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Dr. Ethan Tulane is juggling more than even his type A personality can handle. Between his new job as chief of surgery and learning to be a dad to Simon, his adopted son, Ethan is desperate. Enter Megan Rose, the temporary nanny. Simon bonds instantly with her, which makes Ethan heave a sigh of relief—even as he notices she's very good-looking.

It's not long before they're exploring those sparks between them. Megan might be the one woman he could have forever with. Too bad there's something she's not sharing—something that could send her to the door before he can talk commitment. Ethan can't let that happen, so it's time for the big guns—letting Simon persuade her!

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Saly says

We finally get Ethan's book, the eldest Tulane, the surgeon who after being passed up for promotion went to work for Doctor's Without Borders and returned changed and injured with a five year old traumatized boy Simon.

To be honest I found Ethan to be lack-luster, he didn't seem to have much personality. The heroine Megan has suffered a lot in life and is Jen's older sister(His Son's Teacher), she comes to Jen at the end of her rope to apologize and find a safe roof but instead Ethan takes her in.

Jen was such a good character in her book but I hated her here, she was so mean, I get it you didn't get along as sisters, Meg was spoiled and pretty but your sister was ill, living in her car and telling you she had been beaten and you behave badly?Family should matter.

Meg had always been jealous of Jen who had been allowed to do whatever she wanted instead of being told you're only pretty and pushed into activities or used as a cover for her father's infidelities and as far as the boyfriend grabbing went Meg had suffered more than enough, the only reason she did it was to save Jen and she ended up being raped and pregnant and married to a guy who loved to abuse her.

Ethan recognizes the signs of being abused but allows Meg her space while hiring her as Simon's nanny since he seems to open up to her. Meg makes Ethan see his faults when it comes to Simon.

It took Meg's ex to make Jen believe in her sister and I hated that.

TheAgileReader says

I have to agree with some of the other reviewers. Large personality changes from one book to the other in this series. This book would have probably been better had I not read *His Son's Teacher* first. Jennifer changed completely and became very whiny, controlling, and unforgiving. Really destroyed my liking of her and almost stopped *His Son's Teacher* from being one of my top favorite books. I am just going to pretend that this book didn't exist.

The main romance is good but it took a backseat to my frustration and that is the reason I rate this two stars.

The UHQ Nasanta says

I'll be completely frank. If it weren't for the fact that I wanted to find out why Simon was having trouble adjusting and why Megan had done in the past what she had done, this would have been a Did-Not-Finish book for me. I knew it by the first fifth of this book. The sad part is that I had wanted to read Ethan's book after reading Jennifer and Nick's book in *His Son's Teacher*. Too bad Jennifer seemed to be completely out of character in *Simon Says Mommy* and destroyed whatever desire I had left in wanting to enjoy this book.

I understand that Jennifer and Megan had a lot of baggage from an unconventional childhood that involved sibling rivalry and poor parental support and role model, but I did not think that it warranted such obstinate

hostility that Jennifer evinced throughout most of the book. I started off feeling dismayed by her evident animosity and refusal to try to accept the peace offering from Megan. What we were told about their childhood did not adequately explain the reason for Jennifer's insistence that Megan cannot be trusted, is bad news, and that everyone she loved would be better off without Megan around. That is why, my dismay quickly turned into active dislike, which is a shame because I didn't think she was such a terrible heroine in *His Son's Teacher*. To add insult to injury, it was her first interaction with Ethan in *His Son's Teacher* that had made me want to read Ethan's book. I'm feeling a bit bitter and disappointed about it now.

It didn't help matters when her reaction to being told that her ex-boyfriend (and Megan's ex-husband) had hit her sister, after shock, was, "So what? You still stole my boyfriend." Likely she doubted the veracity of this claim but as mentioned before, the author failed to provide a satisfactory reason for Jennifer's insistence that her older sister is a lying, manipulative witch, I had trouble accepting that Jennifer had a good reason to continue doubting and being upset (even if she happened to be in a particularly emotional condition).

Yes, it's true. A secondary character destroyed the book for me.

Not only was I upset about Jennifer's hostility towards Megan, I started getting really ticked off with the whole "we-are-family;we-protect-our-own" mentality of the Tulanes. Yes, Nick, I'm looking at you. Loyalty and protection of family is great, but either there is an excess of that going around in the connected romance books, or I've just been reading too many of them. Granted, Nick wasn't too happy about being in the doghouse with Jennifer upset but as much as I was starting to dislike Jennifer, his "talk" with Megan just added fuel to the fire.

I thought that the author did quite well portraying Megan as the victim of domestic violence. It took Megan a while to trust Ethan, even after living with him and experiencing gentleness from him. I thought it was rather believable, especially when we see that Megan having panic attacks or difficulty trusting Ethan despite his gentleness. As we learn, Megan has not had a good history of trustworthy men.

I thought it was sweet that Megan saw herself reflected in Simon. They were both victims of violence and struggling to put themselves back together. Simon didn't speak much but I let it pass with the excuse that he was a traumatized and confused 5-year-old.

As for Ethan? Although he remained nice, he kind of fizzled for me.

I did not particularly care for how the book ended. It was all too pat and nice. The irony was fine but it was just too much for me.

This is my third Kay Stockham book, and my ratings have gone from average, to okay, to the lowest of all. I am not entirely certain I want to continue reading her. Apparently, her books just aren't for me.

PS: As an aside, my sister, who really wanted to read the rest of the Tulane books, is reading this now and she commented in surprise, "I don't remember Jennifer being this mean."

Pagan says

Rating: 3/10

Poor - Okay

Bad Points:

-Anticlimatic ending.

-Didn't go into great depth of her abuse, two miscarriages or rape.
-Never explains how or why Megan can speak fluent French.

Karen says

I thought it was an okay book, nice plot but the ending could've been a little more dramatic then it was.
Kinda typical girls escapes bad relationship starts a new one, patches things up with sister but a quick read.

Brandy says

What can I say about this book? I liked Megan and her wounded self. She was an abused woman in the run and at her last resort. Over the course of the book we see her learn to trust and grow. Figure out that she can't keep running. What I didn't like was her little sister Jennifer. What an unforgiving snot. It surprised me that I've read Jennifer's book, HIS SON'S TEACHER. I even rated it a 4. Thank goodness I didn't remember it at the time.

I really wasn't too interested in the love story between Ethan and Megan. I was invested in Megan and seeing her growth and interactions with Simon.

M says

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bookonboard.com kay stockham writes another great contemporary romance. this book continues telling the story of the Tulane family. A loving family that has issues to overcome. In this story Ethan comes home from Africa injured and troubled. He meets up with Megan sister of Jenn from previous book in the series. She is also scarred and misunderstood by her sister. In the end they come together and heal each other. read this book if you want a nice story with a happy ending.
