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Karen Sutton never got in trouble, caused a scene--or got married. But when she witnessed a murder, good breeding went by the wayside as she set out to expose the murderer. Except when the killer got too close, Karen ended up with amnesia. The only thing she knew: She married the sexiest, strongest, single most beautiful man she'd ever seen. Solid and built, Jack Adams was a tough-guy cop who always got his man. But this time the girl next door got him - as her husband! Jack had tried everything to deter Karen from her pursuit. The only way to protect her was to pose as her new groom until the killer was caught or she remembered...or Jack died from wanting the witness...

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Jocelyn Montalvo Cullum says

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Kay says

4 Stars! ~ Karen's being used as bait to catch a killer. Rebel cop Jack doesn't like it. So when Karen gets hit on the head and loses part of her memory, Jack tells her that she's his wife. He knows she'll believe him because the sparks between them really sizzle. He fears two things, that he might not be able to keep Karen safe, and that when she learns that he lied to her, that she'll never forgive him.

I really enjoyed this story ... Ms. Daniel really knows how to create the rough, tough but sensitive hero ... Jack could be my bodyguard any time!

Anita says

This book and several other B.J. Daniels came with my Kindle. I usually don't read Hqn romances, but these are short and surprisingly very good. I did not figure out the villain. The plot had several misleading clues and I didn't see the real villain. Only one plot device had me really shaking my head. Come on, amnesia for only a bump on the head? Really?

Karen is the victim of a blind date who dumps red wine on her dress. As she tries to find the ladies room she is lost and comes upon a scene involving Liz, a friend, and a mystery man in the hotel corridor. Liz turns up dead.

Jack sees Karen the next morning and pegs her as the girl next door type. Not really his type, but... Jack pulls her over for speeding and learns that she is an eye witness who may be able to ID the murderer.

The attraction is electric and Jack will do anything to make sure Karen is safe, even if it costs him his job and even if he has to lie to her.

Penny Griffin says

Entertaining, but Overstuffed Romantic Mystery
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In her latest novel, B.J. Daniels takes an "everything but the kitchen sink" approach to storytelling, throwing in far more elements than can be comfortably handled in such a short book. Terrible blind dates, long-kept secrets, matchmaking aunts, murder, grave-digging, amnesia--even a secret baby. Then there's a love story. The setup is so bizarre and unwieldy it's almost impossible to describe what the story's about (which is one of the reasons the back cover copy is so misleading). The gist of it is: When an old friend is found murdered,

Karen Sutton realizes she may be able to identify the murderer. The determined Karen throws herself into the investigation and goes chasing after a man she thinks is the killer--only to run into Detective Jack Adams. It may indeed be love at first sight, but she's going to need more than his love. When she becomes bait to catch the killer, she's going to need his protection.

While I would love for books to be this ambitious, in this case the story's strong points are often buried by its excesses. The first few chapters, while often funny, are also really goofy, with a series of far too coincidental encounters taking place one right after another. The back cover dutifully informs the reader that the heroine is struck with amnesia, but that aspect takes so long to appear--and then does so out of nowhere--that it seems like a bizarre afterthought in a story that didn't need one more twist. Even if the "man pretends to be married to woman who can't remember otherwise" plot hadn't been used in an *Intrigue* just last month (#552, "A Night Without End"), I doubt it would have worked here. It adds nothing except to give the heroine a sudden personality transplant. The spunky, determined Karen of the first half bears little resemblance to the starry-eyed, lovestruck version that appears after she loses her memory. Compared to "A Night Without End" and even this month's "Forgotten Lullaby," the heroine's reaction to find herself married to someone she doesn't remember--simple acceptance--doesn't ring true.

Daniels' tale does have more than its share of strengths. Boring is not a word anyone would associate with it, as Daniels' plotting will keep readers on their toes from start to finish. Jack is a solid hero bound to win a few hearts, strong, sexy and charming. Though everything wraps up a bit too neatly to be believed (Unless Missoula has a population of ten, the way all the characters happen to be connected to one another is ridiculous), the mystery element is the book's strongest, a puzzle many will be eager to solve. Unfortunately, the wildly shifting tone is its weakest. The climax is so taut and suspenseful, the final image of the villain so wonderfully haunting, that it seems completely out of place with the wackiness that started the story.

While nowhere near as good as the moving stories full of in-depth writing Daniels used to pen ("Hotshot P.I." "Undercover Christmas" "Odd Man Out") but seems to have moved away from, readers seeking a fast-paced, lighter tale with a dash of mystery shouldn't go wrong here. I was certainly entertained by "Love at First Sight." I also didn't believe a word of it.
