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Cody Garrett, a former Navy SEAL, has never met a skirt he didn't fancy. His six-pack, rugged looks and bad boy image, ensures a steady stream of hot babes waiting to slip him their phone numbers wherever he goes.

So, he is confused when Bridie Barker refuses to go on a date with him. It's not like she's a stunning beauty or something. According to him, her ears are big, she's well-rounded and she's not even a 'd' cup.

In spite of her shortcomings, the more she pushes him away, the more he finds himself thinking of her.

Bridie Barker has control issues, every detail in her life is planned. Her closet is color-coded and she has an array of storage containers so that nothing is out of place. Her whole world is black and white and grey areas are a no-no. She prefers it that way, it keeps her focused and prevents her from becoming the crackhead her mother was.

When she meets the refined, yet warm and grounded Scott Garrett, she thinks she has found her soul mate. Unfortunately, and to her disappointment, things don't pan out with Scott.

While waiting tables, she has a disastrous run-in with his brother, the wild Cody Garrett, King of Body Shots and who parties every night with a different girl. Even though he's good to look at and makes her laugh, she turns down his advances as he's clearly the tag-and-release kind of guy, while she doesn't believe in one night stands, no matter how meaningful they are.

Besides, she is pretty sure he owns not a single storage container and she certain that his closet is not color-coded. Problem is, Cody Garrett won't take no for an answer.

My Brother, My Rival is a sexy, modern-day, drama-laden love story that will have you laughing, crying and gasping with disbelief, as the story unfolds.

## **My Brother, My Rival Details**

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# From Reader Review My Brother, My Rival for online ebook

**Rachel Billingham says**

Wow awesome

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**Jennifer Kyle says**

**3 ~ One too Many Body Shot Stars**

This story had A LOT of drama and is told in alternating pov of Bridie and Cody. This is NOT a love triangle but perhaps in the next book readers will have a hot love triangle.

I found that I grew tired of the drama and some repetitive phrases (MFF and body shots) by about 70 percent. The steam level was on the low side even though there are several sex scenes. (I blame Cody for not bringing his alpha-ness /tenderness in the bedroom enough. He was too bratty on the whole for my taste.)

I really liked the twist, the cliffhanger was good and some characters (Buster and Washington) are more likable than others.

Bridie lives with her foster siblings in the 'hood'. She meets Cody while waitressing and his brother Scott at her coffee shop job. She has a nice date with perfect Scott but never hears from him after. When a rowdy batch of Navy Seals cause her and her brother to lose their jobs she meets Cody. Cody is a wild playboy who is ADDICTED to body shots with random women.

Cody falls hard for Birdie but he is immature and of course their relationship hits ups and downs. \* Scott and Bridie never cross the line nor is it ever implied.\* When Cody goes to fair and his meddling mother has a hand in things Bridie and Cody's relationship takes a big hit. Scott swoops in to protect her and the cliffhanger ending was pretty interesting...

The sequel is due out tomorrow September 5, 2013. Happy reading...  
<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18...>

I'm hoping that Bridie and Scott can build a relationship but I haven't ruled Cody out just yet. I guess I may have felt bad for the body shot loving ass.

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**Christy says**

\*\*ARC\*\*

In this book we meet Bridie who is a young girl who grew up in the system and eventually found her forever home with a mixed group of kids. They are the only family she has and each one protects the other with their life. She was always told by her older sister that she needed to finish college and get out of the city they live in and do better than the others.

So when the man of her dreams is thrown in her face, she knows she has no time for a relationship. But after spilling coffee in his lap at work, she agrees to meet with him after her shift and they talk for hours. The conversation and comfort level with Scott is just so easy. They wind up exchanging numbers and she doesn't hear from him again.

Bridie is working with her brother Washington at the bar and one night a group of rowdy soldiers come in and she is regretting it from the first moment she realizes they are in her section. The group gets out of control and Bridie and her brother Washington wind up getting fired, only to have Cody who is apart of the group come up to her and apologize explaining he will fix things because it wasn't her fault. Bridie had no idea that at that moment Cody was formulating a plan to snag her for himself.

Cody is known around as the guy who has had many women. He has no plans to settle down with just one woman, and from the moment he saw Bridie, she became his new conquest. He wanted to sleep with her and knew he was going to have to lie to do so. Cody set out to get his claws into Bridie and he was not taking NO for an answer.

Bridie finally agreed to go out with Cody and it was like instant chemistry to her. She knew she had to keep him a secret to her family because her siblings would not be happy with her dating. When Cody dropped her off that first night, he oldest brother came out of the house and they got into a fight. It was there that he started to earn the respect of her family. Since he was already in life waste deep he winded up diving in headfirst to see where he could take it.

Cody decided to take Bridie to his house one day to meet his family and they accepted her with open arms until his mom realized she came from the ghetto. No matter how much she tried to pull away from Cody, he kept reeling her in with another reason she should be with him. One day while at his house for a luncheon, she is meeting his siblings. She has no idea who this Scott is that everyone keeps speaking so highly of until HER Scott walks in the door. The one who never called her.

The story continues through the trials and tribulations of their relationship and when things start to wrap up in the end, I will guarantee you don't see what is to come happening while you are reading. This book was all over the place with the feelings and back and forth. I felt bad for Bridie and how Cody's family was treating her and making a mockery out of her. I wanted to knock them out more than once. And I loved the close family dynamic that Bridie had with her siblings. I will definitely be getting Book 2 in the series soon.

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### **Tina Williams says**

My Brother, My Rival, comprising two books, is a modern day love story with larger than life, no holds barred characters and plot lines, told in the author Eve Rabi's indomitable style. Both the reader and the characters are put through their paces in an emotional boot camp, examining the tensions between romantic love and familial love when two brothers fall for the same woman. It is yet another addictive read!

In *My Brother My Rival*, Bridie, a young woman meets the man of her dreams, a charming and handsome man called Scott, who serves in the military. Cupid seems to be smiling as Bridie and Scott go on a date and are equally smitten. However, afterwards, to Bridie's disappointment, he does not call. Our heroine then catches the eye of a cheeky bad boy, Cody, a love'em and leave'em type, who frequents the bar where she works. Cody won't take no for an answer and Bridie agrees to date him, resolving to guard her heart. However, it's not long before both fall for each other. Imagine Bridie's (not to mention everyone else's) surprise when on her first visit to Cody's parents, it transpires that Cody's brother is none other than Scott, the man she met at the bar. Scott had big plans to marry Bridie and did not return her call as he had been sent abroad on a mission and could not get a signal on his cell phone.

The tale that transpires is a fast paced, roller coaster ride containing humour, heartbreak, fun times, sad times, jealousy, deception, misunderstandings and violence, but also a heavy dose of romance and passion, before the tale resolves itself. The story is told in a plot which will have you laughing one minute and crying the next. How will this complex love triangle resolve itself? Who will Bridie choose? Will it be the right choice? How will the brothers and their family react as Bridie has come between the brothers? Will the war in Iraq affect her relationships with the brothers? I had no idea where the plot was going next or how it would conclude as it had so many twists and turns. I will not reveal any more as further revelations will spoil the plot. Suffice to say that as usual this is no tame boy meets girl romance. Eve's larger than life characters deal with big issues, many of them topical in today's society.

The three central characters, Bridie, Cody and Scott are fantastically well drawn. Bridie is hard working and devoted to her family, who are from the Hood, in contrast with Scott and Cody, who have middle class origins. This dichotomy makes for some hilarious scenes when the two families meet throughout the novel. Bridie is shocked when she realises that Cody and Scott are brothers and I really felt for her as she tries to do her best in an increasingly impossible and complex situation. Bridie likes to be in control, but she is anything but as the plot unfolds.

The brothers are so different to each other. Cody is the archetypal loveable bad boy who up until now likes to play the field and have a good time. He is attracted to Bridie big time, as she is like no girl he has ever met before, and has a lot of growing up to do in the course of the novel which spans five years plus. Scott is a much more responsible individual and is equally attracted to Bridie. He is very protective of her and wants to do right by her. Both brothers want Bridie for themselves, which provides the main tension in the plot.

There is a great supporting cast, the main ones being Scott and Cody's parents, in particular their socialite mother, Stephanie and their sister Jenna and Bridie's family, a collection of loveable and kooky individuals, who, as Bridie was, were all adopted. These characters all add depth to the plot and help drive it forward. The fact that the tale is told in chapters which alternate between Bridie and Cody's POV also adds a lot more intensity to the novel. There are many love making scenes, some humorous, some passionate and sexy and others poignant.

I recommend *My Brother My Rival* to adult readers who like to read intense, sexy and entertaining contemporary romance/chick lit novels which examine the full range of human emotions.

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**Eve Rabi says**

## REVIEWS:

“What a sexy book. Loved every minute of it!”

“I’ve just finished part one with tears falling from my eyes. How do you do it?”

“Loved it!”

“I couldn't put the book down.”

“Reading this book pulled at all my emotions, moments of smiling... laughing and tears.”

“...a nice, fast paced, emotional read.”

“...if this book doesn't make 5 stars then people don't know what a bloody good book is. My only complaint is I didn't want it to end!!!”

“This book is awesome.”

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### °BeautiLovve says

So, so funny.....

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### Joy says

I love the characters she creates , they draw you into the book and won't let you go till your thru reading the book. Eve 's books leave you wanting to read more about the characters. I can't wait to read book 2 !!!

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### Bennita says

Another hit by Eve Rabi.

Cody was your typical party boy - always up for a body shot or one night stand. He was hot and he knew it and didn't apologize for his cockiness. He got what and who he wanted when he wanted it.

Bridie was an old fashioned girl. No sex unless her man loved her and taking things slow was more her style. She was nothing like the girls Cody usually brought home, and that's what made her desirable to him. She was everything he couldn't have.

Cody's sense of humor made his cockiness bearable and hilarious even and although Bridie was more reserved, her sharp tongue and quick wit made Cody pause. He finally met his match. Cody's unconventional ways of trying to impress Bridie had me cracking up. He was spontaneous and crazy, but just what the

reserved, organized Bridie needed. Although Bridie was intimidated by Cody, she took a chance and fell for him. Cody wanted to protect her from all of the bad things that life dealt her. She was the one he wanted forever with. Bridie's self doubt kept her from truly believing that someone like Cody could ever want her, which provoked her jealousy and caused a lot of conflict in their relationship, along with Cody's immaturity. Not only did Bridie have to deal with Cody's judgmental, conniving, bitch of a mother, but she also had to withstand his sarcastic, outspoken sister who was oh so eager to insult Bridie every chance she got.

Cody and Bridie were both young and had some growing up to do and even though they were so different, they were so perfect for each other. Because Bridie was the first woman to ever make an impression on Cody, he wasn't sure how to handle the situation. His lack of maturity and inexperience with relationships led him to lose everything.

The characters in this book were amazing and fun and the drama and emotion kept me flipping pages.

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### **A. Cook says**

Darn good start. Didn't put it down until I finished. What an excellent find.

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### **We like it big book blog says**

Wow...I loved this book!! It was entertaining & a fast read !! Could not put it down!!

Where to start...

Bridie is a 21 year woman...working as a cocktail waitress at a club called shot down... she has 4 adopted siblings. Washington her brother is a bartender at the same bar Bridie works at and a gigolo , Buster her other brother is the unofficial sheriff of their neighborhood. He takes care of things when something goes wrong in the neighborhood & he works a bunch of odd jobs, Lola her sister is a stripper and loves her feather boas, Khatija her other sister is a drug counselor... & doesn't take shit from anybody!

Bridie is the baby in the family. & they all have something in common...their past...they all had parents that were into drugs & treated them badly. They are a tight knit family. Always looking out for each other.

Cody On the other hand grew up with money. He was a former navy seal... works only special missions & Has an aviation company with his father. His parents are still married & he has a brother Scott a navy Seal..& sister Jenna that works as a NCIS.



Cody first met Bridie at the club she works at as a cocktail waitress. Things get out of hand & Bridie ends up fired.

The next day Bridie was working at her other job & meets a very Handsome and charming man Scott. They hit it off & he tells her that he will call her... She never hears back from him.

Cody gets Bridie her job back at the club & charms his way into her heart!

They have a very up & down relationship.

When things are good for them they are good...but when things go bad..they are bad!!

I felt that Cody Was a immature player. He took Bridie for granted!

I didn't like some of the things he said to her like...

"Now, that's better," he said between kisses "don't you feel better now that you surrender to me? huh? Don't you? huh?"

He was an ass... & I really liked when Bridie was pissed at him... She didn't take to much of his shit! She told him what she didn't like!!!!

& I can't tell you how much I loved her for standing up for herself!!!... I just hate reading these books where the girl is a damn doormat & never opens her mouth!!!

She made him work for it!!

Cody's family... Well, mostly his mom could not stand Bridie at all... Once she found out that Bridie was adopted...she never gave her a chance. That was a big problem in their relationship...

I felt Cody never stepped up & confronted his mom about it! He basically left it on Bridie lap to deal with... Which I did not like.

When Cody found out that Bridie new his brother Scott...he Was definitely shocked and jealous...

I felt like Bridie gave it her all & Cody just wasn't all in at times... Especially when he drinks (BODY SHOTS!!).

“I’m gonna make mistakes and do the wrong things sometimes, ‘cos I’m a dumbass,” he said “I’m going to piss you off at times because...because I hate confrontation and my family... they’re always out of line. I just may not tell them to fuck off Then and all the time, but you have my permission to tell them off. Whatever you say it’s okay by me”

Man....was Cody’s mom evil... I wanted to drop kick her!!...

I thought Bridie would have said something to her since she was not taking any shit from her..but she never did..really...she felt it was Cody’s place to talk to his mom & stick up for her.

Even though Cody was a dumbass and kind of a caveman...I truly felt he loved Bridie...he showed it to her all the time...I just didn’t like how he said it to her sometimes!!..

“You’re such a bitch, you know that? you refuse to date me, you make me fight for you, then you ditch me a party, then you won’t let me fuck you and you got me chasing after you like this. you’re fucking with my headspace, Bridie”

ughhhh.....yeah...lol

Towards the end.. Their were some serious miscommunication and some heartbreak. That I thought could have been avoided...I did not agree how Bridie handled certain things...& I felt things got way out of hand... Also too I really did not like what Cody did to Bridie in a certain part in the book!!!!...I’m not going to say what part...but that went to far...I didn’t like that at all...

At the end of this book....It was left with a little cliffhanger...nothing to bad where your ready to throw your kindle at the wall!!!

I can’t wait to read Book 2 coming out on Sept 5!!

I would definitely recommend this book to other people!!!

\*\*I was given this book by the author for an honest review...\*\*

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## **Diane says**

First let me say that I am an avid reader. As such, lately the books I have been reading tend to just blend together. However, this book was so different than the others. It is written with such flare that it stands out

and I will be remembering the characters and the story line for a very long time. Eve Rabi has managed to create characters so real and a story so believable and with such style that I found myself laughing, crying and feeling anxious throughout the book. This was my first book that I have read by this author and it will not be the last as this author has quickly shot up to one of my 5 best authors and believe me that is quite an accomplishment if you were to see how many books a month I purchase from Amazon. That's right WHOOSH - straight up to the TOP 5!!

So...on to the story description. We start out with Bridie who has some issues as can be expected from a gal who grew up on the wrong side of the tracks so to speak. She had a crackhead mama but at an early age was adopted in to a mix match family of brothers and sisters with equally sad and interesting family issues. These brothers and sisters, along with her friends in the "hood" are her backbone and you just love them right along with Bridie. Almost makes me want to move to the "hood".

Then you bring Scott (a Navy Seal) in to the picture. He is a HOTTIE - of course he is a Navy Seal and who doesn't love a Navy Seal - right? Scott is everything Bridie is looking for in a man. He is Hot (can't stress that enough), and a true gentleman. For Scott, it is true love at first sight. But for reasons I won't go in to (read the book), Scott doesn't contact Bridie after that first date. So what's a girl to do...move on, right?

So Bridie does move on to Cody. Oh now Cody is a HOTTIE too and also a Navy Seal. But Cody is everything that Bridie has been avoiding her entire life. He does not fit in to her life plan. Cody is immature, a man whore, a party guy ... you get the picture. But oh can this guy make Bridie's bones turn to jello. Thing about Cody though is that he has never been turned down by a female before. I mean how dare she (Bridie) think of turning him down. That makes him even more determined.

Things get even more interesting when you get Cody's family involved. They are the ultimate hoity toity richie snobs and ...well just not nice (especially the queen mum). They are not too fond of Cody's new gal from the hood nor her extended family. Then (spoler here)..remember Hottie Scott? Turns out that he is Cody's brother!! Oh WOW!!

The only issue I have with this book is that Eve may want to speak with her editing staff because there were areas in the book with typos, grammar errors, etc. However, this in absolutely no way had an effect on my enjoyment of the book so in my opinion this book hands down warrants a 5 star rating.

Sorry for long winded review... Summary: here is a book that kept me up until 3:00AM because I had to finish it. Could not put it away until I found out the outcome. Can not wait to read Book 2 in this series.

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### **Nikkia says**

This book, just like all the other Eve Rabi books that I've read, was impossible to put down. It was funny, sexy, heartwarming, and an all around great read! I can't wait for the second book!!

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### **Taylor Maeva says**

LAUGH, CRY & HATE

Love, Hate, Obsession, Tragedy, Humor, Family, Action, and a whole lot of wtf just happened moments...

If you are looking for a typical romance story filled with devotion and heart-felt moments, provided with undying love— yeah, keep looking.

But if you are looking for a book written by Eve Rabi, with a filling of screwed up moments, hilarious and outrageous characters dealing with 'effed' up situations, then look no further.

My Brother, My Rival will leave you laughing with tears streaming down your face, crying with snots running out your nose and angry with words such as 'What the fu\*\*?' repeated out of your mouth. In all honesty this story is effed up—but that's the best part of it. Rabi's style of writing is what most people look for—not typical—and I mean who needs that when you can have an emotional rollercoaster!

Birdie Barker is the main character who I honestly loved and hated throughout the series, I loved her for her devotion to her family, not taking sh\*\* from anyone and that she can stick up for herself, but also for her gentle heart and how she easily cares for everyone. Hated her for her making (in my opinion) the wrong decisions, and how she couldn't control her feeling and emotions. But that's humanity.

Cody Garrett, the alpha male who I admire for his determination and silliness—a character who has made me laugh from time to time—but who has also made me made for his hypocrite ways which even must I admit was also funny, all in all Cody is a beautiful character who I loved to hate.

Then there was Scott Garrett, the Brother, the Rival and like his brother the alpha male. I don't think I have anything negative to say about this particular character except STOP BEING SO NICE!!! Scott was the dream man, the gentle man who never wanted to disappoint, in no doubt made wrong choices at but his intention was for good. I couldn't hate Scott, even through mistakes he made me angry—and even I thought he was a bit of a psycho at one point—I loved him.

Then there are the other characters such as protective siblings, snobby mothers with serious issues, creepy yet funny neighbours and my number one favourite character out of the whole book Jenna Garrett! Have yourself read something that will make you laugh, cry and hat-- I didnt want it to end.

Overall another great read from Eve Rabi, who has not disappointed me yet.

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### **Karinoso says**

Ok..ok..I rarely give 5 stars and was very very very close to give 4, BUT I really really felt... revived is a good word. I read a lot and found myself in a bit of a "rut" you could say. I was not feeling really into the books I had been reading and just needed something new. I will be honest. I was sceptical about this book being that I have never read one of her books. I was not disappointed at all. I enjoyed this read and was looking for the next book as soon as I could find it! Her style of writing is very good. She hooks you and takes you on a journey with these characters. They are not perfect, but I was mad and happy and frustrated and sad. All of course a good combination. I would definitely recommend this book and author. Read and you will not be able to put it down. I enjoyed these books and was not let in the end either!!

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### **Celina says**

I can just tell by the cover and title that this book is going to be the next best thing. Obviously there is drama, extreme drama. Romance to the max. And just plan o'Eve Rabi-ness. From the beginning to the end you are completely like, " wow not what I expected to happen". That's how I felt at the end if this book. This is yet another one of my many favorites from Eve Rabi and I hope she never stops. She is an amazing writer that I

enjoy completely. I can't wait to get my hands on book#2 and enjoy it just as much as I did the first.

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