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Megan thought she had it all?a good job, a caring family and a fiancé who would make a wonderful husband. But then her perfect world fell apart, and she found that her one hope was Professor Jake van Belfeld.

He seemed determined to rebuild her life?but why was he taking such a personal interest in her? Did he think that her heart needed his attention, too?

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Ashleigh says

Great book, couldn't put it down. The Professor was exactly my type of guy and made me wish I was Megan. Great romance without the porn/gratuitous sex of the usual Harlequins. Great read for someone looking for a sappy romance that warms the heart and ends happily.

Teri-K says

I really enjoyed this story, about a young woman whose fiance falls in love with her younger sister. Poor Megan, she may not have been desperately in love, but no one likes to be jilted for her kid sister, even if she does love her a lot. Fortunately Megan is a sensible girl from a lovely family and she tries to handle things well. Still, it's hard to keep running into your ex fiance at work. Enter our RDD, who suggests Megan take a break by working in an orphanage in Holland for a few weeks.

One of the fun things about this book was knowing what the doctor was thinking and how he felt about Megan almost from the beginning. And Megan was a very likable heroine, with realistic feelings but not at all self-centered. I really enjoyed reading about this couple and their unusual courtship. Unfortunately the e-copy I read has an error at the beginning, saying that Jenny, not Megan, is engaged to Oscar. It made things confusing for a bit and required some rereading. If you get that, just disregard that typo. And enjoy the story.

Kathy says

Another great Betty Neels love story! The Professor has been in love with Nurse Megan Rodner for months, but she is engaged. He watches the relationship closely and is ready when her fiancée is less than attentive and helps her pick up the pieces when the engagement crumbles. She of course is grateful for his shoulder to cry on and his "brotherly" advice. He's a very patient man. He bides his time hoping and waiting for her to fall in love with him. It's a lovely story - Megan is a great character and has great courage. After all, when she declares her love for our hero, she has no idea that he's been waiting for her for months...

Caro says

Llegaron los días fríos y, ¿qué mejor que acurrucarse en el bus camino a casa con una novelita de Betty? Esta heroína "no es tan pobrecita", como diría mi amiga Caro Charmie, pero a su manera lleva una vida triste. Me dio mucha pena verla atravesar por la ruptura con su prometido y hacer cosas tan cotidianas como lavar la ropa en el fregadero. No es de las más preferidas de Betty, pero aun así sin dudas muy entretenida.

Pamela Shropshire says

Charming and angst-free romance

A charming little story! Our heroine, Megan, is one of the Olivia-type: tall, curvy, beautiful and brunette. She's engaged to a really nice guy, Oscar, but they don't really have any chemistry between them. But Megan is 28 and wants to be married and have a family, so she is looking forward to a wedding. For Oscar, there's plenty of time while he establishes himself as a physician. Until he meets Melanie, Megan's younger sister, with whom he falls in love and she reciprocates.

Soon, Megan realizes what has happened. Professor Jake van Belfeld, a pathologist at the hospital where she is the Accident Ward Sister, lends a friendly ear and shoulder to cry on, driving Megan home and having dinner with her often.

While we don't see much of what's going on inside the Professor's head, TGB allows Megan's mom to tell the reader that Jake is in love with Megan. And with frequent hints like long looks at Megan and little smiles of which Megan is unaware, and of course his continually coming to her aid, we realize that Mum is correct.

Everyone is urging Megan to leave her hospital job and go away for a bit. Jake arranges for her to take a temporary job at an orphanage in Castricum, which is in the province of North Holland. This allows her to clear her head and of course, realize that she loves Jake.

Pretty typical Betty, but with some special bits. I loved Meredith, the cat that came with Megan's flat and who liked to snuggle next to her to sleep. I liked that the OM was a nice guy for a change; the absence of a Veronica also makes this one refreshingly angst-free. And of course, the rescue of the newborn baby girl abandoned in a plastic grocery bag, which Megan finds while lost in a thunderstorm and requires getting rescued by Jake, is particularly memorable. 3.5 stars.

Leona says

Another sweet story by Betty Neels. Megan is a duty nurse at one of the large hospitals in London situated in a rough neighborhood. The Professor, is Dutch and is in research and pathology. He is also a wealthy baron. (f course, this is a Betty Neel's story)

Megan is engaged to Oscar, who finds himself falling in love with her sister. Megan is jilted and needs to come to grips with the fact that her sister will marry her ex-fiance.

The Professor, always seems to be able to anticipate what Megan needs, and frankly, is there for her more than Oscar. The Professor suggests she take a 6 week assignment in Holland to recover from her broken engagement.. Even though Megan knows she was never in love with Oscar, she still feels uncomfortable with the hospital gossip and the pitying looks she gets from the other staff.

Though, I liked the book and truly enjoyed reading Megan's journey...I felt a sort of distance between her and the professor. For some reason, their chemistry just didn't work for me. I also didn't care for the ending..it felt very anticlimactic and didn't stand up to the rest of the book.

Susan in NC says

Rereading a favorite Betty always makes for a charming palate cleanser between books! This one has grown on me - I used to find the heroine Megan being dumped by her fiancé when he falls in love at first sight with her younger sister creepy - I couldn't help imagining the holiday dinners, ick! But this being a Betty, the formerly engaged couple were lukewarm in their displays of affection, which helps a bit. Also the hero, a grumpy Dutch pathologist, is such an attractive and intriguing character that you soon forget the ickier bits and enjoy his efforts to patiently woo Megan as she gets over her dented ego and cracked (not broken) heart...

The usual Betty travelogue with amazing meals, beautiful homes and scenery, sweet babies, pets and old family retainers, along with a sparky, likeable, attractive and mature couple as leads make this a lovely way to spend a cold and windy autumn afternoon. Recommended to fans of clean, charming, old fashioned romance.

Kobie says

a betty neels book with a pretty heroine!

Nancy Crayton says

Despite the stories being somewhat formulaic, there are exceptions that stand out. This is one of them. The characters are more developed and there are no villains, just realistic disappointments. The disappointment is inevitable for the real romance between Megan and the Professor to happen.

If you are not familiar with Betty Neels' novels, they are old fashioned or "straight-laced" as she puts it. But the attraction between the characters is undeniable. It's closer to Jane Austen and Georgette Heyer than modern romance writers. A close embrace and kisses is as far as it goes.

I enjoy them because you get a picture of the place, the society, the food and fashions. Not just boy meets girl. But they are feel good stories and this one is among my favorites. The romance is very sweet.

Charlotte says

I adore Betty Neels, I really do, and this is yet another of her very sweet (without being treacly) romances between a lovely but somewhat ill-used Ward Sister (dumped by her fiance for her sister) and a very large, very sure of himself, very reticent Dutch Professor. After she realises her sister and fiance are in the kind of love he and she are not, the lovely Megan is whisked off to the Netherlands by the Professor to work in an orphanage "for a change". She only realises she is quite in love with the Professor when she thinks she might never see him again, and the day he has been quietly waiting for happens. Le sigh.

Shallowreader VaVeros says

Audiobook version

My full of spoilers review <https://shallowreader.com/2016/08/18/...>

Kay says

4 Stars ~ Megan's a chief nurse at a very busy London hospital and she's engaged to a resident doctor. She'd always thought she'd be swept away when she fell in love, but she's content with the affectionate relationship she has with Oscar. When Megan discovers that Oscar has fallen in love with her younger sister Melanie, she's honest with everyone that though she'd always been very fond of Oscar, her's wasn't a deep passion. As Oscar and Melanie plan their wedding, it becomes difficult for the couple as they feel guilty, and Megan, though happy for them, can't help but feel sad on her own behalf. Professor van Belfield is in charge of the pathology lab at the hospital and has most of the junior nurses afraid of him. He's been enamored with Megan, who is not one bit afraid of him, from the first time he set eyes on her. The Professor recommends Megan find work away from the hospital and all reminders of Oscar, and he finds her a temporary position at an orphanage in Holland and offers to take her there. With quiet determination, he patiently bides his time for Megan to realize that she's falling in love with him, something she must do without his influence. He does have a few shaky moments when it seems she's very friendly with the young doctor who visits the orphanage.

Ms. Neels has a distinct style to her writing allowing her characters to emerge at a gentle pace. Megan is a strong young woman who doesn't run away from uncomfortable situations. She's quick to realize her relationship with Oscar isn't quite right. And though she gets quite riled with the Professor over his often gruff or abrupt treatment of her, she rather likes his take charge ways. As to the quiet Professor, his quiet demeanor hides a man who has deep emotions. He's sure of his own feelings for Megan and though he's confident that he could bring her to love him, he wants her to come to this on her own. I adored how he automatically protected her and sensed what she needed before she did. Ms. Neels allows her stories to unfold with little in the way of high drama. With each page I was eager to read on to find out what was going to happen next. I thoroughly enjoyed this charming love story.

Mandy says

Megan's life is perfect she's engaged to a young doctor, she enjoys her job working as a nurse, and she recently acquired a flat of her own away from the other nurses. Yet everything changes on the trip home to introduce her family to her fiancé Oscar. He falls head over heels in love with her shy younger sister. At first Megan just assumes he's being nice spending time with her family but when the truth comes out she finds she's not as disappointed by the news as she thought. Her heart is cracked but not broken like any other women who had found out her fiancé had fallen in love with another woman.

Megan has the attention of Professor Jake van Belfield a pathology professor she just doesn't realize that he's in love with her. After all he's a little older quiet, a successful professor what would he see in her. As the professor goes out of his way to visit her, even offering her a chance to work in Holland at an orphanage giving her a much needed change. Megan sees the professor as being very kind and helpful but her mother is

sure that he's in love with her daughter. Will Megan figure out the truth?

I love Megan she's a strong character not your typical skinny blonde but a real woman with curves. She's a nurse working in a tough hospital but doesn't let the laundry guy get the best of her. Even after her engagement ends she handles it better than most. Who doesn't love a knight in shiny Rolls Royce rolling into save the day. I love the professor he's just so dreamy and he cares dearly for Megan it's so sweet.

I've been a fan of Betty Neels since I was a teenager thanks to my grandmother leaving me a few boxes of books when she passed away. She left me a good 40 of her books all of which I've read before long ago. When I needed a rich character the first to come to mind are the men of Betty Neels books, the girl are always poorer struggling type. They feel like real characters that get a happy ever after. The Quiet Professor is a Harlequin so it's a fast paced quick sweet romance novel. These books always make me crave toast and tea it's because of them I've become such a tea drinker. Anyway I love the characters, love the sweet unsuspecting romance and just love all of her books. These are perfect for a quick afternoon read. Of course I plan to read this as well as the rest of her books again.

MissKitty says

Almost the same scenario as the previous one I read 'The Course of True Love', but I liked that one better.

In this story, the heroine is jilted by her fiancé for her younger sister. Since she was not truly in love with him she had a cracked, instead of broken, heart. The rich doctor Hero is often around to help her pick up the pieces. And finds her a new job in Holland so she can get away from the situation.

He wants to give her time to get over her sadness and realise she loved him instead. ALTHOUGH, and I thought his tactics were ridiculous, he didn't do anything to let her know he was interested. He didn't court her or try to win her heart! In fact, he pulled back once they got to Holland. His reasoning; he didn't want to influence her decision! What!

Also, I didn't like that she was too forgiving towards her sister and ex-fiancé. She didn't even let him suffer a little.
