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Melinda Dozier says

I never tire of Jill Shalvis. Decided to pick up an older read while I wait for It Had to be You. Loved it. I always become involved with her characters from the get-go.

Not sure why others rated lower. The heroine was mule-headed, but she had to be since she works in a "man's" world. There ARE mule-headed people out there... just made it more real for me.

Read in one night - don't do that very often. :)

Holly says

An older Shalvis I bought at a used book store. I enjoyed quite a bit of it, including the unusual job of main characters (astronauts), though I did struggle with the heroine at times. Her cold attitude worked in a professional capacity, but I would have liked to see her warm up more on the personal side.

Vikki Andrews says

very good

Serena says

I did not enjoy this book. I felt like neither character was really explored and Carinne's valid concerns about her career prospects were not addressed. The best part was the first encounter and then it all fizzled afterwards.

Laura says

I love Jill Shalvis so I really hate only giving this one 2 Stars. I think the reason I didn't love it was because it was 10+ years old and followed the style of the day, in addition, it was written for Harlequin Temptation which has it's own constraints.

It wasn't a bad book by any means but the story and the characters didn't really grab me.

Jen says

I reckon this would have been that much better if the characters' potential was raised just a tad more. It was sexy to see the whole "strangers stranded in the rain" kind of kink played out, and even more intriguing once

we find out they are to be co-workers, and then utterly awesome to see her as his superior in rank. That's ticking off a lot of good points already. I just feel that Corinne wasn't set up as well in her development—as if she herself wasn't quite convinced that she wanted the relationship with Mike, but was only doing it because the author was coercing her to. Strange as that sounds.

Marblezzie says

I always thought that meeting someone for the very first time and feeling an instantaneous sexual attraction is kinda sexy, not to mention kinky! That's why I have really enjoyed Jill Shalvis's "Her Perfect Stranger". I have had so much fun reading it because some scenes of the story were really humorous especially the part where the hero and heroine were caught having sex in her office.

Mike Wright had felt an immediate sexual attraction the minute he saw Corrine across the hotel pub, and couldn't help himself when Corinne approached the bar to order a drink, and offered his seat to her as an excuse to start a conversation. Soon, they hit it off and were blatantly flirting with each other. Next thing he knew, they were sharing a night together because he offered to share his room with her. For one night only...no strings attached...and no names needed. Just to satiate their hunger for each other.

Corrine Atkinson have never felt instantly attracted to anyone...let alone by any means sexual, like she was having with this gorgeous guy whose obviously flirting with her. Although her line of work was mostly dominated by the male species, she's never been particularly attracted to any of her co-workers or any man in general. But she has to admit she's finding herself really attracted to this one and contemplating already on having a one nighter with him. She's never one for any kind of relationship because her time was mostly being consumed by her job. She thought that one night stands suits her lifestyle best. So she decided for one night only...she can have a scrumptious sex with her perfect stranger. Little did she know the next day that it would turn out her perfect stranger may not be a stranger after all.

This story was funny, sexy and really, really entertaining. I could still remember the scenes in the story when they both showed up for work and realized they were going to be working with one another. That one was really momentous the minute they recognized each other, it was really fun to watch! And the heroine was the boss for a change, which truly topped the story line. I so totally loved it!

Saly says

Her Perfect Stranger had one thing I hate an annoying heroine. Hey, I am all for the feminist movement but I don't like a mule-headed heroine.

Corrine is an astronaut, and a commander on a space mission. She has made herself an "Ice-Queen" to her people. She plays down her femininity since she figures she's a woman and instead acts rigid sometimes. She spends an impulsive night with a stranger who turns out to be Mike, her new man on her mission.

Mike has returned to the States from Russia after many years and he's disappointed not to find the woman he spent the night with in the morning and shocked when she turns out to be his commander. Corrine treats him like a stranger and refuses to talk things out with him. I get it she had a professional image to maintain, but I hated her blowing hot and cold and couldn't for the life of me figure out what Mike saw in her and why he chased after her, when she insulted him, could-shouldered him and more.

Corrine had a perfectly normal childhood so that couldn't be a factor. Having a drive for success is all well and good but I never warmed up to her much. For me a heroine has to be good.

I liked how they showed the space aspects though and Mike.

Rating 2.5

Desi says

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Protagonistas: Mike Wright y Corrine Atkinson

Argumento:

AQUELLA CAMA ERA EL ESCENARIO PERFECTO PARA UNA NOCHE APASIONADA Solo por una noche la comandante Corrine Atkinson se permitió traspasar las barreras que había construido a su alrededor para seducir a un sexy desconocido. Cuando llegó la mañana y recuperó el control sobre sí misma, Corrine salió de allí a escondidas y recuperó la normalidad. Pero la esperaba una enorme sorpresa. El desconocido perfecto se había convertido en el hombre equivocado. Su nombre era Mike Wright y era el nuevo miembro del equipo que ella dirigía...

Cruth says

Author: Jill Shalvis

First published: 2002

Length: ~2200 kindle locations

Setting: Contemporary. Huntsville, Alabama and Houston, Texas.

Sex: Somewhat hand-wavy. Reasonably explicit at times. Infrequent.

Hero: Astronaut (pilot).

Heroine: Astronaut (commander).

Trigger: sexual harassment.

Strong woman, independent, in command. Portrays herself as the Ice Queen. *If only she smiled more*, says her would-be suitor.

Carefree but determined Hero who goes after what he wants. And he wants her. Respects her as a leader, but wants her to display her interest in him in public. So much for no fraternising.

There's this interesting, sexy story of a work romance with her the titular boss (they are a "team").

But he undermines her. And sexually harasses her. Touches her constantly, Approaches her for sex, constantly. Confronts her. Taunts her.

And she does not have him up on charges. Because this is what women have come to expect. That, no matter what they do or what they say, men will see them as sexual beings first and colleagues second.

2.5 stars rounded down. Because it was sexual harassment. And I can't forgive it.

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Julie says

Her Perfect Stranger by Jill Shalvis is a 2002 Harlequin Temptation publication.

This title is one of those 'bargain bin' novels I picked up at my local paperback swap store. Jill Shalvis has gone on to enjoy countless appearances on the NYT bestseller list and is a heavy hitter in contemporary romance.

I pulled this title off my shelf because I am thinking of starting a new MEME for my blog in order to incorporate more of my older books in with the new releases I feature on my blog. (Stay tuned for more information on this development)

It's hard to fathom the many changes our lives have undergone since this book was written. Sadly, NASA and the Space Shuttle, which was a big part of the story, is no longer a part of our space program. Also, the attitudes regarding women in a position of power has improved as it's more common than it once was.

Corrine finds herself stranded in a hotel during a storm with no rooms available, when a man she met in the hotel bar, a perfect stranger, offers to share his room with her.

After spending the night together, the situation turns awkward when Mike discovers Corrine is his boss. Not only that, she is one cool customer, never out of control, garnering the reputation of being an "Ice Princess". Corrine doesn't have time for a relationship, especially with a man she is working with. But, Mike has no qualms about pursuing Corrine, even if it's just a temporary, physical attraction.

Naturally, the couple find themselves playing with fire as each one tries to deny there is more to the relationship than carnal pleasure.

This is a pretty short book, and so things move along at a fast pace. Mike is a very likeable character, is smart, down to earth, and pretty much unflappable. This irritates Corrine, as she struggles to maintain her professionalism, when all she can think about is Mike. A reader picking this book up in 2015 may find the book is slightly outdated, but just a little bit, in regards to women being in charge, and the difficulty some men had with a woman being 'the boss'. Other than that, this book is still a nice, spicy contemporary, and is still available in both digital and paperback formats.

It was fun watching Mike pull Corrine out of her carefully constructed professional persona. This couple literally could not keep their hands to themselves. They are hot, hot, hot behind closed doors, with some of their sexy time pushing the envelope for a Harlequin novel written over a decade ago.

The plot was just a little thin and of course somewhat predictable, and Corrine could grate on a person's nerves at times. However, this was a fun trip down memory lane, plus it was a lot of fun to read some of Jill's back listed titles.

Shrxrn says

As a man, you can't help yourself, you're just a helpless slave to your body's cravings. Will that help you sleep at night?

- Corrine

He was someone she could have allowed herself to care for, if she ever allowed such things. But she couldn't, at least not now. Some other time, perhaps...

- Corrine

She'd always told herself that someday she'd allow Prince Charming into her life, but the tuning was never right. But damn it, when? When would it be right?

- Corrine

She was simply no good at matters of the heart.

- Corrine

She couldn't even look at him without having that stupid, adolescent, weak-kneed reaction, and it was really making her furious.

- Corrine

I don't know what's happening to my perfectly planned out life. I can't concentrate, can't think, can't do anything except daydream about you, and——it's all your fault.

- Corrine

It's funny because I'm having the same problem. And I was pretty certain it was all your fault.

- Mike

Fedora says

Good fast read. Corinne and Mike are interesting characters, and it's fun to watch the sparks fly :) I enjoyed that she was ranked higher than she was; that was a neat twist on things.

Lucille says

I didn't like this much. The story was predictable, the plot was lacking, and the characters are annoying. Especially Corrine.

The story was unbelievable. Even at this century, there is no decent woman who would actually have sex with a stranger, no matter how handsome or proper he is.

For the characters, Corrine just keeps on pushing Mike away just because of her work reputation. I know that it's not okay to be in a relationship with a co-worker (that prohibited, right?), but Corrine is so lustful and just so stubborn that it became annoying in the middle of the book. It is inevitable that she will end up with Mike, it's so clear right from the start, yet she tries to deny her feelings for him. (view spoiler)

Mike is actually kind of likable. He's caring, thoughtful, and he didn't give up on Corrine even though the stupid woman kept on pushing him away. He also didn't have any trouble working under Corrine, it didn't hurt his pride or whatsoever.

"How come you're so perfectly made?" she asked seriously, lifting her hand to run her finger over the muscles that twitched with her every touch.

"God designed man this way so despite our stupidity, women couldn't resist us. Is it working?"

Yes. I like the way this guy thinks. If only all men were like him... aware of their stupidity. (view spoiler)
The world would be a better place.

There's only--I think--three characters involve here directly. Louisa (Corrine's mom), Mike and Corrine. This book also lack character development.

So yeah, 2 stars pretty much sums it all up.

Sunny? says

One wild night, in a hotel room with a perfect stranger, just what the both needed before the hard work of preparing for a spacestation mission.

Corrine is the commander of the team and Mike is the pilot. Can he accept a woman in charge and can she let down her defenses long enough to be loved?

Character building and progression is the strength of this story and a trade mark of Shalvis. It was well done as the story plodded on.
