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Blaise West is Kim Abbott's new boss, and he's even more formidable than office gossip led her to believe. Shy, tall and awkward, Kim's used to hiding in the background—but in Blaise's powerful presence, she feels feminine and desired!

It is a heady combination, but she knows she must resist. Especially when her playboy boss makes it plain that he longs to get to know his chaste secretary rather better...but that he will never offer her anything more than a temporary affair....

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TJ says

Not usually into HQRs but this sounds like one I would love....

Naksed says

Author wasn't kidding when she mentioned "inexperienced secretary" in the title. And no, I am not talking about the fact that she is a 25 year old virgin.

She was a nightmare employee, falling in love at first sight with her boss, drifting off into long day dreams about past heartache, current lust, and bleak future prospects while her boss is trying to give her some instructions (lol), berating a bratty ten year old girl with a viciousness normally reserved for OWs when she was asked to babysit for ten whole minutes, ordering up hot chocolate from the harassed room service staff at 2 am while on a business trip, because her lusty thoughts are giving her insomnia, generally showing up to work harried and grumpy because she is up all hours of the night, tossing and turning in her unrequited lust, breaking a heel on the way to work and choosing to go to work barefoot instead of stopping somewhere for a new pair.

And the cherry on top of this sundae? Declaring her unrequited ~~lust~~ love to her boss at his ten year old daughter's birthday party, simultaneously with her resignation notice. Omg the woman was batshit crazy and so inappropriate!!! HB normally writes strong, smart heroines but she definitely slipped with this one.

Not that the hero was any better. Now, I am used to HB's cynical rakes who push and pull the heroine but at least these behaviors are stretched out over a period of time. This guy was waffling between warning her off him and giving her punishing kisses within minutes. I think he had hot and cold flashes half a dozen times during an afternoon!

I really should have known better than to attempt a book with such a stupid title lol.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

I have to say that Kim really made this book for me. I admired her for her emotional integrity and fortitude. I liked that she took a painful past and used it to be stronger and didn't mull on the past. She isn't a wallflower at all. She's actually very fashionable and feminine, although she does have a few insecurities about her extreme height and being teased about it in the past, also from what her ex-fiance' did to her. I like that she was able to stand strong against Blaise, who is a bulldozer in most ways. She was very attracted to him from the beginning, and fell deeply in love with him, but she didn't let that compromise what was important to her as a woman. I especially loved that she was clear about what she wanted out of a relationship and from a man, and didn't play emotional games.

I really liked that through Kim, this story reflects that some young women's values don't follow the trends

and shouldn't have to. That some women do still believe in sex having to mean something for them personally, and aren't afraid to wait or afraid to stand up for what they believe they deserve. This wasn't done in a preachy way, as Kim doesn't condemn other women who are happy with no-strings sexual relationships; she just knows it's not for her. I found that this was refreshingly dealt with, and the message was clear enough without being PSA-like.

This story had me crying near the end, and I won't say why. I think that it's worth reading about for oneself. It relates very closely with Blaise and his issues. He's a man that I feel has some emotional scars that have caused him to cut himself off from love. I loved that Kim was brave enough to be real and to challenge his perceptions, and not in a pushy way. But in a way that made him realize that he couldn't continue to live his life the way he had and be a whole person.

I thought that Helen Brooks was effective at having a modern voice with this novel, but also showing that people can have their own values that cause them to step outside of what is expected for a 'modern' person, when it doesn't ring true for themselves in particular. That's a good message for this reader. Outside of that message, I enjoyed reading about the relationship between Kim and Blaise. They had a strong relationship that involved not only passion and love, but mutual respect. And the ending was very romantic and sensual, exactly what I hoped for.

This was a very good book. Thus a **4.5/5.0 star** rating.

Leona says

I just loved the heroine in this book. She gave it all back and more!

Four years ago, Kim was devastated when her fiancé left her just weeks away from the wedding. Seems he finally realized that he was gay. Given that the heroine grew up feeling like the ugly duckling due to her height, this sends her into a confidence death spiral. She finally comes around realizing that the "HEA" isn't for her, so she devotes herself to having a rewarding career. She is smart, sexy, feisty, but also a very loving compassionate person.

She decides to apply as PA to the CEO and owner of the company, Blaise,who happens to be one hot nugget! Of course, he has sworn off women and serious commitments due to a disastrous first marriage. The only redeeming consequence of his marriage, turns out to be his ten year old adorable little girl Lucy.

The sparks and chemistry fly. I loved watching how they came together....most importantly, getting to see a heroine who respects herself enough to make the right decisions.

A fun, feisty, enjoyable read that had me chuckling my way through the book.

Caro says

Empecé el año con heroínas bitches. Espero no acabarlo de la misma manera.

La historia es aburrida hasta el hartazgo, los personajes son planos y la relación jefe-secretaria me pareció inadecuada y mal descrita. Además de que la protagonista anda besuqueándose por ahí con otro y que Helen

Brooks se queda cortísima a la hora de escribir una escena de sexo decente. Pasamos de bajar de un mundo de luz y color a "explorar cada hueco". Ay, no. Sinceramente, me la imaginé con más agujeros de los que puedo soportar (?). Next.

Hopefulpuffin says

I read this pretty much for the title alone but found it surprisingly good. I've now breezed through a number of Brooks' backlist and the ones I've chosen share similar themes/characters.

- 1) Older (mid-late 20s/early 30s!) female virgins
- 2) Older, experienced heroes - think mid-late 30s
- 3) Heroes who only want no-strings relationships due to some woman who done them wrong in the past
- 4) Heroines who are attractive but don't necessarily see themselves as such or don't care about their looks
- 5) Heroines are amazingly perceptive about the heroes' past and can see the good man underneath it all
- 6) Kissing and fade to black sex
- 7) Conflicts that could ups be cleared up quickly if the heroine just explained herself

If you want a very quick read - and I mean seriously quick - with a HEA and tea (Brooks is British), give this a whirl.

Bonus: it's on Open Library.

LeeAnn G says

Makes you realize second chances work.

RebeccaL says

It is very refreshing to read the main characters are nice people and no cruel insults when they communicate. Plus the heroine knew what she wanted to get out from a relationship and has the courage to stand by it. I enjoyed this story very much.

Marja says

This was a fun read :)

Jenny says

I can't respect a heroine who says she is in love with the hero but makes out with the other man in hero's house with his daughter present. Gross.

Saly says

I liked this, the romance was quiet absent and on the down-low.

The heroine has always been self-conscious of her height and her engagement ended in disaster(her fiancee was gay), so her career is all she wants as of now, she applies for a new job and her boss is demanding and focused and she falls for him, but she's not one of those simpering women who melt at a look.

She challenges his view of love and even goes as far as to quit but he wises up.

And they just share a kiss before all of this happens. A low passion romance, which I liked.

Nicole P says

I think I will read again

Ok. Not great. I really don't know how to review this book. The end was pretty good. I guess the story progressed as it went on.

Nefise says

It was better than my expectation. I had good time and it's all about matter to me. :)

Shemeka Mitchell says

It was a good read. At times it sort of dragged on because it lacked a little of action. But I did enjoy finding out why the characters were the way they were.

Meggin says

romantic
