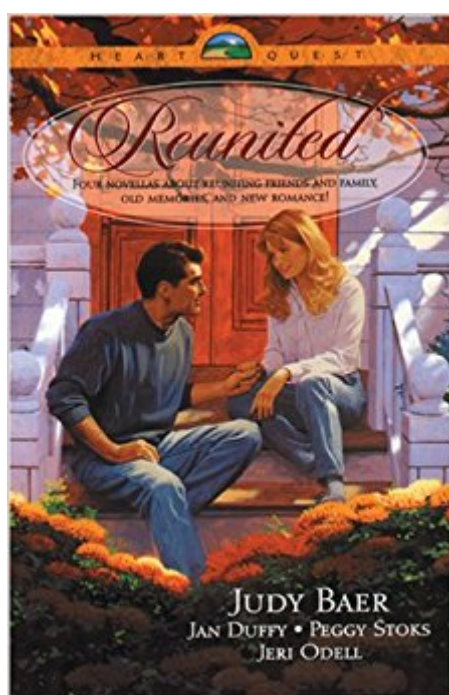


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Synopsis

Judy Baer, Jan Duffy, Peggy Stoks, and Jeri Odell Four complete novellas, each set in a different region of contemporary America. As couples are reunited, we learn how they've grown in their understanding of God and themselves.

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Customer Reviews

This collection of four novellas features young women who reunite with old friends and find true love. Baer's "Tell Me No Lies" brings Cade Callahan and Kirsti Nord back together when he attends her grandfather's funeral. In Jeri Odell's "Scarlett Dreamer," Rick Laramie and Katie O'Malley meet again at a spiritual retreat, where he discovers that her daughter, Kasey, is his child also. In "Mountain Memories," Jan Duffy's contribution, old friends Mikaela and Daniel find love when she cares for him after a car accident, though she believes he will forget her once he returns to his old life as a famous musician. Peggy Stoks rounds out the book with "The Sound of the Water." Seth Glad's lack of religious faith broke up his high school romance with Holly Winslow. When he sees her again at a wedding, he gratefully takes the second chance to convince her that he has changed. While these are all fairly standard romances, collections needing more Christian romance should find this a satisfactory choice. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I purchased 'Reunited' because I wanted to read something romantic without the seemingly mandatory mindless sex that other romance genres, even Regencies, now espouse. 'Reunited'

disappointed on a number of levels, most importantly in plot development of all but one of the novellas, "The Sound of the Water", by Peggy Stoks. The remaining stories are contrived, a Christian angle superimposed and not at all realistic. In Judy Baer's "Tell Me No Lies", about a small North Dakota town whose principal employer has not committed to rebuild after the fire that destroyed their plant, the protagonist spends most of the story trying to decide whether she'll go along with a plan that means saving the town because it involves working with an old love. This character, who spouts Biblical sayings at the drop of a hat, seriously considers turning down the opportunity afforded her because the man in question offended her 'moral values' ten years previously when both were high school seniors, seemingly annoyed at those townspeople whose businesses are about to close down or whose houses will be lost to foreclosure. The remaining novellas, "Scarlett Dreamer" and "Mountain Memories", also suffer from terminally self-centered heroines and implausible plotlines. I was tremendously disappointed in this collection.

I really enjoyed "Reunited". My favorite story is "mountain memories" by Jan Duffy. It was about childhood friends who are now grown and who find romance in the smoky mountains. I really liked the characters, Daniel and Mikaela seem like the perfect couple. Daniel reminds me of the kind of man every woman dreams of finding! The other three stories are also very appealing.

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