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Her marriage to dashing American shipping magnate Jeff Birmingham signals the beginning of a wonderful new life for Raelynn Barrett. In the loving shelter of her husband's embrace, the pain of loss is diminished, as is her anger over her family's tragic and undeserved disgrace. But try as she might, Raelynn cannot close her ears to the cruel accusations and whispered rumors about her new spouse that buzz around her head like bees. And she cannot deny what her own eyes see, though the images before her seem to brand her darling Jeff as the worst sort of criminal, forcing her to flee his desire and his love.

Yet Jeff knows he is innocent--though he is unaware of the conspiracy that has shrouded his marriage in secrets and now imperils it with lies. And he will oppose the treachery with every fiber of his being in order to preserve his threatened happiness--to win back the trust of the woman he cherishes...and secure his place forever in his beloved Raelynn's heart.

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Myself says

4,5/5

Ainsss me encanta este libro, la verdad. Y es que Jeff es un amor. Los diálogos entre Jeff y Raelynn muy buenos.

Totalmente recomendable, en español es "Mentiras y secretos"

Mary says

My least favorite book by this author.

Cindy Kirkland says

If I could give this 1/4 star I would. Just terrible. The repetitive nature of the first 400 pages of the book was hard to get through, If I had red the last 5 chapters, I would have had the whole story. Why at the very end does she bring up the dreams? I cannot understand how someone who wrote "The Wolf and the Dove" can write a book this terrible, my dearie!

Grandmaking553 says

excellent book, loved it

Pamela says

This is a treasure I found in a used book store, and had put away. This is a story about rumors, and scandal. The heroine was already fighting rumors, and talk behind her back, when she finds true love in a kind, and just man. Then when rumors begin circulating about him, and people talk of the proof they have condemning him, she flees. Her heart cannot withstand another betrayal, and heartbreak. He finally learns of the treachery placed, in their path, and will do all in his power, to put the woman he loves, back in his arms. Great story, great characters, and I loved the ending.

jennifer says

A kiss a year around season

They surely in love each other most of their time, now they are except a new Baby on their way;!!

Carahcat says

I had trouble with the first few chapters of this book and finally gave up. I felt like it started in the middle of the story and kept having to go back and tell you what had happened before the book started. Made me wonder if the book was originally longer and Woodiwiss had to cut it back. Maybe the story would have worked itself out, but I just didn't feel like waiting around to see.

I was really disappointed since I liked the first two Birmingham books so much. I will seek out more by Woodiwiss, I just think that something went wrong in the editing process with A Season Beyond a Kiss.

Karen Wapinski says

This was just awful. I loved the Flame and the Flower, Shanna, and the Wolf and the Dove but this was just...ridiculous. The heroes spend the first hundred or so pages wanting to have sex with each other but thinking the other doesn't. Then one (I don't remember who) takes the brave step of initiating sex with the person they married.

Then they discover--crickey!--they both like it. And the next part is all about how perfect they are, how hot, and how good in bed they are and basically toasting their happiness. It was so SAPPY. I love me some sappy but this was just non stop, repetitive and ridiculous.

Add to that a villian who is so hee hee hee eviil it was just dumb. No other words. Terrible. Skip and go enjoy something else by this author.

Elaine says

1.5 stars

Sadly this book was such a disappointment. The story was slow and predictable. Also it felt like I'm missing parts of the book or background information. Like I started reading in the middle of the story.

The heroine was weak, whiny and childish. I can't understand why a strong hero like Jeff would ever fall for a woman like that.

I was really disappointed because I liked the other two books about the Birmingham men very much. I had high hopes for this one too, sadly it fell short.

I wouldn't recommend this book to anyone. Just skip it and read some other by this author.

Jennifer says

Oh guilty guilty pleasure - they name is Kathleen Woodiwiss.

Shanna says

Good book, but be sure to read the two mini stories before this or you will be lost.

Kristi Hudecek-Ashwill says

This book started out very slowly. It dragged for the first one hundred pages or so. Hang in there, though. It does pick up.

Raelynn and Jeffrey get married without knowing each other. The first part of the book is the two of them falling in love. It does drag, but as I said, hang in there. It's worth the wait.

Jeff Birmingham is a wealthy landowner and business entrepreneur. He finds himself in an ugly situation when one of his servants crawls into bed with him in the middle of the night and declares that he is the father to her child (pre-Raelynn days). He didn't do anything with her in the sexual capacity and dismisses her after physically putting her out of his bedroom. Nell, the servant girl, is adamant that he is the father. Jeff is adamant about not being the father. Suddenly, Nell ends up dead in Jeff's stable and he is accused of murder.

This is where I quickly grew to dislike Raelynn. Rather than to stand by him and realize that he isn't capable of such a thing, no matter how angry he gets, she bolts. She didn't even give him a chance to explain. She didn't ask any questions. She was a whimpering little twit who was so caught up in her "woe-is-me" thing that he finally moved her off his plantation and into Charleston.

She got a job working for Farrell Ives, at Jeff's request, and took a room with Farrell's love interest, not knowing that Jeff was staying close by to make sure she was okay.

There is a fair amount of action in the book with a few adversaries who want Raelynn dead. Jeff wasn't going to let that happen and went to great lengths to protect her. She was not just his wife, but she was also pregnant with his child.

Overall, the book was good. It was typical Kathleen Woodiwiss, which is something I do love. I think she was a great author. My only hang up with the characters is that Jeff was significantly older than Raelynn, which is also typical of Ms. Woodiwiss.

The plot was solid, the characters were likeable (except Raelynn, sorry) and believable. The ending was sweet, but again, the age difference between Raelynn and Jeff, especially at this point, was a bit unsettling.

Teresa Buchanan says

Lovely book to end a lovely life in books... my all time favorite is ashes in the wind. I will truly miss a wonderful story writer. All my love to you Kathleen you will be missed.

Gwhen says

I love most of Kathleen Woodiwiss's books, but this one was terrible. It was the first time I was rooting for the hero to just go find someone else. No woman who is this dense and this immature deserves to be the heroine of a book.

Stay away, if you love Kathleen, this was a huge disappointment.

Ssil says

Kathleen Woodiwiss es una de mis autoras preferidas y las razones son obvias: sus historias tienen alma, están escritas con mimo y poseen personalidad propia (algo que, lamentablemente, no se puede decir hoy en día de mucha de la RA que leemos). No disponemos de demasiadas obras de esta gran autora, únicamente cuenta con trece títulos, pero todas ellas, unas mejores que otras, son especiales, algunas inolvidables. Woodiwiss es una de las grandes reinas de la novela romántica y siempre recomiendo a todo el mundo que se acerque a sus historias, quizá no tan rápidas y fluidas como otras, pero, sin duda, merecedoras de ser leídas.

Raelynn ha contraído matrimonio con Jeff Birmingham, lo que le ha permitido huir de la desesperada situación en la que se encontraba. Ahora es una de las damas más respetadas de Charleston y tiene a su disposición todos los recursos que le hagan falta. Lamentablemente, su vida conyugal no marcha del todo bien, sobre su marido se cierne la sombra de la traición (¿ha sido cruel con la muchacha a la que parece haber dejado embarazada? ¿En qué clase de problemas está metido para que asalten su casa a medianoche?). Raelynn desconfía de él y la convivencia entre ellos es tensa aunque formal. Ambos tendrán que poner de su parte para que el matrimonio prospere, confiando en el otro para sortear todas las dificultades a las que tendrán que hacer frente.

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