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THOSE EYES. THAT LOOK.

The only way Andie Halzer survived her husband's death was by remembering a stranger's glance. As she sobbed inconsolably in the hospital hallway, his face transmitted empathy and a sense of calm. Somehow, that look told her that her life wasn't over.

After two years of grieving—and with the support of her two grown kids and best friend—she is ready to rebuild her life. She aces an interview for a position that offers meaningful work, but her potential employer, Jack Devlan, hires another candidate. He offers Andie a short-term consulting gig instead.

Andie reluctantly agrees to what she considers a consolation job, not realizing how much change is in store for her. Her work with Jack challenges her self-limiting beliefs and ultimately restores her emotional strength.

This is a full length, stand-alone, clean romance that contains adult themes and language.

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Mollie Beck says

Very,Very Good

A beautiful love story, sexy without the usual scenes. Which made it even better. So good that read it in almost one setting. The characters are thoroughly developed, the plotting is ingenious and I will follow this author.....m

Phyllis says

In a hospital hall after her husband's death, Andie Hazler received a look of sympathy and calm from a passing stranger. This look gave her hope during very dark days of grief.

Two years later, Andie is ready to resume her life. Her children are grown and, along with her best friend, are supporting her reentry into the business and social world. Though she does not get a job she applied for, the potential employer offers her another consulting job – that of being his purely social escort to events to give her thoughts of clients and potential job associates and to ward off pursuit by women. Jack Devlan has a contract drawn up for both of them to sign stating timelines, what is expected and, of course, escape clauses. Andie finally agrees and her life – and Jack's - changes more than either thought possible as they find themselves drawn to each other and finally realize that they were the people in the hospital hallway that day. The Consultant Gig is a very clean romance between middle-aged people and emotions faced are very well-written. I enjoyed it and will look for other books by the author.

I received an early Kindle copy from Goodreads Giveaways.

Sheila says

I won this book as a goodreads give away. It was a quick read and I enjoyed it.

What starts off as a business proposal to keep others at bay actually slowly backfires for these 2 widows who have sworn off emotional relationships. It was a quick read at times repetitive but entertaining.

Melinda Green says

Finding new love...

Alyssa says

I have to give CJ Capen some credit when it came to writing a book I could not put down. I'm not sure if it was just my stubbornness and need to finish all books that I have started. While this was a great story of being

business professional or giving into what you desire, I do feel as though this book drug on a little too long, leaving the ending all tied up in the final chapter and the epilogue. The problem was that the whole middle of the story seemed to be the same situation over and over again. Then the ending came and the story ended how I was hoping it would, happily, the only problem is that it feels like it was all jammed together in the end. I wish we could have had the events of the last chapter a few chapters ahead and played on that for the final few chapters. Then the epilogue would have been perfect! All in all, it was a great story, just wish the "happily ever after" part could have come along sooner!

HR-ML says

This CR featured a middle-aged couple.

Jack developed office buildings & mixed use buildings, & hotels as a CEO of a large company. Andie had a MBA, a consulting co. & 2 adult kids. Jack turned down h for a position in Jack's co. Millionaire Jack wanted everyone on time (excepting Jack) & he engaged in networking & making even more money. Both were widowed, Jack for 9 yrs and Andie for 2yrs.

Jack hired Andie as a platonic only escort to public and social events. Jack talked business investments w/ a specific man while Andie diverted the man's wife or significant other. And ran interference w/ women who wanted to seduce or date him. Andie thought Jack too "left-brain" and dismissive of others. The H+h agreed in writing to exclude PDA as a faux couple. Andie wasn't his 'type' but gradually he felt drawn to her.

Andie still grieved over her spouse. The H+h gave each other mixed signals over a business only relationship VS PDA. Angie wore some backless dresses & low cut outfits, on these outings or trips, contradicting her "business only" mantra to the H.

This sophisticated couple drank expensive wine, but they drank every x they turned around. IE entering/ leaving an abode, riding in limo, arriving/ during events. Hosting/ attending parties. Good thing Jack had a regular driver. The H+h needed periodic liver tests? The couple felt interesting, but needed a mutual confession of love sooner. The story became slow in parts, but I thought, overall, a good read.
