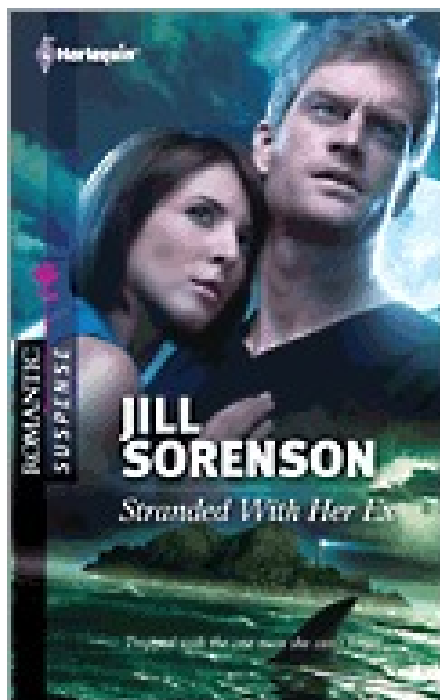




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Zja says

I don't usually expect much from category romance apart from an entertaining story. *Stranded With Her Ex* bucked the trend! I hate that I subconsciously must believe the negative press that the romance genre receives, but somehow I still feel surprised when I come across a romance novel that rates high on all the levels of novel appreciation, especially if it is a category romance. I am not a literature snob, far from it, but I seem to have soaked up some of those assumptions.

From the second Daniela sets foot on the stark island, the suspense and drama sets in. The landscape is foreboding, but even the sharks are viewed with a sense of wonder. All the wildlife are viewed as wild and dangerous, even the birds, and the scientific merit of the project, environmental cause and scientific passion comes through loud and clear. The characters are well written and believable, and the tensions and relationships of the team are real and add to the high drama and suspense. Apart from the main protagonists, everyone has reason to be suspect to the reader. Those same main protagonists are dealing with real and serious issues like anxiety, emotional breakdowns and grief.

I enjoyed reading this novel immensely and recommend it to both romance and thriller readers. I'll be buying Jill Sorenson's novels again in the future, and if my second book is as near as good as this one, Sorenson will have made it onto my autobuy list of authors.

The only part of this book I disliked was the need for a Mills & Boon descriptive title, rather than a meaningful one. However, I understand their marketing strategy and this is not a complaint but an observation. I really loved this book! Five stars! I'm off to read it again...

Saly says

This book was highly enjoyable. I enjoy a well done second-chance romance, and the unusual setting added to my enjoyment. How often does one see a shark island and danger?

Sean and Danielle were married and loved each other immensely when Danielle who was 8 months pregnant got into an accident and lost the baby and drowned herself in grief even to the extent of shutting Sean down. Unable to reach her, they divorced each letting each other go for different reasons.

Danielle is slowly starting to re-build her life and even gets a job where she runs into Sean, though she is shocked, she knows she needs the job to prove herself that she is strong.

I loved the book. Seeing Danielle jealousy, her efforts to overcome her fears. She acknowledges her faults. Sean too was a great hero, I just had a minor quibble with him when he tried to make her jealous but I understood it, his heart was broken.

Seeing these two accept the past was great. The author I felt showed the reconciliation really well and I especially enjoyed the epilogue as it was very realistic.

And yes it has a celibate couple.

Rating 4.5 stars

Emily Crow says

This was a really short book, so it was over before I had time to make up my mind about it. I think my overall impression is 2.5 stars, rounded up to three.

The story is about a marine biologist, Daniela, who goes to a remote island off the coast of California to study sea lions. She is dismayed to find her ex-husband, Sean--a shark expert--already in residence. The two drifted apart and eventually got divorced after she suffered a tragic automobile accident, in which she almost died and lost her unborn child. They still have very strong feelings for each other, which are soon kindled even more as it becomes clear that there is either a psycho in their midst or an intruder on the island, putting them in various dangerous situations.

What I liked: the setting! The remote island setting with sea birds, sea lions and sharks just off-shore was very well done, to the point I could actually imagine myself being there. There were also a couple of great wildlife scenes, such as one in which Daniela rescues an injured young seal.

What was okay: the characters. I didn't dislike them. That's a plus.

What was less good: the "suspense" part of this romantic suspense was really predictable and the ending was way too rushed. I think I would have liked this better if it was just a tale about wildlife biologists getting their groove on.

Read for Unapologetic Romance Readers 2018 Challenge: Second Chance Romance category.

Katrina says

Trouble in paradise??

How would you feel to be stuck alone on an island with your ex ?? Not all endings end well, but not all love is always lost.

Daniela Flores is a conservation biologist, her dream job has come true, one year of waiting and she is assigned to her ideal position of a lifetime - to work on an exotic wildlife preserve in Farallon Islands. Upon arriving at Farallon she was ready to move with life, beat her anxieties and enjoy her new job.

Until she finds her Ex husband -Sean Carmichael is running the research team. Sean has come to Farallon Islands to research Killer sharks, and now they have both gotten more than they have bargained for. A rift is still in place, a heart wrenching divorce, Daniela heartbroken, ready to move on and Sean determined not to let her into his heart or deter him. An uncomfortable situation for both.

Are they able to move on and just do their jobs assigned? Can Daniela ever forgive Sean for him betraying her when she needed him most?

The passion between them is more intense than ever, Sean and Daniela can't deny the electricity still flowing between them, but either wanting to admit it. Sean's feelings have resurfaced and can't help that he still lusts, and yearns for his love of his life. Daniela, also heats up at the site of Sean, his rugged appearance, has not dulled the intensity she felt for him in and out of the bedroom.

A turn of events take place, the boat is sabotaged, the communication lines are cut, and Daniela plunges into the ocean after a railing is loosened. There is someone on the island, causing havoc and destruction in their wake, for what reason it is unknown. It seems that this isolate island is no longer safe, a killer is on the loose, has attacked one of the researchers and Sean and Daniela have no choice but to be stranded and alone on the island with a killer.

Wow!!!! This book arrived in my mail box, I settled down to a cuppa and just read. From the moment I started I was drawn into this suspenseful, romantic thriller. An intriguing page turner from beginning to end. The right amount of romance and suspense to keep you on the edge of your seat, reading just to find out who the killer is, why, and if love does find its way. Even the smexy , luscious scenes had me friskily reading ;) Sighing - to myself...

The storyline was fluent, flowed smoothly from each chapter till the next. Providing us with that suspense and mystery and tantalizing us with the romance between Daniela and Sean. The romance was electrifying, sensual and breathe taking. I really enjoyed the way that Jill defined their emotions, at times I had to wipe a tear from my eye, it was that heartwarming and heartfelt... She had me pulling at my heart strings like a marionette. ** I know I am an emotional reader ** lol.. The ending definely unpredictable, this alone left me captivated.

The love was undeniably mesmerizing !

But the suspense - will have you gasping in dismay. !!!!!

The main characters fit well together like icing on the cake, very much alike yet very much their own personalities. Sean, hot, good looking, athlete type material with a soft heart, yet hard demnear at times. Straight forward and admirable. But when he realized that someone on the island was endangering Daniela's life, he swore to protect her till his last breath, even in the eyes of Shirley ...

Daniela was more a tortured soul, having experienced a lot in the past year, loosing someone she loved, almost dying and surveying- she surfaced from her zone and tried to move on the best she knew how. Very introverted at first, but Sean brought out that part of her that she had hidden for two years. Making her someone new and ready to live again.

The secondary characters, I really liked, all very different characters, but blended in with the story line and I rather enjoyed Jason's flirtatious comments and humor.

Overall, captivating read, filled with luscious, and sensual love, a love you would die for, and a dream worth fighting for, and a killer you would kill to protect the one you love.

Penny Watson says

Grade: A-

The resolution was just a tad too rushed. Otherwise, I LOVED this book! It has man-eating sharks, a hot Filipino dude cooking lumpia, a rekindled romance, a deranged lunatic on an island, lots of suspense and hot chemistry going on.

LOVED! I couldn't put it down.

Mombo says

Wow! An excellent read and a perfect balance of romance and suspense. The way JS handled Daniela's past grief and hope for the future with Sean was wonderful. The suspense of being left behind on a remote island in a storm, no less, worked well to move the romance along as well as providing gripping suspense. A real page turner.

Maybe, in future books, JS can tell us what happened to the love lives of Jason, Taryn and Brent respectively. I'm hopeful!

Jane Stewart says

3 ½ stars. An enjoyable way to spend time. A divorced couple meets again, deals with grief and now a killer.

STORY BRIEF:

A group of researchers study wildlife on the Farallon Islands west of San Francisco. Sean is a great white shark researcher. Daniela arrives to spend six weeks studying sea lions. Neither one knows the other will be on the island. They were married for five years and then divorced about a year ago. The divorce was due to Daniela's grief and emotional withdrawal after a car accident. Just now she is coming back to life and resuming her career. They are surprised and uncomfortable to see each other.

It's an isolated area difficult to get to and from. There are six people on the island. Someone is trying to kill them, creating danger, escape, and survival. Some of the danger is being in the water with great white sharks.

REVIEWER'S OPINION:

It was a nice romance story but not typical because the story starts after the breakup (divorce). They are uncomfortable being around each other and would not have chosen it. But we see the underlying love and attraction still there. Some time is spent discussing the grief which tore them apart. We don't see a relationship form and develop. It's more about coming through trauma to find each other again. Yes there is a happy ending. It kept my interest. It's short - about 2/3 of a regular novel. There is a moderate amount of suspense. I would have liked more understanding about the bad guy – motives, feelings, fears. I would have liked seeing the bad guy's point of view a few times. Also I would have liked seeing more about the relationship between Elizabeth and Jason. I felt some confusion or incompleteness regarding that.

DATA:

Story length: 213 pages. Swearing language: mild, including religious swear words. Sexual language: moderate. Number of sex scenes: 3. Estimated number of sex scene pages: 8. Setting: current day Farallon Islands and San Diego, California. Copyright: 2011. Genre: romantic suspense.

Fiona Marsden says

I picked this up after a discussion on Twitter about reunions where the couple are faithful even though separated for some time. I can never resist that trope. Especially in this case where the couple obviously still have strong feelings for each other but a tragedy in the past has torn them apart.

I don't read a lot of suspense because really I'm about the romance. The romance between Sean and Dani was lovely. Seeing Sean in a clinch with Taryn the first time she sees him in a year told us exactly how Dani felt. Sean is a lovely but inarticulate guy who has to learn how to express himself so his ex can understand how he suffered after their loss. Seeing Dani so curled up with grief was incredibly hard for him. The different way men and women handle grief and loss was nicely demonstrated.

The suspense was nicely graded so it pushed the romance along rather than detracted. I didn't quite understand a couple of things but as I said it was all about the romance for me so apart from a vague distraction it didn't bother me.

Overall I really enjoyed this story and couldn't put it down.

Megan says

What a lovely surprise to find this in my TBR pile!

The day was rainy, and I wanted a series-like title to pop into. And just like good candy, this read satisfied and I closed the book with a sweet sigh.

It's not really romantic suspense, though one could argue the setting was the suspense part in itself. It's actually pretty amazing how atmosphere+some science+romance+friendships+pop culture/reality TV can all be packed and woven into a satisfying Harlequin series read. There are mysterious goings-on, riveting dynamics within the 6-man research team H/h are part of, and a smattering of scientific stuff on birds and sealife and even some California melting pot touches like tamales and lumpia for dinner.

What takes center stage, though, is a lovely reunion story. It simply tugs at your heartstrings. Daniela and Sean are each other's lifetime loves, and were very happily married until a tragedy broke their partnership (through no one's direct fault). Two years after their divorce, they are surprised to discover each other as part of a 6-man research team on a remote island wildlife preserve. Forced into proximity and working together, both realize that neither has really moved on. Just a lovely lovely reunion and totally believable HEA.

Anne Boleyn's Ghost says

Despite the fairly awful title (I get that fairly awful titles are par for the course with Harlequin, but still) I very much enjoyed *Stranded with Her Ex*, an **engrossing and emotional second-chance romantic suspense** story.

I love a second-chance romance when done well. BUT. I'm more than a little picky in my judgment of what constitutes "well". One reason? Well, I frankly struggle to believe in a couple's HEA when, following a break-up, one half immediately dashes out to paint the town red with his penis. I don't understand how it is so easy to move on (and I'm not talking years here, people, but weeks and months). So I appreciated that **it wasn't easy for Daniela or Sean to move on.**

The couple, who both work in the wildlife biology field, had a happy and passionate marriage. It fell apart when Daniela was in a car accident during her eighth month of pregnancy and miscarried. As she succumbed to depression and anxiety, Sean felt tortured by his inability to save his child. And as he struggled to share his feelings, Daniela struggled to share at all. Both thought that the other would be better off without them.

Both were wrong.

Reading each "side of the story" made for one fascinating case study of a marriage. Marriage is hard work even when you don't endure a tragedy. Ongoing and open communication is vital. Speaking of communication! Another reason that I shy away from second-chance romances? The eventual communication often leaves something to be desired. Here, random chance thrust them together on a desolate island for their research. Reconciliation was not the initial goal. But when they got there, they were beautifully raw and honest.

The suspense element, which implicates other members of the research team and spans animal abuse (nothing graphic occurs on-page) to sabotaged boats to secret pasts, was decently done. While some aspects were predictable and the climax was rushed, I frequently found myself second-guessing potential suspects. And I may or may not have had an "EEK!" moment or two.

An entertaining story that I absolutely zoomed through, I would recommend *Stranded with Her Ex*.

Read for SBTB Best Picture Quarterly Challenge: A romance set in California.

Lura (The Life of Serendipity) says

Just got done with this book and decided to write a review! Now your probably wondering why did I rated it what I did. Well I'll get to that in my review so just hold tight and you'll soon see why I gave it four stars. Now on with the review!

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Plot - ? ? ? ? I really enjoyed the plot. It was both familiar and refreshing all at the same time. I haven't read a book quite like this one so that's always a plus! I give the plot four stars!

Writing - ? ? ? ? I really thought the writing was really good and well orgainzed. It wasn't all thrown together so much that you couldn't understand what the characters were saying, or talking about. I give the writing three stars!

Characters - ? ? ? ? I really enjoyed the characters. They were all original and I didn't find myself hating any of them! I give the characters four stars!

Daniela Flores - I liked her, even though she was a little annoying when she was trying to deny her feels and her wants and her needs... Daniela Flores is your average woman who loves her work and wants to move on with her life, after a tragic accident shattered her both mentally and emotionally.

Sean Carmichael - I really liked him, I don't know why I just did. Sean Carmichael is well known around the

world as a shark expert and he loves his job, but now after seeing Daniela and having her on his team might be too much for him to handle.

Jason Ruiz - I liked him he was kind and a ladies man, but had a wandering eye. Jason Ruiz is a shark researcher just as Sean is, who is his idol.

Taryn - I both liked her and...disliked her. Taryn is a dolphin researcher and she has a thing for Sean, you can clearly tell from the first few pages in.

Brent Masterson - I liked him and he sort of rubbed me the wrong way. Brent Masterson is in charge of filming anything and everything. From shark attacks and close encounters.

Elizabeth Winters - Okay I didn't like her so much as the others, but she was a cool character. Elizabeth Winters is the only ornithologist on the team and has quite a chip on her shoulder.

Overall I give this book ? ? ? - nothing more and nothing less!

Ren says

I won *Stranded with Her Ex* from the author herself, Jill Sorenson. And maybe I sound biased but I swear this review is honest, lol! I'm rarely reading Harlequin novels. And when it comes to this famous romance publisher, I usually read Nocturne imprint (since I'm PNR junkie), HQN (some of my favorite authors are HQN authors) and Mira. Even I think Harlequin Blaze which are books with the hotness scale is top off the chart sometimes can be boring. And don't forget that some of Harlequin lines such as Super Romance, Present and Desire always come with silly titles. I mean, what can I expect from a book with a title such as "Pregnant with The Billionaire Babies?". Hahahaha!! :P

Woops, sorry. Sarcasm overload ;).

Stranded with Her Ex sure does have a silly title, but is the story silly and easily predictable? Noooooooooooooo :D. Second chance might not be my favorite, but Jill Sorenson can make that theme to be an emotional story. Both MCs, Daniela Flores, a marine biologist and Sean Charmichael, shark expert are haunted and tortured after their divorce and Daniela's miscarriage. Daniela shut Sean down, and it made Sean depressed because when the accident happened, he's not in her side. Daniela believes that it's she who's responsible for their failing marriage. I sometimes want to knock both Daniela and Sean's head. But I also want to hug them both. Who is to blame, who is innocent? Daniela and Sean both guilty with their act but also innocent too.

BTW there's a bitchy character that tries to woo Sean from Daniela! *gasp*. Glad it didn't turn into an awkward love triangle and it's clear that Sean and Daniela still want each other. The author doesn't go the easy way to unite them, there's a lot of drama and tension, from themselves and other people.

There's also a suspense part with someone threatening to kill them, but I think the suspense is kinda weak even though the culprit is unpredictable. *Stranded with Her Ex* is not just ordinary romantic suspense. It's about how people handle their wounded heart and learn to move on. Learn to love again and with some people, you can't just let them go. *Stranded with Her Ex* also has interesting tidbits about sharks, seals and sea lions. Y'know, until now I can't tell seals and sea lions apart. Are they both the same animal or different? :/

Note : *Stranded with Her Ex* kinda reminds me of Linda Howard's *Cry No More*. Since both heroines lost their

child and their marriage is failed. Both make me almost weep too :')

Preeti ♥? (Romance She Reads) says

This was one selfish, unlikable H till the author flipped the story and the past to give us a 'both equally at fault' message. Okay well! I will believe the unbelievable, Ms. Sorenson because it's your story to tell.

But still let me tell it as it unfolded..

*Spoilers all *

The divorced h/H are both marine biologists. He, a celebrated white shark expert and she is (now) studying seals. And they are forced into act other's constant company for two weeks on the remote Farallon Islands, along with four other people.

And so they meet after a year of divorce. And

The leading shark expert of the Western Hemisphere had his hands all over a gorgeous blonde, laughing as he tried to wrestle her to the ground.

They have their meet awkward. He wants her to leave but she sucks it up and asks/pleads him to let her stay on as she's finally making something of her life and getting out of her anxiety wrecked shell.

He grudgingly agrees.

Going back further....The h/H had met 10 years ago in college, became instantly inseparable, lived in and then married (maybe 3 years later), happily married for 5 years till she, at eight months pregnant, gets into an accident and it was as horrible as you can imagine. They lost the baby, she almost lost her sanity and then they lost each other.

he'd watched her withdraw from reality on numerous occasions, almost to the point of becoming unresponsive. Her nightmares were no less troubling. She'd bloodied his nose during one of the worst episodes.

So yes, she was 'unresponsive' and pushed him away and he tried hard but she still needed him! But he, apparently walked away as ...

but he cared about sex, and he cared about her. "I can't go on like this," he'd said, growing desperate. "I love you too much not to touch you."

Okay, so lets not judge him! It's been a year.

So what about the period they were apart. Sex is obviously a big issue for this guy.

He continued to enjoy the company of women. Just not with the same...vigor. Lovely!

This ow? He flirts with her, lets her maul him in the h's presence even when it's the ex-wife he desires.

.He hadn't received this kind of attention from a woman in years. Ironically, Daniela's arrival made him susceptible to Taryn's wiles.

So all the evidence is stacked against him - the selfish, uncaring, sex-starved husband who wasn't really there for his devastated wife. But then even counselling hadn't helped the h.

While she's suicidal, he wants sex. Priorities!

He sent the divorce papers and she signed them! Finito!

Then the author does the backflip and we learn that he's this awkward with words and feelings guy.

His inability to communicate his feelings to Daniela had played a major role in their breakup.

The h chips in with her thoughts ...

She was the one who'd had the emotional breakdown. She was the one who'd driven him away.
Typical victim/survivor blaming from the h herself!

No matter how many times he tried to reconnect with her, she'd refused to let him in. He'd attempted to engage her in a thousand different ways. She'd remained unapproachable, untouchable, unresponsive. Lost to him. His love hadn't been enough for her then.

Then again, he hadn't had a two-year stint of abstinence since losing his virginity at the tender age of fifteen.
Whaaaatt! You don't say!
But wait, he gets even more pious - when the h wants a ons with him.

But he just couldn't do this with her, not on a purely physical level.
"Just...one night?" "Yes," she said, panting against the wet spot her mouth had made. He thrust his hands in her hair, forcing her to meet his eyes. "No." "No?" "I could never be satisfied by one night,"

And to round it up...
"You're the one who wanted to split up. Not me." "Then why did you file the papers?" "Because I said I would. Because you didn't call. Because I thought—" He broke off, cursing. "I thought you wouldn't sign them. Stupid, right?"
Yes!!

Brandy says

I received this book from the author from her newsletter giveaway. This is actually my first Jill Sorenson book and I have to say I really enjoyed it. It took everything I had in me not to flip to the back and see who the baddie was. I held out though and didn't ruin it for myself.

The setting is fan-freaking-tastic. Remote island. Sharks. Creepy house. Who wouldn't enjoy that?!

The characters are engaging. The hero and heroine's nerves, anxiety and shock at seeing each other again leapt off the pages. I could feel their grief over their past and their continued desire to be together.

The suspense was well, suspenseful. I suspected everyone, except H/h, at one point and narrowed it down. Even when I found out who the baddy was I was a little shocked. The only thing that took away from finding out was not getting a better reason said person cracking.

I don't want to ruin it for anyone so I'll just leave it at, I wanted a more concrete, thought out reason.

Overall, it was a stellar book.

Paige says

The pain and sorrow of losing their daughter in a car accident while 8 months pregnant broke the marriage of Sean Carmichael and Daniela Flores. Suffering from the trauma, Daniela closed herself from everyone including her husband. Despite counseling, they both gave up and called it quits on their marriage.

Now over a year later, they meet again on a research island, where he is studying the sharks and she the sea lions. Knowing how rough and horrifying things can get on the island, Sean tries to get Daniela to leave.

Wanting to protect her from anything that might trigger the panic attacks she use to have. But she won't go. For this is her opportunity to turn her life around.

Despite the other males and females around, Sean and Dani gravitate toward the other. It is truly heartbreaking to read as these two people who clearly loved each other try to forgive each other and help the each other move on the way they were not able to when the accident first happened.

When a verbal fights breaks out between Elizabeth and cameraman Brent, Taryn and Daniela go after her. On way back, Daniela slips and plunges into the freezing, shark infested water. Fearing for her life and fighting the feeling that haunts him of not being with her when the wreck happened, Sean pulls her from the water.

From there, they begin talking about their feelings and moving toward reconciliation.

Just as a bad storms is close to erupting, Elizabeth goes crazy and after attacking their cameraman, who must be taken by water for help, leaves Sean and Dani alone together on the island with a crazy woman.

When Elizabeth attacks, they fight for their life and avoid getting eaten by the sharks.

Once home, they both visit their daughters grave. Finally at peace, Sean doesn't wait too long before getting Daniela to agree to be his wife again. And possible have the family they were robbed of.
