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I want you to lose yourself. I want you to lose your mind. Anything else is an insult to my manhood.

Television journalist Chelsea Maxwell has done it. She's secured a prime-time TV interview that will be watched by millions. But none of those viewers will see beyond the carefully cultivated facade she's built to hide her dark past. So why do one man's eyes make her feel naked and powerless in their gaze?

Alex Diaz has built a global media empire from the ground up and is renowned for shedding a woman's clothes in seconds. He wants something from Chelsea, and it's not just access to her exclusive TV interview!

Will Chelsea relinquish her hard-won control and surrender to desire? One thing's for sure - it'll be a hell of a show!

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Desere says

Hold on to your hats ladies the third and final part of the brilliant beyond words Fifth Avenue series is here and it's a humdinger!

This time we meet Alex Diaz, ruthlessly determined on each and every level of life. He has risen up from his deprived roots to become the head of a global medial empire. He has one last piece to achieve, he needs to avenge his friend by destroying the man responsible for her death and it's no one other than our bad guy from the previous two books Mr I destroy lives Jason Treffen.

And he has the perfect plan to bring Jason down, talk show host Chelsea Maxwell is about to interview Jason on life TV! He'll use the chance to extract a very public revenge and seducing Chelsea, if it's needed, would be no hardship, the woman is after all sending his hormones into orbit like no other before.

But Alex soon learns that he has underestimated the attraction between them, and as their relationship deepens Alex starts to realize that to annihilate Jason could also shatter the life Chelsea has worked so hard to build in order to protect herself. Will Alex choose revenge over the woman he's come to love or will he stand by and watch his life crumble when Jason meets his end?

I am huge, huge HUGE Kate Hewitt fan and I have always loved her books, so of course I was totally over the moon when I first heard about this series and saw that her name was under the authors contributing.

She has a unique special way of taking two characters and bringing them to life so vividly it completely blows me away each and every time, and afterwards I have to find a way to come back down to earth.

In this the final part of the Fifth Avenue series she did so once again and unlike the first two books in this series, which I will tell you were both brilliant, Kate Hewitt brought me to tears. I felt sad for some of the other characters in the previous two books but with the character of Alex and Chelsea I was so sad about their past I bawled my eyes out, which is always a sign that a book is super awesome!

Alex is just like Hunter and Austin from book one and two, wants revenge but unlike Austin and Hunter's who's part in the revenge against Jason Treffen went more smoothly, Alex has it so much harder and because his past was a terrible one it makes him the hero from this series I most wanted to just hold and tell him it will all be okay.

Chelsea was also a character that had me wanting to say "Hang on girlfriend, let me try to help you" because once you know her secrets you will understand that even if you had never met this woman you would want to help her within only a few minutes of knowing her past. And I will add the author had me on a rollercoaster of emotions because our darling heroine keeps her secrets to herself right up till almost the very end.

The ending of this book was WOW just WOW! It slotted in perfectly with the previous two books with such perfection it had me gasping for air. The sexual heat level was a little less than that of the previous two books but this was not a bad thing at all, Alex and Chelsea's level of attraction is in a whole other realm, almost softer and more about understanding each other.

I would have expected Alex to be more aggressive than Hunter and more of a erotic master than Austin because his life has been so much harder yet Kate Hewitt created a harsh sounding man with depths of softness I did not see coming, and it could not have been more perfect!

I highly recommend this book for everyone who as myself is simply addicted to Kate Hewitt's books. She has once again shown just why she is one of the world's best selling authors.

An added note, the book is not to be read before you have read the first two, not because the story of Alex and Chelsea is not remarkable as a stand alone on it's own for it truly is, but if you really want to understand the entire mystery and secrets that bring these people together to fight for justice then do so from the very start, you'll thank me for it!

5/5 star review

" Exposing the truth get's more complicated then ever before"

Dee says

I had a few minor niggles but overall thought it was a great end to the trilogy. Really wanted an epilogue for sometime in the future, around 6 months or so giving us a glimpse of how the couples were getting on and the ramifications for Jason Treffen....Would really like the 3 authors to consider doing stories for some of the other characters we met, especially about Chelsea's sister Louise.

Full review to come closer to publication date.

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Jessica Alcazar says

I've decided to do this review as a full series review because the individual books did not give me so much problems as the series as a whole.

My biggest problem with the trilogy (but not really a trilogy is it, because there are 4 books to the whole story) is that it was SO anti-climatic by the end, I was almost sorry I spent the better part of a week invested in it. These books have an underlining theme ... to avenge the death of their friend. And each individual book, the hero takes a part in this 'take-down'. But when you finish with book four, you don't get to LIVE any of what happens to the man responsible for their friend's death. You have to assume that he is 'destroyed' and I have a very hard time with that. Why you ask....because this man is a gazillionaire with connections so powerful that even I had trouble believing he would really pay for Sarah's (friend in question) death! As a matter a fact, the next to last paragraph on the Expose Me (book #4) actually states "They were both talking about Treffen and what would happen next" (Treffen being the psycho gazillionaire responsible for Sarah's death) and i'm all like WAIT WAIT WAIT, I don't get to know? Are you kidding me?!?!

The other problem I had with the series as a whole was that Sydney and Travis (from Take Me) were dropped from the stories as soon as their short story ended. Sydney was Sarah's best friend and Travis was the one that got 'the letter' first with the suspicions and accusations about Treffen. Yet not one single appearance by them in any of the 'trilogy'. That was odd to me.

Now on to what was good :)

Take Me (book .5): very good set up for the 'suspense' of the trilogy. it was short, yes, but because sydney and travis had been friends since childhood, there really was no need for relationship development. the story was perfect as it was.

Avenge Me (book 1): Austin (Treffen's son and good friend of Sarah's) is our hero and Katy (Sarah's sister) is our heroine. Neither knows about the who the other is and when they meet, the chemistry is explosive. Austin has been estranged from his father for the last 10 years (since Sarah's death) not because he knew of his father's involvement, but more because he had suspicions and it made him sick. Katy (after a long struggle to get her life in order), has been trying to get dirt on Treffen for a while. After the two meet and put their suspicions together, Austin decides his role in the take down of his father will be to help his mother divorce his father and take him for all he's got. That is the gist of book one. But there is a whole lot of story in between that I am obviously not sharing because then why buy the book, right?! :)

Scandalize Me (book 2): Hunter (Sarah's ex boyfriend and good friend) is our hero and Zoe (another of Treffen's victims) is our heroine. Zoe is a PR agent and Hunter is a washed out ex-football player and gazillionaire himself. Zoe seeks out Hunter as a client because she knows of his past relationship with Sarah and wants to use him to take down Treffen. Little do they BOTH know that they have that common goal even before they meet. And so as they build their very explosive relationship (scorching hot) they plot together...Aaaaand that's enough detail from me lol If you want more, read the book....it's worth it!

Expose Me (book 3): Alex (Sarah's good friend and head of a global media empire) is our hero and Chelsea (famous talk-show host) is our heroine. Chelsea host a very popular daytime TV talk-show and has Treffen on her schedule to be interviewed live on her show. When Alex's finds out, he seeks her out in order to convince her to use her interview as the last nail in Treffen's coffin and out him on live television. These two have even more explosive chemistry than any other couple in this series! Good Lord, I was glued to every page! Chelsea's back story was SO heart-wrenching and poor Alex's reactions were just so typical for a man, you just can't help but feel sorry for him! This was by far my favorite book of the trilogy, with Scandalize Me coming a very close second!

Even tho I had a HUGE problem with how the take-down of Jason Treffen ended, all these books rate very high in their individual romantic stories!

Jonel Boyko says

Hewitt develops the world surrounding her characters in exquisite detail. She does assume that readers have read the past instalments in the series but it is also a complete story in and of itself. When this series started it was fantastic, but now I'm finding it to be rather formulaic. Don't get me wrong, this was an enjoyable read but very little new happens. I found that the overall plot of this series got lost in this novel. It did, however, reappear with a vengeance right at the end.

The main character is way too worried about what he wants while the female lead is obsessed with what she should and shouldn't do. The male lead was rather aggravating at times. He seemed to think the world should just bend for him. Yes, he's there for those that matter to him but sometimes he just made me want to ram my head into the wall. The secrecy is astounding.

As a whole this was a fluffy, enjoyable read with just enough to keep you on your toes. It did leave me wondering what happens to Treffen, but I'm sure we'll find out eventually.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Curlye says

Pretty good! I loved this couple

Franjessca says

Review posted Book Lovin' Mamas

The last book to the Fifth Avenue Trilogy and it definitely went out with a literal BANG. I was entranced with this story the minute I started reading it because I always love when an explosive revenge story comes to an epic ending. Kate Hewitt concluded this trilogy with an amazing ending to Austin, Hunter, and Alex's revenge against Jason Treffen. Holy moly!!! That ending!!! I literally was smiling ear to ear after I finished reading this book.

If you haven't read the first books in the trilogy...I highly recommend you do. You will need to read each book in order to get the full effect of what these 3 men had up their sleeve to bring down such an evil, shady man, such as Jason Treffen.

In Expose Me, we get to read what Alex has up his sleeve on bringing Jason down and I have to say he had it the hardest. He had to get someone on board that thought highly of Jason. She definitely was going to give Alex the run around. Alex is determined for her to see who Jason really is though. Chelsea is famous for her talk show that she does, to expose celebrities for what they have done and break them down literally on the show. She is what you would consider cold-hearted. She does it to get the ratings and that is what the people want that watch her show. Although, Chelsea has her own hidden secrets that no one knows about...not even her closest friends. She has her reasons on keeping those secrets. She doesn't trust people at first and when Alex approaches her with something she really can't believe, she makes him go through the ringer to prove to her the truth. She needs actual proof of what Jason has done, not just what Alex has already shown her. Alex is not ready to trust her yet, and I can definitely understand why he couldn't.

I don't want to give too much away because this is the ending of such a great trilogy. I loved Alex's character because he was very straightforward, except with when it came to spilling things he didn't want to just anyone. He had a hard life from the beginning, but he made up for it growing up. He also took it the hardest out of all the 3 guys, when it came to what happened to Sarah. I literally wanted to hug him in the book. Out of all the male characters in the trilogy, Alex was my favorite. Chelsea had her own demons she was battling and I was a little confused with her at first. Let's just say...she kept those secrets hidden until the very end. After she confesses, I wanted to hug her as well. She did a spectacular job...or should I say Kate Hewitt did a spectacular job on having Chelsea play a role in taking Jason down. Kate created two characters that were really similar and I didn't think I would like them at first, but I ended up adoring these two out of the other couples in the previous books.

BUT...I can't say it enough..I LOVED the ending to this book. Yup...my favorite part was my ending. =>

I give this book 4.5 moons and highly recommend it to readers out there that enjoy reading contemporary romance with revenge as the main theme to the story. If you are a fan of the show Revenge, you will enjoy

ALL 3 of these books.

I received a complimentary copy of the book for the blog tour (from Meryl L. Moss Media Relations, Inc.) in exchange for an honest review.

Aisha Oaktree says

Originally Reviewed on The Bewitching Bibliophile

So I went to the bookstore and they said it wasn't due out until July 29th and I almost cried, but I understood. I went home and just hung my head for like three days, then went back and it was out and I freaked, snatched the book ran to the register and went home, I finished it that same night. (funny aside as soon as I finished reading it, I get an email from NetGalley saying Harlequin approved me for the title, well played Harlequin well played). Now onto the review..

This story is just as emotional as the others. Even more so, because they hide so much from themselves and from each other. In this one both of the characters are so deeply wounded and damaged it makes them guarded and afraid to meet someone without outing up barriers. Alex's suspicions about his past really make him very guarded and I can totally understand why, that's gotta hurt.

Alec is blown away by Chelsea when he realizes that the rumors don't do her justice nor do they disclose the clever and sharp mind hiding beneath the beautiful and cool smile. Chelsea is a complex and wounded character who at first appears one way but as the story unfolds we learn more about her hidden depths, her fears, and her reasons for having her walls. Her past is brutal but she rose above the fray and excelled in a way no one thought she would.

As we learn more and are introduced to more characters I wanted to learn more about them, and their journeys that brought them here. Her sister appears to be a complex and nuanced character that I wish we had gotten more of because she also helped to make Chelsea who she was. I wanted to know who she had become, where she had been and what put the ghosts in her eyes. Zair was mentioned in all three books and now I want more from him.

As the book progressed I laughed, teared up a bit, got furious with things that were happening and wanted so much more. On page 209 I laughed because Kate's Britishness peaked through when she called the bandages "sticking plaster" Then of course when Chelsea meets Alex's mom and she cuts right to the heart of the situation I was floored, Holy Crap, I love her!!

I love that they are both in unknown territory and that's it's not just the girl wanting this to work that they are both vested and emotional. I loved how they learnt to both trust and use each other, that the plan hinged on Chelsea being willing to accept the truth, that she be willing to not just stand up for self but also for a young woman too wounded to fight anymore. I loved watching the unfurling of Chelsea as a woman, and as a survivor, instead of hiding she embraced herself once again and lived!!!

The book is extremely well written, especially because it didn't give a perfect happy ending. There is still more to be done, But it gave us the full story we had been working towards. Those last few moments as they worked towards that justice were pretty freaking tense, I was speed reading trying to get to the end so I could see how it went down and it was epic!! Man I really felt like I was there in the room when it happened. Ain't

no spinning this story now jackass (yes I'm talking to the villain). I loved that even though it appeared like it was the men who were bringing the revenge that each story hinged on the courage of the women they met and their decision to seek justice, to stand up, and to speak for all the women who couldn't.

The saddest part about these books of course is knowing that there are women in these situations. That they are actually women who are living with this horror daily. They don't have someone like Chelsea/Alex or Katy/Austin or Zoe/Hunter to avenge them and that's the worse part.

★★★★★

While I would have loved an epilogue, I get that there wouldn't have been a way to end it that would satisfy everyone. In reality these things sometimes take years especially if the villain has money to hide behind. But I can imagine the justice I want and that's an even better ending!! I highly recommend the series. Have you read them?? What do you think of the subject matter? I must say I'm happy that romance novels are finally talking about more than just them meeting and falling in love, even though I love those kinds of stories too. Leave it in the comments!!

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★¾! **Expose Me, book 3 of 3. Trilogy follows three friends in their quest to avenge the death of a friend!**

Books in trilogy should be read in order:

Book 1: Avenge Me

Book 2: Scandalize Me

Book 3: Expose Me

I read this while on vacation and never got a chance to post a proper review:

*Books in The **Fifth Avenue trilogy** are written by a different authors. Series follows three friends, **Austin (book 1), Hunter (book 2) and Alex (book 3)** in their quest for vengeance. **Each book has a HEA** with the hero and heroine carrying out their part in the revenge against the **villain who appears in all three books.***

Expose Me (book 3) is media mogul **Alex Diaz's** story. With both of his friends in happy matrimony the **last leg of the revenge** against the villain, Jason Treffen is to be carried out by him. Alex has the **perfect plan** which includes **seducing** talk-show host **Chelsea Maxwell.**

But that proves more complicated when **feelings** enter the picture. The story goes on to follow them as Alex is juggling their budding romance and his mission of vengeance. It's a story about **making peace** with one's past and **open the heart up to happiness.**

Hero rating: 4 stars

Heroine rating: 3.5 stars

Sexual tension rating: 3.5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 3.5 stars

Plot rating: 4 stars

Dialogue rating: 3.5 stars

Storytelling rating: 4 stars

Story ending rating: 4 stars

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): N/A

Overall rating: 3.75 stars

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Michelle (Undeniably Book Nerdy) says

My favorite in the series. It was much darker than the other two previous books in the series. I really like how the author developed the heroine's character in this one--she was much more fascinating than the hero. Full review to come.

Full Review (originally posted on Michelle & Leslie's Book Picks):

Like I said in my review of *Avenge Me* (book 1) and my review of *Scandalize Me* (book 2), I really like the concept of the Fifth Avenue series: three friends come together to bring about the downfall of Jason Treffen, a wealthy, successful New York City lawyer and well-known women's advocate. But beneath his glittering public image lies a manipulative, evil man who runs a prostitution ring by blackmailing young women under his employ and was responsible for the suicide of their friend Sarah Michaels. Each book will be written by a different author, which kind of adds a unique spin on the series, and I'm curious to see how the continuity of the books will work out.

In *Expose Me* it was Alex Diaz's turn to bring down Jason Treffen. Alex felt a special kinship to Sarah because they both grew up poor and, like Austin and Hunter in the previous books, Alex felt tremendous guilt over Sarah's suicide because he failed to see the signs that she was in trouble before she jumped to her death. Alex's revenge was to expose Treffen's evil to the world via national television. Treffen was set to appear on popular talk show host Chelsea Maxwell's show for an interview and Alex planned to use Chelsea to achieve the final step to bring Treffen down. But Chelsea did not make it easy for Alex.

Like everyone else, Chelsea thought very highly of Treffen and the interview with him could propel Chelsea's career to the next level. She was not willing to jeopardize the career she had worked so hard for and just take Alex at his word without solid proof. But Alex was not sure he could trust Chelsea despite the growing spark between them.

Both Alex and Chelsea had dark secrets, but we've kinda of seen Alex's character before in the previous heroes in the series. His guilt, his feeling that he failed Sarah was nothing new. The character that really stuck out for me in *Expose Me* was Chelsea. She was a fascinating character to get to know. She had a lot of secrets, issues to work through and was very broken beneath her facade of a glamorous talk show host known for getting celebrities to spill their guts and literally break down on her pink couch.

If I had to pick a favorite book in this series as a whole, it'd be Scandalize Me but if I had to pick a favorite character it'd be Chelsea Maxwell. As we learned about her past and what she did and what she went through to get to where she was--there were parts where I cringed. I don't want to reveal too much about Chelsea because it may spoil the book for you but I really like how the author developed Chelsea's character and how she grew in the novel. The development of Chelsea and Alex's relationship and the romance was still a big part of course, with the revenge a running vein in their conversation. But unlike the previous novels, I felt like Chelsea's character growth took precedence over the romance in this one and I really liked that.

However, while Chelsea and Alex's romance was not as intense Zoe and Hunter's there was a lot chemistry between them. Their happily ever after did not happen overnight and they needed each other to bring them out of their past and find absolution. It was all so very, very good and, surprisingly, dark at times--something I did not expect to find in a Harlequin Presents novel.

Like in the previous books, the whole revenge thing was a running conversation between the characters but we don't really get to see them act on it until the last twenty or so pages. We didn't really see Jason Treffen's true ruin--it was more like the revenge seed germinated and, with the events in Expose Me, pushed out the soil but we don't see it sprout leaves and grow tall. I know I mentioned in my previous reviews that I'd like to actually see Treffen's actual downfall with the public shunning him and him rotting in jail but didn't really mind at this point. It was easy to imagine all of that happening after Expose Me, with Treffen's entire life falling like dominoes.

Looking at the series as a whole, I think the first book was the weakest of the three because I couldn't really connect with Austin and Katy's characters and they lacked chemistry but once you get past the first book it's all good. This series surprised me in a very good way, especially with Scandalize Me and Expose Me, because when I saw the covers I was expecting fluffy, easy breezy reads but instead I got meaty stories with interesting, well-developed characters and romance. I highly recommend this series.

Jennifer says

Received an ARC for review

Final installment in the downfall of Jason Treffen (and boy was it good). This was better than the second one but still not as good as the first. It sure did take a while for both Alex and Chelsea to come clean with each other.

And I want three more books: the boys other college roommate, Zair; Alex bff growing up, Jaiven; and Chelsea's sister, Louise. There are some great stories waiting there I know.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Fifth Avenue

Sandy S says

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Again, my only complaint is the slow build up of each of the storylines. The premise focused on the growing relationships between each of our couples and the destruction of Jason Treffen took a back seat until the final chapters of each instalment.

There is a wealth of information not imparted to the reader-Jason Treffen's sins and illegal activities were revealed on a need to know basis only and focused on the devastated life of Sarah Michaels. Each of our heroines is a strong, independent and broken woman while our heroes have suffered silently for a decade with the knowledge that they were unable to save someone they loved then lost.

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## **Andrea says**

The Fifth Avenue series is a concept series. Each story centers around one big event, with each having a different point of view. Each subsequent story builds on the prior stories, with the last leading to the big finale of an event that actually happened in the trilogy prequel, Take Me (free at retail sites, you're welcome!) Given that I believe the series should be read as a whole, I'm going to review it as a whole.

The story begins ten years in the past, when Sarah Michaels jumped off her office's building during a party. You get to experience that tragedy first hand in *Take Me*, through Sarah's friends Sydney and Travis. No one understood why Sarah was so desperate, but they had suspicions. After a decade, the secrets begin to slowly start coming to light, and another set of Sarah's friends. Austin, Hunter and Alex set out to uncover the truth, with the help of a woman who comes into their stories.

Each story is set up in the same manner. We have that book's hero doing his part to bring Jason Treffen, the man who drove Sarah to end it, down. We also get a heroine who is equally devoted to justice. Along the way though, the couple finds the time to fall in love and definitely engage in some kinky-ish physical activities. The story builds up to the big moment in which Jason Treffen is confronted. The couple lives happily ever after. At least for now. Basically, in each book we have the two main characters, hell-bent on vengeance, topped with fears of betrayal, combined with a maybe-relationship, finished with a side order of whatever sexual delights that couple prefers.

In *Avenge Me*, we get Austin and Katy's story. Austin is Jason Treffen's son, but there's no love lost between the two. Katy is Sarah's younger sister. Katy obviously has the most invested in justice for Sarah. The two have an immediate attraction, and a similar taste for sex. She's passive, he's aggressive. It's a win-win, clearly.

In *Scandalize Me*, we have Hunter and Zoe's story. Hunter was Sarah's college boyfriend, and her ex at the time of death. Hunter was a hot mess which means his story was my favorite. Hunter has absolutely no fucks to give about what anyone thinks about him. Fun! Zoe is a former colleague of Sarah's, also a victim of Jason Treffen's, and she's finally in a position to get revenge. She wants to use him, he wants to do her. Again, a win-win. I know I'm snarking all over this installment, but I did like it.

The last installment, *Expose Me*, centers on Alex and Chelsea. Alex is now a respected journalist, and willing to use his talents to bring Jason down. Chelsea is the talk-show host who's going to help him. Alex has obvious reasons to do this. Chelsea has her own dark reasons to see him brought down. I got the least out of this installment, other than the big finish. I think at this point, I wanted to finally see all the talk put into action.

I thought the Fifth Avenue series was a cool concept, nice and scandalous, but I never found myself truly connecting with it, dying to know how it all shakes out with avenging Sarah's death. I do believe it is necessary to read *Take Me* to pull the reader into the story, and give background. The series revolves around a lot of build up, a few revelations, some threats tossed around, with a fair amount of sexin' thrown in. It was all interesting enough, and I generally liked each story.

The Fifth Avenue Trilogy is full of power and corruption, sex and scandal. It delves into the dirty business of the wealthy and powerful. I would suggest it for fans of *Scandal*.

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## **Kathy Davie says**

Third and last in the Fifth Avenue Trilogy romance series revolving around a few friends seeking revenge against Jason Treffen. This story concludes the trilogy with the friend focus on Alex Diaz with Chelsea Maxwell as his romantic counterpart.

My thanks to NetGalley and Harlequin for providing this ARC for my reading pleasure...

## My Take

...one which I enjoyed very much. A strong woman who is broken and struggling to rise above it up against a man who also fought his way up, both with an end goal they are determined to reach.

"She never denied anything. Denying rumors put you on the defensive, and ended up just stoking the fires of gossip higher. "

I love that they're both so attracted to each other and struggling so hard to ignore it. Chelsea has her issues, and she is determined to not give in to a man. Alex sees a woman who's used her body to get where she is. Both are so wrong about the other.

I love that they're both intelligent, both determined to use and leave the other wanting, both working toward an end goal that is important to them.

Hewitt does do a beautiful job of teasing us along, dropping bits and pieces about their lives, why Chelsea is so cold, the attack, what caused Sarah to commit suicide, about Treffen. She drops those hints, tugging us along the trail, making me more and more desperate to find out what happened and what *will* happen.

I had a few niggles about Alex's character. As we progress further into the story, I can better understand Alex's reaction in the car when Chelsea slipped and bumped her head, but any guy leaves me like that, I'm outta there. Then I gotta wonder about an intelligent man like him not considering how Chelsea would react. He claims he's done his research, but obviously not enough. I'd've liked to see Hewitt play up his angst getting in the way on that one.

For all that it's unreal in how these two people managed to claw their way up to the heights they currently embrace, there's a reality to the emotions in *Expose Me*. Alex keeping himself safe. Chelsea desperate to stay in control after events in Alabama. Louise with her clang of a confession. And it's a courtship that develops slowly, reluctantly. It too feels real.

Oh, that scene where Chelsea tells Alex that she "wants someone to think I'm worth it" will break your heart. Then the scene where she's interviewing Jason Treffen. I held my breath through some of it, my heart racing, my mind jumping up and down, cheering. It was beautiful!!

Now I want to read *Avenge Me* , 1, and *Scandalize Me* , 2. I want to wallow in how they make their plans.

## The Story

Alex needs Chelsea Maxwell for the final nail in Jason Treffen's coffin — public exposure, and he's annoyed when she sees through his ploys. Considering who and what she is, he has every confidence she'll jump at the chance to work at Diaz News.

And he'll lie, cheat, or bed Chelsea to ensure Treffen is exposed for what he is.

Chelsea, on the other hand, intends for this interview with Treffen to be her springboard to serious television. There is no way she'll play games with her chance to be a serious, respected journalist.

## The Characters

With the reputation for revealing a guest's innermost pain, **Chelsea Maxwell**, the former Aurora Jensen, is the host of the number one daytime talk show, *Chats with Chelsea* . **Professor Louise Jensen** is her long

lost older sister. Their mother, **Diane**, had been obsessed with Chelsea and beauty contests when they were kids, a beautiful child mama's boyfriends lusted after.

**Alex Diaz** has worked hard to build his communications empire, and Diaz News is at the top in the nation. Now he and his friends, Hunter and Austin, are determined to seek justice for a friend. **Sarah Michaels** was a young law intern who committed suicide over sexual harassment. They were wrong. It was so much more. **Eric** is Alex's driver. **Beatriz** is Alex's mother. **Aunt Patricia** is his mother's sister.

**Katy Michaels** is Sarah's sister, and she's helped **Austin Treffen** expose his father to his family (see *Avenge Me*, 1). **Hunter Grant** is working on getting him out of the law firm (see *Scandalize Me*, 2) with the help of **Zoe Brook**, the PR queen of New York.

#### *AMI Television*

**Michael Agnello** is Chelsea's boss and said to be her lover. **Paul Bates** is AMI's leading news anchorman and a total jerk. **José** is one of the security people at the studio. **Miles** is her producer. **Sonya** is her makeup artist.

**Jaiven Rodriguez** is a friend of Alex's from the old neighborhood who slugged his way up and out of his childhood.

Publicly **Jason Treffen** has a reputation for protecting women's rights; privately... **Eric** is his lawyer.

**Brian Taylor** was the domineering jerk from the local news station in Huntsville, Alabama, where Chelsea learned to never let a man in.

#### **The Cover**

The cover is a pale gray background with a casual looking Alex in a loosened tie, button-down shirt, slacks, and a black leather jacket, looking intently out at us. He's determined.

The title is about revealing inner secrets, inner shames, things a casual lover doesn't want to hear, and in the end, it will *Expose Me*.

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#### **A says**

3.5 stars rated up - Loved the entire trilogy but the ending for this trilogy was quite spectacular. The first few chapters didn't hook me. But the reason I continued reading was because the trilogy had hooked me. But then the whole book picked up pace and the chemistry and the characterization of h and H was revealed. Then I realized there was a reason for the first few chapters being so stilted. If they hadn't been repressed caricatures of themselves how could they evolve into it as they did. They had been selfish and blind to any need but their own need to survive and their emotional distrust. Loved the way the h/H come together and most importantly loved the final showdown on the chat show. I wish there could have been an epilogue though. It seriously left me wanting to more about these couples.

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