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The author of *Flirting with Scandal* presents her second book in a sexy contemporary romance series about three sisters in a powerful political family, the scandals that threaten to destroy them, and the passion that drives them...

The daughter of one of the Senate's most powerful figures, Blair Reynolds was ready to become the ultimate political wife—until she caught her fiancé cheating on her wedding day. Law school is a fresh start, her shot at putting the pieces of her life back together. That's the plan, at least. Until trouble comes in the form of her Torts professor, the man whose arrogance infuriates her in class but haunts her private fantasies.

Graydon Canter had a fortune and a place on all the hottest "Thirty under Thirty" lists, until a series of personal missteps nearly destroyed his career. A year teaching at a D.C. law school is just the break he needs to get his life back in order, as long as nothing—and no one—trips him up.

When Blair and Gray are forced to work together, their explosive attraction becomes impossible to resist. But Gray's demons have drawn him dangerously close to the edge, and Blair has spent her life playing by the rules. Will she break them for a shot at love?

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Eliza says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Mandi Schreiner says

Favorite Quote: He was an asshole, but he was definitely a hot asshole.

I recently read the first book in this series (books are stand alone) and I enjoyed the author's voice a lot. I picked this book up without even reading the blurb, so when a student/professor romance hit me in the face, I was surprised. I normally don't seek out this trope, as I usually find myself feeling ragey with the unethical dating between the student and the teacher. But! This romance worked so well for me. I rooted for this couple to get together and seriously didn't care that he was her teacher. Gray is intense and sexy and I became.....hot for teacher.

Gray grew up in a bad part of town and found himself in juvie after stealing a car. He turns his life around, gets into law school and starts working at a big firm. But he loses control of his life again. His marriage falls apart, he starts doing cocaine and strippers. He loses his job and his reputation. This is how he finds himself as a visiting professor at a law school in DC. This law school isn't that great, but at least he has a job.

Blair is the daughter of a very powerful Senator and knows how to play the DC game. After a failed engagement, to please her parents, she goes to law school, but didn't have good enough grades to get into a great school. So she stays local in DC. She isn't thrilled with law school, but decides to try her best. She has an immediate hate for her professor Gray. He calls on her constantly, more than anyone in the class. He flusters her and is cold and she cusses him out constantly inside her head. She hates him - until she falls for him.

It was the cruelest irony that the man I despised, the man who tortured me from the front of the classroom three days a week, was the hottest fucking thing I'd ever seen.

That fine line between lust and hate is walked in this romance and it's fun.

Gray is a self-proclaimed asshole. Blair agrees. He is rude and stand-offish and can't keep his eyes off of Blair.

I called on her way too much. I knew it, and based off the way her eyes fairly screamed, Go fuck yourself, she knew it, too. But I'd always had remarkably poor impulse control, and like everything that came before her and annihilated my life, she was another thing that tempted me.

I found it hot and sexy. Their chemistry and sexual tension is written so well in this book. They fall for each other during one semester, and they push and pull throughout this semester as they know what they are doing is frowned upon, but they can't keep their lusty urges under control.

Her breasts rose and fell, her eyes wide, her chest flushed.

I didn't speak, just waited for her to give me more, anything, everything. In this moment, her standing there like a fucking queen, I'd take it all.

We stood there staring at each other, the silence closing in, neither one of us moving, It was like we were locked in place.

There was no coming back from that kiss.

Eventually the semester ends and they make a deeper commitment to each other. I enjoyed Blair a lot. I liked that she isn't some super smart, goody-goody student. She has a very poor relationship with her political powerhouse parents, a pretty good relationship with her sisters, and some good friends. She is smart and hard-working, but law school challenges her. It doesn't come easy to her so it's always a struggle. Although Gray is older and her professor, she is the one that pushes a little more for the relationship.

Gray starts off as an asshole, but he is the good kind. The kind that keeps that edge, but softens too. He falls in love - and this frustrates him as he elegantly puts it:

I didn't want to make love to her. I didn't want to give her my heart - didn't even have one to give. I wanted to fuck her. That was it. That was all this was supposed to be.

He doesn't think he is good enough for Blair due to his past. I liked his struggle with self-worth. I also liked him naked in bed.

In the first book, I was annoyed with the Capital Confessions blog - a gossip website that created conflict between the protagonists. The blog also created conflict in this book, and it annoyed me again, but not as much this time. It doesn't have quite as large of a role - but still.

Besides the blog, I really had fun reading this one. It was naughty and sexy and a believable romance. I really like this author's voice.

Grade: B

TORI says

4.5 Stars

Just as good as the first one. Loved it from start to finish. As I may have stated in my review of the first book, I'm not a fan of political romances, but these are awesome. For one, they're not heavy on the politics. It's woven into the story here and there but the main focus is what goes on in the everyday lives of three sisters whose father is a Senator. The first book was about Jackie, the eldest. The last book will be about Kate, the youngest. And this book is about Blair, the middle daughter.

Blair Reynolds needs to hit the reset button on her life immediately. It seemed like just yesterday everything

was perfect. She'd lived a seeming perfect life. She was all set to marry her perfect fiancé. Have a perfect marriage. Birth some perfect babies. Blah blah blah.

Unfortunately that all came crumbling down when she found her ~~perfect~~ fiancé f**king his best man **on their wedding day** right before the ceremony was to begin. Yeah....not the best day of her life. And to make it worst her mother blamed her for the embarrassment to her family and her father's campaign. Because heaven forbid she do anything to jeopardized his precious campaign.

Now she's starting over. Finding herself. And she's decided to start by enrolling in law school. A decision more her parents then her own. But she knows what's expected of her so she complies with what they want. They say jump and she says how high.

There is a strong independent woman buried deep down inside Blair who can think for herself but Blair wouldn't dare let her out. Everyday that she continues to let others dictate her life a little piece of her soul withers and dies. She's tired of being what they want her to be. Not being her own woman. Finding her own path. Being in control of her own happiness.

Then she meets him. Graydon Canter. Her "panty incinerating hot" pain in the ass professor. Every class he makes a point to call on her. To put her on the spot for his personal enjoyment. She hates him. She wants him. She wants to kill him. She wants to jump him. How can a man so hot be so frustrating? He may be a thorn in her side, but she can't fight the butterflies in her belly. Or the pool party in her pants.

Graydon Canter is starting over. He was once at the top of his game, but *oh how the mighty have fallen*. He was once a hot shot attorney in Chicago making top dollar and living lavishly. A little too lavish actually. A string of bad decisions and addictions led him down a dark path. He wrecked his entire life and was left with no choice but to start again elsewhere.

Now he's a lowly law professor teaching a freshman year torts class. The only redeeming grace in this living hell is Blair Reynolds. He doesn't know why he's so drawn to the senator's daughter, but every class he can barely teach for keeping an eye on her. Calling on her mercilessly just to hear her voice and interact with her the only way that he's allowed as her professor.

Eventually that's not enough. He wants a touch. A taste. Anything. Something to quench his thirst.

Fate answers their prayers when they end up working together on a school project. As they get to know each other better the attraction grows to epic proportions. And they have to make a decision. Go for it or let it go.

Okay...even though this begins as total instalove, the author manages to take it from "I want to jump your bones" to "I think I've found my soulmate" pretty flawlessly. Not many authors can authenticate instalove relationships. They start out too hot and heavy and never quite make the transition into believable. So kudos to Ms. Cleeton for effortlessly achieving that. One of the reasons I think it worked was because even though they fell quick, they didn't jump into bed quick. They connected quickly but you don't get sex until about the 60% mark I think it was?! And I love how they laid out their baggage with each other. They both knew early on exactly what they were getting. There was no senseless drama or stupid miscommunications. And watching Blair come into her own was awesome. She had this sassy, ballsy chick hidden away from

everyone but Gray. I loved how he helped her be comfortable enough to be real with him and eventually be her true self with everyone else. And the best part was watching a heroine lay it out for the hero. When they had their little riff near the end. I'm glad she was bold enough to put her feelings out there and tell him exactly what she thought of him and the choice he made to "protect her from further hurt." I loved everything about this book.

As I stated if political romances aren't your thing, read it anyway. You'll absolutely love it. The characters are well developed. The plot is intriguing throughout. The series has been great so far. I can't wait for the next book. I know it's going to be epic. I predict it'll be best of the series.

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4.5 Stars

He was no longer my professor, no longer someone I loathed. He was hands I needed on my body, lips I wanted kissing mine.

I was first hooked on this series and this author when I read *Flirting with Scandal*. Now I can honestly say I'm completely addicted. *Playing With Trouble* was even better than the first book, and let me just tell you; I loved the first book. It had everything I love going for it; hate-to-love, forbidden romance, and enough sexual tension and chemistry to set your kindle on fire.

Blair Reynolds is the middle daughter of a controversial senator and the good girl of the family. Constantly used by her political family to boost their family image, Blair is tired of being the pawn and the girl that falls in line with what she's told. In a last resort of rebellion she enrolls in law school instead of following in the political science footsteps. But her decision soon comes to bite her in the ass in the shape of her too sexy for words and tormentor of her nightmares professor, Graydon Canter.

This is what happened when perfect cracked and splintered. This was what happened when your life fell apart.

Graydon or Gray had it all; an incredibly successful law career, a marriage, more money than he knew what to do with and was quickly climbing the corporate ladder in his law firm...until he lost it all. Now stuck teaching a law class at a university for students that weren't good enough to get into a better school or simply bought their way in, he gets his kicks by tormenting the beauty in his Torts class. So what if his picking on her daily roots from his undeniable attraction to her? She's off-limits and that's where she'll stay...until she doesn't.

I stared down into her eyes, trying to read the emotions I saw there. I wanted her. More than a dance. More than a fuck.

I was drunk on her, and in this case, sobriety was just out of my reach.

This book had some of the best sexual tension I've read in a very long while. It was utterly delicious. I loved the way Chanel Cleeton handled their attraction and ultimate giving into it. I couldn't get enough of these two.

Gray was that perfect broody and broken hero that you love to read about and root for his redemption. He didn't sugar coat or hide his faults. He came right out and put them out for Blair to see. Blair on the other hand was a fantastic heroine. She's the good girl, but you also see her grow into herself as the book progresses. She doesn't allow anyone to step all over her, and I appreciated that it finally extended to her parents as well.

The center of it all was definitely the romance, and it was even hotter than the first book. These two were so hot together they practically sizzled.

I wanted to consume her; I wanted to break her and put her back together again, because that's what I did- I broke things.

Of course there's plenty of other things going on to keep the reader interested and it all culminates towards one hell of a plot twist towards the end. While I did see it coming from the beginning, it sets up the next book perfectly and I'm practically salivating to get my hands on it.

If politics aren't your thing, not to worry, because this book barely had any aside from the happenings of Blair's father. It's more muted and in the background, much like the first book. I honestly cannot recommend this series enough.

She was like a dream I'd given up long ago. A different life, a better me. A chance to wash the filth away.

I devoured this book and didn't want to set it down for even a minute. It was the perfect combination of sexy and a touch of angst with a dash of dry wit and humor. I absolutely loved it.

I'm not the hero, Blair. And somehow I still got the princess.

"Honey, I'm pretty sure you're the beast. And I am definitely not a princess. I thought we just established that.

"You're my princess. Dirty mouth, naughty lingerie, wicked tongue, formidable temper, and all.

I have a feeling about the twist for the third book and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I'm right because that will make it even better than I think. Chanel Cleeton has definitely made it straight to my auto-buy shelf and I can't wait for more from this talented author.

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Jen says

4.5 Hot for Teacher Stars

I always voted the party line, never went more than five miles over the speed limit, never drank more than two glasses of wine. And I wanted to fuck my professor with an intensity that bordered on madness.

What an awesome and totally unexpected surprise. When I first sat down and started reading *Playing with Trouble*, I have to admit to having some slightly lowered expectations. I've had a love/hate relationship with contemporary romance as of late, and to be honest most of that veers towards the hate end of the spectrum.

Well slap my ass and call me Sally because I loved this one!

Blair Reynolds just wants a little peace and quiet in her life. After finding her fiancé hooking up with the best man on what was supposed to be her wedding day, she's looking to move on out of the limelight. Easier said than done when your father's a prominent U.S. Senator regularly featured in the D.C. gossip sites. When in doubt about what to do with the rest of your life, enter Law school. Come on, it kinda sorta makes sense!

Graydon Canter is also using Law school as a place to start over. He's made a mess of both his career and personal life and law school's proving to be his last hope for restoring his career. The first time he lays eyes on Blair, he's immediately attracted to her despite the fact she's hiding herself behind a prim and proper exterior. Game on, right? **Oh, there's one itty bitty little problem. Gray is a lawyer and a professor at Blair's school and Blair's his student.** Surprisingly enough, that doesn't stop the white hot fantasies from a comin'.

For fifty-nine minutes out of the hour each class, she was untouchable. She wore her perfection like a mask that shielded her from the world, the seemingly unbreakable wall that kept everyone at bay. But there was always a minute—I made sure of it—when the mask came off, when the wall tumbled down. And in that minute, someone else looked at me. In that minute, I undressed her and stripped her of the facade she presented to the rest of the world. For a minute every single week, I unraveled her. The bastard in me fucking loved it

Truth be told, I enjoyed almost every aspect of *Playing with Trouble*. Blair coming into her own and fighting for what she wants when it came to both Gray and her controlling parents was a beautiful thing. Calling off her wedding, despite her parents insistence she follow through with the ceremony, was the best decision she could've made and watching her take the reins of her own life was fab-u-lous!

Now, let's move on to Gray. Sex on a stick, damaged and hot as hell, Gray. He fought his relationship with Blair with everything he had, but I loved that once he figured out the feelings were mutual, he never treated her like a compete jackass. Yes, there were moments of jackassery, but even when he was fighting his feelings, he always treated her as a friend and never turned into the douche I'd predicted. **And the sexy times build up? HOT. AS. HELL.** Honestly, I love when the waiting and anticipation for a couple finally coming together and getting horizontal is just as good, if not better, than the actual jumping of bones. At one point, I didn't care if these two ever got together because the damn foreplay was just that yummy.

My one and only complaint is a small one, but I would've loved Gray putting a little more effort into getting Blair back. Hasn't the girl been through enough?

On the upside, I get to read sister Kate's story next and from the hints dropped in this book, it's bound to be a doozy.

Sabrina says

4 'Forbidden' Stars

Blair Reynolds has always been the perfect daughter. Doing what her parents want, always with a smile on her face, to help her fathers political career. After an engagement gone wrong, which her parent's blame her for, she tries to redeem herself in their eyes by going to law school. But how can she be expected to concentrate on school when all she can think about is her professor, Graydon Canter.

Gray was a poor kid growing up in Chicago who turned his life around and became a successful lawyer. Having more money than he ever imagined himself having sent him on a downward spiral of partying and drugs that ruined his reputation. Leaving Chicago he takes a teaching job in hopes of saving his career. But when he walks into his classroom and see's Blair, he realizes he just found his newest addiction.

This book was such a **tease!** Blair and Gray shared these secret touches, and hidden kisses and those deep, long, passionate looks and then **couldn't act on them**. *Sexual frustration*, anyone??? Then when they could finally act on their feelings it was like,

"I'm trying so hard to be good, to stay away from you, then you smile at me and I forget my fucking name."

This was a fun, sexy read that I thoroughly enjoyed. I couldn't wait until Gray and Blair finally worked out their issues and were able to be together but I loved the bond they formed before that could happen. I actually liked that they didn't jump right into a relationship. They both had issues and they were hiding their true selves and I liked seeing both characters grow.

This is the second book in the *Capital Confessions* series and I haven't read the first one yet, but I will definitely be going back to read about Jackie and Will. In all honestly I didn't like Blair's sister, Kate, that much but her story intrigues me so damn much! I can't wait to read it and hope she redeems herself for what she did in this book.

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Catarina says

4 Forbidden Stars.

Being the supposedly perfect daughter of a powerful politician, Blair is used to have her life being publicly discussed. So when her failed engagement with a fiancé she discovered being homosexual becomes first page news, she decides it's time for a change. But when she enrolls Law school, she wasn't expecting meeting the new college professor, Mr. Canter.

Graydon Canter, a man that ruined his own life with bad choices knows a man like him shouldn't be interested in a girl like Blair. And not only because he's her teacher.

But when both of them can't resist each other, they will find out that the forbidden fruit is sometimes the tastiest one.

I've said in the last book that this series was probably one of the best hidden gems going around here. With this second book I don't think there's any "probably" about that. I'm now completely sure these books are not only seriously underrated, they are one of the best romantic series going around. I didn't love this book as much as the first, probably because the whole "student/teacher" line was never one of my favorites. But with an amazing plot, great characters, and engaging writing and steam and drama enough to let you hooked, you can't really miss these books.

Rating: 4 Stars.

Characters Development: I love how Chanel Cleeton created characters so real, and so human. Neither of them was perfect and neither of them was bad. They both had qualities and flaws and acted accordingly to them. Their connection felt very real, but what made me feel in love with this characters is that they were just humans trying to do the best they could. There was no sanctification of the heroine or extreme redemption of the hero. Just two persons trying to do the best they could and it was amazing! And after the sneak peek to the next book, I can't wait for Kate's book!!

Steam: Hot.

Sensible Subjects: (view spoiler)

Love Triangle: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)

Tanja ~ KT Book Reviews says

I simply adore a good student/teacher romance! The fact that our H/h are twenty three and thirty helps because I absolutely love a good AGE APPROPRIATE romance, and this one is fantastic!

The chemistry between Blair and Gray is heady and constant. Playing with Trouble has a slow and sexy build up that starts from the very moment these two make eye contact and doesn't let up from there. Both are dealing with recent scandals from their pasts and both are searching for something real and concrete, which makes this read a perfect push/pull romance.

Book two in the Capital Confessions series is a massive success in my opinion, and with the bits we get for the third book, *Falling for Danger*, I am absolutely giddy for its release in September!

Fantastic summer read!

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Geri Reads says

4.5 stars!

I consider this series one of my epic finds this year. I really enjoyed *Flirting With Scandal* and ever since then, I've been waiting to read Blair's story. Safe to say that Chanel Cleeton did not disappoint.

We met Blair in the first book. She's Jackie's "perfect" half-sister. She's groomed to be the perfect daughter, then the perfect fiancée, and later on, the perfect wife. But then on the day of her wedding, she discovered her fiancé in flagrante delicto with the best man. Blair's seemingly perfect life started unraveling from then on. Tired of the pressure being dumped on her and the endless scandal that hounds her family, Blair enrolled herself in law school where she meets professor

After destroying his life, his marriage, and his career in Chicago, Graydon Canter finds himself in DC teaching in one of the more mediocre law schools in the country. He's trying to avoid the same pitfalls that destroyed his previous life but when he meets Blair Reynolds all bets are off. Like a moth to flame, Gray and Blair can't seem to stay away from one another.

Yes, this book has the dreaded insta-lust. Not love but LUST. Gray and Blair's attraction to each other is instantaneous. But what separates this book from the others with a similar hook is that they didn't give in to that lust immediately. They allowed it to simmer between them, and it made for some delicious reading material. Oh, the sexual tension in this book is sky-high. If death by sexual tension is even a possibility, then this book would definitely be hazardous to your health. I loved it.

Apart from the sexual chemistry and the delicious tension between Gray and Blair, I was enamored by their characters' personal journeys especially Blair's. She started off not really knowing what to do with her life. Despite the perfection she shows to the world, she has flaws. She's not that smart or that beautiful, she's failing law school and she had no career prospects whatsoever. That made her relatable. And Graydon...I was surprised by how sweet his character turned out to be. Sweet and hot. His angst comes from knowing that because of his addictive personality, he might end up destroying Blair the same way he did everything else in his life. He made a mistake later on in the book that didn't sit well with me but it was, however, consistent with his character, so I can't really complain. I only wish he realized it and made a decision long before

Jackie or Kate confronted him. That's the only hiccup for me.

But the rest...the chemistry, the character arcs, the story, everything worked and made me happy. There were a lot of internal monologue but it didn't bore me because I was invested in these characters. I wanted to know their thoughts and their feelings, so it wasn't a chore.

Kudos to Ms. Cleeton for delivering another swoon-worthy romance. *Playing With Trouble* is definitely my favorite in the series so far.

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Michelle says

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Arianna♦*SteamyReadsBlog*♦ says

4 Stars!!

“Playing with Trouble” is the second installment in *“Capital Confessions”* series by Chanel Cleeton and follows Blair Reynolds, daughter to a powerful senator in DC. We already met Blair in the previous book in the series as Jackie’s half-sister. Blair has the image of the perfect daughter. She’s a good girl. She had always supported her father campaigns and she had always did what her mother said. Until her wedding day, when not only she found out that her future husband cheated in her, but he cheated on her with the best man. She really needs a fresh start, so she enrolls in law school. Trouble follows her again in the form of her Torts professor, a smart and arrogant man, who pushes her buttons and also makes her squirm in her seat.

“There was something wild in him, something barely restrained that called to the part of me that had never been anything but safe. I’d never felt temptation, true temptation, until now, until he looked at me like he wanted to devour me”

Graydon ‘Gray’ Canter knows what means to have it all – more money than he can spend, a wife, a great reputation, all of this under the age of thirty. But he can also knows what means to lose it all. He managed to save his career and he moved in DC because he needed a fresh start. Needless to say, he doesn’t need any complications, but the biggest, greatest complication comes in the form of Blair Reynolds.

“Fire and ice.

She was the ultimate contrast. She had a self-control about her that I envied, and at the same

time, there was so much fire inside her pushing to get out.”

Gray can tell Blaire is not only classy, but very different from any other woman he met before. He doesn't need a rich girl and as much as he realizes and accepts he's drawn to her like a moth to a flame and feels she's drawn to him as well, he knows he has to stay away from her.

This was such a great read! With a different storyline than the previous book in the series, *“Playing with Trouble”* was an entertaining read from start to finish. Both Blair and Gray were great, endearing characters. I liked Blair a lot! Her character development was done so well. If at first she doesn't know what she wants to do with her life or who she is, in the end she finds the strength to stand up for herself, realizing she has the right to have her own flaws like everyone else. Needless to say her character felt real and also relatable. She felt mature for her age IMO and I have to say I loved her generosity and her kindness.

“It was a constant push and pull with him, and I wasn't sure which way I wanted it to go.”

Gray was a tortured hero and I really felt for him. He thinks he has the power to destroy everyone around him, inclusive Blair. He wants to protect her from him staying away (or trying to) from her, but Blair is not afraid to go after what she wants, fact that I really liked about her. She's willing to fight for him and she also is willing to fight for them by herself. Gray was easy to like as well. He was sweet and sexy and very good for Blair. He makes her realize who she really is, which made like even more.

The chemistry between Blair and Gray is sizzling, fantastically done, even better than the previous book IMO. I loved these two together and I couldn't get enough of them.

“She was an indulgence, a dangerous one, but weren't those the best kind?”

While this second installment is more angsty than the first installment, there's no unnecessary drama. Everything was resolved in the end, but IMO everything was resolved too quickly, so the ending felt a little rushed.

All in all, this was a great sexy and angsty installment, with an interesting story line, two endearing main characters and a lovely romance with just a little bit of scandal.

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

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4,5 STARS

I love this series and I really enjoyed this one because it was different!!This is a student/teacher romance which is one of my favorite topics!!Put this one together with the amazing writing and the fresh air Chanel Cleeton is putting in her stories and you have an amazing story!This story is steamy,very hot,emotional and romantic!

Blair is trying to recover from her big scandal.Now she is enrolled in law school.What she didn't expect is to meet Gray, her new professor.Their chemistry is so hot and they can't deny it..But things isn't easy for Gray too since he is recovering from his own problems.Can these two find happiness together?

I loved Blair, because she is smart,confidence and strong!Gray is passionate and so hot! The character development moves a little too quickly but this wasn't a problem from me because I loved the story!Their attraction is so obvious and their chemistry so passionate!When they were together they had really hot moments but also sweet and funny!!I liked them so much that I was smiling all the time!!Seriously I couldn't get enough of them!

I love this series so much and I'm so excited for the next book!!If you need a refreshing series then this is exactly what you need!!Before you read this book is better to read the first book so you can understand who Blair is!!

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Jennifer Kyle says

3.5 Stars

This is the second installment in this series and I completely adored the heroine, Blair. The author once again gifts her readers with dual pov of Gray, her law school teacher and the Senator's daughter, Blair Reynolds.

"All that's best of dark and bright meet in her aspect and her eyes... She was a Bryon poem. And I was fucked."

Her new teacher seems to have it in for her calling on her constantly in class and although she can't stand it, there's just something about this hot teacher. The two have a hot chemistry and Gray puts the brakes on anything further until the school year ends. The two were very hot together and I loved that our hero had a TON of baggage.

"I wanted to consume her, I wanted to break her and put her back together again, because that's what I did – I broke things."

Blair stays strong going for a life that will make only her happy. The two were very hot and steamy together and kuddos to Blair for staying true to herself.

"Kiss me. I want to feel what it's like to be kissed by a man who wants me," I whispered. "Please".

The story was going swimmingly for me until their relationship is put on blast in Capital Confessions and the culprit...ugh seriously? Anyway, from this point on the story fell for me as Gray wimps out on Blair. Come on Gray!

Overall, this was a sexy summer read that wrapped up a bit too quickly and neatly for my tastes, still it was an entertaining read. The youngest sister, Kate's book up next so bring on the conspiracy and mystery!

Jasmine says

4 STARS! ★★★★★

"I hadn't been looking for trouble, but it seemed that now that I'd found it, I wasn't running from it, either."

After reading and enjoying the first one in this series, I was already dying to read more from the Capital Confessions. Needing my fix of this sub-genre, I was not disappointed by how this read panned out and am already dying for the third book in the series now!

From the first book, we briefly met **Blair Reynolds**, daughter to a powerful senator in DC and who is Jackie's half-sister. Playing with Trouble will be her story and finding love when she least expects it.

Bearing the name of Reynolds since young, Blair has always been expected to be the perfect daughter to

uphold her father's name and keeping herself out from any scandals that could jeopardize her father's campaign. All of that went to hell the moment her marriage got cancelled when she found out her fiancé cheated on her with his best man. Determined to start afresh, Blair attends law school but what she didn't expect was trouble that comes in the form of a certain cocky law professor.

Having left his private practice in Chicago, **Graydon Canter** currently finds himself in a one-year stint of teaching in D.C law school. However this new law professor comes with some baggage and hidden demons in his past. Moving to D.C. is his first step to starting anew but when his world clashes in with one Blair Reynolds, he finds himself playing with fire.

Having loved the first one, I went into this read thinking I was going to get something similar but I was pleasantly surprised by how different this was. While the first was more sexy and exciting, the second one here had a more serious undertone and tad more angsty especially with Gray dealing with his past demons. Blair herself had quite a handful too as she navigates through law school while being in the public eye for her failed marriage which caused a strain within her family.

Blair is definitely my favorite among the sisters so far in this series, I liked how her character developed along the way and realizing that she wants more for herself than what everyone expects her to be. I was just cheering on for this woman when she stood up against her family and even Gray who can be quite a pussy at times in their relationship. I admit that it was quite a nice change to see the heroine being the more ballsy one.

Another thing I loved about this series is the relationship buildup between both MCs; they're never rushed with a lot of sexy flirting between these two that keeps you interested. Although the instalust was evident since the beginning, both Blair and Gray kept each other at arms length due to their student/teacher relationship but the sexual undercurrent was electrifying in most of their scenes together. The forbidden nature of their romance also gave the read that extra edge which I liked.

At the rate I'm enjoying this series, they're starting to become some of my guilty pleasure reads! There was no unnecessary drama that puts me off and easily an enjoyable sexy read that packs some great angst and wit. My only minor issue would be that the last portion of the read tied up a little too quickly for me and would have loved more grovelling on Gray's part.

Not to mention that after the author teased us with Blair's little sister, Kate and her past, I'm officially dying for the next book now!! I can already tell that the third book will be heading into another direction and I'm in love with how diverse this series is whilst keeping in within this exciting political setting.

Definitely recommend this series to everyone if you're looking for something sexy and angsty in this political romance genre!

Playing With Trouble is the second book in the *Capital Confessions* series and can be read as a standalone.

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Alice says

4 STARS!

Blair Reynolds is the daughter of one of the most influential politicians in DC, Senator Reynolds, therefore, her life has always been on display.

On her wedding day, she caught her husband cheating on her with his best man. Now, she is trying to pick up her pieces, start over and decide what to do with her life.

She enrolls in Law School and there she meets Professor Graydon Canter. They're forced to work together on a project, but will they be able to stay away from each other?

After meeting Blair in book one, *Flirting with Scandal*, I was really curious to read her story.

This installment was different from the first one and I have to admit that it was a really pleasurable surprise!

Blair has always been the perfect daughter, always followed the rules, dressed nicely, done whatever her parents asked her.

Now, she's realizing that they care more about their public image than her happiness and she doesn't want to sacrifice her life for them anymore.

Gray has a difficult and troubled past, but he is trying his best to make amends for it. He has had another chance and he is determined not to waste it.

*"You can do bad things and still be a good man. Don't let your past take that away from you.
You can be more. You just have to try."*

He doesn't believe that he's the right guy for Blair and he feels like he doesn't deserve such an amazing woman in his life after all he has done.

I have to admit that I am not such a fan of forbidden reads, especially of teacher-student books. I was hesitant, but **the author made it easy for me to enjoy this book, A LOT!**

It was easy to love both Gray and Blair. Blair was such a great and mature heroine, Gray had such a complex past and I was happy to see them both getting some happiness in their lives.

It was a story about second chances, secrets, lies, forgiveness.

It was very well written and well developed. It's the second book that I read in this series and the second book that I really enjoy!

I am so curious about Kate's story and September can't come soon enough!

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