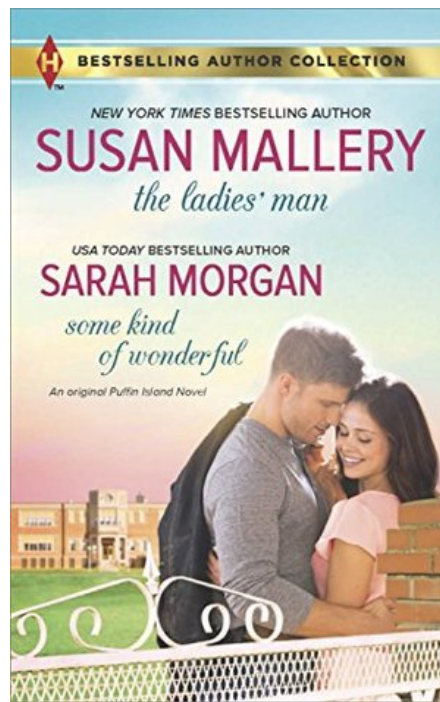




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Don't miss these two stories about finding love in the most unexpected places.

The Ladies' Man

by *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Mallery

Rachel Harper was a kindergarten teacher. She was definitely not a one-night stand kind of girl. But that was exactly what she'd done—she'd picked up a charming guy in a bar and brought him home. Mortified, Rachel couldn't get Carter Brockett out of her life fast enough. But then, a few weeks later, she discovers she's not quite done with Carter: she's pregnant with his baby.

Some Kind of Wonderful

by *USA TODAY* bestselling author Sarah Morgan

Her whole life, Brittany Forrest has dreamed of adventure. And at the age of eighteen, she thought she'd found it when she married bad boy Zachary Flynn. But after just ten days, their whirlwind marriage went up in smoke. Now, the daredevil pilot is back on Puffin Island. The sparks between them are as powerful as ever, but can Brittany risk the life she's built for a second chance with Zach?

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From Reader Review The Ladies' Man & Some Kind of Wonderful for online ebook

Patti says

THE LADIES' MAN is a good story with a HEA. However, Rachel's immediate reaction to her pregnancy, to have Carter sign over his rights, is appalling. She never even gives him a chance. Rachel is going to raise a child all on her own and not give Carter the respect he deserves before he even knows.

Carter's past girlfriends everywhere Rachel turns around is disturbing and uncomfortable. Knowing that most of his ex-girlfriends are still too friendly with him is scary. I don't care that Carter is such a nice guy it is inappropriate that so many women take liberties around him.

SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL is a great second chance story. This misunderstanding between Brittany and Zach is an interesting dynamic to their story. Brittany beats herself up too much about it but, at the same time, Zach is beyond reason with not explaining himself.

This is a good story and I really enjoyed it.

Isha Coleman says

Harlequin has released just the right combination to turn any frown into a smile. This double feature has irresistible charm that is book ended by two of romances most prolific voices today. I received an ARC of this duet in exchange for an honest review. Sarah Morgan contributes an emotional story of second chances, maturity and redemption in Some Kind of Wonderful. While Susan Mallery brings lighthearted fun between a charismatic playboy and an insecure heroine in The Ladies' Man. Like the characters in the story each novel has hidden surprises that are enchanting treats and I enjoyed every minute. Can't go wrong with this delightful read.

Cindy Maday says

I thoroughly enjoyed both stories. I loved the plot set up for the Ladies Man , it was a delightfully fun read. Equally, I enjoyed Some Kind Of Wonderful, and thought the way the author weaved the emotionally story for both the Hero and the heroine really kept you wanting to see how the hero was going to overcome his past. I always read every book I can find of Susan Mallery's but will now add Sarah Morgan to my list of must read authors.

Kasey Cocoa says

Review by Sarah "I enjoyed The Ladies' Man enough to finish it but it is a story that is easy to forget once you are done reading it. Parts of the story happened too quickly without there seeming to be any reason for the rush. The rest of it seemed mashed together in order to complete the story in time for publishing. Still, it was good enough to keep reading since I wanted to know how it all ended. Some Kind of Wonderful was

much better to read and seemed like there was more thought put into the people and the story. I would rather read another story by Sarah Morgan over Susan Mallory if I had to choose." We received an ARC in exchange for an honest review. This in no way influenced our opinion.

Cheryl says

Great story

I gave it a five because it addressed a growing problem in our country about abused children . Zachary came out ahead of the majority of foster kids because he had one in ten thousand foster family's who cared to make a difference. In this land of liberty you need License to keep a dog, but you don't need to know a thing to bring a precious child into this world. That should really change I did a small survey of my granddaughter and ten girls in her class and non of them want to bring parents. I always wanted children and my sister never did. Not to brag but my children grew into responsible loving adults unlike my sister's children Some kind of wonderful should get (10) ten and ladies man a (5) five. My friends and relatives know that I love Susan Mallory and so do they.

Laura says

Ladies Man & Some Kind of Wonderful” by Susan Mallory & Sarah Morgan (1/24/2016)
Susan Mallory has been one of my favorite authors for some time. In "The Ladies Man" she again shows her depth of feeling for her characters. This is a sweet story of two people coming to grips with the result of their one night together. In "Some Kind of Wonderful" Sarah Morgan again writes about Puffin Island off the coast of Maine. I would love to spend the summer in a place like this. Brittany and Zach try to resolve the attraction they feel even after years apart. This story is very well written. I need to go into the back list of Puffin books to read the rest of the series.

Gina Hott says

** only read Some Kind of Wonderful **

Ten years ago, Zackary Flynn walked out on his marriage to Brittany Forrest after only two weeks. He knew he could never live up to her expectations and figured a swift disappointment would be better than many slow disappointments. He felt guilty, but since they lived in different places it didn't matter. Brittany now realizes she shouldn't have gone into a marriage hoping to change Zach, there was just so much she thought she saw in him she couldn't help it. After he deserted her the pitying looks from the islanders drove her away to college and a career hopping the globe, and skipping out on intimate relationships.

Now they're both back in Puffin Bay. Is it time to finally let go or to resurrect that ancient history?

Hott Review of Some Kind of Wonderful:

I thoroughly enjoyed Some Kind of Wonderful! It's a sweet fun romance that's quite sexy and just a bit sad.

Brittany is so incredibly independent she wouldn't ask for help if she was drowning in quicksand in the midst of a hundred friends. So, for her to live alone with a broken wrist it's not surprising that she doesn't ask anyone for help. What is surprising is that the only person to force their way in is Zach. Well, maybe not

Gloriamarie says

Read this as part of the on-going project to help a friend develop a reading list for her group, Adult Children of Parents with PTSD.

Our hero, Zach, certainly has PTSD. Boy, does he have it. Brittany, our heroine, is the exact opposite, almost a goody two shoes she has had such a stable home life that even her parents' divorce and virtual abandonment didn't register for what it was. I didn't find her in the least bit believable.

Zach, on the other rings true up to a point. Yes, he is in the system which pretty much fails him, but by eight years old, he really could not have been beyond hope and if that first foster family was all that loving, why didn't they put the poor kid into therapy when he was obviously begging for help? Why didn't the State of Maine require it? And when he ended up more or less adopted into the home of Philip and Cecile Law, why didn't they? He claims to have lived his life having turned them off by the time he was eight and couldn't turn them back on again. Therapy at age eight would have helped.

Yes, this is another one of those books where the love of a good woman heals PTSD and that is a bit of nonsense that needs to be squelched. Learning to manage the symptoms of PTSD is hard work and should not be glossed over. It's an insult to all who have to live with PTSD. In any event, Zach's transition is much too abrupt. It lacks credibility.

There is no excuse whatsoever for "illicit" getting into the final copy when "elicit" is meant. Whoever proofread this failed. Whoever edited this failed. You want me to spend my hard-gained money on your books? Then pay me the courtesy to use words correctly.

Another thing that annoys me is internal inconsistencies within a story that an editor should have found. Morgan says this about Zach, "Unlike everyone else he has ever met in his life, she believed in him." So I guess when Philip Law took Zach under his wing during the summers at camp, taught him to fly planes as Philip and his wife more or less adopted Zach, they weren't demonstration any belief in Zach.

Evidently, there is a whole series about Puffin Island and the inappropriate, intrusive neighbors and the complete lack of mind your own business. I've not read the ones that came before this in the series and don't feel I missed anything.

United Indie Book Blog says

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Review by Laura

Gwen (The Gwendolyn Reading Method) says

The first story in this two story book was MEH. But the second was a story that I had been wanting to hear the end of as it was teased in book 1 and it was decent so it pulled it up into 'like' territory.

Alexia says

This book is a BONUS with two stories from two amazing authors. The first book is "The Ladies' Man by Susan Mallery, and the second book is "Some Kind of Wonderful" by Sarah Morgan. Both are definitely worth reading, and were very enjoyable. They flowed nicely and were an easy read.

In Susan Mallery's book we meet Rachel Harper and Carter Brockett. Rachel and Carter meet in a bar, and she brings him home. Their one night together results in a pregnancy. Their story is interesting because Rachel is more than willing to take on this responsibility alone but she just can't get Carter off of her mind. They work together with the rugby team, and try to fight their feelings toward each other. Finding that they can't they try to keep their relationship from the workplace, but everyone seems to know that they are together. What the players see is that they deeply care for each other. What they're trying to fight is the heartaches from their past.

Sarah Morgan brings us to Puffin Island. Brittany Forrest met Zachery Flynn when they were both young at camp. Fast forward to when Brittany is 18 and Zach took her virginity. Shortly afterward they married. The problem happened 10 days after the wedding when Zach felt roped in. He left her, and the town behind in search for a 'better' life. Zach was the kid no one wanted. He came from a life that was rough and didn't know how to love or trust. Philip Law who was the director at the camp, and his wife, tried to make him feel wanted, but trusting and leaving his demons behind him followed Zach into adulthood. Seeing Brittany again after many years apart the need for each other was still there. Brittany still loved Zach, but he can't say the words to keep them together.

Dee says

I really enjoyed Some Kind of Wonderful. Zach was such a flawed character and his issues were from a bad childhood, it was nice to watch him come around without the typical pressure from the female character. Brittany was very patient and understanding and their HEA was great.

The Ladies' Man felt rushed to me. I liked the story, but would have liked to have had more relationship development between Rachel and Carter.

Lara says

The Ladies' Man

While it's nice that there weren't any hard feelings from the ex-girlfriends, it was too much. I wouldn't like knowing the father of my child had (seemingly) hundreds of exes, never mind having them constantly in my face. He's a serial monogamist rather than manwhore, but it still puts her at a disadvantage.

Some Kind of Wonderful

Didn't like that Zach showed absolutely NOTHING for Brittany until one round of Super Sex? In other second chance romances, you get to see the walls slowly crumbling. I don't think Zach really understood the devastation he caused for Brittany, and while he felt bad for the way he handled things he should have felt more. (Like a proverbial punch to his gut when the truth comes out.)

The fact that his feelings switched "on" miraculously made me roll my eyes. Not believable in the slightest.

Julie Eichelberger-Ford says

This book contains two stories written by two fantastic authors who know how to entertain.

The Ladies' Man by Susan Mallery is a cute, warm, lighthearted story. Rachel Harper has always been a good girl and followed all the rules until she has a one-night stand. Carter Brockett is an undercover cop who is on a dating moratorium until he meets Rachel. Their one night together results in a pregnancy. They now must get to know each other while avoiding pressure from family to decide if they can make it as a couple.

Some Kind of Wonderful by Sarah Morgan is an intense, crazy love story. Brittany Forest married Zach 10 years ago and it lasted 10 days. Since then she has gone to college and became an archeologist. Zach is still struggling with a violent past that won't allow him to trust anyone. However, he is finding that he can't resist his ex-wife and the sparks reignite. Together they must learn to forget the past and trust the future.

Both are excellent stories.
