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I'm the new fire chief in town.
But there's one flame I can't put out...

My past haunts me.
It chases me like I chase fires.
But it can't continue that way.
This new town is just what we need.
Little did I know a night of scorching lust would be my salvation.
No names, no commitment, and blazing passion.
That's all it was supposed to be.
Until I find my curvy vixen again.
Gwen keeps my demons at bay.
But what if she knew my secret...

Would she or this town still want me here?

*** *This is a full length novel with a happily ever after, no cliffhanger, no cheating, and plenty of steam.* ***

Redemption Details

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From Reader Review Redemption for online ebook

Jo says

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Normally I write my reviews right after finishing a book but I needed to wait a few hours and kinda let everything simmer and settle. This book is one of those tales that makes you feel. Everything. The good, the bad, the inbetween and everything else in the feels spectrum.

The story itself is a moving journey as two people scarred by their pasts yet determined to do right in their lives find love and healing with each other.

The chemistry between the protagonists is, in a word, EXPLOSIVE. Their attraction was instant and combustible. Five-alarm heat warnings have nothing on Garrett and Gwendolyn!!!

Garrett's teen son Jason, who had attitude to spare, was an integral character and deserves recognition as such. He started out as a maybe troubled youth who matured into a caring young man. I loved him and watching his character's growth.

The setting and supporting characters were well thought out and a joy to read.

It is a serious story, but R.R. Banks' signature humour shines through and brings a certain lightness to the dark.

To be completely honest, I did bounce back and forth between giving this book five or four stars because there are two scenes with underage drinking/drunkenness and a bit of repetitiveness from the male protagonist. It is NOT bad repetitiveness. Its a father driving home to himself all the reasons he does what he does, which is of course for the well-being of his son. I ultimately went with five stars because it IS a wonderfully constructed story with so many deeply emotional and engaging parts. You will sympathize, you will laugh, you will undoubtedly cry a few tears. And you will love every moment of doing so.

Do I recommend this book? Heck yes. Heck yes times five!

madpharmd says

Gwendolyn and Garrett - two people trying to deal with their pasts, hiding behind a normal life?, not truly dealing with their hurts and fears. One crazy anonymous one night stand later and both start to open their eyes. Garrett is trying to help his troubled teenage son, Jason. But is he helping or hindering by his interference? Gwendolyn wants to help her new student fit in but is she truly seeing the bigger picture or letting the "cover" tell the story? Is Jason just a surly teen or is there more beneath?

There are smoking sexy scenes and then there are scenes when you want to shake everyone and say "What are you doing?". There is little communication between anyone, and maybe therein lies the problem? solution?

You feel the anxiety, confusion, and fear underlying their words and actions. You feel the need, and want , and yearning of the characters. You follow them on their chosen paths and can't help but wish you could give

a nudge (or a hug).

A definite page turner

I received an ARC and am voluntarily leaving a review

Merry Jelks-Emmanuel says

The master storyteller is back with a story that is going to blow you away! There is no description that could really describe Garrett and Gwendolyn not even a five alarm fire because their chemistry burns hotter than that! Being the gentlemen that he is Garrett saves Gwendolyn from a train wreck waiting to happen at the bar. They have drinks and she agrees to leave with him. They have a romantic night and go their separate ways right? Everything happens for a reason and Garrett's Son ends up becoming a student in Gwendolyn's class and this is where it gets interesting. You have this read this story! I voluntarily agreed to receive an ARC of this book for an honest review.

Inn Auni says

I had a weird vibe reading this book. Probably just me as everyone else didn't. It's just, well, it tried too hard to be kinky. I just wanted to know what Garret was hiding and meh, that's it?

On to Jason. Wow, he's in high school? Why do I feel like he's just starting elementary? Again, it's probably just me.

Shelby White says

A truly enticing, intriguing and emotional grabbing read. I love it when a book is so well written that it has the ability to pull me in and actually feel all the highs, lows and gambit of emotions as the characters feel them. I was emotional drained by this captivating read but so very glad that I did read it.

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♥?Fantasy Land Blog Book Reviewer♥? says

I loved this story. It is sweet, emotional, and a deeply wonderful story.

Garrett is a man with a haunted past that is still bothering him. But he has a son to raise and he sees his mistakes coming forward in his son. So when he gets the opportunity to go to his old town to become the fire chief he takes it.

Gwen is a high school teacher with a past of her own. When she meets Garrett's son and sees the problems that he has all she wants to do is help. But Garrett doesn't take kindly to her help. And with the very intense chemistry that comes between them, everything might get in the way.

I voluntarily read an advance reader copy for my honest review.

Meghann Alford says

What a powerful and emotional story! R R Banks seems to just be able to pull the emotions from his characters that draw you in and don't let you go. This book was absolutely amazing and I feel it is was of his best works to date. There is darkness to this book but the love between the two mains certainly conquers it. I absolutely loved it! I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy of this book.

Hero, Garret = 5/5

Heroine, Gwendolyn = 5/5

Chemistry = 5/5

Sex = 5/5

Plot = 5/5

Mystery = 2/5

Action = 1/5

Darkness = 3/5

Humor = 2/5

POV = dual

Would I recommend this book = yes

Would I re-read this book = yes

Would I read future books by this author = yes

Hafsa says

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this story by R.R. Banks. It was a well-developed and well-written story line. Both the hero and the heroine have sad/tragic events in their pasts and are both damaged from it. They meet without exchanging any real info and have a scorching encounter. They both knew it was a one time thing but who knew they would meet again in a short time.

Garrett is a single dad and is very protective of his son, sometimes to a fault. Gwendolyn lives in a small town where everyone knows everything about each other. The chemistry between the characters is off the chart, the banter funny and the emotions just roll in as you read this story. Oh, the sad parts had me bawling my eyes out. I loved reading this book. I loved the funny sarcasm between Garrett and his son and the teaching moments they shared and the funny names of the cats. It was an amazing story to read. And who doesn't like a firefighter romance, hot, hot, oh so hot.

This is a recommended read so grab a copy if you like and enjoy.

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Vivi Chatzikiriakou says

5 stars

"How is it possible an one-night-stand to lead into Redemption? R.R. Banks has his way to make it happen delivering a story with only one goal, happiness!"

"I received a complimentary copy of this book and have volunteered to leave a review."

It's such a pleasure to see one of your favorite author's writing skills blossom even more each time I read the next book of them. Redemption has yet again shown that R.R. Bank's promise to amaze his fans is running well enough, every time upgrading to the next level succeeding in drawing the audience attention. ***For me, each time I finish a book of his, I become impatient of what next might come; of how his new story would carry me away again.***

What I learned about while reading Redemption is that fighting for what is best for you and your loved ones isn't always the answer. There would be also some hard to cope life lessons just as some self-trusting improvements so the road leading to happiness will be open again. I had my moments of drying my wet eyes whereas there were moments I felt my heart been flood in with optimism. ***I have to say that, Redemption felt like a hell of tangled emotions for me but I enjoyed them nonetheless!***

Garrett had to take a big decision for his son's well being, that's why he accepted an offer for a fire chief job at his birth town. Moving out felt the best idea at the time but the demons of his past crawled their way back to the surface after seeing the house of his childhood, making hard for Garrett to move forward with his own life and helps with his son's demons. I couldn't cope with Garrett's personality and point of view most of the times. It was really unnerving! The way he saw things was right and wrong at the same time. It has to be the presence of the most attractive yet nerve-wracking woman to help him come to terms with his past and move on. However, it haven't been an easy path.

Gwendolyn Martin, the woman that helped two broken lives to have the chances in life they deserved. The woman who had her own chance to happiness. I admired her determination, her stubbornness, her courage, her light spirit and thoughtfulness. Gwen is a caregiver, a keeper but she had to endure some bad situations herself in the past. Meeting Garrett for the first time was the beginning of their most beautiful ending for them but the road to reach the finish line had been all rough and rocky.

There are just so many feels in this book. There were emotional, tough, heartbreaking moments just like there were beautiful, heartwarming, hopeful ones. From the start it is clear how sizzling as a couple Garrett and Gwen are whereas it is also clear how different are as a person. The author does a great job of bonding these two creatures together. The way he unfolds the story, encompassing their personal life stories with bits and pieces throughout the storyline. The important family-community themes he deals with. All the above and some more are what made the author to deliver such an amazing story. I totally recommend you to read it.

I hope I intrigued your imagination a little and make you grab the book, finding out what's really happening because there is no way to tell you myself.

Until next time, enjoy your free time reading great books with the most unforgettable stories.

Vivi

CassieLC says

This is my new favorite book by Mr. Banks. It was absolutely amazing and I loved every second of reading it!! From the very first page, I was hooked and didn't want to put the book down. The story has so much depth and is complex but sweet and passionate at the same time.

Gwendolyn and Garrett both have been traumatized by their pasts but are trying to move forward. A chance meeting at a bar leads to a one night stand. Two months later, they meet again under different circumstances. Their relationship, once they are reunited, isn't easy. It's very rocky, for reasons I don't want to give away. Last thing I'm going to say is BUY THE BOOK, it's (to me) his best one yet!!

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Emily Pennington says

Garrett was heading to his hometown, where he had grown up, to get things ready; but nothing looked familiar and he wasn't comfortable about his destination. He had told his son, Jason, their move was because he got a new job – Fire Chief. And that was true. But he was primarily doing this for Jason, to give him his best chance at starting over and getting out of the trouble his rebellious path was leading him toward. Still, he knew Jason would be angry about the move.

Garrett drove into town and at 10:00 p.m. there was no one around, lights were off everywhere, as if the whole town had gone to sleep. Even the hotel looked empty! But he saw someone at the front desk and checked in, only to check out immediately when the deadly silence frayed his nerves. He needed to have some fun, but in this small town, word would spread instantly under the prying eyes and wagging tongues. So he drove two towns over and found a bar after he checked into the hotel.

He spotted a woman, but before he could approach, he saw a man with sparse and greasy hair try to cozy up to her. She angled away from him, obviously uncomfortable, so Garrett walked over and put his arms around her as she stumbled trying to move further from the man. Then he kissed her and apologized to his "date" for being late meeting her! The other man returned to his table, but glared at the two of them. When Garrett offered to show her the view from his hotel room, she gladly agreed. They both had introduced themselves under false names – he was Ethan and she was Debbie. Neither wanted to start a relationship and just wanted one night of fun. Neither was aware that they both had come from Silver Lake, the deadly quiet home town where she was a teacher and he and his son would soon be living. How would this work out? You can't effectively hide in such a small town – they would certainly run into each other! Garrett would no longer be alone when Jason and he moved here in a few months, especially when Jason started back to school! Would they be totally embarrassed and uncomfortable now?

This was a good story, very well written and grabbing the reader's attention right from the start. It was easy to immediately identify the need for the characters to connect with someone, even if they hadn't recognized their loneliness. The backdrop of the tiny backward town let the reader feel the isolation and want Garrett and Gwen to reach out to each other. Grab a copy of this intriguing book and see how it all turns out for them. I voluntarily read a review copy of this book from Booksprout and my comments reflect my honest opinion.

Raecharmed says

Garrett is returning to his hometown with his son hoping a change will be right for the both of them. Garrett runs into a woman that he had a passionate night with just before moving back and is stunned to learn she lives there also. Gwen is a school teacher on her first job and is very hopeful of the school year that is until a new student starts disturbing her class. When she tries to give him detention its overruled by the principal because the student is the new fire chief's son. When Garrett received a letter about coming in to talk to the teacher about his son he gets another shock when its turns out to be Gwen. This makes things rough between their budding romance. Garrett has a history in town no ones knows about and its causing him some issues so between that and hearing two different stories about his son he lost his temper with Gwen and she backed off. When a fire call has both Gwen and Garrett's son Jason rushing to the scene seems to turn the tides in this story and Jason makes nice with Gwen. Can Gwen and Garret have a serious relationship?

This was a very emotional story but it'll grab your attention at the start and keep it til the end. The chemistry between Garrett and Gwen is blazing hot. This book has become a new favorite of mine. I can't wait for more by this author. R.R. Banks has another hit story with *Redemption*.

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Julianne Macneil says

I read this book as part of an arc program. I really enjoyed this romance between the new fire chief and a teacher. Garrett decided to start a new job as the fire chief in the small town he was born in after his teenage son was getting into trouble with the wrong crowd. Garrett left town when he was a child after an incident involving his parents and he never returned. When he was a teenager, he got married after his girlfriend got pregnant and he joined the military. When he divorced he was left raising his son alone and he wanted to prevent his son Jason from making the same mistakes he made. Gwendolyn is a teacher who has just started her teaching career. Gwendolyn is also divorced and she doesn't want any type of a relationship. When Garrett makes the journey to finalize his job, he met Gwendolyn at a bar and they had a one night stand without using their real names. It is a surprise to both Garrett and Gwendolyn when they meet again at a welcoming party for Garrett. Garrett and Gwendolyn have a connection, but neither wants a relationship and the more they get to know each other, the worse their relationship gets. They both have secrets from their pasts that they have to deal with as well as present issues. I really enjoyed this book, I liked how they both wanted what was best for Jason, even if they disagreed how to do it. Another great one from Mr. Banks

Renee says

This was just OK for me. Honestly very cliche. Things start off and happen too fast. The willingness to let go for 1 night hits the two main characters and it just rolled. Pretty steamy in parts, but insta-happen

What I would have loved was for the story to burn a little, have the need to escape for a night hit and then slowly burn again. Make sense? not trying to spoil it but wondering if it could have been great. YES it could have been

BookAddict says

Garrett returns to his hometown as the new fire chief, making the move with his teenage son hoping his son will straighten out his behavior. Imagine his surprise when, at the meet and greet for the new fire chief, he runs into the one night stand he had when he was last in town. That's the basic premise, but there is so much more to this story! His son has issues with a particular teacher, and Garrett has the whole "facing his past" issue he has to deal with, all of which provides some pretty entertaining reading.

This author is a particular favorite of mine, and although I received an advance copy, I also purchased the book to support him. I'm in awe of anyone who can create a fictional world and characters and write about their experiences in such a way that is engaging and entertaining to a reader. If you're a fan of Mr. Banks, you'll love this story. I really enjoyed it, just not quite as much as some of his others. It was wordy at times and dragged in parts but the overall storyline was interesting and the characters were great. I loved both Garrett and Gwendolyn (as well as Garrett's son, Jason) and the idea of redemption, although it seemed more of a renewal or reclaiming what had been lost, and I really enjoyed reading their story.
