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As the only daughter of the wealthy Harrison clan, Tess Harrison has everything—except the baby she longs for. With no husband in sight, she escapes to her family's retreat in Aspen, Colorado, visions of sperm donors dancing in her head. Instead, she finds Logan Carter. When the ruggedly handsome manager of the Harrison ski house offers to be her baby daddy in exchange for her playing his girlfriend, Tess is breathless to begin the charade. After all, the brokenhearted heiress knows better than to fall in love . . .

She would be Logan's dream girl, if his dark past had left him with any dreams. Now the brooding bachelor's only hope is to satisfy his mother's dying wish to see him happily paired off—and give lovely Tess the baby she longs for. But when he and Tess opt to make a baby the old-fashioned way, he's fighting hard against the longing to hold on to the elusive Harrison beauty forever . . .

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Charlotte Lynn says

Between You and Me is my first Harrison Family book. I am now in a must-read state of mind about the rest of the series. I cannot wait to go back and read the others and learn more about their family and relationships.

I was not sure what I was going to find within the story when it starts explaining that Tess is the only daughter in an extremely wealthy family. Would I be able to relate to her? Would her lifestyle be so far out of my realm of life that I wouldn't be able to understand her? While her lifestyle was not quite the same as mine (I'd never be able to take months off and go hang out in the family home in Colorado) I was easily able to relate to Tess. She was real, with feelings, with expectations, and with a family that loved her completely. I liked that she knew what she wanted and was determined to make it happen. No one was going to stand in her way and she never wavered from her chosen path.

The family dynamic was great. I liked that she had brothers who protected her and questioned what Logan's intentions were. They didn't just lie back and let her change her life without calling her out on it and making sure she was doing what was best for her. They didn't give her grief when she finally explained what she was doing and gave her support 100%. I love these big brothers. Now her parents, they left so much to be desired. It always amazes me how someone who has such bad role model parents can turn out to be so amazing a person. By doing this Tess proves how wonderful and strong she truly is.

Between You and Me was wonderful. There is so much love and respect within the story. Add to that some hot steamy love and this is the perfect story. I'd recommend picking up your own copy asap.

Nicola says

4.25 Stars.

One thing you can always be certain of when you pick up a book by Jennifer Gracen is that she will bring you a strong, independent, smart lady and that's why her books always work well for me. Book four in *The Harrison's* series does just that, turning the spotlight on Tess—the girl amongst boys, the sister, confidante and cheerleader—and her HEA plan is a little less conventional.

"She didn't want to spend another Christmas aching and wishing for a child of her own."

Seeing her brothers settled and their families expanding brings home to Tess the fact that her biological clock is ticking. And with the means to make her dreams come true, she heads off to Aspen to relax and focus on herself and a list of possible sperm donors. She hasn't always seen eye to eye with the gorgeous manager of her second home and her privileged upbringing and wealth has played its part, but when she and Logan Carter settle their differences and start spending time together, it's not long before they both realise their new friendship could be mutually beneficial.

Tess was a nice balance of fiercely independent and determined, kindhearted and grounded, supporting Logan through his own personal hell whilst making decisions that will change her life forever. And I loved

Logan's quieter, brooding nature—his past has resulted in a man with no intention of opening his heart to another, yet deep down he's selfless and although he guards it well, he has a huge heart.

"All he knew was he was a lucky man, having fallen somehow into an ideal situation. He could help make this incredible woman's biggest dream come true."

Logan and Tess may have had a bit of a shaky start, but as they take the leap from friends to lovers, they bring everything from humour to heartache. And although at times they were a little frustrating and some of their liaisons came with a clinical feel, even that aspect played its part amongst the passion and crescendoing feelings.

"I'm here for you, Tess, however you need me."

With many of the smiles created along the way by Tess' brothers (Charles still remains my #1), I devoured *Between You and Me* pretty much in one sitting. But the cherry on top of this friends-to lovers-treat was discovering that this isn't the end of the series and with a sneaky peek of the opening chapter of the next book, I have a feeling it may be an emotional one. In the meantime, if you're fancying an easygoing, sexy romance to warm you up this winter, then this hits the spot.

"We found each other."

Copy generously provided by the author.

Ann Lorz says

Reviewed for Romancing the Readers Blog: <https://romancingthereaders.blogspot....>

I'm so glad that I found this series. I've been enjoying each book as its come out. We've been waiting for Tess to find love. From the past books I wondered how her story would go and I'm glad to say that it met with my expectations.

I really enjoyed *Between You and Me*. I admit that story line isn't anything original but I liked it all the same.

Logan has many issues that he needed to deal with. The main one was believing in himself. I liked him as a character and thought he was the perfect hero for Tess. She needed someone like him.

Right away you know these two have their own plans for living their lives, of course neither one thought they wanted happy ever after but we soon see how things change. I get why Tess wants the family (baby) without tying herself to a husband. Of course we know things seldom go as you want them to.

I'm so glad that I got to enjoy another installment of the Harrison clan. They all have issues but at their core they are really good people. I'm sure *Between You and Me* is said to be a standalone within the series but I

really believe you should read the whole series. You'll really get to understand why Tess's thoughts are the way they are.

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The_Book_Queen says

It's not that this book was bad. But it was very, very slow (uneven pacing). I felt like the story execution was weak, which is extra disappointing since I so adored my first Gracen novel last month (Love in Dublin).

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I will be talking about the book on my next Whatcha Reading? podcast which will go up on TBQ's Book Palace Saturday (11/25).

Carolyn's says

I love the Harrison clan and have been looking forward to Tess's story.

Tess, being the only girl of the family and spoiled-in a good way- by her 3 brothers, has always been there for her brothers' families. Always attentive, supportive and loving, Tess has inadvertently taken a backseat to her brothers' new lives. Tess realizes her happily ever after might not ever come and her desire to have children is what is most important and she isn't required to have a man in her life to have her heart's desire...her own child.

Heading to Aspen to her family home, Tess is moving forward with her dreams and seeking medical intervention via a Colorado fertility clinic and potential donors.

Logan Carter is the manager of the family home and dealing with his own difficulties with his mother's illness. A misunderstanding at a previous meeting has Logan holding Tess at arm's length as he feels she thinks he is less than her due to their socioeconomic status. Thankfully Tess is able to get Logan to confess to why he seems put out by her and they soon realize it's a misunderstanding and assume a great friendship.

Logan finds out Tess's plan for motherhood and her complete desire to have and raise a child alone- no relationship and no husband. Logan is staunch in his desire to never again get close to anyone as the vulnerability and loss is something he doesn't think he can handle ever again.

Seeing as they both have a strict view of what they foresee for their future life, it seems perfect for Logan to be Tess's sperm donor. What could make it even better- to have a no strings relationship to help Tess succeed the old fashioned way. How easy will it be for these two to remain unphased by entering into a purely

physical relationship with an emotional goal as special as a child. When hearts cannot remain separate from lust each party is too stubborn to divulge their feelings for one another. With Tess's mission accomplished it's time for her to head back to New York. Are these two going to keep their true feelings hidden or be vulnerable and let the other one know how they feel.

Shari says

An awesome read. Love the Harrisons, and to finally get Tess's story, it so worth the wait. As the only daughter in the family, she has always played mother hen, now it is her turn. Tess has one thing on her mind, to have a baby of her own. She doesn't want a husband. She goes out to the family home in Aspen to get this accomplished when she meets up with Logan Carter, the manger of their home. They soon strike up a friendship, when Tess decides he would be the perfect donor. Logan is not into relationships and the last thing he wants is a child but he is willing to help Tess in her project.

It soon becomes apparent that this plan brings in more than baby making as the friendship develops into so much more. Logan is also dealing with a sick mother.

This is a book that I could not put down. I will admit that I did shed a few tears while reading. Loved Tess, a strong willed independent woman. Logan just makes your heart melt. I highly recommend this book!

Bec_BookMagicReviews says

Tess Harrison needs time away and heading to the family retreat in Aspen is perfect, especially when it will get her closer to her goal of having a family. However, Tess never imagined she'd fall in love with the man she asks to be the father of her baby. Will Tess be able to convince Logan to take a chance, so they can achieve their happy ever after; or will Logan's past keep him from ever taking another chance on love, family and happiness?

The previous books of this series are absolutely fantastic, and this story is no different. Really, Ms. Gracen proves again that she has such amazing talent when it comes to writing contemporary romance with characters that are captivating due to their back stories and all they go through on their journey to happy ever after. The way this story started had me hooked, as Tess is close with her family and she totally takes them by surprise with her plan to take time out from her busy life. She's so secretive and I could understand why she wasn't ready to tell her brothers why she needs time away. Will she eventually open up to her siblings? However, it was from the moment the hero and heroine met that was extremely intriguing, as they're complete opposites in every way.

As for the dialogue, it was well-written, completely enthralling and I loved everything this couple go through on their journey to happy ever after. However, in saying that, it took me a while to warm up to the heroine, as what she asks of Logan is a tad selfish, knowing how he feels about kids and relationships. What did she expect when she takes him by surprise with her request? That he was just going to say yes and everything would be bright and rosy. Really, his reaction was perfectly understandable and I liked the decision he did make in the end, as Tess has become important to him and he wants her to have the one thing she wants most.

Both the main characters make this story a highly entertaining read with their incredible chemistry and growing relationship, but it was Logan that made this story extra special for me. Really, I couldn't get enough of him. He's had a tough past in losing everything that was important to him, but he finally got his life back on the right track. Then there's what he goes through in this story with his mom being sick, which wasn't easy for him to deal with and I couldn't help but empathize with him, especially when it comes to the decision his mom makes. Will his mom be all right? Will Logan listen to his mom and take a chance on love, family and happiness?

While Tess, she may be an heiress and never had to worry about money, but her life hasn't been easy. Her father is overbearing and has made some terrible decisions when it comes to Tess's life, but it's palpable the man loves his daughter. Furthermore, Tess is smart; hard-working with all she's done for the family charity foundation; and I liked how determined she was to have a family, even if it means possibly losing the man she's falling in love with. I also liked the obstacles these two face on their journey to happy ever after such as a jealous woman reminding them how different they are and interfering brothers that are determined to do the same. Yet, what I liked most of all about Tess is that she finally showed her brothers that she knows how to make a scene when it comes to them being judgmental jerks that have no right to do what they do at a crucial moment in this book.

Overall, Ms. Gracen has delivered another incredible read for this series where the chemistry between this couple was off-the-charts and instantaneous from the moment they came face-to-face; the sizzling romance heats up the pages and shows how amazingly opposites attract; and the ending had me empathizing with what the hero is going through and I liked that Tess was there for him and that they finally got everything out in the open when it came to their feelings. No way could they walk away from something so right. However, it was the epilogue that wrapped this story up perfectly, because of Logan's love for Tess and their child as well the surprise the heroine has for the hero. I would recommend *Between You and Me* by Jennifer Gracen, if you enjoy the opposites attract trope, the friends to lovers trope, or books by authors Samantha Chase, Melody Grace, Bella Andre and Barbara Freethy.

E-Reader Addict says

Between You and Me is a mix of the “fake relationship” and “relationship with an expiration date” tropes, which generally are ones I don’t enjoy. However, I sorta really liked this story.

Tess Harrison is quickly approaching her 40s. In the past couple of years she's watched all three of her brothers find love, settle down, and start families - which is what she's always wanted. But at this point in her life she's afraid that ship has sailed, and so she's decided to take matters into her own hands. She's healthy, she's financially stable, she has a (sort of) loving family. There's no reason why she can't have a child on her own. So she heads to the family home in Aspen for a couple months to take some time away from her busy life to prepare, and hopefully return home in a couple months pregnant.

Logan Carter is property-manager to the rich and famous in Aspen, Colorado. When Tess calls and lets him know she's going to be visiting her house, he jumps into gear to make sure everything is ready for her arrival. He also goes that extra mile to make sure she has what she needs while she's staying there alone. One thing leads to another, and suddenly Tess and Carter are spending social time together, getting to know each other better, discovering each other's deepest wants.

And that leads to a mutually beneficial arrangement: Logan will be the known-donor for the sperm Tess

needs to get pregnant, and Tess will pretend to be Logan's girlfriend so his mom will stop worrying about him being alone after she dies. It's the perfect solution to what they both want because Logan has no interest in being in a relationship or having a family, which suits Tess just fine. So once Tess is pregnant, she can go back home, their "relationship" will slowly die a long-distance death (for the sake of appearances with his mother), and Tess can go along her merry life with child-in-tow, never to bother Logan again.

Except we all know that isn't how things work out...

And while there isn't anything earth-shattering, plot-wise, in this story, it was a sweet story of two people who had given up on their most fervent dreams and ended up getting what they deeply wanted after all. Whereas the other stories in this series had annoyed me greatly (due to immature character behavior and repetitive writing about pecs and other body parts), this one stayed focused on the actual plot, with a naturally progressing relationship from friends to lovers. Yes, there was a silly scene where Tess runs into her former fiancé and things turn ridiculous and high-schoolish and made me roll my eyes, but for the most part, Ms. Gracen stuck to the plot and avoided all the things that make me cringe.

I'm still not sure what the deal is with Ms. Gracen's writing. The other books I've read of hers have been great - heartfelt, emotional, stories that pull on your heart strings. But this series hasn't been any of those things. *Between You and Me* was the best of *The Harrisons* series, but that's not saying much since the other two I read were total flops for me. Which begs the question why I even decided to give this one a try. I'm still trying to answer that question. At least it went better than I was expecting!

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Keeper Bookshelf

It's very easy to slip into a mindset of believing that the wealthy have an easy life. Certainly financial security can ease a lot of worries and burdens, but money isn't everything. Tess may belong to a very wealthy family, who are, for the most part, happy and secure within themselves. She's watched her brothers find love and welcomed their loves into her own heart as part of her family. But Tess hasn't found her happy every after man and the time to fulfill her greatest, most important wish for herself is quickly fading away... at least in her mind. Tess wants a child, even children if life was very good to her. She's well aware that the traditional way of love, relationship, family doesn't happen for everyone, and she's no longer willing to wait for that elusive happy ending to happen for her. She's made her decision, her plan is well in place... now comes the complication in the form of one handsome man who sets off alarms and wishes for something different. The forever kind of different.

Between You and Me was a story that captured my emotions pretty much from the opening onward. Tess is a strong, kind woman who has always had her family's back and now she's looking for something for herself, something that she has the means to accomplish in a non-traditional manner. It's her dream and she should be the driver of that dream. I appreciated that the misconceptions that Logan had about Tess didn't last long. When two people can honestly talk about issues and resolve them they have a much better chance of engaging my empathy instead of dragging out something that could easily be resolved. That doesn't mean that this couple didn't give me some frustrating moments, but I "got" their reasons, even if I didn't agree with them.

For me, Logan and Tess simply worked as a couple. I could believe in their situation, their reasons to stay apart and especially the moments when they allowed their hearts to rule their minds. If you're looking for a friends to lovers romance then Between You and Me has you covered on that. Heartwarming and romantic, and at times a bit formal because of their initial decisions... no matter the emotions they were giving to me I understood them and waited impatiently for them to discover the truth behind the actions they did for each other. If you've followed The Harrisons series then you'll be glad to see Tess finally join her brothers in that elusive happy ever after ending — and if this is your first glimpse into the world of the Harrison clan then you'll be looking for the earlier books to get caught up for we aren't quite finished with this series yet. I'd recommend this story or series to any Romance reader who believes that love matters most no matter the circumstances. It's just that simple. I enjoyed this one, and I believe you will, too.

I received an e-ARC of this novel from the publisher via NetGalley. That does not change what I think of this story. It is my choice to leave a review giving my personal opinion about this book.

Cathy Geha says

Between You and Me by Jennifer Gracen
The Harrisons #4

Tess really wants a child and at 37 feels her time to fall in love and have one with a husband may be running out SO she decides to head to the family ski resort where she will resort to a sperm bank for insemination. Well, the house manager for the family home just happens to be a hunk and a half named Logan Carter and after spending a bit of time with him she decides he might be the perfect person to ask to donate to her project. It seems perfect to both of them because he doesn't want a family and she doesn't want a husband so getting together a few times in a month during her fertile period should be a piece of cake, right? And, making a baby without test tubes and such just doing what comes naturally should not impact things at all...

As the two get to know one another better, share their pasts, explore the ski slopes together, spend those fertile nights together and become friends they find that perhaps things are not as easy as they had hoped they would be but as neither wants to renege on the bargain they made...it becomes dicey.

I enjoyed the story and the interactions between Tess and Logan BUT from personal knowledge know that sex can lead to feelings even if you don't think it will happen...they were setting themselves up for trouble and trouble they did get...true...it was trouble they overcame and a HEA was achieved once they communicated with one another but still...

Thank you to NetGalley and Kensington Publishing-Zebra Press for the ARC – This is my honest review.

3-4 Stars

Isha Coleman says

Between You and Me (The Harrisons) by Jennifer Gracen
Blessings are not found in the possessions we have, but in the people we love and the memories we make.

Tess has wealth and family, but is finding it hard to obtain the one thing she wants. To be a mother. Can a rash decision and a brooding loner be the answer to her long waiting dreams? Between You and Me paves a sentimental, yet realistic road to the center of the heart with angsty romance and emotional fulfilling characters.

Readsandeats says

Tess has it all or so it seems but there is something missing from her life. She decides that the only thing she can do is escape to the family ski lodge in Aspen. There she meets Logan, who due to various circumstances is working as the lodge's manager for the whole complex.

As the two of them get to know each other, they both realise that they can help each other. As their story unfolds, we as readers get to know them better and see that there's more to life than money. Money is a commodity that everyone wants but can it buy you everything you want? People are important and how you treat them is very important and you may get more than you ever thought you would.

I liked the interplay between Tess and Logan, also the way that Tess's brothers kept phoning her as it is so unlike her to go away for so long by herself. I liked the loving feel to these relationships.

Although this book is a couple of books into a series I would recommend it and would like to read more of this series.

Heather says

This was first book I've read by this author and in this series. It was predictable but not in such a way that you didn't want to finish the book. This was a very different story that I enjoyed reading. It was great reading the brothers bonds with their sister despite the tension with the father. I definitely want to finish reading this series.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

4.5 stars

I was curious to see what author Jennifer Gracen had in store for the only female Harrison sibling; the "mother hen" of the group, the one who tries to maintain the peace in the family, and the one who put everyone else and their needs before her own. I love that this story took place largely away from her brothers and overbearing father and gave readers a chance to really get to know her as she worked to make her dreams come true. From acquaintances, to friends, to lovers, to so much more, two people with very different outlooks on life find a love neither one expected in this alluring and captivating story.

All of her life Tess Harrison has wanted her own family; a husband who adores her and children who know they come first in their parent's lives. Watching her parent's marriage implode and the damage it did to her and her siblings, she wanted the complete opposite for herself, but an engagement blown to bits by her fiancé's cheating and another relationship that didn't pan out and Tess is beginning think after watching all her brother's fall in love that it isn't in the cards for her. My heart hurt for Tess because she had given up on

love something she so desperately wanted in her life, but I could also understand why she decided to pursue having a baby given her age and the fact that financially she could handle it on her own. I admired Tess greatly for making the decision to become a single parent and I know it wasn't one she made lightly. I also understood her need to leave New York and go to Aspen so she could do it without the questions and influence of her brothers and her father.

Being a property manager for the rich in Aspen was never Logan Carter's dream, but after his life imploded it is where he ended up and he is happy to be back near where he grew up and even happier that his mother is nearby especially as she is fighting cancer. Life has knocked Logan around, but he is happy where he is and enjoys his work and being able to enjoy everything the Aspen area has to offer. He always enjoyed the Harrison family because despite their wealth, they weren't demanding and demeaning like some of his other clients until last year when a conversation with Tess made him realize she was just like the others. Logan had a pretty big chip on his shoulder and it took me a while to warm up to him, I understood where he was coming from, but it was also obvious that he took a conversation and blew it way out of proportion. However, it was easy to see he was a man who loved his mother, was thankful for the life he now had, but was also cautious so as to not repeat the mistakes he made in the past.

Given that the last time Tess was in Aspen she and Logan had a conversation that made her look a bit haughty and him putting her firmly in the "blue blood" category, it took awhile for them to come to terms with that and move forward. I liked that he discovered otherwise organically, that as he observed her actions he began to realize she was a genuine person and he developed a healthy respect for her. I loved that Tess never once thought Logan was beneath her, that she enjoyed his company, recognized his intelligence, and was thankful for his friendship. The fact that she opened up so easily to him about why she was in Aspen was a testament of how much she trusted him and while it did take Logan a bit longer to open up about his past, once he did I think it not only helped him to unload, but made him realize that despite Tess's upbringing she wasn't a judgmental person. There were a lot of trials and tribulations to their relationship and while they made some mistakes, it was obvious that the respect and love between them never wavered.

I loved the depth of this story, that these were two people who have suffered hurt and thought they had their lives figured out and love struck them when they didn't expect it. Their actions and reactions were spot on and the emotion that poured from them was believable. I like that they were in a strange and somewhat difficult situation, that it took some time for them to figure out how to make it work and most of all that despite everything they were there to support each other. Between You and Me was a masterful romance, expertly crafted, and one I won't soon forget.

Tracy- OMGRReads says

Between You and Me is the fourth book of a series, but can be read as a standalone just fine. This was my introduction to the Harrison's and I can't wait to go back to read the previous books.

Tess Harrison, wealthy, intelligent, and single, heads to Aspen for some soul searching and to work on a project. A project that gets much more hands on when Logan gets involved. Tess is so much fun to read. She's perceptive and cuts to the chase.

Logan Carter is a gruff Mountain Man. He cares for properties around Aspen. He's there fighting demons, of his past and the inevitable. I had a bit of trouble warming up to him. He's a bit of a jerk, but he slowly comes out of his shell.

Overall, I really enjoyed Between Me and You. I loved watching Tess stand up for herself. She held her own among an overbearing family. The story was fun, but had its moments where it got emotional. It's well written and paced very evenly. It certainly held my attention. I would recommend to the reader looking for an engaging story, mature characters, and an unexpected emotional tale.

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