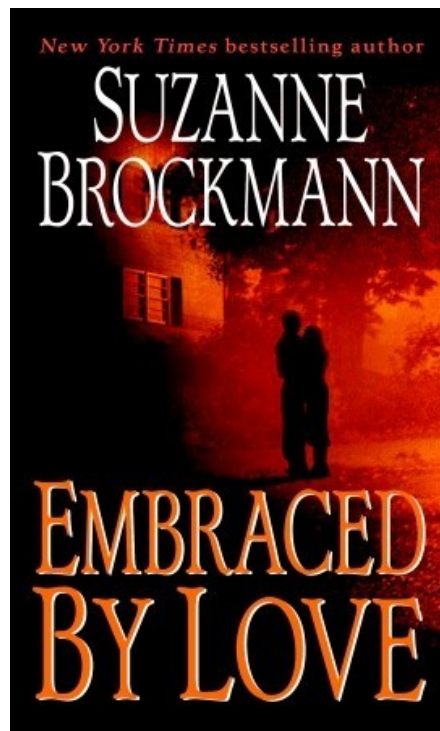




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Debbie says

This was a reprint of one of Brockmann's earlier work and it shows. While it was more of a "traditional" romance than I would have liked, it was still different enough to be interesting. And Brockmann's clear writing style does stand out. I still prefer her later books that are more action oriented.

Shirley Owl says

It is unusual in a book for the characters Jodie and cooper to already to be married to each other. At the start of the book they are a caring loving couple with successful businesses and then along came life.... The happy ever after is not so certain.

Coffcat says

I think I would have liked this book more if the main characters hadn't been so over the top. She was sooo work devoted and he was sooo committed to having fun and enjoying life, made me a little crazy. Especially since they knew that about each other from the beginning. Unfortunately plot development is a little slow resulting in the same things getting rehashed over and over. While the story eventually moves forward towards the middle it's a bit too late and you'd rather just smack them for being idiots than finish the book.

Adrianne Haley says

Annotating is great!

Read as paperback years ago, but the annotated version was entertaining and informative! Would love to see annotated versions of all Suzanne Brockmann's novels; such fun to have her explain the characters and development, as well as what in her past influenced the storyline!

Michelle says

Words cannot express how much I disliked this book. Some of this is due to my personal preferences. I don't like reading about couple that are already married. I love reading about how people meet and fall in love. I decided to try to get past this, simply because I love this author's books. I was sorry that I had wasted my time.

The majority of the book was Josie and Cooper fighting. She was a total workaholic, working 15-18 hour days. She had psychological issues (fears of being poor) so everything took a back seat to her work. She worked so much at a stressful job that she got bleeding ulcers, which she did not tell Cooper.

They had to take in her niece and nephew when her brother died, and she wasn't willing to make any

accommodations for their change in status. I thought she was extremely selfish and self-absorbed.

Cooper, however, I liked, other than the fact that I don't know how he could put up with her.

Because of her self-absorption, I couldn't believe them as a couple. Angst and arguing throughout the whole book, with the whole thing wrapped up in a nice little package on the last few pages.

Carrie says

Grade B

Embraced by Love (awful name that has nothing to do with the book, really) is a surprisingly good story. The premise sounded interesting so I picked it up at a used book store some time back and put it on my shelf. The more I thought about reading it, the more I feared it would be maudlin or melodramatic. Instead, it was a believable and moving story.

Josie and Cooper are a young married couple who have a solid relationship. Some tension develops, however, about the many hours Josie puts into her software company. Just about the time the tension between Cooper and Josie is starting to cause some problems, they find themselves the guardians of her niece (4) and nephew (6 mo). The rest of the book is about how they come to terms with their new responsibilities, and how to balance work and personal time. Josie's near pathological fear of being poor drive a wedge between her and Cooper and threatens to tear the newly-formed little family apart.

Some readers may find Josie's fears unrealistic, but they are quite realistically portrayed. Josie has a true psychological problem. Phobias like this don't go away simply because they aren't logical. Her fears and Cooper's reactions are believable.

I don't generally care of children in books, but Lucy and Ben were very well done and age appropriate. Lucy's struggles to feel safe again after losing her parents was especially poignant.

jenjn79 says

This book might not appeal to many Brockmann fans. It's a different type of book than her Troubleshooters and TDD series. *Embraced By Love* is more of a traditional romance about two people in love who find their ideals and goals for the future clashing and almost destroying their relationship. If you're a Brockmann fan looking for something suspenseful and similar to her popular books, then you may want to skip this one.

Lisa says

So far the stories I've read by this author have not disappointed. Actually finished this book a couple of months ago and forgot to add it to the list.

Jeri says

A young couple on the New York City fast track, Josie Taylor and Cooper McBride seem to have everything going for them, including great jobs and a love that just seems to grow stronger. Then the sudden death of Josie's brother and his wife leave them with responsibility for two small children. There are tough choices to make, and nothing in their lives will ever be the same. The strain on their relationship seems unbearable, and both of them begin to wonder if they will ever find their way back to the way they used to feel.

This was definitely something a bit untraditional for a romance, since it covers the relationship through many more stages and upsets than is typical. I loved it. The characters were real, their love was real, and so were their problems. I was impressed by the way in which the perhaps less-sympathetic character of the workaholic Josie is treated; it's easy to understand why she is the way she is and love her anyway, while at the same time seeing the looming disaster if something doesn't change.

Rachel says

While I enjoyed reading this story of a couple who is struggling with their marriage; I found that I enjoy Ms. Brockmann's series books more.

Morpheus Reads says

Horribly selfish heroine ruined the story for me.

Anita says

This is not your typical romance. In most romances, boy meets girl, boy pursues girl, boy catches girl and the both live happily ever after. In *Embraced by Love* we see what happens when it isn't so happily ever after.

Josie grew up dirt poor in rural Tennessee and was smart enough to win a scholarship to college and never looked back. She meets nice with Cooper and it is a love story, normal romance style, almost. Josie is so driven for her company to succeed she loses sight of what is really important in life and that is love. Then tragedy strikes and her whole world is thrown upside down. Her sole focus is her company and saving it to the detriment of Cooper and everyone else in her life. Only Josie can make the decision about what is more important, her company or Cooper.

LaFleurBleue says

No Seal, no action-packed story-line, no alpha-hero - well difficult to believe it was written by Suzanne Brockmann.

There remains a great hero who's the perfect man everyone would have to have (at least me), so loving, funny, understanding, sexy...

The heroine is actually a workaholic, in the truest sense of the term, getting herself physically sick with her job and the stress she constantly creates around it. It sometimes seemed a bit too much and I really wondered what it would take for her to realize she was flushing her life to the toilet.

I really liked the story so very realistic about how a seemingly perfect couple can almost completely destroy a 5-year marriage by having different priorities and not being able to compromise around those.

The ending can seem a bit rushed though.

VaultOfBooks says

By Suzanne Brockmann. Grade: C

I have mentioned countless number of times in my reviews that Suzanne Brockmann has never disappointed me. With *Embraced By Love*, she broke her flawless record.

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Cooper is not a wimp who, you are supposed to like but actually you don't. I loved him. He wants children, but Josie thinks that they would be a distraction for her. Josie, is not as likable—a rigid, inflexible work-a-holic who has developed a bleeding ulcer.

When Josie gets the news that her brother and his wife had died in a car accident, she faints. She had not talkws to her brother for about a year and not gone to visit him for about five-six years now. Why? Because she couldn't afford the bloody time to meet his own brother when he invites them every year and because she doesn't want to return back to a small town. :angry:

I loved, loved the hero, Cooper. Suzanne Brockmann reversed the role of husband and wife in this book.

The wife is a work aholic and does not have time for them, she stays in her office all the time. The husband is a sweet, loving and caring one. He tries to draw Josie out of her work, makes her dance and laugh. He takes care of the little ones, take them out to play. Makes their food, everything. He compromises everything for his wife and his nephew and nieces.

When they realize that their children are alive and that they are their soul guardian, Josie is happy at that but sad at the prospect of going back in town. She also has a choice on whether to adopt them or not, and decides to not! Because she doesn't have time. When they finally meet them, Cooper falls in love with them at the sight but Josie wants them to be given up for adoption, so they look for foster homes.

Since that could take time, they care for them temporarily and Cooper cares for them. He falls more in love with the both but Josie hardly ever comes back. She doesn't like the children and hates the ruckus they make. She prefers to stay in her office than to come back home and help her husband.

Josie has some kind of complex about thinking the worse scenarios that could happen when she leaves work and does not want to take help from a shrink.

The book is not actually a romance novel. I don't know what genre it counts in. But at the starting of the book Josie and Cooper are already married and their love story is really sweet. But Cooper realized that he will always come second to Josie after his work. She rarely spent time with him. He was hurt and tries to make compromises but that doesn't work out for too long.

Josie was working too hard on a project even when a virus had affected their databases and ruined all those information. She was scared to say no or even ask for an extension. She wanted to do everything and doesn't

want to appoint more people and works 24/7. She had pushed herself too far and develops a second ulcer. But she doesn't reveal this information to Cooper for she knows that he would force her to cut back on her work which she cannot do.

For all this she gets the sorry excuse for living in poverty in her childhood and Cooper doesn't know how that feels.

Shitty Excuse.

The book is funny but I absolutely loathed Josie. She gets hurt when Cooper says that he doesn't want children. She gets hurt when he says that he wants them. She is even ready to put her nephew and niece for adoption, why? Because she could not afford time even though, they were both fucking rich.

In the end their fighting get too much and I was eagerly waiting for the book to finish. I would have told Cooper to ditch her—that there are better women out there.

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Shelita says

The story was great it was kinda back and forth
alot. It got kinda annoying sometimes, but it was still great.
