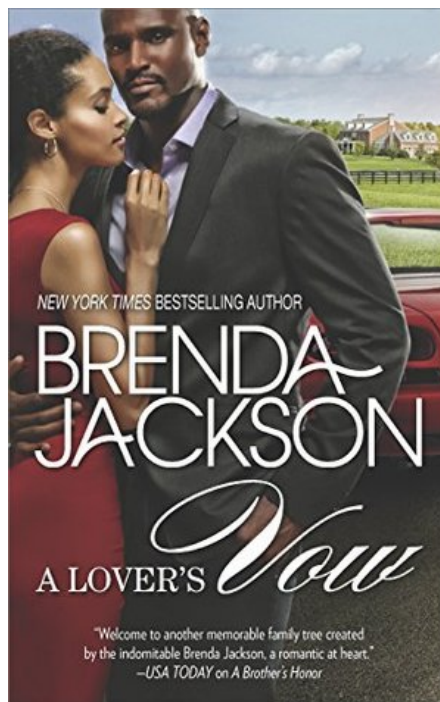




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She's all he's ever wanted. He's everything she'll ever need.

Business mogul Dalton Granger is as passionate as he is gorgeous, but private investigator Jules Bradford won't give him the time of day. She knows all about the youngest Granger brother—a charming bad boy whose only interest is playing the field.

But Dalton is more complicated than that, and he's determined to show Jules that behind all the bravado is the honest heart of a devoted son, brother...and a man whose own life is in peril.

Jules is the only person who can protect Dalton, and they embark on a mission to save his family and his legacy. But when their late nights in the office turn into early mornings in the bedroom, Jules and Dalton soon realize they have more at stake than they ever imagined.

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Mary says

Fantastic series. As always Mrs. Jackson delivers. This book answered all of our questions and was full of surprises. Great job!

Susan says

Very good book and excellent conclusion to the series. Though this one can stand alone, the first two books (A Brother's Honor and A Man's Promise) should be read for the best experience of the story. Fifteen years earlier, the brothers' mother was murdered and their father went to prison for the crime. After college, each of them left home and started their lives elsewhere, trying to escape the memories. Then their grandfather had a heart attack and they came home to fulfill his dying wish. Save the family business and prove their father's innocence.

This book covers the story of the youngest brother, Dalton. He was the closest of the three to their mother. As the youngest, he was also rather spoiled. As he got older, things came easily to him, especially the attention of women. He became quite the playboy, well known for being the "boy toy" of older women in Europe. Thanks to an amazing business sense, he also became quite wealthy. When he came home to help with the family business, he also took the opportunity to play hard.

He first encounters Jules in the first book. They meet in a bar, where she is doing something related to her work as a PI. There is instant attraction between them, but she's not impressed by his advances. She challenges him to find her and disappears. When he finally finds her, thanks to a PI of his own, he expects her to be happy about it and fall into his arms, just like all the other women do. He was not happy when she refused him. He later discovers that Jules is the sister of the woman his brother Jace has fallen in love with. Future encounters between them are awkward at best and almost always contentious.

I have to say that through the first two books and the beginning of this one, I had a real problem with Dalton. His attitude about women, that they are basically there for his pleasure, was really irritating. His treatment of Jules, just because she refused him, is that of a spoiled brat. It bugged me that every time he was in the same room with her, all he could think about was getting her into his bed, and almost every word out of his mouth had to do with getting her there. He was also constantly on his brothers about their being in love and that they have become no fun because of it. The more he talked, the more I was looking forward to him falling.

I really liked Jules. She's strong, sassy and independent. She's attracted to Dalton, but she refuses to be just another notch on his bedpost. I loved seeing her stand up to him. Her biggest problem was that it was getting harder for her to resist him, given the explosive attraction between them.

It was interesting to see that, when they decided to give in to the attraction, both assumed it was going to be a short term thing. Each of them expected it to burn out quickly, but it didn't. It was especially satisfying to see Dalton suffer. He was unable to keep her off his mind, frequently zoning out completely, and giving his brothers the chance to give him a hard time. Both he and Jules were determined to keep their involvement quiet, especially from their families. As they spent more time together I loved watching Dalton change. At first he didn't seem to notice it, and his reaction the first time she stayed over at his place was priceless. I loved seeing him finally realize that what he had with Jules was special. Jules figured out her feelings more quickly. She wanted more from Dalton, but knowing his views, didn't expect to get it. She kept trying to

work up the will to end things, but just couldn't do it. I really enjoyed the ending and the surprise of their families was fun.

The other storyline that was part of all three books, was the mystery of who really killed their mother. Threats had been made to their father while he was in prison, promising that there would be trouble if the investigation was reopened. I loved the steps he took to protect his family. It created a few amusing moments when it was discovered what he had done, but was also proved to be a good thing at the end. I loved the way that Jules decided she was going to be the one to figure it out. She is really good at what she does and uncovers some very interesting things along the way. It's really hard to figure out "whodunnit" with so many possible suspects. When it all comes together at the end there are a couple of surprises and no small amount of danger. The ending was just right.

Ka'leneReads says

GoodRead

Angela says

Arrogance, Romance, Passion and Danger is what you will find in, A Lover's Vow.

A Lover's Vow was worth the wait for a great ending to the series.

Many questions that was left unanswered in the previous books was answered as "Who killed Sylvia Granger" and "Would playboy Dalton

succumb to love. There was a great deal of surprises and twists to the

suspects list. We find out a little more about what Sylvia Granger was all about. Many players from the previous books returned with a bit of update on their story. The cat and mouse game with Dalton and Jules love/hate relationship heats up. There is so much passion between the two and the love that others see in them but they couldn't see.

Mrs. Jackson came through with this series as she always does with her books, so go out and pick up your copy of A Lover's Vow you won't regret it.

MidnightAce says

Lover's Vow is the third and last installment of The Grainger's trilogy. As you can assume it answers questions bringing the story to a close. I enjoyed all the brothers, but maybe Dalton a little more. Their personalities were typical of their positions; Jace the oldest and the voice of reason and leader, Caden the middle child tended to be in his own world and doing things his own way, and good ole Dalton, the little brother that got on everyone's nerves.....in love of course.

It kept you engaged, filled with suspense, betrayal, lies, murder and secrets that crushed a lot of families. Ms. Brenda didn't disappoint in the romance and family dynamic areas, but there was a little something added that you wouldn't normally find in a BJ book; the use of cursing. Dalton use it throughout the book, but it made him real and not far off from his keep it real character...arrogant, a brat, a womanizer, and his thinking he was a gift to the entire female population. I applaud Ms. Brenda who dared to step out of her comfort zone

to give her readers something different.

I enjoyed the relationship between Jules and Dalton, with their dominant personalities and meeting the supporting characters. I hope we haven't seen the last of this group.

If you are still trying to decide, stop, you won't be disappointed.

Tamara says

I can truly say that this book was well worth the wait. I loved how Brenda Jackson weaved us through the romance and the danger. She knew just the right amount needed for each book. This is the 3rd book in the Granger Series and brings everything home. The romance is the love/hate relationship between Dalton & Jules. As much as they hate each other they are also drawn to each other. Both of them are working on sheer determination. Dalton to get Jules in his bed and Jules to find out who is responsible for the death of Sylvia Granger. The ride with these two will be nothing short of intense. And the twist and turns that reveal the killer will have you on pins & needles. Take a minute and step into the Granger World.

Stacey Williams says

Wow!!!! I didn't see that coming!!! Great book!

Tia says

I haven't read a BJ romance this good in a while. I took off half a star for the cliches. Using the same themes in every book gets redundant. At times it took me out of the story.

*Woman with flowing shoulder length hair

*Small waist, nice round ass and firm perky breast, not big but just right

*Arrogant playboy who has never had the "best" sex until.... Now he can't sleep with anyone else.

*Man afraid to commit but sex is so good it must mean... She's the one.

*They fight the love but still have incredible sex and hope for the best.

*Oops! During all the lust and passion I forgot the condom. Damn! I never do that, ever. I no longer have a problem with the idea of her being pregnant... I think I may love her.

**Can't live without the great sex... really?

Reading these themes over and over gets old.

Thank you to Netgalley and Mira for giving me the opportunity to read and review this book.

Annie says

As always Brenda Jackson has done it again. I really enjoyed this Granger story more because of all the twist

and turns in the story. Great job Mrs. Jackson

Anita Reid says

I loved all three books, as expected this one was going to be a hit, its my favorite! I think you Brenda should write a holiday/family vacation book with the Grangers and their kids. Should be an exciting one.

Mstcat says

I loved this book!!! This is the final book in the The Grangers series and in my honest opinion it was the best. I'll will post my review soon!!

Review:

A Lover's Vow is the third and the final book in the *The Grangers* series. If you're unfamiliar with The Grangers you'll want to start at the beginning with *A Brother's Promise* as there is a mystery regarding who killed their mother. This mystery drives the story line and ties the three books together. I've enjoyed this series immensely and I'm so happy to say that *A Lover's Vow* did not disappoint! In fact, I'm inclined to say that this was the best of the three. I have to say that I'm pleasantly surprised by this. Sometimes you can anticipate a character throughout a series only to find that character fizzles once he or she gets a book of their own. No fizzle here!

I can be a bit long-winded so let me just jump into my review:

The Good

Let me start off by saying how much I loved the cover of this book. Sometimes I feel like African-American romance novels don't get the best covers, but that wasn't the case with *A Lover's Vow*. This image of Dalton doesn't quite mesh with the Dalton that I imagine, but goodness!! What a pretty man! In general, I like everything about this cover - from the color and color tone to the models. It all just blends so harmoniously. Love. It.

Dalton - Dalton is so amazingly unlike his brothers. It's one of the things that I like about this series. He isn't just a mirror image of his siblings, he's a fleshed out character who has a great deal of depth. First of all, he's amazingly spoiled. As the youngest of the family he was closest to his mother and knows things that no one else does. He's good looking, likes older women, and has spent years being a boy-toy to women in Europe. He's used to getting women without trying and is happy with the life he's created for himself. Yet, he's so much more than that also. He's the wealthiest of the brothers, as he's made wise choices and investments that have expanded his wealth beyond anything that his brothers have accomplished. He is also a man with many secrets and there's the suggestion that he may be a bit dangerous as well. To his brothers however, he is very much viewed as a spoiled and annoying kid brother who hasn't quite grown up. That's a lot of background on a character, but it's all of the reasons why I love him so much. He's perfectly imperfect and a bit of a brat.

Jules - Jules is a private investigator whose sister is married to one of Dalton's brothers (Book 1). She's smart, tough, and knows what she wants. She isn't going to be used or treated like an object by anyone. She's a strong female character that's written right! She isn't stubborn for the heck of it, or reckless just because she has something to prove. Jules is high on my list of favorite female characters of all time!

Jules and Dalton- At the start of the book these two honestly can't stand each other. They're oil and water.

They first meet in a previous book and the animosity between them is alive and thriving. Beneath that animosity there is also a good deal of lust, but neither Dalton or Jules is ready to own up to it. The best parts of this book are when these two are bubbling with sexual tension yet at each others throats.

The Family - I liked seeing other members of the ever extending Granger family. I particularly like Jules father and his blind girlfriend Mona. I wouldn't have minded reading a separate story about these two. I have a feeling that there was a lot of story that could have been told.

The Bad

Since this is a romance book, it isn't a spoiler to say these two eventually end up together. The problem for me surfaces when Dalton decided he was in love with Jules. This man talked so much trash about love and his brothers getting married that his relatively easy about face just didn't do it for me. In my opinion it would have taken more than great sex to make a man like Dalton want to settle down, so his feelings just felt out of character and a little too... cliché.

Shepard Granger - This character felt like a kingpin to me. I mean really, how does this man, who was convicted of murder, hold so much power while in prison? Because he's a good listener? Offers sage advice? He's likable?? I guess it's possible, at least on television its portrayed that way - but then isn't it the bad guys who have the power in prison? Beats me really, but it made him feel a little sleazy and like a villain even though he isn't supposed to be.

Final Thoughts

I really enjoyed this book and despite the problems that I had with certain aspects of it, I'm giving it a 5 out of 5 rating. At the end of the day it's about how much I enjoyed reading a book and I enjoyed the heck out of reading this one! I was entertained and thoroughly engrossed from start to finish.

I received a copy of this ebook from NetGalley in exchange for a fair and honest review

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Carly Ellen Kramer says

This is the first book by Brenda Jackson I've read, and I look forward to reading more by this author. This is a romance novel with a significant mystery woven into the plot. I appreciate that the mystery (involving both a murder from long ago and more recent white collar crime) was well developed, and not merely an afterthought to the romance. The only detail that didn't resonate with me was how quickly the mystery was wrapped up at the end. It actually happened so fast that I needed to reread a few pages. Otherwise, I thoroughly enjoyed this novel.

Tanishia Pearson says

NOW THAT WAS A GOOOOOOOOOD BOOK! Omg!!!! A Lover's Vow is soooo worthy of having its own day!!! I dedicated this day to this book only. Brenda Jackson expertly penned The Grangers series and this last book, A Lover's Vow exceeded my high expectations!

In Book three, questions are asked and answered. Fingers are pointed left and right and for a while everyone is a suspect. The question is posed, "Who killed Sylvia Granger?" My emotions were all over the place. The suspense had me on edge! The heat was so high it seems to have steam seeping from my kindle. Dalton

Granger is every bit of sexy, suave, and stubborn. Jules Bradford is equally beautiful and strong willed.

Questions to answer: Can these two control freaks lose control and get freaky?; Can an unlikely source solve the crime?; Will Sheppard Granger ever become a free man? The answers rest in this amazing, intriguing, and entertaining story that Brenda Jackson has written. This is no ordinary book. This very well may be the series to rival them all. If you've read the first two books then you were ready to move forward but if you haven't read them that's perfectly fine too. Brenda Jackson's strategically-placed backstory allows the reader to enjoy book three alone if necessary. Great job!!!! The is one of the best books I've read all year!! It very well may be THE BEST!! I need more than five stars to rate this book but I guess five will have to suffice!

Love2readtoo says

What a fantastic ending to this wonderful trilogy by author Brenda Jackson. This book tied up all the loose ends from the previous two books, mainly who killed Sylvia Granger and if Sheppard Granger murdered her. Well, I tell you that it all comes to a shocking revelation that you would not believe. This book was very entertaining with a lot of witty dialogue from Dalton with other characters as well as his love-hate relationship with Jules. Once you start this book you will not want to put it down.

Remember this series started with a promise from Jace, Caden and Dalton to their a dying grandfather to save the family business, Granger Aeronautics and get their father out of jail. Their father was in jail for 15 years for the murder of their mother Sylvia Granger.

With all of the curiosity of who murdered Sylvia Granger, you have sensual undertones, charismatic men, intelligent characters and a well thought out mystery being uncovered. Even if you thought you had figured it all out by the end of book two, A Man's Promise, think again, it's not what you think. My advice is to simply enjoy this story as it unfolds and not try to figure out who did it along the way because you will miss all the beauty, laughter, and drama happening between all the characters. Everyone in this book held the spot light at some point in the story, but of course DALTON light shined so much brighter. He is a very complex character that you will enjoy getting to know. Let's not forget Jules Bradford, the sexy P.I., who is on the prowl to uncover the truth about what really happened at Granger Aeronautics and how it all ties to Sheppard Granger. Can she get to the bottom of it all with Dalton on her tail too? Read...and enjoy the revelation. No spoilers here, but I will tell you this book is HOTTTTTTTT and entertaining.

Although this book was part of a trilogy, I believe you can pick this book and read it as a stand alone because Mrs. Jackson gives very good flash backs and updates of the characters and situations. However, to really want to enjoy the series, you want to start from the beginning with "A Brother's Honor" then "A Man's Promise" .

Awesome job Mrs. Jackson for writing such an amazing story line with great characters. Although this series had ended, I know these characters will pop up in another series she starts down the line.

Sarah says

I love Brenda Jackson - but the last couple of books that I have picked up by her have been trash. With this one I got so frustrated and impatient that I skipped (not flicked but actually skipped!) half the book!!

Jules and Danton have hated each other since I don't know when. They meet again at one of Danton's brothers weddings and sparks fly(of course)Now let's pause here for a moment:

Danton's way of talking to a woman and his arrogance really turned me off. I like a guy with some edge but this guy was so full of himself it's a wonder he was looking away from the mirror long enough to notice anyone ... but then you get the description of Jules - Jackson's descriptions of her heroine lead you to think she is too sexy, too curvy, too tough, too slim, too toned, ... too everything! Does a woman like this even exist??

Now, the idea of the story (apparently) is that Jules decides to investigate the death of Dantons mother. I never got too deep into that because the story hadn't started and I was already onto chapter 16 - seriously the first 16 chapters are just regular stuff about the two of them and how much they hate (no love, no hate) each other. By Chapter 17 there is FINALLY a mention of the supposed plot line - and then that dissapears because from Chapter 18-26 the pair do nothing but find usefule uses for a chair (if ya know what I mean!) Chapter 26 sees them back in the supposed real world - but by 30 they are at it again. By 30 I got so peeved that I skipped to the end of the book and discovered - nothing really.

Like I said, I love Brenda Jackson but have had a bad run with her lately - of course that won't stop me getting the next book :)
