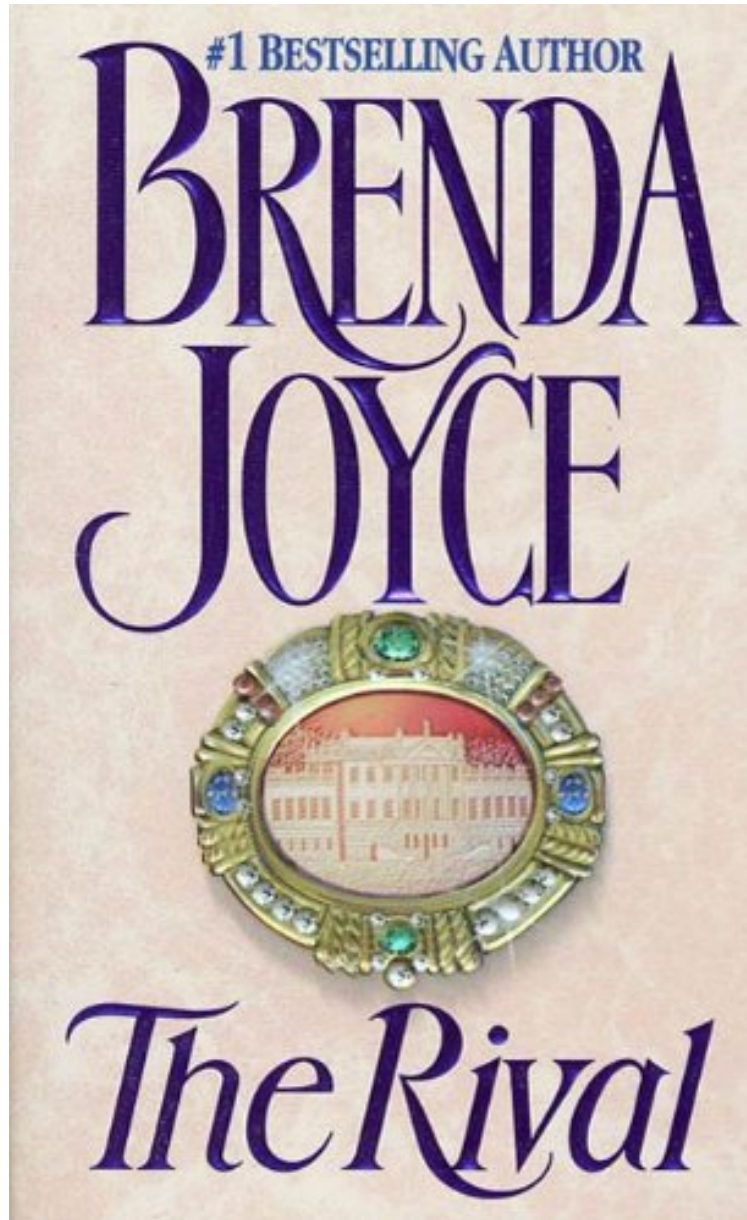


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different Von Emily R. Jarrell Most of the negative reviews are from people who probably want a generic, standard, love story and that's fine. If you want something a little darker and more sensual, then this book is it. I found it well written and refreshingly different. I also read her book, *Beyond Scandal* and highly recommend it too. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This romance has a different kind of heroic figure. Von rdavis4@it.luc.edu This novel kept my interest partly because the hero was so non-heroic, so almost ordinary. Garrick is not the best looking, the strongest, or even the nicest man you want to meet. What he has, is heart. He feels strongly and in spite of his fears goes after that which his heart needs. Olivia is not pretty, not tall, nor petite, her uniqueness is in her character, which apparently developed from within. The two together make for a different kind of romance and an intriguing story. However, it was too long, and the ending was too abrupt with the handling of Richard, Lionel, Arlen and Elizabeth in the ending as an afterthought. Overall, I enjoyed the book and I will look for other Joyce novels in the Library. I bought this one, but I am not sure the others would hold my interest enough for re-reading. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It's over 100 degrees outside, but hotter inside with this Von Ein Kunde This book is almost spontaneously combustible (did I spell that right?). I'm a fan of Brenda Joyce, but her last two books, in my opinion, didn't have the intensity of *Captive* and *The Game* (for example). *The Rival* has that fire and I have to admit that I have badly neglected my family today because of it. Sent the kids to bed early (having forced them to watch videos), sent my husband out on errands (that could have waited), and enjoyed every minute of this story. Great plot that kept me guessing. Excellent characters that I loved and hated and felt were real. I'd like to see her next book move out of England and see someplace exotic again...the author has a real gift for heating up history!

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