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Once bitten, twice shy.

Rafe Blackstone may play the sexiest werewolf superhero to ever melt women's . . . hearts . . . on the big screen, but Lily Hollander has already been bitten by an actor, and once was enough. So when Australia's favorite son walks into Sinful Desires, Lily's lingerie store, she's not impressed. Especially when Rafe displays his overprotective streak in defense of his brother--and aims it at Lily. Or, rather, at her identical twin.

Lily may seem like the softer side of the twinship, but nobody messes with her sister. Rafe can take his assumptions, mistaken identity and otherwise, right out her door again. Starting now.

Are you allowed to hate your future almost-brother-in-law, if you do it really, really quietly?

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Susan Page says

Oh my! Such a lovely story. Rafe Blackstone is a well known actor, famous for playing a werewolf known as The Beast. He has just had an acrimonious split from his fiancé, an actress, and is between films. He decides to visit his brother Jace in San Francisco, because he is worried about him. Jace was in the military, and came home with PTSD, and the family were scared for him. He is now a successful author, but had a stressful and bitter divorce six months before this story begins. Now Jace is planning to marry Paige Hollander, and Rafe is very worried that he is doing this on the rebound at best, and at the worst Paige is a gold-digger. He arrives in San Francisco late because his rental car breaks down, so he books into a hotel for the night. The Concierge suggests a good bar to go to, and as soon as he gets there a woman catches his eye. After a while he rescues her from another man trying to be over-friendly. They have a drink together, get chatting, and agree to go to a Karaoke bar together. Both of them have used aliases, for various reasons. They have a wonderful evening together, and Rafe arranges transport to get the woman home, she wouldn't give him her phone number, but took his.

The next day he turns up at his brother's house boat, to find that same woman trying to get in. He assumes she is Paige, and from the previous evening with her decides she can only be after Jace's money, and is really quite rude to her. Then Jace and Paige arrive from their morning run, and he discovers his error, the woman he had spent the evening with was Lily, Paige's identical twin. Instant frost! Lily is not prepared to forgive and forget. They manage to be civil to each other when they all go to Australia to meet the rest of Jace's family, but that is it!

Lily returns to her life in Sinful, Montana; looking after her goats, chickens, her garden and her lingerie shop, and her life returns to normal. The heat turns up for Rafe, his ex-fiancé puts a video out on the internet to get back at him, and which gives a very wrong impression of him. He needs to hide away until the storm blows over. The one place he expects to be able to do that is Jace's cabin, close to Lily's cottage in Sinful. She hears he is coming, but thinks they will be able to avoid contact. And then ... she meets an eight year old child called Bailey, who is trying to look after a stray mutt of a dog called Chuck ... and this turns out to be a total life changer for both Lily and Rafe.

There is a lot of story in this book, some of it very funny, some of it absolutely heartbreak, some of it unexpectedly exciting in an 'Oh My Goodness' type of way. Rosalind is very good at ratcheting up the tension, and the emotion. Bailey is a wonderful character, and is so true to life. Secrets come out along the way, a few tissues might be required to stop the tears! A really satisfying ending, with a delightful twist. Rosalind's stories get better and better! Well worth reading, worth more than five stars!

B. says

Well, Rosalind James has done it again and written a book that draws the reader into a fictional world so enticingly that I end up wishing I could go visit the locale. This time the story is taking place in Sinful, Montana where the heroine Lily Hollander has retreated after a bad marriage to build a life on her own and find her independence. Lily is the identical twin of Paige, the heroine of the first book in this series. They might look exactly alike, but they are totally different.

While visiting Paige, Lily runs into Rafe Blackstone, Paige's boyfriend's brother. They don't know each other so they have a lovely evening together that gives pickups in a bar a very good name. Then when Rafe meets her the next day, he thinks she's her sister and was two-timing his brother. She's furious at the accusation and that he used a fake identity with her, not saying who he was - a world-famous actor from playing a werewolf in action flicks. Thus ends Act One of their drama.

For Act Two - Lily has returned to Montana and Rafe decides to go there to study how to be a cowboy for his next role. Of course, they meet up and their physical attraction resumes. James is an expert on the slow-burn of sexual attraction between two characters and this is no exception. It helps that Lily owns a lingerie shop so she can tease Rafe by showing him some of her sexy stock.

Rafe is just the nicest guy. He is deeply attracted to Lily, but he's willing to let her set the pace. Lily befriends a poor little girl, Bailey, and the mutt that Bailey had adopted. We can really see what a great guy Rafe is by how he instinctively knows how to act with the frightened girl. Those are some of the most endearing scenes. Both Bailey and Chuck, the mutt, will win your hearts.

Both Rafe and Lily are recovering from bad relationships with the most despicable exes who, both being movie stars, lied to the press to make themselves look good. Rafe and Lily seem to have accepted the way they were demonized in the media without any effort to fight back with an interview setting out what really happened. When we find out more about Lily's ex-husband, it's a bit exasperating that she let him get away with how he treated her and didn't do anything to retaliate the slightest bit. She has a sister who is a police detective; couldn't Paige have given her a bit of advice about what to do? I guess Lily is just an example of how a woman can adopt her tormentor's view as her own self-image. We know that the wicked ex will eventually get his comeuppance, but I would have enjoyed wallowing a bit more in his downfall. The same for Rafe's dishonest ex.

But that's a small quibble. Overall, I couldn't put the book down and ended up putting off a lot of other things on my to-do list so I could keep reading the book. That's always the way it is with Rosalind James' novels. If you haven't read her before, I heartily recommend that you jump in with one of her series. Just be sure that you don't have terribly important things to get done before you start reading.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book that I received from the author; however, the opinions are my own and I did not receive any compensation for my review.

Karen says

I loved this book! It's the second book in the Sinful, Montana series. I love how Lily and Rafe meet and how they feel about each other. It's as good as how Lily's sister Paige met Rafe's brother Jace! I could totally picture myself in Montana in the mountains. I don't want to spoil the story but watching the two of them get together was beautiful. I would like to read another book in this series because Rosalind has introduced other characters that I really want to know more about. I have read all of Rosalind's books and have loved each and every one. I definitely think you should read this book and the one before it.

Jackie Wright says

Tempting as Sin is book 2 in the Sinful, Montana Series and this one is all about trust and misunderstandings, Rafe is an Australian actor who needs to learn it's ok to trust and not every woman is going to let you down and treat you wrong and Lily needs to learn that not all actors are bad people some are capable of love and then we have Bailey the sweet little girl who has been mistreated, once you add Chuck the dog that trusts and loves everyone into the mix you get a story that will captivate you. This book is a sweet romantic read yes it has some laugh out loud moments but it also is touched with some sadness, it has the perfect mix of love and angst and I really enjoyed it. Looking forward to more from Rosalind James and this series.

Jennifer says

2.5 stars.

I'm feeling a little lazy today, so this'll be a short review. I've read many books by this author and have liked some better than others. Her writing style is a little verbose, repetitive, and purple, but I don't usually mind it as long as the plot and MCs are compelling. Unfortunately, in the case of this book, the sentiment "it's not you; it's me" comes to mind. There were a lot of things going on in this story and maybe my summer brain didn't want to process it all. I also didn't necessarily dislike either MC, but I didn't find myself liking them all that much either. Perhaps it's because there was only so much inner monologue that I could handle. The MCs seriously reflected on every.single.thing. If this had been my first Rosalind James book, I probably would've given it three stars, but as I've read into the teens of her books, I can't rate it any higher than 2.5 stars.

The H also came across as a bit of a manho. And the way he goes from wanting a ONS with the h, whom he didn't recognize as his future sister-in-law's twin, to being offended that she only wanted a fling with him made no sense. I liked Chuck, the dog, the best. He was adorable and had no inner monologue to speak of. :)

Jacky says

I love Rosalind James' style of writing. Lily and Rafe's story was truly a journey. From where they started to the final pages, you run the gamut of emotions.

A sweet, sexy, funny, romantic love story. There was also some sadness, anger, fear, and a good dose of happiness. Rafe and Lily liked and respected each other, and that made the love and sexiness so much better. It was also great that they were willing to take on Bailey and Chuck before they knew where they stood with each other.

I really enjoyed the scene with Antonio. It seemed to me that both Rafe and Lily were generous, gentle spirits with strong cores. They would bend, but not break. I loved their conversations, and I was very happy to see that last chapter that gives you a sneak peak into what happens a little further down the road.

Quinn Fforde says

This book was even better than the first one, Guilty as Sin. I enjoyed that one a lot; it was very exciting and had great characters plus an excellent twin-switch plot. But while I was reading, I was getting even more interested in Rafe and Lily. I wanted more of their story, and it was terrific.

Those two have serious chemistry from the first moment. It is off the charts. Their first date was amazing, especially for two people who have big trust issues. Rafe demonstrates his respectfulness and understanding of Lily early on. When the misunderstanding hits, Lily stands up to Rafe in a way that she didn't even know she could do. That is probably my favorite part of the book: Rafe and Lily bring out the best in each other. The misunderstanding doesn't last very long, and they try to be adults about it. (I hate drawn out misunderstandings that could be resolved in two minutes if people talked. That is not what happens here, I promise.) The actual problem is that they have each revealed more of themselves to each other than they meant to, and they each have to decide if they will hide or try for more. It is a very compelling story that encompasses themes like genuineness, courage, the true nature of love, and consent in several forms.

In addition, we get some great secondary characters. I just wanted to bundle Bailey and Chuck up and bring them to my house. I liked that we got Bailey's point of view in several chapters. Martin adds a lot of fun to the plot, and so does Jo. And we get to meet Willow and get some serious hints dropped about Brett's backstory. Do I hear book number 3?

Then there is the humor. For all the big themes discussed in this book, I laughed an awful lot. Rafe has the most wonderful self-effacing sense of humor. His reports on his horseback riding lessons are pure gold, and I highlighted all of them. Since he isn't afraid to laugh at himself, the other characters aren't afraid, either. There are lots of funny exchanges between Lily and Rafe.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book. My honest opinion is that it has all the best facets of Rosalind James's books: great writing, lots of fun, excellent characters with true chemistry, and a few serious things to think about, too. It was very romantic and definite keeper.

Elizabeth says

Ms. James is one of those authors that always manages surpass my expectations.

I went into Tempting as Sin expecting to be entertained and expecting to enjoy the book, but it's the second book in the series. We've seen glimpses of the main characters before, so I was honestly expecting it to be a little "less" than Guilty as Sin (Sinful, Montana #1)

Expecting that "less" was a BIG mistake on my part.

While Tempting is a follow up/companion to Guilty, the story and characters are independent and carry their own weight in a well written, heartwarming story. We do see some of Paige and Jace (as you would expect since their siblings are the main characters here), but this is very much Lily and Rafe's story.

From mistaken identity, to misunderstandings, shared dogs, vengeful exes, and little girls needing love Lily and Rafe's adventures left me feeling hopeful that things turn out they way they are supposed to and that the end is the best thing for everyone.

Ms. James has mastered the slow burn and capturing the emotional essence of a relationship. She is a versatile author whose work I genuinely look forward too. No matter where she takes us next, I'll definitely be reading along.

Melindeeloo says

I'd say that this is one of my new favorites by this author. Loved the Aussie leading man Rafe, after his initial misstep he is a sign worthy too perfect leading man. His heroine was great too, fragile seeming but growing into her strength. There is a nice little touch back for her twin and his brother who were the stars of the previous book.

Nancy McGee says

Preconceived ideas bring misunderstandings and distrust in others. Learning to give up those ideas and trust again is the backbone of this book.

Rafe, a popular Australian actor, needs to trust in himself and in relationships again after his fiance did him wrong.

Lily, needs to trust a man who is an "actor" after her "actor" husband turned on her.

Bailey, the sweet little mistreated neighbor girl, needs to trust that someone will love her for who she is and never leave her.

Chuck the dog trusts and loves everyone and brings these three together.

This book is filled with tender moments, a lot of fun filled minutes, and don't forget the sexy bits!

Rosalind as usual writes a sweet believable story filled with compassion, human kindness, great dialogue and character interaction.

Do yourself a favor, grab a cup of tea, find a comfy chair and curl up with this awesome book.

Carolyn says

I really enjoyed the two books that encompass this little series. Nice romances, great writing and terrific characters. Looks like I will be checking out more books by Rosalind James!

Maggie says

Tempting as Sin is book two in Rosalind James' Sinful Montana series. IMO it can easily be read as a stand alone without any difficulty, but if you are anything like me I like to read series in order.

The main characters are Lily Hollander and Rafe Blackstone who happen to be, respectively, the twin sister and younger brother of the main characters of the first book in the series: Guilty as Sin. Lily is very different from her twin Paige, she was always the quiet twin. More introverted, eager to please, not wanting to make waves, but after an ugly divorce she is trying to make her own way in life, and working hard to become a strong independent woman.

Rafe Blackstone is a rising Hollywood star. At the beginning of the story he is determined to stop his brother from making what he thinks is a terrible mistake by getting serious about Lily's sister Paige. Then a meeting in a bar leads to a case of mistaken identity the next day, and he, not having a clue about the whole identical twin thing, is convinced that Lily is Paige and that she is using his brother. This makes for a not so brilliant

start for our H/h. LOL!

The story follows them back to Sinful, Montana, where Lily lives and owns a Lingerie store, and Rafe comes to Jace's cabin trying to stay incognito while researching for his next role of a western small town sheriff. There are plenty of sparks, conflict and UST before our two heroes come together. Toss in an eight year old girl who Lily befriends, a big goofy dog, Rafe's meticulously efficient assistant and other cast of local characters and it all makes for a heart melting story. I've said it before, I believe one of the author's strong points is the amazing cast of supporting characters she creates.

I would recommend this book to romance lovers everywhere: it has humor, angst, fluff, suspense, ust, heat and happy endings. I hope to see more stories set in Sinful, Montana.

Teri Mader says

Oh, the characters! Oh, the settings! Oh, the plot lines that intertwine! Oh, the fact that I get no sleep whatsoever whenever there is a new Rosalind James book to savor! Her latest masterpiece is the second in the Sinful, Montana series. Tempting is Sin is the story of two people who find themselves caught up in family drama: identical twins, brothers, job conflicts, and desire. Sinful, Montana is the epitome of a small town in a rural area. Having grown up in a similar small town, I certainly recognize the nature of the interactions among its citizens. One of Rosalind's many strengths is her ability to describe the many individuals that one might encounter in similar circumstances. Her books are never 'just' a romance. There are plot twists, sideline characters that you want to know more about, adorable animals (in this case, pygmy goats, chickens, and a mutt named Chuck), and an intriguing story about two people who have suffered in the past, but just might find that they are made for one another. Throw in an orphan child, some Australian scenery, and a few life threatening dangers, and you have another great book.

MiekeReads says

Tempting as Sin is a fun and enjoyable romance. This book is the second in the Sinful, Montana series and it is just as good as the first.

I really liked the character of Lily, our heroine. I liked that even though she had been a bit on the wimpy side in the past, she was pushing herself to be braver and stronger. Lily was really focused on building a happy successful life, and I liked that she wanted to do so on her own terms.

I liked Rafe our hero as well. He annoyed me a little bit in the beginning but he really showed himself to be a stand up solid guy, even if he did work in Hollywood.

The relationship between Rafe and Lily was fun to watch develop and there was no doubt that they belonged together and would make each other happy.

One of my favorite parts of the book were the secondary characters and the farm and animals. I actually enjoyed the farm and animals so much they almost overshadowed the secondary characters at some points!

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys sweet contemporary romance.

Erin Lewis says

4.5 Star Review of Tempting As Sin (Sinful, Montana #2) by Rosalind James

Another great addition to the Sinful, Montana series. I really enjoy Rosalind James style of writing; her characters are always believable and the way she describes the surroundings, often makes me feel as though I am seeing the places she talks about in my mind.

Both Rafe Blackstone and Lily Hollander are strong characters in their own right. Lily is purportedly the quieter, softer twin, but she is ferocious when it comes to protecting her identical twin Paige.

When a case of mistaken identity brings Rafe and Lily into a confrontation, sparks fly. Once the confusion is unravelled, Rafe and Lily embark on an adventure, all the while trying to protect themselves from getting hurt. Both have been badly burnt in the past by partners that did a number on them and neither want to be that vulnerable again.

Rafe is swoon worthy and made my heart jump on occasion. I loved that he was prepared to let Lily set the pace for the relationship that they building.

This was a romantic, sweet, humorous story which had great secondary characters and one I thoroughly enjoyed.

I look forward to reading more in this series.
