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Is there an equation for the perfect hookup? Turns out it's a lot more complicated than one plus one. . .

Sophie: Numbers are my comfort zone, which explains why my sex life is a big fat zero. Then again, if I'm smart enough to earn a PhD, why can't I calculate a way to get a guy into bed, just to see what all the fuss is about? With my prima donna sister, Bella, getting married in Maine, I figure her wedding is the perfect opportunity for my little experiment. And Cain Jordan seems hot enough—he's certainly *drunk* enough—to show me what I've been missing. Judging by the body of evidence, it's a *lot*. . . .

Cain: Being stuck in the same town as my lying SOB twin brother, Christian—who may or may not be the father of the son I'm not allowed to see—is a hell of a reason to drink myself silly after the lobster boat docks each day. Any port in a storm. . . . But Sophie's different. She doesn't play around. And she's becoming a habit I don't want to break. Because the smartest woman I've ever met is also the sexiest—and the only one who makes me want to change.

Don't miss Bella and Christian's story in *The Breakup*!

The Hookup Details

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Mary at USAT's HEA says

The Hookup is a captivating blend of poignancy, humor and romance that delivers a powerful emotional punch. Sophie and Cain are opposites in almost every way imaginable when they meet at a bar and decide to have a one-night stand. She is an even-keeled, Harvard-educated math genius, who is quirky and a little socially awkward, and he's a hardworking, small-town lobster fisherman and bitter, angry alcoholic, who has been deeply wounded by his twin brother and ex-girlfriend. They don't sound like they should work together, but Sophie and Cain really work. They have an easy, deep connection with insane chemistry, and they find peace and understanding with each other. Their evolution as a couple is tender and steamy, and it's heartrending and inspiring to witness Cain's journey out of the brutal grip of addiction. The Hookup truly has it all and is a deeply satisfying romance. This might be my favorite Erin McCarthy book.

Recommendation appeared on USA Today's Happy Ever After on May 15, 2018.

ARC provided, but this review was voluntarily and honestly written.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

The Hookup by Erin McCarthy is book One in The Jordan Brothers series. This is the story of Sophie and Cain.

Cain has a block on his shoulder that he isn't letting it go and it is somewhat do to his brother. This upset has him just working, drinking and sleep with or without someone. Cain knows that he is an alcoholic but doesn't have plans to change anything.

Sophie is a smart (genius) 25 year old virgin that doesn't have real social skills and boards on OCD. Sophie is in town because her beautiful older sister is getting married. Her sister dresses her up and takes her to a bar to help her with her social skills and Sophie thinks to use the to loose her virginity.

Sophie immediately spots Cain at the bar but he only has eyes for her sister until he learns she getting married. Cain isn't to taken with Sophie at first but the longer he talks to her he finds her adorable and hard to resit.

This was a really great read! It almost impossible to put down. Just loved it!

Cheryl Whitty says

The hookup is quick and cute romance, but deals with addiction which is a serious subject. Bella and Sophie decide to go out so Sophie could have a hook up.

Sophie is highly intelligent, but her fashion sense is nil so her sister Bella decided to do her hair and makeup. So in a skin tight dress, high fluffed up, and false lashes. So feeling really uncomfortable she goes to the bar where this hottie called Cain is sitting at the bar. Cain is trying to drown his sorrows after a problem with his twin brother and girlfriend.

Something clicked and Sophie goes back to Cain's for a hookup. Normally Cain is only a hook up kind of guy, but something is different with Sophie. Sophie is painfully honest and always herself, and she feel a real connection with Cain and likes him as he is.

As a couple I really liked them together, and now I'm waiting for Bella's story.
I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Wendy's Thoughts says

3.5 Opposites Attracting Stars

* * * 1/2 Spoiler Free

Erin McCarthy made an impression on me years ago when I first found her. In this book, she has hit an interesting chord...two opposites and their needing each other.

A woman who worked so hard in school.. landed in Harvard and had no time to "Experience any Sexy Times." Our guy is a twin and his brother betrayed him in the worst way... and now there is a child who doesn't get to see his Real dad. This causes our guy to work, drink till loaded and repeat day after day.

Both meet at of our gal's sister the wedding. She has decided she is going to get rid of her VCard and the guy who is male with a capitol M is the perfect candidate. The hook-up will be a one shot deal...
Done and Done.

Only both of these two would like more...

Erin McCarthy delivered.

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Up All Night With Books says

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Erin McCarthy, an *New York Times* bestselling author, gives us the *The Hookup*, book one in the *Jordan Brothers* series. YES, there will be more Jordan men, insert happy dance.

I just love the fact that both these characters are flawed in the most realistic way. Sophia with her safe zone and her OCD qualities. Cain drinking himself away. This is so well written that you are "hooked" from the beginning. The story just keeps flowing right on smoothly till it is over. Two different personalities that seem to have instant chemistry that becomes explosive.

Sophia is all about the numbers, there is a solution to everything, but she spends so much time working towards her PhD, that she forgets about having a love life. Up in Maine for her sister's wedding, she decided to do a little experiment and walking into the bar that first night..Cain seems to be the perfect man for the job.

Cain is stuck in life. His twin brother, Christain is not who everyone thinks he is. Not knowing if the son that Christian is raising is his or not. So drinking at the bar has become his life. One night in walks a tourist and there is no playing around with her, she is different and possibly the one who makes him want to change.

One thing I would like to point out as an example of how well written this book is, is that Sophia has accepted herself. She knows her quirks and how they might upset people but she is still doing her own thing, at times it may be hard but she keeps going. That is a life lesson for everyone.

4 healing stars

Review by Lisa, Late Night Reviewer for Up All Night w/ Books

Under the Covers Book Blog says

I received this book for free from Publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

I haven't read an Erin McCarthy book in such a long time so I was really excited when I saw she had a new series coming out. The Jordan Brothers follows two brothers falling for two sisters. The brothers (twins!!!) have some heavy past issues to overcome and the sisters couldn't be more different from each other.

We start off with Sophie and Cain. Cain is in a very dark and bad place in his life. This was brought on by said issues with his brother and he doesn't really care about anything other than working and drinking himself into a stupor afterwards. I liked how real and raw he felt, especially those low moments. In the middle of that he sees Sophie first as a way to past the time. But she's so different than everyone he knows that he can't resist the pull for more.

These two are definitely opposites attract. Sophie is very analytical, brutally honest and incredibly smart. She has never given that much importance to the things others live for. Like social interactions, friendships, physical connection, love. I was surprisingly able to connect with her and found her endearing.

THE HOOKUP has a more new adult feel than I usually like and some parts can be a little too much drama to handle. But I still thought it was a cute read and I have to read the next one to see how these brothers will get over their problems.

Favorite Quote:

"If Little Red Riding Hood didn't go into the house, there would be no story"

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Cocktails and Books says

3.5 Cocktails

I liked this romance between Cain and Sophie. For Cain's faults, he was the only one that saw past Sophie's quirks and OCD. He liked her for who she was and was always there with a compliment to prove to her that she was just as pretty and special as her sister.

I would have liked a bit more of a development of what happened between Cain and Christian. That fallout was the reason for Cain's downfall, so it would have been great to have that detail.

Lady Heather says

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4- Stars!

This was not what I was expecting to read when I first picked up this book up.

I was expecting a light, fun, breezy hook-up story which I totally based my opinion upon from the cute cover.

THIS story actually knocked my socks off!

The main male protagonist, Cain carries a lot of anger and has a lot of issues, the main one being that he turns to alcohol to numb his feelings.

Cain admits and accepts that he's an alcoholic and as the story progresses, the reader can sympathize with the reasons 'why' he drinks.

The author did a fantastic job of writing his character. She did not sugar-coat his alcoholism or how it affects his loved ones.

The female protagonist, Sophie is a genius who is socially awkward. She doesn't read normal social cues, and is brutally, and logically honest in all her responses.

Unfortunately, she's never felt or been made to feel accepted by her family or amongst her peers.

Somehow Cain and Sophie's characters click.

They understand, accept, and are honest with each other, and what started out as a hook-up/fling soon becomes so much more.

Even though this wasn't at all what I was expecting, I am glad I read this story.

"I voluntarily read an advanced readers copy of this book which was provided by the Publisher via Netgalley."

Kimberley C. says

I enjoyed this story for the most part. I really liked Sophie, the quirky heroine who blows into Cain's life. I wasn't as taken with Cain by the end of the story, which was a shame as far as I'm concerned. He had the potential to be a great hero, but there was a scene towards the end of the book that ruined it for me. The first half of the book is a solid 4.5 stars, but I found the story went a little off the rails and that disappointed me. I hope we get to revisit these characters when (if?) we get Bella's story.

Ryan - Sweet Red Reader says

The Hookup was such a heartfelt, emotional, and intelligent book and a fantastic start to a series. Sophie and Cain are such unique characters and the dynamics between them and their families is so intriguing that I can't wait to dive in to their world again. Sophie was one of my favorite female leads to date - she is so different from the typical romance heroine and it is utterly refreshing. Erin McCarthy's method of dual POV, first person storytelling was utilized uniquely and superbly and kept the plot moving at a pace that made the book a real page turner. I love how real the story was; we don't get a straight forward HEA because the characters are portrayed as real, fallible people and as such, have issues to overcome. I love how that was addressed and not just glossed over because sometimes the premise that love conquers all is just not enough. 5 out of 5 wine glasses.

Jen says

I actually really enjoyed this book - but it was touch and go there for a few parts when Cain just completely screwed up my opinion of him. I mean it's kind of hard to like an alcoholic who doesn't even attempt to give it up when it means he'll have something good in his life and then gets drunk and hurts those around him that he loves. But I get that it's a disease and it's not easy to overcome. Luckily, by the end, he gets things under control and starts getting his life back. So I forgave his bitterness and hate/rage that he exhibited at times.

Now, I absolutely loved and adored Sophie. She was the female version of Sheldon Cooper and was just adorable in her quirky and serious ways. She was very literal and by the book about everything, even sex. But the typical virgin story was revamped in this one and you couldn't help but love Sophie and be invested in her journey to 'becoming a woman.'

I even found it believable that Cain and Sophie were a couple - they just meshed really well and understood each other. Because of Sophie's scientific mind, she could see the problem with alcohol that Cain was having, but she knew that it wasn't something that he could just change like that, it was a disease that he had to work through. And surprisingly, the lobster fisherman Cain understood Sophie and all of her quirks. It was cute to see them together. I was really rooting for them, but then Cain goes and screws things up and hurts Sophie. She goes back to her life, but eventually he gets his life together and makes changes that bring them back together.

On top of Cain/Sophie's story, we get the added drama of Cain and his identical twin brother Christian and the fact that one of them is the father of Camp, but they don't know who. So Cain resents his brother since he slept with Cain's then girlfriend. It was just a big mess, but apparently there's more to that story than we thought, but we don't find out in this one since Cain didn't want to hear it. But then again, we also don't hear

more about whatever happened between Bella, Sophie's sister who was supposed to be getting married, and Christian. I'm looking forward to their book to see what in the world went on during this book that we didn't know about.

Overall, a great read that was very emotional as we watched Cain battle his addiction and Sophie discover what it meant to really live her life as she wanted.

Disclaimer: I received an ARC for my honest review.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

I was really interested in *The Hook Up*. Granted, when it first started, I wasn't sure I was going to enjoy it but, as the story went on, I couldn't stop reading it. I wasn't sure where it was going to go, how things would work out between Cain and Sophie or if it was possible that I was reading a story that wouldn't have a happy ending but was sure hoping that I would.

Cain was an interesting character. A drunk with a deep-seeded hatred of his twin brother. Betrayed and living his life on his own, he goes from work to the bar to bed ... either alone or with whatever warm body he could find. Then he sees her ... but she blows him off and introduces him to her sister. Well, he'll go with it. Until she opens her mouth and he's hook, line and sinker, all in.

Sophie was a hoot. I actually laughed with some of the things that came out of her mouth. She is OCD and extremely blunt. The woman does not know how to filter, she is brutally honest and says exactly what is on her mind. From being up front about being a virgin, to practicing blow jobs with a banana, she just put it out there. But, there was something about the way Cain accepted her for who she was instead of criticizing her and treating her like some teenager, like her family does. She's falling in love but knows that it can never work when Cain loves his whiskey, loves drowning his sorrows more than living his life to the fullest.

Yes, this story was full of drama. From Cain's personal drama, to Bella's drama, there was a lot. But, there were the fun and sexy times as well. Lot's of sexy times that were both hot and hilarious. I loved that Sophie accepted Cain for who he was as well ... that she didn't try to change him, listened to him but didn't try to convince him to do something he wasn't ready for. They were sweet together, even when he was 10 sheets to the wind. They were something that you don't see much in stories any more ... open and honest. The ending ... wow. Yea, I got my HEA and I couldn't have been happier with the way Erin McCarthy wrote it. So ... crisp, fun characters, an unusual story line and an ending that I loved. But Cain, when you take Sophie to her first baseball game in Boston please make it a Red Sox/Yankee game ... her first one should be the biggest rivalry in all of baseball!

Tarah Hodges-Wilkins says

I adored this story! I loved how different the characters were and how the story kept me on my toes until the very end! The only down fall was how abrupt the ending was, wish we were given a little more. I can't see what to happen in the next book with Christian and Bella.

*ARC kindly given by netgalley for my honest opinion.”

Jeannine says

Its been years since I've read a McCarthy book. I was excited to read this and it was pretty good. Sophie is awesome. I love how she has no filter and just tells you like it is. Now Cain, oy he has a chip the size of Texas on his shoulders. He's bitter and angry at his twin brother and drowns his emotions in alcohol. But underneath all of that, it's touching how much he cares for Sophie. I wish there was an epilogue, but I know there's another book coming about his twin brother so hopefully we'll get to see more of these two.

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Wendy says

The Hookup, by Erin McCarthy, is the 1st book in her new "Jordan Brothers" series. Sophie is a math major working towards her PhD. She is determined to hookup with a stranger for one night to lose her virginity. Cain is a lobster fisherman who drowns his sorrows nightly at the local bar. While out celebrating her sister's upcoming wedding Cain spots Sophie, not your average girl, and the hookup begins. However, once the sparks start to fly a one night stand becomes impossible. A hot, fun and very entertaining book that I couldn't put down.

Thank you to NetGalley and Random House Publishing Group - Loveswept for an arc of this novel in exchange for my honest review.
