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After being abruptly jilted, Sophie Kincaid flees to the place her friend Kim Aldredge calls heaven on earth. But Sophie's first taste of Edilean is far from heavenly: after her car breaks down on a country road, she is nearly run over by a speeding sports car. A small act of revenge brings some satisfaction, and word quickly spreads that a gorgeous newcomer gave the driver, the notoriously bitter Dr. Reede Aldredge, a dressing down! But it isn't the first time the fiery artist has gone too far for payback; a secret possession she carries with her could shatter her ex-boyfriend's future. Reede Aldredge has secrets, too, including a desire to get closer to the beauty who is turning his dark world upside down. Under the night skies, their masquerade is magic—but will it turn to dust by the light of day?

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Jill says

I have had an up and down relationship with the Edilean series, some books I've loved, some not so much. But for this book it was both! The first half to 2/3 was great and I was just chugging along, enjoying the story and the characters, when abruptly, things went bad. The author shot us two months into the future and then after about a paragraph or two of setting us up for Christmas went back and told us what happened after the end of the previous chapter. Very confusing. It sort of felt like one of those paper's or book reports that you have to do and are plugging along when you realize if you keep going in the vein you are, it'll take forever to finish. So you just start throwing out words and sentences in order to just get it over with and hope your teacher (reader) doesn't really notice. That, or it was kind of like listening to a story told by an 8 year old. Oh, and did I mention that after all that weird disjointed rambling, it ended very abruptly? Well it did, leaving me all kinds of unsatisfied.

Kristin says

This wasn't my favorite book in the series, but I love Edilean and all the people who live there. it's like going home every time I read one. All the characters are related and just make me smile. Jude Deveraux is my favorite writer and I wish she wrote faster.

Sonia Cristina says

[Aquelas funcionárias dele foram especialmente malandrecas a conspirarem para esconder de Sophie que Reede é que a ia atropelando. (hide spoiler)]

Vera Neves (Sinfonia dos Livros) says

Jude Deveraux nunca decepciona. Estava ansiosa por ter um bocadinho de tempo para ler este livro. Já sabia que ia gostar bastante, embora não tenha dado as cinco estrelas.

Basicamente, quem ler a sinopse já fica com uma ideia do que se passa neste livro.

Sophie, uma amiga de Kim, que foi a protagonista do livro anterior, precisa de fugir da sua vida rotineira, onde foi abandonada pelo suposto amor da sua vida. Quando se apercebe de que a relação não era para ele, o que era para ela, Sophie resolve dar um safanão na sua vida. Aceita o conselho de Kim e parte para Edilean, em busca de ser feliz novamente e endireitar tanto a sua vida como o seu coração.

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Titinha Scaeiro says

Gostei, só achei que queria saber mais, para além da decisão dela... :)

Vicki says

Another Edilean story that warmed my heart and filled it with a hint of mystery and romance. It was a sweet story and it kept me involved and enjoying each page. Another wonderful story in an excellent series by Jude Deveraux.

Molly says

Let me say I am a huge Deveraux fan. I read her first book, The Black Lyon, when I was fourteen...when it was first published...a really long time ago. She hooked me and I have read everything she has written since. Some I love, some not so much. This one, not even close. I don't mind completely unrealistic if the story is sweet, like "An Angel for Emily", but the town of Edilean is starting to freak me out! I don't mind that a small town that cares about the people in it, I think Susan Mallery does it well with the folks of Fools Gold. But these people...could they be more meddlesome and manipulative? I wasn't really sure why I should care about Sophie or Reede. Neither were very compelling characters for me, and I didn't believe their whirlwind romance. The whole Zorro thing, give me a freaking break! I'm still not completely clear if the robbery was real or a set up to manipulate Sophie further. Because you would think when there was no big explosion, the thieves would have known something was up and bailed at the party. But I guess that would all make sense. I thought Heartwishes was as bad as it would get, but it can and did get worse. Maybe after 30 years I have finally outgrown this author. I hope not, but this book was a disappointment. If you haven't read all of this authors books and want a good read try Holly or The Mulberry Tree or the others I have mentioned here. Ms. Deveraux is capable of beautiful, captivating stories...I hope she finds that magic again.

Leigh says

I love the men of Edilean!!! I didn't think I was going to like this story just because of the way Sophie was portrayed in the previous books, she seemed a little flakey and materialistic. Man was I wrong her and Reedes story was pure romance!!

Casey says

I've read several of this authors books before, but this one doesn't compare to any of them. The story was cheesy, boring, and filled with unrealistic scenarios. I found myself skipping a ton of pages hoping to find some sort of decent storyline in there somewhere, but I had no such luck. Definitely a huge disappointment. It actually started off okay but towards the middle the book took a huge nosedive and seemed to only get worse.

Natalia says

Llegamos a la historia de Sophie, la otra mejor amiga de Jecca y de Kim, la única con un pasado que la hizo madurar muy rápido y tomar decisiones que iban a decidir su futuro, al menos durante un tiempo. De todos los personajes me ha parecido el más real porque es el único que tenía todo en contra, hasta que decide pensar en ella y no en los demás, revelarse y luchar por su vida. Por una serie de circunstancias va a parar Edilean como ayudante del Doctor Reede Aldredge, un hombre de esos "tíos buenos" (como todos los de esta mini saga, para qué vamos a engañarnos) pero cuyo atractivo se ve superado por su estatus amargado, arisco, antisocial, borde ... desde que una mujer le rompió el corazón ... pero aparece Sophie.

Así en general esta minisaga de Jude Deveraux, o continuación de una macrosaga, está muy entretenida con historias bonitas que en ocasiones te hacen reír, personajes de esos que gustan como Kim, Tristan o Travis, personajes que odias, al menos al principio, como Reede. Lo mejor de todo es que Jude Deveraux casi nunca defrauda, al menos a mí.

helen deason says

Heartwarming

I chose 5 stars because it's well written and I've been following the "Edilean Series". I want to read "Promises", but I can't find it by itself. I have "Change of Heart" already so I guess I'll read that. Jude Deveraux, is one of my favorite authors. Excellent writing, stories, humor, light drama and love. I really like that all on her series books intermix the characters. Everyone should like the books because they can be read separately. I've followed Judi from the time she began publishing.

Belldandy says

Cute Sophie Kincaid who has given up on her dreams is finally able to start thinking about the future now that her sister is safely in college away from their lecherous Step-Father. The one give she thought she had, her boyfriend asking her to marry him, comes to a halt when he throws her out. In the heat of the moment she steals the family cookbook, which is the basis of her former boyfriend's family frozen dinner empire. She takes off with the help of a friend to Edilean where she is almost run over by handsome Dr. Reede Aldredge, brother of her friend who's helping her and her new boss. She gets back at him and the entire town gets behind her, Dr. Reede is famous for his crankiness and it seems no one in town can stand his attitude. Will the town manage to get the two of them together? Will Sophie's theft be discovered and pursued? Will Sophie ever figure out what she wants from life? Will this book be even more ridiculous than I can handle?

I expect a certain amount of unbelievableness from romance novels. The world never quite throws up such huge barriers or has things fall so perfectly into place as a good one. This one had me cocking my eyebrow and saying, "Oh really! Are you serious!?!?" which is never a good thing when reading any book. When the ridiculousness shakes you out of the book so many times, your book is in deep, deep trouble. The Halloween party, carving animals out of potatoes for traumatized children, her magically presented business opportunity that she didn't even want and seemed slightly bitter about, her even MORE amazing magically

presented business opportunity that, alas, is not for her, made me want to smack her. The urge to smack the main characters happened a lot during the last half of this book. They couldn't communicate with each other at all for months. How does this make a good relationship? It doesn't. If they had a fight or a discussion about what they really wanted out of life and from their relationship when it should have happened, the book would have about 200 pages shorter, and the better for it.

Kamaliah says

In the beginning, I was like.... okayyyy....
Then... hmmmm... it's readable...
Then... Aahhhh finally they are together..
Then... hmmmm... why? what happen?
Then... *urghhhh*... just talk to each other okay!!
Then... Eh???? Is it really finished????
Then I was like... oooo ok... it is finished... Hmmmm...

The book is readable but too fairy tale for me as in Fairy Tale with all of its woodland creatures n at some point I felt like I'm reading the CHEERS story *where everybody knows your name*... Tristan's story is still my favorite....

M^a João Monteiro says

Outro livro da série Edilean, com personagens secundárias que já apareceram antes. É levezinho, tem erros de edição que fazem ranger os dentes (porque não deviam aparecer...) e acontece tudo conforme o previsto. Claro que o casal central é formado através do exagero e não me parece que seja nada realista.

Susan says

I should preface this by saying that I have read all of Ms. Devereaux's books, so yes I really do like her books. She's been a prolific author for quite some time now but some of her newer books really pale in comparison to her older ones.

I thought this book fell a little bit flat and read too similarly to the previous two books in the series. There was no believable spark between the two characters, and no natural development whatsoever. The whole masquerade bit was done with Tristan hiding in the dark in the other book so we're just revisiting the same idea but for a different reason. With Reade continuously hiding his identity and Sophie never questioning the bizarre Zorro costume date, it just felt unrealistic. Would you sleep with a guy if you've never seen his face? Reeeeaaally?

Then you throw in that whole criminal element that started and ended even more abruptly, and it's a little bit much. Bombs, cross-dressing and jewels oh my!

While I know some complain about the perfection and wealth of Devereaux's leading men, it usually doesn't bother me because hey, I'd love for a rich husband to support my shopping! What does bother me is when there's a rich benefactor tossed into the story without rhyme or reason. I'm sassy and have an art degree, where's my rich (non-sleazy) old man to give me a job with the bonus of funding of my husband's business?

I have no clue why (sorry his name escapes me since he's so unimportant) this man just wants Sophie to sculpt. Yes I know there are patrons for artists and etc but this felt too forced upon us.

What her newer books lack is a proper villan, someone to hate and someone to put a wrench in the couples's lives. Everyone is nice and anything they do that isn't, is with the best intentions. Carter could have been the villan in this but when he arrives in town, there's a whole lot of nothing that happens. He even gets his own happily ever after with another random character that has just been introduced to us (much like Russell in the previous book). We all like happily ever after, but I don't need everyone to be paired off.
