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Fiercely proud of her independence, Brenna Sloan felt her assurance crumble under Michael Donovan's forceful approach. They were both fighters--but Brenna wasn't strong enough to reach out for the love she needed, and Michael knew only how to take--until he met Brenna. With tantalizing persuasion, he overcame her objections, urged her into a sudden marriage, and carried her away. Only after a heartbreakingly misunderstandings nearly destroyed their happiness did they surrender to the fiery ecstasy of their passion. But could Michael convince Brenna that his promise to love her was forever?

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Naksed says

In an ocean of cheating, disloyal, rude cads and the spineless, leaky, jellyblobs who worship them, you'd think I would wholeheartedly embrace Iris Johansen's crazily possessive, Hawt-as-hell, sex-on-a-stick, mine-mine-mine obsessed hero and her feisty, take-no-guff, heroine, in her over-the-top, campy romance *Stormy Vows*. Well, I did like him however, truth be told, he was just a wee bit too obvious. And she was a bit too perfect. I would have liked a little bit more mystery and conflict to spice things up. Definitely pick this up if you have been punched in the guts by one too many Harlequin asshats. It will be a breath of fresh air. But a riveting, must re-read, it was not. It was just...nice.

Megzy says

3.5 stars

The jealousy and the language reminded me of late 1970's romance novels and early 80's Hollywood.

Still, a nice quick read but I wasn't a fan of his behavior in the lake house or with her sister's toddler.

Çisem says

2,5/5,0

-Kitap Harlequin kitaplar? tarz?ndayd?.

-Çeviri çok kötüdü. Ço?u zaman cümlelerde neler anlat?lmak istendi?ini anlamad?m o kadar kötüdü.

-Kitab?n editör elinden geçmedi?ini dü?ünüyorum. ?simler yanl?? yaz?lm?? bir çok yerde.

-Adam?n halleri çok abart?yd? bir anda k?z?n üzerinde bu kadar bask? kurmas? ve bunu kendine hak bilmesi çok a??r? geldi bana. Yani kurguda da istedi?im ?eyleri çok fazla bulamad?m.

+Ak?c?yd? 1 günde bitti.

+Kafa yormayan kitaplardan oldu?u için bu ara iyi geldi.

+Dominic'i çok sevdim onun kitab?n? okumay? çok istiyorum ama lütfen bu sefer daha iyi bir çeviriyle.

Azet says

Simply WOW..I am surprised that i have come to love "Stormy Vows" this much!

Dramatic, sensual and alluring...Iris Johansen once again delivers an angsty and mindblowing Romantic Tale about the independent and fiery Brenna Sloan and the masterful and dynamic Director Michael Donovan. Michael is a man who have had the world beyond his feet as long as he can remember, but with one look Brenna will change his life forever in the name of Everlasting Love...and he will be a hero after his heroines love...til the end!

..And didn't i just enjoy that! OMG yes i did!

Brenna is a heroine i simply came to adore. With her patience and wonderful innocence i just was there with her the whole time-with her every decisions. The many sacrifices she has done and her utterly devotion to her nephew made me shed some tears. Little Randy was so adorable! This woman had a great pride, and resists our Hero`s lovemaking-refusing to be his mistress, yeah how i loved it when she gave him the blue balls, haha!

...and our hero...Oh oh oh Michael...what a man!

With his Golden Mahogany hair and Bright Blue Eyes, he simple was a very forceful personality with his brooding looks, wild seduction, passion in his eyes every time he looked at Brenna (They have GOD the best frigging chemistry EVER) and his savage and jealous outbursts...His overly adherence and obvious love for her, it was so passionate that it was heart-breaking to watch. He couldn't even stomach watching little Randy, thinking that he is Brenna's child to another man. And he made no secret of that fact. The scenes after their marriage are so breathtakingly romantic i totally swooned, and how i just cheered for their HEA! Michael and Brenna...F.O.R.E.V.E.R.! I love you together so much (swoon)!

I am excited to read the Irresistible and Famous Director (Michael's best-friend) the Devil himself Jake Dominic. How i just simply fell for him in his secondary character in this book, and i can't wait for his story in "Tempest at Sea".!

One more thing i will have to add is that i am such a sucker when it comes to romantic books with director/actor as a hero, they are just so arrogant and sexy in a swoon-worthy way and just such irresistible Alpha-males, Michael Donovan is no exception, i dare tell you that, hihi! They always tend to satisfy with a little bit of danger in the way they so stubbornly fight for their heroine's! Yeah... i just faint over these Alphas, i just love them so much!

Here are some suggestions to romantic Contemporaries with Alpha-Male Director/Actor/Film-Creator as a hero (these are my favourites):

1. Caleb Steele in Carole Mortimer's "No Longer a Dream"
2. Benedict de l'Isle in Penny Jordan's "Shadow Marriage"
3. Rourke Somerville in Carole Mortimer's "Golden Fever"
4. Leon Masters in Carole Mortimer's "Living Together"
5. Damien Savage in Carole Mortimer's "Savage Interlude"
6. Alex Stevenson in Charlotte Lamb's "Sleeping Desire"
7. Zachary Benedict in Judith McNaught's "Perfect" (One of my top fav heroes ever)

I don't get why everyone haven't rated "Stormy Vows" 5-BIG FAT SHINING STARS! ?In my eyes it deserves 1000 STARS! Sigh...but this is a Keeper i will never forget. !Never! A MUST-READ to everyone who enjoys reading Iris Johansen's Love-Stories...

seton says

This was Johansen's first Loveswept, published in 1983.

Spinoff is Loveswept #17, TEMPEST AT SEA.

Very old school category romance. Hero is a Steven Spielberg-like director/producer in his late 30s. Heroine is a 20 year old actress with a 2 year old baby. Yes, we are talking about a 15+ year difference.

Heroine has a Big Secret which she is stupid for keeping from the H. Lots of misunderstandings ensue. The H is a typical IJ possessive alpha who quite openly talks about his obsession with the heroine but in this one, it's a little over the top that he is so jealous that he couldn't even stand being near her baby.

Aou says

"You're not ready for this yet," he said calmly, "but I'm tired of playing games." He looked directly into her eyes, and said deliberately, "I don't want your child here, because it drives me crazy to see you with him."

(...)

"I seemed to have become completely obsessed by you. I never cared a damn about chastity in a woman before, but the thought of another man having had you before me, makes me want to strangle you."

(...)

"It gives me a good deal of satisfaction to know that you haven't been involved with any other man since Randy's father let you down. I told you I was very possessive about you, and I know damn well I can melt that ice around you, Brenna."

(...)

"I don't want only a one night stand with you, love. We're going to be together a long, long time. I want your body, your mind, and your soul. I'm going to own you, Brenna Sloan."

He told all of these the second day they met.

"You get your son, your career, and a wealthy husband. What more could you want?"

The bitter cynicism in his face hurt her in some mysterious fashion. "Why are you doing this?" she asked bewilderedly. "Yes, I'm getting all that, but what are you getting out of this marriage?"

The blue eyes were suddenly impenetrable as Donovan considered her question. "What am I getting?" His mouth twisted cynically. "I'm getting Brenna Sloan in my bed until I tire of her. I get a chance to work off this obsession I have for you. Closeness has been known to kill stone dead more than one great passion. Maybe I'll get lucky."

Just for this great proposal's sake, 4 stars.

Julz says

3.5 stars. alpha possessive hero. no cheating. The heroine was a bit wishy washy but otherwise a good read.

Julz says

I'm surprised this one wasn't written in the 70s for all the un-PCness coming from the H. He had a lot of unlikable qualities. One of the worst was his jealousy for the heroine's child because he couldn't stand the

thought of another man having her and made her avoid having them together (it was better by the end of the book but I know some will never forgive ;).

Some of the things he would say to the heroine were just awful, and his excuse at the end for his attitude didn't really justify it for me.

However, for those lovers of angry, controlling, alpha men who provide punishing kisses, well, here you go. And for those who like their heroines strong, this one will be for you too.

Pat says

Seems to be the 1st of the series that about movies.

This book is also tied to Capture the Rainbow.

Seda says

Öküz erkek karakter mi daha korkunç, yaz?m hatalar? m??? Karar veremedim. 1983 y?l?nda yaz?lm?? kitap. ?çinde ‘videoteyp’in ke?finden falan bahsedince ne oluyor dedim bir an. Film sektörüyle ilgili güzel bir konu bulmu? ama ne konuyu i?leyebilm?i?, ne de erkek karaktere tek düzgün hareket/diyalog yazabilmi?. Maço, öküz, odun, zorba, tacizci, tecavüzcü kar??m? bir ?ey olmu? adam. Ayy, Michael Donovan’? beynimden silmek istiyorum.??

Gamruk says

Adamimizz cidden hödükkk:))) oyle boyle degil gel git yap et dur falan gibi emirler yagdiran odunsu mahlukat ama yine de seviyoz iste boylelerini napicaz:)))

Sevdim, hatta yazar erkek ic seslerine biraz daha girse azcik daha duygu yuklemesi yapsa vazgecilmez kitaplarimdan bile olabilirdi.

Barb says

I just love Johansen. What else need i say. 5 stars!

Roksana says

This book had all the right ingredients to become an unforgettable romance!

1. With Irish handsome alpha male Hero with overbearing possessive tendencies and protectiveness!

2. Sweet innocent heroine, but with independence and a strong will and mind of her own!

3. Sensuality that was oddly surprising in the wake of the year this book was written...there was enough meat to satisfy the romance reader and enough passion to make up for lack of more vigorous sex scenes!

However there were things that did not reach that point! YES, heroine become his universe from the moment he sees her and he was OOT possessive and jealous even with the child of heroine's death sister, just because she spend time with the child and he did not hire her to the film role play because he could not bear to see her nude in the sex scenes of that film role! Unfortunately, that was not enough to fully grab me and fell in love with the Hero! So things he said to the heroine were just mean and hurtful...

.and when I've rid myself of this crazy obsession I have for you, I'm going to kick that lovely tail right out of my life and hope to God I don't have to look into those lying eyes ever again"

Apart from that, I really liked the passion those two shared it was very intense and tempered! heroine was more likeable..she stood her ground and fired back at him when he was too arrogant! She did not fall to his fit right away! She was not sure of his feelings and so her caution followed! And rightly so..why should we just jump to bed with someone, just because that someone wanted to have sex with us?

One quote really stood out for me and though me something about friendship...

"I may be a thorough scoundrel and totally without scruples where women are concerned, but I place a great value on Michael's friendship." His eyes were half closed, as he continued almost beneath his breath, "I have no problem getting mistresses, but I doubt if I could replace Michael"

Safe Gang: (view spoiler)

Chitra *CJ* says

"I'm going to use this lovely body of yours in every way I know how, and when I've finished, I'm going to do it all over again. I'm going to drown myself in you to the point of satiation, and when I've rid myself of this crazy obsession I have for you, I'm going to kick that lovely tail right out of my life and hope to God I don't have to look into those lying eyes ever again."

"Solitary Vows" is the story of Michael and Brenna.

Now this IJ novel had the most ott ridiculous plot

-A virgin heroine taking care of her dead sisters baby

-An OTT crazy hero..so much that-wait for it- he is jealous of the heroine's attention to the baby!! He even separates the mother from the child because he cant bear to have another man's child in his vision (who touched her prior to him)

-Passionate encounters and searing kisses

-Loads of jealousy and possessiveness

-Wicked evil OM

-Bodice ripping and threats of "rape"

- Hymen surprises
- Truth reveal in the very end
- Overly Dramatic h and H
- Slow realization of love

Really enjoyed the last 1/4th when the couple finally truly discovered each other- and had some genuine angst. Always wish such books had an epilogue.

Safe with minor exception (view spoiler)

3.75/5

Lasha says

If I was writing this review in 1983 when *Stormy Vows* came out, I probably would have given it 5 stars. But many years later, I'm older and wiser and it only rates 3 stars. With a sexist Alpha male protagonist, Michael is a throwback to the MCP characters of the early 1980s romance novels. He takes when he should ask and doesn't really listen to "no."

This book is a product of its times, so I'll cut it some slack, but upon reflection its not my favorite of Ms. Johansen.
