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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Really enjoyed...By DbI'd recommend this book to my friends. It's contemporary and the characters are believable. A story of love and the true meaning of the word commitment. Very good story.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Funny, Realistic Poke at LifeBy L. B. TaylorThis is the first book I've read by Ms. Law and I enjoyed it immensely. It is a contemporary romance and the characters aren't perfect. Funny moments slip between the cracks. If you enjoy animals, teenagers with all their angst, and a hero and heroine who grow on each other after starting off with a rocky start then you will enjoy THE PAPER MARRIAGE. Ann has been married for a long time. Unfortunately her husband John was in a car accident twelve years before and has been in a coma. He 'lives' in a nursing home; both Ann and her MIL, Mary, come to visit him daily. It makes you wonder about love and when it turns into something else. Along comes Tom and his daughter Mer who move in next door. Nothing is easy for them or for their new neighbor, Ann. Tom is a hunky, of course, ex-baseball player. In this respect Ms. Law takes the high road. He is good-looking, loaded with money, and has a super best friend who is there for him when he needs the guy. Then his life starts to chip away. His relationship with his daughter is strained at best. Ann doesn't fall apart like other women when he meets her. In fact, they clash. A dog takes over his house and his other neighbors are nosy but in a nice way. I usually don't care for modern romances because

they are so typical; quick sex, lots of profanity and little plot. But this was different, I cared about everyone; it was realistic. I felt I could actually see the neighborhood. I laughed at some tender funny moments. I related to how Mer felt about her dad. I wondered what caused Mary to put her marriage on the back burner for her son. I could go on and tell you more about the story but I won't. If you want a story- a romance- with some 'meat', try THE PAPER MARRIAGE. I think you will enjoy it like I did. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Another great women's fiction novel from LawBy JoanestSusan Kay Law's latest novel, The Paper Marriage, is for anyone who understands John Lennon's words, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." Sometimes you swing for a fast ball and totally miss the change up when it arrives. Tom Nash, the former Twins pitcher, understands that. Ann McCrary doesn't. The fast ball she aimed for was a long-term marriage and children with her childhood sweetheart, sharing a home and the architectural firm they started together. The change up was the auto accident that left her husband in a coma. At least in the batter's box either you're out or you immediately get ready for the next pitch. In Ann's case it has been twelve years since that fateful changeup, twelve years of faithfulness to a man who doesn't know she's there. Twelve years until Tom Nash moves in next door, followed by his teenage Goth daughter Mer. In spite of the blown shoulder that ended his baseball career, he delivers another change up to Ann. Mer, raised by her gold-digging baseball groupie mother, comes from Chicago for the summer to live with the father she barely knows. Tom is clueless on how to make up for everything he missed in his daughter's life and how to accept her for who she is. It's the people and canines in Ann's life - her aging hippy mother; her in-laws, the perfect couple until Martin finally decides he wants to live again and Mary, so faithful to her son, has to find a new life for herself; her dog, Cleo, and Cooper the mutt next door (and the puppies); her neighbors; the denizens of the nursing home; and especially Mer and Tom --who finally convince her she can move on, that she can maintain her loyalty to her husband and find a life of her own at the same time. The Paper Marriage tells a story we can all identify with, full of intriguing characters who live their lives in spite of the change ups.

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