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AUTHOR'S ROMANCE HEROINE IS BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR
----a book of hope, support and a happy ending

This year, one out of three women diagnosed with cancer will be diagnosed with breast cancer. That's an estimated 211,240 in a single year. The disease is the leading cause of cancer deaths in women, second only to lung cancer. But what happens after the diagnosis and treatment? What happens after women survive?

Author Kay Stockham's fourth novel by Harlequin Superromance titled HIS PERFECT WOMAN (ISBN # 0-373-714246), deals with one such story. Although fictional, the heroine has endured the trials and heartache that come with surviving such a horrible disease. Stockham decided to feature a breast cancer survivor as her romantic heroine in support of survivors everywhere and to showcase the more intimate side of life after treatment.

"A lot of times we think of breast cancer in technical medical terms rather than the impact the disease has on a person's life, or the woman herself," Stockham said. "Too often people believe her perfectly capable of returning to life as it used to be, unchanged. What they don't realize is everything has changed. How a survivor views life, her family, most especially herself. My heroine, Melissa, is resigned to the fact that, in a society where a woman's worth is often-times measured by her cup-size, finding a man who'd overlook her physical scars and imperfections would be next to impossible." Fans of Stockham's novels will recognize Melissa from her previous release, MAN WITH A PAST (ISBN # 0-373-71347-9, May, 2006). The author said she knew she'd write Melissa's story the moment the character appeared, already undergoing cancer treatment. "Still, I had to find a hero worthy of her and all she'd been through," Stockham added. "For me, HIS PERFECT WOMAN isn't just a story about the aftermath of cancer, it's one of hope, faith and love, and about conquering our fears. Melissa finds all of that---with some help from the hero."

In addition, Stockham has dedicated a portion of the earnings from HIS PERFECT WOMAN to a breast cancer charity and hopes it helps the race for a cure.

HIS PERFECT WOMAN will be in bookstores June 9 as long as supplies last, or online wherever books are sold. For more information, visit Stockham's website www.kaystockham.com.