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Gangs are taking over the hallways of Lowell High School. Desperate to save her alma mater, English teacher Kelly Finch reaches out to at-risk students in an effort to steer them from more dangerous pursuits. Still, gang activity is rising and when the superintendent seeks help from an undercover task force, Kelly is forced to play host to the most arrogant, infuriating, sexy man she's ever met—Lt. Jared McNally.

The opinionated pair clash constantly, especially when Mac sets his sights on Kelly's favorite student. As the intensity of the mission grows, so does their attraction, leading to an erotic "punishment" for Kelly when she consistently disregards her own safety.

But the stubborn beauty's devotion to her students continues to bring her closer to the escalating gang violence. If Mac can keep her safe long enough, she'll definitely need a few more sensual, covert lessons.

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Lenore Kosinski says

OK, so I thoroughly enjoy Mari Carr's novels and novellas...especially the spiciness. However, this one fell short for me. Strangely enough, it scored this high because of the plot, not the erotica. I loved the gang plot and it was suspenseful and enjoyable. I don't know what it was about Mac and Kelly that didn't work for me... I know I found some of the dialogue to be reminiscent of a cheesy porn (which again, is so strange b/c I don't usually feel that way in Ms. Carr's books). It just ...i don't know....they had good chemistry...but it felt forced at the same time. *sigh* OH well. They can't all be winners.

Lisa Survillas says

I like that this series has a bit of suspense in the storyline. I loved Kelly and Mac. Their fighting was hilarious. Their chemistry was contagious! Onto the next book in the series!

Cyn Mistress Kitty says

This has been my favorite so far of Mari Carr's books. A definite 5+ and a keeper. Since I am a retired teacher, I loved that the heroine is a high school teacher who is trying to help at risk students.

Jane (PS) says

More 3.5 stars.

I enjoyed this but I felt the relationship started too fast to be believable. It was all just a bit contradictory for me. But the action and plot is steamy!

Julie says

This has to be one of the worst books I've struggled through. I won't summarize the plot again; the product description above does a decent enough job of that. So why did this book suck?

First, the writing is clumsy and amateurish. The author almost completely avoids the use of "said" as a dialogue tag, choosing instead to use "grumbled", "admitted", "argued", "teased", etc. This is a beginning writer's mistake and leads to some hilarious-sounding prose. We are also treated to the POV character repeatedly making unlikely inferences about what others are thinking and to being told something in the narrative only to then have a character say something that imparts the exact same information. Some of the dialogue is also horribly stilted. I initially put this book down after about 15 pages because the writing was so bad.

Second, Mac is unlikable. He immediately starts acting like an arrogant Type A jerk, telling the heroine what she can and cannot do, yelling at her, grabbing her butt, and kissing her. Then he asks her out for dinner. Remember now, he supposed to be in the middle of an investigation and he's getting sidetracked lusting after the heroine.

At one point, he sees Kelly get shoved trying to break up a fight between two students and he "fought the urge to pound his fists against the boy's face." A cop -- who routinely deals with violence like this -- gets so angry that he has a hard time *not* pounding on a 15 year old kid? A kid? Later Mac spanks Kelly because he told her she wasn't allowed to break up fights anymore and she disregarded him...because, of course, Mac has the right to dictate to someone he just met how she should live her life and to treat her like a child if she thinks for herself. Yeah, pretty condescending.

I have to admit that Mac's infuriating reactions are a pet peeve of mine - heroes who are used to violence almost losing control when minor violence is done to the heroine. It's unrealistic. It's unattractive. And this is not the only time he has this reaction.

Bad writing, unlikable hero. One star.

Kristy says

review coming soon

MLOW says

I got this as part of the Steam collection
