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Sometimes what you're looking for is closer than you think.

Jessie's life is a mess. In the eight hellish months since her husband died in a freak accident, she's been mugged, her house has been trashed, and now she's receiving frightening pranks calls. She resists a friend's offer of a weekend getaway-her grief is still too fresh to consider meeting anyone new.

Then again, since it's a party for gay men, there won't be any pressure, right?

ER doctor Caleb James feels perfectly at ease among his gay brother's friends, but one look at Jessie sparks a sexual tension that's impossible to ignore. A few drinks and a few hours of conversation later, things move a lot faster than either of them expect. Jessie is left confused and Caleb aches with regret-and love for a woman who is still guarding her heart.

Pressure is the last thing she needs. But as it becomes apparent that her string of misfortunes trace back to her husband's death, help is what she's going to get. Caleb's help-ready or not.

Warning: This title contains a two adults playing doctor. But that's okay, one of them is licensed to practice. A prescription for extra-strength Kleenex may be required.

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Casey (KcLu) says

Yet again Mari has created a world an people I would live to get to know!

Jessie is trying to put her life back together after the death if her husband. This is not the easiest task. It's been 8 months, and her best friend drags her to a party. Not ready to date this party will be perfect because it's all gay men. Weelllll all except the brother of the host.

Caleb has spent his whole life focused on being and becoming a doctor, and his brother thinks he needs to finally start dating. He is playing bartender at his brother's Gay Fest. He didn't expect to meet the woman of his dreams at this particular party, but when he walks Jessie home the sparks fly.

Can she get over her past, and look to a future with Caleb?? Will the man that killed her husband take her out too??

This was a beautiful love story!! I am half in love with Caleb myself!!

SassySami says

This was a well-written story about a young widow who stirs up trouble by looking into the death of her husband and has to decide whether to move on with her life when she meets a charming doctor. I very much liked this book, even though it made me cry, which I absolutely hate to do.

The main characters are well-written and fully formed, with realistic emotions and actions. The story had romance, sex, suspense, heartbreak, and of course a happily ever after in a nice, quick 153 pages, which I think is a great short read. The dialogue felt natural and the sex scenes didn't get cheesy.

I identified the villain in his first scene, so there wasn't much in the way of a whodunit, and though there were a couple of possible suspects and I could have been wrong, I prefer a bit more of a mystery. Also, the heroine started to cross the border into crazyland and there were times when I was fussing at my Nook because she was going over my admittedly low angst threshold.

Talltree says

3.5 stars

Karen J Baker says

Accident or murder?

Eight months after her husband, Tommy 's, death, Jessie is still convinced it was not an accident. He was

murdered!! Follow her as she tries to find out what really happened the night he died and how someone is willing to do anything to stop her.

Denise ~The Procrastinating Book Diva~ says

The synopsis of this book really drew me in. I remember thinking I can't wait to read this book - then I actually read it. It was ridiculously predictable, the only "suspense" in the mix was whether I was going to finish it. I did, but it isn't very memorable.

Tia says

Easy read but not exactly what I was looking for. A lot more mystery than romance. Enjoyed the story angle. There were some very good sections of the book but was just missing that something, something that would give a higher rating.

Moran says

Sadly I didn't really enjoyed this book. It's my least favorite book by Mari Carr. I love her books but this one just didn't do it for me ??

Yaritza Rivera says

I enjoy reading this story. I like the suspense, the romance and it's a little fun too. It's also a litte sad at some point but worth reading. I think I'm going to like this series.

Charliegirl1 says

Romantic suspense

I'm already a Mari Carr fan, and have read a number of her other books, but this was the first in the romantic suspense genre. I loved the premise, and thought the plot was well developed. The characters were likeable and believable. I would read more of this type of story from this author.

Kristy says

This was definitely a shorter story that was begging to be a full length novel. The plot and characters were great, although the bad guy in the piece was not a shock at all. I think if the book had been fleshed out into a full length book, the story surrounding the bad guy could have been built up more and it would have been more of a surprise.

So, the story focuses on Jessie, a young widow, who is not convinced that her husband's "accidental" death was an accident. She begins asking questions and doing her own investigating and soon she begins receiving phone calls and threats....she gets mugged.....and her apartment is broken into. To get away from it all, she goes and stays with her gay BFF in a little town about 3 hours away. While on vacay, she meets Caleb at a party. They both have a little too much to drink and Caleb walks her home.....and they have some tipsy hot sex on the kitchen counter.

Even though Jessie feels it's too soon to hop back into another relationship (it's only been 8 months since her husband died), she can't help the attraction she feels to Caleb.

But the vacay ends and Jessie goes home and resumes her investigation into her husband's death. The threats against her continue and she ends up moving to the town where her BFF (and Caleb lives). After a car accident thrusts her back into Caleb's life....they both come to realize that they can't fight the feelings they have for each other.

Like I said, I would have loved for this short to be a full length novel. I think the characters deserved that. But as it is, it's a great short story (albeit, predictable)....and I completely fell in love with Jessie and Caleb. And while this book didn't have as much of the crazy hot monkey sex that Mari Carr's books usually have....what it did have was enough.

Loved it. Solid 4 stars.

Cynthia says

Great

She didn't believe her husband's death was an accident. She has two wonderful friends who help her grieve but she is questioning everything. Then she meets Caleb. Will he help her find answers & help mend her heart.

sparklyunikorn says

More like 2.5

The moment a character named Jordan made appearance who took care of Jessie, I knew he's the one. Poor Miss Jessie, the widow. Yeah, the story was predictable. A person who looked so bad in state, hello Mr. Rex, we were likely to assume he's the bad guy but in fact, he wasn't. He was just too wrecked with everything he turned violent. Anyway, this book was very quick reading. The romance took really fast it felt unreal. The suspense wasn't that thrilled. However, I liked those boys taking care and protective over Jessie. The rest of the book, it was dull.

Terra Oenning says

WOW Mari Carr Did It Again!!! This was a truly wonderful book!!!! I cried alot with this book and laughed in spots with it as well..

Jessie Warners Husbands death was ruled an accident and she wouldnt believe it and took things into her own hands. she was tryin to find out what had truely happened to Tommy. She was getting prank calls at night and got mugged and the police didnt do anything about it. when her best friend todd ask her to come and visit to get away for a few weeks she knew she had to take him up on it. She ends up going to a party which were mostly gay men and some women and starts talking to calab the bartender and he informs her that he is straight and he is interested in her and they hook up that night and concieve a baby together. she goes back home and still working on tryin to find her husbands killer alot happens with more calls ,threatening notes, building burns down. she feels stressed out and feeling sick all the time she goes to her dr.s and finds out she is pregnat with calabs child.they finally get her to move in to a place in todods house. she ends up gettin into a bad wreck and when she is rushed in to the er Calab is the Doctor working and his heart breaks for her and then Jess tells him about the baby which she ends up losing. i cried for them both.. this is one story that touches your heart and is truely well written. Loved it.

Jae says

A boring read and a waste of my Kindle battery.

Marsha says

Because of You by Mari Carr is a great story, tragically great. I loved everything about this book: the gripping story line, the endearing characters, and all the wonderful possibilities. I admit that I did identify the villain very early on in the story, but it really added to the effect. I was consumed with the "don't get in the car" attitude. A bit rushed at the end, which felt a bit odd, and erotic scenes that weren't necessary to the telling, but over all, a well told story.
