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Ex marine and bad boy, Mark Moretti, made a pact with his childhood friends to live life to the fullest and never allow a woman to tie him down. After years of success and the world at his feet, he is determined to make that pact a reality. A move back to his beloved Los Angeles threatens to change the future he had written for himself when the shy and beautiful, Sophie Barringer, ends up being the Maid of Honor at his sister's wedding.

Sophie has been burned at love. The last thing she needs is a self proclaimed bachelor to turn her head. But her heart may have other plans.

Forced to spend a week together in paradise, can they deny their steamy chemistry and stay away from each other or will they give in to lust and take the chance? Can Mark get over his player reputation to take a shot at love or will fate be cruel enough to deny them their happily ever after?

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From Reader Review Taming the Bachelor for online ebook

Raj says

3 stars

it took me awhile to finish this novel, why? I don't remember, I probably got bored and read some other and then remembered that I still haven't finished it so I did. The plot is pretty interesting that's why I decided to read it amongst the long list of novels that I'm supposed to read. This got my attention because of it's plot, but little by little, it kind of reach a point where the story became...so so, so I stopped and continued and thankfully, it got better! so 3 stars!

Nikki says

Oh jeez... This will probably not be pretty... Just sayin.

★: **HOT** Cover

★: **HOT** Sex

★: (I'm not really sure what this one is for)

There may be some spoilers

I have some pretty mixed emotions where this book is concerned. First let me say, I really hate writing negative reviews. I feel like authors pour their hearts into their books and we as readers reap the rewards. I love to read and I love to find new books. I do understand that debuts are generally not always perfect, it is the first time around and we learn as we go and all. But sometimes a book just doesn't do it for me. (That's me trying to put it nicely) Such is the case here. Which really disappointed me because I was looking forward to this one. There is a super hot cover. There is super hot sex. There are some pretty decent supporting characters. The story line was one that sounds very promising but kinda falls down somewhere along the way. I have a feeling that point was when Mark and Sophie hit their "troubles". Please bare with me as my thoughts are still a jumbled mess from this book. Since I've pretty much already listed my likes, here are my dislikes. (I'll be channeling my friend Lindsay's Irritable Acts Code here)

Layla's introduction: Where the hell did she come from and how is it her and Mark are instant bff's? Hugging all up on each other the instant they meet? Um, inappropriate much!?! (She's Sophie's sister, btw) I get he wanted to have the one person that meant everything to Sophie there to help him pick out a house and ring.... But shouldn't that be Sophie's job? And did he have to get so physical with her? And how's that instant friendship so strong that when shit hits the fan Mark *and* Layla turn on Sophie? HmMMM???

Sophie: *Come ON* girl!!! Really?!? You date a guy for four years and catch him cheating on you. THEN, you meet the ultimate bachelor who has straight up admitted he doesn't do relationships, or the same girl twice for that matter. But instead of treading that water cautiously (as her inner monologue started out doing) She jumps in the water, literally, and tries to do him in full view of all their friends! *Insert Gibbs Head Slap* (view spoiler) And when Caleb brings the topic of Mark with another woman (Layla) up, instead of confronting his supposed cheating ass, she runs and hides. Granted, I probably woulda done the same thing,

but then when it all comes out and she's the one apologizing, I just got pissed. How was it Sophie's fault that she believed her friend that her boyfriend had another woman over? HE DID! Even though it turned out to be harmless (ish, imo) the fact that Mark and Layla completely blew Sophie off rather than try to see it from her pov, was awful. *Insert Red Foreman* (view spoiler) This was the time when I seriously considered DNF'ing because of all the stupidity going on. But I was somewhat intrigued as to how things would end so I forged ahead. Maybe not my smartest move, but I never claimed to be a genius. Moving along. So everyone gets pissed because Caleb assumes Mark is cheating on Sophie and he brings it up at Molly's wedding. No one stops to think of **How it actually looks to find a random chick in Mark's apartment, after seeing him on the street in front of a jewelry store with the same random chick while engaging in what looks like flirting - WHILE HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND!!!** Not to mention he outright lies to Sophie saying he'll be busy at work all week, then when Caleb calls his office on speakerphone the secretary says he's out all week. THEN when Caleb and Sophie call his cell, he says he's at work but there is a distinct feminine voice in the background. How exactly does that not all add up to look like HE'S CHEATING!!! Omg I need to quit before I get riled up. So yeah, then of course we have Sophie all grovelling and taking the entire blame for the breakup even though, I felt, with all the evidence supporting the cheating claim, she was justified in thinking the worst. Blah Blah Blah she faints at work and whadaya know, she's pregnant! *Insert Fake Shocked Gasp* Of course things get better from there. Mark pulls his head out of his ass and 'forgives' her and blah blah blah they live happily ever after.

(view spoiler)

Heather Andrews says

With a cover like this how could I not read this bookie. Mark he's a good man, he cares about his sister, "I need you to answer a serious question baby. Are you sure you want to marry this putz?" Another smack. "I really think you could do better. I mean seriously, look at this dump. They haven't kept it up at all over the years." He's a jealous type man when it comes to Sophie, "the thought of someone touching Sophie had him wound so tight he could kill someone." He's also the possessive type and doesn't like to share his things, mainly Sophie, "you are all mine, Sophie. No one else is to touch you." I think I'm really going to like reading about these boys.

Allison Murphy says

What caught my attention to this book was the cover of course. I started chatting with the author and loved her instantly so I decided last night to pick up the book and read it. I finished it in a few hours it was such an easy nice read. I really enjoyed Mark and watching him grow throughout the story. At times I wanted to punch Caleb in the face for being a prick and I am sure I am not the only one. I read some reviews where they said Sophie didn't have a spin or couldn't understand why she would go back to him blah blah blah...Im sorry but if you caught your fiance cheating you would be hard hearted as well and not trusting of men. I can understand how Sophie got upset when she was told the news however she should have talked to Mark but then there wouldn't be a juicy story. I really loved most of the secondary characters as well Ryan cracked me up and can't wait to see if he gets a story.

M.J. you picked a great muse for this book I could defiantly see Alex throughout the story as Mark...i've only been following him for a short time on Facebook but you can see that he has a big heart and really appreciates his fans. Its unmistakable the dedication to what he does and loves his family and friends...I could see that in Marks character as well. He was loyal to his sister and friends to a fault and the way he loved Sophie is something we all hope to experience one day. wonderful story can't wait to read more!! Thank you for bringing Mark into the book world!!!

Geri says

[the whole thing with going behind Sophie's back to surprise her by inviting her sister to LA for a whole week before asking her to marry him. Having the sister pick out the engagement ring and the house they will live in. And the sister inviting herself to live with them. Then because he never shared it with anyone he is shocked that Sophie believ

Beth says

What?! W..T..F..

This book had such HUGE potential, I was getting into it and was feeling really good about it... I have read nothing but crap lately and I was so excited to finally find something good then, BAM!! It starts turning corny and the writing was getting extremely confusing, I had to back track a few times to realize who was saying what.

I am a person who comes from a very close family, we are always hugging telling each other "I Love you" but Mark and Molly's relationship towards the beginning of the book was a bit too close for me. There were a few things that were said from Mark that I thought there was a typo and instead of someone else's name it said Molly.

Sophie and Layla reminded me of another pair of sisters from another book. We have the shy one that gets the bad boy that will never settle down, then we have Layla the over bubbly, extremely confident "sexy" sister who will eventually end up with the other playboy.

I could get into so much more with this book as in the weird/sneaky/instant relationship between Layla and Mark. The tattoos that were mentioned but not really mentioned? I feel like I was missing something there.

If I had a dollar for every book I've read with this same plot I would be forever rich. I'm not trying to be mean but if you want to be an author dig deep, think of something original. I feel as though this was 4 different books that I have read already combined and it flopped for me big time.

Booklover says

What the fuck! the book started off good! but seriously. spoilers ahead!! So all of a sudden he apparently called her sister during the short trip (who he never met) telling her i love you, thank you for coming. Then back to our main characters.. He doesn't tell her anything (about the arrangement with the sister) as a surprise. But takes the sister all over town, holds her hands, buys gifts for her and goes house hunting with the sis. SERIOUSLY!!! That is such a stupid move. He hasn't even taken Sophie to go shopping. And why didn't he take Sophie to go househunting for them!?!?!>!!>!! What the fuck!

So yeah after i read that part. i just skipped through the rest because that is absolute crap! And no man should ever pull that move. Cus is stupid and causes misunderstandings!!! OHH and she has to do the groveling .. again he doesn't tell her that her sister is going to live with him.. i mean hello.. that never happens in real life!!!

(less)

Annmarie says

There are a lot of POVs in this book. It's a lot to follow sometimes but it wasn't a deal breaker. Okay, so ANYONE would have thought the same thing about Mark if they had the evident she was presented. He was hard on her. I feel like her sister, Layla was too much. It was not appropriate for him to be going around with Layla behind Sophie's back, even if it was to pick a house for her. Because is not suspicious at all when you don't talk to your girlfriend for a week. No, not at all. It just seemed that Layla and Mark were too close. It put me off. I know it was completely platonic but it felt off.

It all ends well, it a HEA and all but it wasn't a 5 star for me, it was written well, but the storyline just had some twitches for me. Just my opinion.

S.D. Mary says

review to come

I promised a review. I rarely give a book 2 stars and I have to say why i did it.

First of all: the beginning was nice, the author created a great atmosphere, i understood who the characters were and what their role was.

After the first sex scene i was: what?! I mean, the heroine is a shy, somehow wallflower kind of girl. To put it out like that was disconcerting.

Then, we have Caleb, the hero's best friend (he has a story also). The way he kept begging for scraps of love from the heroine was a little pathetic. I didn't read his story on that account. (isn't that awful?)

Again we have over the top drama, men cry like children and feelings are all over the place. The playboy man falls in love in under 80 pages.

Don;t get me wrong, it can happen, but the way he expresses his feelings didn't seat well with me.

And the last part, the part where the sister intervenes had me all angry.

I read the reviews, I was warned, but still...i wanted a little more spunk from the heroine.

So, that is why, this book gets only 2 stars. It was likeable, it was ok, but not something i would re-read, or

even recommend. Unless you love a weak heroine and a man who can cry all the time.

Kimberley says

Insult to your intelligence!! (and thats being kind)

Holy HELLLLLLLLLL.

sex on a stick my ass.....more like shit on a stick. GAH.

This book, and I say that LIGHTLY, is a total insult to your intelligence, and SERIOUS insult to women, and men for that matter.

I was excited to start this. I bought all 4 books in the series..... I WONT BE FINISHING this one, let alone the others.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't mind some angst in a story.....keeps you on your toes. But thiswas beyond ridiculous.

I'm shocked. disgusted. frustrated, thoroughly pissed off.....I had a difficult time with the speed of this "love story" BUT THEN, GODthe total LACK OF COMMUNICATION. HIDING (her sister for 5 days.....DUH!!!!!!) and then said "hot" sister getting pissed off at her sister, for asking "why are you here Layla"ANSWER LIKE A DAMN MATURE ADULT! and the "hero" HA, what a joke.....storms off. OMG like he has ANY right to get pissed off. Is this how it is going to be in your future relationship. WHEN he knows that she was cheated on in a previous relationship. You DON'T make that worse. You love someone, you hold their heart in the palm of your hand, that does NOT give you the right to disregard it.....for anything!

that was IT for me. I deleted them all.....

do not waste your time, or pennies.....donate them to the homeless!

sorry I like the TRUTH when I read a review, not sunshine blown up an author's ass. You can take this fornothing or something. (and avoid this book!!!)

Just goes to show, just because you can type words, DOES NOT mean you are an author! Yes, the brutal truth!

Jan says

I loved this

Mark was a playboy with a rep and it took one girl his sisters best friend sophie to change that.

I love these sort of story's. would of liked more on marks past and playboy ways for the bigger picture though.

Looking forward to the other books.

Sarah Camargo says

*2.5 weird stars. I started off really liking this book and than it was so freaking weird!!! I can't express my issues without giving away spoilers so sorry but *****spoilers!!******

Issues:

The H invites the h sister Layla to surprise the h but doesn't tell her. Sounds sweet right.....wrong! So she comes and stays with the H that she never met before and he has her staying with him for 5 days without the h knowing she's there?? Well the h finds out prior because the H took off work for the week so he and the h sister could pick out an engagement ring and house for him and the h and she finds out that he's running around town with some hot chick and they are holding hands and shit.! I won't get into the fact that this is only days after turning from lifetime male whore to saying I love you. You would think he would have taken off time to spend with his new love right? Any way the H takes the sister all over town on his Ducati and makes the remark about her being so hot and than get this..... They get matching tattoos?? WTF and after they decide on the house that's perfect for the h and H the sister says she is going to move in with them. So shit happens and the h and H break up and the sister still moves in with the H and the h isn't even aware of it!!! Yup I said it was weird. Then if the surprise would have worked out the h and her sister would have only spent almost 1 day together since she wouldn't have seen her until this wedding the H sister was having. Uhm why is the sister spending more time with the H than the h?? So anyway the h and H get back together and she still doesn't move in right away but the only reason they got back together was because she got knocked up. Crazy! This could have been really good but the author took family bonding to a whole new level!!!

Michelle ♥ The Romance Vault ♥ says

I really was completely frustrated with this, it started out fairly promising and I was indeed enjoying it until I hit the 60% marker and then bam what happened next completely threw my outlook and my perception of this romance. I actually no longer felt it was viable, romantic or believable after what Mark did the week before the wedding and to top it all it was then all brushed aside and Sophie kinda took the blame for how things panned out. Well I am sorry I just did not get how Mark could be so secretative and do all the things he did leading up to the rehearsal and not expect any kind of repercussions and I have to say if my boyfriend decided to go house hunting with another woman no matter who she was and me expect to be elated that 'they' chose the house I would be living in then well I would bash him over the head!

I also really didn't like Layla, what kind of sister speaks to her younger sibling like she did when all hell broke loose at the rehearsal? Yes maybe Sophie jumped to conclusions but actually after what she had been through she did a right to be a bit suspicious and the fact that Mark had been a confirmed manwhore. I found Layla totally selfish, happily agreeing to have done all she did (I'm trying to be elusive so I don't wreck it for anybody else), and even later on in the book when she was explaining that she had only spoken to her sister twice since the rehearsal and then followed it with blah, blah, blah I wanted to strangle her! She did not come

across as a nice person at all in my eyes. the whole situation at the rehearsal I think was not delivered well at all. I also really struggled with the massively instant relationship between Layla and Mark. Let's face it Mark and Sophie had only just met on the holiday and the next thing we know Mark is making a secretive phone call using words like 'date' and love you, love you, love you - absolutely totally off the wall strange, because this phone call is to a person he's never met before!

I'm sorry but I didn't find this book a romance after 60%, there were loads of scenarios that didn't add up to a viable story after that and for that reason my rating had to drop to 2 stars from what started as three. The characters became less likable from then to me the whole tempo of the story changed and in my eyes it did not change for the better.

I too wonder what I read compared to everybody else, because after all the books I've consumed if only counting the past year this book falls short and doesn't have the depth and likeability of some characters.

~`*Ella Lee*`~ says

So I started out the first of this book like this : OH WOW this book is HOT and AWESOME! Loved it! I ended it like this: That was f**king dumb.

Why? Because these characters went from adults to adolescents in 2.5 seconds flat. I could not, COULD NOT believe how the "hero" Mark behaved in this book. Then that stupid b*tch sister came in and I wanted to strangle her and him both. Here he is "planning his future with our heroine Sophie" but doing it all behind her back, sneaking around with the sister, thinking how hot the sister is, not telling anyone what he's doing or that the girl he's with is the older sister. Nope, keeping it all a secret. The sister is even like "Oh by the way I'm moving in cause I say so". So when word gets around that he's running around town with another woman, and Sophie gets upset, both Mark and the sister Layla blame Sophie for acting so angry about it when OBVIOUSLY it was a surprise. I mean DUH, why would she take him sneaking around and lying to her negatively? Ugh. The author just about degraded Sophie to me. I could not believe that she would come back basically on her knees to get poor, abused, hurt Mark to forgive her. I mean, why would you write that, this is not a strong heroine or a good hero? I don't get how anyone would think this ending was acceptable. If you want a HEA, I can't tell you that's what you'll get with this book. I didn't see that. I saw a divorce in about 2 months and possibly a visit with Jerry Springer between the crazy dumb sister and the weak hero and heroine. 1 star for cover alone.

Vikki ~ *squee* lite ~ says

2.5 Stars

I cannot remember reading a more frustrating book.

I started off well, but totally detailed. I initially liked Mark - but then he pulled his insane 5 day "I'm going to ignore and lie to my girlfriend to set up a stupid surprise and then I'm going to be irrationally pissed when it backfires" thing. I just could not get past it. That along with the very weird feeling relationship he has with Sophie's sister (despite all his "little sis" comments - all the weird flirty banter was not appropriate) just pushed him right off my "hero" list.

And don't get me started on Sophie's sister. I HATED her with a passion - which I assume wasn't the desired reaction since she is the heroine in the next book.

Ugh. I don't think the next book is going to make it to my TBR list (even though I like Ryan) because I dislike Layla so freaking much.

Overall I wanted to like this so much - but between insta love and Marks insanely stupid behavior - it totally missed the mark for me.
