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When 24-year old struggling artist Cora MacAuliffe takes a job as a live-in maid for the old money Redmond family, the last thing she expects is to fall for her new boss, the dangerously sexy Brent Redmond.

The self-made billionaire lives a double life—in public he’s a shrewd real estate mogul and philandering playboy, but in private he’s a brooding, enigmatic protector...and a dominant alpha with sexual desires that no socialite princess has ever been able to satisfy.

Cora soon finds that Mr. Redmond has more inappropriate “chores” he’d like to add to her list of duties, things that definitely blur the lines between their employer and employee relationship.

But when the Redmond family’s previous maid turns up murdered, and her body is found nearby, Cora realizes that the Redmonds are hiding a dungeon of dark secrets—some that they might kill to protect.

Everyone could be a suspect...even Brent.

This is a full-length Dark Contemporary Billionaire Romance Novel. No Cliff-Hanger. Content suitable for mature audiences, contains harsh language, and sexual content.

## **Beautiful Affliction Details**

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# **From Reader Review Beautiful Affliction for online ebook**

## **Reviews from the Heart (Kimberly Anne) says**

I find that in most stories that have both mystery and romance in them that sometimes one part is lacking. I enjoyed the romance part of this story but in my opinion the mystery lacked. I think that there could have been a little bit more of a back-story told about the murder but it seemed once the killer was figured out it was done. The love story between Cora and Brent was sweet and the romance scenes hot but it also felt a bit rushed. I think if there was a little bit more character development with this story it would have been amazing.

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## **Lynn Smith says**

I received an arc in exchange for an honest review.

Cora takes a job as a maid at the Redmond estate. A job that the temp agency had trouble placing someone in. Since the maid had gone missing. Brent Redmond the owner of the estate feels a attraction to Cora. Cora tries her best to stay away from Brent. When the previous maid is found dead. Cora starts wondering and snooping around to see who in the house could have killed Jodi. AS the mystery and suspense build. Cora and Brent find they can't stay away from each other.

Enjoyed the story. Enough romance to build a relationship between Brent and Cora. At times the murder seems to be the front story and then that fast it takes a back seat to their struggles with their relationship. As Cora's own secrets come to light. Things she keeps inside herself. It is listed as a dark romance. But overall it isn't that dark.

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## **Connie says**

Received an ARC copy from author for a honest review. Different from anything I've read by this author. Entertaining, intriguing, suspenseful, romance along with some twists. You find in this book a bossy self-made billionaire, a struggling artist working as a maid hiding from her real passion, a murder mystery with everybody as a suspect and secrets that end up coming out. Great read with some passionate scenes. Loved the characters and how the story flowed.

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## **Sinister\_reader says**

this book was hard for me to give a rating to because I have books that I absolutely love that I give 4 stars to because of editing mistakes. this book was good. had everything that makes a decent book. storyline, character building, smut ( smut is always a winner) the editing wasn't bad. but the story wasn't a 5. it didn't have me by the seat of my pants and I've read stories that I love so much more that I've giving 4's to because

of simple editing errors (edit, edit, edit) so I don't even think I can give it 4. so for now I'm leaving the stars blank. check back later. ....lol

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### **Amy says**

#### ***Beautiful Affliction* delivers some mystery along with the sexy**

I loved this book!

*Beautiful Affliction* really surprised me-in a good way. The characters aren't pigeon-holed into the standard billionaire romance roles. Cora is a starving artist fallen on hard times and works as a live-in maid for the wealthy, this time in billionaire Brent Redmond's mansion. Cora finds herself in the midst of a police investigation into the disappearance of Redmond's former maid.

The book is more gray than dark and Brent's kinks aren't bizarre or over the top. He likes a little bite in the bedroom and, it turns out, Cora does too. The sex is rough and hot with a little BDSM and a lot of fun. They even like each other outside of the bedroom.

I really liked this book and loved that the characters aren't the predictable clones often found in billionaire romances. Such a nice change. Cora is isn't a flighty ingénue, and Brent isn't unfeeling and callous. Surprisingly, unlike most book billionaires, Brent even goes to the office and actually works.

This is a full-sized book and does not have a cliffhanger.

*I received this book in exchange for an honest review.*

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### **Momreadstoomuch says**

I received this copy from the author through the Naughty List ARC Club in exchange for an honest review.

At first I was a bit confused about what this book was trying to do and how the author was presenting the plot. It was slow and the mystery of Grace was a bit forced. I was a bit let down after figuring out the mystery of Grace. The relationship happened too fast and was unbelievable. However, the story pulled me in and before I knew it I had read the entire book and liked it. Maybe there was some literary trick used that I never heard of that made it all work. I never guessed the killer and that always adds a star.

<https://momreadstoomuch.wordpress.com/>

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### **April says**

Whether you love reading, romance, smut, mystery, or murder. This book had it all.

It begins with Jody and he going missing. She was the maid for Brent Redmond. With Jody missing, in comes Cora. Someone with her own battles to fight. She has an instant connection with Brent.

Brent has his own issues to bear and comes off hard. He also feels the instant connection and feels that he can be himself around her. Cora and Brent have their nightly meetings which you can just feel the sexual tension between them.

When Jody is found, things really take a turn for Brent and Cora. They embark on a sexual relations, as that is all that Cora can handle.

The secondary characters are great. I just loved Whitney and her bubbly personality!

With a murder investigation and SEC investigation, Brent is pulled thin. But he keeps falling for Cora.

I don't want to give away the twists in this book but I devoured it in a day.

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## **Erin Paige Bixby says**

3.5 stars

This story was full of drama. Cora is still trying to deal with the death of her sister. She takes a job as a maid because it keeps her busy enough not to think and away from the happiness that she feels she doesn't deserve. Brent has a lot going on in his life at the moment and feels like he can't get a grip on anything. They both feel an attraction to each other, but once that line is crossed things get messy.

Cora is a very intelligent woman. She is also a gifted artist. She can tell that there are things going on at the house. She just has a knack for sniffing out details.

The author did a very good job of keeping you hooked in the story. Every time I thought I had the ending figured out, she put a twist in there to keep me guessing.

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## **Michelle says**

I'm really torn about my rating because while I found several things about the story that made my rate low, there were a couple of things that I liked. What I rated low was the relationship development. I didn't really get a feel for Brent. And it wasn't that he was mysterious to me, I just didn't feel like I could visual his person. Cora was better written. When it's in the first person form it gets really hard to connect with other characters. I didn't buy the transition into a D/s relationship either. I think the book would have been a whole lot better if it was just your mainstream relationship. Brent never came off as alpha or dominant. The bedroom commands felt stiff. I did like Cora though and the story was easy to follow and kept me interested. Some of the mystery parts were a bit unbelievable but I was able to overlook it. The writing otherwise was good and kept me reading without skipping much at all.

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## **Juliet says**

I thought this would be more romantic suspense but it wasn't. Thus, it was just meh.

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## Rochelle says

A really great book. Lots of hotness with a mix of suspense.

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## Sue says

I have read several of Celia Loren's biker romances, so this was a change for me to read a darkish murder mystery romance between a billionaire and his new maid.

I liked how the action moved along really quickly and didn't really lag for me and the characters were all fleshed out nicely as well.

It wasn't as "dark" as the title suggests, more just a touch of BDSM and because there had been an unsolved murder, it was a little like a "whodunnit" suspense novel.

I figured out a few of the secrets and twists before they were revealed but that didn't hinder my enjoyment of the book at all. It was a fun, light and actually kind of sweet story of two people with emotional baggage who figure out they are what each other needed to be whole again.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

\*\*\*\* 4 \*\*\*\* "falling for the woman inside of the maid" stars

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## Romance Between The Sheets says

Please note this review may contain spoilers.

**Beautiful Affliction** starts with the Redmond's live-in maid going missing. The Redmond's (Brent especially) were investigated, but with no body and no proof of a crime, they were ultimately not charged. Since the investigation and the stigma attached to it, they've been unable to fill the maid's position again. Having just finished a live-in assignment herself, Cora's not afraid of the rumours and takes the position. What she is afraid of is her strong reaction to Brent when she sees him for the first time.

Brent fares no better, angry at himself for lusting after his new employee, causing him to break his own rules when it comes to her. But she is his employee so once he realises he's gone too far, he pulls back so fast it gives the reader whiplash. He tries to keep the sexual side of things professional, but once you mix business with pleasure, trying to keep things professional is probably pretty useless.

When the maid's body is discovered and Brent's business is being investigated for missing money, Brent becomes the main person of interest. Add in to the mix that one of the detectives is Cory's ex-boyfriend and the household is full of people keeping secrets, things are bound to get tense.

I quite enjoyed **Beautiful Affliction** and the scenes between Brent and Cora were hot. Really hot. The storyline was good and I liked the mystery that surrounded the dead maid. However, I felt the book was a little weak, especially regarding the murder and its resolution. Despite what the synopsis says, Cora is not a struggling artist. A person can't be struggling at something they gave up on. She's dealing with some guilt over something she feels responsible for, therefore she lost all interest in her art classes and feels she doesn't deserve to have anything good in her life. When the reason for that is finally revealed, it's glossed over. Actually, that's how every big reveal was handled, it was discussed before quickly moving on to the next

reveal. Other than that, I thought it was a quick and light read with some hot sex thrown in. I think if things were delved into more deeply, fleshed out a little more, it would have been a great read.

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### **Donna Sweeney says**

Kindly provided with an ARC by the author for an honest review....

LOVED IT !!!!

I am a sucker for the whole rags to riches love story and this was one with a very HOT twist !!

Quick summary Cora down on her luck takes a live in maid job. And yup, you guessed it she goes to work for a Mr UBER rich, playboy Brent.....who has his own job description in mind !!! I certainly didn't see it as a chore ;0)

Refreshing as its Mr Rich and HOT who wants the HEA and he is determined to get his maid....well his girl xx

Oh and thank the lord no cliffy !!!! Gah, I hate those !!!

This is NOT just a "chase me"....no, no I want you then I don't love story. We have a good ole murder thrown in there aswell !!! Nothing like a "who did it ?" mixed with a "are they going to get together".

Really thrilling read, so 4 SOLID take me to your dungeon filled with secrets Stars from me.

Many thanks for this opportunity. Well done Celia xx

later peeps xxx

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### **Lisa Guzman says**

I received this ARC in exchange for an honest review. Cora is hired to be the maid for the very gorgeous and sexy Brent Redmonds. The previous maid went missing and then turned up dead. Now Cora is wondering who amongst the staff could have done it. Is it the driver for the Redmonds, the cook, the sister, the mother, or Mr. Redmond himself. Cora slowly starts to piece together the story of the missing and now dead maid and somehow ended up falling for Mr. Redmond. Now while Brent Redmond hired Cora as his maid he has other ideas for her. He knows she has a "long story" behind her that she won't share but that won't discourage him from wanting her. This is a quick read full of the "who dunnit" suspense along with hot sex and a little extra playtime in the room. Definitely a good read.

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