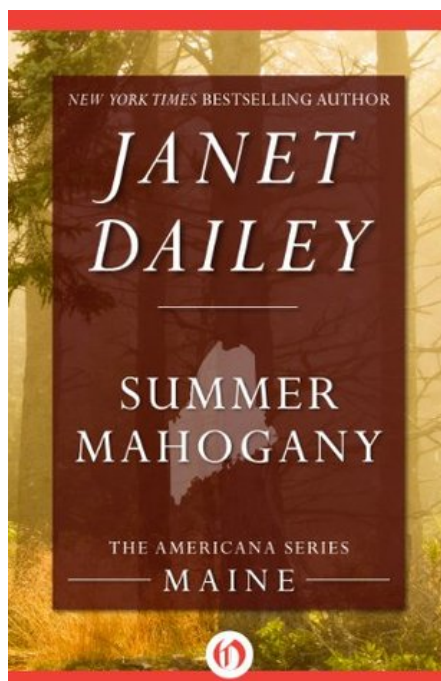




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Gina's face grew pale with shock. It couldn't be Rhyder. Not after all these years. But there was no mistaking the tall, darkly tanned figure moving menacingly nearer. Like a child, a young, naïve Gina had once worshipped Rhyder Owens. But her desire for him, even then, had been like a woman's. Gina was older now, an intelligent, sophisticated lawyer. Yet she felt the waves of panic rising inside her. "Why did you have to come back to Maine?" she protested in angry despair. "I don't want you here. All I want to do is forget." Rhyder's narrowed blue eyes raked her body chillingly. "You couldn't possibly have forgotten that you are my wife!"

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sb20112011 says

I may be alone, but I liked this one. I thought it had good emotional angst. And since they were married they were allowed to have sex, which doesn't happen often in these early Janet Daileys.

Booklover says

This had lots of misunderstandings, there was no communication between H/h. It starts out how H/h meet then flashback about their history-back to present the marriage still stands legal and H wants h back as his wife this time he wants her willingly in his life without asking her, he already takes for granted that she will say yes and they will resume their marriage. Yet again there's a misunderstanding but everything is solved and they get their HEA.

What disappointed me was there was only past and present, what happened in between 9 years in H's life nothing was given. Nothing was divulged about his family, in flashback we get to know he comes from a very wealthy family-nothing else.

About h it was only revealed that she becomes independent, get her lawyers degrees and works for a firm now-which i liked it, her character grew up but yet again when it came to facing H she was same old self which disappointed me.

Overall it an average read for me, though it was full of angst but there was so many loopholes in the story that it spoiled it.

Briley says

This book was really hard to read, felt abusive while trying to be romantic, and abruptly ended.

~M~ says

I took one look at this cover and I *knew* I had read this book as a young girl. It probably scarred me for life.

I actually enjoyed reading the beginning, a bit. I have friends from Maine and I have been there on vacation. I enjoyed the review of Maine-isms in the book.

The major flaw of the book is that the main female character is just beyond redemption. She has NO redeeming qualities as far as I am concerned. She does just the most horrible thing a young teenage girl can do to an adult man. Then she blames the male character for the whole situation. Of course it's just a plot device to justify the 26 year old man having sex with a 16 year old girl, which is totally illegal and frankly, kind of sick.

Now one could argue that she was a 16 year old girl and aren't we all full of hormones and hysterics at that

age? Absolutely yes. But the main part of the book is supposedly when the main character is 26. Don't you think she should have grown up by then? Don't you think she should look back on her behavior and finally understand just how truly horrific her actions were? Don't you think she should feel some guilt, some remorse?

She does not, apparently. She blames him for her grandfather's death, and blames herself NOT AT ALL. She blackmails the guy numerous times, takes his money.. oh it is just awful.

And the premise is that she is "forced" to marry him because a bunch of people saw her running half naked home after he rejected her, even though it was night and pouring rain, and the book actually says -- no I am serious --

"She was ruined. No decent boy would look at her now."

Really, Janet Dailey? In 1978? She was RUINED??? Seriously? Have you heard of the sexual revolution at all? Is this Jane Austen?

Then she is married to him for one night, blackmails him for money, and goes back home, has the marriage annulled. Apparently THAT doesn't "ruin" her?

Not to mention she grows up to become a LAWYER, and yet when her "husband" announces to her 9 years later that the annulment is legally invalid and why, this is apparently the first time she's considered that? And she's a lawyer? The worst lawyer ever obviously.

But you know, it's all ok because she has silky dark hair and green eyes like the ocean. You know what, I have silky dark hair and light green eyes, and it doesn't give me a pass to act like that. But you know, the guy ends up loving her anyway, right? Even though she is a pathetic excuse for a human being.

The only reason I read these awful books is to see how very bad they can get. Usually the characters are both somewhat to blame and they both grow up a little, and they are slightly redeemed.

Not in this book. It's just horrible.

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Akina says

It was an ok book. The ending was too abrupt. It needed more development. The first half of the book was a flashback. The second half occurred in present day. I don't mind some flashbacks but 50% is unacceptable to me, unless it's done in a really special way (like in *Gone Girl* or *If I Break*) Plus, I was turned off by the 16 year old girl having a relationship with a 26 year old man. Eww!!! The book covers a span of 9 years yet I don't think they spent a grand total of 48 hours (awake) in each other's presence during that entire time. Where does love come in? The writing wasn't bad but this is not one of my favorite books.

Jennifer says

This may be my favourite Janet Dailey of all time, one of my favourite books of all time. There's something about this marriage reunited story and Gina and Rhyder that will forever be imprinted on my heart and head.

elaine r clemons says

Another hit

Was not disappointed... Great story line. Captivating love story with interesting twists. Another hit from Janet Dailey great books, yes !!

Maura says

WTF was this? This is a train wreck without all the positive qualities...I think some of the stuff was just too tragic and too annoying. In the first half of the book, you've got Gina, a hormonal 16-year-old who is chasing after Rhyder, a 26-year-old guy. She's in luuurve and wants him to be her first and boy does she chase him down for all she's worth. He is, of course, only a man, and while he does get credit for turning her spoiled ass away time after time, he absolutely fails for not remembering that she's only 16 and it is NOT okay to lust after her. He gives in a bit here or there and takes a few liberties before spurning her and getting all mad at himself for not being disgusted at his own behavior when he knows he should be. This all culminates with her grandfather blackmailing Rhyder into marrying the teenage chit or face attempted rape charges. Naturally Rhyder is pissed and believes that Gina was in on this. His poor opinion of her is supported when she overhears him talking to his friend about how he'd pay to get rid of her and she takes him up on the offer. They get an annulment...supposedly.

Flash forward 10 years, Gina is supposed to be so much more mature now that she's a single, adult lawyer. Only she's not so single after all...and she's not really that much of an adult either. Ten years haven't brought much insight to Gina, who still believes that Rhyder is totally at fault and now blames him for her grandfather's death, since the marriage/annulment ruined her or something. Well, grandpa is the one who forced it and she's the one who put herself in that situation. So how is it Rhyder's fault that he didn't want to be married to her? Huh? But anydelusionalidiot, she runs into Rhyder, who inexplicably has been haunted by the memory of Gina and is determined to get her back...for some reason. We never get his POV, so we never really understand what he's thinking. In fact, we don't get much explanation of his motives or behavior at all...we're all just as surprised as Gina when he does shit. Like there at the end...when he never explains why he loves her or why he suddenly wanted her back...or explained why he'd told his parents about her...or apologized or explained away his cruel words in the beginning or his pretty shallow opinion of her currently. He just told her he loved her and wanted to stay married and that was the end. No idea why. This was definitely a train wreck, but not the good kind -more like the cringe worthy kind.

Anuradha says

Story starts off on a morally questionable note. But I found the idea of a 16 year old girl being in wide eyed awe of an older 26 year old sailor quite believable.

Poor guy finds her sweet and alluring, but at the same time knows it's up to him to keep things under control. 16 year olds are allowed to be rash and impulsive. Not that 26 is too old to be sensible, when it comes to men.

But the turbulent episode of the past ends in a face saving hasty marriage master minded by the girl's grand father. It doesn't last. The guy blames the girl and her granddad for trapping him into marriage. She thinks he married her to punish her.

The marriage is annulled even after being consummated, god knows how.

They vanish from each other's lives. Suddenly all their longings of the past resurface 9 years later. Buy now the girl is a lawyer and the guy was always rich.

Older by 9 years, but not necessarily wiser. They still attribute evil motives to each other without any logical thought. But that doesn't stop them from falling into each others arms.

The author finally decides uncontrollable lust is just love. And the leads get back together, after one of their silly misunderstandings clears out.

Ok read, I preferred their fumbling past to their stupid present.

Beth says

It's a classic seventies romance, with an alpha dude and an imperfect understanding of consent. Hint -- assaulting someone is not the same as obtaining consent! Also, children cannot give consent. It felt like a tragedy because the guy was obviously the worst thing for the girl, and yet she was doomed to end up with him.

If a guy thinks that the book Lolita is about an innocent man victimized by a rapacious female, all of his dates should start backing carefully away. Just sayin'.

Jacqueline says

lots of flashbacks and misunderstandings. not one of her better HPs
