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I've never been a hero. I'm the lawyer every third-rate criminal calls when he's been arrested - again. Or I was, until one of my clients became one of the richest men in the country. Now I'm supposed to clean up my act.

It isn't so easy. I dress more like a biker than a lawyer, and I have friends in low places. As for women, ten years ago the divorce from hell left me scarred - I live alone, I sleep alone. Trust me, it's for the good of womankind.

Then Charlotte showed up on my doorstep. Willing to work as my assistant to pay off her brother's legal bill. Beautiful and determined, even against the men trying to hurt her. She tells me I drive her crazy. She drives me crazy right back.

I hired her.

I watched her turn my life upside down.

I saved her.

I knocked her up.

And then I fell for her.

They say a bad boy can't be a good man. But they've never met me. And they don't know how determined I can be.

The Bad Billionaires series:

Book 1: Bad Billionaire

Book 2: Dirty Sweet Wild

Book 3: Rich Dirty Dangerous

Book 4: Back in Black

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Kari says

4.5 stars

Kristiej says

And having read books 1 through 3 of this series, I really had no choice but to finish up with Book 4 and if anything, I loved this series even more second time around

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### A Full 5 For The Final

And alas, with so many good things, we come to the end with this book. This one is Ben's story. He's a bad boy type hero who has woven in and out of all the previous books. His father was a very distinguished lawyer and Ben feels such guilt that he never measured up. He's a lawyer like his father but his clientele is mostly criminals and he's quite well acquainted with motorcycle gangs as he's their go to lawyer when they run afoul of the law – as motorcycle gang members tend to do. But when one of his clients inherits over \$1 billion, he scales back a lot of his other unsavoury clients to focus on Devin and then Max and following that Kaven.

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The previous books have an interesting blend of light and dark, serious and amusing and this is the cutest of them. Both Ben and Charlotte are such a hoot. Charlotte is one of those "managing" kind of people. In order to help pay the lawyer bill, she agrees to be his office manager and boy does his office need managing. In some ways he's very precise, but in others completely disorganized. One of the funniest, cutest scenes is when Ben is in court, Charlotte doesn't like the location of his office. It's in a run down, sleazy strip mall area. It was ok when his clients were mostly criminals, but now that he's coming up in the world and working with billionaires, she decides and Devin, his main client agrees, that location, location, location is what it's all about and WHILE HE IS IN COURT she moves his office to a better part of the city. That just really tickled my funny bone big time.

There were so many scenes in this book that may have passed over my head the moment I was reading them, but then came back only moments later and cracked me up. There was a scene where Ben's sister is telling Charlotte how into her Ben was because he told his sister "I have an assistant". That amused me to no end. While not necessarily laugh out loud funny, this book had so many charming scenes.

It wasn't all light and fun. There were certainly serious moments. It does deal with motorcycle gangs after all. But I know for absolute sure I'm going to be reading at least this book, if not all the rest again.

So, in finishing, I'm sad the series is done. I loved all the books in this Bad Billionaire series and the best I can say is – Buy Them. They Are Good.

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### **Lena says**

Absolutely loved this series. Devoured the entire series in a day and a half. Loved Ben and Charlotte. Glad he got his happily ever after too

My only issue with the series was the timelines. I had a hard time keeping up with how much time had passed as well as how old everyone was. The books kept mentioning that it's been 10 years since Cavan and Devon's mum died., they were 18 & 16 when she died and I thought Devon met Olivia at 26 then went to jail for 2 years. But the books kept referring to 10 years since her death... that was my only issue with this series, but I easily pushed that aside while reading :)

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### **Louise says**

Ben has been such a sexy, brooding and hot-mess of a character throughout this series and I have been (*im*)patiently waiting for his book. I was not disappointed, Ms Kriss has written a steamy, action-packed story that grabbed me from the first line and held my attention until the very end.

Ben had struck me as a bit of a man-whore in previous books, but it soon became clear that he was protecting his very fragile heart. \*\*\*Swoon\*\*\*. He was snarky, strong-willed and so goddamn sexy that I fell in love (or lust) with him a little bit. Charlotte was feisty and a touch controlling, but from the best of, and most caring of, intentions. She was so similar to and yet so different to Ben and they blended into a perfect package.

The chemistry was believable and very steamy, yet the sex scenes never felt crude, overdone or superfluous. The plot had a good mix of romance/lust, suspense, mystery and action and the pace was spot on. I really like the author's writing style, it flows smoothly and is so easy to read, with a good mix of dialogue, description and internal 'thoughts/feelings'.

Whilst the time line wasn't confusing, I wasn't *totally* clear on how much time had passed between some scenes. However I quite liked this as I'm not a huge fan of insta-love and the fluid time-line meant that I didn't get an insta-love vibe from the book. (Although there was definitely insta-lust which I **don't** mind!)

I can't recommend this book, or series, enough. Whilst each book has a familiarity about it, due to the recurring characters and the excellent writing of the author, they also have their own distinctive flavour. I'm hoping this isn't the last book in the series as I really love these characters. However if it is I will definitely be reading whatever book or series Ms Kriss brings to us next.

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### **Suz says**

This rounds out the Billionaires books. Ben is the lawyer we first met in Devon's story. An interesting torn character. Charlotte walks into his office, need help for her brother who has landed in jail and specifically asked for Ben Hanratty as his lawyer. Ben isn't really taking new cases (helping billionaires takes a lot of

time - who knew!) but something about Charlotte makes him go see the brother in jail... he takes the case and next thing Charlotte knows, she has a new job as an office manager. More insight into the Lake of Fire MC.... more insight into Ben who I always thought was a very interesting character.

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### **Stephanie Nordin says**

I have loved every book in the bad billionaire series and have been waiting for Ben's story and I have to say it was worth the wait. Ben used to be the lawyer for the Lake of Fire MC club. As he is the only lawyer that Devon will trust he is now the lawyer to the Bad billionaire's Devon, Max and Cavan. Charlotte's brother calls from jail and tells her that she has to hire Ben as his lawyer and only him. When she arrives at his office in a seedy strip mall she has her doubts, especially when his assistant assumes that she is her replacement, quits and gives her the keys. Ben does not want to take the case but he can not tell Charlotte no. They make a deal that she will work as his assistant to pay off the legal expenses. Ben has not been in a relationship for over ten years, since his divorce but something about Charlotte keeps drawing him in, even when she is driving him crazy by throwing out his things and moving his office while he is in court. Charlotte tries to keep things professional but after when Ben once again comes to her aid she no longer resists her feelings. The chemistry between them is off the charts and Charlotte's approach in "fixing" Ben is priceless. It was great to finally find out what made Ben into the person he is today. If you have not read the other books in this series I suggest that you do starting with Bad Billionaire, they are all amazing books

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### **Christine says**

arc review for honest review charlotte goes to ben a lawyer to help her brother this was a great awesome story

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### **Sunny Shelly Reads says**

I've loved this Bad Billionaires series and was thrilled to see Ben the lawyer get his own story. I've kind of had a book boyfriend crush on him ever since he picked up Devon from prison in Bad Billionaire #1.

Ben is a hot mess. His life is utter chaos. Then Charlotte literally drops onto his doorstep, needing his legal services to save her brother and having no way to pay Ben's fee. So they strike a deal where she'll work it off, and it's not long before Ben and Charlotte can't keep their hands off of one another. I loved how Charlotte calls him out on his crap, gets under his skin, and turns his world upside down. And when it comes to Charlotte, Ben wants nothing more than to protect her -- which is a huge deal for him since he's closed himself off after a brutal divorce years earlier.

The characters are nicely developed as a couple, and there are enough appearances from the couples from the other three books to satisfy readers of the entire series without those other characters taking control of the story away from Ben and Charlotte. I'm not a fan of MC romances, and while the broader scope of Back In Black involves a MC club, the central characters aren't members. My only complaint is that the situation with Charlotte's brother just kind of disappears -- I would have liked some kind of resolution or update to him. I received an advanced copy and voluntarily left a review.

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## **Katina Burnett-woo says**

### **You like the chaos**

Ben has been my favorite character throughout the Bad Billionaires series, so I have been eagerly awaiting this book. Let me tell you that Kriss did not disappoint. Charlotte and Ben had off the charts chemistry and the plot had plenty of action to keep things interesting. Highly recommend!

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### **~ Cariad ~ says**

4.5 for me - it's been a great series, loved it!  
Loved Ben! Want more!

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## **Julie (Jewls Book Blog) says**

This story was a great mix of suspense and steamy moments! Charlotte was a firecracker and Ben..he was a loveable mess! Definitely my favorite of the series.

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## **Bobbie says**

Great read. Intriguing storyline with interesting characters.

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## **Jackie D says**

I have to start this off by saying how much FLOVED the Bad Billionaires Series!

Oh, my- After all this time, Ben, the snarky, rather cranky stoic bad boy lawyer gets his story ( I heart him ) YAS!!!

Ok, so maybe it has not been THAT long, I am just an impatient person- but let me tell you- Back In Black- so worth any wait!

My soft spot for Ben grew even more within the first chapter of this delicious beast of a tale! He has resigned himself to being alone for the rest of his life after his marriage ended craptastically and reduced his future filings to a schedule - he had all he could handle being the lawyer that cleaned up after the rich and destructive.

That was till he met Charlotte, her brother in jail- she needed his help- he should send her away, but the feelings she awoke in him intrigued, scared and ticked him off! He found himself helping her brother, letting her into his world. It's about to get dangerous when Charlottes brother's situation intertwines with Ben's past. These two of them are about to embark on a suspenseful hot, funny, journey-

I could not put this book down! I enjoyed every single minute of it! Between the suspenseful drama- the hilarious quips- those HOT alpha moments ( GO BEN! ) - this book had me wanting more of it all! Even

when Charlotte was driving me crazy with her stubborn and well whiny moments. lol  
The perfect ending to an amazeballs series- and IMO the perfect story for Ben! As I swiped to the last page, I became a bit emotional; I realized it was the end! Each of these standalone books has been one of a kind billionaire reads- I highly suggest this one AND any of the others in this magnificent series!  
Julie Kriss rocked this one out of the park! I cannot wait to see what she has in store for us next!

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## **Taylor says**

The fourth book in Bad Billionaires is about Ben, the lawyer who was introduced to us in the first book. He's a bad boy type hero who has woven in and out of all the previous books. His father was a very distinguished lawyer and Ben feels such guilt that he never measured up. He's a lawyer like his father but his clientele is mostly criminals and he's quite well acquainted with motorcycle gangs as he's their go to lawyer when they run afoul of the law - as motorcycle gang members tend to do. But when one of his clients inherits over a billion dollars, he scales back a lot of his other unsavoury clients to focus on Devon and then Max and following that, Cavan.

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## **Hurricane\_Thunder says**

I bought the first two books in this series and skipped the third. I really liked the first two, although they weren't perfect. The writing was compelling and I liked the characters; both books start off great, but seem to falter later on and end too fast and too easily. Because of this I had already lost interest in the third book by the end of book 2 (even though I absolutely LOVED Gwen and Max, so hot). Still, although I skipped the



third book, I was dying to read Ben's story because he was my favorite (=the hottest) way back from the first book and I couldn't wait for his book.

I must say I was a bit disappointed. All the reviews here are very good which is baffling to me. The writing itself is still good, but the plot and characters were done very superficially, imo. From the blandest heroine yet (the author wanted to show her as sassy and brave but didn't really give her any real chances to show it) and the hero could have been so good, but felt one-dimensional. The worst offense for me was how instantly they fell for each other, which is especially weird for the male character who apparently has these big trust issues.

I really wanted it to be good but I feel like it is almost palpable how much the author has lost interest in writing this series. Seriously, the characters were paper thin, lots of convenient plot tropes were used, and the instant love was not believable for me. I hope to see better from this author because I really liked the first two in this series, as well as some of her other books. I will try some other stuff by her in the future.

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