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Tempted by the forbidden...

Jake Freedman is biding his time before exacting vengeance on the man who destroyed his family. And if a blind date with Costarella's daughter will keep his bitterest enemy sweet, Jake will don his bespoke Italian suit and mask his cynicism with a killer smile....

Jake's practiced touch hooks the innocent Laura Costarella into a dangerous affair. But the treacherously tempting Laura is the only conquest Jake's ever desired more than the ruination of the Costarellas.

It seems that, in this case, revenge is a dish best served red-hot!

The Costarella Conquest Details

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StMargarets says

The revenge is no fun if the heroine agrees with the hero and gives him space to take down her corrupt father. *sigh* Hero has been biding his time to take down the heroine's father. To his dismay, heroine's father invites his "right hand man" to Mother's Day lunch to meet his daughter.

Heroine doesn't want to be attracted to the hero. Hero doesn't want to be attracted to the heroine. But they are and hero takes heroine out on several dates at different celebrity chef restaurants. Lots of food porn in this one. They always go to a hotel for sex (not the hero's house). The heroine is falling in love with the hero, but before it can go further he breaks it off.

Hero is fired from his job, but the heroine's father can't escape the law. Hero has money saved and houses to flip, so he is in good shape financially. The H/h don't meet up again until the trial.

It's all very realistic (hero knows he'll lose out monetarily, but he doesn't care) and the heroine is sensible and zzzzzzzzzzz. No thrills or chill here, folks.

RomLibrary says

Didn't like. Nothing innocent about her

Rebecca says

This book was a *fantastic* read! I really, really enjoyed it!

The characters worked extremely well together, '*Laura*' and '*Jake*', along with *Laura*'s mother, father and brother! The plot line was exceptional, not the typical story line that you come to expect in romantic books these days!

The only downside to this book was that it wasn't longer! It should have been a huge book, I would have loved to read more of the relationship between this too! :)

Booklover says

This is a revenge story, Jake wants revenge on Alex Costarella cause he was responsible for Jake;s step fathers death, Alex Costarella is a fraud and Jake is collecting evidence against him. Then he meets Laura who is Alex Costarella's daughter, both are attracted to each other and as time passes by fall in love with each other

Then Alex Costarella tells some lies about Jake to Laura and she believes her father over Jake and they

seperate but soon the truth is out and she regrets what she done, she decides to support Jake through the trial

Jake is successful in nailing Alex Costarella, Laura-Jake come back together and are happy

overall a okay read

Pauline Destinugrainy says

Jack Freedman sudah menunggu selama enam tahun untuk membalaskan dendamnya pada Alex Costarella. Selama itu pula, dia menyusup di dalam perusahaan Costarella hingga berhasil menjadi tangan kanan Alex. Namun, menjelang waktu pembalasan dendam, Alex justru menawarkan putrinya, Laura, kepadanya.

Laura tahu ayahnya memiliki niat tertentu saat mengundang Jack makan siang di rumah mereka. Selama ini Laura dan saudaranya tidak pernah akur dengan ayahnya. Alex adalah sosok yang keras. Dia tidak segan menentang siapapun yang menghalangi kemauannya. Laura melihat itu terjadi pada ibunya. Ibunya tidak hanya menerima kekerasan fisik, dia juga menerima kekerasan yang merusak mentalnya. Sekarang target Laura adalah menyelesaikan pendidikannya sehingga dia bisa mandiri secara finansial dan membawa ibunya keluar dari rumah itu.

Ketika Laura bertemu dengan Jack, tanpa diduga dia merasakan perasaan aneh yang kuat. Laura menginginkan Jack. Keinginan Laura tidak bertepuk sebelah tangan. Jack juga ingin bersama-sama dengan Laura. Mereka pun menyusun rencana untuk menghabiskan waktu bersama, yang selalu diawali dengan berburu kuliner, salah satu hobi Laura. Kemudian mereka menghabiskan malam bersama di sebuah hotel yang dipesan oleh Jack. Begitu yang terjadi beberapa kali. Namun sedapat mungkin Jack memisahkan antara hati dan urusan bisnis termasuk pembalasan dendamnya.

Saya kurang menyukai karya Emma Darcy yang satu ini. Sebenarnya premisnya lumayan, dendam yang menghalangi cinta antara Jack dan Laura. Tapi saya merasa ada banyak hal yang tidak digali dengan baik. Misalnya, mengenai keadaan di rumah Costarella. Ibunya digambarkan ketakutan terhadap ayahnya, tetapi tidak dijelaskan apa saja yang pernah dialami oleh ibunya sehingga dia ingin pergi dari rumah itu. Kemudian ternyata di akhir cerita, ibunya malah kabur dengan tukang kebun yang hanya disebutkan sekali di awal cerita.

Antara Laura dan Jack pun rasanya chemistry-nya kurang nendang. Meski agenda pertemuan mereka di hotel dituliskan secara eksplisit, tapi rasanya hanya sebatas hubungan badan saja. Perjanjian friends with benefit antara Laura dan Jack ini bukannya mendebarkan, malah membosankan. Makan-ke hotel-bermalam bersama-pulang. Itu saja. Bisa jadi karena memang pakemnya Harlequin Present yang hanya 200an halaman saja, jadinya seperti banyak hal yang hilang.

Well, kali ini dua bintang saja untuk Laura dan Jack

Triada says

Laura innocent?

If she sees Jake as a vibrator. Sex without commitment.

Of innocent, she doesn't have a ONE hair

Another "fantastic" synopsis, yes. -sarcasm-

You don't feel love on any side. She seems to just think and talk about sex. Sex, sex, sex, sex... Her conversations with relatives revolve around the good sex she has with Jake ...

Sex, sex and more sex. It seems to be the only thing in his head.

Otra "fantástica" sinopsis, sí.

¿Laura inocente?

¡Si ve a Jake como un vibrador humano!

Más que usarla él a ella como venganza, parece es ella quién lo usa él.

De inocente no tiene ni un pelo.

No sientes amor por ningún lado. Parece que sólo piensa y habla sobre sexo. Hasta en sus conversaciones con el hermano, creo era, y madre giran en torno al buen sexo que tiene con Jake, y su relación puramente física. Vamos, de "pasárselo bien" sin compromiso.

Sexo, sexo y más sexo. Parece ser la única cosa en la cabeza de Laurita.

Así que me gustaría saber que concepto tiene Emma Darcy de inocencia en una Heroína y cruel venganza de un Héroe...

Elisa Vangelisti says

Come incipt non c'è male, il pezzo forte dei collaboratori di un magnate (che ha causato la morte di suo padre) vuole conquistare la figlia per rivalsa. Ma non è poi tanto splendido da giustificare un acquisto.

Booklover says

This was an revenge story, Jake wants revenge on Alex Costarella, he is one fraud man who manipulated with so many companies and was responsible for the death of Jake's father, he is collecting evidence against him that is when he meets Laura who is Alex Costarella daughter, these two are attracted to each and as time goes by their fall in love with each other but Alex Costarella tells lies about Jake to Laura and she believes her father over Jake, they separate but then Laura comes to know the truth

Confronts her father leaves him and supports Jake through the trial, he is successful in nailing Alex Costarella and all misunderstandings are cleared and they confess their love for each other and embark on their HEA

Overall a okay read

Bridie Coleman says

Not too sure what I really thought of this to be honest! Good story and characters are likeable but felt the book was rushed towards the end (perhaps should have been a Riva title instead) and it didn't give me the happy cheery M&B ending that I like and actually looked to see if it was continued in another book ... but no. Have read better books by Emma.

Lady Jaye says

Add this to the list of books which would never have been finished did I not desperately need it for a challenge. As it is, I skimmed a good minority of it.

Ridiculous and ridiculously boring. Dull and flat, the story made no sense. The behavior of all the characters was off for the beginning: who badmouths their family and discusses their family's dirty linen in front of a dinner guest you are trying to impress? Then the plot segues into some sort of friends with benefits arrangement that was just....boring. None of the characters interested me. Like I said, but for the challenge this one would have been DNF.

Marianne says

The Costarella Conquest is the 67th stand-alone romance novel by Australian author, Emma Darcy. When ruthless liquidator, Alex Costarella invites his employee to share Mother's Day at his home and meet his daughter, Laura, Jake Freedman attends, knowing a command when he encounters one. He's attracted to Laura, and if Alex wants him to date her, he won't find it a hardship as long as he reminds himself that she's the daughter of the enemy. Costarella ruined Jake's beloved step-father ten years ago, sending both his parents to early graves, and Jane is bent on revenge. Laura is attracted to Jake too, and can't see the harm in a fling with him as long as she reminds herself not to get too involved: he works for her cruel father, after all. This is classic Darcy: a heroine who knows her own mind, a principled hero, a plot with a turn or two, some hot sex scenes and a little bit of heartbreak.

Dalimar says

Como lectura no es nada del otro mundo aunque si es entretenida pero 100% predecible. Los personajes muy sencillos todos y como único dato que salva la historia es el hecho que la mama de Laura, abandona a su esposo el señor Costarella, que por cierto es el ser mas horrible de la historia; y se va con el jardinero. Pero de todas las historias de Emma Darcy puedo decir sin temor a equivocarme que ha sido escrita como por la prisa de entregar un trabajo para publicar, mas no con la idea de hacer una gran historia. No se si se deba al hecho que han escrito tanto que ya todo es parecido.

Lo que si puedo repetir es que al menos no es la clásica Cenicienta, de hecho desde el comienzo hasta casi el final de la historia, pasa un año en el que Laura, hasta termina sus estudios. No esta mal, pero no pasara a mi historia de novelas románticas para recordar.

RLA says

The hero Jake is close to exposing the fraud of the man he blames for causing the destruction of his family many years ago. He has managed to work his way up into a position of trust without being suspected, and he is invited to meet the daughter of his nemesis. He is expecting a spoilt woman, but when he meets Laura she is not at all like that. Laura has had to live with her father's disapproval and cruelty her whole life, and is not surprised when he expects her to date one of his employees, but she is surprised by the attraction she

feels towards Jake. They begin seeing each other and the intensity of their feelings towards one another is shocking. However Jake doesn't tell her his true motives towards her father and when Jake finally exposes the truth, Laura's father tears them apart with more lies and Laura's trust is shattered.

I enjoyed this book. It is well written, with good characters, some nice chemistry, and an interesting plot. However... it's just a little too samey for me. This particular revenge-style plot has been done over and over again, and I find there is nothing new don in this book. And as a result, the whole book just kind of felt very flat, and the ending was rushed and lacked emphasis.

This is an OK read; well crafted, but unoriginal.

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Caro says

A good book. Not a page-turner or one that really grips you. Good for reading anytime or for something just to read. Good character and story line and a great HEA for all. This seemed to almost have a little bit of everything on the softer side of reading. There wasn't any suspense, but there were plenty of emotions and tough spots. I definitely liked the ending and was happy at the end of the book. A good read and good for a little relaxing break between tense books.

Fitria Mayrani says

Konfliknya kuat, hero dan heroinnya menyenangkan. Tokoh pendukungnya pun mendapat porsi peran yang pas. Gitu aja sih.
