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This boss broke all the rules for just one night—a night with consequences...

A Beaumont by blood, Zeb Richards has waited years to take the company that's rightfully his. But ownership of the Beaumont Brewery means dealing with a formidable adversary: brewmaster Casey Johnson. She's insubordinate and opinionated—so why does Zeb burn to lay claim to the tempestuous beauty?

Casey earned her place at the company she loves, and no CEO—no matter how irresistible—will come between her and her ambitions. Until one night of wild abandon shifts the balance of power. Now Casey is falling for her boss...and expecting his baby!

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Zeb

Th only thing I didn't like was the use of the word *bastard*. We know he wasn't recognized but to use that word everytime, even when it was not necessary was a NO for me.

Terri Hebert says

Really enjoyed this book and it's a welcome addition to the series. Zen & Casey are such a cute couple and their ups and downs are really funny in some chapters and almost tear jerking in others. An A+++

Donna Foster says

Opposites attract in this grainy and groovy taboo love story.

Belinda says

Zeb is a Beaumont but one that was denied his heritage. he comes to take over the Brewery his family has run all these years..he thinks he is doing it for revenge..but does it turn out that way? Casey is the brewmaster..she goes toe to toe with Zeb. it is instant attraction on her part...They have one night together and she is pregnant...Will Zeb be like his old man or will he decide he wants to be with her...

Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says

4.25 stars

This has been my favorite Beaumont Heirs book so far. Zeb's anger towards the family that rejected him, while misdirected, is understandable. Casey is a down to earth woman who just wants to brew beer and be loved and pampered. She's had to fight to be taken seriously in a profession dominated by men. She doesn't know how to ask for what she wants or how to express her feelings well, leading to a lot of angst between her and Zeb. Overall, likable characters and the brewery backdrop was interesting.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: The Beaumont Heirs

Mary says

This is a great addition to the Beaumont series. We meet Zeb Richards, one of Hardwick Beaumont's bastards that have only been rumored to exist. Although Hardwick paid off his mother and both she and Zeb have built successful businesses, Zeb's always been driven to take what he feels is his birthright from the other Beaumonts. Now he finally has the chance to run the Beaumont Brewery, and he's not going to let anything interfere with his plans—certainly not a feisty female brewmaster.

Casey Johnson has no time for the drama created by all the changes at the top of the company. She's concerned with beating her failing brewing equipment back into shape and making do with a skeleton crew. When she barges into the new boss's office to give him a piece of her mind, she's not prepared for the totally hot businessman who confronts her. And is it her imagination, or does he bear a striking resemblance to the members of the Beaumont family?

This is a quick read with a lot of emotion packed in. As Zeb learns to trust someone and Casey learns to open up about what she really wants, these two really start to click. Then, the unexpected happens, and they are challenged to find a way to get what they both want.

I appreciate the attention to detail about the brewing business. I felt like maybe I could brew a beer, or at least pick out a good one, by the time the book was finished.

Geraldine Sadiku says

Excellent story with a heroine that has to learn to put herself first in order to win the hero.

Maria Rose says

His Illegitimate Heir is book 6 of the Beaumont Heirs series by Susan M. Anderson. Each book can be read as a standalone, though as expected later books will reveal some details of earlier ones. Hardwick Beaumont left quite the legacy of legitimate - and illegitimate- offspring, and it's finally Zeb Richards turn to claim some of his inheritance. His mother, an African American mistress of Hardwick's was cast off when she was pregnant, and all his life Zeb's been told that he should work hard to gain his rightful place in the family. Though Hardwick is now deceased, Zeb has done just that, forming a private equity firm named ZOLA which he used to take over the foundering Beaumont Brewery, started by Hardwick and since gone down creditor lane. His first step in taking over the business is to make sure everyone who is working there deserves their jobs, including the resident brewmaster Casey Johnson.

Casey has learned her skills over the last several years and became an assistant to Chadwick Beaumont before he left to start his own craft brewery. For the last two years of uncertainty she's had to deal with

business and staff cutbacks yet still keep making the best product she can. She's proud of her position as a young, female brewmaster in a frankly misogynistic industry. When she and Zeb meet, there are sparks all right – both the antagonistic kind, and the attraction kind. Zeb's always kept his personal life clear of too many entanglements, with his business goals clearly in sight. Getting involved with the brewmaster, (a workplace romance!) definitely wasn't the plan. But as he and Casey connect, he's finding that separating business and pleasure might not be so easy to do anymore. And when an unexpected pregnancy occurs, will he follow in his father's footsteps or make the choices that will put him on the path to a happy ever after?

After reading this story, I plan to catch up on some of the earlier books in the series because I found it to be well written with an engaging style and likable characters. From the first moment we meet Zeb Richards, it's clear that while he's attained his ultimate goal of owning the Beaumont Brewery, his father and grandfather's legacy, he's actually not quite sure what to do next. His mother's influence as a young boy had been (and still is) quite strong and she'd instilled in him the idea that he'd been poorly treated by not being made equal to Hardwick's other children. But he soon discovers that his plan to avenge her hurt, and his own by consequence, doesn't really have a place anymore. He wants the brewery to be successful, not to bring it down any further, so that he can leave his own legacy. He's had this idea that his siblings wouldn't want to have anything to do with him, then discovers that in fact they only learned of his existence (and two of his other half brothers) a few years earlier, and instead would welcome the chance to get to know him. As a man of mixed race he's had his work cut out for him to be accepted in the business community, experiencing prejudice on both sides of the fence for being too white or not white enough. In truth he just wants to be accepted for himself. And meeting Casey, he realizes she's the first woman to look at him and see a man, and not his skin colour. He'd been so focused on business that when she comes to him with the unexpected results of their dalliance he has to quickly revise what he really wants for his future.

Casey is a wonderful character as a smart and focussed woman. She hasn't achieved the position of brewmaster without putting in a lot of hard work, and at first is concerned (rightly so) that Zeb's plans might ruin her own. But in fact, he wants to use her skills to create some craft brews of his own, a task that is exciting and a sign that he takes the future of the brewery, and her role in it, seriously. Being attracted to him is definitely not something she'd expected. And when they spend some time together outside of the work environment, it leads quickly to a heated and passionate encounter. In the cold light of day though they both have second thoughts. And when she ends up pregnant, she's quick to make it clear to Zeb that she's quite able to handle things on her own. But she's not above wishing for more from Zeb, his easy and more carefree manner away from the office giving proof of his sweet and sensitive side that she can easily fall for.

This is a bit of an insta-love story even if it starts out as sexual attraction and a tentative friendship (after their first rather fiery meeting). There are some awkward but believable scenes between them, showing that neither is perfect. Zeb and Casey both make some mistakes as they try to deal with their feelings for each other, but are both willing to own up to them too. In the end, we get a relationship that while hastened by the reality of pregnancy, is one where both partners are equally matched. There are still a few Beaumonts left, half siblings to Zeb that are due for some happiness too, and I look forward to those stories!

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