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## Sandra Brown

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## Description

Nach vielen Jahren verzweifelter Suche gelingt es der jungen Erin O'Shea endlich, ihren verschollenen Bruder Ken aufzuspüren. Doch statt ein freudiges Wiedersehen feiern zu dürfen, wird sie mit einem intriganten, jähzornigen Fremden konfrontiert, den zu lieben ihr schwer fällt. Noch ahnt sie nichts von der dunklen Vergangenheit ihres Bruders – und dem wohlgehüteten Familiengeheimnis. Erst als der attraktive FBI-Agent Lance Barrett eingreift und ihr die Augen öffnet, erkennt sie die Gefahr, in der Ken und sie selbst schweben. Immer tiefer gerät sie in die Abgründe von Kens Machenschaften und riskiert dabei ihr Leben. Aber die wachsende Zuneigung zwischen ihr und Lance scheint stärker als der Tod...

## Insightful reviews

Jess: I feel bad; I received this book from FirstReads over a month ago, and only got to it now because I've been so busy! This was my first foray into older romance novels (it was published in the 80s) and it took me a bit by surprise. I had to remind myself that, even 20 years ago, views of women and men in a relationship were slightly different. Here we had a strong female protagonist - Erin was a business owner who traveled by herself - yet she became so submissive in Lance's presence that it offended me at times. After saving herself for marriage for SO long, it really bothered me that she just jumped into bed with a guy she hardly knew and usually disliked, without any real effort on Lance's part. And Lance himself. He was too aggressive and condescending for my tastes, but I had to continually remind myself that I'd been raised to think differently. If a man ever grabbed my arm and pulled me around, he'd get a fist to the face. And Lance's "methods" while on the job were sketchy, at best. There's no WAY a modern guy could get away with a sexual assault and an unnecessary patdown without getting some kind of reprimand today.

With concerns about the views of men and women aside, "A Treasure Worth Seeking" was a good book. I enjoyed how Ms. Ryan played with her readers. I kept jumping back and forth about whether Ken was guilty or whether he was being framed by his in-laws. I couldn't stand Bart at first, but I grew to respect him by the end of the book. And the romance, though lightning-quick, worked. I liked that Erin's sickness let us see a different side of Lance. I also liked the word choice during the love scene. In a modern romance novel, it would have been campy and cheesy. In an 80s novel, I WANTED campy and cheesy, and it totally delivered. I liked that Lance and Erin spent time talking and getting to know each other instead of just jumping into bed and getting married because they had chemistry. I liked the monstrous PDA in the airplane. I liked that, in the end, Lance went after Erin instead of the other way around. I liked that, as the novel ended, Lance no longer questioned Erin's every statement. He trusted her to tell him the truth.

In summary, I found Lance too dominant and Erin too blindly innocent, but that might be a sign of the times. If you can look past that, the storyline of "A Treasure Worth Seeking" was a good one.

Judith Holmes: **Loved the story and the characters.**

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I read a review that pictured Lance as rough and not really likeable. I hesitated before I started reading, now I am glad I kept the faith in Ms. Brown's work. This was a good read and I enjoyed every page of this story. I am ready for her next novel.

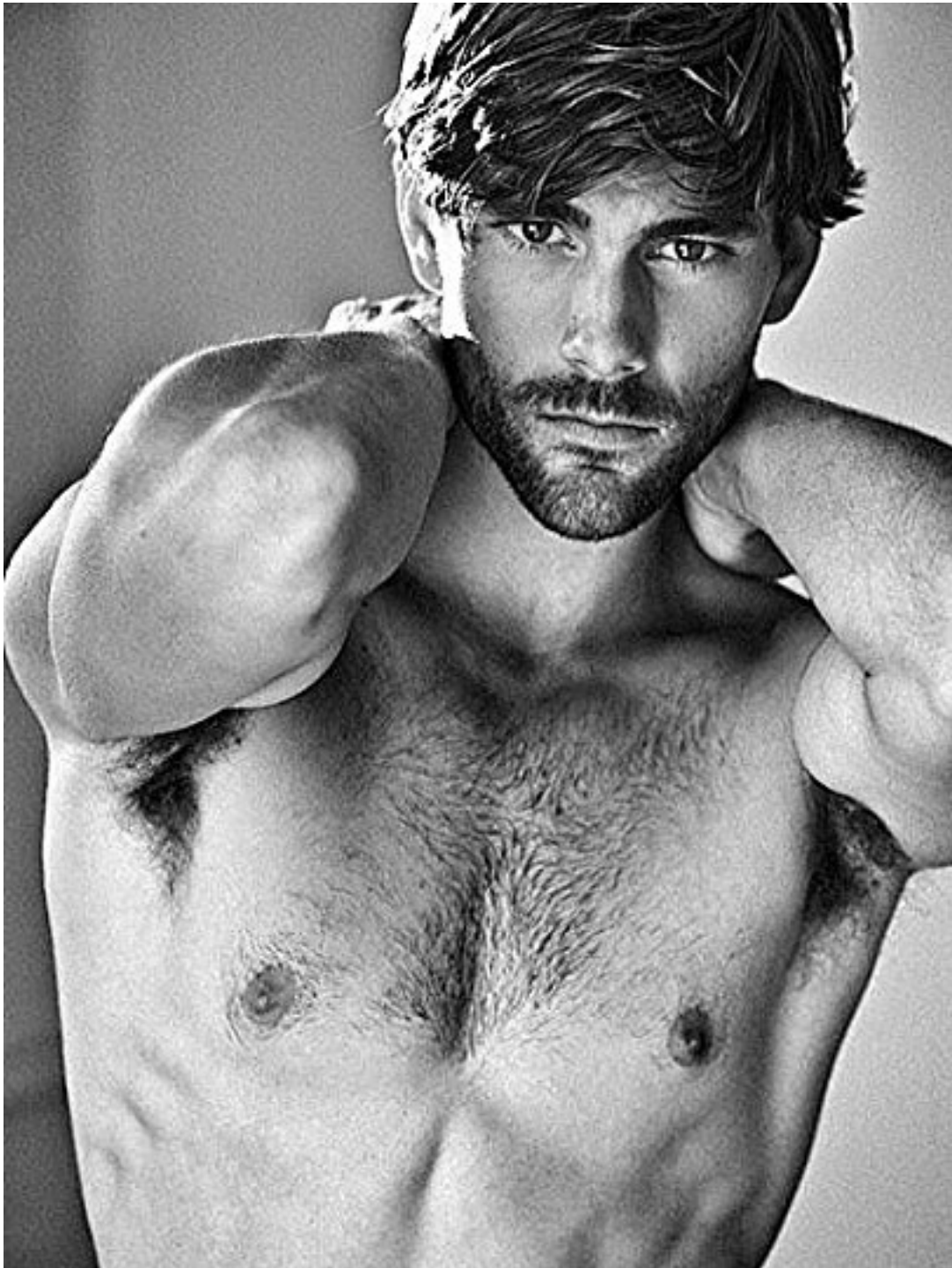
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Its an oldie so we have to give it some bit of leeway. Yes, he is an Ass, yes, I love an Ass. Set in San Francisco, where I visited recently. 30 years ago would have swooned over him. If you are stuck for something to read and want something quick... go for it... Cannot compare it to her recent books.





and yes, we have the hairy chest....



Elvan: undesirable early 80's stereotypes. Hero is an conceited a\$\$hat. Heroine is a doormat. Brown makes use of as many 3 and 4 syllable phrases as she will locate to describe....everything.

Linh Than: Borrowed from a film-buff buddy of mine, i will be able to locate no notice to explain this yet it: feel-good.I obtained this publication from an old-books store, which occurred to be so affordable that I bought, shamefully, just about all the books whose covers inspired me. This one has SF's signature bridge on it.Totally predictable. I dislike books which are predictable,

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considering they set off not anything ready to be digged up, incite not anything yet a temporary, transient, tremendous fleeting strong feeling, which progressively wanes and wanes till there is sth relatively dramatic to deliver that up again, then it maintains to falter. within the end, there is not anything left yet an empty reliable feeling kept for the chuffed finishing of the characters. perhaps i am just a little demanding. And regardless of different experiences relating to love, i believe it truly is attainable for a love like of those to ensue in this sort of brief time, it truly is simply that they're to angelic, like immaculate angels flying out from fairy tales.

Michelle Robinson: this publication is beautiful some distance fetched and that i couldn't stretch my credulity sufficient to get pleasure from it

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