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From *New York Times* bestselling author Kelley R. Martin, comes a sexy new standalone in the Knockout Love series.

“Macy Dunham” is synonymous with “off-limits.” Not only is she practically a virgin, but she’s a walking, talking angel who’s way too good for a devil like me. She’s straight-up *beautiful*, and so far out of my league I want to cry. Did I mention she’s also the godmother to my future niece or nephew?

Now I have to play nice with “Aunt Macy” for the next 18 years. There’s just one tiny problem—the first night I met her, I played with her a little *too* nice.

Macy was only supposed to be a hook-up. I was supposed to show her a night she’d never forget—give her a little taste of what it’s like to be bad—and then send her on her way. She wasn’t supposed to stick around, and she damn sure wasn’t supposed to become my best friend.

Do you have any idea how hard it is to pretend like I don’t know how soft her skin feels, how good her lips taste, or how *perfect* it feels inside her? It’s torture. I’d give my left nut for another chance to sink inside Macy, but I can’t afford to mess this up and that’s exactly what would happen.

It’s too bad “Blake Whitmore” is synonymous with “screw-up.” Macy’s a sweet girl who deserves an epic love story. She deserves romance, and a knight in shining armor who slays dragons. I’m not the knight in this story.

I’m the fucking dragon.

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Cecilia says

Yes...!!Blake and Macy..! *.* I was hoping for this story..!

Julianna says

[Blake hooking up with Tori the first time and even Blake hooking up with Chloe when Macy lived with him (hide spoiler)]

Dilek VT says

Nope because : <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

NMmomof4 says

2.5 Stars

Overall Opinion: This is definitely not one for my safety gals! I wanted something light and fluffy after some intense reads, but this had way more angst than I was expecting. The H messes up more than one time to the point that I never felt that he fully redeemed himself. I get that he was damaged, but it was too much for me. For those that require some good grovel, I think you might have some issues with this one. The big conflict happened around 85ish%. That wasn't nearly enough time to have the conflict, and then get the resolution needed for me to forgive the H. It felt rushed and way too easy of a resolution for me. It was a BIG conflict and something that I personally couldn't have gotten over as easily if I was in the h's shoes.

I don't think that you need to read the first book to understand and follow along in this one, so it can be read as a standalone IMO

Brief Summary of the Storyline: This is Macy and Blake's story. Macy's best friend, Savannah, and Blake's brother, Declan, are the mcs from the first book. They meet one night at a party through them. One thing led to another, and they have a hot romp in the bathroom. They soon find out that they are going to be godparents to Savannah and Declan's baby, so the idea of hooking up again is shot and they decide to become close friends instead. Macy runs into some bad luck, and they end up living together. After spending more and more time together they develop stronger feelings and fall in love. There is some hot sexy times, some big drama, and some sad moments...but they do get a HFN ending.

POV: This alternated between Macy and Blake's POV.

Overall Pace of Story: Good until the last 15ish%. It felt too rushed at that point, but otherwise I thought it flowed well and I never skimmed.

Instalove: No, but instantly connected (and major instalust).

H rating: 2.5 stars. Blake. He was pretty damaged guy. He held a lot of demons from his past, and he really struggled with his feelings. I never fully forgave him for the things he did to Macy.

h rating: 3 stars. Macy. I liked her awkwardness, but I really wanted for her to be stronger at times. I wouldn't say she crossed the line into being a doormat, but she was really close.

Sadness level: Low/moderate. I teared up a little bit, but I never needed any tissues.

Push/Pull: Yes (view spoiler)

Heat level: Moderate. They have some hot tension, chemistry, and scenes. There are only a few scenes of the actual act, but the tension is pretty hot!

Descriptive sex: Yes

Safe sex: Yes and no. (view spoiler)

OW/OM drama: Yes (view spoiler)

Sex scene with OW or OM: Yes (view spoiler)

Cheating: Yes, IMO (view spoiler)

Separation: Yes (view spoiler)

Possible Triggers: Yes (view spoiler)

Closure: This had a cute jump ahead epilogue, but I still wanted more. I would call it a HFN ending, but some probably would call it a HEA (view spoiler).

How I got it: It was part of my kindle unlimited subscription.

Safety: This one is probably Not Safe for the safety gals.
(view spoiler)

Heroesinbooks says

4.5 Blake & Macy Stars

'He tastes like the perfect combination of bad decisions and a good time'

Whoa. There were parts of this book I did NOT see coming. I kind of got blindsided at one point....but more of that later.

I loved the first book, Down & Out , which was about Declan and Savannah. This book tells the story of Blake, Declan's brother, and Macy , Savannah's best friend. I don't think I anticipated enough just how different this book would be. It has a totally different vibe.

There was something rather adorable about Declan. Blake is not adorable. He is such a complex hero and for some readers he will be too much. If you have hard and fast rules about seeing the hero with other women then brace yourself. Is he a cheater? Hmm... I'm going to risk incurring the wrath of others- but what the hell, it's just my own opinion & not everyone will agree & that's the beauty of us book junkies sharing our thoughts- I don't think it is cheating. Alcohol and miscommunication play a huge role. If I was Macy would I have given him a second chance? No. But Macy is a total sweetheart. She is strong but gentle and she loves this damaged, broken man with all her heart. I was glad she got angry with him. He has to go above & beyond to stand a chance of getting Macy back. Blake's behaviour is reprehensible but you have to understand why he does what he does. He is layered and complex. But there is something immensely likeable and charming about him. Even when I disliked his actions I still wanted him to redeem himself. I never felt like I couldn't get past what he did. His own shame and remorse is woven into the story and when you read it from his perspective it is so very sad.

There are many light hearted and laugh out loud moments in this book. There is chemistry between Blake and Macy that is off the charts. You want these two to work. She brings out the sweetness in him- it's buried just below the surface but it's most definitely there.

It's important to say they both are at fault for blurring the lines of their relationship. The fault does not all lie at Blake's feet.

Ultimately it's a love story that has angst, humour, heat and will pull your heartstrings. It will provoke all sorts of emotion and even if it takes you out of your comfort zone I would still recommend giving it a try.

Dual POV with HEA.

My musical muse for Blake & Macy is

- 1) Dancing On My Own -Callum Scott
- 2) No One Else Earth -Wynonna Judd
- 3) Don't Wanna Know- Maroon 5

Liv ? says

★3 STARS!★

DNF at about 40%, it seems like a good book I'm just having a hard time getting into it. Might go back later.

Jo says

So many other women and cheating

*kawehi.reviews says

Sooo...I'd been waiting and waiting for this bad boy to come out and it finally did!! *does a happy dance*

I'm not going to lie, bk1 was certainly, more engaging and over all better in every way, but don't let that count it's sequel out.

Sucker Punched certainly had its pros and cons. It was interesting, nicely written, but it did have a prickly male heroine that gave me a headache at times.

Still, I did manage to enjoy this novel though.

Kayread says

I disliked Blake. He was with another woman more than once. I know they weren't in a relationship but come on. He actually set up a friend date with Macy. During the texting he mentally revealed liking her but he went upstairs to f--- Tori. He mentioned it would be Macy he would be thinking about. I guess if my husband cheats but visualizes me f---ing him it's ok. Idk. That turned me off then of course the Chloe thing didn't help. Does it count if you can't remember? Yeah it counts for the persons heart you just ripped out. Macy finally decides to move on. Gee how feelings develop once the girl decides to date. His dad dies and he's drunk. He begs Macy to be with him and not the other guy. She picks him and while she's breaking up with the other guy Blake feels rejected and gets drunk. Sure he said he didn't know she was his but I think what pisses me off is that he didn't even try to fight for her. He gets drunk and f---s Tori on the couch in the house he shares with Macy. I was so glad Macy let her anger out and I was glad she didn't roll over and forgive him. I'm sorry can only work so many times. I'm glad they got their HEA however I could not have taken him back. I would have been that woman that saw him with the other chick in my mind all the time. Couldn't let that go. Something else that bothered me was her not telling her mom about her dads affair. I think all women have the right to know if their man is cheating. People are like but they have a happy marriage and if she know it will ruin it. No they obviously don't have a great thing if he's screwing around. So here's her mom visiting dads office or calling it and unknowingly speaking to the woman f---ing her husband. Just No!!!

Kristie Bishop says

I'm Excited for this story! Come on Blake and Macy!

BadBunniB says

Only reason I'm writing a review is because I see a lot of comments with a double standard going on. Let's be clear there is a shit load of cheating. If that's not something you can get past don't read his book. I am a huge hater of love triangles and this is a fucking square.

So let's get something straight both characters have damn issues. Macy is insecure and Blake is alcoholic. Let's also point out that he started drinking heavily when Macy moved in. It became more of a problem when she started dating Hayden. No matter what alcoholics need love too. In fact if they can't fight their addiction for themselves then they need someone to for.

As for the whole unrequited love thing is bullshit. After the bathroom scene she pulls the breaks, says they can't be together and he asks to be friends just so he can still spend time with her. It's funny how everyone forgets this wanting to make the H the bad guy. He has his problem but he was doing as she asked.

Then this whole cheating thing. Everyone is up in arms about him with how when there were never together. Shit even when they were together they weren't together. It wasn't a long list of women just 2 and he was past out drunk both times. The second one I can understand because just the night before he was with Macy fully. Not together in a sense because she still had a bf... yes she STILL HAD A BF! Can you call him a cheater in a non-defined relationship when she has a bf? I know they said they would be exclusive but she still had a bf. So when he calls and she is with her bf (yes he didn't let her explain but seriously how hard is it to text : Hey meeting my bf for coffee so I can dump him for you) she knew his issues with her being with Hayden what made her think he wouldn't jump to conclusions and fly off the handle. Which is his go to move since he has a temper. Instead she starts to lie to him until he hears Hayden in the background. So fuck her and her feelings.

You can say it doesn't count because Macy & Hayden didn't have sex but emotional cheating is just as bad as physical so shut your shit. So yeah Blake slept with someone when he was NOT dating Macy and Macy slept with Blake when she DID have a bf. Fuck your double standards.

This is a fucking toxic as hell relationship. Also, what the fuck is that with Declan and Savannah. I read Down & Out and they were shitty people in this one. Declan is supposed to be the better brother but all he does is throw Blake shit and does he not notice his brother's drinking problem or just doesn't care? Savannah doesn't even know that her friend is in a relationship and when Blake is looking like hell, tells her it's because Macy has a bf. She taunts Blake and tells him I told you so. That's some childish shit. I was hoping she would give him some good advice but no.

So yeah I pretty much hated this entire book, but even though I didn't like it I hated the double standard much much more. Please let's stop making the H eat shit and the H walk on water when we all know she fucked up just as much.

Jessica says

Every goddamn time I give into a NA book because of a pretty/sexy cover it bites me in the ass. This was

bad in so many ways but before I get into it I'm gonna give fair warning to anyone reading further this may contain spoilers for some. I don't really consider all of them as such but there's your warning.

I barely even know where to start with this book. I approach books with covers like this with healthy skepticism. 9.9/10 times if it is also a NA book I will skip it for my own good because it usually turns out like this where I hate myself for giving into a pretty cover. But this blurb gave me hope that it would be above the ridiculous NA unnecessary drama that permeates the subgenre. While it didn't have the traditional NA teen drama that made me feel like i was back in high school....it wasnt much better. The MCs have a semi drunken hookup and its enjoyable. He's interested in more sex she's interested in seeing where things go but because they end up godparents to the same unborn child they decide not to pursue anything on the off chance that both of the kids parent's die and they end up co-parenting. Already I find this so absurd but i thought i was gonna get a sweet story of guy who doesnt think he's worthy of h try to be friends and they end up in sweet sweet love. boy was i deluded! The MCs are so attracted to each other but refuse to act on it because theyre "just friends." Friends who cuddle and watch netflix and are jealous whenever someone looks at the other MC. **THEYRE A FUCKING COUPLE THE ENTIRE FUCKING BOOK AND THEY'RE TOO MORONIC TO EVEN REALIZE IT.** I mean my male friends will come to bat for me when someone puts their hands on me...but they aren't gonna be willing to go to jail for murder for it just saying. Anywho neither of them refuses to acknowledge what they're doing is totally dating which makes the whole book go sour. H is a fucking creep. He's a raging alcoholic who sneaks into the room she's living in at his place, masturbates on her bed, and steals her underwear out of her drawer. Sane Jessica would quit there but a)it was too late to start something else and b) i really kept hoping that this would get better...it didnt. He crosses every boundary she tries to set and she lets him...they bathe together for christ's sake. Just friends my ass. So creepy H stuff aside this could've worked except we have loads of OW/OM issues. h starts dating this other guy. Frankly this dude was the most likable character in the entire book. He's kind and patient and she responds by cheating on him with H. So now I'm super over h because I fucking hate a cheater more than anything but an abuser. But by then I might as well finish. Actually trying to do the right thing she goes to break up with OM and when H finds out she's with the dude he hangs up before giving her a chance to explain and proceeds to fuck another girl on the couch of the house the MCs are sharing. But he's so sorry...and he never would've done it if he thought he had a chance with her...blah blah blah. Dude spent the entire book whining about how he wasn't good enough for her and wondering how he'd fuck it up...but he never manned up and actually tried to be the dude she deserved until the next to last chapter and once he'd fucked it up it was too late to redeem himself to me as a reader. He kept going on and on about being the brother that always fucked up but never actually grew up (at 25) to fix his shit. He had some deep seated emotional issues to be sure but the H i want to read is not the frat bro who thinks being in love makes him "whipped" and cheats because the h is "too good for him" its the guy who worships the ground the h walks on, who owns his feelings for her-wears them like a badge of fucking honor, who would never do anything to hurt her because its like hurting himself. This was not that hero. For what little it was worth to me at that point the h does make him earn her back which is usually a point of issue in romances for me, but i already didn't respect her and disliked her at that point so I didn't really care much anymore. h had her issues too but they didn't really factor into the story so a lot of her backstory seemed unnecessary. The sex scenes were for the most part pretty hot and i give kudos to her always bringing up the issue of safe sex. The writing was solid and there were plenty of little moments that had me giggling which was why this got an extra star...but the romance of it all...well it was absent for me. The ending also had a fatal flaw to me. In the end he acknowledges that he has a drinking problem but only goes to AA to win her back. I know from education and exp that's not how it works. You have to get help for you you can't use someone or something else as a crutch or the second the crutch slips even the slightest you end up back in the hole.

Bottom line: Though this book had its moments overall I could've found better ways to spend my time.

Addiction I can handle but cheating I cannot. The H was repulsive to me...he was often creepy and stalkerish. He said and did hurtful things to the h. For her part she wasn't much better. She strung a good guy along in an attempt to get over H and ended up cheating on the guy anyways. I guess these two deserve each other but that's not a romance in my book. Also don't let the blurb fool you this isn't a friends first romance they're dating the entire time they just refuse to admit it

Bwmurf says

Ok this will not be for everyone

This book had a lot of things in it that usually make a book off limits for me and honestly if there had been some reviews that clued me into that I wouldn't have read this. But that being said I'm glad I did. I have been in a real big book slump lately, going back and reading books I read before because I can't seem to get into any new ones. Well I didn't have that problem with this one. I've been up all night and just finished it, just in time to go to work.

So here's my take on it:

Macy and Blake hookup like a one night stand. Best sex of both their lives, but since they are now Godparents of Declan and Savannah's daughter they feel they need to stay just friends. Macy ends up needing a place to stay Blake offers his place, so she moves in. This whole time they are fighting their attraction for each other big time. But Macy knows Blake isn't willing to offer her more so she keeps turning him down when he wants to have sex. One night she turns him down he gets drunk and sleeps with a woman at their house. This hurts Macy of course but she realizes she has no reason to feel hurt and meets a man she starts dating. They date for a while and it's killing Blake to see her with someone else. Blakes dad dies, he is drunk when Macy finds him at home and he tells her. Then he tell her he wants her to pick him and not other guy, she does, they do it all night. Next day when he can't get her by text he calls and she is meeting guy she was dating for coffee, he hangs up goes to bar gets drunk and has sex with a girl on their couch she catches him. All hell breaks loose, she throws girl out by hair and proceeds to tell him she was not on date but telling guy she can't see him anymore. He looses it. Cops are called she leaves him. It takes awhile but he makes amends.

I like this book because it had me on a roller coaster of emotions. I felt Blake's feelings for Macy and when she caught him on couch with other woman I was sick to my stomach. Not just for Macy but for Blake cause I knew he loved her and his actions were going to tear him apart. Like I said I normally won't read a book with cheating or questionable cheating but this author made this work for me. It really hit me in the feels. Lol

Jo - *.★Reading Is My Bliss★.*** says**

3.5 stars

It would be fair to say that Macy is a 'nice' girl. She doesn't have a lot of experience with guys but she is not a virgin either. Her best friend Savannah takes her for a girls night out at a hot spot and this is where she meets Blake.

He is freaking gorgeous and like no other guy she has met before, he exudes sex - it's like pheromones are seeping out of his pores. He is the kind of guy you want to climb and hook your hammock to. He is way out of Macy's league but for some inexplicable reason, he is into her. So she lets him climb right in. She has never felt so sexy and wanton with a man before. She experiences the hottest night of her life.

This can never happen again however, once she realizes he is Savannah's boyfriend's brother, he is a player and they will be co-god parenting a baby. This decision did not make sense to me, I could not understand the reasoning behind this but it is what it is.

Macy and Blake definitely have the hots for each other, the attraction is constantly there. He knows he is not good enough for her, okay he wants to fuck her but nothing more than that. She prefers to be in a relationship so fuck buddies ain't gonna work for her either. Therefore, friendship is the only option. This is how they end up being flat mates. You can see where this is going right?

These two pretty much behave like a couple in a loving relationship, minus the sex part. However, neither of them can see it, let alone admit it to themselves. The attraction is there, in spades. In fact, most days they are on the cusp of bonking like rabbits, it is a fine line they walk.

Blake could be the perfect guy for Macy but he has many issues he needs to sort out. The best thing they could do for each other is just walk away and not look back but the heart pull between them is too strong to do that. Can these two get their shite together before they cause each other irreparable hurt?

Erin V says

They were playing a game that kept going around in circles. It got annoying after a while.
