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Synopsis

Elizabeth Cabot is all business. She knows how to maximize her investments and cut her losses - in both her career and her personal life. So when she discovers that Jack Fairfax has deceived her, she's determined to end their relationship. Putting a stop to their budding romance is easy, but breaking up their business deal will be more difficult. Despite all her efforts, she has no luck disentangling herself from Jack's client company, Excalibur. But the situation becomes even more strained when a lethal act of sabotage threatens to put both their companies out of business for good. Elizabeth is no fool. If she can help Jack save Excalibur, she'll recoup her substantial investment plus millions in profits. Putting her emotions aside, she insists on helping him search for the scientist who's disappeared with a valuable new crystal that could revolutionize their high-tech industry. She'll go in, solve the problem, and get out. The trail leads Elizabeth and Jack to a fringe film festival, but their goal is as elusive as the shadowy black-and-white images from the classic noir films. Life starts to imitate art, and double-dealing seems to be the name of the game. For these business adversaries turned reluctant partners, keeping an eye on each other - and the lid on their sizzling attraction - seems the only insurance against further treachery.

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Customer Reviews

Six months after a disastrous one-night stand, Jack Fairfax and Elizabeth Cabot are dismayed to realize that they'll need to work together to recover a stolen crystal vital to the success of a business in which both have invested. This uneasy couple is soon off to a film noir festival in pursuit of a thief obsessed with noir, and they discover that life sometimes imitates art (or at least B movies).

Threats, stalkers, double crossers, and an unknown femme fatale are the least of the problems Jack and Elizabeth face in this entertaining tale of romantic suspense. Readers may not find as much humor in this book as they are accustomed to in Krentz's (*Grand Passion*) work, but the author's trademark wit is still present, and her many fans will certainly not be disappointed. A well-written, enjoyable novel with something a little extra for fans of film noir (who are sure to note the Veronica Lake lookalike gracing the cover). Another winner from a favorite author; for public libraries.-AElizabeth Mary Mellett, Brookline P.L., MA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the MP3 CD edition.

Onetime lovers Elizabeth Cabot and Jack Fairfax are forced to work together because she is the administrator of the fund that is supporting Excalibur, a small, family-held R & D firm, and he has been hired as CEO to turn the company around. When the lab is trashed, a technician is murdered, and the crystal that the fortunes of the company depend upon disappears along with its inventor. Jack knows he has only two weeks to solve the mystery or Excalibur will be beyond salvation. Uncovering the fact that the missing scientist was obsessed with film noir and was the producer of a film that will be premiering at the Neo Noir Film Festival in Mirror Springs, an exclusive Aspen-like Rocky Mountain resort, he heads to the hills. Meanwhile, Elizabeth discovers Excalibur's predicament. She also decides to investigate, and they end up together in the same house in overbooked Mirror Springs. Taking in independent neo noir films, attending panel discussions and parties feting those involved, the duo, who have good reason to dislike each other, muster up a mutual if grudging respect and admiration and then ignite a sizzling passion as they become submerged in the gritty film noir world. Best-selling Krentz, known for her strong-willed, independent characters, once again provides satisfaction in this hot, suspenseful romance set against the fascinating and darkly glamorous atmosphere of a film festival. Diana Tixier Herald --This text refers to the MP3 CD edition.

All you really need is Jayne Ann Krentz's name on a book to know it's more than worth the time and money. Her books never fail to give you a diverse and interesting group of characters, plenty of twists and turns, a great love story, exciting settings, and a few surprises thrown into the mix for good measure. Elizabeth and Jack spent only one night together, but we feel like we've been there from their first glance. Elizabeth is a tough as nails, smart, succesful business woman who has no intention of letting the handsome company head pull the wool over her eyes. Their dialog together crackles (especially their resteraunt showdown) and the Film Noir Festival setting is written with

enough detail and description to be informative, and yet not be overbearing. Jack and Elizabeth make a great couple, but it's no less than we expect from Ms. Krentz. Don't wait for the paperback, get this one now. . . and enjoy! Bravo!

Fast paced and interesting all through. I loved the characters and the plot line was very well written. Just what I would expect from Ms. Krentz

Keeps you in suspense from beginning to end. Has you wondering just what is going to happen next, Just who is going to be there bad guy.

Great story! Great characters and fast action. Recommended!

Love Jayne Ann Krentz books and all her other names also! She is a terrific author and I also enjoy her characters and the varied settings!

I received this book as an E-book from .com and enjoyed it very much. It is one of her "Today" books, as opposed to the period pieces that many of her books are. (I enjoy both the contemporary AND the period and "off-world" books as well. Have been reading her for several years and have some trouble keeping up with her output!! I enjoy her believable characters and their activities.

Typical Krentz non-paranormal romance. Good plot, engaging reading, but romance a bit unrealistic.

I have all her books as Castle ,Quick, James, and Krentz. I was thrilled when this one became affordable for Kindle. A nicely balanced book which you will enjoy. I hate spoilers so I'll just say buy and enjoy it's perfect for afternoons on the deck.

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