

FEATURED ATTRACTION

By Julie Cohen

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If there is a voice out there that could draw back people who are disillusioned and wearied by category romance, Julie Cohen has it.

Smart, fresh, funny and sweet, this sexy romance explores how one prom night changes two lives. Kitty Geroux finally got a date with the boy of her dreams, only to watch those dreams fall to ash when he kissed another girl that night. Jack Taylor never knew the extent of the pain he had caused until Kitty came back into his carefree life. Now she is the only woman he dreams of and she will not succumb to his charms the way every other woman in his life has.

Both characters are deep and fully drawn with lessons to learn before they can fall for each other. Jack, as the playboy, is a real playboy, not a “fake rake.” He goes into relationships making sure that his woman-of-the-moment understands that he will not be there for the long haul until a dream changes his life.

Kitty’s dreams lie in pieces. Divorced, her business failing, she moves back to her hometown and, in accordance with her typical bad luck, finds that her new dream job is offered by her long-ago dreamboat.

The turning point in this novel is a unique variation on the desert island theme. When it the black moment arrived, I was actually nervous to pick the book back up, afraid that for once, the Happily Ever After was in serious jeopardy. However, Ms Cohen, with a deft twist, brings the two together again with realistic, refreshing honesty.

The story is filled with movie references and a few 80’s throwbacks that will charm every reader. This is a book for my keeper shelf, and I highly recommend it.

5 Kisses