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Cinderella and Prince Charming never had to consider the welfare of their children.

When widower Tyler Fitzpatrick meets Annie Barnes at his daughter's school, his libido goes tilt. The sexy single mother is everything he and his grieving little girl need. Unfortunately, Annie flatly refuses his dinner invitation. She wants a husband and a father for her son—not just a boyfriend. And the last time she checked, wealthy, summa-cum-laude lawyers didn't marry high-school-drop-out housekeepers.

Tyler concedes there's a vast difference between their experiences and lifestyles. Still, he's inexplicably drawn to the impoverished young woman—even though her little boy reminds Tyler of an underprivileged past he'd rather forget. While becoming better acquainted, he offers Annie a job caring for his daughter and home in Redemption, PA. He also proposes a Parent Pact—an agreement to become role models to each other's child and to fill one another's needs as single parents while they continue to search for true love.

Accepting Tyler's offer would solve a lot of Annie's problems. However, surrendering to her weak-in-the-knees attraction to the irresistible widower could very well leave her and her son heartbroken. Yet, when circumstances threaten her ability to feed her child, Annie reluctantly agrees to the pact, making it clear she has no desire for Tyler to fill her so-called needs in bed. It's a bald-faced lie, but she knows the man's desperation to give his daughter the nurturing she needs will compel him to accept a purely platonic relationship.

Now, Annie's only problem is resisting the overwhelming temptation to let sin-in-a-tailored-suit Tyler seduce her.

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Leighan Morrell says

What a lovely little book. I really enjoyed reading this one. The only problem I had with it was that when the author was "expressing" Tyler's feelings for Annie, it was through his "man bits", not through what he was actually feeling for her. It was always expressed with a physical reaction. However, it is a lovely book and a happy read.

Jo-Anne says

I liked the idea of two single parents making a parent pack where they agreed to fill in for each other's children when needed. They each had a child that was missing a parent so this was a perfect solution for them. Yeah, right. Their intense attraction for each other made this deal hard for them at times.

Tyler and Annie were complete opposites. He was a well-off, educated lawyer and she was a high school drop-out, just making ends meet as a housekeeper. So when Tyler offered Annie a job to clean, cook, and help look after his daughter, she couldn't pass it up, especially when the job came with an apartment and more income. This arrangement worked out for everybody. Just about. Annie was looking for a forever relationship and she didn't think she could get that from Tyler so if she could keep him at a distance her life would be good.

I really liked this story about two parents trying to make life better for their two young children. I did feel sorry for both of the main characters and their youngsters though. Annie had to drop out of school when she got pregnant after being date raped. While she was wonderful with the children, she was hard to like because she was so defensive about how little she had in both possessions and education. Tyler was very successful in his career leaving him quite wealthy. But his life hadn't always been great.

These parents would do anything for their children and it just might make their own lives better, too.

Anna says

I read this a few days ago, and all I remember now was that the book was good enough to keep me reading to the end, but not unique or memorable.

Cindy Caron says

This was the first of this series, as well as the first from this author that I have read. I truly hope that it won't be my last. I loved this book from the first paragraph to the last word. This story is a true love story that begins with two people seemingly from two different worlds, only to find that they had more in common than they thought. It is a wholesome book that invites you to fall in love with the characters, right down to the pet dog. Their struggles to deal with everyday issues involving their children and feelings between them

only make them more endearing. Annie's perceived self low-esteem creates more hurdles for them to climb. If you love to pick up a book and cuddle in front of the fireplace and get lost in the story, this is a shoe-in to fulfill your fix.

I am looking forward to more from Laurie Kellogg. She has a wonderful gift that takes you away to the land of HEA. Well done (less)

Kasey Chang says

The Parent Pact is a great "single parents dating" romance with a lot of angst than one expects in a novel that is at times funny and at times dramatic, with multi-layered characters that you'll get to know very well.

Tyler Fitzpatrick is a single father with a daughter to raise... and a lot of shameful secrets to keep. When he met Annie Barnes at his daughter's school, it was like a perfect match... of epically opposite proportions. She's impoverished and has a son, he's rich and has a daughter. She's a high school dropout housecleaner whose BF ran away; he's a summa cum laude lawyer who had a beautiful wife who died in a car accident. Tyler concedes there is a gulf between them, but they can definitely help each other out... Tyler needs a housekeeper and babysitter... And Annie is the perfect candidate. They also agreed to a Parent Pact... to become role models for each other's child while they search for their one true love. Annie knew Tyler is good for her, but she didn't believe Tyler would stick around, and she wanted a loving husband, not just hot sex and mutual obligations. Can Tyler convince her that they really are good together?

Annie has a bit of inferiority complex, and Tyler... has shameful secrets about his relations with his dead wife which I will not spoil here. Let's just say it will take a lot of "dancing" and push-pull to get this couple to get together, and the journey is all the fun.

Jacy Hahn says

Annie has a child through date rape and overcomes many obstacles to take care of her son. Tyler comes from a poor background and makes something of himself. At times he forgets where he comes from and can be quite a pompous ass,; tending to snub his nose at just how hard and determined Annie is to provide for her and her son.

This book was ok, somewhat predictable and a little fairy-tailish at times. But a good, easy read by the pool on a summer day.

Meryl says

Annie has had a tough life and she does what she can to support her son. Tyler is a widower with a lovely daughter who needs a mother. Both have some dark secrets about their past. They agree to help each other. There is the underlying tension of their attraction to each other. Each is misguided about their expectations, but with the help of friends and family they see the light.

Enjoyable, heartwarming read!

2OCC Reviews says

Firstly, what I loved about this book was not only the main characters, but the secondary characters too. Every single person in this book had a part to play in making this book brilliant. It's about two single parents who make a pact to be there for each other's children. Tyler needs someone to clean, cook, and help look after his daughter.. Annie needs money and someone to be a male figure in her son's life. What could possibly go wrong? Filled with attraction, want, need and worries, can these two single parents find it in their hearts to let go of everything they thought they needed to embrace each others lives, regardless of their differences? Read the book and you will find out! I honestly really enjoyed reading this book, it had just the right amount of love, sex, drama and fun. it was written really well and I loved the storyline. I think I will definitely read more from Laurie Kellogg.

Vanessa Kay says

I read this story last Monday but it's just now that I finally posted my review. Hehe, I was busy binge watching the anime Fairy Tail and I can't just will myself to stop. Can you imagine I managed to reach 120 episodes for just 3 days?! Hehe, it's been a while since I've watched any anime plus I'm totally in love with Fairy Tail just by watching the first episode.

Well, back to this story. The Parent Pact is the 3rd book of the Return to Redemption series written by Laurie Kellogg. This story is about two single parents who agreed to work together to become role models to each other's child and to fill one another's needs as single parents. As part of their pact, their relationship are purely platonic.

When I first read the first chapter, dang! it instantly got my full attention. I like that everything happened so fast without adding some useless and should I say, annoying scenes. And yep, I'm definitely impatient when it comes to romance so it was so great to know that this story is so far from being dull.

I love how the main characters' lovestory started. I love that the readers got to know everything about the characters as early as the first chapter, especially on what they are currently dealing with. I don't usually believe in love at first sight but their encounter and their obvious attraction to each other really affected me. I love how the guy was so straightforward and didn't waste time beating behind the bush. He instantly asked Annie out but since he recently lost his wife not long time ago, she rejected him nicely.

I find what happened next really exciting. Absolutely no boring moments. Well, it's not usually everyday that you can read a book where the guy is doing the seduction eh? And dang! It's absolutely one of the hottest I've read so far hihi. I love how their story were running. I'm already 70% of the story that's why I really find it hard to put it down, but I need to sleep since I've got so many things to do the next day since I'll be traveling this weekend and won't be working 'till Tuesday. Where I'm going? I'll tell you more about it next week ;)

The next morning, I was kind of disappointed. I can't seem to find the same great book that I read last night. It looks like I am reading a different story. It's starting to annoy me because of the drama. Dang! Both of

them has their own set of mistakes, but Annie really annoyed me this time. It all happened after Ben and Tyler's dinner with some group of businessmen together with their wives. She screwed up and it's understandable since it was her first time to host such event, but she keeps on belittling herself whenever she done something wrong. Instead on working to make it better, she became more sullen than ever. She keeps on saying that she can't make him happy because they belong in two different lifestyles. Well, I can sympathize but I thought love always conquers all aight? Excuse me for my sudden outburst, it's just really annoying.

It's a good thing Tyler is very persistent lol. It would have been annoying, but I really admire how he fights for her. Well, he's not that saint-like clean because he even has his own flaws. He wasn't born rich like his friend Ben but he despises being poor. I sometimes feel bad whenever Annie bought something affordable because he wants the pricey one because of its quality and all. It's ok to choose to buy pricey things and buying something for her son too, but he shouldn't rub it hard on her face. It's really hurtful for the ego. It's been pretty obvious that he loves her as early as 30% of the book. So when he wished that she became pregnant with his child, I wasn't surprised at all. He's really that determined to marry her. Sorry for the spoilers guys, it's just too hard to keep my mouth shut with this couple.

I really liked Tyler in the first half of this story. I find him extremely sexy and I love reading how to seduce Annie. There's no such thing as perfect, but dang! He's almost perfect. He's really just too good to be true. He's 10 year older than Annie so I kinda understand his maturity but he still baffled me, especially on how he takes good care of the kids and on how he handled the b*tchy Paola who obviously making a move on him. He's too chatty too that sometimes I think he talks like a woman, but overall, he's still a perfect gentleman and definitely a husband material. After all his hardships and his struggles from his previous wife, it's just amazing how he was able to handle all those things when normally, guys would just ran off.

Annie, she was really one admirable character. I love her sense of humor and how she was able to laugh even if she's facing so many problems in life. She got pregnant at the age of 16 and I was really proud that she chose to keep her baby. She's been through a lot, she wasn't able to finish high school too. She's still so young so she doesn't know everything at all, so I can really sympathize about her reaction about Tyler buying everything for her son and all. I just kinda lost my admiration of her on the part after the dinner she hosted. She's too hard for herself that she didn't believe that she can do it, that she can step up from her comfort zone and accept Tyler. Good thing Tyler was so persuasive lol.

Since I enjoyed 70% of this story plus I love it's HEA, I am giving this star a 4 star rating. It was my first time reading from the author and I can definitely see why she's one of the top romance writers in America. Aside from writing romantic scenes that will definitely make you squeal with delight, she also uses very easy to comprehend words so no need to tuck a dictionary with you. The story line wasn't new but she created some crafty scenes, I just didn't like the drama part. Well, it was only from the heroine's part so it was totally fine.

I love the HEA, it was a bit corny but I'm really happy all turned out fine to the both of them. Plus, she finally got the justice for her father's murder. Talking about complete package HEA eh?

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

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Poonam says

Loved this story so much! Much better than the previous ones. I love the hero Tyler and his persistent way to show his love to Annie. Loved those cute children Mandy And Noah. I like Tyler's friends and his sister (Luke, Ben and Sabrina). I love the epilogue. What a cute baby son they have! I always love a much better happy ending. Now looking forward to reading book part 4 of the Redemption series. :)

Romina says

Incredibly annoying heroine and too good to be true hero.

Lisa says

Good read

The Parent Pact is a good read with lots of chemistry between the main characters. Tyler would like a relationship with Annie from the beginning, but Annie is convinced they aren't a good match since they are from two totally different economical /social circles. The story develops and unfolds well. Though I got a little irritated with Annie, because she kept pushing Tyler away even after he proved how much he cared for her and her son. Obviously things work out, and I loved their HEA. Definitely worth reading.

Jennifer Shirley says

Quick easy read. I laughed a lot over the main character's lack of social finesse which led her into social gaffes, but the author gave you background information in the story so you knew the characters background in life and it worked in the story telling. I believe this author will get better and better with time. Will watch for future books.

Debbie Oxier says

Annie was a single mom to Noah. Noah was conceived when sixteen year old Annie was slipped a roofie and was subsequently raped by her date. When she confronted the jerk he denied it and wanted no part of the pregnancy. Which was fine by Annie. Now she's twenty-three and struggling to make ends meet.

Tyler is a decade older than Annie. He lost his wife and unborn son in an accident. What most people dont know, however, is that Erica, his wife, suffered with bipolar disorder and had cheated on him numerous

times. The baby she was carrying wasn't his. He knew this for a fact since he and Erica hadn't been intimate for quite some time when Erica got pregnant. Now he's currently raising daughter, Mandy, on his own and having difficulty finding someone to help him with not just Mandy but also the housekeeping, the cooking, and numerous other things he simply has no time for, such as picking up the drycleaning or shopping for food.

Since Mandy and Noah were in the same class at school, Tyler comes up with the brilliant idea of hiring Annie to do all of the above. He'll double her income, provide her with transportation, and in return, he will serve as a role model to Noah. He'll take the boy to scout meetings, sporting events, etc., do everything he'd normally do with his own son if given the chance. Annie sees the merit in what he's proposing but she's wary. She knows Tyler is attracted to her. In fact, he's told her so point blank, no beating around the bush with him. He would love to jump headlong into a relationship with her. Annie doesn't see the point. They are from totally different worlds. He's champagne and caviar while she's more of a burgers and beer type of gal. But she's tempted. Oh, how she's tempted!

I really enjoyed this story and Tyler is a very likeable guy but he says some incredibly rude things to Annie, criticizing her dress, pointing out all the mistakes she makes socially at times, and Annie fails to ever put him in his place. His friends do more of that than she does. I would have liked to have seen a little more backbone on her part. Especially at the dinner party he hosts when he's trying to make a business deal with those invited. He let's her know every time she makes a wrong move, like not serving the caviar right from the can, which only serves to affirm what she's been saying all along. She doesn't belong in his world. I would have dumped a bowl full of food on his head in front of his guests, consequences be (you know what)! Fortunately, Tyler and Annie do manage to work everything out in the end. Tyler does come to his senses and realize he was wrong to try and force Annie to fit into his mold. As a result, the outcome is a happy one for all concerned.

Linda Walters says

I liked it but with some reservations. It was kind of a mixed bag for me. The emotions were there although it seemed to repeat a theme or two quite a bit. The story did start out strong but then kind of dogged down about half way through. Part of that I think had to do with all the detailed wealth but it also showed the huge gap between the lifestyles of the two main characters. There is hope for the rest of the book though because it finally does pick up and it also solves a mystery about Annie's father's death. There is also a good Epilogue which I was glad to see.

There was some humor in the story and I thought the cover was kind of cute too.

Both Tyler and Annie were interesting characters as was their children, Mandy and Noah. Two other people who added to the story was Tyler's long time friends, Luke and Ben. Tyler's sister Sabrina also shows up in the book and adds a promising side story to the book. It looks like she will have her own story in, "A Heart Decision (Return to Redemption, Book 5")
