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This is not your typical rock star romance. For one, the “rock star” is a rapper. And not just any rapper. Trace is the hottest ticket in the music industry right now, regardless of which definition of ‘hot’ you choose.

Taryn Starr is not the girl-next-door who unknowingly meets a celebrity. Known as “America’s Sweetheart,” the reigning country music princess and world-renowned superstar knows exactly who Trace is...or does she?

Their worlds collide when the musicians whose paths were never destined to cross are forced by their joint record label to collaborate on a song. The sparks fly and ignite a fire that blazes hotter with every minute they spend together—for better or worse. One thing’s for certain, the two media magnets can’t deny their explosive chemistry, but will life in the spotlight ultimately bring Trace and Taryn together or force them apart?

***This contemporary romance new adult novel is for mature audiences. The language alone would make a sailor blush (the guy’s a rapper, remember?) so 18+ only, please.

Collaboration Details

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Plamena says

5 Shining Stars!!!

Such a sweet and entertaining story!!! I enjoyed every minute of it! That's exactly what I needed- a light, fun and sexy read. And the best thing about it- the heroine is simply amazing and absolutely likeable. She didn't irritate me for a second! That's what I call a breath of fresh air!

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Taryn and Trace are both successful and famous. They both are in the music industry: Taryn is a "country music princess" and Trace is a rapper. Their paths cross when they are forced to do a song together- a collaboration.

"I've heard voices described as 'angelic' before, but I never knew what they were talking about before now."

Taryn and Trace can't be more different...but as we all know...opposites attract! Trace is funny, charming and outgoing- a total player. Taryn is sweet, shy and not a definition of a 'party person'. She is really grounded despite her fame. Her mother is a real control freak and a total b*tch!

After starting this project, Trace is soon seeing how different Taryn is and he will open up for the first time about his past and his 'real' life. Taryn will be absolutely surprised to discover this bad boy is actually an amazing and caring person.

***"You're my kryptonite, my Achilles' heel
I can't believe the things that you're makin' me feel
But I'm no Hercules, baby
Ain't no white knight
Got no superpowers
So I'm losin' this fight
You gonna break me, remake me,
Open me up for all the world to see
But I'll give you what you want
Cause I can't say no
Take all that I have
But baby, never let me go."***

Like a said...I loved it! The writing style is perfect. I was hooked from the first page!!! I absolutely recommend this read.

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Danielle Allen says

Michelle and Nevaeh do a wonderful job of portraying two celebrities falling in love. The storyline was believable and authentic. I felt the characters were realistic and beautifully written. Trace was absolutely swoon worthy... Sexy and talented. And Taryn was completely identifiable. And when the two finally collaborated, the sparks were palpable. I recommend this love story to anyone looking for a great read.

Crista says

Review posted at: Swept Away By Romance

4 stars!

I am a huge sucker for celebrity romances, and *Collaboration* is a great celebrity romance. I love reading about all the glitz, glamour, and challenges of stardom. This story features not one, but two music superstars.

Taryn is country music's hottest ticket. As this book opens, she is attending the Grammy Awards Ceremony and wins "*Entertainer of the Year*". She is beautiful, talented, and maintains a good girl image. Controlled by her over bearing mother/manager, she is desperate to find some independence and "say" over her life.

Trace is the "bad boy" of rap music and is the hottest selling artist on the charts. He is also present at the Grammy's and wins "*Artist of the Year*". There is an initial competitive vibe between Taryn and Trace, but this is quickly replaced by an intense physical attraction.

When Trace and Taryn's record label puts them together to collaborate on a song, the attraction is undeniable and things between them intensify quickly.

I found myself intrigued by this book and the characters. As these celebrities try to juggle their music careers, touring demands, and the ever-present paparazzi, (all while trying to begin a relationship), I found myself feeling empathy towards what celebrities deal with. There are certainly perks of stardom, but these individuals sacrifice their privacy and freedom every single day.

I wasn't sure that a romance between two seemingly opposite individuals could be believed, but I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Trace and Taryn weren't so very different than a first glance would indicate.

There wasn't much that I didn't love about this book. The sex scenes were amazing, the conflict was understandable and believable, and I loved this couple together. My only complaint is that this book had the potential for an even greater "wow" factor, but it never quite reached the plot and character depth that I feel like it needed.

The epilogue was a treat, and I appreciate how this author chose to leave this couple (and the reader) as the

last sentence was read.

Overall, *Collaboration* was an amazing rock star/celebrity romance that I highly recommend.

A copy of this book was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Sheryl says

I loved this story so much, that its hard for me right now to express in words how I feel... It was so sweet and touching and thinking about both Taryn and Trace (*SWOON* *I absolutely ADORED Trace... I wanna have his babies!!!*) has left me unable to sleep for the last 3 hours!!!!

From the first time that we meet Trace, "Now that little Southern Belle I just met... well, that's a totally different story. I could feel the innocence just pouring off that one, and damn if I didn't want to be the man to make a woman out of her. Yeah, as if that would ever happen..." to that ending (view spoiler), I NEVER STOPPED LOVING THE SWEET-BUT-OH-SO-DIRTY TRACE!!!! *LE SIGH*

When a story hits you that hard, as this has done, you know that it's EPIC!!!! Beautifully written and I cannot wait to read more from this series!!!!

Janie says

So I have to say that at the beginning of this one I was not a fan of Trace. What I loved though was his growth throughout the story. He became the man he was supposed to be, one that his parents would be proud of.

From the beginning I really liked Taryn. She was sweet and lonely even being surrounded by people. The one thing that I didn't care for with her character was the way she let her Mom who also happened to be her manager, treat her. She had no backbone when it came to that despicable woman.

I loved the chemistry between Trace and Taryn. They definitely had that spark. These two had a couple bumps along the way but they were always true to each other and learned to lean on each other. Some of the secondary characters were awesome. I don't know if Regina's story will be written as it was supposed to be out a while ago but I would definitely read it.

Thanks Mindy for the buddy read ?

Nevaeh Lee says

Since I'm not going to review my own book, here's our version of Taryn & Trace. But please, please keep sharing your pics...especially the ones of Trace! ;)

Kim Person says

WHOA!!!! Talk about a surprise for me! Every time I start a book this year I've held my breath wondering will I finish this one or not. I'm needing something different these days something outside of what I've read.

I'm TOTALLY stoked that this book surpassed my expectations and admittedly kicking myself for not starting it the day I purchased it!

This book is a phenomenal collaboration of two authors I've not read before even though one is published (ummm yeah I bought the other books she published and will be giving those a try ASAP). This book moved me to tears towards the end and I was a little pissed (if you read you know) before I literally sighed with relief.

An absolutely beautiful breathtaking love story proving that opposites do attract but are they truly opposite? Never judge a book by its cover is a motto that applies in all manners of my life cause the outside will never truly reveal the absolutely amazing hidden treasures you find once you take the time to "slowly" read, get to know and embrace the inside which always surpasses what you can only see from the cover. Trace & Taryn's relationship was example of this and kudos to the authors for actually developing the relationship before they got to know each other on a totally different level. Oh FYI I love the cover of this book ;)

5 stunning star read that had me laughing, angry, crying and acting like a fool as I talked to my Kindle when I finished ~ I even hugged the darn thing!!!

Excited to hear there will be more ummm Ryder please :) Actually the secondary characters were amazing and I want a Stella in MY life!!!

Polly says

What a great book!!! Such a different take on music books these days. A black rapper and a country singer (I will cut anyone who mentions Taylor Swift, we know she can't keep a dick happy).

I flew through this one. I loved the cute texts they shared. I loved their passion and faith in each other.

There were some bumps along the way but none of them were deal breakers for me. They each made a few silly stupid mistakes.

One of my fav books so far of the year!

Maayan says

When opposites attracted it's usually leads to explosions (in a good way ;)

Meet Trace - The bad-boy rapper :D

Meet Taryn (Peaches) - "America's Sweetheart" :P

"Now that little Southern Belle I just met ... well, that's a totally different story. I could feel the innocence just pouring off that one, and damn if I didn't want to be the man to make a woman out of her. Yeah, as if that would ever happen."

When their worlds collides due a Collaboration forced by their joint record label They had no choice but to Work together and spend some time with each other.

They didn't expect to fall in love <3

"Holy shit. I've heard voices described as 'angelic' before, but i never knew what they were talking about before now. She sounds like pure honey when she sings, all syrupy and so sinfully sweet - I'm pretty sure i could go to hell based solely on the thoughts i'm having right now. Now i'm the one staring."

What I liked in the relationship between these two is that it developed slowly .. After they spent time together they both had to go on tour on different sides of the country .. They kept in touch through text messages, phone and video calls. They got to know each other more deeply, and when they met again sparks were flying in the air :D

Maintain their new relationship despite all that's against them is not going to be easy. they need to overcome the secrets of their past, the industry, the fans, and the new emotions that arise in them.

The end was fantastic. I really enjoyed the book, I love books that music is a central theme and i enjoyed the different side Michelle Lynn & Nevaeh Lee created here. I recommend this book for all the music lovers :D

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Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

I was originally going to rate this 4.5 stars, but I think I was just in a pissy mood, because this is total 5-star right here.

I really loved this story. It was something different, with good characters, hot scenes, and cool music references.

I really enjoy interracial romance, and this one had the added element of the urban vs country scene dynamic. I really, really liked Trace.

I will definitely read this author more after this one.

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

3.5 Stars!

This is going to be short and sweet. I thought this was once again a good read, but not a great read. I didn't find it to be anything new for the genre. Yes, it was a rapper and a country music star which is different but the storyline was pretty typical and predictable.

Trace is a rapper, he's a man whore who reforms himself when he meets Taryn, America's Sweetheart and country music star. It was an opposites attract love story. They come from different worlds...seem to have nothing in common.

Trace is in the public eye quite often and not usually in a positive way. He and Taryn are on the same label and end up **collaborating** on a song together. From that they build a friendship and eventually more.

My biggest complaint was the juvenile drama. They weren't even together a day when they were plagued with cheating rumors and jealousy.

Both on separate tours they are trying to build their relationship with thousands of miles between them.

I liked the build up of their friendship....getting to know each other....texting, etc. But it took almost the whole book to get together and then they spent most of the remaining time with trust and miscommunication issues.

I'm also not a fan of the whole (view spoiler) scenarios. That's just

The end was sweet and there were some funny moments and the sexy times were pretty hot but it just didn't wow me.

Heeta says

5 Fluttery Stars

I simply adored this book, it was just soooooo

Meet Aster Manning Third (tres) aka Trace or Ace

Isn't he gorgeous? Trace had me all hot and bothered both inside and outside the bedroom (the bed being figurative)

Here's the sweet Country girl Taryn (Taralyn) Starr

This book was just butterfly inducing awesome, is there a real life Trace because I want one real bad.

My only complain is, I wanted more this wasn't enough.

Sarah Darlington says

I had the pleasure of beta reading Collaboration and let me tell you... **5 GRAMMY-WINNING STARS!**
Here's how I pictured Trace and Taryn:

As far as appearances go, she was the country music pop-princess and he was the blue-eyed, bad-boy rapper. The novel starts with the characters at the Grammy's...and let me tell you, the first few pages were like book crack! I got addicted and then I spent the rest of the day needing more! :)

It was a slow-burning, slow-building romance. Which was such a relief from all the insta-love you see in NA. I loved the way they came together through working on the song the record label forced on them, all the cute text-messages, and the way their first kiss happened. Not to mention, the smoking-hot sex scenes!

You'll love Collaboration! A must read! Standalone with a very fitting HEA!

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

This was very well written. I think it was a unique storyline pairing up a rapper and a country singer. However, I do struggle with groupies and paparazzi and don't really like them in my books. This played a big part into why this wasn't a higher rated book.

Trace was not an easy character to like in the beginning. He kept saying he was not what everyone thought but it took a bit of time in the story to truly see that.

Taryn's mom was hell bent on keeping Taryn's reputation as the country industries sweetheart and for the most part she really was. She was down to earth, thanks to her father and just a kind person.

Trace and Taryn just seem to be from two different world's. She wasn't out partying it up like him or brawling and going to jail like him or even getting mixed up with groupies like Trace did. As much as they weren't alike, you do find that they had a lot in common and the more the story progressed the more their worlds came together.

Once Trace focused on Taryn and less on his image, I actually really liked him. I liked them both together. The last portion of the book really made this book worth the read.

***Safety: Despite the groupies, there is no cheating in this book.

It's just me Shelly B says

Did I like this book?

Yes!!

Did I want more from this book?

Yes!!

Did I love these characters?

Yes!!

Would I recommend this book?

Yes!!

So I'm sure your asking yourself, "**Well if she loved it so much why did she give it only 3 stars?"**

Well let me tell you why my friends...the reason is because I wanted more!!! I wanted to know more about these two characters.....I wanted more tension between them....more emotion because I loved both them!

We have a rapper and a country singer.....**RIGHT THERE** is recipe for disaster. Two different worlds colliding and meshing together, now hence the problem.....there really wasn't any **COLLIDING!!** This is a country princess and a hardcore rapper or so they are personified as but everything meshed **TOO** smoothly.

Here's the other problem this could be a "**me thing**" because I like über angst stuff and to me this should have been über angst. So for most people this could be a book you would love and you wouldn't change a thing about it!!

My recommendation is give it a try because bottom line is.....I'm glad I read it:))
