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A sexy category romance from Entangled's Brazen imprint...

She's the one girl he should never touch...

Cooper Grayson is supposed to hole up in a mountain cabin and protect his best friend's little sister from the paparazzi for a week. That's it. But Paris O'Connell isn't a kid anymore, and it's hard to remember this is *strictly business* when she bats her big green eyes at him...then crashes through all his carefully placed boundaries.

Paris loves a challenge. And gorgeous Cooper Grayson is the most dangerous challenge she's faced yet. He ignores the sizzling attraction that keeps her awake at nights, and he doesn't care about her fame or her contacts, only seeing *her*. When they finally kiss, Cooper leaves her bare. Exposed. His for the taking. And take he does...

For one incredibly hot week, Cooper fulfils her every fantasy. But when the real world crashes in, so does reality. And reality tells them there's no way a Hollywood star and a bad boy from the wrong side of town could ever have a future together...

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Kathryn CLiK Book Blog says

Review - HOLD ME UNTIL MORNING by Christina Phillips **** 4 Stars ****

I was given a copy of this book for an honest review on behalf of THE BOOK NUTS REVIEWERS.

Cooper Grayson is the bad boy from the wrong side of the tracks and Paris O'Connell is the up and coming Hollywood soap star set to make it big in movies.

They have known each other for a lifetime but haven't seen each other in over 10 years since Paris' mother, Cora shipped her off at a tender age to chase a Hollywood career.

Coopers best buddy, Scott O'Connell, who is Paris' brother, asks him to act as body guard to his little starlet sister, in her attempt to escape some unsavoury publicity but guarding her body is the last thing Cooper wants to do with Paris when he sees her again! Old friends become new lovers and the little sister shows Cooper that's she's all grown up now!

This was a great Entangled read, the second in the Grayson Brothers series. Christina Phillips writing was easy to digest, with a steady pace with some likeable characters. The interplay of the characters from this story, crossing over into the story of Jackson and Scarlett now leads me to want to read their story.

I recommend this book to anyone looking for a little spicy, sexy short and who likes to get a HEA from their romance reading.

Claire Robinson says

3 - "You've got some major issues here." Stars.

The second book in the *Grayson Brothers* series runs a little similar to its predecessor in that it's heavy on the familial drama. The author manages to inject some pretty hot sexy-times into the mix though, so if you can cast aside the former, the latter was worth reading the book for.

Brother's best friend is always a trope I generally enjoy, Cooper and Paris' coming together was pretty hot, stuck together in a remote cabin while so she can have some peace and quiet out of the public eye, Cooper is a little more than surprised to feel the sparks and chemistry that ignites between them as soon as they meet. The inevitable happens, but rather than just keep it to one week of no strings fun, they decide to make a go of it for real...

It's going to be a long week.

I liked this book, I didn't love it, both stories in this series so far have relied on heavy parental involvement and for me it went one step too far in *Hold Me Until Morning*.

She was living her mother's dream, and her mom had no intention of waking up anytime soon.

The meddling and general behavior of Paris's mother kind of killed the second half of the book for me, but it didn't help that both Cooper and Paris, seemed to have any sense when it came to actually communicating with each other about things.

"You could just say no."

The writing was still really good, and we are given a few hints into Alex Grayson's personality as well as further development on the Grayson brothers past in general, and I am interested to see which direction the author takes his book.

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Irene says

3.5 stars

Hold Me Until Morning was a good read.

I enjoyed the storyline and the characters were both likable and relatable.

The chemistry between Paris and Cooper was hot, oh boy did they have some hot sexy times ;)

It was heartwarming watching them let their walls down and allow themselves to feel and go after what they want.

Overall Hold Me Until Morning was a entertaining read that had the perfect amount of drama, it wasn't overly done and it wasn't dragged on. It was just enough to keep you interested in both main characters.

I'm enjoying the Grayson Brothers series, while each book can be read as a standalone I recommend you read them all as you'll enjoy getting to know the Grayson brothers.

Can't wait for Alex's book!

Thank you Entangled Brazen via Netgalley for the advance copy.

Julie says

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Hold Me Until Morning is the second novel in Christina Phillips, Grayson Brothers series.

Paris O'Connell was ensconced in Hollywood and her mother intends to keep her there. She beautiful and

talented. After ten years of playing a title role in a hit soap opera, Paris needs a break from her very public life, the paparazzi, and her overbearing mother who is also her manager. She's also tired of being treated as just a pretty face. Needing time to plan her escape from her high profile life so that she can attend university, Paris hides out in her secret mountain cabin with her brother's childhood friend, Cooper Grayson, acting as her body guard.

Cooper works for the family business. They're in security, and when his childhood friend, Scott, asks him to act as body guard to his sister while she's on vacation, he promptly takes the job. Cooper is deeply affected by his horrific childhood. He looks like a bad-ass biker, but he is really a devoted family-man and a gentleman. He's a diamond in the rough.

Cooper and Paris have good chemistry, and given their past acquaintance, their rush into a relationship is a little more believable. Secondary characters, Scott and his mother, are marginally developed and used to create some relationship-hurdles for Cooper and Paris.

Although Paris and Cooper try to fight their attraction and maintain a professional relationship, their mutual childhood crush has been reignited, and they quickly succumb to their desires. I loved that Cooper and Paris appreciated each other for the real person and didn't judge each other based on the stereotype of their looks or what the other person did for a living. Based on their own selfish desires, outside forces push and pull on the love birds. Will the cabin hide-away tryst turn into a true love relationship?

This was a quick, fun read. It is part of a series in which each book is a stand-alone, contemporary-romance novella. I would have enjoyed the story more had it been developed further with the addition more plot tension and involvement of the key antagonist (Paris' mother). While the plot is fairly predictable, it is still an enjoyable, fast read.

Shirley Frances says

Paris O'Connell is not sure about her next move career-wise. Since her teens she's been living under her mother's thumb, but lately she's been feeling like the time has come for her to branch out. It is because of this need to isolate herself from her celebrity persona that she decides to hide out at her remote cabin. But she won't be alone during her stay since her protective brother decided that she needed a chaperon. The situation wouldn't have been half as bad if her childhood crush wasn't the man tasked with looking out for her.

Cooper Grayson is not rejoicing in having to stay with Paris in an isolated cabin for a week, but his best friend feels like she needs someone to keep the media away so she can get the rest she so desperately needs. It doesn't help that he doesn't see Paris as a little sister anymore. In fact, it's been years since he's had any kind of brotherly feelings towards Paris. But she's a celebrity and way out of his league, so not giving into his attraction to her shouldn't be a problem. Besides, his best friend would beat the crap out of him if he knew how the thoughts he was entertaining regarding Paris.

But as life usually does, circumstances throw Cooper and Paris into playing a couple in public and soon they decide to keep acting their roles even when they are away from prying eyes.

One of the elements I enjoyed the most about this story was the concept. I found it intriguing to have a now-celebrity paired up with her childhood crush, so it was no surprise that I found myself enjoying that first half

of the story very much. I liked Cooper and enjoyed watching him fight his attraction to Paris whenever they were in the same room together. And even though Paris was harder to relate to, the moments she spent with Cooper without her walls in place showed a insecure, shy woman who truly wanted to connect with a man in a deeper level--something she never had the opportunity to experience before Cooper.

During the time spent at the cabin, the author made every effort to showcase Cooper and Paris' connection which I came to appreciate later on. Although sometimes the connection was hard to grasp, it was still present and the more time they spent together, the more I came to realize that there might have been something there. It helped that their chemistry was a palpable presence from the very start. I don't think I would have stuck it out if their chemistry wasn't as potent.

Hold Me Until Morning had the potential to be a great romantic story, but it was somewhere along the last half of the story that I lost my interest in the romance. I contribute this to Paris and her inability to stand up for herself. For a woman who had achieved great success in life due to her mother's constant push into the limelight, she certainly could whine with the best of toddlers. I understood she was feeling constantly pressured by her mother's expectations, but she had stopped being a minor a while back. In my opinion, she had ample opportunity to step away and make the right decision for herself. For me, there's nothing more unattractive than a woman who continuously whines about her situation while she stands aside doing nothing. She kept getting on my nerves with her ambivalence about taking her career into her own hands. Especially when she continued to keep her mother involved in her career after starting something with Cooper.

Having said that, I do think the story was worthwhile. I enjoyed watching Paris and Cooper getting together and getting to know more about them. I also enjoyed the addition of the secondary characters--except of course Paris' mother. She was a character alright, but not one I cared to know more about. Especially after the stunt she pulled over Cooper.

Keep in mind that although this is the second book in the Grayson Brothers series, it can be read as a stand alone. I have not read book one and had no problem following the story along, even when the characters from the previous book were referenced or made an appearance.

All in all, a hot little read about a girl finally getting her HEA with her childhood crush.

**I received a copy of this title in exchange of my honest opinion.*

Michelle says

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Jonel Boyko says

What a story and a half! This novel is lighthearted and comical, but also an intriguing commentary on the lives and perceptions of those perpetually in the media spotlight. Phillips combines chemistry and emotion, sex and life in a manner that was absolutely captivating. She brings her world and characters to life in a realistic yet unforgettable manner.

Paris was such an intriguing character. She'd been through so much, yet at the same time had so much. It was a paradox that many of us never think of, yet was so apparent in the way that Phillips developed it. Cooper was one of the best romance heroes I've read about in a very long while. He was romantic & caring sides were highlighted by his strong, alpha-esque nature. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them. OMG! I hate Paris' conniving Mom! I feel as if she was inadvertently the driving force behind the entire tale. In more ways than one she shaped the lives and decisions of many of the major players in the tale.

Phillips never fails to enchant and excite me with her writing. This novel was no exception. I read it from cover to cover in a single sitting.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Nicola says

3.5 stars

Hold Me Until Morning started out fairly steady; I must admit as I got to 25% I was a tad bored, but it soon heated up into an enjoyable read with a likeable couple who are sexy and at times quite sweet together.

The best-friends younger sister/childhood friends trope is a trusted favourite and whilst Christina Phillips hasn't brought any particular surprises to Paris and Cooper's romance, they were an endearing couple. Paris is somewhat naïve due to her younger age (22), the life she has led as a Hollywood actress and her pushy mother in comparison to Cooper's more worldly ways. Both have their vulnerabilities, and whilst there were elements that could have been developed on and some that seemed a little unnecessary to the storyline, it didn't detract from a couple who were sexy together, despite their lack of communication at times.

"You have a very impressive penis."

On the whole this is a fair addition to Christina's *Greyson Brothers* series. And, with the foundations laid for Alex's story, I have to say I'm a little intrigued by the dark-horse of the family already.

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Janey says

3 Don't let me stop you stars

Cooper Grayson is doing his best friend a favour, by keeping an eye on his little sister whilst she takes some downtime from the public and life in general.

Paris O'Connell is a high profile soap star, rumoured to be the favoured pick for the latest blockbuster, but she has ducked under everyone's radar, including her pushy mothers.

When these two meet up for the first time since they were growing up, sparks immediately fly from both parties. Remembering his hands off promise to his friend, and the likelihood of any future being possible, given the contrasting lives they lived, Cooper found his will well and truly tested.

I enjoy this trope, and this story was likeable in its flow and content. It wasn't, however, distinctive or memorable, given the offerings we have read and enjoyed previously.

All aspects of its formation cannot be faulted; it flowed well, had sufficient backstory, had a plethora of secondary characters (some more irritating than others), and likeable primary characters.

For an engaging, steamy read, this certainly serves its purpose.

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Danielle says

I wanted to love this book but at times I got frustrated with Cooper and Paris.

So Paris is a soap star and has been since she was a little girl. Her mother is her manager and basically controls her life. Paris wants to go to college and do other things but she needs to get away. Her brother hires his best friend Cooper to look out for her for a week since he is in security.

Cooper and Paris grew up in the same neighborhood before she made it big. He is expecting her to be some spoiled actress but he is surprised to find out she was the same girl he knew.

With these two characters I had moments when I liked them but then moments where I wanted to strangle them. For two adults they basically let Paris' mother control their relationship and manipulate them. They end things without even asking each other what they what or what happens.

Although Paris was down to earth and Cooper wanted her to stay a few days she just goes and buys stuff for his place like she is moving in and he hasn't even asked her yet.

I just didn't like the overall storyline maybe if the book was longer and things were more drawn out I could have really liked them and got into it more.

I did like they were childhood friends that crushed on one another. Those stories are always some of my favorites.

I am interested in learning about the brothers but hopefully the next story will be a little different.

Misty (Red's Romance Review's) says

Paris O'Connell is used to being in the spotlight everywhere she goes, and having her every move documented in the tabloids, which is the price you pay when you're a famous Hollywood starlet. However, it's not all it's cracked up to be, and now all she really wants is some peace and quiet and to enjoy a little downtime away

from the camera lens, so she enlists her brother's help for her great escape. Her brother is all too eager to help her out, and lines up a secluded place for her to stay, along with a bodyguard to keep her safe. This bodyguard just so happens to be Paris's childhood crush and her brother's best friend, which means he's off limits...or is he?

Cooper Grayson likes a good challenge, so when his best friend asks him to keep his little sister safe while she is on her little mountain getaway, he figures it's something he can more than handle. Only when he sees Paris he realizes this challenge just got a whole lot harder than he expected...Paris has grown up to be quite a beautiful woman, and she has set her sights on him, but she is off limits...or is she?

This was my first experience with Ms Phillips work, and I must say it left a VERY good first impression, so much so, I plan to revisit this series, and learn more about the rest of the Grayson clan. Paris and Cooper's story immediately pulled me in and the heated intensity between them made for one hot and spicy little read!! Definitely a very satisfying first read for me, highly recommend you acquaint yourself with the Grayson clan, you will NOT be disappointed!!

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Angela says

First I have to advise that if you decide to read Hold Me Until Morning then you should probably read the first in series Hold Me Until Midnight. Both books are standalone book but Hold Me Until Morning takes place right after the first book but with a different Grayson brother.

Cooper does a favor for his best friend. He's supposed to keep an eye on his best friend's little sister while she's taking a break from life and away from the paparazzi. What he didn't expect was for Paris to be much more than someone's little sister. Paris sure grew up into a beautiful woman and is no longer the little kid from his memories. Even though Cooper is extremely tempted by Paris, he is determined to keep things professional and not jeopardize his friendship with Paris' brother. Paris doesn't care about professionalism since she didn't hire Cooper and wants this man more than any man before. The more they get to know one another and the more their attraction for one another grows, they can't withstand when their chemistry explodes in the form of a smoking hot kiss. Cooper doesn't care about Paris' fame and contacts, he likes Paris the woman. One week of fantasy filled hotness is what they both eventually sign up for but when that week is up they get more than either one could imagine. Will it be able to work out for a Hollywood starlet and an everyday bad boy? I have to give this book 4.5 stars. It was so good!

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Michelle says

When Cooper's asked to play bodyguard to his best friend's little sister he can't turn him down. He knows it's a hands off job, the only problem? He can't seem to do that.

Paris was swept up in the life of Hollywood and if her mother has anything to say about it, she'll never leave. Needing an escape from her high profile life, she's escaping to her cabin in the mountains with the condition that her former childhood neighbor babysits her.

This was a quick, fun read. Now, having just come down from book hangover, I needed something that was a straight forward contemporary romance. Hold Me Until Morning, worked perfectly. Although there was a little drama towards the end, it was really a light read and was enjoyable.

Mandy says

3.75 stars

Paris is taking a break from Hollywood where she is an actress on a popular soap opera. Her brother asks his best friend, Cooper, to stay with his sister for a week as her bodyguard. What starts out as strictly business, quickly turns into more.

This book was super hot and there was some really great chemistry between Paris and Cooper. I'm not a huge fan of celebrity type romances but I really enjoyed the forbidden aspect of this story - a best friend's sister/boss-employee romance. I really enjoyed this story and look forward to reading more by this author.

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Amber ::★Wild Heart Reviews★:: says

Hold Me Until Morning is the second novel in Christina Phillips, Grayson Brothers series. It is a full length standalone novel told from dual third-person POVs. This is the first novel I've read by Christina Phillips and I practically relished it. It is definitely a friends to lovers type of novel, but with a smidgen of second chance romance thrown in there. So, angst? It definitely has it! The writing itself is solid and the characters are developed.

You may be wondering lower rating, but it's mainly that the book didn't overwhelm me. It was actually a perfect middle of the road book. I don't consider those bad reads. To me they are wonderfully engrossing, and generally short enough to take my whole attention while not making me lose my whole day.

Cooper sets out to do a job, and that's keeping an eye on his childhood best friend's younger sister. Sure, he was okay with that, and then she got out of the car. He hasn't seen Paris in years, and while he was expecting gorgeous, he wasn't expecting the instant attraction between them.

Paris (along with Cooper) tries pretty hard to fight the attraction, which is where some of the angst comes in. She wasn't expecting him, and he's landed back in her life when she's trying to sort out what she wants. Like Cooper, she hadn't set eyes on him in years and he hasn't changed much since her childhood crush on him. The walls are up pretty high between them, but they do crash through them. I should also mention, these two are HOT together. Fan your face sizzling.

They eventually sort whats between them, but they aren't prepared for the outside forces. People sticking fingers in where they don't belong to get what they want, instead of whats good for the main couple. You do see some co-stars, which I actually thought was great because they seem just as complex. I'm hoping to read the next book in the series and I already know I'll be going back to read the first one.

A very solid three star read, leaning toward 3.5. Thoroughly enjoyable and highly recommended.
