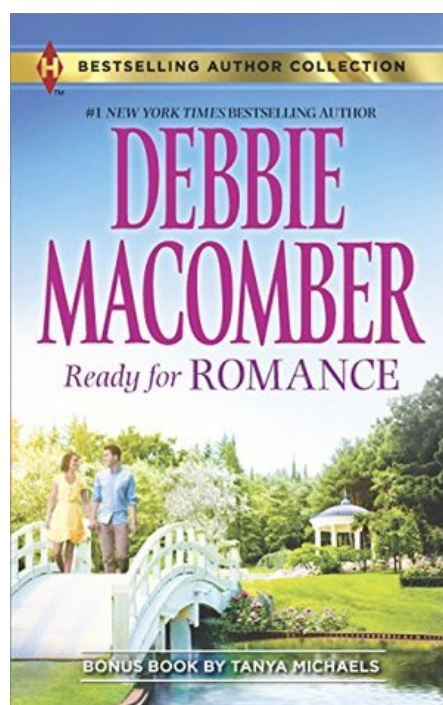




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RIGHT PLACE, WRONG BROTHER

At fourteen, Jessica Kellerman was madly in love with Evan Dryden, one of the boys next door, much to the amusement of both their families. Now, ten years later, she's about to start working for the Dryden brothers, Evan and Damian. But no one will let her forget her girlish crush, and Jessica finds it frustrating in the extreme. Because she's in love with a Dryden, all right—Damian, not Evan. And this time she knows it's not puppy love, it's the real thing.

How is she supposed to convince Damian of her true feelings when he's still trying to push her toward his brother?

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joy in wonderland says

Jessica, heroine, has a big crush over Evan Dryden during her teenage years... witness to this infatuation are her family so as well Dryden's family including---Damian Dryden!

Ok, to cut the story short the item here is Jessica and Damian... it's about Jessica developing a feeling for Damian while Damian setting her up to her younger brother, Evan (which currently broken-hearted, and has his own book "Ready for Marriage").

Damian try to deny whatever is developing between him and Jessica. He was thinking he was doing the right thing, when all along he's the one who needs Jessica badly haha.

What I really like about the story was basically the lines thrown out to each other. It's not that complicated as how it seems to be... Uhm though I would like to mention that Evan didn't appeal me at all---(sigh) err he's quite annoying and somewhat his background story err quite boring for me. Though in the end he was like the guy who really knock the hero and heroine, making them realize how much they mean to each other.

Pamela Devereux says

Jessica was a 14 yr old girl with a crush on Evan, her next door neighbor. She would call the house phone & hang up. She would write all kinds of love letters but never sign her name. Then one day she is caught by the older brother putting lipstick kisses on his car mirrors. Now she is going on an interview with Damian for a law clerk position. They talk & he hires her. The reason being that Evan has been in a funk & the family is worried about him. He won't talk. They are hoping seeing she had a crush on him, she could get through to him. The only problem she is falling for Damian. By all accounts he feels the same way only Evan comes first. It seems the moms are plotting also. They have Evan & Jessica already married off. Then one night at a Red Sox's game, Evan turns sad. They leave. Jessica insists he tell her about Mary Jo. Evan tells her everything, including he bought her an engagement ring. Then everything fell apart & he doesn't know why. She claims she saw her old boyfriend, fell in love again & married him. As they are seen about town, they know nothing serious is happening. She meets her mom for lunch and her mom is wearing a face she knows all to well. Only Evan mother also shows up. They know they need to back off. That is when Lois says Evan is much better but is now worried about Damian. She thinks it is about a woman. Jessica is thinking not her. That is when Lois slips about Mary Jo. She told her Evan needs to be married to the right woman. It explains so much. So the next day, Jessica shows up at the boat to go sailing. As she is putting the groceries away, she hears Evan arguing with someone. It seems he invited Damian along. They are below deck arguing when Evan asked if Damian has told her he loved Jessica yet. Damian said Jessica was his. They are going back & forth like she is not there. Finally Evan says, I love her like a sister. As they turn the boat around, first stop is to tell the parents. The men are confused, the women are confused and then happy to finally being able to plan a wedding. Now they are married & expecting their first child. Damian tells Evan he has been offered a judge position. As they are congratulating one another, Earl Kress has come to see Evan. Evan won his case against the school district who kept promoting him, even tough he couldn't read. When he got hurt in college, he lost his scholarship. It seems Earl is volunteering for a school reading program run by Mary Jo Summerhill. Evan said I thought she was married. Not to his knowledge. Earl leaves & Damian comes back asking what Earl wanted. Evan states out loud that Mary Jo is not married. Damian asks what are you going to do about it? All Evan does is smile. Can't wait to read his story.

Ipshita says

I think I would have liked it more if the story was a little longer. As it is, the story could have done with a little more details about young Jessica's crush for the wrong brother. The story seemed to sprint through the first half, not bothering with the construction of well-rounded characters and the supporting cast came out as flat and bland.

I would have liked to know even a little about when and why Damian falls for Jessica but that was sorely lacking. Except for the few passionate kisses, Jessica and Damian are mostly shown skirting around one another than trying to be together which made me perceive their romance as more superficial than emotional.

It's okay as a short read, but felt more like a novella than a proper novel.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

She crushed on neighbor
Grown, she likes older brother
Will he accept her?

Really drew me in
I felt all their angst and pain
Well drawn characters

Samantha Parry says

Cheesy and predictable.

Di Schlenk says

i read the followup book in this mini series before this one so knew the outcome before I began this book, another winner by the Queen of romance.

Beverley says

I was disappointed in this story. I felt Debbie Macomber wrote this one while sleeping. The character development was mediocre and the main character Jessica, was an irritating woman. She was very wishy-washy and bent to whoever spoke; if someone said jump, she asked how high. Usually Debbie's female characters are strong women with strong personalities, but this Jessica, she was as limp as a dish rag. There

was also no exploration into the male characters, they felt very flat and boring. It was a very short read that should have been expanded.

There was a 2nd story by Tanya Michaels called, Mother to Be. This story was much longer and was an interesting read. I enjoyed how the story took place in 3 sections - 1st trimester, 2nd trimester and 3rd trimester. I would have liked the main male character to have been a bit more developed, but overall, it was an enjoyable read.

Michelle (MichelleBookAddict) says

Ready for Romance by Debbie Macomber

A quick short love story. The story reminded me a little of the movie **Sabrina** with Audrey Hepburn. Damian is the older brother. *sigh*

A typical Macomber romance and a nice happy ending. Girl has a crush on the younger Dryden brothers. Girl grows up and then falls in love with the older brother. Hence why this reminded me of the movie. But it's got a slight modern version - the girl, Jessica, is a legal assistant and works for big company lawyers Damian and Evan.

I liked this and will definitely add to my favorites list. Just thought the whole "does she/ he love me?" banter was a little too much. And it is outdated, but that's no surprise as this was first published in 1993.

Ready for Romance goes along with her *Ready for Marriage* in a **Ready for Love** compilation. Romance follows Damian and Jessica's relationship. Really liked these characters. Damian the most. Loved him.

The other short story, *Marriage*, follows Evan and Mary Jo's relationship. But I got the idea with what happened and will come of their relationship with just reading *Ready for Romance*. They didn't shine enough for me to read their story in *Ready for Marriage*.

Glenda L says

A truly good little romance that only Debbie Macomber can write. It was really a no-brainer, but a very relaxing read. We all need to read one of these once in awhile. Not great, but good.

Allison says

I was amazingly frustrated at how wishy-washy all of the characters were in this book. There were way too many misunderstandings - and if the main characters would have had an actual conversation about the supposed love triangle, this book would have been over in 20 pages instead of 200. Not my cup of tea overall.

Idania M says

i really like this book.

Cheryl Schneider says

I know romance books are well known for implausible situations, but this one was just too much for me. The characters were flat, and I found myself thinking, more than once, "who would actually think that way??" Disappointed, especially as much as I usually enjoy this author.

Nancy says

Clean Romance.

The Dryden Brothers Series. Book 1.

Romance Green.

Leticia Vega says

I liked it. This is a retelling of "Sabrina". If you've seen the movie (either version) then you'll know exactly what and how the story will unfold. As such it's predictable, but IMO it was still entertaining. I do wish Macomber would have dug a little deeper and added a few unexpected elements, or introduced more substance to the characters, but overall like the movies "Sabrina" the story is more snack than a four course dinner. But that's OK sometimes. This was a nice easy escape.

Vera says

When Jesssica was very young had a crush on Evan, so when she decides she is over that the brother she really has feeling for is Damian the older brother nobody believes her.
