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This is Book 1 of the 5 book series - series description below.

One spectacular financial scheme. One woman alone against the world. Young, beautiful, and yearning for love, Heather Bancroft meets the "perfect" man...and is lured into a game in which she begins to make more money than she ever imagined. Betrayed by her own innocence, she loses all that is dear to her and discovers that she has been mercilessly used. Defeated and broken, but surviving with sheer persistence and ingenuity, Heather emerges from her trying ordeal, determined to punish the ruthless man who destroyed her life. Her thirst for revenge takes her halfway around the globe, to the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean, where her nemesis secludes himself in obscene wealth that he's gained from the financial ruin of others. Heather is playing for the highest stakes in a lethal game. Only one man loves her - he's handsome, confident, and just as determined as she is. Only one man can stop her - a criminal mastermind who is intent on her destruction.

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Corrine Lanozo says

Heather Bancroft--a young, smart and brave red head, who secretly involved herself in doing bets to save their family property. Based on personal emails sent by an anonymous person, she risked it all. I can't help wishing greed does not get into her.

Nisar Masoom says

I am a big fan of unputdownable thrillers, especially those by Sidney Sheldon and James Patterson

But Mike Wells is a different kind of author. The main character is fun to read about, and every moment is a page-turner.

Nowadays, due to my university timings, I am not always free to read books. But during my summer holidays, I will definitely try out the other books in the series.

Fallon Farmer says

I really enjoyed reading this book. It had me on edge through the whole book. Heather I swear I screamed in my head at her the whole time I was reading. I really loved the story line of this book. I can not wait to read the next one. I can read books from this author anytime. I want to get to the end of these books because I really need and want to know what happens at the end. I have a theory of what might come next but I'd rather see what the next book bring to me. I just know that Heather will have me yelling at her and keep me on the edge of my seat until I am through to the end. I give this book a 5 Star review definitely. I recommend this book to all book readers, especially if you love a book that keeps you on the edge and wondering what will happen next! :)

Maria says

3.5/5 stars

My Short Summary:

With her family home in distress, Heather moves to New York hoping to find a great job to send money back home. Unfortunately, she doesn't anticipate the hardships and expenses of New York. Finally landing a job (albeit a lowly one in the PR world), Heather realizes that there is probable no way to stop the foreclosure on the house. Her luck changes with two things. First, she catches the eye of a David Winsor who has a wealthy family background. The second is an anonymous person that sends her emails with information that could allow her to win bets. Both lucky breaks are not quite as clear cut as Heather would like. There is something about David that makes her feel rushed into the relationship. Also, there are possible secrets he is keeping

from her. The emails contain illegal betting information. How far will Heather go to help her mother and family home?

Narration: Third person – mainly through Heather's perspective

Character Development: Heather is character that is struggling to make ends meet. She had to sell most of her valuable stuff (including her cell phone) just to make it until she grabbed a crummy job. Her mother refuses to believe that their family home will be foreclosed, and she can't do anything about it. At the beginning, the reader can tell that Heather is a fighter. She walks 40 blocks to get to work and can meet hardships/tests head on. Her judgment on things is not quite up to par with her fighting spirit. As for the other characters, the reader does not get as much information.

Plot Development/Flow: The plot is straightforward and easy to read through. There are a few things that I would have liked to have seen. First of all, the ending of the first book is very abrupt. I thought I would going into another chapter rather than realizing I should be going to the next book. The conflicts in the first book do not end or are addressed. For one thing, the first scene of the book is never mentioned again or referred to. Perhaps in the other books? Heather obviously gambles to try to win for her mother's house. Does she get caught? Does she get enough money? Is she too late? No answers in this book, which is what the book is about. One final minor detail that I noticed is an incorrect time difference. England and New York have a difference of five hours (in June), not six. [I'm not sure of Japan's difference, but it is stated as twelve in the book.] Overall, this really wasn't a bad story, but the ending could have included more resolutions (even if it belongs to a series.)

Standalone or Part of a Series: First book of a series

Michele says

This series just isn't my cup of tea. The main character just does not inspire my attention. I found her unrealistic, boring and a wee bit stupid. The only reason I gave it three stars was because it was decently written just not interesting.

P.e. lolo says

This is a very exciting book that gets you the reader hooked to the story line quickly. Heather the lead female character is lead into a believable way to make money. She must decide if it is the path that she wants to take and though at first she is careful. Will she be over taken by greed and the power of money? That is the question, I will not answer that for you. You must read this book and become enthralled into her life. The writing is excellent and so is the characters in this book. I was not disappointed except for the ending is a continuation, but that is just me. I like to finish a book and move to the next one. Overall a five star. Also I am sorry to Mr. Wells, who was so kind to allow me to read his book for my late review sorry to get this out so late, but it will also go to our blog as well. 1Rad-Readerreviews.com again thanks Mr. Wells.

George Gutowski says

Mike Wells writes great books. In addition to great narrative he is leading the way for other authors as an entrepreneur. Book One is the teaser that hooks you. A literary amuse bouche. The business model is brilliant. Engage readers with a compelling novella for a very small price. Then the hooked err engaged reader will buy the rest of the books because you want to know what is happening and how it turns out.

Readers will enjoy the narrative. Authors as entrepreneurs will study the model. Because one way or another who the hell is feeding those sure thing gambling tips. Completely confounding.

Valerie says

Heather Bancroft is a 24 year old PR assistant and middle class back ground. She finds herself living day to day barely, until her luck begins to change. She meets David Windsor a wealthy, well-educated and quite the ladies man. She also begins getting emails from an unknown source.. trying to help her in her time of need. Her mother is having her home foreclosed and Heather is desperately trying to find a way to save this mess. Couldnt put the book down.. a great read and cannot wait to read the other 4 books that go to this series.

Georgiann Hennelly says

This book is the first book in a five part series. Heather Bancroft is a beautiful young woman. Her dream os to someday open her own store selling her own designs. Till than she is working in the advertising industry. She is also looking for love. Soon she meets who she thinks is the perfect man..... And falls in love with him but she thinks he is moving to fast when he proposes to her after dating her for a shrt time. She is desperate for money her mom's house is in foreclosure. When suddenly she starts getting emails at work telling her about things she can bet on sure things, like a satelite that will fall from the sky, a sumo wrestling match. They are all signed a friend in need. She bets and wins each time. But she is getting suspicious about her fiance. He never uses cash always a company credit card. He never really tells her anything and when she finds out by accident he always says he told her previously. I can,t wait to see what happens in book two, Do they get married? or does she realize what he really is?

Laura says

I really only enjoy the mushy romances apart from the odd Jackie Collins, but i was pleasantly surprised by this book.

It got me aggravated with the main character Heather for being so careless and irresponsible when gambling, from being someone so responsible to change in a matter of weeks i found a bit unbelievable, Gambling is addictive yes i know but shes receiving shady emails and putting on bets with a naive surety nothing but winning will come from it. And would you really fly to a foreign country to put an illegal bet on a sumo match after only a few winning emails???

The story line however, if this is your type of book is quiet gripping although from the first book i think i have probably guessed how things will turn out. I love David Windsor, hes a shady mystery if there was one

he to me seems the most intriguing part of this book.

Although a real page turner it was disappointing to see such an abrupt end That's why its 3 stars i liked it but it aggravated me, just more question's rather than answers to anything, really just leaving me confused, but you like suspense crime thrillers this is for you.

Alina C?r?u says

Rating: 3,5

Have you ever wondered what would you do if you fell behind on your mortgage and you were to lose the house of your parents? This is the situation Heather Bancroft from *Passion, Power & Sin* has to face. Because she is in desperate need of money to save her North-Carolina house, the twenty-four-year-old woman moves to New York City hoping to get a good job fast, solve her financial issues and live a far better life than she did at home. Unfortunately, she ends up having a poorly paid job at a PR firm where her bosses belittle and treat her like their servant. Being stuck in a rut and with the approaching foreclosure procedure, Heather takes a leap of faith and enters into the world of illegal gambling with the help of an anonymous Friend in Need who sends her strange emails with obscure betting information and accurate predictions.

<http://alinasbookishhideout.com/revie...>

David Savage says

Passion, Power & Sin is one story in five books. I have just finished reading book one and will have to now buy the rest as I'm hooked!

The book starts aboard a 300 million Euro Super Yacht equipped with state of the art equipment owned by a reclusive Venezuelan billionaire, Ricardo Mayo. It starts with him committing a \$353 million scam.

The book then jumps forward 5 months to a low paid, 24 year old PR assistant, Heather Bancroft. Her mother's house is about to be repossessed and auctioned off by the bank and she has 30 days to find \$200,000 to save it. She starts to receive strange emails predicting the outcomes of things she can bet on, to use as she will. She is now starting to make money on these bets that are getting more and more bizarre including her travelling to Japan and getting involved with the Yakuza.

She has also met a rich and charming man and against her better judgement before she knows it is engaged to be married, but they both have their secrets.

Overall, a very gripping and compelling story with great characters. The storyline is very absorbing with suspense and keeps you on the edge on your seat wanting more. I can't wait to read the other 4 books to get the complete story.

A highly entertaining read. I highly recommend it.

Rating: 5/5

AJ says

No significant plot... just a series of events

Rhoda D'Ettore says

I love how Mr. Wells creates characters that could be anyone. A 24 year old from a working class family comes to New York hoping to assist her mother by finding a great job. The daughter of a gambling alcoholic, the main character feels obligated to do everything she can to assist her mother save her family home from foreclosure. She unexpectedly meets a rich, handsome man that may be a lot more than he appears. In the meantime, the main character begins receiving emails which lead her on adventures that appear to be benevolent.... however, I know this author well... and I know something is amiss. Something is going to go wrong... I know it is coming.

As always, Mr. Wells created characters you can believe in. The only issue I had with the character is that the girl all of a sudden becomes irate and immature over something that was actually her own fault. But.. of course 24 year old CAN be immature and not thinking sometimes. The only issue with grammar or formatting involved the lack of justified margins. I only mention that because I know it is important to some readers, and it does not matter at all to others.

In response to one of the negative reviews, I would like to explain that the story starts off with a fantasy of Heather in her limo, living the rich life and entering the building of a company she owns. Apparently the reviewer did not understand this is a fantasy that she is having.. while walking 40 blocks to work in heels and pushing her way through the streets of New York City to her entry level job where her 4 year college degree is wasted by serving coffee to her bosses. Anyone who read more than two paragraphs would know this.

Thanks Mr. Wells for another great story!

Wayne Kilkenny says

The author actually sent me a link to get this book for free via twitter, it's different on the ways that the events are leading to something but you don't quite know what, I think to give this fare rating I would have to read the entire series, it was well written but i found it quite hard to follow, I wasn't sure what was going on at first to be honest. The travel is well written and believable you could easily put yourself there, all in all I found it pretty good but not something I would usually read.
