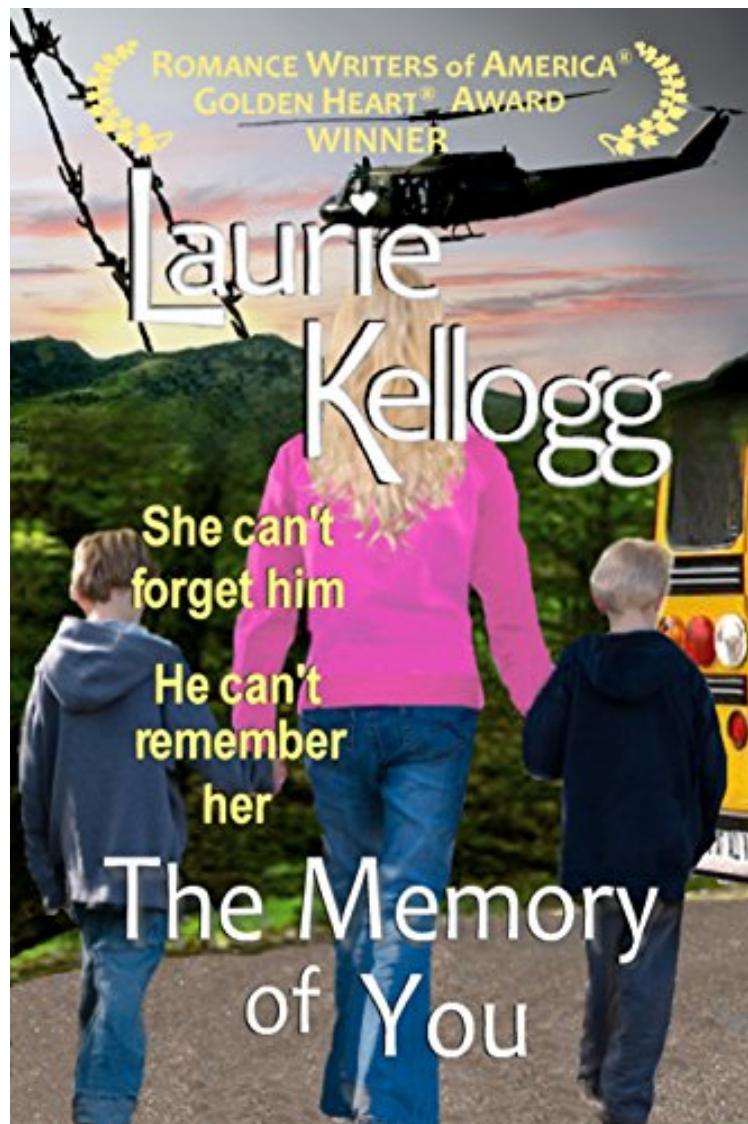


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The plot appealed to me from the start. Almost too good to be true, right?! I applaud the author for having such a vivid imagination. And I don't mean that in a condescending way at all. The story line was like something out of a fairytale. Needless to say I was giddy with excitement, ready to bask in some serious drama and romance. The good news is that I was able to do so up to a certain point. A story about how true love has the power to conquer all? Yep, it was definitely that and more. I felt the despair of a man trying his hardest to figure out who he had been ' more importantly ' who he was. Changed, yes....but he had hope of salvaging what's left of his marriage. Abby, too, was immensely affected by supposedly losing her husband so soon after marrying him. The impact on her life as a widow was palpable from the very beginning. I could see right through her, and wanted nothing more than to stop the hurting. She needed so badly for someone to comfort her, yet she wasn't capable of letting go of the man she fiercely loved. It was heartbreaking and heart-warming to witness at the same time. The fact that she didn't recognize 'Mac' as her beloved Matt almost had me in tears ' misty eye the very least. I also liked (I know that sounds contradictory ' it isn't though) the normalcy of Abby's everyday life. For all the grieving of what could've been and the confusion about her future, she had both feet on the ground. Another aspect you will like is the strong message behind their story. For those who remember Operation Homecoming it will be a walk down memory lane. For me, it was eye-opening. The bad news, and ultimately the 'flaw' I couldn't overlook, was the overall impression I got of both hero and heroine. Matt was pushy and overbearing. He steamrolled over Abby's judgement without taking into account that to her, he was just Mac, a stranger. His constant interference didn't just make me uneasy. I ended up not liking him at all. The same goes for his blatant disregard of Abby's engagement. Trying to win her over by badmouthing her fianc didn't sit well with me (even though the guy was an as\*). He didn't deserve to be treated in such a manner. In the end, Matt went too far when taking the opportunity of experiencing something beautiful from someone when he had no business doing so. His intentions were honourable, but that didn't make it right. Honestly, I found it a bit disturbing. Furthermore, it takes two to tango. Abby was just too naive, if not naivety in person. Just thinking about how she 'can't do that to my fianc' didn't cut it. She strung him along. Knowing she did so was not enough to redeem herself in my eyes. I didn't find a way to justify her behaviour, no matter how much I understood her inner turmoil. She trusted too easily, she let another person dictate her life, and she made bad choices for her children. I as the reader was aware of Mac's real identity, but she wasn't. Her actions had to be judged based on her knowledge...not mine. Another development that bothered me was the 180 one of the secondary characters did. The change seemed forced to fit the story line. Last but not least, the big revelation felt rushed. Now, I'm aware that a lot of what I criticized needs to be taken with a grain of salt because of the time the novel was set in. I just wasn't able to overcome my dislike of the main characters. To me, that is a deal-breaker, and the reason why I can't give a better rating. Still, I urge you to give Matt and Abby a chance, for you might see them in a different light. 2.5 stars to The Memory of You by Laurie Kellogg. Beware of Spoilers! A few of my favorite quotes for those of you who are interested: 'Okay, play it cool. Don't let him see what a big dork you are.' 'I see you really like peas. My husband despised them. ' His stomach sunk when she handed him the bowl. ' Here, why don't you finish them off? ' Talk about killing a guy with kindness.' '...he's the best. [...] dad was just like him. ' How do you know? ' [...] dad died before we was born. ' I know. Tommy yawned. But he can be just like Mac if I say he was.'

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