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From the #1 "New York Times" bestselling creator of the Stephanie Plum series comes a revised, repackaged classic novel involving a driven redhead musician, a sexy slacker, love at first sight, a lovable gun-toting granny, suspicious neighbors, and a thrilling mystery.

For months he'd thought of her as the Mystery Woman, draped in a black velvet cloak, with outrageous red curls, flawless skin, and carrying a large, odd case--but the night David Dodd saw a helicopter drop a chunk of metal through the roof of his lovely neighbor's bedroom, he got to meet the formidable and delightful Katherine Finn at last! Rescuing damsels and fixing roofs was dangerous work, he told her, and at the very least he deserved a kiss--didn't he? Kate couldn't argue with Dave's logic, but how could she, the driven concert musician with more commitments than hours in the day, be falling head over heels for a likable cuddler who seemed to be drifting through life? No one had ever made her feel as cherished or desirable, and she'd never had so much fun, but even though her eccentric boarder, Elsie, assured her that where Kate was concerned Dave had plenty of ambition, could she really love a guy who was just smart, sexy and rich?

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Barbara ★ says

And yet another cute romance from Janet Evanovich. Though I will admit that ditzy Kate got on my nerves after a while but laid-back David was the perfect match for her

Susan says

laughed out loud so hard and long at the car repair place, everyone wanted to know what I was reading

For example, here are several quotes I saved (I collect them for rainy days...):

"Just because we're engaged doesn't mean you can take liberties."

"Too late. I've already taken all your liberties.."

And "it's hard to think straight when you're filling me with all your glory."

If you like this non-gross but very light-hearted banter, you will like this book. I clearly did. Thanks, JE

Jessica says

Two books in a row from this author, both main women are curly red heads with green eyes and male leads have dark hair dark eyes, and in both books there are men breaking into houses and the MC gets 'kidnapped' in some way shape or form. This MC was a little annoying in her constant back and forth, but who here hasn't gone overboard overthinking something in their heads? Elsie is definitely the shining star in these stories. Evanovich has a knack for witty and humorous dialogue to keep you entertained.

Cyndi says

Cute love story! One of the few that I have read by Janet Evanovich with dual first-person perspective. I love hearing the thoughts of the hero and heroine. Wouldn't it be great to hear the thoughts of Ranger and Morelli in the Stephanie Plum novels?

Elease says

This book should have been titled, "Back to the Drawing Board". This should have been remastered with the addition of a real plot! I happened to pick this up because someone had kindly (or not) left it in our rental

unit and I was bored and decided to see what all of the Janet Evanovich fuss was about (I see lots of ladies in the airport reading these books and laughing hysterically). Clearly, those ladies were not reading THIS book. Within the first page the book could have been finished; lady meets hunky next door neighbor as he comes to rescue her from a quirky, yet harmless disaster and they fall in love.

Really? Is that all there is? Yes. That's really all there is. 200+ pages of the same repetitive drivel. I should have left this one right where I found it. Or better yet, removed it from my shelf to spare another hapless victim from wasting time on this "book".

Alana says

Super Cute!

I listened to the audio read by CJ Critt.

A really cute love story between two neighbors, Kate the Cellist, and David, the comic reading, toy loving, lotto winner. The story begins with a crash through Kates roof that lands onto her bed, ruining her new comforter.

David falls for her instantly, but she fights her feeling having just recently ended her marriage to a fellow musician, Anitol the oboist.

I highly reccomend listening to the audio. CJ Critt makes the book super fun to listen too. She brings the characters to life!

Marianne says

Back To The Bedroom is a pre-Plum novel by popular American author, Janet Evanovich. It is the first book in the Elsie Hawkins series, on whom, Evanovich says, Grandma Mazur was modelled. Dave Dodd has been watching his busy, energetic neighbour come and go for a while: always in a hurry, keeping erratic hours, wearing a long black coat and lugging a large, oddly shaped metal case on wheels. When something really big falls from the sky and crashes through her roof, he jumps to the rescue.

Katie Finn doesn't have time to deal with the hole in her roof, her broken bed and the ruined (brand new!!) feather quilt: she has a matinee to play in, she needs to get to the Kennedy Centre with her cello now! She has no choice but to leave Dave in charge. By the time she returns, in the pouring rain, Dave is on the roof trying to cover the hole. A slight mishap later, he's lying on his back, winded, on her ruined bed. Katie straddles him to check he's not a corpse, and he's smitten.

Elsie Hawkins, an elderly ex-resident of a care facility, turns up to rent Katie's spare room, and Dave continues to make himself useful to Katie, hoping she'll soon realise she's in love with him too. And she soon is, but there's a problem: Dave seems to be unemployed, and there's no way she could even consider a serious relationship with someone whose work ethic is so vastly different from her own. Funny and a little bit sexy, this is an enjoyable read.

Leslie says

Because it was there and I needed a laugh. :)

Cynthia says

3.5 This is a really cute read but I would have liked to see more character development with Dave. I would have liked to know about his past.

JBradford says

This was another one-day read, when I had too many other things I should have been doing instead. I am very fond of Janet Evanovich's books, which is one of the few things that JoanEllen & I disagree on. It is light reading, but always fun. This one is not part of the Stephanie Plum series; instead, it is a standalone novel about a too-tight lady cello player, Katherine Finn, who meets the lazy bum living in the next house when an object falls out of the sky and crashes through her roof, and he comes over to see what happened. They both find themselves excessively attracted to each other; while Katherine is trying to adjust to that, a rather strange old woman, who carries a Colt 45 in her handbag (a clear takeoff on Grandmother Mazur), appears on her doorstep to take the room (the attic space that the object crashed through) that Katherine had previously advertised in the paper in order to make ends meet after her divorce. During the next few days, Katherine finds police searching her house for the thing that fell out of the sky, learns how to throw a football, adopts a kitten, wins at bingo, breaks her leg, and discovers that being in love and being a highly organized person are incompatible states of being. I loved the characters and the dialog, which are typical Evanovich. A really fun book, as all of Evanovich's books are.

Kristine says

The main character upset me in this book, because she couldn't see real love when it was right before her eyes. David, the next door neighbor who had fallen in love with her, treated her like a queen, but all she gave him in return was a bad attitude and smart remarks. Finally, she realizes that love doesn't have to look and act a certain way. Thankfully she isn't too late.

So, I Read This Book Today says

OK, this is just undeniably cute and clever

I have been an Evanovich fan for a long time. Her stories are strong, well written, and have women characters that are realistic. They have trouble with money, men, jobs, all those things that the rest of us have problems with. Her books are side splittingly funny, and contain the occasional explosion. Hey, who can't love a woman who blows things up?

This is a very early work, and shows how Janet got her start. I won't go over the story line, as it is quite a short book, and I am sure other people have done it. My take on it is how nice it is to see that Ms. Evanovich has always had a sense of humour with her writing. This little story is rediculous in it's own way when it comes to the story line, but you can't help but be pulled in and then to roll over with true belly laughs while you are being led along. Take a Type A workaholic female musician, a Type "Who cares?" toy collector, drop in an elderly woman with a huge "hankie" (and the will to use it!), an hysterical dinner party, a kidnapping, an explosion, and several cats . . . well, you will understand when you read it. And don't fail to read it - it will lighten your whole day!

Jintana says

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Everyday says

I feel compelled to read all Evanovich novels. Once again, these romance novels that were written before the days of Stephanie Plum are terrible. I don't know why I continue to do this to myself. If you've considered picking one up, don't. I can sum all of them up for you.....feisty (usually redhead or blonde with ringlet curls), independent and strong-willed female stumbles across incredibly gorgeous hunk of a man who sees her and is instantly madly in love. She pushes him off repeatedly (but not really) because she's been burned by love before. He persists because how can he live without this woman he's known for 2 days?!? And surprise!!!! Turns out he's a millionaire (and of course our heroine is always struggling to make ends meet). He admits to her he's in love, she's scared off until anywhere from 20 min to 24 hrs later she admits to herself and him that she desperately (sigh) loves him back. Things are great for maybe another 24 hrs and then one of them (usually our lady friend) decides it just isn't going to work. Usually within another day's time she decides how silly she has been. How can she live without this man she's known for a week?!? How will anyone else make her feel this way?? Their lives and marriage will be perfect and full of big houses, lots of money, pets and kids. End of book. The only good part of these books is crazy Elsie.

Courtnie says

This is exactly what you'd expect it to be. Early Evanovich, pre-Plum, where she is really working out some signature aspects of her writing that will make her the best-selling author that she is today. Sometimes you need something predictable, and that's what I wanted when I picked this up. Wacky, silly fluff - enjoyable for a Sunday afternoon at the park while watching the kids play.

(I feel the need to add that I'm watching my kids play - not random kids. Thanks)
