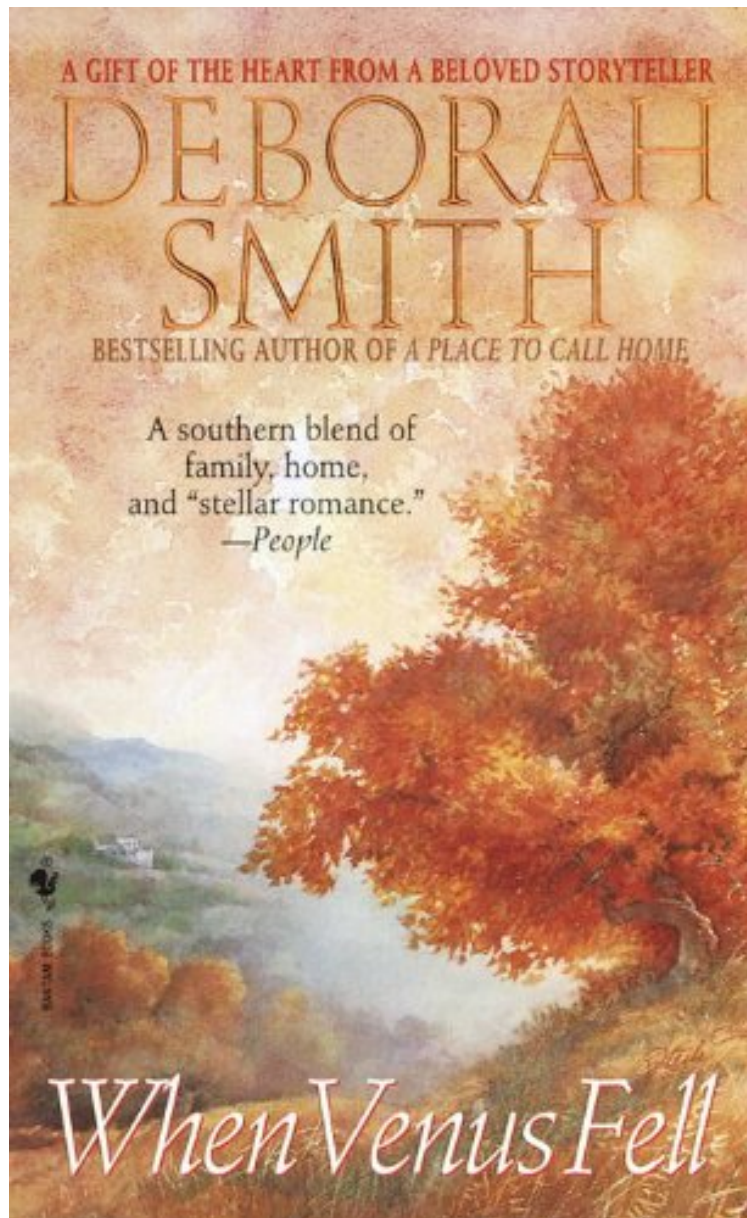


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A special bookVon Ein KundeAt one time, Venus Arinelli was a highly regarded classical piano protge. That abruptly

ended when her father was convicted of killing a federal judge. Now she and her sister barely eke out a living playing in the only places that will hire them, the worst dives in the country. The Arinelli siblings have no future. Gib Cameron shows up at the current Chicago bar that the sisters are working. He offers them a strange deal. If they come to his family's inn and help persuade his relatives not to sell the place, without asking any questions about the source he will give them the \$100,000 that their father entrusted with his now deceased parents. Desperate for the cash, Venus accepts the offer, not knowing that she will soon fall in love with her new employer even as she refuses to trust anyone. Gib has his own agenda, but finds himself also in love. Though WHEN VENUS FELL is very humorous and has several touching characters, readers will have to suspend plausibility to accept the overall premise of the story line. Anyone who can make this grand canyon leap of faith will enjoy Deborah Smith's contemporary romance. However, readers must understand that this book falls a bit short of Ms. Smith's classic A PLACE TO CALL HOME. Harriet Klausner 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An interesting tale of two families. Von Sarah I have always loved Ms. Smith's books, her attention to detail and her in depth plots. While I did not like When Venus Fell as much as Miracle, Silk and Stone or Blue Willow, this book did have its own charm and redeeming parts. This is a story of two families who have problems and deficiencies, but who desire so much more for themselves. Everyone has some sort of hurdle to overcome before they can all function as a capable unit. Maybe that is part of what turned me off to this book. EVERYONE had an issue to overcome. I know we are all not perfect and most authors err on that side, making everyone into fairytale heroes, but we have two extremely dysfunctional families here. Yet, like a fairytale, in the end, everyone finds the peace and happiness they want/deserve. Although Venus and Gib are our obvious leads, this is not a story about how two people find each other and love and then live happily ever after (though there is an element of that). Because we had so many characters, none of them really get to be fully developed. We come to understand why everyone behaves as they do, but I felt we skimmed the surface too much and didn't dig deep enough into any one character. Be warned for those romance readers out there, this story is more novel than romance. Although I feel this story deserve more than just an average rating (of three stars), I did not feel that it was strong enough for a 4 star rating. If I could, I would give this 3 stars, better than average, but not superb. Get ready to leave reality at the door, because this story could never happen anywhere that I know of. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Rich and complex Von Karen Templeton While WHEN VENUS FELL isn't as long or plot heavy as BLUE WILLOW or A PLACE TO CALL HOME, it is no less a fine example of Ms. Smith's work. The characters are wonderfully neurotic and/or dysfunctional -- and as developed as they need to be, I felt, within the parameters of a book of this length -- the prose is vivid and emotion-provoking, and the love story deeply satisfying. As with the other books of hers I've read, WHEN VENUS FELL pulls no punches when dealing with the more tragic elements of the storyline -- be prepared for some scenes to make you sick at heart. But there's a lot of humor, too, often popping up at unexpected moments, with just enough mystery threaded through to keep those pages turning. A thoroughly enjoyable read.

Kurzbeschreibung Home is wherever the heart leads.... The ties that bind us--to our families, to our pasts--are at the heart of this deeply engrossing story. Venus Arinelli saw her future as a concert pianist shattered when her father's life ended in disgrace. Now Venus plays in cocktail lounges, sporting her survival skills like a suit of armor. When a stranger emerges from her parents' long-ago past with an offer too good to refuse, Venus' suspicions flare up. But Gib Cameron has a special mission. He represents the Camerons of Tennessee--a family as rooted in American history and Southern soil as Venus' is notorious and fly-by-night. Yet the Camerons, survivors of tragedy, need Venus for reasons that have to do with honor and loyalty and an almost mystical bond to their shared past. And Gib, as hard-eyed a skeptic as Venus herself, has to persuade her to come to their mountain home. Humor, sexiness, pathos, and surprises are all part of Deborah Smith's unique storytelling magic. When Venus Fell will entrance readers with its tale of Venus's reluctant journey to Tennessee, where two well-guarded hearts, afraid to trust again, will find they've come home.. deMusical prodigy Venus Arinelli's life shattered at the age of 19 when her father was arrested for anti-government activity. When he died of a heart attack a week later while in custody, Venus took her younger sister and ran from accusations and harassment. Ten years later, she's still running from the government agencies that are eager to place the blame on her every time a subversive group explodes a bomb in the United States. Gib Cameron was a child of 5 when Venus's parents were married at Cameron Hall. Steeped in tradition, Gib's family is well respected and firmly rooted in American history, while Venus's is notorious and barely a generation away from immigration. But tragedy has come knocking on the venerable door of the Cameron stronghold high in the Tennessee hills, and the matriarchal great-aunt of the clan orders Gib to find the Arinelli sisters and bring them to the Hall. Shari Kirk and Max Arinelli were the first guests to stay there, and the great-aunt believes that their daughters hold the key to the survival of the Hall and the healing of her family. Gib and Venus are worlds apart on the surface--she with her pierced navel, wild clothing, and career as a lounge musician, and he with his conservative clothing, schooling at the Citadel, and career as a Secret Service agent. But they are soul mates under their skins, for each is deeply honorable, wary of love,

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