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They were wrong--revenge is a dish best served hot.

They call me the Boardroom Bastard.

A bastard out for vengeance.

No one messes with Killian Thorne.

Then Rachel shows up.

She's the most beautiful woman I've ever seen. Luscious curves. An ass I wanna smack and squeeze. No man has ever touched her the way I do, and she's making me feel things I've never felt before..

But she works for my greatest enemy, and destroying him means taking her down too.

She's ruined me for all other women. Will I ruin her too?

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Read.Review.Repeat Blog says

This is the second book in this series, Mr. Control does not need to be read first, but it may answer a few questions you may come up with. Rachel and Killian had chemistry and the storyline was well thought out. I just think a few areas needed to be explained more. Angsty, emotional and quick paced story ahead.

Space Cowgirl says

The Big Bad Wolf????Gets Bitten?

Could A BDSM? Romance Be Funny And Cute?

Apparently it can, with this smirky, ? tongue in cheek BDSM? romp between the sheets and in the boardroom.

Rachel?? works for Rhys, a very wealthy man completely involved in charity work. She is his assistant. Someone is trying to get him kicked off all the boards he is on.

Killian????, another billionaire, is the One behind the attempts to get Rhys off the various charity boards. He is sure Rhys killed his friend, Beth?, and is not the ultra caring philanthropist he claims to be.

Rachel?? takes one look at Killian and her panties? melt, but she seems bound and determined to vindicate her boss, Rhys. She begins to follow Killian????, and when she finally catches up with him at a gym, he bares everything for her, literally! He sees right through her flimsy reporter? facade and uses his big hot? naaasssty bad boy? Dominant? body to embarrass her by making her follow him into the showers.

Yeah! Killian's a game player, he wants and likes to see Rachel?? squirm!

Killian???? is interested in seeing how far Rachel?? will go to get the information she needs. He invites her to Ace's, the BDSM? club he frequents, and where he has a private play? room. Ooooolala!

YEHAW! Ride em Bareback?, Cowgirl?????

This is a fun, sexy book?! I loved? it!

ARC Received for a Voluntary and Honest Review.

Sharon Moritz-rosenthal says

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

This is the story about Killian and Rhys assistant, Rachel. It is #2 in the series and DOES NOT stand alone. Can you read this book first and not be super lost, probably though I would suggest you read the first book first.

Killian is the guy after Rhy, who is this very philanthropic guy who has a daughter. In book 1 he hires waitress Melanie to be his nanny and this story explains what happens in book 1 and the motivation behind

it.

To be honest I HATED Killian as a romantic lead. He frequents sex clubs, treats women crappy and is a BIG jerk. And I loved Rhys so him wanting to hurt Rhys did not ender him to me. Rachel is a great character and she is why I kept reading.

Eventually I really loved this story and fell hard for Killian as well but the beginning of the story was hard to stomach at times. The author did a great job writing it as well as plotting it and making everything make sense. Killian is doing everything he does for a noble reason and when he realizes the error of his ways he takes massive steps to correct that.

This was a really good story if you like reading about the anti hero and who is after revenge and falls in love.

Pelusa Rivera says

Received an ARC at no cost to author..This book was hot! It is a second book, and I did not know that when I started reading, not a problem was not lost, however I will pick up the previous book, because I like to know how these characters get to be who they are. These two, Rachel and Thorne are so different, different backgrounds growing up and different circumstances, however they are both thinking that they will each use each other for their own purpose. But do they really? I hope that is enough to wet your appetite because I am recommending that you read it and I do not want to give away info..Enjoy!

Michelle says

Mr. Ruin by Maya Hughes

I am voluntarily reviewing this ARC.

This book is the story of a man, Killian, obsessed with ruining a man he thinks hurt his loved ones. Rachel is said nemesis assistant. She tries to spy on a Killian in hopes of helping her boss. However, their chemistry is too strong, and their complicated relationship unfolds.

I liked the first book a lot. Mr. Control was a great book. Mr. Ruin, on it's own, is a great book. Knowing the back story of Killian, from Mr. Control, I was a little put off. It was difficult for me to get beyond his transgressions as villain in the first book. I'm sorry!!! I will say it was very steamy, and I wanted to really like it, and toward the end I did warm to Killian. This book helped me understand Rachel and her decisions, in the first book (don't want to give anything away). I almost wish I read it as a stand alone. Kudos to the author for trying to win hearts for Killian.

I still recommend this book. Like I said, it was steamy. Their relationship just made sense. But even more than that, the characters that were introduced, that will have books of their own absolutely fascinated me. I am so looking forward to their books. I know this review was all over the place, but I always want to be honest with those that take the time to read my reviews. ?

Brittany Alexander says

I'm not quite sure how I want to start this review.

This book was good. I liked it. But I feel it could have been way better. My biggest bone to pick about this book is that there was a person in this book whose relationships to other people was not explained. It's crucial to the plot, as the story can change depending on how this person was related to those around her.

I liked Killian quite a bit. And I enjoyed getting to know him while reading this book. The sex was HOT, but I feel that the relationship between Killian and Rachel could have been developed more. More angst, more falling for the other, just more.

There's a part where some time passes, but we don't find out how much time passes until maybe 20 or so pages after the section started where the time had passed. It would have been nice to know how much time had passed at the beginning of that section instead of waiting for it to come up in conversation.

The big scene where Killian comes to her office, I feel like it could have been bigger. Killian and Rhys' interactions should've been actually written out with dialogue instead of just a short description of what happened.

I feel this book had so much potential and it just fell short. It was a good book and I did enjoy it, don't get me wrong, I just feel like it needed more. More really building the characters up to their full potential, more interactions between major and minor characters, and more meat to Killian and Rachel's relationship. The sex, though. The sex was great. Very hot. I think the amount of sex in this book was just right. Not too much and not too little. Great ratio of plot and sex.

I'm really on the fence about what to rate this book. I'm stuck between two and a half stars and three, so I think I'll go in the middle and give it 2.75 stars. It was a good book and I enjoyed reading it, I just needed more.

Naomi Connor says

ARC provided in exchange for an honest review - Naomi / Scandalous Book Blog

I enjoyed this book, As the second book in a series It can be read as a stand alone but I would advise to read Mr. Control first so you get to know a bit about the character.

Killian is out for revenge, but what he doesn't expect is Rachel.

Rachel was bought up in a well to do family, but now she is trying to make it on her own. As a PA/Secretary to Rhys. She enjoys her job and loves the fact that Rhys is putting money in to charities that help real people. When all the good work Rhys does is put in jeopardy Rachel start to make her own enquirers to help her boss.

Meeting Killian is an experience for Rachel and she finds herself drawn to the man who could lose her job.

The chemistry between them is off the charts and they soon find themselves in a relationship of sorts.

But not every thing is Black and White.

None of them know the whole story.

Each of them believe that what they are doing is for the best.

They know they are walking a fine line and they shouldn't be sneaking around....

What will happen when everything is revealed and who will win the biggest war of all???

This book was fast paced and entertained me from beginning to end.

I loved the characters, they were passionate and sassy and had me filled with hope for a HEA.

Lucina says

3.5 stars

It was a nice story, but I didn't feel a connection between the protagonists beyond lust. They had amazing sex but didn't know a thing about the other person.

Erika says

MAYA HUGHES ALWAYS LEAVES ME WANTING MORE!!! SHE WRITES SUCH AMAZING AND ENJOYABLE READS, SHE HAS THE UNDENIABLE ABILITY TO MAKE ME WANT TO SIT DOWN AND READ HER STORIES, and "MR. RUIN" IS, ONCE AGAIN, EXACTLY THAT FOR ME!

"Mr. Ruin" was the next amazing book of Maya Hughes's, following the first, "Mr. Control". You don't have to read them in sequence. However, reading them as a series helped with some content understanding, as well as character development. "Mr. Control" was all about Rhys. "Mr. Ruin" was Killian's story and his attempt at revenge on Rhys.

I loved Rhys in the first book, all control, all business, and he took his business very seriously. He was a very wealthy man who was in the business of helping others. He headed many charity boards, and in this story found out someone was trying to get him removed from some of those boards he headed, in an attempt to ruin him. Rhys needed to find out who and why he was being squeezed, so he asked his assistant, Rachel, to find out who had it out for him.

"Mr. Ruin" was Killian Thorne's story. He was a friend of Rhys's in high school, but he no longer had any warmth or friendship for Rhys. Quite the opposite. He thought Rhys's parents destroyed his family, and his mission in this book was to exact revenge on Rhys and make him pay. Killian was cutthroat, hard, very resigned to the task at hand — attempting to take out Rhys by whatever means necessary.

As she's searching for the culprit, Rachel found all roads led in the direction of Killian Thorne. To dig up as much as she could, and thinking it could be her way "in" to the details of Killian's revenge, she decided to throw herself at him. She thought she could use sex to lure him and get what she wanted. What she didn't bargain for was the instant chemistry between her and Killian, as well as him already knowing who she was and what she was up to. What started as a sort of manipulation and disguise to get into Killian's deepest reasons for revenge on Rhys, instead brought sparks, magic, emotions, and a torturous eruption of feelings. Killian was just as taken with Rachel as she was with him. He felt it, too. He'd already figured her out, though, and he may have just led her into his web of lies and deceit and left her absolutely shattered.

Once again, Maya's ability to engage me was absolutely incredible and spot on! In her writing, I've found I can actually sit down, relax and enjoy the read. This was my second read of Maya's, and I was once again very impressed with her ability to make me WANT to read, make me want to keep turning the pages, and being thoroughly engrossed in a great story from a great storyteller. Just as with "Mr. Control", "Mr. Ruin" was emotional, gripping, vivid, gritty, heart-breaking, loving, hurting, destroying, devastating and powerful! And I really liked that each of these books took on a couple characters and really delved into their own stories. I LOVED Rhys and Mel's story in "Mr. Control", and as equally, I loved Killian and Rachel's story here in "Mr. Ruin". I thought the character setup and how Maya established her character development was brilliantly thought through. There was a connection and chain of understanding built from the first book, so I really appreciated the depth into this second story. Maya, I absolutely LOVED IT...AGAIN!!! You hit it out of the ballpark for me, and I will absolutely be hoping and waiting for the next book!!!

Di says

We finally get Killian's story and why he was so bent on destroying Rhys from Mr Control and Rhys's PA, Rachel, who Rhys had asked to find out who was trying to out seat him on all the Boards he was on. We knew that Rachel and Killian might have had something going on and Maya Hughes tells a story of revenge, rage, hatred, and the arrogance that Killian has along with what Rachel does to get the information to save Rhys.

What a read with steamy steamy scenes and not realizing what you had till it's gone. The author did an amazing job of me having a love/hate relationship with Killian, as I couldn't help but hate him for what he was doing to Rhys and Rachel but loved him because I could see how he was manipulated and how his past helped shape his present with his hatred toward Rhys...which was unjustified. Rachel was one of a kind with her past and upbringing and why she was a PA, which made me feel for her even more and want her as a friend. These two steamed the pages and when Killian finally got his head out of his a**, I even wanted to give him a hug and couldn't wait till he got Rachel back so they both could get their HEA. Only thing missing for me was an epilogue (I love my epilogues), otherwise a read I couldn't and didn't want to put down.

I voluntarily read an advanced copy and expressed my honest opinion

Mary Mooney says

This is the second book, Mr. Control is first, and I think you could read them as a standalone but you would be lost in some parts of what is going on in the story.

Rachel works for Rhys, he is a rich man doing good spreading his families money helping others. She does good at her job and wants to help others too. When someone tries to destroy Rhys, Rachel offers to find out

who. She didn't know what she was getting herself into.

Killian has known Rhys since high school, they use to be friends. Until he thought Rhys parents destroyed his family. Now all Killian wants is revenge and to knock Rhys off his pedestal. When a woman shows up asking questions, Killian has a few questions of his own for her.

Killian and Rachel are drawn to each other, the sparks fly between them. When he touches her, she is on fire. Neither of them has felt this way before. As Rachels' feelings grow, she learns more about Killian and doesn't want to believe he can be all bad. As Killian Realizes he is falling for her, he has to hurt her before she hurts him. And destroy Rhys in the process too.

Will Killian finally get his revenge on Rhys and destroy him? Will he break Rachel's heart in the process too? Will Rachel see through him before it's too late? Can Rhys forgive him when he finds out what she has done before it's too late?

I loved Mr. Control but I think I love this one more. If you are looking for a great story, then I recommend reading Mr. Control and Mr. Ruin. That way you get both stories. I can't wait for Rachel's BFF Dehlia's story, coming soon.

****Copy provided by the author and this is my honest review****

Jenny says

I really wanted to like **Mr. Ruin** as much as I enjoyed Mr. Control but I just couldn't.

Rachel and Killian were missing a lot of links to make me actually believe they had the feelings that they claimed to have for one another. They spend the majority of the book just having sex so I'm lost as to when they "fell in love".

If anything, I felt like Rachel was missing a major part of her backbone and kind of faltered to Killian to easily.

Maybe it's just me...I don't know...

Viridiana Dimas says

4.5 Peonies and Sweetheart Stars!

Ok, can we talk about how hot Killian Thorne is! Wow!! So I might have wanted to junk punch him a little in Mr Control when everything went down with Rhys. In Mr Ruin, he's still a complete ass, but you understand why he's like that, and I just wanted to crawl in the book and hug him. Rachel also tugged at my heartstrings with such a hard dilemma she's gotten herself into. Both together have crazy chemistry, and when Killian talks to you the way he does, I get it, and would have been right there too! Especially when it comes to his rules...

“Rules we’re both going to have a lot of fun following, if you’re brave enough.” "Fine."

“Rule #1. In the hours after work you belong to me,” I said, running my finger across her shoulders. Goosebumps rose along her flesh and I stopped myself from nipping her skin.

And so it begins... and whew! What a ride it was.

Mr Ruin is a standalone but definitely recommend reading Mr Control so you can understand the background story alot better. This is an easy flowing page turner. Plus you get teased on future books coming to this series. Yea Maya, I see what you did there, and it totally worked! Ha! Now I'm intrigued on Dahlia and Ivan's story and Frankie and Grim's story. This isn't a book you want to miss out on. And be sure to download the epic extended epilogue!

Teresa Lara says

loved Killian and Rachels beautiful intense live story need Rhys and Mel's book

Emily McGee says

Killian and Rachel just about broke my heart. This book is the follow-up to Mr. Control, while I would HIGHLY recommend reading that book prior to Mr. Ruin, they are both standalones in regards to the couple's story. However, Mr. Control is a fan-freaking-tastic book, and it offers a bit of insight, and knowledge for Mr. Ruin, so I found I much preferred reading them in order. Back to Killian and Rachel. These two were on the track for destruction from the get-go. They each had their motives, and they knew, for the most part, the others' motives as well. They knew what they were getting into. What they didn't know or expect was the attraction, the connection, the fate they would play in each others lives.

Maya Hughes proved her spot on my must-read shelf during Mr. Control, but with Mr. Ruin, she surpassed some of my long-loved favorites. The heart and angst in this book blew me away. I thought I hated Killian in Mr. Control and during the first part of Mr. Ruin, but I fell so hard for that man and his feelings for Rachel, and them together. I can't recommend this book (and its predecessor) enough. Killian and Rachel will steal your heart and offer no condolences for it.

Happy Reading!

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