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Synopsis

Building bridges has a very different meaning for Jameson Reid than it does for Candace Fletcher. J.D. Reid spends her days designing some of the most elegant and majestic buildings and homes in North America. U.S. Senator Candace Fletcher has spent her life working to build bridges between people. J.D. Reid is not who Candace Fletcher was expecting to arrive on her doorstep. Candace will challenge all of Jameson's preconceptions about the women of Washington D.C. The enigmatic architect will test the resolve of the Junior Senator from New York. Two women will discover that falling in love may be out of their control, but creating a relationship in the world of politics and business is completely BY DESIGN.

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Customer Reviews

I'm writing this review as a straight woman. I originally read the "Special Delivery" series which made me curious about J.A Armstrong's other series. I noticed that there was such a high review

marking for this series, so I decided this series would be my next read. So again, here's my two cents as a straight woman. I loved Candace and Jameson. This series was great. But don't you hate it when you can't accept something because it doesn't mesh with your own opinions, preferences or beliefs? What I couldn't accept was the difference in age. 20 years?! That bothered me the most. Not that they were lesbians, but that they were vastly different in age. I don't think that I could ever accept step children that's almost my own age. I just have to be honest here. Even the Millionaire Matchmaker says that it's a romance disaster when you have such a gap in age between the couple. But I digress. Otherwise, this book was quite good. It was eyeopening in how Jameson was able to connect with Candace's children. And how they work out the kinks between themselves. I absolutely loved how Jameson connects with Candace's grandchildren. You could practically see that she could be a great mom, even though she keeps saying she never wants to have children. Not only that, what interested me the most was Candace's job. She's a senator who might will become the governor of my state, New York. That really pulled me into this series. I'm very interested in politics in my own state. I loved reading how she acts and reacts in her office to emergencies or situations or even people on and off her staff. I read the entire series. I won't spoil it all. But I was pleasantly surprised how J.A. was able to keep up the pace without making it feel like an actual series. And how she was able to bring something in each book that made it interesting yet brought another challenge for Candace and Jameson. But I had such a dark thought at one point. I thought, what happens in 20 years? 30 years? What happens if Candace passes away because frankly, she's much much older? How will Jameson handle it? For some reason, I wanted to read THAT book. I am curious how can you rise above that? How do you recover? How do you heal? How do you go on without the love of your life? Like I said, it's such a dark thought. But don't get me wrong, this is such a great series that you should give a try. I just wish the covers were much better for the "Special Delivery" series. They look so yucky and messy. They don't really represent the gems that J.A. Armstrong produces which is why I was grateful that this series' covers looked much much better. It looked more professional. That's my two cents as a straight woman.

The Ozzie & Harriet of lesfic: Nice younger architect, nice older senator, nice friends, nice jobs, nice parents, nice Ivy educations, nice homes, nice staff, nice kids, nice divorces, nice cat, hardest choices in life are what wallpaper to hang in the mansion's library. If you've had a stressful day and just want to zone out or can't sleep, this is the novella for you. The entire series is more of the same. That's not always a bad thing and can be used as an antidote to the other end of the lesfic spectrum that is nothing but tragedy, mental illness, ennui, violence and straight up SVU/CSI storylines.

WOW!!! I'm not usually much for reading romance's but it grabbed this one because it concerns lesbians and I do enjoy that as I have a number of gay and lesbian friends...and being typical male, reading about hot steamy lesbians is a real turn on! So at first I was a bit disappointed when it was taking so long for the "good stuff" to happen. But as I read more the story just started to draw me in and suddenly the sex didn't really matter because I was genuinely engrossed in the lives of the two main characters! Can't wait to read the next book to see what happens! Keep up the fantastic writing and I'll keep reading!!!

I absolutely adore May/December romances and this one did not disappoint! I understand that this is a short story, but had it been completely flushed out, expanding on conversations/meetings, physical appearances (I never did get a true visual on what main character, Senator Candace Fletcher, looked like) and even inner reflections, this could have turned into an amazing novel. Regardless, I found this highly entertaining and enjoyable. I look forward to the sequel.

I truly enjoyed this book. The characters are interesting and complex. The story moves along well. JD is lovable and Candace is the perfect complement to love her. I like the flow of dialogue and the plot moves along well. Pearl is a unique voice throughout the book. I look forward to reading the rest in the series.

If you enjoyed her other stories, you will love this one, as I think it's her best yet! The characters are compelling from the start and their spirited dialogue pulls you in from the moment they meet. I read the book in one go and just couldn't pull away from the build up as they get closer by their intimate banter and undeniable attraction.

Enjoyed it; it's a nice start to this series! *By Design* is a well-written, enthralling, romantic, enthralling, seductive, heart grabber; I recommend it.

Senator Candace Fletcher needs someone to put her family home back to the way it was when she was a little girl visiting her grandparents. Between her father and her brother who have had the house prior to her, it needs some work. Unfortunately, the Senator is away in Washington, D.C. most of the time. Candace's assistant's husband is friends with J.D. Ried, an architect who has decided she will take a look at the Senator's home to see what can be done. Who knew there was

some matchmaking going on behind the scenes. Jameson (J.D.) meets the Senator for the first time and they seem to get along well. Well enough for them to think about each other on and off for the duration of the reconstruction. Candace has three grown children and is a grandmother. There is 20 years difference between the Senator and Jameson, but their casual bantering on-line and having Chinese food causes interesting developments. Mama Pearl is the knowing person in the house and then when you throw in Jinx the cat...fur starts to fly and magic occurs.

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