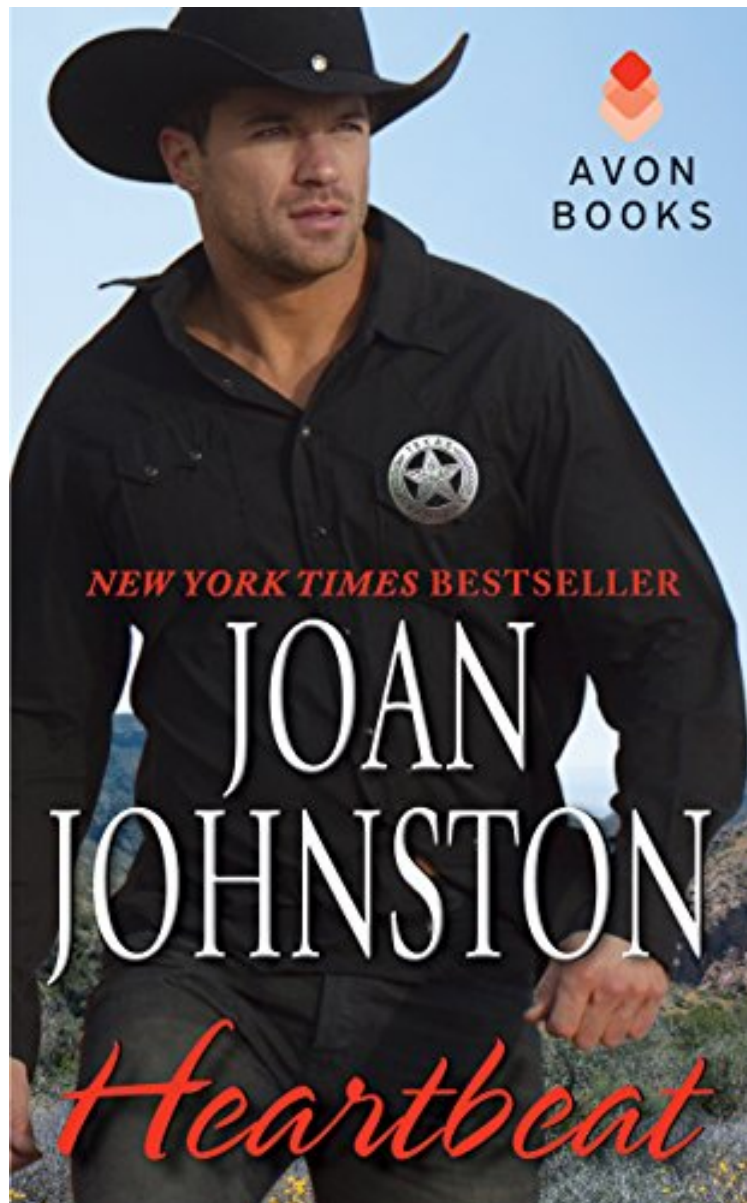


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fast-Paced and Angst-RiddenVon ladybug10Maggie is a sober alcoholic hauling around a decade's worth of guilt. Jack is a

Texas Ranger who can't let go of a murder he failed to prevent. Lisa is a beautiful attorney who won't believe the man she loves can behave any differently than her long-absent father. Roman is a brilliant surgeon whose workaholic habits have blunted his ability to perceive and express love. Porter is a Texas aristocrat who pontificates over a powerful law firm and protects his own while extracting more than a pound of flesh as repayment. Victoria is a Texas Tiger Lily with ice in her veins. Who's killing hopelessly ill children in Texas hospitals? Will love triumph over neurosis? Read Joan Johnston's book to find out. I found myself reading compulsively till the end, although about two thirds of the way through, I'd figured out who done it - the tension in the plot doesn't let up until the last chapter. My only criticism was the pace of the book - it actually covers only a few days, so I suppose the fact that it sometimes seemed to move too fast, is understandable. I would have rated it 5 stars if there had been a little more character development to contribute to the romance - maybe a few more flashbacks to flesh out the roots of these characters' angst, rather than simple explanation passages in the narrative. Still, a fairly good read, with an original twist and nicely flawed (human) characters - even if the Texas characters are somewhat stereotyped!

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Von Ein Kunde
While investigating a serial mercy killer of terminally ill children, Jack Kittrick meets attorney Maggie Wainwright, one of his suspects. As they get to know each other better, they begin to fall in love. However, Jack has problems with Maggie being an alcoholic since it reminds him of his unhappy childhood growing up with a drunken mother. Maggie feels guilty that she caused the deaths of her husband and one of her children, and the brain damage suffered by her other child. As the couple becomes intimate, they realize that a deranged killer targets Maggie's surviving son as the next victim. Maggie and Jack must quickly act to halt the plan of a maniacal serial killer, before more tragedy strikes the pair. If they fail in their quest, their potential future together may also die from the subsequent despondency. HEARTBEAT is a brilliant romantic suspense that novel will remind readers of some of the best works of Nora Roberts and Tami Hoag. The lead characters will steal the hearts of readers as they struggle to surmount tragedies from their past and stop a new calamity from happening in order to forge a future together. There is some graphic sex scenes that might turn off some readers, but fans of serial killer mysteries or romantic intrigue will devour Joan Johnston's terrific tale.
Harriet Klausner

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Johnston does contemporary westerns to perfection. (Publishers Weekly)
Johnston employs more plot twists than a soap opera, but she carefully controls each entanglement to craft a warm and charming homespun tale. (Publishers Weekly)
Joan Johnston continually gives us everything we want...fabulous details and atmosphere, memorable characters, a story that you wish would never end, and lots of tension and sensuality. (Romantic Times BOOKclub)
Joan Johnston [creates] unforgettable subplots and characters who make every fine thread weave into a touching tapestry. (Affaire de Coeur)...a brisk romance chock full of compelling conflicts and strong local color. (Publishers Weekly on Comanche Woman)

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