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**She gave me a pet name.**

**But is she brave enough to call me that...**

**...now that I'm her new boss?**

Crazy rich. Powerful. Bored.

Until I saw Emma again - my best friend's kid sister.

Once the annoying little girl that followed us everywhere.

Now she's all grown-up... and hates my guts.

An investigative journalist with a body to kill for,

Fiery attitude and devastating curves.

She may have lost her dream job.

But I'll play hero and give it back.

When she uncovers a serial killer's trail,

It'll take everything I have to save her.

I'll burn this city to find this monster if I have to.

**I'll save Emma and the secret she's carrying.**

## Saving Emma Details

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## From Reader Review Saving Emma for online ebook

### Shelly Wolf says

Another hot item from R.R. Banks,,,,,

Brice Kelly is a 39 year old ex quarterback, who couldn't play anymore after an injury,, he also has a degree in Sports Management and has started his own business called "Cutting Edge Management" and he lives in L.A.,,,, his second in command and most trusted employee is his best friend Pete Paulson,,,,,his best friend in high school was Tyler Simmons and they played high school football under the direction of Coach Simmons,,, Tyler went to Texas A+M and Brice went to USC,,,,,and now Brice has just heard the news,,, Coach Simmons has just died,,, Brice was practically one of the family at Tyler's,,, he HAD to go to the coach's funeral,,,,, back home to Morro Bay he goes,,,,

Emma Simmons is 12 years younger than her brother Tyler,,, she is 27 and was working at the Long Beach Times Daily, but has recently been caught sleeping thru her lunch hour,,,,, AGAIN,,,,, now Helen Arnolt, the Editor-in-chief, has caught her and is taking Emma into her office,, Emma is only like part time and in order to make ends meet, she helps at a sports bar at night, called The Hot Spot, not getting enough sleep is a big thing,,,,,she went to Morro Bay State and graduated but hasn't been hired full time in journalism yet,,, but, she has other problems now, her mother died of Cancer years back and she just got the call that her dad had a heart attack and died,, she has to go home,,,,,

This was kinda an emotional book, but was was a good read,,,, Brice is going home and Emma is no longer Tyler's little brat sister,,, Brice is looking at Emma and can't believe how she looks,,but he can't think of that now,,,,,after all, her father just died and she's Tyler's little sister,,,,, go out and grab this book,,,,, go to your favorite reading perch and sit down for a book you just can't put down,,,,, I would totally recommend this book to anyone,,,,,

I got this ARC voluntarily to do an honest review

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### Raecharmed says

Emma is a reporter and working as an intern for a newspaper. When her boss at the paper makes her stop researching story that seemed like there was something truly going on she was upset but needed the work so she set it aside. However after she was fired she picked it back up and stumbled into something dangerous with her research. Brice is an entertainment agent and is starting to feel restless working as the CEO of his own company and wants to make a change. When Brice comes back to town for a funeral of his old coach he runs into Emma and learns about the story she's researching. Sparks fly between them and Brice isn't about to standby and watch as Emma delves into something that could cause her harm. Will Brice convince Emma to give him a chance? Will Emma get her story out before it gets her?

This is an amazing story once I started it I couldn't put it down. The chemistry between Brice and Emma is off the charts hot. This is a well written and very entertaining story. I would recommend this book to any book lover.

I voluntarily read and reviewed this book.

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## **Mary Burrows says**

Couldn't get into it, 20%

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## **LMR says**

Saving Emma By: R.R. Banks

When You Set Your Sights On A Killer... Don't Blink!

A Chance Encounter at an untimely END brings them together in a FIERY EXCHANGE...

Unwilling to let her GO, he quickly moves ensuring Everything's in Place!

But, as Romance Blooms, Danger Looms!!!

From an Untold Story, comes Tales both Gruesome & Gory....

How Far Is HE Willing To Go To Keep Her Safe...

How Far Is SHE Willing To Go To Catch A Killer...

What Lines Will They Cross...

What Barriers Will They Break...

At first, she found a trickle...

Now, she's found an avalanche of connections, evidence, & Even More CHILLING.... MORE MURDERS!!

She cannot let it go, even when the suspect is openly stalking her, & it could endanger her life...

She'll have to TRUST those around her to ensure she SURVIVES...

Because, she's grabbed a Tiger by the Tail, & she's dragging his €V;L @\$ into the Light...

I was granted an ARC of R.R. Banks' "Saving Emma," & of course I'm ecstatic to recommend it to others, because of course it's an excellent, no a Truly Fabulousssss read!! Trust me... this is a One-Click, straight into your library, Read! Don't miss out. All opinions expressed within this review are uniquely my own & freely given.

Until next time... Happy Reading!

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## **Dora says**

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Wow! This was an awesome book, one you NEED to READ—you won't regret it! This book is packed with murder, mystery, suspense, drama, intrigue, and kidnapping. This book will continue to keep you glued to the pages of this fascinating story. I wasn't expecting the turn this story just took; it has quite an unexpected surprise in which I was holding my breath, but it is jaw-dropping good! This book was impossible to put down, and it will have you on the edge of your seat. From the very first page, I was spellbound by these fantastically described characters that are so believable that you will find yourself falling in love with—or not. R.R. Banks has become one of my favorite authors—you know that his books will be salacious with an engrossing love story, an interesting plot and dialogue with strong conflicts. I loved the characters of Emma Simmonds and Brice Kelly. Brice is drop dead gorgeous, enigmatic, sexy, wealthy businessman, and alpha that cannot take no for an answer. Emma and Brice are drawn together like the proverbial moth to the flame and their chemistry is palpable, reflected in every look, every touch, and every word uttered between them.

You will need to read to find out what happens, but it will be worth reading. The scenes are well written, fast-paced and flow smoothly from one scene to the next. This was an enjoyable book with an interesting plot and dialogue, and it keeps you reading to the end to find out what happened—it will pique your interest and draw you in.

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## Space Cowgirl says

Blogging for Dollars???

Emma??? is a newly unemployed reporter. Her second job at night to pay the bills costs her her intern reporter job because she kept falling asleep at work. it's a catch 22 situation!

Over massive quantities of cheap wine, her best friend suggests she try publishing an online news blog to become her own boss.

Brice???? is an ex NFL QB, who was a total party boy before a bad leg injury ended his career. He had it all and he lost it all.

He wises up and goes back to college, gets a degree, and starts a player agent business. Pretty soon Brice???? is representing a lot of great football players and he's making a lot of money.

But all the late night playboy antics have caught up with Brice???? at age 39. He finds himself asking the age old question. Is that all there is?

Emma??? has a lot of research on a serial killer she wants to publish. The paper would never let her publish the story. With her own blog, she can publish all of her crime stories.

A call comes from Emma's Aunt. Her father, the coach at the high school where both Brice???? and her older brother, Tyler, were football stars, has died suddenly. In Emma's mind, Brice???? left them all hanging years ago when he went off to college on a football scholarship. Emma?? was only 12, but she had a huge crush on Brice????, and she's never forgiven him.

Her dad's funeral brings it all back. Brice???? has the nerve to show up at the funeral! Emma??? thinks she still hates Brice????! Brice???? thinks he really wants to get to know her now that she is all grown up, beautiful, and outspoken!

ARC Received via Bookfunnel.

I also bought the book for my kindle library.

Interesting and very well thought out Adult Romance novel. The author has several stories going on at the same time in this book. Time, and writing experience have made each of his books better than the one before! Recommend.

Emma??? is figuring out who a serial killer is and needs another job to make ends meet. Brice???? is burned out on his successful business and wants to do something else. Neither one is looking for love, least of all with a childhood friend!

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## **Cailin says**

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review and holy moly, I just keep getting more and more amazed by this author and his versatility! This is DEFINITELY a 5+ star book with an intriguing plot, memorable characters, extreme steam, and a dangerous mystery!

The plot in this book is very different from previous R.R. Banks books but it was handled with his usual aplomb and care. I would say this is a slow-burning story that fully ignites into a glorious, passion-filled tale of not only love, but intense danger.

I was pulled in by and promptly cared about the characters. I enjoyed watching the growth in their attitudes as the book progressed. I loved the interplay between the protagonists; several times I laughed aloud at something one of them said or thought. I appreciated the little bits of humour in an otherwise serious, and thrilling, book.

Spoilery parts!

This is a romance written around a murder mystery so there are a few sort of violent parts that might trigger someone. The details aren't super gory, and it's NOT superfluous, so no worries. I will also say the research and attention to detail that went into this book is readily apparent and highly appreciated! This IS an amazing and well told story that will leave you wanting more of Brice, Emma, and many of the endearing supporting characters. I loved it and more than recommend it!!!

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## **Kaye says**

BE STILL MY BEATING HEART!!!

Wow! Talk about a slow burn. This little baby will take on the ride of your life. Banks lays this little guy out in full glory. No holds barred, no stone unturned, throwing caution to the wind. A rollercoaster of emotions to sort through along with a few kinks here and there. You get all the drama, heat, spine tingling, heart pounding, adrenaline pumping, thrilling scenes that have you on the edge of your seat. This page turning bombshell captives from the start with all the suspense and danger at every turn. You will not part with this little jewel for an instant until the last word. I read it twice and I will read it again. Yes, it's that good. This is one fantastic storyline with all the pomp and circumstance to hold your attention. The characters are complex, well developed and so realistic I felt I could just reach out and touch them. Their personalities are unique with qualities that play off one another in perfect balance. The scenes are graphic and detailed it paints a fantastic backdrop with such realism you have no trouble picturing it in your mind's eye. The twists and turns are exciting with all the mystery and danger dogging their heels. Banks did an exceptional job bringing this read to life flawlessly. Fantastic job Banks, thanks for sharing this awesome read with us.

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## **Kyla says**

This book had a lot of potential but it could have been much better.

Emma and Brice are the main characters. They grew up together, Brice was Emma's brother's best friend, but

they haven't seen each other in years. That changes when they're both called back to their hometown for her fathers funeral.

Brice can't believe how much Emma has changed. There's an instant attraction, on his end that is. Emma hates Brice. She finds him selfish, entitled, and arrogant. But things start to change and heat up and Emma finds herself letting down her walls when it comes to Brice.

When Brice buys the paper that Emma was fired from and gives her a job doing crime journalism, Emma's life is put into danger. She's on the trail of a serial killer and he knows she's on to him. Brice will do anything to save Emma and Emma will do anything to get her story and bring this killer to justice.

I enjoyed the initial story line. A hate to love romance plus a crime thriller, perfect combination for me. The book started out great. I liked the characters and the interactions between them were good, not cheesy or annoying like most of these romance novels. Towards the middle of the book however, I began to lose interest. It was like the author got bored and tried to speed up the story. The romance was suddenly full force and there was no more build up even though Emma literally hated Brice only a few chapters ago. I would have liked to see their relationship evolve a little more before diving right into "I love you, I want to spend the rest of my life with you".

The thriller aspect also started out good. But again, the author seemed to speed up the story line and ended up leaving out details and not tying up loose ends.

Emma started her investigation by connecting several murders of young girls and deeming it to be the same killer. She instantly suspects a well known man in the community, Carlyle Hawkins, with no real reason why. She then breaks into the mans house and magically finds everything she needs to know to prove he's the killer but can't do anything without admitting she broke in. Carlyle is onto her and somehow knows she knows his secret with no explanation as to how he knows. He follows her, threatens her, and gets the police force to do the same.

There was a part in the story that was inconsistent and made no sense. Emma releases a story about the murders, never naming her suspect. Suddenly the police are harassing her and the comment is made that she is "making things hard for Hawkins". Hawkins was never mentioned in her article and no one ever points out the fact that the police just gave Hawkins and themselves away. It just goes unnoticed.

Once again, the author speeds up the story. It's mentioned that Emma releases several more articles but not what they were about. We find out that the police are getting upset about the articles but there's never another story line into that either.

The book started out good and at a good pace but then seemed very rushed towards the middle and end.

Emma's brother and best friend from the beginning of the story are never mentioned again. Not even when Emma is in the hospital after almost being killed, not when Brice proposes, and not when Emma finds out she's pregnant. What happened to them? They seemed like staple characters at the beginning of the book and then just disappeared. There was very little consistency later on in the story.

I know I've said this a million times but it was too rushed! Sadly I had to give two stars even though it sounded like such a good book and had so much potential.

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## Di says

Once again this author amazes and delivers another read that is impossible to put down. Brice & Emma are amazing as is the story which flowed beautifully and kept me turning the pages. The opening is one of my favourites in any of the books I have read with Brice in the bar and what he doesn't do or is even tempted to

do which sets him apart from many other characters out there, it made me fall for him right away. Emma was a bit stubborn but rightfully so regarding her past with Brice but she comes around w/o too much drama...loved it.

A read with steamy oh my steamy scenes and two people who are perfect for each other. The story drew me in and what I loved loved loved was their relationship, the open and honesty between them, no over the top drama, no lies or secrets, no women coming between them, the protectiveness of Brice and how both of them embraced the relationship and what they were feeling....refreshing and I LOVED IT...and the bit of suspense that had me on the edge of the seat to see what happens. Worth more than 5++++++ stars.

\*I voluntarily read an advanced copy and expressed my honest opinion\*

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## **MJM says**

When is R.R. Banks going to have his books submitted to be turned into films?? This is yet another that I would go to see! This is so much more than any mere romance. We have an addict recovering from his injuries that stopped his football career and changed his life forever more. Brice turned his life around and invested wisely and turned himself into a very successful businessman. When he hears that his best friend's dad has died, who helped him as a young boy/man to get into professional football, he knows that he must support his friend and show his respect to the man who was so important to him. Whilst there he also sees Emma, his best friend's younger sister who has now blossomed in every way his x-rated mind could possibly imagine but she looks at him with almost hate in her eyes which confounds him.[Emma had crushed on Brice from afar whilst young [way too young for him at the time] but now the age difference is meaningless and he's even more gorgeous than ever. But he never came back and she feels so betrayed. meanwhile she has lost her job and is in dire straights and when Brice hears about it [all the while her using her nickname for him which is 'a@@hole'! He plays hero to her when her abusive ex attacks her and she tends to Brice's wounds at home. This is when the story really heats up. This is a Book by R.R. Banks so when I say heat - I mean HEAT as in scalding! There is certainly plenty of passion between them but she immediately regrets it. But Brice wants more. He's never felt this way about any woman before but she won't give him a chance so he's obviously going to have to be sneaky to get a second chance with her...and he knows exactly what he's going to do! Brice is no fool but he's a man on a mission and that's to see if there is any chance of something being very real between him and Emma. He's got the money to make things happen so he can solve her employment issue and help his business acumen simultaneously. But Emma has a real 'story' that her previous editor wouldn't touch. But her fabulous new editor is a woman of vision and she thinks Emma is worth the risk so encourages her. But it's not long before threats are received. With kidnapping, new passions, real love, mystery, more murders and a creepy break in. Who is behind these murders? Is Emma too close to the truth? Can Brice win her love and keep her safe?? If there is one book that you buy this year - this must be it!!!! Magnificent. This book illustrates perfectly why R.R. Banks is one of the USA's best selling authors. I received a reader's copy of the book and voluntarily leave my honest opinion of it here. Magnificent - Definitely Recommended

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## **Dora Koutsoukou says**

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## **&#x1f340;TIERNAN says**

### **Affaire d'intrigue et d'amour**

To be frank this is another cool story from Mr. Banks, but this time this book is though out a completely in a different way.

A very memorable, fascinating twist of wondrous excitement of danger. A discovery of never ending intrigue and passions.

I thoroughly enjoyed sampling those characters. Emma with her feisty, Sassy, no nonsense attitude toward Brice. Nickname and all.

Brice, He's taking it in stride, he particularly knows who and what's he's about when his lady love is concerned in all affairs of safety, her bod and heart.

I was seduced in a murder mystery that kept me entertained and wanting to devour this book very quickly.

R.R. Banks's outlandish outcome for this novel was such an amazing surprise.

Delicious and extremely appreciated. The characters have this great, tumultuous, sexy chemistry .

Keep them coming like that R.

Although I'm appreciative of the ARC, I always KU for such an accomplished author Best Seller that is R.R. Banks.

I wholeheartedly recommend this book of twist, adventure and a whole lot of interesting delights. Wink !

P.S. Aller mon Chéri, Tu les a tant mérités ses accolades de premier pris par tes superbe Beautés Bravo!/?

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## **Jennifer says**

Emma Simmons and Brice Kelly are two amazingly stubborn characters that Mr. Banks has created to craft another outstanding romance, however, within these dramatic and intriguing pages, you will be floored with their powerful passion and courage. Jeez, I really don't think it is possible for Mr. Banks to release anything other than riveting and addictive storylines that draw the reader right in. I do not want to give away any part of this release, so I will try to summarize and not expose all of the goodness inside.

Emma had a huge crush on Brice, who was best friends with her Brother. After success went to his head and years passes, this journalistic intern received a shock that brings them both together again. What transpires after their meeting... well, you will have to read Saving Emma to find out. I truthfully loved every word of this release. I highly recommend anything by Mr. Banks and Saving Emma is right up there in the 'must read' list.

I voluntarily requested an advanced reader's copy of Saving Emma in exchange for my honest opinion and believe you'll be as enraptured as myself with this impressive book.

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## **Kentucky Bohemian (Grace) says**

Reading this story was like falling into an old feather bed: it just engulfed me in an environment that felt so comfortable and natural that I never wanted to leave. That's not to say that everything was quiet and boring in this story... nope, there was plenty going on in this pulse-pounding thriller. But RR Banks always creates such an interesting and dynamic place that I can't help but want to be there with his characters. I never want his sexy reads to end.

I don't even want to try to hit the "highlights" in this story. I'm afraid if I try, this review will turn into a book on its own. I will say the best parts of this book to me are the well-paced plot, the great writing, and the dynamics of the richly created characters. Brice and Emma, in particular, are full of interesting personality traits—not all of them so endearing. They carry baggage from a history that was tough on them, but they had excellent people in their past as well who helped shape them into strong, resilient, insightful leaders. Their chemistry sparks like heat lightning in a summer storm, and their intelligent banter brings an entirely different kind of fun to their story.

Readers will find plenty of awesome steamy heat in love scenes and some adult language/situations. Sensitive readers should be aware that trigger scenes are possible concerning kidnapping, making this a story that can be shared with your best friend. Mostly though, this is a beautiful story about broken souls finding healing within the concept of second chances, standing up for what you believe in, and making amends.

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