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Karen's Bookshelf says

Asher has wanted Ari since they were young, but she couldn't tell from the way he always teased her. Whenever they two were in the same room it always ended with the two of them making snide comments at each other. Over the years, since they ran in the same circle of friends, their meetings always ended the same way, with them arguing. Ultimately, they call a truce and decide they can work better helping out each other than hurting each other.

This was a great story about two people helping each other out only to realize they are better together than apart. I enjoyed them going at each other in an out of bed. I give this story 4.5 stars.

Cheesecake says

Ariadne and Asher. A short OK read. I liked the second half better. Ariadne has to go to the annual family gathering knowing that her a-hole cousin will be there with the boyfriend she stole from Ariadne. To save face, Asher talks her into getting married before-hand and going to the reunion together. A bit extreme??? Hmm... It's not supposed to lead to love, since they have a history of hating each other's guts since High School... oh yeah, and he's a man-ho. The spanner in the works is Ariadne's best friend Erika's crush on Asher. Erika is now happily married to Asher's best friend, but that doesn't stop her from still obsessing over Asher. It was kinda OTT and weird but didn't annoy me as much as Ariadne's head up her *ss. (view spoiler) I did like Asher's character though. Go figure, when the man-ho is the most intelligent character... But he's the character that made the book worth reading.

***Dee's Reading Time Matters says**

"The Arrangement" by Thayer King was quick but cute, and funny tale. Asher and Ari were a memorable couple once they got through past misunderstanding from when they were kids! There 'arrangement' was doable since a reunion was approaching and she needed a marriage of convenience to save face and Asher needed to fix his playboy's ways since his father was running for governor. They actually got to see what they were really feeling for each other even though Ash already knew exactly how he felt for Ari! But Ari's friend Ericka --- no way, no how just really took away from the story to me.. Besides that, "The Arrangement" i strongly recommend!

Would love to read more about Ash and Ari in the future!

4 memorable and relatable stars excluding Erika!!!!!!! ****

Tina says

I take points away for what is essentially a set up that doesn't feel very credible. But overall this was a quick,

fun read.

Ari and Ash are friends who have known each other forever but have Ari has kept firmly Ash in the friendzone despite Ash's broad hints he'd completely like to do her.

Ari's boyfriend dumped her for her scheming cousin and the two cheaters plan to announce their engagement at Ari's family's big ass reunion.

Asher's father is running for Governor and Ash has a bit of a bad boy rep. He's basically a player.

Ari is not looking forward to being the recipient of pity looks at the reunion plus dealing with her cousin's smugface.

Ash needs some rep rehab ASAP!

Hey. let's get married! Temporarily! And, what the heck, let's have lots of sex too!

So they do.

What really saves this book for me is the ridiculous chemistry between Ari and Ash. And actually I liked Ash's not-so-hidden long-time devotion to Ari.

Ari loses a few of those points for being so blind and obstinate at times.

And Good lord, the amount of enabling Ari gives to her best friend Erika re: her crush of Ash is rather dumb. Erika is not only Ari's best friend but she is married to Ash's best friend. However she has always had a *thing*... supposedly nostalgic... for Ash. It is one thing to have a benign crush on a hot guy, even if you are married. But Erika's "crush" is a little more proactive than that -- she actually attempts to sabotage any hint of non-platonic relationship between Ari and Ash . Rather than being disturbed by this, the other three seem to be rather indulgent about her feels. Yeah, no. I'd be like 'Bitch, you're married. Deal with your inappropriate feelings in a more appropriate way."

Bookiemonster says

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Rated:2.5 could have been awesome stars

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The blurb of this book was soooooo good, but the book?

The start of the book was something I really liked. My favourite scene in the book would probably have to be the scene where they faked sex. I loved loved loved that!

And i also loved Asher's playboy and womanizer character as well his name, but towards the end of the book, i kinda started cringing at his use of 'baby' every time he talked to her. Have i mentioned i hate pet names?

And when i say i hate pet names i'm talking about the one's regularly used like honey and sweetie and *baby*. Unless its something the character made up because it suits the other character so well. Like the one Patch gave Nora: Angel. And like what Daemon called Katy: Kitten. And How King called Doe: Pup.

Now those i love.

Anyway the gif below pretty much sums up the book, so if you wanna, give it a go.

Camille Adams says

Good in the beginning. Nice tension, excellent chemistry and passion.

A bit saccharin toward the end. Too many "baby"s and "ILY"s.

Amber says

DNF at 50%. Couldn't get over the best friend situation.

Paula says

well that was fun. just what i needed.

i still dont like Erika -- bitch, please! grow the fuck up already! i dont care for her excuses.

M.J. Friday says

Good Book

Good quick read, Asher and Ariadne were cute. I love the premise of a thin line between love and hate and the sex was WOW!!! But the books by this author always are super hot. The only thing I didn't like was they went from hate to love and marriage really quick. If the book was a bit longer then maybe the story we would have seen the transition but it was still a good book.

Tammy says

Could Have Been 4-5 Stars if Not So Completely Unrealistic

I wish that I could have rated this higher but I just couldn't get beyond the situation with Ari's best friend Ericka!! She's happily married to Ted but still "has a crush" since high school on Asher (Ted's best friend) who is married to and in love with HER best friend Ari, who was equal parts annoying and irrational since she was willing to marry Asher under the guise of: 1) helping him clean up his public image (as a bad boy/ playboy) since his Father was running for Governor and 2) SHE needed to save face at her family reunion which would be attended by her boorish ex who left her for her skanky/greedy cousin BUT she couldn't admit (to herself or to anyone else) that she actually loved Asher also BECAUSE SHE DIDNT WANT TO HURT HER DELUSIONAL M*A*R*R*I*E*D BEST FRIEND'S FEELINGS BECAUSE SHE STILL HAD A "CRUSH"ON HIM!!!! And what about her husband Ted????!! How many men are gonna be okay with their wife desiring another man and not speaking to her best friend because she married him even if rationalized as "the way you crush on a movie star and they get married and you automatically hate her"????!!!! What the hell! This book could have been so much better!! I've enjoyed books by this author before -- love her writing style and, for that reason, I will probably purchase future books by her. Unfortunately, it didn't appear that this one was well thought out.

Kiki says

I LITERALLY have no other tags for this!

Someone ranted how he can have OWs while being in love with h since she was a minor?

Well that was actually the part that was somewhat forgivable, she gave a damn good impression of preferring a barracuda to the hero up until after the marriage!

But what was unfathomable:

1. Ari's "best friend" Erika (who is also Asher's best friend Ted's wife) has always had a crush on Asher, therefore she told Ari, Asher, for you is untouchable, thus the facade of hatred!
2. She (Erika) NEVER stood a chance, first she was best friend's sister, then he just didn't feel it, then they were JUST friends, then the ULTIMATE no-go zone, she was the best friend's girlfriend turned wife.
3. While being happily married to Ted, Erika is still sporting the crush which her husband is QUITE aware of and finds hilarious. Why? Beats me!
4. She knows Asher is TERRIBLY unhappy, he can't commit to anyone, hasn't been able to get over his crush with Ari, and actually has been living in hell since he realised that she might be serious with her current bf! (At this point when he realised he has completely lost Ari, as Ari was getting serious with her last bf, he actually realised his love and finally became celibate). Yet, Erika, is selfishly HAPPY about ALL this as Asher isn't happy with someone else other than her and keeps working on keeping them apart.
5. She actually admits she enjoys it when he's single.
6. Throughout high school she helped Ari believe Asher hated her and vice versa.
7. She tried her best to sabotage the wedding.

8. She ACTUALLY asks Asher why not her!!!! WHILE she's married to his best friend and he's about to marry Ari!
9. She then accuses Ari of hurting her feelings and being easy for sleeping with her HUSBAND!
10. Ari does finally, FINALLY tell her she needs to get the shit together, Asher would at some point settle down with someone and whoever it is with, it is NOT going to be Erika!
11. Asher had to point out a number of time what a selfish bitch Erika was.
12. Her reasoning: it was like crushing on the single movie star, and then instantly hating the bitch who gets to marry him and crush your dream!

FUCK. ME. SIDEWAYS!

The evil cousin and frog prince ex sounded like a blessing compared to the "best friend"!

She had a loving husband who she also apparently was head over heals in love with, and then she wanted her crush always moping and single or at most fucking some bimbo without attachment but within her reach, he'd be at all the holidays, and anniversaries. She'd have her husband and family. She won't have him, yes, but then again, he won't have anyone either! Brilliant? Don't you think? She'll have her cake and eat it too! If anything I totally see her psychology, she was punishing him for not choosing her by destroying his one shot at love yet the author didn't have the courage to recognise that and paint her as the protagonist!!! She was a sadist!

Innominata says

BEGIN RANT

couldn't even finish :(

If H was so in love h since before she was legal (AND aware of this) how could he keep having OW!?! I literally stopped when he called the OW "diversions"! WTF!?!??

I'm biased I know it, but is it so bad to want to read about love, where the word holds so much strength, that you can't live or breath without the person you claim to love...? where you're connection to this person holds you from achieving any gratification from another relationship (quickie or casual)! :[
How can you tell yourself you love someone so confidently, then with the same breath go fuck someone else???

RANT OVER

Davina says

This is a fun book. I enjoyed the leads and their interactions. There was some drama and some comedy with both done in the right amount. I totally recommend this book.

Erica says

2 1/2 stars. great writing but I couldn't get over Ari best friend Erika. A happily MARRIED women who have a crush on Asher , who, oh btw happened be her husband best friend. If that isn't awkward enough, how about the fact that her husband know about this weird ass crush. Tbh I really wanted the book to have

focused more on Ari and her cousin than the best friend drama.

DeliaC says

Hot. But needed more from the characters. Like, another draft or something.
