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Indulge your fantasies with these steamy, contemporary romances about sexy, billionaire alpha males, and the women who capture their hearts.

His price is her innocence...

Holly Winchester is desperate. With her brother facing theft charges and a potential prison sentence in a foreign country, she seeks help from the one man she knows can give it. But will the ruthless, billionaire sheikh who once broke her heart be able to forget and forgive their painful past?

Two years ago, Sheikh Rafiq Al Hakimi allowed a beautiful foreigner not only into his country, but nearly his heart. It was all too easy, falling for the one woman who didn't fear him or his scars. Until he discovered her intentions were as shallow as the modeling world she thrived in.

Now Holly's returned to his country, begging for his help. He's willing to give her brother his freedom—if Holly gives up hers by agreeing to become his mistress...

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sparklyunikorn says

5 stars

It was a light romance which I enjoyed.

Both hero and heroine had troubles. Rafiq is a king who ruled a country afraid to love and fondness because for him, enemies would use it to threat and to harm that would lead to death. That was what happened to his parents. He wouldn't wish it to happen again to him and to someone he loved but love he couldn't run away.

He met Holly before, he chased her away and now he have her again, he fell in love with her. Holly needed his help to save her brother from a lifetime sentence but to do that, she needed to do what he told her to do. She needed to stay with him for some period of time.

He wanted her to be with him on the spotlight and so he would tell the world he's available, approachable and with intention to find a wife. Ladies seemed to stay away from him because of his scar that marred his appearance and his short-tempered hence his people fear him.

As story went, they gotten to know each other deeper and learnt the truth about Holly.

Truthfully, at first I thought this book was a historical fiction but story told sounded like one but after I read further, it wasn't which still fine with me.

Highly recommended.

Sheryl says

Under normal circumstances, i stay FAR AWAY from books featuring sheikhs because lets face it, if you've read one, you've read them all, BUT something about the blurb of this book drew me and i picked it up to read and i could not put it down! And when i finished reading it, i realised why i LOVED it so much; THIS BOOK was what i had been looking for EVERYTIME i picked up a Harlequin or Mills and Boon; it had a really good, fleshed out story with lots of emotion! I must admit, Rafiq REALLY did "it" for me, what with his initial anger at Holly and then the realisation that he had misjudged her upon which he turned into a hot, steaming pile of goo! LOVED IT!!! Now i'm off to buy the next in the series; The Billionaire's Baby Bargain which has JUST been released on Smashwords! I just love it when authors go indie and self publish!

Denise says

Engaging!

I love all the emotions running all over this story. They kept me attached to my Kindle. Ms. Stevens writing slowed me to hear the tone of their voices.

Aly is so frigging bored says

3.5*

Jenny says

5 stars!

What a great read! This was my first Shelli Stevens book but it sure won't be my last. I usually stay FAR AWAY from books featuring sheikhs but I am so glad I gave this a chance.

The story begins when Holly arrives in Rafiq's kingdom and pleads with him to save her brother from a potential prison sentence. Holly and the hero have a past, a short affair that ended when Rafiq wrongly suspected Holly who was then a famous model was prostituting herself to have a great career. The hero accepts to give her brother his freedom but only if Holly stay there and pose as his mistress.

I love, and I mean mega girl crush love Holly. I admired her strength and her kindness. She wasn't just a passive mistress to the sheikh. Instead she opened her mind and heart learned Arabic, embraced the traditions of his country, mingled with the locals and his people loved her. What's most important she turned Rafiq from a cold detached ruler to a kind considerate man and thus earned the love and respect of his people.

This story was completely addictive from the first page to the last. To say that I devoured it would be an understatement. It had romance, drama, jealousy, a likable heroine, a sexy hero and the sweetest epilogue!

Teri says

Tender but tumultuous love story

Wonderful characters full of presence will keep you turning the pages. The story has cultural differences, she differences, responsibility differences, lies misunderstandings, undeniable attraction, and unquenchable love. If you enjoy epic love stories you won't want to put it down.

Lady Raven RAVE! says

Length: 3124

Story: GREAT

Enjoyment: GREAT

Intimacy Level: SWEET/ GOOD

THOUGHTS

5.5 stars

I enjoyed this story immensely. I felt in the mood for a sheikh romance when I came across this book and it delivered. The .5 star added to my rating might seem a bit extra, but the story and its characters, brought me back to the moment I started reading romance novels from the Harlequin Presents and Loveswept lines. The story in some ways seems basic and simple, but it has a feel like a bit of a throwback to many sheikh romances.

The story concept of sheikhs, damsels in distress and a bit of blackmail thrown in, as I've always stated, never gets old for me. *Beauty and the Sheikh* intertwines a bit of the *Beauty and the Beast* concept, which I've never read this sort of imitation with a sheikh. Holly went in search of the Sheikh, Rafiq, with whom she shares a history with. In a desperate attempt to save her brother, she asks Rafiq for his help. Of course, it comes with a price. The price, to be his mistress in every sense of the word for three months.

As the story progressed, I became so involved and consumed with Rafiq and Holly's relationship, which was very rocky in the beginning. However, once the walls begin breaking down, it's apparent the chemistry and love these two characters share for each other. Most of all, it was the way the author was conveying the story to me that had me mesmerized by everything that was taking place. I almost wish the story was a series that I could read more. Nevertheless, if you are a sheikh fan and looking for something exciting, romantic with a bit of a domineering presence of a sheik, this is your book. (Not related) but now that I have read this book, if I could read about a vampire sheikh, which there are none, I would be a happy camper.

The only thing I would make a note on and that felt a bit incomplete to me without giving away too much, I think the author should have confronted the issue of Rafiq destroying Holly's career two years prior. I don't think she was aware it was Rafiq.

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Elaine says

Was it a unique story line? No. Did I still enjoy it? Yes. Was it better than most other romances? No, very similar.

Amanda Sheila says

I love it! This time the hero with insecurities! And the cover? Oh my freakin' God, he's grabbing the boobs! Boobs! Hahahaha.

Anyway, I read the second book first so I can't help but comparing. I like the second book more because, I don't know. The idea of a guy forcing a girl to "be his", hurt her feelin' a little bit and then regret it always amuse me. And the good one is kind of hard to find. I mean, I own tons of "romantically forced" books (haven't read it yet though) but most of them are strange. One time, the guy seems very ruthless and harsh and the other time, the girl seems way too naïve she's more like dumb. Annoying.

But Shelli Stevens nailed it! Maybe I give this book 3 stars but I still have this special place in my heart (and

my shelf) to put this book. Way to go, Miss Stevens!

Shannon Gorilla McGee Winston says

I liked this, I really did. I was pleasantly surprised considering that I usually try to stay away from kings, princes and sheikhs. As a matter of fact, this was my very first Sheikh romance.

The reason this didn't get a higher rating from me is that, the uber-rich guy hero (especially royalty) is probably my least favorite or next-to-least favorite hero. This also read like one of the Harlequin category romances I cut my teeth on in my teens.

But despite the lack of originality, I thought it was good. I do have to mention that the hero's face is scarred by a failed assassination attempt, and I LOVE scars and insecurities in a main character.

Tia says

I thought it was a pretty damn great novel. At first I wasn't too sure but the fact remains Shelli Stevens is an amazing writer, no matter what genre of books she creates. I love the sheikh books and this one was no exception. Although I would of liked to see more of their past interaction with each other from two years prior.

Alp says

An ok mindless read. A lot of misunderstandings and drama. Nothing special to remember...yet it was somehow entertaining.

Margo says

A pretty ho hum book. Pretty much what I expected.

Linda Johnston says

Reviews

Interesting book, Holly was a model when she met Sheikh Rafiq in his country. She wanted to have pictures taken there. He overheard her boss tell her to sleep with him so they do the pictures. He throws them out of his country. She comes back because her brother was caught cheating at the club at cards. Radio tells her that he wants her to be his mistress for 3 months to get her brother out of jail. They both couldn't get over each other

Ann says

Loved this book every girl dreams of having her own sheikh or Prince can't wait to read more books by this author
