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For Jenny O'Malley, the plan was supposed to be easy. Become the surrogate for her friends, Connor and Jeff, deliver their healthy baby, and earn some money towards her student loans. But as the saying goes, the best-laid plans often go awry. Especially when you're looking at the prospect of not getting laid for a long, long time.

With T-Minus two weeks to insemination, Jenny decides to take her friend, Casey's, suggestion to have one wild fling before she's saddled with heartburn and stretchmarks. When a tall, dark and handsome man swaggers into the bar where she works in skin-tight jeans, cowboy boots, and a Stetson, Jenny knows he is the one. After a scorching night of banging boots until dawn, Jenny is a little sad to see her Cowboy in Shining Armor leave.

When he reenters her life a few weeks later, she never could have imagined a positive sign could be such a negative.

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Toni says

“I can’t tell you how happy it makes me that you’re willing to love me even with all the weirdness.”

Ashley, Katie The Vault: A Sinfully Sexy Collection (Kindle Locations 3607-3608). Kindle Edition.

Veronica LaRoche says

This was my first read of Katie’s and it won’t be my last. Jenny is going to help Connor & Jeff’s dream come true by being their surrogate. Knowing she will be pregnant soon her friends tell Jenny too have one last fling and she has her eyes on the sexy cowboy Brett. Never did she think it would be anything other than a one night stand but seeing Brett weeks later changes everything. Reading this story my emotions were like a crazy roller coaster, because Jenny finally finds someone that she can see a future with but being pregnant with another mans baby could ruin her HEA. Amazing story that had me reading nonstop and wanting so much more.

Lisa Mandina says

This was an EXTREMELY quick read. But it was short and sweet and sexy. I enjoyed getting to know the characters, as well as meeting others that I assume might be in other books in this series? I liked all the connections that everyone in the story had. Brett's connection was perfect, and I liked that it was definitely realistic how he reacted at first to finding out that Jenny was pregnant, and who she was having the baby for. It sounds like there is another series I'll need to go back and read so that I can get to know all these other characters mentioned. Also looking forward to the chance to meet this author at Book Bonanza in July as well.

Judy says

Jenny has signed up to be a surrogate for Jeff and Connor. It's almost time for her to conceive and she's a little nervous. Her friend suggests she go out and find a man to let off a little steam with. She meets Brett and holy smokes does that man have a sense of humor! Being hot is definitely a bonus!!

I fell in love with Brett instantly, then I was mad at him, and then he redeemed himself! Great story, very different!!

Kim says

4.5 stars

Jenny O'Malley is about to embark on a life changing experience in order to help her friends, Connor and Jeff have a child. But she wants to have one last fling before her body is on loan, and it is either the best or worst timing that Brett walks back into the bar where she works. He is a hot, charismatic cowboy and he makes no secret that he wants her. After an amazing night, she bails. But she has no idea that she might see him again.

Jenny is sweet, sassy, caring, and devoted to helping her friends. Brett is an added complication she never planned on. They have a connection and chemistry, but there is just so much more going on their lives. And he is confused and conflicted about the delicate situation, that gets even more complicated once everything is revealed.

What happens when your plans go awry? When the best laid plans could cost her the chance of her potential Mr. Right? Will they be able to work through their timing issues or are they doomed to be in a right-people-at-the-wrong-time-situation?

This brings back old friends from The Proposition series, but can be read as a stand alone. I love all the dynamics between the friend group, and I always liked Jeff and Connor so I am glad they are getting to be part of this spin off. Even though it is a short novella, I felt like it told a full enough story and I really liked the characters. It is a fun, sweet, romantic, and humorous story of love, friendship, and life's surprises.

I was gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review.

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**Originally part of The Vault anthology*

Rebecca says

The Plan by Katie Ashley illustrates what happens when fate intervenes in someone's life and alters her plans, complicating an already complex set of circumstances in the best and worst way.

Jenny O'Malley may be only in her early twenties but she's driven to help her friends expand their family in the most selfless and amazing way and even though she meets someone who she instantly connects with, she understands that for the next year, her life is about more than just her wants and needs so she moves forward, holding onto her one night with a sinfully hot cowboy but looking ahead to the next nine months.

But the best laid plans don't always go according to plan and when her one-night stand re-enters her life in a bizarre twist of fate, it's up to both of them how they proceed, if they do, because there are obstacles that might not allow anything to develop between them.

Brett Evans is one delicious cowboy who definitely knows how to wear a pair of tight jeans! And, I can't say that I blame him for reacting the way that he does when he realizes who Jenny is...but he more than makes up for it and once they figure things out, everything seems to fall into place and even though Jenny's plan doesn't quite go the way it was meant to...it doesn't mean it didn't go how it's supposed to for everyone involved.

Jenny and Brett's story is a sweet and steamy novella that explores the idea of family and how a plan can go a very different way when the right person enters someone's life. I loved catching up with characters from

Ashley's Proposition series and how integral they are in redefining what family means and how love conquers all.

4 Poison Apples (The Fairest of All Book Reviews)

Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

"There is no perfect time—there's just the right time."

I was very intrigued by the synopsis and couldn't wait to read **The Plan**. As I'm sure you are already aware, it's a novella. So, you can plan to fall in love with some amazing characters, but it will be over before you are ready to let them go. But at least you will have a smile on your face.

Jenny is a young college student who makes the decision to become a surrogate for a gay couple. Sure, she has student loans that she needs to pay, but the truth is that her heart is bigger than her debt and she just wants to help them. After meeting Connor and Jeff you will understand, they are so damn adorable.

I also enjoyed Jenny's two besties. They are the ones that encouraged her to grab a guy to enjoy one last wild night before buckling down and being safe and celibate for the next nine-plus months. Sex is not something she's looking forward to doing without when elevated hormones are raging through her body. Let's just say that pickles and ice cream are not all that women crave during that time, you know what I mean?

It was fun to know ahead of time that the sexy cowboy would be heading back into her life after their scorching night that ended too soon. The anticipation of waiting for it to happen was exciting. And wondering how he would take the news of her '**condition**' was entertaining too.

What a sweet, funny, and swoon-worthy tale this was. It's the perfect thing to read at the end of a rough day, or to clear your palate after reading something dark. I've been a Katie Ashley fan for years and I always look forward to whatever she has next. The line forms here...

Cindy says

Loved it review to come

Juli Hall says

Loved it

Vera says

Jenny O'Malley accepted being the surrogate for her friends, but the prospect of spending nine months without sex isn't very appealing. As a last hoorah before the insemination, Jenny follows her friend's advice and has one last wild night. Brett Evans is the chosen one. But everything changes when he reenters her life weeks later. Can Brett accept that Jenny is carrying someone else's child?

The Plan is a sweet, funny, and steamy novella, with the perfect amount of twists and surprises. I loved the chemistry between Jenny and Brett and how they met.

Jenny is a sweet young woman. All she wants is to help her friends and pay her debts. So she becomes a surrogate. But meeting Brett makes her question everything. She falls really hard for him and she's afraid he won't accept her situation.

Brett is a gentle cowboy. He feels an immediate attraction to Jenny. But when he realizes she's a surrogate, he has a difficult time accepting it. Even though he makes mistakes, Brett is a very sweet guy.

Overall *The Plan* is a great novella, with a captivating story and awesome characters. Katie Ashley did a magnificent job and I can't wait to read more from her!

Jennifer says

** I won an arc of this book via the author **

~5 Life-Bearer Stars ~

The Plan is a great novella that is a companion to Katie Ashley's The Proposition Series.

I don't feel that you have to read those books first before enjoying this story. This could be slightly spoilery for the series but nothing too shocking.

As always I love Katie Ashley's writing. Her stories are entertaining and the characters are lovable. I always find myself getting swept up in the story and only put it down when I finish it. This book was no exception!!

This is a fairly quick read but it was lacking for nothing. We had everything you come to expect when picking up a book by this author. She gave us an entertaining storyline, lovable characters, drama, sexy times and an overall easy and enjoyable read. The pace flowed perfectly and she kept the story moving in a seamless fashion.

In this book we read about Jenny and Brett. Jenny is a senior in college and also working for her family's business. She has decided to help out her friends and become the surrogate for them. Little does she know that meeting Brett is going to change things for her. So what do you do when a wrench is thrown into your well constructed plan?? Can Brett accept that Jenny is a surrogate for another couple?? Will they be able to get their HEA?? Read this story to find out.

This is one I would definitely recommend to anyone that is a fan of Katie Ashley's. Surely one you won't want to miss!!!

MJ says

An absolutely wonderful addition to the Proposition series, it felt like going home getting to get a glimpse at some favorite characters from a few years back. The author casts the spotlight on Jenny, who is waitress at O'Malley's, her family's restaurant/bar. I remember her as a young woman with a crush on the very sexy Aidan Fitzgerald in the very first book. Now grown up, she is now going to be the surrogate for Connor (Emma's bestie from The Proposition) and Jeff and life couldn't be more complicated. She meets a hot cowboy who she wants more with but with her looming pregnancy, how could he ever truly want her?

Theirs is a sweet and tender kind of love story and had it been longer I would have read that version as well. Katie Ashley has a lock on these characters and continues to allow them to shine and be supportive and caring without all the unnecessary sweetness or drama. She simply allows them to live and even all these years later, I still have a soft spot in my heart for this crew.

Jenny and Brett are so worth your time. You won't be able to stop smiling as their story unfolds. It's quite simply lovely from start to finish.

Leticeia says

Cheesy overload. And too many errors, felt like I was reading a rough draft.

Melody Grabeel says

Jennie is excited at the prospect of being a surrogate for her friends. She feels the need to explore a little before she takes on the honor of producing their child.

Brett is very attracted to the cute bartender in the city bar. He can't forget her and is completely on board with the idea of more. He later is blown away when he finds her again.

This is a sweet story and I was happy it ended the way it did.

Michele McMullen says

I absolutely loved Jenny and Brett. This is the perfect example that so many things happen at the wrong time ! When Jenny decides to become a surrogate for her gay friends it is the right time . When she decides to have one last fling she never expects to find a tall drink of water like Brett. The handsome cowboy falls onto her bed at she thinks the absolute wrong time ! I was also so excited to revisit old friends from the proposition series !! This was wonderfully sweet and oh so swoon worthy tale! Loved it !!

~~Michele McMullen ~~
