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If you loved Fifty Shades of Grey (E.L. James), The Siren (Tiffany Reisz), or Bared to You (Sylvia Day) you'll love The Ivy Lessons ...

Teacher, plus student, equals a passion forbidden

When Sophia wins a post-graduate place at Ivy Drama College, she can't believe her luck. The college is owned by one of the most well-respected young actors in London, Marc Blackwell – who not only founded the college, but teaches the students.

Known for his strict classes and belief in discipline, Marc has a reputation for being arrogant and aloof, yet Sophia soon finds herself drawn to this cold, fascinating young man.

Soon, Sophia is embarking on a journey of sexual discovery that promises to explore all that is forbidden between teacher and student.

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Rosa says

Oh thank Jesus Buddha and any other religious figure this book is over!! Where to start with how stupid this book was, hmmmmmmmm how about it took place in like two weeks and they fall in love in like the first three days. I know nothing about any of the characters. They are as shallow as a tea cup and Sophia. Oh how stupid Sophia is. First off I was praying she was going to die in some freaky sex act but that didn't happen strike one. She is told not to tell anyone because it will look bad for a student and teacher to get it on (apparently here in America we don't care about those things) well she tells everyone and their mama. Strike two. And strike three is she is just an idiot. Holy hellwisel she would not stop with oh I can't live without him. He is so much more blah blah blah. I wanted to stab myself in the eye with a spoon. This is how painful this book is. I have no idea what these people looked like at all. I pictured Blackwell as that guy from Harry Potter with the long black hair and long black cape. So to say I didn't find him attractive is an understatement. All in all this is one of the most terriblist books I've ever had to endure. The end was all want to read more about Sophia and Marc, my answer is a solid eff no! So so so so terrible. And it just added to my bad day. Stay clear of here. It honestly doesn't even deserve to be anywhere near Fifty. They need to take that off the summary cuz this book is too horrible to be anywhere near my man!!

Jenny Levine says

YAY!!! ANOTHER TEACHER-STUDENT ROMANCE! ME GUSTA! ;)

REVIEW TO FOLLOW

Cazy says

The writing was annoying. The tone changed, as if two different people were writing it, and they were both sucky writers. I did this, I did that, I said this. Didn't we all get chastised about that in english class. Anyway, on to the plot,

Another weak, vulnerable, virginal, thin brunette with no sense and no spine. I am so tired of this. Why would a guy find a woman who has never watched porn attractive? I don't get it. I get the ideal. But in real life, virgins are boring. The main character, was a boring push over. I felt like she kept contradicting herself. Not in a 'no means yes' kind of way, but in a 'my other personality's name is...' kind of way.

The main dude, was not attractive. He kept annoyingly asking her if she trusts him, and telling her she liked stuff, eww, over and over again. If you need that much reassurance, you probably shouldn't be doing what you're doing. The scenes were awkward and not realistic.

This book was a waste of my time. I wish people would stop writing about these weak brunettes, and please stop comparing them to Eva in 'Bared to You'.

Anny says

This book sure does have the fifty shades BDSM scenes, and the crossfire novels hot and steamy plots. It had me wiggling at the edge of my seat and had me holding my breathe constantly. I really enjoyed reading the book, but I feel that Sophia is a bit too whinny and nagging. She would have been more well liked if she was a stronger character.

Next book would be interesting, Marc and Sophia are about to broadcast their relationship to the world. The teacher/student relationship will be questioned and criticisms will be thrown at the pair. Would be interesting to read on definitely.

Chandra says

One word book review: Great

My casting for Marc and Sophia...

Myla says

It was a good read and got my forbidden romance fix with this one :D >>>review to come<<<

☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

I loved it

BUT

the following should have been done to the editor of the book (if there even was one)

but all grammatical and timing mistakes aside - I really enjoyed the book -
don't know why the reviews are mostly bad??

The only thing getting on my nerves is the whole student - teacher thing???

Why do they have such a huge problem with that?? She's 22 - he's 27 and he OWNS the school - nobody in the world can legally say anything against it??

That whole part was totally exaggerated!!!

I loved Marc and Sophia - yeah - sometimes she's horribly naive - but pfff - that's just how the character was written ?

I can't wait to read book 2 + 3

it's a book for fans of everything from Fifty Shades to Eighty days!!!

Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

2 Spineless Chicks and Control-Freaks Stars

I don't like it and I really hate when it happens to me, but I couldn't finish this book...

So, let me rephrase my rating.

2 DNF, Spineless Chicks and Control-Freaks Stars

This is not a bad book. This is the reason, I didn't give it a 1-star rating. It just wasn't for me; overused theme, same old, I'm fed up with this stuff kinda book.

We all read Fifty Shades. I got to admit, that a lot of us kinda enjoyed Fifty Shades, too. You know why? Because it was something new and exciting and it gave us an excuse to release our inner-submissive and finally talk about what we read with mainstream, non-bookworm people.

My mom, my aunt, HELL, my niece read it! I know.... THE HORROR!

But two+ years have passed since Mr. Grey dominated our world, changing the way we think about fictional characters forever and now it got old.... Really old. After 300 books of Fifty clones, I'm done!

This book's storyline is exciting. About a world famous actor that opened an Academy, to teach acting to talented people and a girl that found the courage to finally chase her dreams. I wanted to like but it fell short...

Sophia, our heroine is a spineless wimp with the self awareness of a snail. She is a major pushover, a crybaby with no self respect. At least it seemed to me that way.... How on earth, am I expected to believe she is the most talented actor in the college?

And then there is **Marc Blackwell**. Don't get me wrong his character is very well written but he isn't likeable. At all. Moody, arrogant, control freak, messed up, inappropriate. Even my brainwashed-I-liked-Tony_of_the_Consequence_Series mind couldn't handle him. He even refused to "finish" (orgasm, you know...) in order to stay in control... TWICE!

It all got old pretty quickly and from some point on I just stopped caring.

I don't want to put anyone off this book. I was not just into the right mood for it. Maybe if we were back to 2011, I would be able to enjoy it...

As it is...

Amanda says

Warning, this review might contain spoiler!

I am lost. Completely and utterly lost. This book had so much potential when I read the synopsis. I'm sold on forbidden romances as student/teacher and so on. This book seemed so promising because the add of a famous teacher. Despite that, the book isn't good. It's promising and has potential. That's all it has.

So the plot is Sophie the heroine, who's name I forgot all the time, who is accepted to Ivy College. The college is funded by an Hollywood actor, Marc Blackwell. It's the best of the best who are accepted to this college when it teaches acting and drama. You see the plot, it's about Sophie who crushes on Marc Blackwell, who teaches at Ivy College. That's the plot. There is nothing more to it. And I mean NOTHING.

My problems with Sophie is a long list and I won't put them all up here. First, she's another Bella. And yes, we all blame Meyer for these characters. She is naïve and plain. But, of course everyone wants her anyway because she is such a good actress. I might buy this, but we never see her act. Not for real. And as Marc points out at one point, she always plays "nicey, nicey" roles where the girl is naïve and young. My question is then, because Sophie always is "nicey, nicey" and naïve, does it really count as acting? And, like most heroines written this and last year has body complexes bigger than the Empire State Building.

And yes she is very naïve. Already in the first chapters we see this. She is going to the college for an audition and when she can't find it, a manly stranger is offering to help her find it. This is in London I want to point out. I did a quick counting on the crimes committed in London last year and on average, there are 69 crimes a day in London. So as a young woman, I would never take the chance to trust a strange man in a town I don't live and know much about, just saying.

Then we have Marc Blackwell. He's the famous actor and oh, get this, he's one more possessive, dominating

hero! Surprised? Nah, me neither. He's cold arrogant and is a tough teacher. I never get a good explanation to why he's this way. Perhaps in the next book in the series we get to know him better. However, we're told Marc is extremely private in his life and no one knows much about him. Except everyone does. Sophie's best friend gets stuff on him for research. And one of Marc's friends is quick to tell Sophie his life story. What kind of friend does this? Not a good one that is.

So the characters are boring and don't interest me at all. But they get it on anyway. But the sex scenes are boring and not hot at all. I've read better books in this genre so maybe it's just me. I don't feel the desire and definitely not love. And there are times when Sophie says no but he keeps on going. But when he begins to touch her she's lost to sensation so it's okay. No, not really but here it is.

And the story is so rushed I can't even begin on it!

And when they begin their forbidden relationship, Sophie is telling people about it. People she barely knows and can't trust. Of course, none of them is against the thing either. Honestly, they should've. That or told someone. Because the movie/theatre industry is competitive. It's everyone for themselves. Someone should've spilled the beans on them. No, instead everyone is cool and the book ends with Sophie and Marc deciding to go public with their relationship before they're even close to getting caught.

No, this book wasn't my cup of tea at all. It could've been so much better and I honestly don't see what the next books will be about. I might read them but it's highly unlikely. Since I didn't see the love or even desire, I got bored and I don't see things changing in the next book.

But, the book is a quick read and I can see the allure and why other people can find it good and interesting. I just didn't I've read better stories like this one and I felt them to be better.

1/5 stars

Wanderlust says

So Yeah..

My opinion of Sophia

Sophia during the book..

Oh.. Marc.. you looked at me

You want to spank me and do dirty things to me Sir?

So afterwards she is like

Sophia explaining the relationship to everyone

My opinion of Marc

Marc throughout the book

The relationship..

The anal sex scene

The practical insta love

The last 40 percent of the book..

I am sorry about my negativity but

Most of the time i was reading i felt my..

Would i recommend this book..

Marjorie W. says

2 " It saddens me to say I didn't like it" Stars

Urgh. I wish I had liked it. So much. Unfortunately, it just didn't do it for me. The sad part is, I normally LOVE teacher/student romance, whether they're sexy or not. They're my FAVORITES. Damn it. But this one... nope. Just didn't do it.

This book is about Sophia, an inspiring actress, who, on complete impulse, decides to audition at one of the most prestigious theatre school in the UK. The school is owned by none other than the very sexy, very rich, and not surprisingly very famous actor, Marc Blackwell. As she auditions, Sophia realizes that the tabloids were true about Mr. Blackwell, he's arrogant, and Oh, so very, very cold. But she just can't shake him out of her mind. Now, what if under all his superior air, Mr. Blackwell wanted her just as much as she seems to want him...

Interesting, right? Well, for someone who's completely in love with anything forbidden when it comes to stories, I was certainly hooked when hearing about this story. The problem is, once I started reading it, it wasn't all that great.

Firstly, the writing style was what I would call "pretty simple", it wasn't particularly interesting. It didn't grab my attention nor did it make me want to keep reading. I normally don't like books that are too well written either, because it takes away my fun, but this book was too simply written. At least simple enough for it to bother me, which if I'm being honest, doesn't happen all that often. I feel like saying her writing style is bland can be pretty harsh, but it's the only word that explains how I feel towards it, so, bland it is. It just didn't stand out.

And the story, unfortunately, went from 0 to 100 in 5 seconds. I say "unfortunately" because the ideas were actually great, interesting and I certainly wanted to know more. I just feel like they were exploited too fast. What I love in teacher/student stories is the anticipation, the feeling of doing something forbidden, etc. I feel like the characters in this story SAID that what they were doing was forbidden, but as the reader, I didn't feel the forbidden aspect of it. Neither did I feel the anticipation. I mean, Marc is literally SUPER cold and doesn't seem interested in Sophia in the slightest, and then out of NOWHERE he's like "I want you so much, but I can't, the things I would love to do to you, etc..." I was like WHAT!? You didn't even have a CONVERSATION with the girl and you want her so much you'd be ready to leave your position in the school for her? What the hell?! Where did that come from?

Anyway, it was said that "fans of fifty shades and bared to you" would love this book, and I guess that's SORT OF true. Not completely, but I guess, yeah Marc is into kinky stuff and control, so for that it does resemble fifty shades. Kind of.

I don't know, there are so many things that I normally love about teacher/student that I didn't find in this book, and so when you take all of that away, there's pretty much nothing left. Unfortunately.

I will read other books from S.K. Quinn, I just hope her writing won't bother me as much. However, hear this S.K. Quinn, you have great ideas, keep them coming, just make sure things don't escalate too fast!

Tjaša says

So...I dont know really what to write...this was no 50 shades of Grey...and not Bared to you...this was just something...else...

I was shaking my head half of the time...it started really promising but ..not really...

Marc it's nothing like Christian...yeah..he can be cold at times..but that's all..there is nothing attractive about him...

Sophie...if you didn't like Anastasia, you would hate Sophie..She was repeating "I dont know" all the time..she had cinderella complex. Her stepmother incapable of taking care of her own husband and child. And I wont talk about hers low self esteem..

It was supposed to be a forbidden affair/love, but Sophie doesn't have word secret in her vocabulary. She told

she is f***** the profesor to someone who she known for two days for Christ sake.

And then we have "the coke" incident, where some boy loves her that much that he drugs her..and then he hates her because he cant have her..talk about ridiculous.

So no..I didnt enjoyed while reading this and I finished it just because it was so funny I coudn't stop.

La-Lionne says

It was interesting read, but it wasn't what I expected. I expected a little more than I got. The first few chapters reminded me a little of Gabriel's Inferno. I thought that the book is going to be about the teacher seducing his student, but it was the other way around. And she had absolutely no game and no plan, just "he frightens me, but I want him and i dont know what to do about it." I was expecting him to struggle a little bit more, expected him to be more conflicted, because there was a lot at stake.

The transitions between the scenes should have been smoother. When they went from calling each Mr and Miss to the first name basis, it felt rushed. I felt like there were some things that could have been said and done, before crossing that line.

They had a deal that they will keep it hush hush, but both he and her were confessing about it to other people. She wasn't being very subtle about it at all. I understand her wanting to tell about it to her friend, to get it off of her chest. But to confess about it to her teacher, his colleague? And to top it all of, teacher, instead of telling her to knock it off, was telling her what a great guy he was.

With that being said, I liked him. Even though his morals were a bit shaky, his background explained a lot. I didn't blamed him for not knowing right from wrong. And the things he was into were a little weird, but who am I to judge. It's not my thing, but what ever makes you happy Mr Blackwell :). At least I can give a credit for being different.

The ending was also a bit rushed, things happened way to fast towards the end, in my opinion. The story was interesting, but it didn't leave me wanting more. Interesting concept, but execution could have been better.

iloveladyporn says

This book started off Strong but fizzled fast. It's your Teacher/Student taboo relationship however there wasn't much of a fight to stay apart. Sophia falls in love way to quickly & the sex scenes were over before I even knew they were happening. This is suppose to be a relationship that is under wraps but Sophia keeps telling everyone about it. I find it endearing that Marc would give up his teaching after their first kiss to be with her. I find a lack of connect with the characters. It was a struggle to get thru the book but I'm not a quitter so I did finish it.

Quotes:

"Because I can't have you. And wanting something you can't have can be a very difficult thing to handle. Especially if you're used to getting whatever you want and whoever you want."

" 'I Love you', says Marc simply, staring at the ocean. 'But this isn't a movie. I don't know how this will end.'"

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Jenn says

Not only is this book NOT comparable to the story spun in fifty shades or bared to you, it is almost unbearable to read. The characters are not strong, there are errors, things like times are off in the story, the word wine is win (annoying) What is driving me mad is that the supporting characters who work for the teacher are awful free to offer their opinion to this 22 year old girl that they know is having an inappropriate relationship with her teacher, who happens to be the worlds hottest actor. This is no Christian, or Gideon and quite frankly I am not interested in the sequel unless the author can build a real story. This felt too much like if I take Christian and make him an actor instead of a business man, then I take the bad childhood and twist it to something different, then take a young girl and they have kinky sex, I can sell books. You still have to be able to weave a semi plausible interesting story. The main character in this book wins a full scholarship to an acclaimed mysterious school of acting and isn't smart enough by the 28th chapter to have read her paperwork and is constantly relying on her mates to tell her what is going on etc.
