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Where You Left Me



Synopsis

Luckyâ™ thatâ™s how Jennifer would describe herself. She had a successful law career, met the love of her life in Doug, married him, had an apartment in New York City, a house in the Hamptons, two beautiful children, and was still madly in love after nearly seven years of marriage. Jennifer was living the kind of idyllic life that clichés are made of. Until Doug was killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center, and she became a widow at age thirty-fiveâ™ a 9/11 widow,â™ no less, a member of a select group bound by sorrow, of which she wanted no part. Though completely devastated, Jennifer still considered herself blessed. Doug had loved her enough to last her a lifetime, and after his sudden death, she was done with the idea of romantic loveâ™ fully resigned to being a widowed single mother . . . until a chance encounter with a gregarious stranger changed everything. Without a clue how to handle this unexpected turn of events, Jennifer faced the question asked by anyone who has ever lost a loved one: Is it really possible to feel joy again, let alone love? With unvarnished emotion and clear-eyed sardonic humor, Jennifer tells an ordinary womanâ™s extraordinary tale of unimaginable loss, resilience, friendship, love, and healingâ™ which is also New York Cityâ™s narrative in the wake of September 11. *Where You Left Me* is an unlikely love story, a quintessentially New York storyâ™ at once Jenniferâ™s tribute to the city that gave her everything and proof that second chances are possible.

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This book was a total disappointment. It was suppose to be a Memoir for the children of Doug Gardner. What they will get is a book more about their Mom and little essence of Doug. The sadness of his death and 3000 other people on 9/11 will remain with us forever, but not with this book. Jennifer spends her time talking about herself, her pain, her grief, her recovery. Doug was lost in Jennifer's descriptions of the places she ate, her social life of glitz and money she engaged in. She is a lucky girl with all kinds of support from her parents, friends, and even her clothes designer; and ultimately her second chance at love with a very handsome man named Derek. Here too, it's all about her. She picks him up at a bar 10 months after Doug's tragic death. She doesn't wait for Derek to call her, she calls him and sets up a date with him. She comes on to him rather strong and gets angry when he wants to back off. That doesn't deter her. On one of their dinner dates to a swanky restaurant, she tells Derek that when she does decide to sleep with him, she insists on monogamy. That said, after dinner they head out and instead of going home, they drive to a "charming boutique hotel", checked in and she comments that Derek wasn't her husband and it felt illicit. Then she explains their "first time" wasn't spontaneous, but memorable like riding a bicycle, but much more fun than pedaling a Schwinn. Of course, Derek ends up moving in with Jennifer and her two little children. Then the matter of having more children come up. Jennifer mentions she is 37 and her biological clock was ticking, and tells Derek, they need to "do it quickly" Derek says he would love a baby, but there's no rush. She manipulates him into saying a child from him isn't necessary for his ego.

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