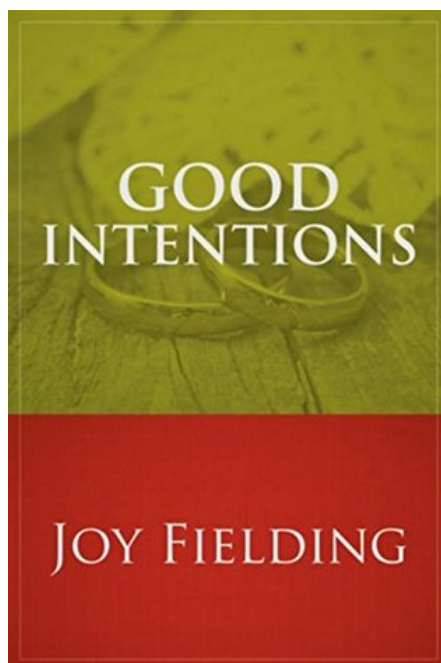




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Lynn Schuster didn't expect the phone call from Marc Cameron, the husband of the woman her own husband has recently left her for. She certainly never expected to feel such a strong attraction to him when they met and he offered her the perfect way to get even with her cheating husband. Savvy divorce lawyer Renee Bower warns Lynn to be careful. But Renee has a troubled marriage of her own: chilling suspicions about her stepdaughter's hidden agenda and her handsome psychiatrist husband's after-hours consultations. And now, as their lives unravel in counterpoint during this hot Florida summer, Lynn and Renee are learning more than they ever wanted to know about love and betrayal.

Joy Fielding is the bestselling author of the now-classic SEE JANE RUN, as well as STILL LIFE, NOW YOU SEE HER, SHADOW CREEK, WHISPERS & LIES, MAD RIVER ROAD, THE WILD ZONE, and other acclaimed novels of suspense. She divides her time between Toronto and Palm Beach, Florida.

"Buoys the spirits of anyone going through divorce."

--*Chicago Tribune*

"Perceptive."

--*Publishers Weekly*

"The pace is brisk and the appeal and underlying strength of Lynn and Renee prevails. Another Fielding popular favourite."

--*Library Journal*

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Ino says

I'm Screaming with joy here! Read this book as a 10 year old kid and I have been looking for it ever since. I searched through countless goodreads lists and now I've found it! I love that Renee was strong enough to leave and for that alone it gets my five stars. There are not enough stories that end a clearly hopeless situation. Now it's time for me to binge read Joy Fielding books. It's

Kanade no Seikatsu says

Obwohl viele negative Meinungen über das Buch existieren, muss ich sagen, dass mir 'Verworrene Verhältnisse' gut gefallen hat. Natürlich muss man dabei auch bedenken, dass die Autorin wahrscheinlich eher für ihre Thriller als ihre Romane bekannt ist und gerade dieses Werk mehr als 20 Jahre auf dem Buckel hat. Genauso sollte man es im Endeffekt aber auch bewerten.

Der Schreibstil ist flüssig, wenn auch aufgrund meiner alten Auflage etwas veraltet, aber das stört keineswegs den Lesefluss. Ich hatte immer das Gefühl, die Handlung würde genau vor mir stattfinden, anstatt nur darüber zu lesen.

Die beiden Protagonistinnen sind interessant und tiefgründig gestaltet, jede der beiden Frauen hat ihre eigenen Probleme, Charakterzüge und vergangene Erlebnisse, die sie dementsprechend geprägt haben. Einen Kritikpunkt möchte ich aber dazu anmerken, denn obwohl beide, auch die Teilschuld an Entwicklungen im Buch - auf die ich nicht näher eingehen möchte - tragen, wirkt es eher so, als wären die Männer die Sündenböcke für alles. Das beginnt schon am Anfang, als Lynns Mann sie wegen einer anderen Frau verlässt und zieht sich bis zum Ende des Buches hin. Hier hinterlässt der (wenn auch nicht absichtlich eingebrachte Feminismus) einen schalen Geschmack im Mund. Natürlich muss man, um dies zu bemerken, zwischen den Zeilen lesen, aber welcher begeisterte Leser tut dies nicht?

Die Vergangenheit von Lynn und Renee hätte man noch viel viel mehr ausbauen können und gerade einige Konflikte bleiben am Ende des Buches ungelöst, was mich persönlich etwas stört, jedoch ist die Geschichte an sich abgeschlossen.

Für alle Fans der Autorin, die auch einmal ein etwas anderes Werk zur Hand nehmen möchten, kann ich diese leichte Lektüre empfehlen.

Yasmine says

3 stars ...

But I enjoy reading it quiet a lot... That caracter who called Rynee i guess , remained me of my self.

Lynda says

A divorce lawyer endured abuse at home unaware her strength, confidence, and independence was

undermined by her husband's highly inflated ego, cheating, and controlling ways. Manipulated by her husband and stepdaughter her self-esteem was diminished until she faced reality. One of her active clients, a social worker encountered difficulties with her soon to be ex-husband as he controlled his wife with threats and manipulation. In the end both women took the steps needed to gain control over their own lives and futures.

The pace was slow which allowed the story to unfold revealing gradually the steps needed before the women reacted and responded to their situations. A quiet story with big results.

Linda L says

Good heavens, what a huge number of unlikeable people; parents, children, friends, etc etc. All in one book. Fielding could have spread them out a bit. That psychiatrist was a flawed human being, and his chunky-chocolate-bar wife was also awful. The social worker was a good person, but thought everything to death!! So what if she "hurt" the guy who walked out on her!! And that brat of a stepdaughter needed to be sent to reform school. The parents of Renee and Kathryn were also awful. Kathryn was truly ill -- but I think maybe she got cured after she confessed her "terrible" secret. Suzette's husband was the only normal one in the bunch. Well, as close to it as anyone. Strange book.

Louise says

Another enjoyable book by Fielding!!

"She knew she was in trouble the minute she saw him.

'Lynn Schuster?' he asked as she slowly opened the front door.

'Marc Cameron?' she asked in return. They both nodded. Good, Lynn thought, stepping back to let him come inside. We know who we are. 'Come in,' she said, guiding him toward her living room.

He carefully observed all the niceties of the first time visitor; her home was lovely; it was nice of her to agree to see him, especially under the circumstances; he hoped he wasn't inconveniencing her at all. Could he tell she was lying? Why was he here? Why had she agreed to see him?

Marc Cameron's wife had just run off with her husband. Lynn could only assume Marc was as injured, angry, and confused as she was. Now, facing him across the room, feeling her tense body betray her with the undeniable softening of attraction, the thought crossed her mind: this is not exactly a healthy beginning for a relationship."

Michelle says

Well, what can I say other than I feel like I have lost quite a few hours in my life that would have been much more productive if they weren't spent reading this book.

To me it was just Boring (yep, that's right, with a capital 'B') and it wasn't until the final 20 or so pages that anything seemed to finally happened. Even then what did happen was extremely predictable and totally uninspiring.

It's a shame because I am normally a fan of Joy Fielding and have read a few of her other books so was extremely disappointed in the result of this one. I felt like I was reading the diary entries of two boring and lonely women who really just needed a kick up the you know what to get with the program and change their

awful lives and it unfortunately took the entire book for this to happen.
Oh well, you can't always read something that will blow your mind I guess.

Amy says

I thought this one was alright. Not the best one by her...

Joey Glennon says

Meh

Kara Hansen says

3.5 stars. I always enjoy Joy Fielding's novels, and this one was good and fast paced. This wasn't so much a psychological thriller as it was a fast-paced drama. There were a couple of scenarios that I felt were left with no answers or explanations. All in all a good book!

Nina Draganova says

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Karschtl says

In diesem Buch werden parallel zwei Stories erzählt.
Die eine handelt von Lynn, Sozialarbeiterin und kürzlich verlassene Mutter mit zwei Kindern. Eines Abends ruft sie ein Mann an, sie müssen sich mal unterhalten. Über ihre jeweiligen Ex-Ehepartner, die nun zusammen sind. Lynn ist nicht wirklich erfreut über dieses Treffen, aber irgendwas fesselt sie doch an diesem Mark, der ihrem Ex ziemlich ähnlich sieht. Und es kommt zu weiteren Treffen.
Das dies gar nicht gut für ihr laufendes Scheidungsverfahren ist, warnt sie ihre Anwältin Renee.

Renee ist die Protagonistin der zweiten, für mich sehr viel spannenderen Geschichte. Auf den ersten Blick sieht sie wie eine erfolgreiche Anwältin mit einem umwerfend aussehenden Ehemann an ihrer Seite aus. Glück, was willst du mehr. Doch so langsam zeigt sich, wie sehr ihr Mann mittlerweile ihr Leben bestimmt, wie sie sich von der selbstbewußten Frau von vor 6 Jahren in eine unsichere übergewichtige und (nicht ohne

Grund) eifersüchtige Frau verwandelt hat. Doch Philip ist nicht ihr einziges Problem: da gibt es noch ihre Stieftochter Debbie, die ihr die Sommer regelmäßig zur Hölle macht, ihre Schwester Kathryn die nach dem Tod ihres Mannes jeden Lebensmut verloren hat und ihre Eltern, von denen sie sich nie geliebt fühlte. Mit all dem muss Renee endlich ins Reine kommen.

Ich fand es eigentlich ganz gut, dass hier zwei Stories nebenher erzählt wurden, so hatte man zwischendurch immer mal wieder etwas Zeit, um sich 'zu entspannen', und man musste sich nicht die ganze Zeit drüber ärgern, was dieser Philip doch für ein Arschloch ist. Eigentlich komisch, dass selbst starke Frauen wie Renee an der Seite mancher Männer sich zu unsicheren Mauerblümchen entwickeln. Im Job kann sie anderen Männern gegenüber so hart sein, aber zu Hause... Da müssen ihr erst die Augen geöffnet werden.

Ruba Sabban says

i feel like all I've ever read is garbage this is my #1 favorite book -sorry feariewalker you'll always be #1 in fiction-, all i ever want is to live inside this book.

the real question what women want? this book without any noise, leave it to Fielding to please a woman to the max.

you can see women from every aspect in this book, Lynn is living divorce, new attraction and having children in between but she's very smart and hard chore, Renee is living the marriage -a dying one-, the stepdaughter from hell, the sister and great career.

i saw everything, i felt everything in my own little world in the novel,
and i love it, them.

Gary is typical, Philip i hate which is not surprising, Marc i love, order me one of these please, if i ever decide to get married i want me one like him even if he's divorced with two kids and an unsteady income.
best book, best author, me read, me love, me adore.

Ifeoma Onyejekwe says

This is such a well written book. Few books have really had all my emotions involved and this is one of them. The authorship is on par with the likes of Sidney Sheldon. I was so angry reading the book because thoughts of real women I knew who have gone through so much with men kept passing through my head and I still find it hard to understand why women stay in toxic relationships and take so much nonsense from men. This book should be a recommended read for women in toxic relationships so they can take a cue from Renee and finally have the strength to get their lives back.

shalla says

The least favorite joy fielding book I read, I kept hoping there would be something good in there, some action or something..and the last couple chapters it got a bit better, for the most part though..not good.
