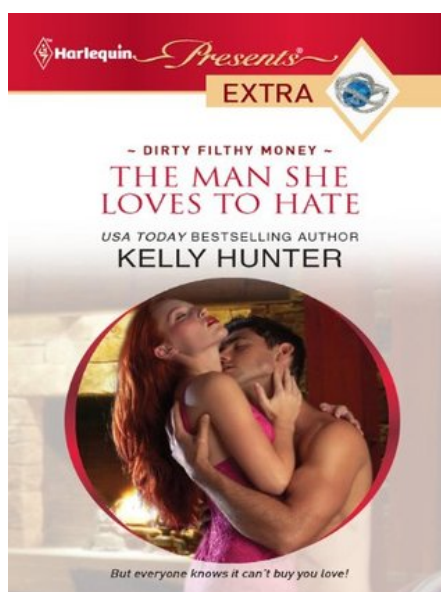




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Three reasons to keep away from Cole Rees...

1. My mom had a scorching affair with his dad--just think how awkward that "meet the family" would be...
2. His arrogance drives me mad--he might be a gorgeous billionaire, but I hate how he knows it!
3. Every time he touches me I go up in flames...and it's utterly terrifying.

Come on, a fling with the man I love to hate? Like that would ever work out...

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From Reader Review The Man She Loves To Hate for online ebook

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

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I have tears in my eyes as I write this because the ending of this story was so beautiful, romantic and it made me feel like I needed to hug somebody. I simply had to write this review right away. If a reader is looking for a book with characters they can believe in, then The Man She Loves to Hate is a winner.

The title can be a bit misleading, making a reader think it's going to be full of angst, darkness and over the top conflict. It's not. In fact, it's about hope, redemption, determination and a celebration of life. Oh don't get me wrong, there is a deep emotional conflict that colors and influences some of the actions in the book but what I found gratifying is the hero and heroine not succumbing to its poison. I am thrilled that Ms. Hunter wrote a story that is focused on two people falling in love in spite of and despite the past, the community perception of the heroine and the legacy of the hero's father.

I loved how the author set up Jolie and Cole to meet again later in life in a situation that stripped away all of those nasty lies and gave them an almost clean slate to work with. It was the first time either saw each other for who they really were or who they could be, if they could only break the shackles of their mutual painful past. And what I liked was their willingness to try. That took guts, courage and of course, a healthy dose of lust and passion didn't exactly hurt.

I liked Jolie a lot. I got the biggest kick out of her job. What a fun profession, although it's clear from the book that she worked hard at it and it's not without challenges as well as triumphs. She got there on her own through sheer determination and grit. The heroine is a strong character despite her internal doubts and insecurity. Jolie hides them well but the reader will see so much more. I enjoyed the creative outlet that the author gave the heroine when emotions were at a fevered pitch. It was insightful, fascinating and actually entertaining. And I adored (and I know I wore a loopy grin) when Cole made his comment about how he wanted one of the pictures to look.

As for Cole, I have to give the guy credit. Okay, more like Ms. Hunter, because she created a character worth rooting for, and worth admiring. Cole knows the score. So much is at stake and it's not just his heart. And yet, the blinders come off throughout the course of the story and his worth as a hero grew before my eyes. He used to be just as cynical and condemning as the rest of his family and peers until that fateful day. His whole world turned on its axis when he figured out that the situation wasn't exactly what he was told. Since he was a kid, he'd been hurting inside – bleeding for what he thought was lost. As an adult, Cole found out some truths and I was so proud of him when he stood up for what he knew was right and for what he wanted. It was such a powerful moment in the book and Ms. Hunter did it justice.

The ending and wrap up is what bowled me over. Everything that happened before fed into that ending making it one of the most poignant and beautiful reunions of two lovers ever. The dialogue, the passion, and the vibrant feelings - the author brought them all to life, and it left me blubbering into a tissue with happy tears misting my eyes.

There was even humor and my favorite part was the shower stall. Those poor tiles - what a genius idea! And then there was the part in the gondola – Jolie was so cheeky. What fun.

The Man She Loves to Hate is a huggable and lovable book. Romance readers are in for a treat while they watch two unlikely people fall in love against all odds with a passion and honesty that will stand the test of

time. Ms. Hunter has written a book that touched my heart. If this is a sample of her consistent writing style, then I want more. I enjoyed her voice and the way she told this story. I guarantee that I'll be looking for additional books from this talented author.

Duchess Nicole says

Great storyline. I would have loved to read it as a longer novel. I adore reading about a couple that knew each other long ago and now have a chance to ignite something they couldn't 'way back when.' I didn't think I would like Cole because of the way he treated Jolie when they were younger. But you come to find it was more than just self preservation.

Jolie has lived in the shadow of her mother's affair with a very rich, very influential, and very married man who is also the father of her best friend and her blooming first crush, the best friend's brother. When the affair comes to light, she and her mother are shunned. Through no fault of her own, Jolie is forced into a friendless existence. Then Cole gets a chance to redeem himself, and the chance to find out what he really pushed away all those years ago.

I don't usually read these shorter romances, as I like to be really involved. This was still a lot better than I expected it to be. While I could have read quite a bit more about the people involved in the story, I felt very engaged in both main characters. And I guess if I'm saying that I wanted more, that's a good thing, right?

RLA says

Jolie, the heroine, has returned to her hometown to help comfort her mother after her long term lover passed away. Although Jolie loves her mother, she has always hated the fact that her lover was a married man and the father of her former best friend, Jolie has faced a lot of scorn over her mothers actions as well. As a favour to her mother she goes up to collect some of her mothers stuff from the ski cabin that belonged to him, however she gets stranded on the mountain after an avalanche with the hero Cole, who is the son of her mothers lover and someone who hates Jolie. Cole is forced to change his opinion of Jolie after she saves him in the snow storm, he also finds himself very attracted to her and one thing leads to another and they begin an affair. Jolie has spent her life being judged by her mothers actions and is reluctant to make her and Cole's affair public, and Cole is also concerned about the reaction to it, but realises that his feelings for Jolie may be deeper than he realised.

Kelly Hunter has written a fantastic book here, with a really great twist on the 'forbidden love' theme. The confusion that both characters felt about their feelings for each other feels very real, and the message that love isn't always easy and people aren't perfect made the book very believable. Jolie is a fantastic female character, her strength and shyness are traits that gave her such depth and made me really like her. The whole book has a very passionate mood, and the chemistry between the characters, not to mention the love-scenes, sizzle!

A great book.

Oh, one last thing, I do wish the back cover blurb was different, I really don't like it and it actually put me off reading it. Obviously this is not down to the author and has no effect on my enjoyment of the story.

Originally posted at <http://everyday-is-the-same.blogspot....>

Jacqueline says

Another winner from Kelly Hunter. If you just ignore the little continuity errors that concern their ages at various points in the book, this is a great story. The characters seem so real as do the emotions. There are some amusing moments and the physical connection between Jolie and Cole is very hot. The hero is a great guy who sees what he wants and refuses to listen to any reasoning that doesn't get him the heroine. The whole story line about their parents being involved in an affair was different and I thought it was handled well. The writing was super as always from KH and I continue to wish she would move up to the regular mass market world.

Emily says

Jolie grew up treated with the town judging her for her Mothers affair with a well known and wealthy resident. At the time it didn't matter that she was best friend with his daughter or admired his older son, they all shunned her as if she too were equally involved in the affair. Jolie became a strong woman and despite the constant rumors she was stunningly beautiful and could draw any man to her web, she was far from the rumored truth.

Years later Cole Rees is still angry with the aftermath of his fathers affair, now that he has passed he begins to realize that the accusations he made towards Jolie were unfair and untrue. The more he gets to know the woman, the harder he falls for the sensual beauty who has laid claim to his heart.

I thought this was a charming read, kind of a pride and prejudice style of book. There is a lot left in the book that could lead to another book.

Jess the Romanceaholic says

This is a Quickie Review. For the full review, please visit [The Romanceaholic](#).

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Okay the official blurb is pretty awful. While it covers the main points, it almost makes the book seem as though it will have a first person POV and it most decidedly does not.

When Jolie Tanner was young, her best friend Hannah Rees suddenly turned on her at the urging of her brother Cole, without so much as an explanation. So, too, did all of her other friends at school. Unable to understand what she had done to cause all of her friends to shun her, she went crying to her mother, only to

discover that her mother was the cause of the problem. You see, her mother was having an affair with a married man — James Rees, Hannah's father.

For the rest of her years, Jolie was treated as the daughter of a whore, fighting a reputation that she'd never earned and certainly didn't deserve. The fact that she was the spitting image of her mother — gorgeous, redheaded, and innately sensual — only made things worse for Jolie.

Now a talented graphic artist, she has built a modest life for herself relying on her own hard work and talent. When James dies, she travels up to his old ski lodge to retrieve her mother's items from the cabin before his family is forced to see them. Of course, things are never as simple as we might want them to be, and on the way down the mountain, not only is there a brutal snowstorm blowing in, but she must share the last ski gondola with the last man on earth who could tolerate her presence — Cole Rees, the son of the man whose marriage her mother wrecked so many years ago.

Trying (and failing) to hide her identity from Cole, their animosity and resentment towards each other reaches a boiling point just as the storm raging outside reaches its own peak, and their gondola crashes to the ground during an avalanche. Wounded and at risk for hypothermia, they reluctantly join forces to reach the safety of one of the ski outposts before they freeze to death.

Emotions are running high, and neither can resist the sparks of attraction crackling between them, and in the short wait for their rescuers, both are not only blindsided by the level of passion they find together, but also by the realization of just how much they've misjudged one another.

But can Cole and Jolie put aside the hostilities of the past, and build a future together when it will only bring pain to their families?

In the end, I absolutely adored this one. A beautiful heroine who knows that she's attractive but is also painfully shy and despises the reaction that her looks attract was quite appealing, and of course, the Enemies to Lovers ploy is an all-time favorite of mine. There was also something lushly sensual about this book despite the fact that there were few graphic love scenes, and watching Jolie's mother quietly grieving for her dead lover was strangely poignant even though I couldn't help but to disapprove of her actions.

Recommended for fans of enemies who fall in love, heroines with an undeserved bad reputation and the cynicism that goes along with it, and selfish heroes who recognize that while sometimes you can't have it all, you can have what's most important to you.

A very solid 4.5/5 Stars

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

I truly loved this book. I was worried, because all my friends raved, and I didn't want to be disappointed. But I can truly see why this is a hit. The depth of character, the intensity and emotion, the freshness, and the humor. I loved how this romance unfolded, the manner in which Jolie and Cole come back into each other's lives as adults and get the chance to make a go of a relationship together. Their relationship wasn't just about sex. It was about two people who met each other's emotional needs and wanted to be loved for who they were, not who everyone assumed they were.

I loved that Cole and Jolie were so nuanced. Both of them suffered blows from their parents' affair, twelve years' worth. Both cast in the roles of villains because of the fact that they were the children of an adulterous

pair. I thought I'd dislike Cole after what he did to Jolie when they were teens. He seemed kind of cold and arrogant at first, but pretty soon, I could see that he had to make a show of being tough to get through years of what his father had visited on his family. I have to say I loved him. I especially loved how he took a stand for Jolie numerous times. He turns out to be her Shining Knight and he slew more than a few dragons for her. And his proposal was gorgeous! As for Jolie, she's my favorite Harlequin Presents heroine now! A real woman in every way. A woman I admired and cared about. I loved that Jolie set Cole straight and faced him head on. He scared her, but she was brave enough to say what needed saying. I was telling her "Bravo" loud and clear. I knew I adored Jolie at that point. I identified with her shyness, but her ability to do what needed doing. Sometimes you don't get to choose to hide. You have to stand tall and fight. At the same time, I could understand how things got too much, and she had to run back to her corner. The process of Jolie going through her epiphany about her relationship with Cole was so beautifully written, my heart completely engaged. I think it took a lot of bravery to go to the party with Cole, and to face Hannah and call Christina the way she did.

I think adultery is about one of the worst things a married person can do to a family. I hate it, and I have personal reasons for doing so. I find it very hard to deal with this plot element, and I really hate when adultery is trivialized, brushed off, or rationalized. It's wrong to me, end of story. I like that Kelly Hunter doesn't try to justify Rachel or James' behavior, but neither does she demonize them. Instead they are portrayed as humans with frailties, and hopes and dreams. And Christina Rees, the wife that was cheated on, isn't just a martyr. She does her share of hurting others as well.

I honestly can't find a thing wrong with this story. It made for an involving, entertaining, emotional read. I fell in love with Jolie and Cole as individuals and a couple. I felt their pain, and their joy. And that makes for a five star read for me!

Ana says

Cole Reese and Jolie Tanner have an unfortunate history. Cole's father and Jolie's mother had a long term affair that everyone in their town was aware of. It didn't help that Cole's mother did everything in her power to make things difficult for Jolie.

So when Jolie hears she'll be sharing a gondola ride down the mountain with Cole she is less than thrilled. It would've been bearable if it weren't from the avalanche and the snowstorm. It's one thing to stay civilized and polite during a ten minute ride and a totally different story when you're stranded together and have to share body heat so you could stay warm. With close proximity sparks come along. And they are hard to resist.

Cole spent most of his life trying to prove that he's not his father. It really doesn't help he fell for the daughter of his father's mistress. He's a bit self-centered and compromise isn't something he understands, but he's also patient and gentle and willing to fight for something, or someone, he wants.

The only thing Jolie wants to do is to get away from all the people that know of her mother's relationship. Don't get me wrong she loves her mother, but sometimes she simply doesn't understand her choices. And then she fell in love with Cole. And she understood.

I really liked Jolie. Even with her fears and the fact she left Cole alone to fight dragons, she was willing to step back and take a good look at her life. I love the way she came to the conclusion that Cole is worth it. Her pictures and her thoughts while she painted them made me cry.

Rating:

5 stars

ARC received form NetGalley

Booklover says

Absolutely Loved it,the story is similar as "After the Night",liked Cole a lot and my heart went out to Jolie she suffered so much for no fault of hers,Cole-Jolie-Hannah all have known each other from childhood,Hannah-Jolie were BFF but cause of actions of their parents Hannah broke her frindship with Jolie even Cole reacted badly which had an impact on Jolie after that she became a loner did'nt make much friends earned a reputation of a Whore for no reason it became very difficult

after few years Cole's father dies that is when Cole-Jolie meet again they get stuck up in at mountain,Jolie saves Cole's life and they end up spending the night together but they decide to act as if it never happened,Cole now realises that how his action has affected Jolie and regrets it,he even finds out how Jolie and his mother never took a penny from his father and then he is at cross roads there's his attraction for Jolie and other side is his family,

amidst all the issues and hurdles,Cole knows what they have is not a mere attraction its much more then that but before exploring it they have to balance out the lack of trust from between them,they start spending more time together,they realise their love for each other but still they have to first surpass the issues but their love wins and they have their HEA

I really adored and respect Jolie,she is one strong woman never once did she became weak she fought through and won,Cole was a jerk in the beginning but he comes to his senses soon,really enjoyed scenes between Cole-Jolie,their banters,disliked Hannah a little but overall enjoyed the book a lot

Good read

Recommend it

Kouk says

Jolie Tanner and Hannah Rees are best friends and Jolie has a bit of a childhood crush on Hannah's brother Cole.

This friendship comes to an end when a long lasting affair between her mother Rachel and their father James is made public. (he remains married to his wife for the Rees company)

Ever since that people treat the Tanners differently, especially Jolie.

The affair continues till James dies.

Jolie goes up to the cabin that James and Rachel used as their meeting place to collect things and takes the last gondola off the mountain.

In the gondola with her is Cole, she hopes he doesn't recognize her with a big hatt (covering her unmistakable Tanner red hair), goggles and ski clothes on.

But he does...

When the forces of nature puts them together in an avalanche, Cole has to change his opinion about Jolie, instead of hating her, he is severely attracted to her.

After they spend the night together in a cabin, where they hide from the snowstorm, they begin a scorching affair.

Jolie has trust issues because of the past and Cole is the right person to help her with that!

Can Cole and Jolie get past their fears and differences their families have and find their own HEA?

This was the first book i read by Kelly Hunter and i absolutely loved it!

Her writing style is really refreshing and the characters she created were very real to me!

I could feel the chemistry between them spark and the book drew a big smile on my face!

Cole and Jolie were very likeable characters to me, i had no choice but to love them and understand them.

This book is really romantic!

Kelly Hunter goes on my favorite author list and i will be getting more of her books!"

Lisa Kay says

Queensland Gondola

★★★★½ Man-oh-man! I love my GoodReads app! (Who said I'm not ready for the New Millennium?)

I went out in the rain yesterday to run an errand for a friend. I figured, while I was out and about, I'd stop at the library (yeah, twist my arm). I checked out the "Friends of the Library" for-sale-books and there were a bunch of *Harlequin Presents* (my guilty pleasure!). I used my iPod/Touch and connected to GoodReads. I was able to see there were a bunch of 4 and 5 star reviews for this one entered by my friends from the Harlequin Presents Readers group, so I picked it up. So glad I did! I'm a sucker for a "trapped in a snow-storm" theme. This one is funny and poignant and well worth the 50¢ I spent – even more!

Reader Beware?: Some people don't like the adultery theme, but it is NOT between the main protagonists.

Amanda says

I wanted to love this book, I really did. But I could not get over the hypocrisy throughout it. Jolie was twelve when the affair came out to the public, TWELVE. Yet everyone blames her, not the father. Cole's housekeeper quit when she found out they were dating, but did she ever once comment on the fact that a married man cheated on his family with no regard to his families feelings? No. Neither Cole nor Jolie were in relationships. They were of legal age. There was no basis for the raging hatred the entire world had toward her. Um, hello! I'm pretty sure the bulk of the blame, anger, etc should be placed on the father's shoulders. But the story sure read that no one stood up to him to tell him to get his act together. Instead he stayed married to his wife and had his mistress on the side. But heaven forbid his UNMARRIED son and her UNMARRIED daughter date.

I could have seen all the hatred toward Jolie if Cole's father spoiled her. Or spent time with her. Or replaced his family with her. But did he? Nope. They had almost no relationship from what I gathered.

I just didn't love it. The story felt overly dramatic simply for drama's sake.

Saly says

I enjoyed The Man she loves to hate. Jolie Tanner's friends deserted her when it came out that her mother was having an affair with a married man and that has coloured her life ever since, people don't want to know her, they only judge her by the past and her looks, but she's learnt to deal with it, with different masks to hide her shyness, she doesn't trust that easily and doesn't work and stay in town.

She comes to comfort her mother after James Reese dies. Her mother loved him, and he loved her but his wife's bitterness stood in the way. Jolie is stranded with Cole Reese, his son, who she had a crush on. She gives him a nice piece over not knowing the truth and making judgments before knowing the whole truth.

I enjoyed the writing and the book, Cole was a good guy, he supported Jolie and didn't care that his family stood in the way. I enjoyed Jolie as well, how strong she was, how caring. It didn't seem like a HP to me when I read it, the characters were not jerks, nor that arrogant instead they felt real.

EeeJay says

I'm still wondering what I didn't like it as much as I initially thought I would. Here are some possible reasons:

- a) Cole was almost an adult when he pushed Jolie away from Hannah. He should have known better.
- b) Having pushed Jolie away from Hannah, I found it weird that he lusted after her all the time and still treated her like %^&* all that time.
- c) The switch on Cole's side from 'I-wish-you-were-dead (well, almost)' to 'I-can't-live-w/o-you' based on ONE physical encounter just made it a very temporary affair in my eyes
- d) Although both Cole and Jolie are witty, I never got the sense that they discussed anything other than the problems plaguing their respective families. I wonder what they're gonna do now that that issue's resolved cuz all I got from them in that area was them going at it non-stop when they were alone.
- e) Jolie's name... I'm sorry, I just conjured up Angelina and it didn't work for the story cuz she's portrayed as such a man-stealer (not gonna publicize my views on that but you get my negative intonation). May be it was deliberate, I dunno.

Nicely written book which kept my interest but most of the book dealt with the family issues and not enough angst or repentance, I guess.

Susan (susayq ~) says

Oh my stars. I loved this! I started it in car line while picking up my girls and finished it this evening. I didn't

even want to put it down for a potty break :)

Jolie and Cole knew each other as teens, she was best friends with his sister. All that came to an abrupt halt when Cole and his sister found out their father had been having an affair with Jolie's mom. Flash forward ten years and you have to people who are trying to live outside the shadow of their parents choices. They run into each other, get stranded during a snow storm and things heat up between them. The building of their relationship was real. They took it slow, kept it to themselves for a while and then let everyone know. When they let people know is when the shit hit the fan. Jolie's insecurities had her running. Thankfully Cole wanted her bad enough to fight for her. His proposal at the end was perfect.

This is something I'd read again. Just the right mix of angst and love. Now, I'm going add the rest of the author's works to my TBR :)
