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A riveting, contemporary Christian romantic adventure!

A woman torn apart by secrets. A man held prisoner by the truth.  
Can the greatest love of all set them both free?

Serenity McClaren had it all before her life crumbled around her like the sand castles on her beloved beach, causing her to flee Croisette Shores and the only home she'd ever known. Nearly five years later and living in Atlanta, she receives a mysterious, unsigned note: "Come home, Serenity. Things aren't as they seem. Time to find your answers." Returning to South Carolina, she prepares to face her demons and the ailing father she left behind, hoping to make peace with both.

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Catching Serenity, a poignant story of faith, hope and love,  
and discovering the everyday miracles from an all-powerful God.

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# From Reader Review Catching Serenity for online ebook

## Beth says

A FANTASTIC story!!!! Truly loved how the author shared the message of Christ, his love, forgiveness and healing!!

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## B.J. Robinson says

Love twists, characters you'll love, and a great storyline, don't miss Catching Serenity. It evokes emotions and pulls heartstrings. Jackson is a Christian with humor who makes a wonderful hero. He's patient and loving. You'll adore his relationship with Serenity. Sometimes you read a book you hate to see come to an end. This is such a book, but don't take my word for it. Check it out yourself. You'll be glad you did. By the way, I have a novel with the name Serenity, too, so I love the character's name.

B. J. Robinson

Author of Serenity Through the Storm and other romantic suspense novels

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## Arianne says

I stumbled upon JoAnn Durgin several months ago, and after reading the first book in her "The Lewis Legacy Series" I was hooked. I read every book in the series, and I have been anxiously awaiting her next book. I am happy to report that I was NOT disappointed with Catching Serenity. This story is full of interesting twists, lovable characters and a storyline that will tug at your heartstrings. I think that Jackson will go down in history as one of my all-time favorite heros. He is a man of character, integrity and heart. He is a solid Christian, yet he still manages to show his humanity. He is patient and loving but has a wicked sense of humor and a swoon-worthy romantic streak. There are moments when his interaction with Serenity will have you reaching for the nearest box of tissues. As I got closer to the end of this book, I found myself holding my breath at the end of each chapter for fear that the story would come to an end. Thank you, JoAnn, for being such a gifted writer and for sharing your talents with us!

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## Beverly Lytle says

JoAnn Durgin writes a romance that goes deep into your soul. Her writing goes beyond the superficial sweetness of romance into the very depth of the lives of her characters. There is always so much more than a sweet story—there is life, there is purpose, and there is history within the heart of each character. When depth and details surround the characters, it fosters emotional attachments to the lives of the characters. This book will tug on your heartstrings! I found myself emotionally attached to Serenity's story. Pictures are painted, emotions are exposed, and the book draws you in, making you one with the story. As you read, the story unfolds into a well-developed plot line that keeps you cheering for her. Although romance is certainly the genre, this story carries its share of mystery and suspense as well. Serenity's life has been overflowing with tragedy. With that tragedy, comes emotional baggage that she just

can't seem to move beyond--at least not until Jackson comes along. Filled with a sweet, sensitive, and caring spirit, Jackson reaches out to her physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. He carries Serenity to a place true to her name.

This title caught my eye right away. I sensed a play on words. Serenity—the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled—yet her life had been anything but serene. Although the beginning meaning is simply her given name, the author compliments the story with scripture and biblical principles, opening the door to serene living.

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### **Edwina Cowgill says**

Author, JoAnn Durgin, has another best seller in her latest book, "Catching Serenity." Striking a perfect balance between intrigue and romance, the story immediately captivates the readers' attention with a cryptic note sent to the heroine, Serenity, by person or persons unknown. With every chapter, the reader is drawn more into the characters' lives and the mystery that surrounds them. We are not only attracted to the characters because of the mysterious plot, but also because of their attributes. A heroine who is strong, yet vulnerable, a mother who will sacrifice everything for her family, a stoic father, and a hero, Jackson, who is protective and loyal, are the characters you will love long before the story's end.

As the mystery builds, so does the romance. This part of the balance is written so well that one's heart dips and soars along with Serenity's. The reader experiences the love that Jackson has for Serenity, and as their relationship falters, one may even get a little teary-eyed.

The lives of the hero and heroine are also used to point the reader to God's unconditional love for each of us, his forgiveness, mercy and grace.

If you love to read Christian romance, you will love this book!

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### **Lea Ann Murphy says**

#### **Great Christian Romance-Mystery**

A few good twists to this one! A good romance story combined with a pretty good mystery - it will keep the reader wanting more.

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### **Koreen Harry says**

I enjoy this book. It teaches of love and forgiveness and God's grace. I can't wait for another book.

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### **Diana Montgomery says**

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By JoAnn Durgin

I have read I think just about every book JoAnn has written. Well I love them they just seem to get better. JoAnn's books a Christian Romance. I love the nice clean love stories.

The story is about Serenity how her life was torn apart by all the secrets. Serenity moves away from home and away from her past. Living in Atlanta five years later she gets a mysterious letter that has no signature. This letter is asking her to come home. That life is not what it seems there. But if she goes back she has to face all the things she ran from. The death of her husband then her son and a mother who just disappeared. Can she stand going back and facing all this?

New faces in town when she gets back there. Main thing is she needs a job so she sets up her own interior decorating business. Her first job is with child psychologist Jackson Ross. He also has a pass he would like to forget. Will love spark here or will their past keep them apart? Jackson learns things about her past, but he can't tell her it would be against professional ethics. Can this cause her to run the other way away from him? Get this great book and find out.

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### **Susan says**

I've read everything written by JoAnn and it's all been excellent. She writes lovely romances that make your heart pitter patter. These are Godly romances that also recognize our frailties. If possible, each book is better than the last. The story of the courtship between Jackson and Serenity is heartwarming. The scenes were described beautifully. I look forward to reading more by my all time favorite romance writer, JoAnn Durgin.

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### **JoAnn says**

Shameless, I know, but it's one of the best ways to advise readers it's finally arrived! I hope you'll check out *Catching Serenity* today. Blessings and happy reading!

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### **Joi Copeland says**

Serenity McClaren had it all before her life crumbled around her like the sand castles on her beloved beach, causing her to flee Croisette Shores and the only home she'd ever known. Nearly five years later and living in Atlanta, she receives a mysterious, unsigned note: "Come home, Serenity. Things aren't as they seem. Time to find your answers." Returning to South Carolina, she prepares to face her demons and the ailing father she left behind, hoping to make peace with both.

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JoAnn Durgin gets better and better with each book! I absolutely LOVED this book! I found myself laughing outloud during the flirtatious conversations between Serenity and Jackson. Reminded me of me and my husband! This book is a must read. If you've never read JoAnn's books, you're missing out! Especially with this one!

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### **Michelle Ransom says**

This book was great! It had the perfect mix of romance and suspense. I liked that it is set in my home state of South Carolina too! I am honored to have won this book in a Goodreads First Reads giveaway as I most likely would not have known about this book or the author.

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### **Haven Gordon says**

I won this book in a goodreads giveaway and found this book to be a truly wonderful read. I would recommend this book to anyone.

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### **Christine Lindsay says**

Very easy for me to give this book a 5-star rating, because I loved it. Catching Serenity is another example of the fine Christian romances that JoAnn Durgin writes.

This author's romances read light, but in fact hold stories of such depth. The perfect blend for Christian romance because they keep me turning the pages.

I loved Catching Serenity for that reason. Few authors have the ability to keep me reading after a certain hour in the evening, but the realism attached to the emotional drama in this novel held me entranced. It's back to that combination of lightness while being deep at the same time. It boils down to an author who digs into the human psyche, and whose research is impeccable.

I was totally absorbed in the story of decorator Serenity McLaren whose secrets hold her in a psychological prison due to the mysterious loss of her mother, and of her child that died at birth. Child psychologist, Jackson Ross, unravels the mystery, and this romance drama kept me on the edge of my seat.

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### **Larik says**

What a catchy tale... I absolutely loved JoAnn's latest novel. Even though, it doesn't have our favorite Teamwork members, it has – Doctor Jackson that overpasses all my heroes. I loved his sensitivity towards people around him and the ability to read Serenity and perceive her needs.

Serenity is still not recovered from a series of tragedies that happened five years ago and have stripped her from her own happy send castle and taken away not just her son and husband but also her mom and left her broken-hearted and with a father who can't seem to recover from the shock and loss either. But God is good and sends her a new client that needs his office redesigned – Doc Jack, while she redesigns his office Jack is trying to redesign Serenity's heart and help her heal so she can accept God's and his love.

This story, unlike any I have read, is very close to my heart because of my own loss that sadly didn't have the happy ending that JoAnn so talently had put into Serenity's life. I thank JoAnn for the gift of this book and for using Jack to dispense some of the greatest advises to heal a broken heart.

Dear reader: I absolutely recommend this newest novel to you. It will keep your heart in your throat with worry over some parts and then it will make you laugh from some very witty comebacks and then passion of their love will curl your toes...aaand then you will laugh and cry from the wonder of the whole miracle.

JoAnn's talent to touch reader's heart and keep them really involved in the book is at height in this novel.

Buy. Read. And absolutely ENJOY!!!

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