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A job to die for. Women to kill for. Dangerous times call for dangerous men like the Hudson Kings—and making it out alive is only half the fun.

Nick Dawes just had to go and prove something to himself. The brilliant moneyman of the Hudson Kings is in *deeeep* trouble after losing \$20 million during a “freelance” heist, and now a Russian crime boss wants the money *and* Nick’s head. Nick needs to make himself scarce—and find someone to babysit his fish. Someone like lush, gorgeous Jane MacGregor, who might just be the death of him...

After being swindled by her jerk of an ex, Jane can’t say no to house-sitting a luxurious Fifth Avenue penthouse. The only downfall—aside from Nick’s tendency to show up covered in bruises and blood—is an increasingly strong attraction to her superhot and expensively suited-up new boss. *Never make the same mistake twice.*

But when Nick’s dangerous profession crashes in on Jane’s quiet little world, all hell breaks loose. And Jane is about to find out just what kind of man she’s falling for.

The Financier Details

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From Reader Review The Financier for online ebook

Monique says

Review written: November 21, 2017

Star Rating: ★★★★★

Heat Rating: ?????

An Advanced Reader Copy (ARC) of this book was received free via Netgalley for an honest review.

Wow! When I picked up *The Transporter* this summer, I knew I was reading the beginning of a great series. I loved the characters; I loved the world; I loved the high-octane action; I loved the tenderness. But I had no idea *The Financier* was going to absolutely blow me away. Because I don't care how amazing Shane is; Nick has him beat by miles and miles.

Nick is like an onion. He has all these layers you have to peel away to get to the heart of him, and you are going to cry while doing it. Or Nick is like an opal. Every time you turn him a little, he's a little different. Either way, he's my kind of catnip - in *every* way. If Shane could transport me any time, then I'll feed Nick's fish any time. And that's a large part of why Nick is one of those super special characters.

But before we get into how extra special these characters are, let's talk a little bit about the action. *The Transporter* was a lot of high octane, wildness. That's in keeping with Shane's occupation and who he is. *The Financier* does have some wild and crazy moments (I'm looking at you, Law, and at you, Roth, and at you, Maks.) but in keeping with Nick's very different personality, they aren't the wild car chases with guns featured in *The Transporter*. There is an underlying tension in everything that mutes the violence to some degree.

That's no bad thing. That tension is inherent in absolutely everything that happens, in every conversation, in every glance and every touch. It pervades everything to such a degree that absolutely everything is ratcheted up a notch, sexual tension included. And when things do explode, literally and figuratively, those explosions are exponentially hotter and more destructive because of the tension.

But, back to Nick and Jane. Nick is like an onion: layers upon layers. He's a rough and tumble bad boy, a vulnerable unloved child, a smooth operator, a basket case, a tender poet, an animal lover, a high roller, a fraud, a lone wolf, a shadow, an insecure man who doubts his worth. And that's just a start. How do you not love all of that?!

And then he is paired with Jane. Jane, who is friends with Ally and Cecily; Jane who has her own issues; Jane who is larger than life and who lives out loud and who is infectiously happy even when life has got her down. Jane with her big heart and her Grandmother and her art. A Jane who takes explosions and fish and dogsitting and clandestine missions in stride, like they are no big deal. That Jane who steals away the heart of a shadow and makes him whole. And how can you not melt to see it?!

One of the beauties of *The Transporter* is the introduction of a mystery for a later book. And that mystery got pushed a bit more in *The Financier* much to my delight. I'm utterly fascinated by this mystery and the tiny dribble of clues here only made this book hotter - and I do mean hotter.

SPOILER ALERT: Below are speculations and spoilers for *The Financier*. I strongly suggest not reading

them until you have read both *The Transporter* and *The Financier* because these are serious spoilers.

(view spoiler)

With an absolutely amazing set of main characters, an impressively strong set of secondary characters, and a tension that just won't quit, *The Financier* will set you ablaze. It's got all the feels **plus** all the action you could want. There's a very intimate and personal feeling to *The Financier*. The only thing I can't decide is whose book I want next because OMG! the Hudson Kings are something else. Please give me more, and soon!

This review is ©November 2017 by Monique N. and has been posted to Netgalley and Amazon.

Cathy Geha says

The Financier by Liz Maverick
Hudson Kings #2

Complex, intricate, detailed and delightful – this was a book that I could not put down.

The Hudson Kings are an independent group of stunning studly extremely competent mercenaries that work together but also take freelance jobs from time to time. On one such job Nick Dawes, money mover extraordinaire, manages to “lose” 20 million dollars – and his life is then on the line. Wanting someone to apartment sit and care for his fish he hires Jane MacGregor, a friend of some women linked to the Hudson Kings, until he feels it is safe to come out of hiding again.

Nick is a handsome, wealthy, multifaceted man that is such a breath of fresh air as a book boyfriend. I think he might be one of the most unusual and endearing men I have met in a book recently. And then there is Jane and she is so much more than many female leads – she too is unusual and such a great match for Nick. She is unflappable, dedicated, humorous, lusty and just perfect in so many ways. The two together are great. The story is wonderful. The team and other side characters are so interesting that I can't wait for the next book in the series – no matter WHO it is about! This is one series that is a winner, a keeper and a delight to the soul.

Thank you to NetGalley and Montlake Romance for the ARC – This is my honest review.

5 Stars

Sharon says

good story line - interesting plot

Bette Hansen says

Fantastic book! It has characters that are amazing, a passionate romance, and enough suspense and action to thrill every reader. This story pulled me in immediately and I couldn't put it down until the last page.

Nick Dawes is the money man for the Hudson Kings. A mercenary group working out of NYC. Unfortunately for Nick a side job goes terribly wrong leaving \$20 million dollars missing and a very angry Russian crime boss wanting his money back. NOW! Nick needs to lay low until he can figure out what happened. That's when he meets Jane. He hires her to care for his fish and house sit his apartment. When his trouble turns up and lands in Jane's lap Nick knows he can't stay away any longer. That's when things really get wild!

Definitely a book I recommend to everyone.

Gem says

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

The Transporter was always going to be a tough act to follow. I loved that book! Shane was epic and the story was brilliant. When I heard Liz was making this into a series I was so excited. All of the Hudson Kings are such great characters, I can't wait to hear each of their stories.

The Financier is Nick's book. You don't see too much of him in The Transporter so I wasn't sure what to expect. Shane is definitely a tough act to follow but Nick holds his own!

There is so much I loved about this book. The drama, the relationships, the Hudson Kings family, the humour. I read this from cover to cover. I literally couldn't stop. This is an amazing series. I want to join the Hudson Kings!

Nick needs to lay low for a while but he wants to make sure his fish are being taken care of. He hires Jane to stay at his place and keep his fish alive. But he gets more than he bargained for with her.

Jane is such a strong heroine. Nothing phases her. Nick keeps expecting her to break down the deeper she gets involved, but she takes it all in her stride. She is a no nonsense, honest, loyal and caring woman. I loved her character.

Nick is gorgeous, mysterious, an animal lover, honest and protective. He's also very private and doesn't like asking for help. He worries about Jane even though she can hold her own. They compliment each other perfectly. I loved seeing how their relationship played out. Their chemistry is insane.

I loved that you saw more of Cecily and Shane in this and got to see how they are getting on. The other Hudson Kings all make an appearance too. I'm looking forward to Rothgar and Chase's stories. Such a great group of characters that you can't help but love. I can't wait to see what is next for the Hudson Kings.

Definitely one of my favourite series.

Darlene Christensen says

Nick Dawes is rich, good looking and part of a mercenary group (the Hudson Kings) where he uses his skills in the finance world to the groups advantage. Due to a job that Nick was involved in that went wrong 20 million dollars has disappeared leaving Nick in danger of being killed. Nick has a large tank of fish which he hires Jane Mac Gregor to care for at a huge amount of money. Danger is present with Nick taking several beatings at the direction of Sokolov the boss of the bad hist. All comes to a deadly end for Sokolov and Nick learning he is in love with Jane.

Janice Beckett says

Liz Maverick has created yet another compelling character in Book 2 of her Hudson Kings series, The Financier. When Nick Dawes, the behind-the-scenes money man for the Hudson Kings, decides he wants a taste of the operational world, he tries his hand in a freelance job and gets himself in over his head with a dangerous Russian gangster. Now in hiding, he needs someone to take care of his apartment, and especially his very expensive fish. Enter Jane MacGregor, a currently unemployed friend of Hudson Kings Transporter, Shane's fiancée Cecily. Nick is intrigued by Jane from their first meeting, but doesn't want to endanger her life by getting involved. Ultimately, Nick decides that the only way he can save Jane's life is to break her heart, but can he really stay away from the only woman that he has ever loved?

I received a free advanced reader copy of this book in exchange for my honest, unbiased review.

Scrap says

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book

WOW I loved this book Nick is the Financier for The Hudson Kings and also works on wall street, They say he has the Midas touch when it comes to money.

On his latest freelance job things go HORRIBLY wrong and Solokiv is now extremely pissed at him. Some how some way 20 million has disappeared. So Nick needs to hire someone to watch his penthouse and his fish. Nick wow I LOVED him, he is so damaged but he has such a beautiful soul. He just does not show it to anyone.

Jane needs a job after her ex boss, ex boyfriend screwed her over and took all her money and her job. she has no where to stay so is living on Ally's couch. when Ally and Celia tell her of the job that Nick is offering (with his very odd request about the person he wants) she goes to the interview with him WOW from the start the chemistry between them is amazing. This story has everything going for it. from covert missions to Russian mafia and spy's, To HOT Mercs. to a wonderful love story. I HIGHLY recommend this book

Sarah says

The Financier is Book Two of Liz Maverick's Hudson Kings series. This is the first book I have read by this author and it certainly will not be the last. I actually plan to go back and read Book One for more insight into the Hudson Kings.

Even though I don't think it's necessary to have read Book One, I did struggle just slightly with the beginning trying to wrap my head around who was who and the entire plot in general. It starts out with Nick right smack dab in the middle of a heist that ends up going south. After about a quarter of the way through, things started to click and I was able to sit back and enjoy the ride.

This story had a very engaging plot and great character development. The connection between Jane and Nick was there right from the start but burned at a pretty slow pace until I thought they were going to combust. There were even some laugh out loud moments involving Nick's fish and frog. My husband is a fish guy so I could certainly relate.

An ARC copy of the book was received via NetGalley.

Heather andrews says

When Jane gets flustered it's just cute, "your bed is my bed," she said. "We're sharing a bed? I mean, no, not that we're sharing a bed—I just mean, you're cool with me using your bed. I mean, um, right, sir. I think I'm going to go now." There are times Nick is just a simple man, "I'm in bed with a beautiful woman, and tomorrow's Sunday. I don't want anything but this, right now," Nick said." I liked this book, I fell in love with Nick the man was sexy.

Michelle Louise says

When Nick Dawes -- moneyman extraordinaire for the mercenary group The Hudson Kings - royally screws up a freelance mission working for a Russian businessman, he's got to fix the problem... and fast. Not only does he need to track down the missing \$20million, but he needs to find someone to take care of his fish (and frog) fast! Enter voluptuous problem-solver, Jane MacGregor. Jane's got problems of her own. Her ex-boyfriend and former boss buggered off with her life savings leaving her desperate for anything that comes along. It's just her luck that she decides to house and fish-sit while Nick is straightening out his mess. This was supposed to be simple. Easy. Too bad no one decided to tell fate that.

Can I state right now how much I adore Nick? Because I do. I totally do. Nick is everything a woman would want. He's smart, sexy, passionate, protective, intelligent, funny... the list of adjectives goes on. Even better he's real. He loves and worries about his fish, and the neighbor's dog, and of course the attractive and oh-so-capable house-sitter. Nick reads poetry, babbles when he's nervous, and in true New Yorker fashion has nothing in his fridge other than cocktail olives and mosquito larvae.

He's met his match in Jane. Jane is the kind of romance novel heroine I want to see more of. Like many fuller-figured women, she's been conditioned by society to consider herself less desirable. But she isn't, not in Nick's eyes and not in the readers. She's cool under pressure, quick on her feet, and doesn't take any crap from anyone. She's the kind of woman I'd like to go out for drinks with.

Together with the rest of the well-rounded side characters I found myself sucked into the New York City underground where elite teams pull off heists and cons in equal measure. The book can stand on it's own, which is good considering I've never read anything by the author before. And the universe she's created is engaging and intriguing. If we don't get an Ally and Rothgar book I will so so disappointed.

I highly recommend this book to people who like a little action and intrigue to go with their romance.

Five Stars.

***I received an ARC of this book through NetGalley

Avid Reader says

The Financier (Hudson Kings #2) by Liz Maverick

4 stars

M/F Thriller Romance

I was given this book for an honest review by Wicked Reads.

This is a great story about priorities that you think you have and then, when something that truly matters comes in to your life, how you need to re-prioritize and re-think your life.

Nick and Jane are a strange couple. I love Jane's tough exterior and her attitude - she's hilarious at times and gentle at others. She compliments Nick's rough exterior and she knows what she's looking for. Even when her life is looking bleak, she picks herself up and moves forward.

I also really enjoyed Nick. Even though he seemed like a cocky male at the beginning, throughout the story, you get to see different sides to him and realize that he's more than just the veneer that he puts out there.

Nick and Jane sort through their own feelings about their own lives and whether or not there is room in each other's lives for each other.

This is a great story about finding someone who you love and making sure that you hold on, realize that it doesn't come along very frequently and when it does, you need to make the most of it.

Sarah says

The Hudson Kings have become my new favorite series! I'm just disappointed that only two books have been released so far. I want more of them!

I loved the first book, but I think I may have loved this one even more! In the first book, Nick had a small part. We got to know him on the very surface and I was kinda disappointed that the second book was about him and not Dex. But then I started reading his book and I fell in love with Nick!

This book has a lot of action and spy stuff. It's really fun. Jane is a friend of Ally's, vetted by Missy and Dex, and then hired by Nick to pet sit his fish while he has to lay low after a freelance job gone bad.

But of course, Nick and Jane are extremely attracted to each other, with chemistry that steamed up my kindle screen! I liked that they got to know each other over the phone in the beginning. While they were physically attracted to each other, they didn't even kiss until well after sharing personal stories about their pasts with one another.

My heart broke for Nick when learning about his childhood. I loved the man he had chosen to become. And when he came to love Jane, that love made him even better!

Jane was an excellent heroine, fresh off of a bad relationship and not willing to let anyone push her over again. I loved how she spoke her mind and didn't have super irrational behaviors when it came Nick and his job. She kept a cool head and I liked it.

There is only one sex scene in this book. They do kiss much earlier but are interrupted by a literal bomb going off. Even though there was only one sex scene, it was a good scene! Detailed but not overly so. I certainly would have been fine with another one, but it didn't make sense for the story to have another one.

There's a bit of swearing, mostly F bombs, but not too many to be distracting.

I can't wait for the next book!

Linda Quick says

This is a wonderful book that I just loved! Nick is a Hudson King, but, while he has plenty of physical skills, his greatest asset is as a money mover. Then one day on a side job he gets a bit too cute and it backfires and leaves a bullseye on his back.

Nick is a bit of a loner, so, other than the other Hudson Kings, all he cares about is his fish. When he has to keep a low profile and stay away from home, he hires Jane to stay in his condo and take care of his fish....literally take care of his fish - not as a euphemism for something else.

This is an engaging caper that kept me turning pages just as quickly as possible. In addition to a great plot, the author added in bits of humor that added to the depth of the characters. This is the first book I've read by this author, but it won't be the last. I'm looking forward to the next book in the series (although this is a stand alone novel).

Valeen Robertson (Live Thru Books Blog) says

The Financier turned out to be far more than I had expected. To be honest, I was expecting a standard issue

romantic suspense thriller with an over the top alpha who's brought to his knees by either an equally kick butt heroine or a simpering princess. Turns out that *The Financier* was none of these things except a romantic suspense thriller. It's far more layered than the standard romantic suspense, though, all thanks to two amazing leads - Nick Dawes, "the financier", who works for a mercenary group called the Hudson Kings, and Jane McGregor, the woman he hires to stay in his apartment and feed his fish while he's away trying to sort out the mess that his last mission became.

On the surface, Nick is the alpha hero I was expecting. He's super wealthy (to be expected from a "financier"), really hot, and seemingly really cold. He didn't stay that cardboard cutout for long, though. Once he meets Jane and she gets under his skin, his vulnerabilities and true self come out to play. I absolutely fell in love with him as he fell in love with Jane and revealed his slightly damaged, poetic soul. Jane, now this woman is amazing. On the surface she's a sort of plain Jane artist (pun intended) who's reeling from a douche ex wiping out her savings and cheating on her, but she's really not plain or simpering or stupid, although she is an artist. I love how unflappable and sweet she is, with a backbone of steel that is necessary if she's to remain in Nick's life, and I love how she just gets him, sees through his outer layer and through to his soul, where his true self lies.

Normally romantic suspense falls into two categories - super steamy and super intense, or the sort of cozy thriller type with low heat. *The Financier* is somewhere in the middle of these two extremes. It is no doubt intriguing and has lots of action, but the heat isn't so turned up that it threatens to overtake the story and the action. It's just spicy enough with enough tension between Nick and Jane as they sort out their developing feelings to titillate the steam lover in me, but it doesn't overwhelm either the story or the romance. And the action isn't so balls to the wall that it takes over the romance and the steam. I'd say it's the perfect balance of romance and steam and action and suspense. This world that Liz Maverick has created with the super hot, super large mercenaries of the Hudson Kings is so entertaining and so intriguing that I am dying for more. I hope to see Ally and Rothgar's story soon. Or perhaps more Maksim, or more Chase, or more Missy or more Geo. Any and all of the cast of the Hudson Kings would be just fine with me.

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