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A sexy category romance from Entangled's Brazen imprint...

When a battle of wills becomes a game of lust, one wrong move could be fatal.

Actress Stacy Roberts is ready to ride her rising star straight to Hollywood's A-list. All she needs is the famous Hollywood Hedonism party (check), one very naughty angel costume (check), and a few drinks to get her sexy swagger back (check, check). Tonight, she is *not* aching for her hot, hard-bodied ex. Or worrying about the threatening letters signed by "Your Worst Nightmare."

For Detective Ian Ford, "nightmare" doesn't begin to cover it. Whatever demons prompted Stacy to cut and run have him tied up in knots. Worse, his ex is dressed to kill any man with a pulse, and Ian is seeing red. If Stacy wants trouble, she'll find it. Only Ian's going to make damned sure that the only trouble she gets is with *him*. There are no rules. They either both win, or they both lose. But this time, there's an extra player—one who's determined to make sure this is the very last game Stacy plays...

Wicked Games Details

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From Reader Review Wicked Games for online ebook

Alison Bliss says

Another fantastic book by one of my favorite authors! This read is super-sexy and I love the fun, sarcastic banter between the two main characters. Stacy makes me laugh with the mouth she has on her, and Ian is just a panty-melting, smoking-hot hero. As usual, another terrific read with loads of chemistry and a great storyline!

Dorsey aka ♥? Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

I read this sexy novella in the Lovers Unmasked anthology.

My review:<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Kara says

Each book by BECK is getting better and better. This novella is fun and sexy.

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Nicola says

If you have read *Lover Undercover*, then this novella is an absolute must read as it focusses on Stacy & Ian, whilst treating us to a little more of Trevor and Kylie.

Short it may be, but this Halloween turns into a true nightmare and Samanthe Beck delivers everything from suspense to sexiness.

I originally read this as part of the 'Lovers Unmasked' Anthology

Jen says

2.5 stars

I like this book OK, but I just felt like I had picked a book up and started reading the last few chapters. I know it's a novella, but I didn't have enough story to connect with the main characters. Just an OK read for

me.

Sandy LM L.M. says

I put my day on hold and read this in one sitting. I was super pleased to read Ian and Stacy's story from Lover Undercover. I'm thrilled I got to read their sexy, fun story. Catching up with Kylie and the hotter than hot Trevor, also from Lover Undercover is always a good thing.

Ms. Beck is a definite auto-buy.

Put your day on hold, sit back and hang on for the ride. You won't be disappointed.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Reviewed for Read Your Writes Book Reviews
by Kim

First of all, Wicked Games is a standalone but it contains some spoilers relating to the first book, Lover Undercover. For that reason, I strongly recommend you read Lover Undercover first.

Stacy Roberts is finally able to tell all the naysayers in her small hometown of Two Trout, Tennessee that she has finally made something of herself. She is the star of a new hit tv show and everyone is in love with her. Everyone includes her hot Detective boyfriend Ian Ford and his family.

When Ian asks Stacy to take their relationship to another level, she starts to think that Ian is only with her for the short term. She breaks up with him, but only leaves them both miserable. When Stacy receives threats from "Your Worst Nightmare", Ian returns to her life to keep her safe.

Stacy wants to return to her wild and carefree life before Ian. She's planning on using the Deuces' Gentlemen's Club Halloween party to hook up with a random stranger. Stacy's little angel costume is totally at odds with who she is and what she's planning on doing. Stacy's hook up with "The Cat Burglar" aka Ian is hotter and more amazing than she even thought possible. But when "Your Worst Nightmare" shows up, Stacy's and Ian's hook up could be their last.

I LOVE Stacy and Ian like crazy. The banter between them is wonderful. Not only are they both fun characters, but the sex between them is crazy hot. Stacy is insecure but strong in her own right. She has a mouth on her. Surprisingly, even with the possibility of death, she doesn't back down. Ian is perfect for her because he uses his psychology degree to figure her out and understand what she needs, when she needs it, whether she says anything or not.

I'm looking forward to reading the next book in the series. Hopefully, all the main characters from this book and Lover Undercover will make appearances.

Source: Publisher

Sarah says

4.5 stars

Ian and Stacy had been together for a year before Stacy panicked and ended the relationship when it started to get too serious. She loves him but she's worried that her past as a stripper will have a negative effect on his career as a detective. Ian knows all her deepest secrets though and they don't bother him in the slightest. He is determined to win her back so when a stalker starts sending her threatening letters it gives him the perfect excuse to insert himself back into her life.

Although Wicked Games does work as a stand alone I think you'll get much more enjoyment out of it if you've read Lover Undercover first. I loved Stacy and Ian's side romance in LU and that is where you see them meet for the first time and fall in love. This was my favourite story in the anthology, I absolutely loved catching up with these two and also seeing how Kylie and Trevor are doing a year down the line. Ian gets quite a treat in the private room of the strip club where the Halloween party is being held - this is definitely a steamy series! - but can he protect Stacy from her stalker and convince her to take a chance on love?

Lisa Jayne says

THREE TELL ME YOU LOVE ME STARS.

This short story is the perfect accompanying novella to the McCade Brothers series. If you enjoyed 'lover Undercover' by the lovely Samanthe Beck then nothing should stop you from grabbing this pleasantly put together, short romance story. As usual this author delivered the sexy, sweet and light hearted suspense to bring together an enjoyable read and although I didn't fall in complete book lust this time around there was plenty involved to keep me interested.

What's it all about?

Stacy Roberts has always been on the wrong side of right, but now that she's on a one way road to stardom she can't seem to shake of the past that has left her feeling a little inadequate. Stacy has found herself not only saying goodbye to her old lifestyle as a stripper, but also dealing with hate mail from somebody who despises her self made success and on top of all that she is also pushing away the one and only man who has made her believe in love. Detective Ian Ford has found himself heartbroken after the woman of his dreams can't commit to a future together but he's not about to let go without a fight. But when a real threat comes to tear them apart forever they may have to fight for a love that is worth more than just Wicked games.

What did I like?

There is no doubt that Samanthe Beck has a talent for writing hot, steamy grab-yourself-a-fan style sex scenes. She is also able to put together a well planned story line, with humour and romance and it certainly doesn't hurt that she delivers delicious heroes. As for this story she has added a great short story to an already

likeable series and I've heard that it only gets better. I did appreciate the overly lovely ending to the story, nothing makes me happier than when an author puts the romantic emphasis on an over the top romantic ending, so with that being said you can expect to be feeling good once you finish this predictable but nevertheless likeable novella.

Why not five?

As much as I appreciate this authors writing style there was something amiss for my tastes, it all fell a little flat and even though there were moments that I liked, mostly I felt like I was just going through the motions of reading instead of falling in love with the characters and story line.

Final thoughts ...

If you want a quick easy brazen fix that you take your reading time into a slightly unbelievable albeit entertaining story line then this may just be the novella for you. Go grab it on release day. Enjoy, kisses.

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Karla says

*Originally reviewed for the anthology **Lovers Unmasked** on 9/2013*

5 Stars! Loved it!! The perfect novella!

If you haven't read *Lover Undercover*, you might want to do that first to get a better grasp on the character relationships.

I adored Ian and Stacy in that book and was hoping they would get their own story, but this short certainly had enough depth that it satisfied my need to have more of them. Kylie, Stacy's twin sister, and Trevor, her fiancée and Ian's partner, are front and center in this book and I was thrilled. It was good to have ALL of them back. There was a perfect balance of fun, suspense, and some hot Halloween lovin'!! Ian and Stacy still had that off the charts chemistry that they had in *Lover Undercover*. The dialogue was excellent, the story wrapped up nicely and there was even an epilogue, yes an epilogue! Samanthe Beck knows how to make good use of words! She is an author to watch!

Amber Fueston says

Wicked Games was a fun, sexy, action packed read!

If you are looking to dip your toe into the McCade brothers series without the commitment of the full stories than this is the book for you. I guarantee you will want to read all of them by the time you are done. This was my first experience with this series and author and I am loving both! Samanthe Beck is able to get your pulse

racing while at the same time making your heart melt!

Claire Robinson says

Another great Entangled Novella

In Wicked Games we are treated to Ian's partner Trevor and his comical one-liners. Trevor and Ian are police officers who just happen to be dating twin sisters, although Ian split up from Stacy a month ago, and is currently working on getting them back together.

Unfortunately Stacy is harbouring insecurities about her past, and is also dealing with a prospective stalker. Ian's protective instincts kick in big time at a Halloween fancy dress-party, where things all come to a head between them and then the stalker turns nasty.

I have to admit it did all get a bit predictable from here on in, but the story was well written, what with the baddie turning up and who it was etc, but I enjoyed the characters and who doesn't want their own "Halloween Hero" like Stacy gets in Ian. Great epilogue as well!

ARC provided by Entangled: Brazen, for which I am happy to provide the above honest review (originally reviewed for the Halloween Anthology – Lovers Unmasked September 2013).

Vicky (the Blowtorch-Wielding OotCDCB™) says

Rating: 3,5 stars.

Disclaimer: The MCs of this novella were secondary characters in Lover Undercover, a previous book from the McCade Brothers series. Although this novella can be read as a stand-alone, I would highly recommend reading that book first because that's where their story/romance begins.

Wicked Games was not exactly what I expected. It was different in more than just length from the other 2 Samanthe Beck book's I've read so far:

***Unlike the other lighter/funnier books by this author I've read, this novella was angstier and more serious** since Stacy and Ian had a history and a bad breakup behind them. **There were still hot and playful scenes (yey!)**, but I had to wait until the very end to get to the feel-good part.

***I missed what I'd come to name “Samanthe Beck’s funny/provocative first meeting”, but at the same time I’m glad WG was about characters I already new because** a) the short length of the novella didn't prevent me from connecting with the MCs since it was sort of a continuation of a story that had already started in the previous book, b) **I was invested in them from the very beginning**, c) I'd been dying for Stacy/Ian to get their own HEA.

***A plus for this novella was a very exciting, suspenseful sequence towards the end that had my heart**

pumping! I did not see coming who “Your Worst Nightmare” turned out to be.

A non-spoilery excerpt I enjoyed (Trevor dressed for a Halloween costume-party with his work clothes – dark suit and tie – plus a pair of thick, black-rimmed glasses and Ian had something to say about it.):

“Seriously, man, what the fuck are you supposed to be?”

“I’m Clark Kent. I went classic and heroic.”

“You went lazy and uncreative. You’re a step down from ghost.”

In a nutshell: Not as funny and angstier than other books in the series, but still plenty hot, with the plus of a suspenseful, adrenaline-filled sequence towards the end.

My reviews of other books/novellas in this series:

Lover Undercover (McCade Brothers, #1)

Falling for the Marine (McCade Brothers, #2)

~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says

[

Stacy starts off the book with getting dressed for a Halloween party. She puts a condom in her bra. That hurt my heart since her and Ian were separated and she wasn't planning on seeing him. Intentions to me are very close to acti

Janey says

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3.5 stars..

This is the 2nd book in the McCade Brothers series, focussing on Detective Ian Ford, work colleague of Trevor from Lover Undercover.

Ian's love interest is Stacy Roberts, the outgoing, sex kitten twin that we met in the previous book. She had started her professional life as a pole dancer, whilst chasing an actresses dream. Her luck had drastically changed, and she found herself very famous, very quickly as she ran with the best of them in Hollywood.

Ian and Stacy had discovered each other and were more than well established at the end of the previous book, but this story starts with them being estranged.

I did enjoy this story more than the first, as the female protagonist had a little more gumption. Ian and Stacy's journey towards identifying the issues in their relationship, was suitably steamy, appropriately suspenseful, and I engaged completely with their characters.

