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Self-defense instructor D.J. Monroe would do anything to be the best. Even if it meant asking super-sexy military expert Quinn Reynolds to demonstrate some of his finest moves...on and off the mat! Normally, D.J. didn't date, didn't trust, didn't let anyone in. But when she found herself falling for Quinn, could she let go of her past and embrace a future with him?

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Carrie says

This isn't the best name for a book but whatever. Also, if I keep reading all these romance novels, I will have become my grandmother. That's not a bad thing, though. I rather appreciate their mindlessness and guaranteed happy endings at this stage in my life.

Lou Anne says

3.5

Carol Rankin says

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A terrific story with lots of surprises. Great action and love. The characters took a long time finding their truth.

Janet says

SSE #1557 = 4+ stars

Jack Vasen says

[D.J.'s backstory involves physical abuse of herself and her mother by her father. When she was 11, he hurt her so badly her

D.G. says

I read this book only because the name of the hero - Quinn - was in the title, which I needed for a challenge. In general the book wasn't bad but I didn't see the need of parading most of the heroes of the previous books in the series with their women. And how many times did we need to hear the strange business of the hero's parentage? They discussed it 3 times - almost word for word. I got it the first time! The book would have been way better if there hadn't been so much nonsense.

This is the story of D.J., who has serious problems with men. A childhood trauma makes her think that most of them are maniacs in training that will jump out of the hedges to beat women. That she works rescuing and

training abused women and children haven't help with that. Although her behavior was extreme at times, you can understand where she was coming from, specially because the hero was a Special Forces kind of dude who could kill people in his sleep.

Quinn himself has some issues with his job and is wondering whether he can live a normal life. This reminded me of another book by Susan Mallery I recently read and really liked - Surrender in Silk - but this wasn't as well handled here. If only there hadn't been all those unnecessary parades of past heroes and their HEA, this could have been really good.

Chris says

Secrets from her past compel DJ Monroe to excel and be the best at everything. When her path crosses with Quinn Reynolds she has finally met her match. DJ will do anything to have Quinn teach her what he knows, anything but relinquish her heart and control.

I Thought the characters of Quinn and DJ were well written. Quinn is the tough military professional struggling his own internal demons. DJ's past is a big influence into the person she is today. I am not very familiar with heroines as tough and closed off as DJ and found her character very intriguing. I really enjoyed the War Games scene when Quinn and DJ meet. The found the interaction between the two characters during the war games exciting. It left me wanting and curious to see how their relationship would work out. I enjoyed reading Quinn's Woman and found it to a great story of personal reflection and emotional healing.

Dixie-Lee Campbell says

It was diamond find that I wasn't looking for and didn't know it existed ! I loved this book from the beginnning to the end. This was an amazing story: Personal struggles of two people' with voids in their lives and haunting issues they were hiding ! They had friends and family encouraging and there for them, but really not know what their issues were. I will come back later to fill in a little more about D.J. and Quinn.... but just read this and enjoying this love story. thanks Susan Mallery for this great book.
I didn't want to give anything away.... Just read the book everyone. !

I just noticed it is an updated book of two stories written by Susan Mallery. I should have paid more attention to that also.

Gail says

Have to say goodbye to the "Hometown Heartbreakers" families. It was a wild and wonderful ride, fortunately I have revisit the clan down the road.

I absolutely loved this series - hadn't read a Mallery in a long time before I started this series and I'd forgotten how wonderful a writer she is. Now I'm looking forward to starting her other series. Thank goodness there are a slew of them - lots of happy hours ahead of me.

xoxoxoxo Susan Mallery!!!

Brandon says

3-1/2 stars

Saly says

Quinn's Woman is the last in the Hometown Heart-breaker's series. Quinn was treated badly by his father and he never knew why, no matter how good he was in sports and academics he could never measure up, he joined the military and then Special Forces, so he has led a dark life and now he is questioning it's direction. He comes to Glennwood to meet his brother Gage and finds out the reason for his father's behaviour and meets his other family the "Haynes".

DJ is a woman not everyone gets. She is tough, she rescues kids and women for a living , she teaches them self-defense and puts herself in dicey situations, she is not traditional. She is totally into control and self-defense and when Quinn beats her at her game she is intrigued and wants to better herself. DJ had a bad childhood, her father was abusive and her mother kept forgiving him, but when the violence became too much and landed DJ in the hospital, her mother killed her husband and herself, writing that she couldn't live without her love. So, DJ is determined never to fall for men and their lies and allow them to control her.

So, she walks up to Quinn and even offers him sex to get him to teach her, for her sex is also about control not that she is promiscuous. Quinn refuses the sex offer and through their lessons and family gatherings they are thrown together.

It is not often you find commitment phobic women but I really liked the book, DJ was not coarse just scared inside but she was totally kick-ass too. Quinn was pretty sweet.

A good read.

Nightwitch says

Some interesting ideas but really spoiled by the old-school mindset. The heroine suffered childhood trauma and has reacted by becoming super tough, but the size and expression of the chip on her shoulder just seems... unrealistic. The hero is very much an alpha hero and that doesn't really work with this heroine, I think. The book is very heroine-focused - she needs to learn to let go and fall in love - but the way that's expressed is often very uncomfortable, e.g. she has to dress "sexy" and get her hair and nails done. It's explicitly requested/demanded by the hero, and the overall impression one is left with is that D.J. would *like* to be a girly girl sometimes but is prevented by Her Trauma and that will be Healed By True Love. There are a billion and one other characters around - clearly this is part of an ongoing series - and all of them have very, very traditional relationships. The heroine's best friend used to run an orphanage but now only does it part-time because after all she has her own babies to take care of now; D.J. spends a lot of time being jealous of this friend and her femininity. It's all very discomfiting, because while D.J. is allowed by the narrative to be tough (and the hero explicitly likes her toughness), her toughness is a direct response to earlier trauma

and, similarly, her clothes, her way of life, her everything, is ascribed to this trauma and needs to be "healed." I feel like this might have been exciting fifteen years ago - finally a Harlequin category heroine who is genuinely tough as nails! - but the stereotypes D.J. embodies are really uncomfortable in this day and age. Part of it, I think, is that she's coded aggressively tomboy (tough, aggressive, stern with men but secretly terrified of them, dresses mannishly) but is healed from all that by the love of a good man, which is bonkers and pretty insulting. Yes, she keeps being tough and has all her black belts, but deep down she wants to wear pretty dresses and learn to submit to a man who is strong enough to make her... but none of this is explicitly written in, the way it would be nowadays.

Nici's Buecke says

Mit seinem farbenfrohen und frischen Cover sprang mir dieses Buch direkt ins Auge. Dann habe ich den Klappentext gelesen und meine Neugier war geweckt. Ich habe auch gesehen, dass es der 11 Teil der Hometown Heartbreakers Reihe ist und da hatte ich schon ein wenig Bedenken. Aber jetzt kann ich sagen, dass man die vorherigen Teile nicht gelesen haben muss, denn dieser Roman ist in sich abgeschlossen. Wenn man die vorherigen gelesen hat kann man allerdings sicher die Namen besser auseinander halten, weil jeder Roman sich einer Person widmet, hier war es Quinn. Die Anzahl der Personen und alle ihre Namen sowie die dazugehörige Familie auseinander zu halten war für mich bei mancher Szene schon etwas zu viel. So ohne Vorkenntnisse fühlte ich mich da doch leicht überfordert. Ich konzentrierte mich also bei der Handlung mehr auf D. J. und Quinn, na gut ihre Freundin und seinen Bruder konnte ich mir dann auch noch merken. Ansonsten war der Familien- und Personenkreis doch recht groß und für mich etwas undurchschaubar. Aber diese Szenen hielten sich in Grenzen und fielen dadurch nicht so sehr ins Gewicht. Nun aber zu den beiden Hauptcharakteren. D. J. ist eine starke und selbstständige Persönlichkeit. Sie hat klar ihre Vorstellungen von ihrem Leben und ihrer Zukunft. Sie lässt Nähe gar nicht zu und wirkt ziemlich emotionslos, sicher sie hat ihre Gründe, aber das man sich so sehr verschließen kann war für mich unglaublich. Ich fand sie als Person schon sympathisch, aber in diesem Roman ist eindeutig Quinn mein Lieblingscharakter. Er war mir direkt sympathisch, denn er kommt mit viel Humor daher und bei dem ein oder anderen Satz von ihm musste ich schon laut loslachen. Aber auch er schleppt so einiges mit sich herum und ist daher ein Einzelgänger. Er ist der Inbegriff eines taffen, selbstsicheren, klugen und muskulösen Mannes. Aber im Verlauf des Romans lernt man auch die weichen Seiten von ihm kennen und die haben mir sehr gut gefallen. Ich habe zeitweise nicht gewusst, ob ich mit D. J. soviel Geduld gehabt hätte.

Insgesamt hat mir der Roman wirklich gut gefallen und bis auf die vielen Nebencharaktere habe ich an diesem Buch auch nichts zu meckern. Ich habe mitgelitten, mitgefiebert, mitgelacht und ich bin sicher, dass ich noch das ein oder andere Buch dieser Autorin lesen werde.

Ange says

This story had an interesting beginning but I found it a little slow and boring, to be honest.

Here we have two people who are quite similar. D.J. is a security expert who teaches women and children self-defence techniques and specializes in "abducting" children from an unsafe environment for a fee. Tough and pragmatic, she runs into (i.e knocks out and ties up) our Hero, Quinn (government assassin), during the middle of a war game.

Much to her chagrin, Quinn manages to escape his bounds while she's asleep and recognizing his formidable

skills, she offers him sex and cash in lieu of receiving some training from him.

I'll pause there for a minute. The way DJ's character reacted in certain situations was a little strange to me. She was deeply suspicious of men (understandable considering her background) yet, she was extremely competitive with Quinn and used sex as a means to stay in control. She refused to derive pleasure from her sexual relationships (have an orgasm) as it "weakened" a woman. -_- Why bother having sex at all?

And, that crying jag she goes on after letting down "her wall's" and enjoying a night of hot sex...really? From the start she's portrayed as someone who is conservative with her emotions and you're going to turn her into a weepy female and justify it with the cringe-worthy excuse that she'd been "holding herself together for too long". I call, b*****t!

Anna Schno says

i listened to the audio book version of this and in German. So a bit might have been "lost in translation". Over all I enjoyed the characters. I loved the beginning of the book and would have liked to see more of that kind and not just work out routines.

I did not like D.J.'s mindset and how it all worked out in the end. Far too easy for such a backstory. After the first few chapters I kept hoping for them to go on a man hunt or something. That would have been the better fitting storyline in my opinion. ;)
