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I don't care what my cousin says; I am not the queen of impossible relationships. I mean, just because my last boyfriend tried to kill me and left a bit of a scar on my neck, then forced me to move across the country and legally change my name to Reese Randall to escape him, does not mean—

Oh, who am I kidding? For a freshman in college, I have to have the worst dating track record ever.

It's no wonder love is the last thing on my mind when Mason Lowe enters my life. But the chemistry between us is like bam! Our connection defies logic. And he's just so freaking hot. Being around him makes me feel more alive than I've ever felt before. I even like bickering with him. He could be my soul mate...except for one teeny tiny glitch.

He's a gigolo.

Boy, do I know how to pick them.

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J *deep in the heart of Texas* says

4.5 Stars!!

Loved! This was my second book by this author and I am definitely a fan!!! This story was perfect.....it was sweet, it was funny, it was sexy, it was intriguing. I loved Reese and Mason. The writing was excellent....no cheesy dialogue.....great banter amongst the characters.....no virgin heroine.....and no insta-love. Yay!

Reese has moved to Florida to start college after her ex boyfriend's failed murder attempt. She's taken on a new identity, is looking for a fresh start and steering clear of guys and relationships. On her first day of class she spots Mason Lowe....only to be informed that he's a gigolo. Yep....that's what I said. A gigolo.

Look out Deuce!

Mason and Reese eventually become friends. Reese babysits his sister who has cerebral palsy. My heart broke for poor Mason and discovering the lengths he has gone to for his family and why and how he came to be a gigolo. Mason's clients consist of often married, rich older women--professors, neighbors, doctors included. As their friendship grows, Mason and Reese begin to have real feelings for each other. But they're both kind of stuck. Mason believes being a gigolo is the only way he can save his family and Reese knows they can never be more as long as Mason is a gigolo.

“You’re the warm sun that shines when everything else is dark,” he went on, lifting his hands to rest them on the wall on either side of my face. “A smile and a hug in a roomful of disapproval. You’re...” Wincing, he pressed his forehead against mine. “You’re everything.”

I loved the chemistry and the connection between Mason and Reese. It was HOT. I found myself begging Mason to just quit so that he and Reese could be together.

Reese is one of my favorite book heroines.....she had a great personality and she had me laughing out loud throughout the whole book.

Eventually, Reese's past catches up with her. Will Mason find a way to help his family outside of being a gigolo? Can Reese ever get passed Mason's past as a gigolo?

“If you love someone enough, you can make them invincible. Like your feelings for them are so strong they work as a magical shield, protecting them from all harm and pain.”

This story sucked me in from the very first chapter and never let go. It had great characters, the pacing of the story was perfect and it had a little bit of everything--sweet, funny, sad, smutty, drama. This was a standalone with a HEA.

Aestas Book Blog says

Casting for Mason:

**** FULL REVIEW NOW POSTED ****

***Price of a Kiss* was a cute, swoony, heartwarming standalone New Adult romance. It was lighthearted and romantic but still had emotional depth. The banter was awesome, the writing was great and the story was sweet. I really enjoyed it!**

The prologue instantly hooked me. It it we see the hero, Mason, at eighteen years old, put in an impossible situation by his mother's landlady. With his sister sick and their single mother struggling to make ends meet, the rent was months overdue. Threatening them all with eviction, the landlady backs Mason into a corner and propositions him. If he agrees to sleep with her, the balance would be voided. So, despite her being over twice his age, the fact that this might be the only way to save his family from immediate eviction had Mason going along with her wishes.

Two years later, Reece is starting her life over in a new college after her last relationship ended in a horrible mess when her ex-boyfriend crossed the obsessed stalker line and tried to kill her. She changed her name, changed towns and started over. A new relationship was the last thing she was looking for but the minute she locked eyes on Mason, she fell head over heels in swoon with him.

From fifty yards, he'd taken my breath away. From ten feet, I'd been ready too have his babies.

Of course there was the one teensy tiny glitch... he was a gigolo. Totally and completely off-limits. But that did not stop her from swooning hard or wanting a friendship with him. She wasn't looking for anything more at that point and honestly, he couldn't give her any more even if she'd wanted it so between them they struck up an unlikely friendship brimming with fun, flirty sexual tension.

*Every female instinct in me wanted to reach out and trace the wrinkles in his brow he was making as he frowned.
Must. Soothe. The hottie.*

Oh and...

Brace yourself for this one, ladies: He had a tattoo. I know. I almost spontaneously combusted right then and there.

Teehee!

Ok honestly, this book just made me happy. Flat-out happy. So much of my book is highlighted. I laughed and snorted my way through a good chunk of the book in a way that made me glad I wasn't sitting in public at the time I was reading ;)

But I felt so bad for Mason! The poor guy was literally sacrificing everything for his family. He couldn't have real relationships, everyone either wanted to take something from him or shunned him, and you could just see the pain it was causing him. He gave it all up - friends, relationships, a social life, everything - just to keep a roof over his family's head.

But that was what made their friendship mean so much more. She was literally the first person to see him as HIM. Just Mason Lowe. She fell hard for him but knew and understood where he was coming from. She didn't ever judge him and I have to say, I loved her as a heroine for that.

"Every woman treats me that way, Reece. I'm not a person to them. I'm just... a good time or something vile to be avoided at all costs. And then you can along and you... you hugged me. You are the first person who sees me, Mason, not sex for sale."

In a certain way, they were kind of perfect for each other because she wasn't looking for a new relationship and he quite literally could not commit so their mutual understanding led them into a really wonderful friendship. But their attraction was palatable, their chemistry was combustible and their flirty banter was just pure gold.

I loved Reece. She was a strong heroine and totally in control of her life. Yes, she's been through a huge trauma but she was not about to let it dictate her life. It was really refreshing to just never be annoyed with the heroine.

And Mason... ohhhh Mason. Seriously, just the sweetest guy! With a hilariously insatiable appetite (and I'm talking real food here, get your mind out of the gutter!) and a gorgeously protective nature, he was easy to love.

The more time they spent together, the more apparent it was that their feelings for each other ran deeper than they each expected but it was heartbreaking to see how tainted Mason felt. They were crazy for each other but he just couldn't bring himself to be *with* her. Not while... well, you know.

I'm going to try and anticipate some questions you might have about this book given the hero's um...
cough profession.

First, they do not sleep together while he's "taking clients". Second, they don't become a couple immediately but their friendship did begin to build early on and got developed quite a bit so that by the time they actually were ready to make it official, they fell into it very easily into their relationship given their already established connection.

This book had a little bit of everything - laughs, heart break, and a really sweet, impossible romance that I rooted for from the first few pages. It was my first book from this author and it certainly will not be my last. The writing was funny, witty and easy to read. I'll definitely be looking forward to more from Linda Kage.

At 370 pages, it's definitely a full-length novel but it flew by fast. I read it in a couple hours and was left with a warm, fuzzy, happy feeling. It's a standalone with a HEA and epilogue so you really get a complete story here.

If you're looking for something fun and swoony or something to read after a heavily emotional book, this would be a great choice!

4 - 4.5 stars.

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Price of a Kiss is a different kind of romance. When I read the prologue I thought, "*What am I reading?!*" I decided I better read the blurb to see what I had gotten myself into. The *prologue* made me squirm because cougar claws were out and digging into a young male.

Mason is a gigolo. Used for his body and not seen as a person. Urban Dictionary defines gigolo as *a male prostitute equivalent to a high-class call girl; gigolos service wealthy women...*

Reese is running from her past and trying to start over.

One little sweet girl, *Sarah*, brings Mason and Reese together. Sarah is Mason's sister and has cerebral palsy. She's in need of a part time baby-sitter and Reese accepts the job. Even though she had not known what she was getting into.

To be **free** from their past Mason & Reese's relationship will be put through many obstacles.

Standalone

Jess-i-ca ~Sometimes a Gif Witch~ says

4 stars.

Mason is a hot gigolo. A really HOT gigolo....He's a high class one too doing the ladies at the country club.

Reese is starting the community college and notices him across the campus and is like

then she finds out he's a gigolo

and after their first meeting in class

So then she goes to babysit for his sister Sarah and finds out he's being a gigolo to help his family

But they try to remain friends and of course that never works ;)
Some of this happens

and all is right in the world again...

"I was in love with a gigolo"

Jen says

"Can I touch you?"

His lashes closed, resting on the tops of his tanned, sculpted cheeks as his smile grew broad. "You don't have to ask." I reached out immediately but paused within inches of contact. He must've sensed my hesitation because he reopened his eyes. "What's wrong?"

I swallowed, utterly overwhelmed. "I don't know where to start."

Mason's gaze warmed. He wrapped strong warm fingers around my wrist and drew my palm forward, leading me where he wanted my hand to follow. When he set it on the center of his chest, right over his

heart and pressed my flesh to his as if fingerprinting my soul to his. I blinked back gratified tears. "Start here. No one's ever touched me here before."

Sweet baby Jesus, I loved this book! Normally a story geared around a male gigolo and a sweet but tormented eighteen year old wouldn't work for me. Surprise! This one worked for me in a big way. Mason's uncomfortable leap into the world of professional sexing disturbed me and the hit it took to his soul every time he had to follow through with one of his "clients" made my cold heart break just a little. The fact that Reese, even after everything she's been through at the hands of an abusive and psychotic ex-boyfriend, recognizes Mason's worth as person and fights for it from the beginning gave this book an emotional depth I'm not quite used to in the NA genre.

I was standing in the doorway of a steamy bathroom, staring at an honest-to-god gigolo who was wet and naked and covered by nothing but a bath towel. This was going to be the Christmas letter I was going to write all my girlfriends.

In my opinion the big fist bump, rocks my socks aspect of this book is the dialogue. Every bit of its righteous! I'm **SO INCREDIBLY TIRED** of authors not using contractions in their writing and making situations way too formal and awkward based on the conversations the characters are having. These characters are Twentysish and their interactions need to reflect that. Linda Kage did an absolutely fantastic job of making all of her characters believable in every way. I never felt like I was reading a Masterpiece Theatre version of the story. Instead it all worked for me and was authentic and real.

For some reason this book managed to touch me in a way most New Adult novels don't. Loved the characters, loved the story and I can't recommend it enough.

Akanksha♥ Søren? says

Re-reading is always fun!!

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I REALLY LOVED THIS BOOK. Like a lottttt!

Its not everyday that I love the chick in a book as much as the guy! :P

I hope even your faces hurt as much as mine did after reading this because of all the grinning :))

READ THIS BOOK ASAP! Its gold ;)

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Blacky *Romance Addict* says

"Every woman treats me that way, Reese. I'm not a person to them. I'm just...a good time or something vile to be avoided at all costs. And then you came along and you... you *hugged* me."

I think this gif describes this book perfectly:

It's a swoon and squee book, for me at least :)

I've had a huge smile for the first 70% of the book, it was just that amazing :)

And since I read YA/NA exactly for the swoon/squee thing, this one was perfect for me :)

The story

I'm gonna keep it short so I don't spoil much :)

This is the story about a guy who is ostracized from society because of rumors about him being a gigolo, and a girl who wants to be his friend no matter what he does.

A tortured hero and an awesome brave heroine, what more do you need :)

The romance

Very slow build, but with some uber-beautiful scenes <3

I completely loved the romance part, it was perfect :)

It starts as insta-attraction for both of them, but they form a friendship and try to ignore their feelings, only it doesn't work as easily as that :D

Mason

That first chapter did me in, I knew I was going to love him <3

He is confident, hot as hell, has a way with words, OMG all those flirty times *be still my heart*, but he also has a vulnerable side, and one that makes me want to hug him like crazy <3

I hated what he was forced to do, though I think it could've been prevented, but then, we wouldn't have this story now would we :D

Anyway, I really really loved him, even with his shady profession :D

Reese

She has a psycho stalker ex-boyfriend dude who she's hiding from.

You can put two and two together on what will happen with that storyline :D

Anyway, she is a GREAT heroine.

Seriously, she didn't get on my nerves at all, she is so funny, and I loved it that she didn't care what people will think, she continued her friendship with Mason whatever the cost.

I just loved her for it :)

The writing

This is my first book by this author, and let me tell you, my next read will also be from her!

The writing here is great, funny, and a type of humor that works for me, so yay :D

The romantic scenes were simply amazing, the dialogue fantastic!

So yes, I am very very happy to have discovered a new author to read :)

Why the 4 stars?

This is more of a 4,5 rating but I'm rounding down :S

Well, I really really loved, and I mean loved the first half/first 70%.

But then, the story got weird. For me. I couldn't believe some of the things they did and I don't know, I was raising my eyebrows a lot thinking; "are they serious???".

Maybe it was rushed so that's why I got that feeling, but I just wish some things were done differently or not at all :DDDD

But then, I have UBER weird tastes when it comes to YA/NA (or books in general), and in my experience, things that bother me are things people actually love in YA/NA, so I don't think you should mind what I say here, I just wanted to tell what bothered ME and that's it :)

The ending was still amazing and overall I loved this one, and I recommend this book to everyone <3

Brandi says

?4.5 Stars ?

He could be my soul mate...expect for one tiny glitch. He is a gigolo. Boy, do I know how to pick them.

Reese is starting over, after an unfortunate turn of events, she ends up living with her cousin's family. On her first day of college she sees Mason, and is immediately interested, but there is a rumor about him.

'Girl don't even think about it. You couldn't afford him even if you emptied all the money in your piggy bank.'

So he is off limits, but they become friends and the attraction continues to grow. The sexual tension between these two was awesome. What is a girl to do, Mason is pretty damn irresistible, but Reese doesn't want to share.

Mason has had to make some tough choices to help support his mother and sister. At 18 he is offered an ultimatum, and becomes a gigolo. Bless his heart, I just loved his character. Mason is sweet and caring, and I hated the way he was treated. Evil ass bitches. But Reese is different, she treats him like a person, instead of something with a price tag. He wants her, but doesn't feel like he deserves her.

I adored this book! I read most of this one with a huge grin on my face. Friends to lovers with forbidden love - A steamy, fun, sweet, romance with a little drama. I highly recommend!!!

"You're the warm sun that shines when everything else is dark,"

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★! The Price Of A Kiss (stand-alone). A feel-good story about a misunderstood outsider and the friendship he forms with the new corksy girl at campus, who has a dark past!

"God, he looked good. Up close, from a distance, it didn't matter. The boy didn't have a bad side."

The Price Of A Kiss opens up with Reese Randall starting over, having moved cross-country to live with her cousin attending her first year of college. **Mason Lowe** with his uncanny good looks and splendid physique is the **hot guy on campus**, yet an outsider because rumor has it he's a gigolo.

Spotting each across campus they have an instant attraction. When Reese answers an advertisement for part-time job she finds herself taking care of Mason's younger sister who has CP. **They develop a friendship of sorts, but things get complicated with his reputation and her secret and tragic past.** The story follows them in their ups and downs and the budding, undeniable romance that ensues...

Mason Lowe was the perfect "oh so sweet" hero; Misunderstood and an outcast. I was rooting for him from page one. Six words to describe **Mason: Charismatic, lovable, misjudged, proud, noble, caring and lonely.**

I have **mixed feelings about Reese Randall.** I found her endearing yet annoying and predictable. Ultimately she worked in the story. Six words to describe **Reese: Endearing, loyal, smart, corks, predictable and annoying.**

Price of a Kiss is told mostly from Reese's POV. As for ending... (view spoiler) **Compelling and "oh so sweet" hero! Entertaining plot! A feel-good read!**

"He touched me with such reverence, his fingertips light and curious as they cruised up my spine while his mouth was bold and knowing, his tongue lavishing taut, puckered skin with deadly precision."

Hero rating: 4.5 stars

Heroine rating: 3 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 3.5 stars

Storyline concept rating: 4 stars

Storytelling skills rating: 4 stars

Story ending rating: 4.5 stars

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): 4.5 stars

Overall rating: 4 stars

Would I recommend this book: Yes.

Would I re-read this book: Maybe later.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

Jennifer Kyle says

4 1/2 "I'd Pay for That" Stars

This book was really witty, butterfly inducing and just a good good read!

Reese Randall, the main character was aces in my book! She was real, sweet, funny and totally kick ass. She is in hiding from her psycho ex and living under an alias while attending community college in Waterford with her cousin, Eva. From the first scene she is completely taken with the rumored gigolo of the town...Mason Lowe.

Mason was an extremely well written character as was his little sister, Sarah. Mason has been selling himself to pay the bills for his mother and disabled sister. Mason never had a best friend or girlfriend and any intimacy he has ever encountered was paid for by his clients.

"Every woman treats me that way, Reese. I'm not a person to them. I'm just...a good time or something vile to be avoided at all costs. And then you came along and you... you hugged me."

What I loved most about this story was the friendship that was built off of Reese and Mason's attraction towards one another. The progression of their relationship was perfectly paced and completely believable. I was completely giddy about this couple.

"You're quirky...and yet conventional. Innocent but worldly. Reserved yet outgoing. Candid yet guarded. Trendy but also practical. And childlike while still managing to be mature. It's like...you're the perfect contradiction."

Reese and Mason definitely have my heart!

Chelsea ♥Peril Please♥ says

****Absolutely amazing and totally made my week!! Mason will forever and always be my favorite forbidden man!!!! ♥**

Leaning down, he hugged me and buried his face in my neck. "It feels like a dream, like I'm going to wake up any second and you'll be gone. I don't want to wake up from this."

So.....this was unexpected. Lately I've been...off. So, naturally, my reading schedule has been disturbed. Don't worry, I'll save you the repetitive details. But, just know, this is definitely a new trend for me. At least,

as of late. I've grown to hate these cheesy, overly worked smutty books, mostly because somewhere around the time I found GR, I realized just how badly I was trapped in these types of worlds. I didn't know what I liked or how to find it. Sure, as a kid/middle-schooler, etc. etc., I was drawn toward paranormal, fantasy, peril type books-I just didn't know it. I didn't know there was a label for these types of stories. I just knew, when my mom took me to the bookstore, that when faced with a normal romance and a book with...edge...I was most certainly going to pick up the one with edge.

Shaking my head, I muttered, "You are so..."

He grinned. "Charming? Handsome? Intriguing?"

All three, not that I'd ever admit it to him. He appeared to have a big enough ego as it was. I scowled hard. "I was going to say confusing."

"Ahh." He nodded in an astute manner. "We'll slot that under intriguing."

"Actually, I think it really deserves its own classification."

"Fine. Whatever you like." Shrugging as if it made no difference to him, he sent me a look full of smug, glittering eyes.

But another thing I never realized was that there was a constant there-did you guess it?? Well, let me make it simple for you because I'm a complicated soul-Romance. I didn't realize it, but as I read my books, the thing that made me all happy and tingly inside (naïve fool that I was) was the romantic aspect (shh, aside from the peril...self-discovery can be a beautiful thing). But, again, I didn't realize that was the common thread. Fast forward to pre-GR and pre iPad/ereader-I realized I wanted romance, sex appeal, *adult* contemporary....but I was in a slump. All the books tended to be sexy and...not much else. Sure, it seemed there were nice build ups and even some cool action scenes and I even found two favorites out of the pile of crap, but something essential was missing, like **a piece of my soul was *absent***.

I rolled my eyes and let out a big sigh. When I realized he was still just standing there, watching me, I lifted an eyebrow. "So, are you going to sit down or not?"

His smile fell flat. "You don't mind?"

I was losing all hope that adult romance was anything different. I was like...*this is what adults have always read? My mom was addicted to **this***? I couldn't believe it. Fast-forward like...a year and a half? I don't

know-it was a painfully dry reading time. My friend makes me get GR and...all of a sudden I start getting emails, alerts, 'your books are similar to', and etc. Then I made friends one by one, found books one by one....and genres started expanding and...you get the picture-My world exploded in a rainbow of Technicolor. So, back to my original point: **I grew to resent smutty books.** I resented how cheesy they were. I resented how I had been stuck for *years* in a slump with those disasters. And, hell, I even grew to resent how popular they were among my friends.

He lifted a finger to hush me. "We're not talking about me. We're taking about you. And you are...you're..." He paused to shake his head.

"I'm...?" I prompted, not sure if I wanted to know where this was going, but my curiosity was too intrigued not to push for more.

"You're quirky...and yet conventional. Innocent but worldly. Reserved yet outgoing. Candid yet guarded. Trendy but also practical. And childlike while still managing to be mature. It's like....you're the perfect contradiction."

So, I concocted a list. A list of...don'ts, if you will. I follow my list with rigid precision, rarely faltering in the fear that I'll get stuck reading another eye-roll worthy bow-chicka-wowow romance. And, I admit, the list isn't foolproof-I still find stinkers now and then. But it's so rare that I'm beginning to become spoiled with such a high success rate. **But then there come dark times** in a person's life, and it turns out that those can really drain you, exhaust you, make you want to throw in the towel and give up trying so hard because you just don't have time to read as much anymore and it effects the fun of it all.

"Okay, okay." I lifted my hands to stop her rambling. "Just...keep calm and think of Chris and Liam."

"Okay," Eva repeated. "Okay." She panted a few times as if she was already (view spoiler) When an expression of shock lit her face, she straightened and gaped at me.

"Hey. That actually worked."

With a grin, I tossed my hair. "I know, right."

No hetero female on the planet could panic with a mental image of the Hemsworth brother combo running through her head.

Enter my forbidden little weakness. As it turns out....I do have a soft spot for tortured boys. Just so happens? They're my favorite. The bad part about that?? Forbidden boys are oh-so-hard to find in the sci-fi and dystopian sections-at least, harder to find than in, say, the NA section. The section I studiously avoid. The section that, while alluring, is so fucking corny that it sets your teeth on edge...*starts in whiney voice and

stomps foot* but I. Don't. Care. I am tired, busy, and **I just want my GD tortured male lead and I want to put in minimal work for it.** So, here I am. On that side of the realm I hate. That side I swore I'd stay away from. That side that, until a week ago, I had forgotten existed until I searched my iPad and found Forbidden Men #2 from years ago sitting unread and looking oh-so-easy and ready for the taking. And take I did. And far did I fall....And **never did reading something so cliché ever feel so good.**

So, yeah, I fucking went there.

Dumb, you say? Nah. Just not what I normally read.

Cliché, you say? Hmm.....maybe.

Cheesy, you say? Oh, undoubtedly, yes.

Sexy?

Addicting?

Unputdownable... You ask?

Well..obviously.

It caught *my* attention, didn't it?

After he accepted praise from them, he turned to Sarah and bent down to hug her.

"You're...my...hero...too," she told him in her halting voice.

He looked like he might start bawling. Cupping her cheek, he grinned at her and murmured,

"For you. Always."

~~**Rule #1:**~~ Cheesiness. I hate it. I hate it hate it hate it hate it. Yet...sometimes, if the story is just good enough, alluring enough, I don't care. Yeah, I mean, I *do* care. It's just...sometimes the story just works for me, you know? Like, it takes all the stupid out of the inner thoughts that make me roll my eyes and just makes me...laugh. Makes me shrug and giggle and say, *C'est la vie!* And, hey, this book did it for me. Normally I'd be ashamed, but, why should I be? This boy, this story, no matter how stupid it was, because it was just plain moronic, really, did it for me. And you know what? I'm so happy. That's all that matters.

~~**Rule #2:**~~ The blurb and it's sexual content 'warning'. Gag. Really. These make me run away, but...eh. Whatever. My bitchdar is lowered...for now.

~~**Rule #3:**~~ Genre. Tried and failed too many times, my friends. It begins to get tedious, you know?

And so many more rules, really, but I proved my point: Rule book? Meet window. And Mason? Come to

Mama. Just a word about him, 'kay?? Just a widdle quick word, teeny-tiny:

**SEXY TORTURED GIGOLO TORMENTED OSTRACISED LONELY MISTREATED USED
HURT SEXY (OOPS DID I MENTION SEXY ALREADY) INTELLIGENT BROKEN BRAVE
LOYAL----**

I lied. Suck it.

And I even loved Reese. Though, hey, those inner monologues? Psst-she's the culprit. I went from wanting to strangle her in chapter one to loving her to thinking 'is this chick real?' to 'okay she's cute' to...whatever. I like the girl...even if her thoughts are out of this world odd...and a lot like mine. Whoops.

What I didn't like:

-**Idiotic, bitchy cousin:** Go to hell, asshole

-**Twirling her lady mustache-like villain:** Yeah, this is soooooo realistic, bahahah not

-**How the little sister was introduced:** It wasn't bad....but it certainly wasn't good. It felt....wrong. But, then, I don't know *how* it should have been handled.

-**The back and forthness**

-**The writing:** Damn the writing!

-Probably a ton more I'll think of after posting but ugh-so fucking tired sooo....

Mrs. Garrison had actually kind of disappointed me. She'd let me go without a fight. Humph. *Chicken*. I'd been all keyed up to kick some cougar ass, too. Oh, well, such was life. *C'est la vie*. Maybe I could beat up the next woman who tried to hurt my man.

All in all, this was exactly what I needed. Sexy and fun and light without being *too* light, I fell under this book's spell...even though it was so unbelievable. Like...so *soooo* unbelievable. But...eh. The inner dialogue, the quirky humor, the way they became friends on campus and his vulnerability and willingness to do so was just...perfection. I'll never forget those moments in this book. There was a lot wrong but, **sometimes wrong is right, ya know?** I fell in love, despite its many flaws, and that's really all I could ask for. Mood=lifted. Just...sigh. Shut up, Pea.

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Lisa Jayne says

5 JUST FOR ME STARS.

"It was official. Mason Lowe was perfect. Well besides the whole gigolo part. But yeh, other than that, no one else could even compare."

Would it be crazy to say I think this author wrote this book just for me? Everything about this book screamed - 'perfect for Lisa'. I was looking for something light, sexy and funny and came across this book by chance, read the blurb and thought why not? From the first page I knew I would be hooked. 'Price of a kiss' had the potential to be a heavy, depressing read instead the author made it into a sexy, light, hilarious and touching story and I loved every page.

What's it all about?

Mason Lowe is a man with a heart of gold and a touching determination to look after his single mum and sister, but this dedication comes at a price - his body. From a young age Mason has lived a secret life servicing the rich women in his community in order to provide for his family and keep them financially stable. Mason has dreamed of finding a way of moving away from this lifestyle and finds a new motivation when he meets Reese Randall a girl who lands in his life and shakes his whole world. Reese is a feisty, geeky and outspoken college student who has had her fair share of the bad luck when it comes to relationships. Moving to a new city to avoid her psycho ex boyfriend should mean a fresh start with no dramatic relationships in sight, well that is until Mason and Reese forge a friendship that is just one step away from breaking all the rules. But with Mason's shady choice of earning cash and Reese's painful past the duo have more than a mountain to overcome to make their happily ever after perfect.

What did I love?

I'm a huge fan of drawn out love and slow-build relationships. The sexual tension was heart stopping and the chemistry made my heart race. 'Price of a kiss' is home to characters that are simply gorgeous, Mason was the perfect son, brother and tortured hero, he is as sweet and sexy as he is moody and protective. I loved the banter and dialogue between Mason and Reese, often times with the YA/NA genre authors tend to opt to create annoying female characters, but not here Reese was one of the most endearing characters I've read about her humor was laugh out loud funny and witty and she had enough back bone and like-ability to make me happy. The love was heart meltingly perfect, I was sold on this story right from the outset, the prologue set the mood for a sweet, funny, emotional story and it carried on to be all that I could have hoped for in a book of this genre. 'Price of a kiss' pulled at my heart strings without being too demanding or heart wrenching and I loved it to pieces.

Final thoughts ...

For anyone who likes a well written NA book, 'Price of a kiss' must be an instant one click for you. With enough sweet and sexy to satisfy most romance readers you will not want to miss out. Reading this book I felt like a love struck idiot and i'd gladly label 'Price of a kiss' as a favourite of 2013. I'm off to one click more from this author. Don't take my word for it, go grab it readers, kisses.

Christy says

5 Sweet Pea Stars!!!

I absolutely love it when a book comes out of no where and takes you by surprise! Thats exactly what happened to me with this one. I was minding my own business, following my reading schedule, then I get a text from one of my best book friends. A drop everything and read this kind of text. I take those pretty seriously. So I started this book with zero expectations and I ended up LOVING it! The prologue drew me in and I couldn't put it down. Yep... great feeling!

So we start with Reese. Reese just moved. She has a situation with a psycho ex that requires her to have a fresh start. She's changed her name, moved and is trying to move on. She is in school, living close to her cousin. While waiting to go to class she sees him. Mason Lowe... a man who took her breath away. But she learns very quickly that Mason isn't available. Not for her, not for anyone. At least not without a price.

'Girl don't even think about it. You couldn't afford him even if you emptied all the money in your piggy bank.'

?You read that right... Mason Lowe is a gigolo. Mason may have a messed up occupation, but he does all the wrong things for all the right reasons. He has a sick little sister, he makes sacrifices to support his family. Mason doesn't like what he does. But he doesn't see any other option.

Reese gets a job babysitting a special needs child. That child just happens to be Mason's little sister, Sarah. Reese see's first hand all that Mason goes through at home and the more she learns about him, the more she likes him. She knows she can't have him... he is forbidden, but that won't stop her from being a friend to Mason. Something he desperately needs.

The more Reese thinks about it, the more she gets Mason. She knows why he does what he does, and they are able to talk candidly about it. She starts to understand him and feel for him like no one else does.

"Honestly, would you date a... person of my occupation?"?I gulped. Hells to the no. I would not. "Good point."

"Yeah." He let out a long lonely sigh. "Exactly."?"Well, that's just sad." I finally decided.

"You can't date or have... recreational... fun, or even fall in love because you went to drastic measures to save your family?"?Yes I was feeling bad for a gigolo. Sue me.

For the first time in a long time, Mason has a friend. Someone he can talk to, be open with. Who understands

him and sees him as a person. Not just an object used for sex.

‘You are the first person who sees me, Mason, not sex for sale.’

Mason and Reese have the best relationship. They have a fun and flirty friendship. There is so much sexual tension between the two of them. So much chemistry. Things get a little heated, but Mason won’t go there. He can’t. With his job, it wouldn’t be fair to anyone, especially Reese. He cares for her too much to hurt her in that way.

‘I respect you,’ he graded out the words. ‘I admire you, and adore, and respect you, Reese Randall. I will not do this.’

They can only deny their feelings and stay ‘just friends’ for so long... Reese is falling for Mason, and she’s falling hard.

I was in love with him.

Dear God. ?I was in love with a gigolo.

It was crazy, insane; I was fully aware of that. But this was Mason. My spider killer. My left over food vacuum. My fellow Harry Potter fan. He was my soul mate. It was easy to look past the gigolo detail when I was with him.

There are a lot of hard choices to make. Will Mason be able to find away to be with Reese and still keep his family a float? Will Reese’s past come back to haunt her? Will these two ever be able to truly just be together? Read for yourself and find out!

‘God, I don’t deserve you.’

‘And yet you have me anyway.’

Not only will you fall in love with Mason, you will fall in love with Reese too! I loved both of these characters so much! The most likable characters I have read about in a long time. The both of them! Reese is one of the best heroines! She is witty, understanding, patient, kind and amazing! Then there is Mason. Mason who sacrifices himself for those he loves. Mason has the best heart. Seeing him with his sister Sarah had me melting! Talk about totally swoon worthy, sweet, sexy, intriguing, adorable, the best kind of leading man!

The start of a fun and flirty friendship, turns into full blown attraction, sexual tension, and dare I say love. They had the best back and forth banter, and when they were finally together... it was passionate, sensual and straight up hot!

I smiled, I laughed, I teared up, I swooned... hardcore. I just had the best case of the happy feels. The friendship, love, and laughter between Mason and Reese... I just want to read this one all over again. There is some drama as the book goes on, but it is never overkill.

Sweet, steamy, romantic, 5 bright and shining stars for this gem of a book! A great mix of friends to lovers and forbidden love... two of my favorite types of stories! I highly recommend!!!

‘You’re the warm sun that shines when everything is dark. A smile and a hug in a room full of disapproval. You’re... you’re everything.’

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

3 Conflicted Stars

*****Oh there will be Major Spoilers and Ranting*****

Like I'm going to be telling major parts of this book so if you don't like spoilers don't read because I am going to spoil this whole book!

God help me. I have been having total shit luck lately when it comes to my contemporary romance reads. And this one is no different. I mean what do you rate a book you absolutely love for 80% then at the 81% you feel like it takes a big smelly shit right on your chest? Well I went with a 3 star after going back and forth between a 4 and 2 for hours. It took me hours to start this review because I felt so conflicted about this read. Here is me reading this book....

**Wow this book is funny. I am lovin' Reese she is so goofy and quirky. Yummy Mason is so sexy. My heart hurts for Mason and for the things that have happened in his life, for how everyone treats him. God Reese's cousin Eva is a bitch! Awe Mason's sister is so adorable. God Mason and Reese are so cute. I am loving their relationship. Tons of playfulness and sexual tension. (*Right before the 80% mark*) OMG they are finally kissing! Awe they said I love you to each other and lots of other sweet things. More hot making out. (*81%*) Whammmmm! What the fuck? No! Nooooooooo. What? no way. Don't do it!! OMFG he is going to do it! FUCKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK!
Why? Why would you do this to me book? I trusted you and loved you? Why? Ruined! Fuck you book! Fuck you and your mom! I'm out... fuck off! Damn I can't be out because I have to see how this ends..... Eww gross cringe worthy stuff. OMG Reese don't put that in your mouth you know where that was like just a few hours ago..... in a old washed out whore. EWWW! Their first time love making is ruined cuzz all I can think about is that Mason's dick was in another woman just a few hours ago eewwwwww. Don't care anymore. Blah blah blah. One, two skip a few pages and the end.**

Yup that was me reading this book. I feel so betrayed by this book. It would have been a total five star read if Mason hadn't fucked another woman five seconds after telling Reese he gave up his body selling ways and how he felt about her. For all my safety gang friends out there that will want more details here they are. Mason's landlord blackmails Mason into sleeping with her to keep the roof over his disabled sister's head and

turns him into a gigolo. Reese changed her name and moved across the country to her cousin Eva's home to get away from her ex boyfriend who tried to kill her. Mason and Reese start out as friends with lots of sexual tension because they know they can't be with each other. They slowly fall madly in love. Mason gave up his gigolo ways. 80% into the book Mason and Reese are just declaring their love for each other. They are kissing and getting hot and heavy and Mason's landlord and pimp calls and tells him she can see him making out with Reese through his window and he needs to come over to her right now. Now Reese begs him not to go but he tells her he is going to tell landlord it's over. He goes over there. Tells Landlord it's over. Landlord tells him if he doesn't have sex with her right now she is going to tell Reese's crazy ex where she lives so he can come kill her. Reese begs Mason not to have sex with landlord. Mason walks right pass Reese and goes and has sex with landlord.

Reese goes to Mason's house and waits for Mason, while he is having said blackmail sex with his landlord. She is sobbing the whole time. When Mason comes home and finds Reese there Reese tells him she still loves him and wants to clean him. She helps him undress to get into the shower where she sees a gross hickey on his chest from the old whore landlord. He sees it too and he pukes his guts out. Brushes his teeth and gets into the shower then they hold each other. Then a few hours later they "make love" for the first time. So I guess he didn't cheat because they hadn't been in a relationship but they kissed and said I love you. So to me it was just ruined.

Here is yet another book all my friends loved and I ended up not loving. I guess I will try the next book in this series just to see if it's any better. GOD let it be better!

Catarina says

4 Sweet-pea scented stars! ;)

Meet Reese and Mason's story.

Reese is running away from her ex-boyfriend who tried to kill her and when she starts her new life in a college across the country, she meets hot and mysterious guy, Mason.

Well, long story short: Mason is a gigolo. (Yeah, she sure knows how to pick them!!)

But one night she gets a baby-sitting job and when she gets there she finds out is no one less than Mason's little sister. And that's when she finds out why he does what he does and starts to get another idea of him. After all, he's doing it for his family, even if it means sacrifice himself. So, they start as being friends.

But soon feelings start to grow and things will eventually start to change.

But his situation isn't easy... or her past.

And how can they build something real... when she doesn't think she can deal with is... hobby, and when he believes that he'll never be worthy of her?

This was such a sweet and romantic book!

Believe, I was expecting something full of angst (and I'm kind of on an angsty-books vacation :P) and drama... but although there was some angst and some drama it was a light and very enjoyable reading.

There were moments that made me want to smile and hug a pillow and the characters were pretty likeable.

Definitely, a book worth reading. :)
