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Jayne Ann Krentz writing as Jayne Castle

From "seasoned pro" (People) Jayne Ann Krentz writing as Jayne Castle, comes the ultimate tale of adventure: falling in love.

Virginia Burch, a psychic archeologist, can't believe her luck when she meets Sam Gage, a ghost hunter and owner of prime real estate in the Old Quarters of Cadence, above the Dead City. He offers her his space to live and start up her business. What follows is an even more intriguing proposal-to become his wife. Strictly for professional reasons, of course. Their marriage of convenience would lead to a very lucrative business partnership, Gage & Burch Consulting. Until something throws a wrench into the plan: the undeniable sensual energy that naturally exists between them-and a love so strong that it could wake the ghosts below.

Bridal Jitters Details

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Tricia Linden says

Funny, the book title did not seem to fit the story as well as I would have expected, but I still love most everything from Jayne Castle/Jayne Ann Krantz.

Alex is The Romance Fox says

A quick read novella that introduces the reader to Jayne Castle's futuristic world of Harmony, a planet inhabited by descents of colonists from Earth, 200 years before when an energy field in space opened allowing travel between Earth and other planets. However, when the energy curtain closed down, humans were left stranded in Harmony and had to build a new society, which have given their descendants paranormal abilities.

Previous inhabitants of Harmony have left behind signs of their civilization. Abandoned cities, underground tunnels, catacombs composed of glowing green quart. So far, no one knows who built these cities, why and when they left the planet.

This story deals with Sam, a ghost hunter and Virginia, a tangler, who have created a business venture together and working on their first case.

We get a glimpse of the world that the author is building and this shows promise to becoming quite an interesting series.

Cheri says

Very short story...not one of her best, but it had a dust bunny!

Natasha Saari says

Fast paced, good paranormal romance

Enjoyable story. Not available on audible.

Fast paced romance with a paranormal twist. Loved the entire Harmony, ghost hunter etc stories.

Wish the author would continue with more arcane\ harmony\ghost hunter\ rain shadow novels. Really loved those and really miss the series.

Loved the past, present and future of the entire series of books with the paranormal romantic suspense twist. Please bring more back!!!

Wish there were more to the Am Illusion Town novel...it just stopped there....

I guess that is it!?

Debrac2014 says

Good short Harmony story! Very enjoyable!

Mai Xiong says

RATINGS DEFINITION

5 Stars - I have a copy and read it over and over again. If the book is ever in tatters, I will repurchase

4 Stars - I love it and either have a copy or it's on my "to buy" list.

3 Stars - Interesting but I would read it from the library first before buying

2 Stars - Borrow it from the library

1 Star - Read it only if you are completely bored and have no other book to read.

Maybe it's because I've read her full-length Harmony series but this book was just bad. I wasn't invested in the characters or the story. I think I was expecting the timeline to be earlier than her other books considering it was a prequel to the Harmony series, but the setting was the same. On the other hand, if this was written before the other Harmony books, it was interesting to see the evolution to After Glow or Ghost Hunter.

There was such potential in this book. It just felt really rushed. It seemed like Virginia and Sam met, started a business together and got engaged in a matter of weeks. There was one part where they both doubted the other's abilities but still stayed cause they felt they had to support them. Which to me seems like they really don't know each other that well and Virginia even mentions she doesn't really know Sam. This made absolutely no sense to me because

1. why are you getting married to him if you don't know him
2. how can you be in love with him if you don't know him (she wants to break off the engagement because she's in love with him and she thinks he's marrying her to save the building).

Also, the huge misunderstanding could have been cleared if they just had a discussion with each other. So as you can see, there's a lot of holes in this book.

Please don't judge the other Harmony series by this. They are so much better. I suggest you try them instead.

Donna says

A quick read novella that introduces the reader to Jayne Castle's futuristic world of Harmony and the Dead City in Cadence. We get to see two types of paranormal talent that exist in this world - ghost-hunters and tanglers, and the type of work and challenges presented to them as they explore the tunnels and the catacombs of the Dead City. The story deals with the attraction between Sam, a ghost-hunter, and Virginia, a tangler, as they attempt to solve the first case in their business partnership. It was a good enough story that I would have liked to read a much longer version. Looking forward to other books in this series.

Carmen says

Jayne Castle presents his new futuristic world called Harmony, where things are a little different, especially after dark.

Seems that something in the environment on Harmony is bringing out the latent psychic talents in people...but love is always the same.

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Jayne Castle presenta su nuevo mundo futurista llamado Harmony, donde las cosas son un poco diferentes, especialmente después del anochecer.

Parece que algo en el ambiente en Harmony está sacando a relucir los talentos psíquicos latentes en las personas...pero el amor es siempre lo mismo.

Debbie says

Fun year

I love the Harmony series who can resist ghost hunters who are always tall dark and handsome!! Sam and Virginia go into business together with plans for a two year marriage of convenience. But their first job takes them into a dangerous situation that takes both of their special abilities to get out of and make a decision about their future.

Chanel says

I decided to try out Jayne Castle's Harmony series because I picked up a couple books at a library sale and I recently saw it a list of sci-fi author picks of book to tv/movie adaptations. Bridal Jitters is a sort of novella that could be read at the beginning or later in the series. The concept of the world building was a little slow for me to comprehend. You have Sam and Virginia who are entering a partnership for an investigative start up business. He's a ghost-hunter and she's a psychic archaeologist. They are contracted out to visit an area full of psi and para energy to investigate what could be a nefarious plot. They are also trying to figure out the relationship between themselves because in this world you have marriages of convenience and marriages of the covenant. The former is a 2 year contract while the latter is forever.

Both Sam and Virginia are able to "de-rez" things that are full of negative psi energy I think. I'm still not exactly sure what Sam does besides channeling amber objects for power whereas Virginia is a tangler and is able to deactivate illusion traps. The story was good up until the main focus become solely based on Virginia and Sam and their conflicting feeling for one another that somehow ended up being instant love. Even the ending left me wondering why it was even added. It started out thought provoking and ended with a question mark.

For now I think I'll hold off on the rest of this series but I can only hope when I come back around that it

grew some substance in the later books. I know it sounds like I hated it but I didn't. I just didn't love it as much as I thought I would.

Janet Eason says

Intro

As introductions go, this was OK. A really short story about a new world where para normal is the new norm.

Mae says

If you are a fan of Supernatural than this may be the book for you. You have two different professionals in the ghost business that are attracted to one another but neither is willing to admit it to the other one. The solution a marriage of convenience that will not only bring their businesses together but legally bind them together for at least two years. Throw in a life or death situation and it makes for an interesting read.

Marianne says

Bridal Jitters was pretty good. The romance was decent, but I think I liked the world the best. That being said, I was a tad confused about things.

Silas says

Excellent read

I had read it before, but I enjoyed it just as much this time as I did before. This author is one I can always depend on, and enjoy a second or third read.

Aarann says

This was a cute short story, but probably not one I'd ever re-read. Virginia Burch has agreed to a Marriage of Convenience to Sam Gage, her landlord and now business partner. I'm not 100% sure I understood why they had to do an MoC instead of just merging their businesses (it had something to do with keeping a house, but I'm still not sure how that necessitated a marriage), but maybe I just misunderstood that. Virginia has been in love with Sam for... some amount of time (it seemed like they only knew each other a couple of months, but it's been a few days since I finished the story, so maybe I have already forgotten that part) and is re-thinking the MoC because she doesn't think she'll be able to let him go at the end of the arbitrary two years. It isn't long before the two of them are embroiled in a scheme involving a psychic waterfall, a runaway truck, and what I like to think of as Danger Pheromones.

This one was too short to really get a read on the characters, yet I'm not sure a longer story would have served it well. I wasn't bored, but this one was sort of a "meh" story for me. It's strange -- Jayne Ann Krentz writing as her own name is hit-and-miss for me (sometimes I love it, sometimes I hate it but it rarely is in the middle). Her writing as Amanda Quick is heroin for me. Her Jayne Castle stuff is usually just sort of "meh". I do the same thing with J.D. Robb (love!) and Nora Roberts (meh). It's odd.

Anyway, if you like Castle's other stuff, you'll like this. As much as I tend to like psychic storylines, she's just not my thing, but I was in the mood for something a little different. Not sorry I read it, but I doubt I'll ever pick it up again. I'd recommend this for die-hard Jayne Castle fans or people who like futuristic stories about psychic societies.
