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Gift Of Fire



Synopsis

Jonas Quarrel was lean, sexy, and equally capable of quoting Renaissance poetry or wielding a dagger. Verity Ames knew Jonas was the perfect partner for an affair “and that he was not the marrying kind. Before long he would be looking for new excitement, leaving Verity behind to run her gourmet restaurant in a California resort, hold on to misty colored memories, and wonder what she was going to do if she were pregnant with his child. Sure enough, her adventuring lover was soon off to an Italian villa rebuilt on a Pacific Northwest island. Jonas went to hunt for missing Renaissance jewels. Verity went along to snare a husband. A big, soft, four-poster bed might be the ideal place to try out her lures! But in this ancient mansion of hidden passageways and mysterious perils, there were some deadly traps for those blinded by love unless Verity could help Jonas discover the most precious treasure a woman and man can find.

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Customer Reviews

This was a mediocre story. The hero and heroine were only semi-likeable and that made it difficult to root for them. Plus, since this is apparently a sequel, the hero and heroine are already together at the beginning of the story so we miss out on the development of their relationship. In fact, the relationship we see at the beginning of this book is pretty dysfunctional. They don't communicate with each other at all. The hero, Jonas, has absolutely no ambition whatsoever. He's completely content to be a dishwasher in Verity's restaurant for the rest of his life. Verity, on the other hand, is an irritating nag who constantly pesters Jonas to grow up and get a real job. That would be a perfectly legitimate thing for her to bring up, but the way she does it and the way it's described by

the author is specifically as nagging in a very negative way. Verity is also completely insecure about the future of their relationship to the point where she expects Jonas to pick up and leave at any moment. Their initial connection apparently has something to do with Verity being the only person on earth who can act as an "anchor" for Jonas' psychic ability. She worries that the only reason he's with her is because he needs her to be this anchor and the minute he figures out how to control his abilities without her, he'll skip town with nary a backward glance or stop at the gift shop. Jonas, on the other hand, frets that Verity is only drawn to him because their psychic connection gives them a level of intimacy that goes beyond a normal relationship and if she were to find that connection with another man, or if Jonas lost his psychic powers, she'd immediately ditch him. It's not a very healthy relationship. In addition, Jonas comes across as kind of a psycho.

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