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Twelve years ago, geeky Dexter Black blackmailed Maya Werner into a prom date, and she was shocked when she had a good time. But for a strong-willed, hot-tempered artist who's used to having the upper hand, that night has never sat well with her.

Fast forward to the present, where Maya indulges in weekly wine night with friends and ends up pledging to get revenge on Dex. Except the nerd she remembers has transformed into a hot, sexy Marine who has the audacity to blackmail her again.

Dex is back in town with one goal in mind: to win the girl of his dreams. His strategy? Keep her off balance enough until she melts into the passion between them. But when a misunderstanding stokes old hurts, Maya backs away, and Dex has to go with a contingency plan: pour on the charm until he gets what he wants—Maya, forever.

Each book in the Best Revenge series is a STANDALONE story that can be enjoyed out of order.

\* Served Cold

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\* Served Sweet

## Served Hot Details

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## Book Reading Gals says

Title: Served Hot

Series: Best Revenge Book #2

Stand Alone Title: yes

Author: Marie Harte

Genre: Romance

Blurb: One little lie, one huge grudge, and one picture-perfect plan for revenge...

Blackmailed into a prom date by the cute but geeky Dexter Black twelve years ago, Maya Werner shocked herself by having a good time. For a strong-willed, hot-tempered artist who's used to having the upper hand, that's never sat well with her.

At weekly wine night with her friends, Maya finds herself pledging to get revenge on the men who've done her wrong—starting with Dex. Except the Marine Corps transformed the nerd into a hot, sexy guy with the audacity to blackmail her again. This time into a few dates.

Dex is back in town with one goal in mind: to win the girl of his dreams. But he knows how she operates. His strategy? Keep her off balance by running hot and cold until she melts into the passion between them.

When a misunderstanding stokes old hurts, Maya backs away when she should stand her ground. But Dex has a contingency plan: pour on the charm with both barrels, until he has his own form of revenge—loving Maya, forever.

Warning: Blackmailing a stubborn, hot-tempered artist into bed, and an ex-Marine who has a penchant for taking pictures. Yeah, those kinds of pictures.

Favorite quotes: "There's hitting, and there's hitting." He licked his lips, his gaze on her mouth. His sly grin had her backing up even more in the tub. She shivered at the cool air hitting her wet skin. "I'd love to hit that mouth with my own. Lick my way down your body."

Thoughts: "Against all odds," Jack continued. "May you not find yourself castrated, crying, and broken when she's through with you." – With that being said, I will just say, I LOVED Maya's character – she is definitely what would be considered a ball buster! She brash, honest, and tells it like it is...and has no qualms about it. Yet she also has layers, and her character did not come off as unlikeable at all. I adored her. I also loved Dex....I love a male character that knows what he wants and goes after it, and Dex has loved Maya for years. And, boy, does he have his hands full trying to subtly win his way to Maya's heart – all along knowing he has tons of bramble bushes and baggage to work his way through to get there.

Really, you couldn't get a better book than this. Occasionally, Dex would be a little overly...smutty, I guess....in something he said, but that's Marie Harte's writing style. She pushes the boundary in this area without tipping it over into pure smut, while maintaining that element of erotica in there. It's not a problem or critique, it just may not be for everyone. Even if I did have an issue with this, I'm sorry but Harte's

writing style and storyline are so good I'd read it anyway!

We also have some side characters who I wouldn't mind getting to know a little bit more, though it is easily read as stand alone.

All around, this was just a perfect read for me! Excellent book by Marie Harte.

Rating: A

Review by: Sarah

<http://www.thebookreadinggals.com>

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### **Isha Coleman says**

Served Hot (Best Revenge) by Marie Harte

Authentic, realistic and lovable. Served Hot has two of the most well written characters, I've come across. Maya is a pistol. She is not afraid to be who she is. Even in the most emotional moments of her life. She takes life in all of it's glory and pain and makes it her greatest achievement. I love that about her. Dex is the opposite. He knows what he wants, but has to make himself take risks and work toward his goal. They bring out the best in each other, despite the fiasco of how they began. Served Hot is my favorite Marie Harte novels. She dares to speak a truth that we all know, but fail to acknowledge. Love is not about perfection. It's about accepting the flaws they make us who we are and looking beyond them.

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### **Ayekah says**

I liked this book so much better than book one even though Maya was a tough nut to crack, Dex was the man to do it. It was nice to see her soften and pliable with him and not too many bumps in the road.

We do see Anson and Riley, along with Jack and Ann again in this book in social settings. Maya was a real tough character to like in the first book, but solo she was much better. Dexter is a dream. Just a dream. He has some kind of demeanor that just makes you like him right off the bat. He's kind, good head on his shoulders and hot as hell. The steamy scenes and there were plenty of them were better written too.

3.5 stars

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### **Natasha says**

4.5 Loved It Stars!

Review by Natasha Gentile

I was so excited to get this book, as I loved the first one, but this one topped that one. I'm pretty sure it had

to do with Dex and that he's a Marine. Rolling my eyes, don't you dare judge, cause I see you picturing hm..Naked...It's pretty...so so pretty. Let me start this story.

One little lie, one huge grudge, and one picture-perfect plan for revenge...

Maya finds herself between a rock and a hard Marine, oops, I mean a hard body. I was going to say rock and a hard place.

See Maya, she's happy with her life, she's doing exactly what she wants to be doing. Not only that, she is also with her three besties. Oh and did I mention wine night.

Let me give you a back ground to Maya's pain in the behind...

Blackmailed into a prom date by the cute but geeky Dexter Black twelve years ago, Maya Werner shocked herself by having a good time. For a strong-willed, hot-tempered artist who's used to having the upper hand, that's never sat well with her.

She is so used to being in charge, that when Dex tests her and she sees herself falling she just doesn't understand how, how is this even happening?

"Look, why don't we just get this out of the way. We'll screw, then you'll have what you want and I won't be wasting my time with you." Her body sang at the thought of getting Dex under her, but she put on her bored face, trying not to seem too keen on the idea.

Oh Dex, I really hope that you have your guns locked and loaded, because that is the only way you will get her to even begin to admit that she is in fact interested in you.

Dex is back in town with one goal in mind- to win the girl of his dreams. But he knows how she operates. His strategy? Keep her off balance by running hot and cold until she melts into the passion between them.

Now not only did the passion make it melt, it sizzled so hard that I thought it would explode like a rocket going into outer space!

She raided a brow in a way that always made him want to tie her up and punish her for her arrogance. And now that he knew what it felt like to have her, he wanted nothing more than to share his fantasies with her.

UMMMM, yes please. Did you want me to get the rope or are you all ready for that? I loved Maya's funny nature and found myself laughing out loud and snorting at times.

"How are those knuckles doing, baby?"

She wanted to show him, fist to nose.

Typical of him to ignore what he didn't want to answer. "They're fine, baby."

So now that Dex is ready to fight, is Maya ready to concede?

And if she does, who will be getting served? Hot!

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## **Angela Carr (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

The geeky dweeb that blackmailed Maya into a date for prom is back in town to stay. Maya has not forgotten what he did to her and she plans to give him a good payback. Unfortunately, payback is a bitch that can turn on you at any moment. Yup, Karma did a turn around and backfired on her ass. What Maya didn't know is Dex has plans of his own; not for revenge but to win her heart and he plays for keeps.

Dex has been thinking of Maya for quite some time and he has solid plans on how to win her. He will get Maya addicted to his ways by not giving her what she wants. It was a smart move on his part. He really had Maya latch on to every last bait, among other things.

I didn't expect Dex to be such a romantic and yeah, a naughty boy. I knew he had a serious streak as he has his life put together so well, but I never thought he would be kinky. Don't get me wrong, Dex is not into any BDSM but good old fashion kink. Nothing dark but plays that include spanking, anal play and toys including the use of his camera. I really like his style. ;)

I love Maya. She is the what-you-see-is-what-you-get type of person. She is carefree loyal and honest to the core. I honestly think her busted up plans was her subconscious telling her to get close to Dex again. It was kinda cute.

Served Hot is even better than Served Cold. It's funny, smart, and wickedly kinky. I could not put this book down. I loved the story line, characters and steam factor made me blush. Harte has quickly made her place in my favorite author list since reading Served Cold earlier this year. Well, this solidifies that spot, I really enjoy her work.

\*ARC provided by publisher

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## **Misty (Red's Romance Review's) says**

Dexter Black has arrived back in town with a mission... to win the heart of the woman who captured his back in high school. Only problem is that back then she didn't know him as anything more than the geeky boy who tricked her into being his date for prom.. but things have changed, and he is not that boy anymore. The man he has grown into has an arsenal of skills he honed in the Marine Corps., and he isn't afraid to use every last one of them to complete the mission!

Anytime Dexter Black is mentioned Maya Werner she thinks of the geeky high school boy who blackmailed her into being his prom date. And while she had a little fun, she has never forgotten someone getting one up on her, it irks her still to this day, and she'd love to exact a little revenge... if only she had the chance!

Served Hot is a very sexy and captivating story that will satisfy all your reading needs and leave you tempted to learn more about the other characters in this series! From the moment I started this one it had me hooked, there is nothing like a scorned woman looking for a little revenge, and a dedicated man determined to win the heart of the woman he loves... translation serious fireworks!! Loved this one, it had heat, humor, sass, and a whole of lot heart! Highly recommend you get your hands on this one, you will not be disappointed with what you find!

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this title.

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## **Carvanz says**

Loved this couple! They are two tough as nails characters with take no prisoners attitudes. But ultimately, they are both vulnerable and susceptible to heartache.

Maya struggles with abandonment issues and therefore refuses to allow herself to grow attached to anyone other than her best friends. During a drunken night they decide to get revenge on the men who took some kind of action against them in their younger years. However, before she can make a move, Dex blackmails her, again. Now she owes him ten dates and no sex. What's a girl to do?

Dex has had a thing for Maya since high school and now that he's got the goods on her again he jumps at the chance to force her into spending time with him. He knows she's prickly and skittish so he plays his part low keyed and laid back so she won't feel pressured. If only he can keep his emotions in check around her or he'll have her running off instead of into his arms.

Maya and Dex are feisty and confrontational. They aren't afraid to show their true selves to each other. The dynamic between them is not one I've read very often and while I'm not a big fan of crass heroines, Maya's character couldn't have been any other way.

This is one steamy, hot read with some light bdsm elements. These characters will char your kindle from the fire they stoke within each other. Hot isn't hot enough to describe it!

No epilogue but it is setting us up for the next book which is releasing at the same time.

This is an honest review of an advanced copy provided by NetGalley and Entangled Publishing.

### **Dual POV**

Safety – neither H/h are with anyone else once reunited, however, there is another woman who tries to make a move on Dex. Only a small portion of the story is affected by this.

No apparent triggers

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

I am so thankful I have “go to” authors whose books never cease to make me smile as well as offer a great story line and some hot sexy lovin’ and Marie Harte is one of those authors. The second book in Best Revenge series is even better than the first when the geeky boy who blackmailed his high school crush into going to prom with him is back in town and determined to win her heart. I loved this story from the first moment because there was no doubt Dexter Black planned to pursue, woo, and marry the girl now woman of his dreams, Maya Werner, even though she claims she doesn't believe in love. I loved the humor, the snark, the chase, the blackmail “dates”, the non-dates (which were some hot as hell sexy times), and the time these

two spent together learning all about the adult version of themselves.

There is something to be said for a man who knows exactly who and what he wants and is willing to do whatever it takes to get it and not in a creepy stalkerish way. I just couldn't fault Dexter for the fact that even 12 years later he still has feelings and wants Maya. The fact that the geek has turned into one hot studly man is a bonus because the fact is Dex is just truly a nice guy and really unassuming considering he grew up in a very wealthy family. He's one of those men who has gone out and experienced life, make a career out of doing something he loves, and has returned to his hometown ready to settle down and enjoy the life he's always dreamed about.

I can't fault Maya for her tell it like it is, no holds barred attitude. As a mixed race child who suffered from name calling and bullying because of her American Indian heritage while growing up in a very suburban area Maya learned early on that she could let what people say drag her down or she could build a wall around herself and be tough. With the help of her two best friends Maya chose to be tough. Between her mother's rejection and her father's inability to get over her mother, Maya doesn't believe in relationships, love, and marriage. She also resents the fact that Dexter blackmailed her into prom 12 years ago and is now blackmailing her into 10 dates after an "accident" in which she punched someone in the nose. The fact that she enjoyed the prom and that spending time with Dex wouldn't be a hardship is beside the point because she knows he just wants one thing and it's something she vows she's not giving up.

While it would seem these two have an antagonistic relationship they in fact really seem to enjoy each other's company. I love their verbal sparring, his insistence that they keep to her rule there is no sex on their "dates" yet they have sex on non-date days...really it is all quite amusing except for the fact that Maya doesn't believe she's good enough for Dexter and his family. There's a lot at play in this book but it all comes back to the fact that Dexter is determined to win Maya, she's determined to not commit, and a nemesis from their teenage years take great pleasure in stirring the pot and making trouble.

If you enjoy entertaining, funny, and outrageously sexy contemporary romance then Severed Hot is a book not to be missed!

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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## **Noura says**

Before i start ranting about this book, I have to say that this one, imho, is better than the previous book. Although i am not partial to overly obstinate, obnoxiously mouthy and prideful heroines, Maya has, in a way, won me over because she's also not afraid to own up to her mistakes. Respect.

Of the three women in this series, this one has not just a chip but a whole chunk of block on her shoulder. She's always felt slighted because of her mixed race in a predominantly Caucasian society and she's got mommy issues. But she's gorgeous and talented and have great people who love her. Also, she's got Dex, a teen-dweeb turned hottie, rich, talented, good-guy ex-Marine that's just crazy about her. And he's been showing her what a good man he is while she's acting all prickly. (At this point i was thinking...what's the problem here?) Apparently Dex the dweeby teenager blackmailed gorgeous teen Maya into becoming his prom date. The thing is they enjoyed each other's company and it was all good. (So again, I was thinking, what's the problem here? She holds a grudge against the guy for something that happened way back in high school that was not even that tragic and life-changing? Waaaaay to hold a grudge...that is not sexy). Two

words came across my mind the whole time: perceived insult.

I didn't like the story in the beginning. I found the heroine's character rather off putting at first. And the hero's a "too-good-to-be-true" type of guy. This book was almost a DNF because of this. But as i read further Maya became more and more bearable over the chapters as eventually the story opens up to reveal Maya's reasons for being overly defensive, her character flaws, her actual fears and insecurities that shaped her into the prickly person she is. So i get it and was able to appreciate the story and her more. If there're other redeeming factors in the story, i'd say it's because of the other characters as well as the uber-hot sexytimes Maya and Dex have. The ending's ok and kind of cute because finally these two got their shiz sorted out.

Would i be venturing into the third book? Yes. Of the three Riley seem to be the most level-headed one so i'm curious as to how she's going to go up against Anson.

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### **Angel Hatfield says**

Maya struggles with abandonment issues and refuses to allow herself to get attached to anyone other than her best friends Riley and Ann. maya's mom had abandoned her several times then passed away, All three women had been hurt or irritated by someone and and the three women had come up with a plan to get revenge on said man To this day Maya was irked that Dex had one uped her by blackmailing her into being his prom date. . But before Maya gets a chance Dex blackmails Maya and gets ten dates and no sex. Dex decides he will get Maya addicted to his ways by not giving her what she wants. Dex knows Maya is prickly and skittery so he acts low key and laid back so there's no pressure. But Maya ad Dex aren't afraid to show each other who they are. Dex makes himself take risks it's not natural to him and he works toward goals. Everytime Maya threw insults at Dex he throws them back. Dex had a thing for Maya back in HS and a geeky Dex had blackmailed Maya into going to prom with him and she actually enjoyed himself. Maya is used to being in charge There is a strong chemistry between Maya and Dex. Once Dex slept with Maya he wanted to share all his fantasies with her. Especially since Maya is used to being in charge. Dex is no longer that geeky boy the Marines had a way of changing that and letting him hone himself.

I enjoyed this book a lot. I liked the pace and the plot. And this even made me laugh out loud which is always good. I liked the dual POVs shown in this book. I felt this was fairly realistic. I love how Maya and Dex bring the beat out in each other. I loved Maya and Dex together . this kept my attention and I didn't want to put it down.I really loved the friendship between Maya, Ann and Riley. I loved the characters and the ins and outs of this book and I recommend. I wish I could rate this 4.5.

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### **Valeen Robertson says**

*Served Hot* is sexy, but its emotional connection isn't nearly as strong as the physical one.

Maya and two of her friends got together and decided to serve up some revenge, or at the very least, get some closure, on men who had wronged them. Maya wants vengeance (light) on Dex, the sweet but nerdy guy who blackmailing her into going to prom with him years ago. Now 12 years later, Dex is all grown up and has once again blackmailed her for a date, a series of dates actually. He's not a nerdy geek any longer,

though, no, he's a hot muscular photographer and Maya has plans for the blackmailer that involve lots of steam between the sheets. After all, that's all men are good for as far as Maya is concerned, even the sweet ones like Dex.

I wanted to love *Served Hot* - the premise sounded exciting, and a good revenge tale is always my thing, if done right. Here, though, the revenge is very light, almost nonexistent, and I didn't really feel the intensity between Dex and Maya. I felt bad for Maya once I found out why she is so guarded and downright mean, and I adored Dex, but I just couldn't help but feel let down by *Served Hot*. Yes, it was pretty hot, but the emotional connection was lacking for me, and I never warmed up to Maya, even after I found out what had made her so prickly.

I do like that Maya is biracial (half Native American) and that it was a focal point in forming Maya's insecurities, and I felt for her badly. Racism is a touchy subject at best, and here in *Served Hot*, it was dealt with in a fairly deft manner. I just wish Maya hadn't been quite so guarded, because in coupling her with such an overtly sweet guy like Dex, it was hard for me to see them lasting because she was so emotionally distant about everything.

Still, *Served Hot* is set in an interesting world, what with the three friends and the men they want vengeance on, and I'm looking forward to Anson and Riley's story, *Served Sweet*, and Ann and Jack's tale, *Served Cold*.

*I received an ARC via NetGalley for an honest review.*

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## **Lorraine says**

3,5 stars

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## **Mindy Lou's Book Review says**

4.5 Stars!

Maya is a tough customer. Normally I would have a hard time with how much of a chip a heroine has on her shoulder, but Dex was her perfect match. Every time she threw insults, he came right back at her in such a fun way that had me smiling just as big as he had her smiling in the book.

I'm gonna be honest here and tell you that Dex is what this book is all about for me. He's a geek turned ex-marine. He's funny, laid back and can turn on the control in the bedroom in the blink of an eye. He's had a thing for Maya since high school. He moves back home for her and proceeds to blackmail his way into her life and pretty much forces her to love him. He not only earned her love, he earned mine as well.

This was a great banter story. It was entertaining and I just love when a couple has this quality in their relationship. ARC provided by NetGalley.

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**(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys\_sidekick says**

Served Hot is a sexy, kinky, funny second chance romance started by blackmail but ending in love.

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**LizBookAddict says**

Brilliant!!! Absolutely Brilliant!!!

Oohweee but I love me some hot nerd!!!

Marie Harte, you're a genius and this series is awesome!

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