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Dr. Ramon Cortero's patient, Nurse Noreen Kensington, has a serious case of heartache. Maybe the only remedy is a dose of old-fashioned tender loving care from the seductive doctor! But Ramon's stormy history with Noreen made him the one man she didn't want rescuing her now that she was ill.

When truths about the past are revealed, Ramon is determined to make things right with the woman who's haunted his dreams for so long. But will this patient doctor be able to mend Noreen's broken heart before it's too late?

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christine danielle (Bibliophilic Madness) says

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The Patient Nurse by Diana Palmer

Cover: 3

Plot: 5

Characters: 5

Overall Rating: 5

There are in life a few moments so beautiful, that even words are a sort of profanity."

The Patient Nurse was such an emotional read. I was crying most of the time while reading this book.

Noreen was blamed for her cousin's death by her aunt, uncle and her cousin's husband, the man she was hopelessly in love with.

This is my first taste of Palmer's books and I am not disappointed. I loved the plot and the characters were amazing. Noreen was abandoned by the only family she has when her cousin died and they all thought it was her fault. I was very irritated with her aunt and uncle since she was treated unkindly.

I hated Ramon on the first part of the book since he put all the blame on Noreen without even letting her explain her side of the story. Though while the book was progressing, I can really see the hero was very repentant and believe that this book offers a really great groveling.

I wished the book was longer though since at some parts it was fast-forwarded. All in all it was a real great book that I will surely re-read.

Jacqueline says

Well, butter my butt and call me a biscuit. Never, never did I think I would ever rate a DP so high. I even checked to make sure the same Diana Palmer wrote this one but yup, seems so. The hero had been an ass to her before the book starts and maybe for the first chapter or so but it is immediately obvious that he is doing it and has always done it because he secretly loved her while married to her now deceased cousin and there is a lot of guilt involved. The rest of the book involved him trying to make it up to her and trying to take care of her etc. He was so sweet and caring. The plot made sense even if the long suffering heroine was almost

cloyingly sweet and martyrific. It was an angst fest all around.

And, okay, it sure didn't take me long to fall off the no more DP for me bandwagon did it?

Vintage says

Yeah, Diana Palmer is not my favorite as her heroes, insert eye roll, can be big fat jerks. Per Jacqueline's review, this is not your typical DP hero.

Noreen, a nurse, is the Mary Sue-iest Mary Sue you've ever read at the beginning of the book. Ramon, excuse me, Rah-moan is her cousin's widowed husband. He's an uber handsome, mega masculine, Cuban heart surgeon who can cuss bilingually. He is a big fat meanie to Noreen in part because he thinks she abandoned Isabella, the cold-hearted, slutty wife he professes to adore so she ended up dying of pneumonia. Yes, we have a *Grace has Bob's dead wife's heart!* moment here. What is the other part of why he is such a big, fat, meanie? Read a couple of hundred romances, and you tell me why. In addition to Ramon blaming the h, Isabella's incredibly shallow parents do as well. Why not, they used Noreen like a modern-day Cinderella when they had to take her in.

When we first meet our little h she is one of the most annoying of h's. She's a mealy-mouthed martyr that doesn't say boo to Dr. Ramon when he makes rounds. Everybody knows he can't stand her. He ups the ante when she starts faltering in her nurse of the year role. Turns out that the h has a heart problem which leads to emergency heart surgery by... guess who, then a stint of rehab at his apartment.

Suddenly, the book turned from a 2 star into windbreak. Miss Mary Sue turns into a feisty, defiant spitfire.

Cutting to the chase, we find out more about Ramon, and, flutter my fan, he's a Cuban heart surgeon who can cuss bilingually and emote like nobody's business. When he lays it on the line, he brings out the inner Barbara Cartland heroine in me..Oh Tarquin. Yep, he's not so much a sexy talker as a romantic talker. We just don't get that anymore. He is more interested in talking about souls than how tab A inserts nicely into slot B although he expresses interest in that as well.

Nicely done. Not quite a 4 star, but close.

GuisBell says

Me parece increíble que Noreen no se alejara del Dr. Ramón, después de lastimarla por muchos años con la excusa de que era porque no aceptaba sus sentimientos hacia ella y era una forma de evadir y crear una barrera de lo que sentía, ahggg y sobre todo no puedo creer que ella soporte esto por muchos años e incluso estaba dejándose morir como si se mereciera todo lo que le pasaba y lo peor es que lo perdonan en un chasquido de dedos, no creo que ella se mereciera un hombre así...

Jules2016 says

Just when I thought I've read every ridiculous romance book out there, this little gem comes along. Here we have a hero who is a heart surgeon. He was was in an unhappy marriage to the heroine's cousin and when she died while he was away he blamed her death on the heroine. This book takes up two years after that cousin's death.

What you learned in the book is that the hero and the cousin were married for four unhappy years. Not only did the cousin have another lover, she was also shallow, not the brightest bulb in the pack and a complete money whore.

The hero apparently stayed married because of his faith. I'm curious what faith that was since during that entire time the hero tormented the heroine, often being rude and cruel to her. In addition to being maligned by the hero, she was also treated very poorly by the cousin's parents who had taken her in after her own parents had died. They also blamed the heroine for their daughter's death.

Now here comes the ridiculous bit. The heroine has a heart problem. One day she collapses and is taken to the hospital for emergency heart surgery, which is performed by the hero. While she is in the hospital the hero learns what truly happened when his wife died and that the heroine was not responsible.

Against her wishes, the hero takes her to his place to recuperate. Let me reiterate, the heroine has avoided this guy for six years and he has showed her nothing but complete animosity and hatred, yet she allows him to take her to his house to recover!

One day, a few weeks into her recovery he asks her what kind of ring she likes-Huh? Did I miss something?! No groveling, no sex, just lets her know that he wants her to have his children. And I guess her aunt and uncle were struck by lightning as well because all of a sudden they wanted to be nice to her and take her to the Caribbean - WTF?!

She professes her love to the hero and agrees that she wants to have his babies. They stay chased until after the wedding and have wild passionate virgin sex, I think she is like 25.

Abso-fucking-lutely ridiculous!

Kay says

This is an emotionally charged romance with a hero filled with remorse and a heroine bitter from being misjudged. There's always been a spark between Noreen and Ramon, but he'd been too obsessed with Isadora to wonder about it. Noreen has always loved Ramon something he begins to realize. As Ramon comes to see in Noreen the wife he'd always dreamed of having, he faces a hard battle to win her trust. As in other books I've read by Ms. Palmer, the hero treats the heroine with brutal cruelty until he realizes his mistake. Unlike the other books, this hero learns his error fairly early in the book, and spends the rest of the story trying to make it up to her. The last few chapters are devoted to their HEA with a sweetness that was nearly over done. While I don't begrudge Noreen her happy ending, it's the angst of the first of this book that made this a compelling read.

fleegan says

This is the worst book I've ever read. It's like the *Plan 9 From Outerspace* of my book list.

Vashti says

I have been wanting to read this book for a very long time. Yiu have to either love or not love this author. I happen to love and enjoy this author's books. That said, this book was a slight departure as it did not involve ex military men, drug runners, gaming refs and any of the Jacobsville gang. This book has a heart surgeon who is of Cuban descent and a girl who is from a poor farm background who is a Registered nurse who also is the H's dead wife's cousin. The cousin is dead for the past 2 years and she is accused of negligence in the death by her aunt, uncle and the hero. They are both work colleagues and each try to avoid the other. Things come to a head when the heroine passes out and has to have emergency heart surgery. Unknown to the hero, he performs the surgery and only realizes it is the heroine when he makes his rounds and sees that it is Noreen, the heroine. Ramon, the H, now seems to realize that things involving his wife's death is not what it was. His hidden feelings for Noreen surface and when she is discharged from hospital, he takes her home with him to recoup. Feelings for each other confessed, reconciles with aunt and uncle, and hero states that marriage was a sham and was basically blindsided by dead wife Isadora. The only thing that really sort of irked me was when the H states he felt like having Latin food for dinner and he would tell the cook to make quesidas and fajitas. This guy is CUBAN, he would be ordering roast pork, black beans and rice if he wanted latin food. I told this to my husband (who is Cuban) and he laughed. But I did enjoy this read barring the food issue, lol.

Astraycat says

H was typical DP's jerk hero. He was h's cousin's wife, two years ago his wife died and he blamed h for it, and then treated her badly whenever he met her in hospital.

Although there was a misunderstanding at the night when his wife died, he already fell out of love with her shortly after they got married. Therefore, I didn't get why did he still miss her so much?

It was so sad to see how h endured all these mistreatment from people around her who supposed to love her for so long. Still think she forgave H too soon, he should beg more!

I loved DP's books but most of the time I hated her heroes, and this was one of them.

Preeti ♥? (Romance She Reads) says

This nurse is patient – literally and figuratively!

It's different in that there are no cowboys here, no cops, no ex-mercs and no mention of Jacobsville and it's residents.

But we do have our cruel meanie H who falls for and marries the glamorous vampy cousin. A perpetually suffering h, who denies but behaves just like a sacrificing doormat. Add body shaming comments and sneers, scapegoating and unnecessary cruelty. And we have our DP story.

I liked some things like the medical condition and treatment details that do not bore. The h actually gets a petulant, whiny spine of sorts. The story doesn't drag and no usual DP repetitiveness or push-pull. No chestfuzz rubbing scenes either. This was more of a slow realization of sorts for the H and has emotional potential.

StMargarets says

Melodrama definition:

(n) a sensational dramatic piece with exaggerated characters and exciting events intended to appeal to the emotions

Example: The Patient Nurse

Exaggerated Characters:

Heroine is the quintessential martyr figure who is literally dying of a broken heart because of a heart valve and metaphorically dying of unrequited love for her late cousin's husband.

Hero is her late cousin's husband, a Cuban heart surgeon who can literally heal the heroine's broken heart – both physically and emotionally.

The late cousin – beautiful on the outside, ugly and evil on the inside.

The aunt and uncle – snobby and careless of the heroine and of poor people in general.

Every single one of these characters did a 180 in the story.
(view spoiler)

Exciting events

The flashbacks to all the mean comments to the heroine. (There are a lot!)

The late cousin killing herself by sitting out in the rain for two hours
(view spoiler)

Appeal to Emotions:

Hurt/comfort

Justice being done
Family acceptance
Rescue kitten named Mosquito

I would add that I think any good melodrama will go down easy. That is:

The pacing will be quick so you don't start looking for plot holes or motivations or use your intellect in any way.

The dialogue will be focused and dramatic:

"To my shame, I saw my sons in your eyes the day I found you in the kitchen at your aunt's house," he whispered, watching her face color. "And I was married. What a living hell it was, to know such a sin and be unable to repent it." His eyes closed. "I paid for it and made you pay for it. And we are both still paying for it."

The sentiments will be broad and universally appealing:

"Their marriage was announced and planned, and all the things that had worried Noreen vanished in the euphoria of loving and being loved. Everything fell into place. The greatest surprise was the pleasure the news gave to Noreen's aunt and uncle."

Yes, it's cheesy, but what is not to like? And honestly, quality melodrama is hard to write. An author has to play it straight and be committed to the exaggerations and the emotions. No tongue in cheek here. So if you love hurt/comfort stories, give this one a try.

Cheesecake says

Noreen and Ramon. One of the few DP books where the H really does redeem himself. Super angsty but in a delicious way!

Noreen has known Ramon for years, but not long after they meet for the first time, he marries her more overtly pretty but self centered cousin, Isadora. So she suffers an unrequited love for him for years. To make it worse, he and Isadora's parents all believe that it was her fault Isadora died. Of course that's all hogwash and they will eat crow before the HEA. Noreen believes that Ramon is still pining for his lost love, Isadora, but it's just Ramon hiding his guilt from even himself.

Things come to a head when it finally comes to light how heart-sick Noreen is (pun intended), but luckily Ramon is a renowned heart surgeon! And where do you think he will want her to convalesce?? Why his apartment of course!

I got tired of hearing about Isadora, but she is integral to their love story. Ramon, although he treats Noreen terribly in that old-school-romance way for the first 25%, spends the rest of the book wallowing in guilt and making amends. Best of all, Noreen is so sure that he hates her and loved Isadora, she takes a LOT of persuading to forgive him and accept his love.

It's not really a 5 star read, I just enjoyed the angst etc so much ;)

Janie says

Rating: 5 stars.

I never get fed up of rereading this book! Love it even more that there's a manga version too.

Chantal ♥? says

6++ SECOND CHANCE STARS

I will freely admit that I am a complete Lover of Diana Palmer older books. She wrote about angst like it was going out of style!

This book made me mad, sad, glad and simply made me Fall in love.

The hero Ramon is just about the most messed up and confused guy there is. He was married before to cold bitch of a woman who wanted money and prestige but not the man.

Also, the fact that the heroine was related to his dead wife was a contributing factor in his rejection of the heroine.

He was not ready to deal with what his life had become because he chose to close himself off to the possibility of love.

Real tangible love that he could have had with the heroine had he been a little less judgmental and been willing to listen!

The heroine Norie is just about the best person ever. If anyone deserves to be happy, it's her. She is smart hard working and sweet. She is strong but not when it comes to those she loves.

She loves with her whole heart and is an amazing person.

They are just awesome together!

The Doctor and the Nurse, how could this fail!?

IT CAN'T!

My favorite part is when the hero tells the heroine about seeing his unborn children in her eyes aka that famous Brian Adams song lyrics.

My heart just melted!

I was just soooo sweet!

Personal note:

I asked my husband *Honey*, *Why can't you say stuff like that?"*

My husband answered "Because I have a dick and we already have 6 kids, how many more should I be seeing here?"

(Yeah not one romantic bone in my man's body, clearly!)

But I digress here.

This book was **EPIC!**

Totally sweet and worth a read even without all the dirty talking and the sex every two minutes.

This book kicks butt in the emotional department.

I have read and reread this book at least 7 times to date.

I'm sure to read it more times in the future.

LOVED IT!

Jessica says

HOW can this be classified as romance to people?! I don't understand. The "hero" blames the heroine for his "perfect" wife's death that he claims to love yet their marriage was a sham. He verbally abused her every chance he got and I can see her taking his crap because she's sweet natured but in the end Noreen was not only as pathetic as her hero in the end she was worse. I was proud of her when she kept her distance from him and kept her guard up when he did a 180 into I'm-Mr-Nice-Guy-That-Everyone-Loves-And-Trusts. When he wanted to care for her after her surgery and she actually let him was what really ticked me off. It was obvious to everyone but him and her so called family what kind of person she was. They treated her like crap and I don't understand how she could ever forgive them for that. His excuse for his mistreatment of her: because he wanted to be with her but was already with her cousin. (Dramatic eye roll) Gag me!!! She chose a life with an inconsiderate loser rather than standing up for herself, kicking him to the curb like the dog he was, and humiliating him the way he did to her all that time. He degraded her and expected her to come running into his arms because he was finally ready to "act" like a man who wants a woman. He will never be a man to me. This book is not for you if you like to see grown men still pushing women into the sandbox and pulling her hair to get her attention.
