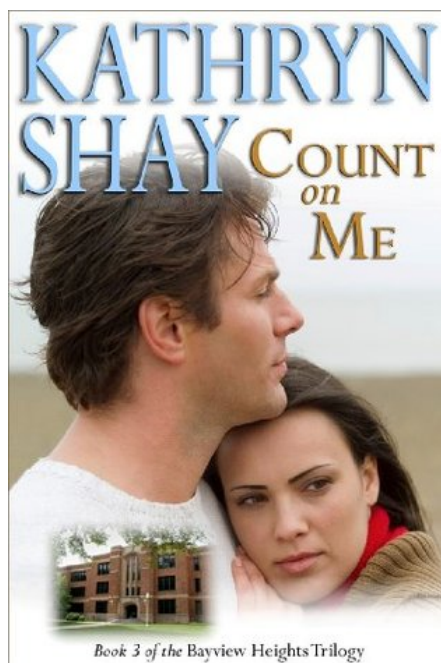




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On her fortieth birthday, Zoe Caufield is expecting a marriage proposal but instead gets the news that Kurt Lansing, the love of her life, is going back to his ex-wife. Months later, Kurt is back in Bayview Heights. The reconciliation didn't work, and he broke Zoe's heart for nothing. But when he starts a clinic in town and Zoe's students will be working there for their community service requirement, she's once again drawn to him. But lack of trust, protesting friends, and especially the students who love her, make their relationship impossible. Can anything bring these two people together? Emotional and heart-wrenching, the Bayview Heights trilogy ends with a winner.

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Vintage says

[Bad enough that the idiot H cheats on the h with his ex-wife, but he tells her on her 40th birthday! Don't get me started about bad birthdays, but that tops even my worst.

Then he snivels his way back into her good graces. Something else happens - no, not cheating this time, and he leaves AGAIN, because he has *to think about things*. As stupid as I am about men, I know that this guy is a loser. (hide spoiler)]

Char says

This would have been a keeper and rated higher except that this story was too busy (too many characters too follow).

Fernanda says

gostei da historia, pelo tema que aborda.... segundas oportunidades com um casal um pouco mais "velho" :)

não é com muita frequencia que se encontram historias em que os personagens são estaos na faixa etária dos quarenta e picos, daí que a maturidade e a propria postura mediante as situações que se vão deparando sao diferentes.

nesta historia Kurt Lansing, comete o maior erro de decisão da sua vida, arrependendo-se amargamente.... Zoe Caufield sentiu tudo isso como a maior dor e perda possivel. mas o futuro é feito de mudanças e perdão e o recuperar da confiança é algo que se reaprende.

uma bonita historia onde se sente a empatia dos personagens e o seu amor pelo proximo.

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

Boring, boring, boring, boring.....

Tina says

This harlequin was a little atypical. H/h were in their 40s. Zoe is a school teacher and Kurt is a doctor. He was married to a wife who cheated on him and was kinda damaged when he began dating Zoe. But they were just starting to get serious when Kurt's ex-wife asked for a second chance. He went back to his wife devastating Zoe (and apparently the whole town who were way too involved in this relationship).

A year later, Kurt and is ex-wife are on the outs for good and he has realized what a colossal mistake he's

made. Of course it doesn't hurt that everyone, their mother, their dogs and their kids hate his guts over how much he's hurt Zoe.

With that synopsis you'd think this was a story just about Kurt and Zoe. But you'd be wrong. There are a LOT of supporting characters all of whom have their own stories. This includes all their happily married friends (who have their own stories in connected books) as well as a group of angsty teens awash in all kinds of teen-aged trouble. In fact this book reads more like a soapy ensemble than a romance novel.

This book can be considered a 'cheating hero' book. But frankly I felt that all the drama and angst that everybody sent Kurt's way was just a little too much to fit his perceived crime. He was sorry so much, Zoe was a complete noble martyr and everyone was falling all over themselves to show her support that I just wanted people to get over it already. And really, a teacher who overshadows with teen-aged her students really gets the side-eye from me.

But it was an ok read for all that. Quick and passed the afternoon pleasantly.

Bernice Mills says

One has to think that the title of this book is an exercise in irony, because this hero is the most useless, faithless weasel in the history of romance novels.

Rachel says

This has got to be one of the most pathetic hero's I've ever read.

Heroine turns up at work on her birthday to surprise her boyfriend (Zero hero), catches him kissing his ex wife, he then tells her he slept with her and will be getting back with her.

One year later, he's back moaning and complaining that it didn't work after a month or so, whinging that the heroine should have fought for him, stopped him marrying again, what a cry baby douche, ugggh. Anyway he slithers his way back into her life as they always do.

Shari Kay says

Author may not be for me...not just this particular book. Our idea of romance is far, far apart

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Jessa says

Something that kills me is when someone screws up royally and makes the choice as an adult to cheat and/or leave, and then they have the audacity to say, "Well, why didn't you fight for me?"

Unbelievable. I do think he groveled extensively but that killed it for me.

Tia says

I read through it and I kind of enjoyed it but honestly, half of it was boring. I didn't have that emotional connection with the characters and I just felt swamped down by things in the book that didn't need to be there at all. I now know why Saly had it on her avoid list... haha.

Alexis-Morgan Roark says

The cheating leaps off the page in the freaking Prologue, and I just don't think the hero grovelled enough (in fact, he became indignant!) to make up for BEING CAUGHT and cheating on a woman (the heroine) who had been cheated on in her previous relationship. Heck, the woman he cheated with (his ex) cheated on him!

I did appreciate the WHOLE TOWN shunning his butt, although some went a little too far. Oops!

Debbie "Buried in Her TBR Pile" says

Bayview Heights Trilogy

Preeti ♥? (Romance She Reads) says

'Count On me'

The title's a joke!

Going into the book I knew the H had cheated on the h with his ex-wife in the prologue. So it was no big angst for me.

What really maddened me was when the book slowly reveals their intimate moments. They had a real good sex life going on- hot, exciting, tender, fun-filled and then the scumbag had sex with his ex in the same bed. (It should be clarified that the h lived in another town so they get together maybe on weekends etc.)

The prologue scene – when he tells her he's going back to his ex was on the h's birthday and she arrives at his office early as he had invited her to dinner and more (in a hotel later) and had promised her a big happy surprise. So she arrives expecting a ILY and a proposal and gets hit with this whammy!

A year later he's thin, worn down and repentant! And wants a second chance as neither the sex nor the 'married' life with the ex had suited him. And the h's wary as her ex-husband too had cheated and dumped her. So, no thank you from her!

Still he keeps after her like a love sick puppy, sulking and whining intermittently while she tries (valiantly) to keep distance but... and so on.

Also for unwitting readers who don't know about the 'Bayview Heights' series and it's inhabitants. Let me tell you it includes all the previous assorted h/Hs (and their babies), future prospective ones, school staff,

clinic staff and a whole posse of (troubled) girl students loyal to the h, their parents and local politicians too. And they all have personal and professional lives/routines /problems – that wants in on the book – 60-70% of it at least!

Oh and we *all* go camping too.

OMG, what am I reading??

Skim Skip Skim!

So what else...?

A few days after he came back, it's her birthday *again* and the lowlife doesn't wish her. It hits me then that he hadn't said happy birthday the last time too (at least not in a good way!).

Also the whiny chump wanted to know..Why dint you fight for me (last year)??

Huh?! What should she have done? Hung to your coat tails as you took your suitcases to your ex's place?

Mud wrestle with the buffalo?

Towards the very end, after a professional crisis, he wants to go away to heal himself! She begs him to stay and give 'them' a chance but he runs like a bat outa hell. So lets her down- again!

And 10 week later *she* crawls to *him* and 5 minutes later it's finis/hea. That was not the ending that made it any better!

Marajeau says

Prologue of the story is a happy heroine who's celebrating her 40th birthday with the man she loves. He's rented a hotel room for the weekend for them and tells her that her 40th is a great day for a big announcement. While they're supposed to meet at the hotel, she goes to meet him at his clinic.

He's at a meeting and she's sitting waiting for him when out walks his ex-wife from his office, who flings her arms around him and gives him a big huge kiss and tells him she'll be waiting for his answer, he's so into it he doesn't even notice his girlfriend sitting there until the other woman has already left and she stands up.

Then he's shocked and affronted and says "I thought you were meeting me at the hotel". But despite all this evidence of cheating, she tells him she trusts him. So he admits that he'd slept with his ex-wife a week previously in the same bed that he'd been sleeping with her in. Gross. Oh yes, and the ex-wife wants to reconcile and he hadn't told her no, but he plans on it.

So, he didn't bother at any time before that to contact the heroine, still planned on meeting her at the hotel..and probably falling into bed because he doesn't seem able to keep it in his pants, but he's planning on going back to his ex-wife.

This is the third book in the story and there were tons of characters. It was distracting and a little annoying. I thought it jumped around a lot for what was going on with the kids.

So a month after his marriage again, he knew he'd made a mistake, after three months it was living hell, and then after a year he divorced her again.

Hmm, so I'm sure he was sleeping with the wife after the heroine left him and before he married her again, and he didn't realize it was a mistake until one month into the marriage, so it took two months of great sex with the wife before he realized that maybe he'd made a mistake? Annoying, and it took another two months after that for it to be really bad for him.

So he doesn't want to hurt her but then he's trying to get back together with her and he wants her to trust him.

And the best part is when he asked her why she didn't fight for him last time? Well, let's see, on my birthday I caught you redhanded making out with your wife, and a week previous to that you'd cheated on me with her. So what? I'm supposed to have a jello match with your wife and kick the crap out of her because YOU decided to cheat with her? I don't think so. But no, because when the two times and ex wife comes back again, this time the heroine stands up and tells her to leave.

So what happens when the ex-wife sobers up and shapes up and wants him back? Something in me says he'll be right back with her. The only problem is, he'll be married to the heroine, so he's going to be a cheat all his life.

Lynn says

The "hero" of this story is probably one of the most loathsome unheroic heroes ever. He is a selfish, arrogant idiot who deserves the wife he left the heroine to return too. The heroine was a awesome teacher, friend, and apparently their sex life was off the grid, so I am utterly confused by the begining of this story, the heroine shows up for a date with the hero, she sees him kissing his ex wife bye bye....he's disheveled and doesn't even notice her waiting...then he invites her in and tells her 1 he has just slept with the ex and 2 he is going back to a woman that cheated on him and is a hot nasty mess.... and believe it or not that was the best thing he ever did for the heroine....

She goes back home to face their friends and his family and try to pull herself together, she was expecting forever not a confession of faithlessness and being dumped.

The story takes up again about a year later, the nasty unhero is back in town where he has a project that requires him to be there, he has left his wife again and is arrogantly lying to everyone that he is not after the heroine again... he spies on her, is jealous and obnoxious while playing the woe is my card....

I prayed thru the whole book that she would let that faithless idiot go, that she would allow Rad Ransom the hottest man in the book to sweep her off her feet...he was hot and a hero adn crazy about her...her complaint of him was he was a few years younger....yeah I could see that... a hot faithful dreamboat who adored me or a faithless lout who cheated on me, dumped me and now stalks my relationships and gives his opinion on my love life... yeah you can see how this will work out.

The author did her best to redeem him, but minus him taking a bullet in the head for the heroine and dying I could not imagine redemption of him. The only HEA I wanted for him was back with the ex wife they deserved each other....
