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Stunning good looks, a gorgeous fiancé, a bottomless trust fund, London's leading It Girl, Lola Fitzsimmons, leads a charmed life, a pampered princess whose rich father funds her every whim. Evie on the other hand has had to work her own way up life's greasy pole - literally! But, having hooked herself an indulgent sugar daddy, Evie has been able to give up her pole-dancing career, abandoning New York's seedy strip bars for a luxury Manhattan penthouse.

Both Lola and Evie are about to meet their nemesis. Overnight, Lola's credit cards are refused, her fiancé disappears and she finds herself locked out of her own Chelsea mews house. That same day, Evie is abruptly thrown out onto the streets.

One woman lies behind their misfortune. With Lola's father lying helpless in a coma, her icy stepmother has seized control of the purse strings - and cut off her spoiled stepdaughter without a penny. The same stepmother who happens to be married to Evie's sugar daddy.

Although the two girls loathe one another on sight, Lola and Evie must team up if they are to defeat their common enemy: the Ice Queen herself. Let battle commence.

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Seadaz says

It was ok.

I found the storyline a bit silly, it had the potential to be very good, but fell short - although I believe this is her first published novel - so perhaps the next set of books will be better.

So the premise of the story is - rich IT girl Lola soon to be married to another uber rich kid - everything falls in a heap, her dad is in a diabetic coma (or is he), her wicked step mum stops the money coming in and kicks her out of her home. Meanwhile stripper/exotic dancer Evie turned mistress finds herself kicked out of her unit by the same woman as she is the mistress of Lola's comatized dad. She even loses her diamond crusted pasties - she seems more upset about that than anything. Oh yes meanwhile she is bonking her 'zen yoga / exercise guy'.

Meanwhile Lola finds herself potentially going to jail for murdering her rich dad. She finds out her rich fiancée isn't in to her - they are just best friends, she gets a hammering (in more ways than one) by her rich fiancée's sour brother.

Oh and Lola is quite clumsy in a private helicopter she is having a shower and 'accidentally' loses her towel while out in the cabin. I thought only private planes had helicopters and beds.. do private helicopters have this too?

Witnesses die/become murdered... mistress and daughter become good friends, daughter reunites with her mum who she had ostracised for so long - daughter finds herself with only one loyal friend after finding out everyone else sold her out to the papers or didn't want to know her.

All is well though she gets out of trouble, just in the nick of time (oh the suspense), gets a new fiancée, has one of her old friends, her mum back, her new ex-mistress stripper (oh now she's a burlesque dancer) and a couple of gay friends (won't say who) - oh and she is mega rich in her own right.

As I type this I see just how ludicrous it sounds. But I'll stick with the rating of 2 for OK.

Belinda Munro says

I knew this was going to be a silly, far-fetched type of read but had no idea just how ridiculous it would be! I was somewhat engaged at the beginning but it just got worse as the terrible story went on. Won't be wasting any more time on Rebecca Chance books.

Karren321 says

I accidentally read this again. I hate that!

This was entertaining. The saccharine sweet ending put me off. No need for that rubbish

Clare says

Although at times the characters seemed a forced the story was really addictive.

Elaine says

Bit of a slowstarter this one. The first parts being like a bad reality show I normally try to avoid. However, started to get interesting about halfway and I ended up enjoying it.

Andie says

For a debut book this was really really good. It took only one chapter to get me hooked. Jaw dropping moments and fab filthy writing. Love this author.

Sarah Baker says

I can't believe I haven't read a trashy novel in forever. I'm a huge fan of the author not using a pseudonym, and this is just as good (in a Judith Krantz way.)

Best Crime Books & More says

Well as her debut novel I had set my sights low (sad as that may seem). Unfortunately there is so much competition in this field it seems like there is more and more of the same tired types of chick lit out there. Having said that, the main reason I read this type of genre is the sheer escapism element. The whole point of reading this type of book is to lose yourself in the unrealistic and hope for a happy outcome.

As soon as you start reading this it becomes clear very soon that the characters are most definitely rich and spoilt. Lola is the spoilt 'princess' daughter who is given everything and does not a thing all day every day apart from spend her fathers money. You have Evie who is the mistress, put up in the smartest flat with lots of credit cards in tap, and finally the wife Carin, who is all about the money and wants anybody connected to money she could have, out of the picture.

The characters are fantastic because they are all so catty and hell bent on getting their own way. Although Lola and Evie are both greedy in their own way as well as being spoilt as the book progresses you begin to like them more and more as they realise the pitfalls of their own situations. Carin the wife was an absolute

bi*ch and a character that you will love to hate. She truly is an awful woman. In addition to the women there are a whole host of male characters that appear in the book and their roles dramatically change over the course of the story.

The story itself was well thought out and most definitely further over the line for the unrealistic nature than I would normally go for, but somehow it worked incredibly well. There were quite a lot of twists and plot surprises along the way which made for an interesting read too.

My only criticism was that for some reason I found it hard to connect with one of the main lead male characters. It wasn't a major issue but kind of bugged me that I couldn't see the good in him all that much. Be warned, if you are not a fan of graphic sex in books then you may want to give this a wide berth. I think lately a lot of the chick lit books seem to be getting that little bit raunchier, and the authors certainly aren't shy!

Overall, I think that this is an awesome debut for Rebecca Chance (aka Lauren Henderson) and think that I will definitely be getting the next book she has released to add to my 'to read list' rather soon.

Toby Welch says

Total entertainment from start to finish, couldn't put it down.

Hsiau Wei says

Although this is the first book by Rebecca Chance, the storyplot of this book are well written and it took me less than 2 days on a weekend to finish all 453 pages ;)

The main character of the book are Carin (the evil stepmother), Lola (the spoilt, pampered daughter) and Evie (the mistress). Being a greed, Carin poisoned the husband, Benny and took charge of his fortune and the first thing that she did was to evict both Lola and Evie from their respective home and cut the money string at once.

Lola, who is accustomed to being served and is a socialite who spent her time spending daddy's money found herself in deep trouble when there was no money forthcoming and being caught in a controversial position when her fiancé took an overdose who turned out to be gay, began to realise who her true enemy was. And being charged as murderer of her own father, was something that she never dream will ever happen to her.

And, the mistress, Evie found herself once again on the road with no one to turn to after Carin forced her out of the house that Benny bought for her, determined not to go back to the poverty that was her background and trying at all cost, to wrestle back what was rightfully hers.

Three different women with three different agendas...who will win in the end??

Sharon Murray says

Fabulous! Could not put it down and read it in days. If you like a good Jackie Collins book then you'll love it!

Candice says

DNF. Closed this book early on and moved it outside the house. Got this book as I mislead by the cover into thinking it would be a relaxing fluffy chick lit read.

This book should be rated R.

I read some reviewers who said it would make a great movie - the only movie it could be would be a porn film.

A lot of cocaine sniffing and erotica. The characters are shallow and unbelievable as well as unlikable.

Cassie Caine says

A few paragraphs in, I knew I was going to treasure this book. The story rips along, the two heroines are adorable, and every page bristles with hilarious gags, snappy dialogue and wonderfully witty insights into the lives of the jetset. Ms Chance has taken the escapist chick lit holiday read, dipped it in 24 carat gold, sprinkled it with diamonds and turned it into something rare and priceless.

Book Addict Shaun says

I. LOVED. THIS. It was like classic Jackie Collins. Ms. Collins is my favourite author but her recent work is quite tame compared to her earlier stuff. This book however was anything but tame. The writing was so small I struggled to read it at times and it was around 450+ long but I still managed to devour it within 24 hours because I could not put it down! There were parts of the book which actually had my jaw dropping - literally! It was like an adult Gossip Girl, fantastic.

Immediately we are introduced to It Girl Lola Fitzsimmons who I immediately loved. The thing with girls like Lola is they are born into money, from a young age they have everything they could possibly want and then some and so you can't blame them for acting like spoilt rich kids, that's what they are after all. That's why I felt sympathy for her when her evil stepmother swept in and took away all her luxuries and leaving her to fend for herself. Yes Lola came across as a horrible person but she doesn't know any better. I did however love Lola throughout the whole book and felt that the experiences she went through humanized her and made her grow up and see the world through the eyes of those less fortunate than her.

I also really liked Evie. She reminded me of Ivy from Gossip Girl (who I also loved) and who I pictured as

Evie in this book. Evie comes across as a gold digger initially, as she is the mistress of Lola's father but again we learn about her history and why she is like she is and again the experiences that she goes through also improve her as a person and she is an extremely likeable person throughout the whole book. The bit about her basically being (view spoiler) was a bit American soap opera-ish but I loved it!

Carin was a nasty, vindictive character with nothing on her mind except money. The other two girls want money too but they aren't trying to get it in an evil way. Some of the things Carin did were disgraceful but as the principal villain of this book she was absolutely fantastic. I was seething at some of the things that she did in the book but all it did was improve the book and make it even more unputdownable that it already was! And the courtroom drama was fantastic. This book would play out incredibly on TV or in the cinema.

Overall I loved this book and didn't want it to end. Certainly not my last Rebecca Chance book as I have the rest of them ready and waiting to be read! Fans of Jackie Collins should pick up Chance's books ASAP.

Martin says

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