective in town. I LOVED how these two meet each other at the bar. I absolutely LOVED Jake. He is such an alpha male. And Jake will protect the people he loves at all cost.

Emma and Jake may not have been looking for each other, but they found each other. The chemistry between these two is AMAZING!!! I so enjoyed watching them grow, and fall in love. I gave Emma's Home 5 stars!!! I can't wait until the next book. Which is Laurie's Story!!!

Janice says

Small Town Romance Done Right It's hard to believe that this is Maryann Jordan's debut novel. I loved the

small town romance between Emma and Jake. Emma has been raising her niece since she was 12 and Emma was 18. Emma doesn't regret anything she's done to keep the only family she has together. Now that Laurie is 25 and she is 31, Emma finally finds time to devote herself to having a relationship. This is where Jake comes in. He is all Alpha and for once in her life, Emma has someone to take care of her. Watching the romance bloom between the two, you can't help but feel the heat that radiates off them. They are not only sweet, but hot and sexy. Emma and Jake have become one of my favorite book couples of 2014. I can't wait for Ms. Jordan's next book in her Fairfield Series.

Vanessa says

I was lucky enough to receive this book from Maryann Jordan before it was published and for this being a new author she did an amazing job. Just knowing this the beginning of a series makes it so much better. I really enjoyed how she used so many emotions through out the book. I giggled and cried. I fell in love with all the characters. This story is about family, love, and finding your home. Emma took in her niece when she was only 18. She not only took care of her but she also did what she had to do to finish college. Emma is a very strong person and you can see this as you read her story. I cannot wait to read the next book in the series.

Bookloverme says

I wanted to read this series for a long time and now that I finished the first book, I can say that it's a good start for the series. I loved how the MC and secondary characters were really close and were always there for each other.

The story was about Jake, 33 and Emma, 31.

Emma's mom and older sister were killed in a car accident when she was 18. She was left with her sister's daughter, her 12 year old niece, Laurie. She was granted guardianship of Laurie. She left college and moved back home to raise and take care of her niece. Though it took them longer than others to graduate college, they did it.

Her niece, got a job in Fairfield, a few hours away from her but after a year apart, Laurie wanted her to come live in Fairfield too. Once she got a counseling job there, she turned in her notice and move to Fairfield.

Laurie was setting him up with Jake. He's a detective with his partner and childhood friend, Tom. Jake, Tom and Rob (Laurie's boyfriend) were friends for a long time. He thought Laurie's aunt was an old lady. When he went to the bar to meet them and welcome Emma, he didn't expect she's younger than he expected and even liked her before they were introduced to each other.

Both of them didn't know how to make a relationship work. Her, raising Laurie and him, living and looking after his mom who had Rheumatoid Arthritis and it's a deal breaker for other women.

They liked each other. They had a talk and decided to see where it goes. They're good for each other and they made each other happy. But something was going on at the school she's working at. She tried to help the students but then she started to receive threatening notes.

When she found out who the villain was (view spoiler), everything happened so fast and they didn't know if

she can make it. It's a beautiful touching moment in this book. She did recovered of course and I loved the epilogue! I hope Maryann Jordan writes beautiful epilogues like this one.

SAFETY:

(view spoiler)

Myckel Anne says

Oh where to start! Have you ever put your life on the back burner for the people you love because it was the right thing to do? That's exactly where we find Emma and Jake. They are two people that have sacrifice so much however have no regrets. Still there is a hole waiting to be filled by the right person. This first novel by Maryann Jordan is so refreshing. It combines a passionate love story with a little mystery mixed in! Both of these combined makes for a story you cannot put down! I highly recommend you join Emma and Jake as they set off to build Emma's Home!

Heroesinbooks says

Loved This story- it was a great Summer holiday read & although I hadn't read the others in the series, this read really well as a standalone.

Emma moves to Fairfield to be closer to her niece, Laurie, who is only 6 years younger than her. Emma stepped in at the age of eighteen to be Laurie' s guardian following a car crash that killed their family.

Emma meets the gorgeous, quiet, loyal detective Jake. He is such a lovely hero and these two fall hard for each other. Emma is used to being fiercely independent and Jake is used to being very much the alpha protector so you can expect some clashes of opinion. The sexual chemistry between these two is HOT. Damn, that man has a way with words.

There is a good plot running through the book but I did guess the villain early on. Having said that , it was still exciting and well paced. Great secondary characters and low angst. This book had a really strong Kristen Ashley vibe to it. Dirty talking alpha male who is protective to the extreme but totally loveable meets sweet heroine who is hugely likeable and has her head on straight.

Written in third person from both points of view. Great descriptive writing and lots of dialogue rather than heaps of inner monologue which I have seen in other books written in the third person.

Lovely ending. This is a really good book

Denise Van plew says

It is so exciting I think to be able to read a novel from a debut author and on top of that it is a beginning of a series which I so enjoy. It is triple rewarding when you are finished (which was accomplished in a day) left well sated for a minute mind you because you know must read the next one in this series. Emma was such a wonderful character that this author has breathed to life that starts you on a wonderful journey. Being a

single parent myself could connect with her on sacrifices she made to raise her sister. But now her sister has met the man of life and it is Emma's time in a way too. Time to choose something for just herself and immerse herself in it. Laurie has set her up on a date but also to meet others along with her boyfriend Rob. Jake has agreed but goofs up right off the bat, delightful scene by the way. This town is similar to what I grew up in so it made this so easy to connect with the talent of this author. They are all surprised at how young she still is but then she tells their story. Jake is quite the man also-alpha through and through. Takes care of his mom also and does not view it as a burden, a man after my own heart. Being a detective also is quite the career of a man I enjoy reading about. So when she mentions the house she is to look at and maybe buy he is not about to let her go alone because it has been vacant for quite awhile. It just so happens later that evening he appoints himself her protector even when she says she can take care of herself. Sheesh glad there wasn't any arguments there. So this author has definitely hooked you by now and not letting go but where would you go it is so good. Their relationship builds filled with heat that if it was any hotter you would burn your seat. Little occurrences start happening that create intrigue which is another plus this book has to give. Fast pace with a wonderful flow that when you find out all the why's and who done its that is where the man this was wonderful comes in. A must read to find out why it is that Emma is finally home and the wonderful characters introduced to and come to love. A wonderful gift from this author that will satisfy any one needing a fix of romance. Received a arc for a honest review.

Estelle Martinez says

I was lucky enough to have gotten and ARC from Author Maryann Jordan.

Maryann has done an amazing job with Emma's home. Not only did she give us our love story but she gave us drama suspense and a little mystery. I loved the story from the first chapter.

We have Emma who is high school counselor. After tragedy while she's away at college she is forced to change her plans for her future. Now don't misunderstand not all changes are bad in this case it shaped who she is. A loving women who would do anything for those whom she cares for. She learns that what others may think is a burden to her it's just natural to do for the family you love.

Then we have Jake. Jake is a detective but most importantly he's a loving son and friend. Jake learns early on that relationships just don't work when they see his baggage. He is total alpha male and protects those he loves at all cost.

We also have a few other key people in the story. Laurie whom is Emma's niece who she raised. Rob firefighter/Laurie's boyfriend. Tom is Jake's partner and Carol Tom's wife.

This story shows how one small person can change the lives of many. When things get bad in their town drugs and students grades and behavior changing Emma tries to help as best as she can but finds her self in trouble. This group of friends stick together in the time of need they are each other's family and for some the only family they have.

Emma and Jake may not have been looking for love but that is what they found in each other.

This story makes you smile laugh and hurt with the characters you are pulled into the story and crave to see what happens next. It's truly a must read.
