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Sign: Virgo

He's all business...until he's all hers

Brody Flynn waited years to get his revenge on Douglass Shipping for his parents' accidental deaths. Now the company is fumbling, profits are down, and it's the perfect time for a hostile takeover. Vengeance. But the former CEO's daughter Kate Douglass has other plans...

Kate's been waiting for her chance to take on a real role at Douglass and prove to her family that she's not the fragile piece of glass they all think she is. There's no way she'll give up without a fight. All she has to do is convince the gorgeous new CEO to hire her...and not fall for him.

But Brody was never supposed to feel attracted to the daughter of his enemy. He was never supposed to want her as hard as he does. And the only thing stronger than his hunger for revenge is his hunger for her...

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Bette Hansen says

So so good! An awesome revenge story that kept me turning page after page. Wonderfully written and the characters of Brody and Kate work beautifully together. It's a quick light read that I highly recommend to everyone.

Angie says

I received a copy of this story through NetGalley from Entangled Publishing (thank you!) for an honest review. I've read one other book in this series and both share the theme of revenge. From what I can tell (and know from this book and the other), they are standalone stories and written by different authors. This particular story was really great and told in alternating points of view. I read it one sitting as found myself anxiously turning each page to discover the story behind Brody's family and connection to Kate's family's business. The author did a great job building suspense and tension until the last page. I would say the story centered more around the tension, suspense and theme of revenge than the time the characters gave into their relationship outside of the office. Most of that was off-page and my only wish was to have a scene or two more of them connecting as an every day couple before the big reveal. Brody's friend Seth was a supporting character and I'm left wondering if he might get a story himself. Overall, a very entertaining book I would highly recommend.

WTF Are You Reading? says

Virgo exists in the mind, everything is inside. To the world, Virgo presents a calm and collected exterior but on the inside, nervous uncontrolled intensity in the mind, trying to figure things out, how to improve everything, analyzing and thinking. Virgo can tire itself out without even moving! Virgo has a constant drive to improve and perfect, this can lead to extreme pickiness and finickiest. They are pure, their motives are honest never malicious and they want to accomplish something.

- Excerpt from: <http://zodiac-signs-astrology.com/zod...>

True to his astrological description, Brody Flynn, is a man who lives in his mind. The years following the tragic deaths of his parents in an accident caused by the unethical practices of Douglas Shipping, have honed his thoughts to one razor-sharp point...revenge.

Never one to rush; Brody has bided his time well. Douglas Shipping, having fallen victim to the ravages of lackadaisical management and an outmoded business model, is now his for the taking.

And everything goes according to plan except the one thing that couldn't.

Kate Douglas...

Underestimated and overlooked, Kate has languished in her father's shadow, as the powerless figurehead of a floundering enterprise. Determined to save the company that she loves at any cost, and desperate to show

herself worthy of the respect that she has been so wrongfully denied. Kate will place herself in the heart of the lion's den, to achieve her goals!

Authoress Jackie Braun, puts readers front and center in a real-world "game of thrones". Allowing them to bear witness to the dethroning of one king, and the crowning of another. The fact that the "act of war" initiated by Brody on the Douglasses originates from such deeply personal territory,

sets the stage for Brody's role of wounded leading man. Thankfully, Brody is never allowed to fall victim to his pain, or allow his pain to turn him into a power-mad or bitter man. Instead, he is shown to be guarded but fair in his dealings, and more than willing to look at situations from differing points of view...in most cases.

Kate is a heroine to be proud of. A Virgo herself, this lady shows that she can not only take what Brody has to give; she can improve upon it, and serve it back even better.

Her honesty in all things, coupled with her loyal nature, makes her perfect for the wary warrior that is Mr. Flynn.

The romance found here is one wrought by tension and longing. These very powerful motivations made more intense by the fact that they carry over from business to the bedroom.

The sensual side of things doesn't really come to the forefront of the story until both Brody and Kate are fully fleshed, and readers have become fully vested in their happiness as individuals.

Don't expect things to be all wine and roses with these two. Unfortunately, there are more than a few emotional bumps and bruises to be had for these two on the way to their dynastic 'happily ever after'.

Reviewer's Note:

This book is the 6th in a companion series. Each novel in said series may be read in any order, as a stand alone, or as part of the Men of The Zodiac series.

Lydia says

There come times in a reader's life, when a certain type of story just becomes a little too old and used. Not hated, certainly not, but missing something to turn that spark to fire, you know?

And with this book, such a fact couldn't be more true.

See, this is a story based on revenge. Brody Flynn wants Kate Douglass's father to pay for what happened to his parents. So he takes over the Douglass family company, with the intent to sell it out and completely destroy it. Fate, though, brings Kate as an obstacle, since she, too, wants the company, but as its next owner, not as a nameless employee this time around. And thus, these two start the journey to each get what they want, only to realize they're too attracted to each other...

While the whole "revenge takes unexpected turn because I fell in love with my enemy's close relative" theme has been used one too many times, some authors still manage to overcome that, and add a good dose of originality and uniqueness to turn such an overused plot to something extraordinary. Which is why the revenge theme is one of my favorites, despite the unavoidable drama and lack of honesty and trust.

Sadly, *Revenge Best Served Hot* was not in the same category.

I appreciated the story, and I read it in one go, however I did so because I knew that once I stopped to take a breath, I would instantly lose interest and just leave it in the DNF pile. And I did not want that. I liked the plot just fine, and it would be a shame if I just abandoned it.

But the fact remains that I would never read it again. Even with all that tension, and the hotness, there was no suspense. I did not stop to think who would do what, and what would happen every time something supposedly unexpected took place. Because I knew all of it, before it even came to be. I knew what Kate's actions were, I knew how Brody would be thinking and what he would do any time he was in doubt, I knew how Douglass Sr. would take it all in and the stupidity of all his acts.

Blame it on the many revenge-themed books I've read so far, if nothing else. This doesn't change my opinion, though. It was a nice, fast read, a little on the hot and light side, with a sprinkle of drama, perfect for an entertaining evening or a fun night - but I wouldn't count on a second date or even inviting it to my bed, if you know what I mean...

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Calm Your Pits says

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I really like this story line. I like that Kate's father changed his ways enough to do what was best for his daughter in the end. I also like the fact that even though he got the revenge he wanted for his parents death Brody didn't feel the satisfaction he thought he would. The fact that he was going to use the money from selling the company to build a trauma center is fantastic.

Ivy Deluca says

Brody Flynn waited years to get his revenge on Douglass Shipping for his parents' accidental deaths. He's ready to tear it all down, but then he meets Kate Douglass and all his plans gets derailed. Yep, then romance happens.

The Good, The Bad and Everything In Between

The Good : I'd read an earlier entry in the series and it didn't work for me, so I was a bit trepidatious about reading this one. I was pleasantly surprised. There was excellent chemistry and dialogue between Brody and Kate. I liked that time was taken to develop their relationship and the strongest scenes are when they're bonding over work and the things that they have in common. Their mature interactions and compatibility gave a nice depth to a fairly standard romance.

The Bad and Everything In Between : I loved their chemistry but even Kate says at one point that their pace is glacial and I completely agreed with her. It takes f-o-r-e-v-e-r for their love scenes to play out and they aren't plentiful. The story's predictable. The ending wasn't the strongest, since you pretty much know exactly how it's going to play out.

The Bottom Line

I liked it. Yes, it's on the mild side as far as love scenes go, and there are no real surprises, but what matters most, Kate and Brody's relationship, is done well. I would read more from Ms. Braun.

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Irene says

4 stars

Revenge Best Served Hot was a very good read, I was drawn in from the first page and it held my interest until the end.

A great read with likable and entertaining characters.

Loved seeing Brody fall in love with Kate, she was honest and hardworking and nothing like he had imagined she was. They were perfect for each other.

I highly recommend this sweet and romantic read.

Thank you Entangled Indulgence via NetGalley for the advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.

Alison says

I read this novel as part of the Men of the Zodiac box set but I will be trying to review each novel individually.

The premise of the series is that each man has, for one reason or another, got a tattoo from a mysterious tattoo artist of his astrological sign. No matter that most men don't know their star sign and would probably struggle to know what image represents their sign even if they did! At least this novel addressed the point head on with Kate flat out saying she didn't think Brody was the sort of man who believed in astrology.

Following on from the previous books which have taken some classic romance tropes, this one focuses on the daughter of my enemy. Reminiscent of part of the plot of Pretty Woman, Brody Flynn has devoted his

adult life for revenge on Jonathan Douglass and his company, a company whose policies indirectly caused the deaths of his mother and step-father when their car was hit by a truck driver who had fallen asleep at the wheel after working too long. Finally, he mounts a hostile take-over and wrests control of the business from Jonathan. Brody's plan, like Edward's in *Pretty Woman*, is to break the business up and sell it for more than he paid, thus destroying Jonathan's family business AND generating sufficient funds to build a special hospital facility in honour of his parents.

Brody is suitably dismissive of Jonathan's daughter, Katherine, although she is titled the Assistant to the CEO her role appears to be to dress well and represent the company at social functions. Little does Brody know that the rich, beautiful socialite exterior hides a woman passionately interested in saving the business and tired of being overlooked by her father and his cronies.

When they meet, Kate makes an impression on Brody and he decides to give her a chance to interview for a job in the new organisation, he also figures it can't hurt to keep an eye on someone who may well be privy to her father's plans.

Of course, because this is romance-land, Kate is brilliant and yet every single man on the board has studiously ignored everything she has ever suggested (and not one of them decided to steal her great ideas). Despite his antipathy towards her father and his suspicions about her loyalties Brody immediately recognises her good ideas and promotes her to Vice President of Operations, which upsets both her father and his slimy hanger-on Collin.

Soon Kate and Brody are drawn closer together by their strong work ethic and mutual attraction. Once again, I am flabbergasted that the author thinks two grown adults in positions of responsibility practically having sex in the office parking garage (particularly at 5pm) is an attractive proposition. That's ok if you are in a junior position but for the CEO and the VP of Operations it is just wrong - and more to the point don't these garages have CCTV? Or is that a purely British phenomenon?

Anyway, despite being whiter than white, Kate's father tries to draw her into a plot to lower the share price and then mount his own hostile take-over, all achieved through spreading false rumours about Brody. I'm pretty sure that sort of behaviour is a violation of all sorts of Stock Exchange rules and there were also suggestions of attempted insider trading. The plot never really goes anywhere.

There were some good bits, Jackie Braun managed to breath new life into a predictable trope, I liked the way that Kate subverted her father's attempts to tell her the truth about Brody's motives, even if it didn't stop the angst and misunderstandings - it was a new angle.

I thought the ending was a bit OTT, I guess billionaires can spare half a billion from petty cash without worrying too much but it did feel a bit like Brody and Kate were trying to outdo each other in the sacrificial stakes.

Overall, however, this was a variation on an old trope and Kate and Brody were both likeable, if somewhat too perfect, characters.

Patty McKenna Van Hulle says

Review coming soon to a computer screen near you.

Lori says

I loved this book, so much! Kate is probably one of my most favorite female lead characters. She is smart, independent, attractive, determined, strong, honest to a fault, but down to earth normal. She cut to the chase and didn't let Brody get one up on her. Brody was an interesting character. He was a strong silent type with revenge as his vulnerability. Their double meaning flirtations brought smiles to my face as I read. They were incredibly cute together, as well as hot. They were a refreshing couple because they did not back down from serious conversations, there was no BS. I liked that.

Their supporting characters were fabulous. Her stepmom I could picture as this super sweet bubbly personality. Her dad I was a bit more impatient with until the end. Seth was a riot. Jenna and Jessie, Brody's sisters, were ever bit the younger siblings razzing their older brother. Too funny.

I received this book in exchange for an honest review from the publisher.

April Symes says

A gifted copy was provided by the publisher for my honest review

Revenge Best Served- is it really is something that its cracked up to be, that is the question that Brody Flynn has waited years to find out. He has waited years to serve up his brand of revenge against Douglass Shipping for their role they played in his parents' deaths. Now the time has come to take action. The company, Douglass shipping is in trouble and Brody takes the company over in an aggressive fashion. This is part of Brody's plan and something to help him avenge his parents death.

Kate Douglass, the daughter of the former CEO of Douglass Shipping, has never been treated right by her dad. She has been seen as just a pretty girl, never seen for the smart girl she really is. Kate has so many thoughts, ideas, for the company but it was never integrated by her father. Now the company has been taken over by some businessman who is going to tear down her family's legacy and strip it apart. She goes to talk to Brody and ask him to hire her and let her work for him and let him give her a chance to work for him, let him work for Douglass Shipping so she can make her former company worth its glory again.

Brody has a thought Kate has been sent in as a spy, to spy on him so he hires her to keep her close and see what she does. As they work together, the attraction and passion between them grows until it is very intense. As things grow between them, Kate gets a visit from her father and he tells her that Brody is using her to get back at him. Kate tells her father that is not true, that he would not do that to her. She goes to him and she admits she loves him and instead of him admitting the same, Brody accuses her of something she didn't do because of something that looked bad. Instead of Brody talking to Kate, he acted like a big jerk and she ended everything and left him. Kate was heartbroken; felt like everything her dad said was true. Will Brody and Kate get back together, will they get their HEA? I can only tell you that this is a great story to read and find out what happens to Kate and Brody

This is a good story about revenge, of is it worth getting revenge , of realizing revenge isn't worth the pain you have in your life when you realize that have something great right in front of you if you just let go of the pain of the past. Brody is someone who had to make the conscious decision to do this and Kate is a lovely lady who was always overlooked because of business, of never being good enough for who she was. These are two people with pain in their past who come together and have terrific chemistry; who overcame the odds

that were against them.

My rating: 4.3 ****

Maria Rose says

In this sexy contemporary romance Brody has been waiting years to enact his revenge on the company that through negligence caused the death of his parents. In a position now to destroy it, his hostile takeover goes off without a hitch except one - the daughter of the owner. Kate doesn't know about Brody's history or reasons for wanting her father's company, she only knows that if he'll hire her, she'll get a chance to do something she's always wanted to do - prove to herself and her father that she's more than a social figurehead. Though she's heard the rumours that Brody plans to break up the company, she's determined to show him that it can be profitable and worth keeping intact. When Brody decides to give her the job of vice president of operations, it's really just an excuse to keep an eye on the enemy, one who just happens to be an attractive and desirable woman. Kate surprises him with her business acumen, sharp mind and friendly demeanor. Suddenly, Brody's revenge plan isn't going the way he expected it to. Should he cut his losses, or risk going all in with Kate, if she'll have him?

I loved this story! A strong heroine is my cat-nip and that's what we have here in Kate. Though when under her father's thumb she didn't really get a chance to show her mettle, now that he's gone and Brody is giving her a chance, she has the opportunity to shine. She's got a plan to make the company better, something she's been working on for a while and now that she is in a position to influence its direction, she's not hesitant or shy to express her opinions. Moreover, she's a really nice person, a very likable, smart and engaging woman. Brody is equally interesting as this strong, determined man, bent on his revenge. He's worked years to get to the point of being able to do something to avenge his parents' early deaths and nothing has stood in his way, until now. I loved that he sees Kate for who she is, smart and savvy and respects her opinions and her convictions. He is quick to defend her against harassment by others who believe the only way she got the VP position was through unsavoury means. It was actually kind of fun to see how conflicted he is between wanting to believe that Kate is honestly there for the good of the company versus believing she has an ulterior motive. She comes across as truthful and determined, not to mention sexy as hell. Brody's physical attraction to Kate, and her return of his affections on the condition that the boardroom and the bedroom stay separate doesn't help him at all, as the more time he spends with her, the more he realizes that his plans of revenge aren't going to give him any satisfaction if they hurt Kate in the process. They definitely have strong chemistry together and their love scenes are hot and steamy. When the eventual conflict occurs and they must deal with the fallout, I loved that Kate stood her ground (see, that whole strong heroine thing) and made Brody think about what he really wants for his future. The story kept me entertained from beginning to end, and is a great entry in the Men of the Zodiac series. 5 stars!

Note: a copy of this story was provided by the publisher via NetGalley for review.

MsChris1161 says

Excellent story that really captivated me emotionally. Jackie Braun did a fabulous job of drawing me in to

the plight of both Brody and Kate. I was completely invested in their love and their healing. REVENGE BEST SERVED HOT was my first book by Ms. Braun. It won't be my last. 4.5 stars

Shari says

Brody has waited years to seek revenge on the shipping company for the negligence of his parent's death. Taking over the shipping company is part of the plan, but he did not expect Kate, the daughter of the former CEO, to be an obstacle in the revenge.

Loved the chemistry between these two strong willed people. They both stood their ground. Both with painful pasts and the need to learn to trust again.

This book will keep you turning the pages until the end, and then wishing for more. " Revenge is a hollow victory at the end". I highly recommend this fast paced story of revenge in the corporate world and finding your true love.

Melody May (What I'm Reading) says

Posted on What I'm Reading

Who doesn't love a story about revenge? Seriously, they are usually entertaining in so many ways, because you have so many layers that go into a revenge plot. Revenge Best Served Hot is no different. So, we get a chance to meet Brody Flynn and Kate Douglass. Brody has a vendetta out for Kate's father. Now Kate all she wants to do is work and hopefully get the company back into the family name again. Sounds so simple. However, nothing is ever simple when trying to go for the guts.

I really liked Revenge Best Served Hot, because we have these two people who want the company for different reason. We have Brody who wants take the company and tear into pieces to make Kate's father suffer like he did. Then we have Kate who is caught in the middle of this, because she wants the company back, yet she's willing to do the legal and ethical way. Of course, things start to go a little gray when Kate and Brody start becoming friends and it slowly develops a little more than friends. I like that Brody isn't fully trusting Kate, after all she's the daughter of the enemy. We have slight tension that Kate doesn't fully realize is there. Pretty awesome.

All right, Revenge Best Served Hot is a little predictable in some ways, but it's still a pretty good read. I actually like the friendship that develops between Kate and Brody. There were some elements I really liked in the story, for instance when Kate meets Brody's sisters. I have to say that was cute and funny moment. Overall, Revenge Best Served Hot is a pretty good quick read. So, if you are looking for a fairly quick read with a revenge trope, you might consider giving this a try.

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