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Missy says

Another gem.

Maggie had a secret crush on Gabe years ago but didn't really know what to do as she was shy so the first man to pay attention to her wins her hand in marriage. With no experience of men she is in for a rough time with the con man she married. After a few years of marriage full of emotional abuse and lies she finally takes her daughter and divorces him.....he of course being such a swarmy con man manages to almost drain her dry.

As luck would have it, she runs into her godmother who invites her to their ranch for a break. Maggie both longs and fears going on account of her cold tough son, Gabe. But she braves it out. Beneath that cold hard cowboy lies a warm caring heart that was betrayed and is afraid to feel. Gabe slowly draws Maggie and Becky out of their shells and in turn they help heal him. Gabe is just so wonderful with Becky.

There are fighting moments and tender moments as they both learn to express their love. I thought it was sweet to realize that Gabe liked her all those years ago. If one of them would have braved their heart then.....but I guess than the author wouldn't have had a story.

Anne Holly says

I like a cowboy romance, every once in a while. I also usually enjoy Diana Palmer.

This one, however, isn't starting out overly promising. The heroine, it seems, has such a horrible ex-husband, she has been rendered poor and is forced to work a lot. She works so much, in fact, that she has to keep her young daughter in boarding school. Yet, she also seemingly lives in a huge family estate and keeps domestic servants. This economic situation makes absolutely no sense to me as a mother. If this were me, I'd hock the Chippendale, can the servants, sell the house and ditch the private school tuition, so I can move into something cheaper, work less, and keep my child with me.

I tried to give the book a fair shake, but I have to say this opening situation made the main female character hard for me to take. I did finish the book, and it was okay, but I never warmed up to her.

The hero starts off totally unlikable, but does get much better. The heat levels are genuinely alluring, and the passion rises steadily throughout the book. A bit over the top in some places, especially with the "teach me about sex, cowboy" aspects, but well worth it. Some of the bits were amusing, as well.

Some mild parenting/custody subplotting, but this book is mostly about the development of their relationship as lovers.

Kay says

4 1/2 Stars! ~ Ms. Palmer creates such delicious heroes who are rough and gruff on the outside but oh, so amazingly tender on the inside. Once Gabe learns of Maggie's horrific marriage and her fears of her ex-

husband, he doesn't hesitate in stepping up to protect her. They've always had such a strong chemistry, but Gabe has to tread carefully to allay Maggie's fears of intimacy. I love how Ms. Palmer's heroes have this inner vulnerability that her heroines instinctively tune in to. There are some wonderfully flirty moments that made me chuckle out loud. This is definitely a keeper. I also loved that we get a glimpse of John and Madeline from *Friends and Lovers* and their adorable twins.

willaful says

I can see why this one is so popular, and the passion is very nice. I would have liked a little more rage, though. ;-)

Lovetoread says

I enjoyed reading *Rage of Passion* by Diana Palmer. I gave it four stars because of the interesting characters and the strong story that Ms. Palmer weaved.

The hero, Gabe, in this story is 39 and the heroine, Maggie, is 25. They first met when she was visiting her friends from school, the hero's young sisters, when she was 16. The hero at the time was 29 years old and was taken aback by his attraction to the young innocent 16 years old. The story now picks up nine years later.....

With a chance meeting with her Godmother while shopping, Maggie Turner is invited for a one month vacation at her godmother's ranch near Abilene which would be the perfect place for Maggie and her daughter to escape her ex-husband's threats. Perfect, that is, if it hadn't been for Gabe Coleman. Tall, lithe and lean, he was just as blunt, rude—and powerfully sensual—as he'd been nine years ago. His cold formality gave her the goose bumps. And his icy blue eyes watched her like those of a hungry cat—daring her to look beneath his savage surface. She thought marriage had cured her of desire. Then the raging passions of a Texas cowboy gave her a new lease on love.

Like I said I enjoyed this story....what I did not like is the hero smoked quite a bit, which the smell to me is a complete turn off, how do you kiss a mouth that smells of burning cow dung. But I guess when it was originally published, 1988, it was considered sexy. Also would have liked to have just a bit more graphic description in the couples hot sizzling passion. I feel it was grazed over. Because Gabe at 29 years old, was attracted when he first met 16 year old Maggie did not creep me out, well maybe a little it did, thank God he did nothing about it. I would recommend this as a good solid enjoyable romance read. sensual level I would rate a 6...

Gramedia Pustaka Utama says

Another great story from DP.

Maggie Turner memutuskan berlibur di ranch milik Gabriel Coleman atas undangan ibu Gabe untuk melarikan diri dari ancaman mantan suaminya utk merebut Becky, putri mrk.

Gabe yang galak dan kasar dan membuat Maggie takut ternyata memendam perasaan pd Maggie sejak lama sehingga ketika mengetahui bahwa Maggie dan Becky dalam bahaya segera memutuskan bahwa yang terbaik adalah agar Maggie menikah dengannya agar mantan suami Maggie yang tlg menikah lagi tdk bisa

mendapatkan hak perwalian atas Becky. Hilangnya kepercayaan diri dan sikap ceria Maggie yang dulu dikenal Gabe karena hidup Maggie yang selama penuh trauma selama pernikahannya membuat Gabe mengubah sikap kasarnya demi Maggie dan perlahan2 meyakinkan Maggie bahwa Gabe akan menjaga dan menyayangnya. Dengan alasan berlandaskan persahabatan keduanya menikah tp ternyata persahabatan tidak cukup terlebih disaat Gabe yakin bahwa saat mrk bercinta adalah cara Maggie berterima kasih padanya..

Consuela Rossetto says

Maggie Turner ha un passato triste alle spalle: un amore infelice con un marito violento e senza scrupoli.

L'unica cosa bella che le è rimasto della loro unione è la figlia, Becky, che ora l'ex marito vuole portarle via, per poter godere del vitalizio della piccola con la sua nuova fiamma.

Maggie, per riordinare le idee, accetta l'invito della sua madrina, a trasferirsi nella tenuta del figlio, Gabriel Coleman, suo vecchio e mai corrisposto amore.

Appena lei lo rivede si rende conto che tutti quegli anni non hanno cancellato la passione e l'attrazione che la trasportano verso di lui.

Gabriel è ben felice di poter aiutare Maggie, ormai non è più una ragazzina, è una donna, molto attraente e conturbante.

Questa volta non se la lascerà sfuggire visto che anche lei sembra non averlo dimenticato

Diana says

I've been reading romance novels for almost twenty years having started (and stuck) with Linda Howard, Anne Stuart, Nora Roberts, and Elizabeth Lowell all of whom began publishing around 1979. So why, I asked myself, had I never read amazingly prolific Diana Palmer of the same era? According to Palmer's website she's published over 115 novels and I'd freeze up with indecision every time I ran across her books on Amazon. I admire the hell out these women who've innovated and driven the genre forward -- and continue to write today. Thanks to Twitter friends, I jumped on a buddy read with the goal of plugging up the DP hole in my education: shoring up my Romlandia credentials so to speak.

I simply could not resist the so-in-your-face, unabashedly romantic title Rage of Passion. A lot was familiar in this formulaic (not in a bad way) romance between doe-like heiress Maggie who's fallen on hard times after dumping her abusive husband and her hero -- the quintessential lean and mean and MANLY cowboy businessman. What brought it up a notch for me was Gabe's surprising and unexpected sense of humor and the fact that he and Maggie had honest conversations about their marriage of convenience. Well, except for the fact that neither would admit to falling in love, ha ha.

By the way, my rating jumped from 3 to 4 stars while organizing my thoughts. Thanks, Sybil (@redwyne) for the nudge. Next time I'm in the mood for a broody cowboy I'll ask Twitter to recommend another Diana Palmer. Good stuff.

Annemarie Hartnett says

I read this as part of the same buddy read as Diana and I agree with her on all points. Gabe was super manly, though as the heroine often pointed out he was not traditionally good looking. He talked without a filter without sounding like an alphahole, from when he was trying to bully Maggie off his ranch to when he was giving her some very frank talk about sex. Even though nothing is overly explicit, this is definitely one of the steamier reads I've come across in a long time.

I'll definitely be going back for more Diana Palmer.

Dottiebears says

Yuck. A Bird witted woman and a ridiculously cold man that has a sudden thaw. Then there's lots and lots of sex--even when it doesn't do anything for the story.

Linda Hurst says

Classic Palmer

Rage of Passion is classic Palmer with a nice twist. Gabriel Coleman is an alpha male 13 years older than Maggie. This book differs from the usual Palmer formula (which I love) as neither character is a virgin!

Maggie has been married to a cruel man who was abusive to her and her 6 year old daughter. Gabriel had an abusive stepfather and a bad experience with a woman he thought he loved. Watching these two damaged people come together and find love while they are trying to keep daughter Becky safe from her stepfather is the reason I read romances and Diana Palmer in particular.

Rage of Passion is on my kindle comfort book list and rereading it still leaves me smiling. What more can you ask from a romance?

Karen says

one star off for all the cigarettes Gabe smoked.

Elgyn says

Hrdinka sice nemá ani na nové šaty, ale její dcera chodí do „snobské internátní školy“. D?de?ek vnu?ce z?ídil sv??enecký fond, ke kterému nem?že ani její matka ani její otec. P?esto chce otec dceru do pé?e, aby se dostal k jejímu fondu, ze kterého už n?co prošustroval.

Ten, kdo m?l na starosti Becky, m?l p?ístup k jejímu jm?ní.

P?esto hrdinka od rána do noci d?e v knihkupectví, aby je uživila. A na výpomoc má Mary, „protože nem?la to srdce odmítnout pomoc ženské, kterou znala odmali?ka“.

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„V San Antoniu zajdeme za tvým právníkem (...) A jestli nás za to nezažaluje, použijím ti místo něj svého.“

And if he doesn't suit me, you'll use mine.

Tím chtěla autorka říci, jestli nezažaluje jejího exmanžela.

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Reader's Palace says

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His cold formality gave her goose bumps. And his icy-blue eyes watched her like those of an alley cat—daring her to look beneath his rough exterior. She thought marriage had cured her of any romantic ideas, but then the sweet embraces of a Texas cowboy gave her a new lease on love...

Amanda Sheila says

One of my favorite of Diana Palmer.

Maggie's one hell of a lucky lady. She got her old crush to love her back even though she had to experienced awful things first. Gabe's isn't exactly like Diana Palmer typical hero. Because's he's not that jerk, in fact he's kind of tender, especially to Becky, and I love it.

What a delightful read.
