

Suddenly Smitten

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Driving past my children's elementary school late one autumn afternoon I happened to notice a group of mommies standing along the sidewalk on the edge of the playground—just moments away from the end of another school day and a happy reunion with their little cherubs.



While waiting in the crossing guard's long line of stopped cars, one of the mommies unexpectedly captured my attention. She was simply stunning, and I was, much to my own surprise, suddenly



smitten!

Momentarily mesmerized, I somehow failed to notice that this wasn't the first time that I'd seen her, but when she slowly began to turn towards me it became obvious.

For the second time in my life, I'd been smitten by the very same girl that I'd married.

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the backstory:

Inspiration is an interesting animal inasmuch as it can come anytime and from anywhere. In this case it arrived one afternoon back in my police detective days—quite some time ago as evidenced by the fact my kids were still in elementary school at the time. (FYI, my kids, Michael and Tracy are well into their twenties, so yeah, a little time has passed!)



Anyway, this one is similar to another which can be found on my "other pieces" page, specifically, ***My most memorable kiss***. The similarity between them is this: neither was written for public consumption. Neither was meant to be shared, and still, both are being read!

Okay, let me explain.

Sometimes, in order to get my composition juices flowing I'll first complete a self-imposed exercise—a kind of writing muscle flex in which I'll write about anything that, at that very moment, might be on my mind; anything that happens to pop into my head—similar, by the way, to how the song, ***Hooked on a feeling*** prompted my "memorable kiss" piece. (It's in its backstory.)



I stumbled upon a couple of these "exercises" not so long ago, and again, while none were intended to be shared, I changed my mind on two of them, (and maybe more sometime in the future—you never know,) but to be honest, I especially found this one to be kind of sweet. Ahhh...

I hope you did too!