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He'll make her a bet she can't refuse...

Lily McIntire is in the creepiest mansion in town. Alone. At night. Because she's an idiot-and can't ignore a dare from her cocky and infuriatingly hot co-worker, Marcus Black. But she'll be damned if she's going to give him the satisfaction of winning.

Marcus has had a thing for Lily for ages, and he has no intention of losing this bet. His plan? Scare her out of the house, and into his arms. Once there, scaring her turns into protecting her and soon after, into seducing her. And his plan is working...

Lily is having trouble relegating Marcus to the role of "asshat" as easily as before. He came to her rescue, and he's actually funny. Charming. Sexy as sin on a stick. But Lily has a strict no-love-in-the-workplace rule, and even one night of the best sex ever won't make her change her mind. So she's calling everything off...

Surviving a night in the mansion might just be the easy part. Surviving Marcus's increasingly convincing advances is going to take everything she has. Losing is not an option...

NOTE: This title was previously published November 2013 on Flaunt as a novella but has been significantly revised and lots of yummy new scenes added to give readers a full-length category romance full of humor and sizzle.

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Mandy says

Lily and her co-worker Marcus make a bet. Marcus bets Lily that she can't stay a night in the haunted mansion in town. Lily is very competitive and not one to back away from a challenge so she accepts, even if she finds the idea of staying in the haunted house overnight terrifying. If she stays all night, she wins and Marcus has to give her the trip to Hawaii he won at work. If she doesn't stay all night, then Marcus wins and she has to accompany him to the awards dinner as his date. Marcus has been wanting Lily since they started working together. She turned him down when he asked her out but if he wins this bet, he will finally get the chance to go on a date with her.

This book was such a nice surprise! I love a good co-worker romance (probably because that's how I met my own husband) and this one was really good. Lily and Marcus had witty banter and there were a couple times that had me laughing out loud. This book was a lot of fun but it was also really sexy. Marcus and Lily have a fantastic connection and this author does a really good job developing these characters. I really enjoyed this book and look forward to reading more by this author!

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Michelle says

You can see this full review and more at Book Briefs: <http://bookbriefs.net>

If You Dare is a really fun, really cute feel good romance. Lily and Marcus have the most hilarious competitive relationship going on. I loved that the book was told in their dual narrative, so we could really get inside both of their heads. And I loved that once the main "dare" was over, they kept the dare theme going all the way to the very end of the story. Some of the things they dared the other to do were too funny. This book made me laugh, which was just what I wanted.

Lily is a competitive one, that is for sure. Because I can tell you one thing, if I were dared to spend the night in a super creepy abandoned mansion, no way would I do it. But I admired the way Lily hunkered down, and when I saw everything that she brought with her, I knew I would like her. That girl did not pack light. Haha! If I were Marcus I would have tried to sabotage the night too. And speaking of the night, some pretty freaky stuff went down. And I do not mean sexy times. That night in the house would have scarred me for life, and it was left up in the air. I loved that! It was so much creepier that way.

As for the rest of the story, it was a really cute romance. I loved the back and forth between Lily And Marcus. They were all over the place and try as she might, Lily was just not able to stay away from Marcus. But they also just could not help themselves to keep trying to one up the other one. That was my favorite aspect of their relationship. It helped things interesting between the two of them. I didn't realize until after I finished If You Dare, but this book was once a novella. The Author expanded it into a full length novel just this year. I think it works great as a full length story, and I never would have guessed that it was just a novella. Although, now that I know, I would bet that the novella was just the night in the mansion.

If you are looking for a light, fun and hilarious contemporary romance, I dare you to read If you Dare. It will put a smile on your face.

This review was originally posted on Book Briefs

Danielle says

I didn't know what I would expect from this book but I really fell in love with the story. Marcus asked out Lily in the past and she said no due to the fact her last work relationship didn't end so well. Ever since she said no they have been baiting one another and constantly pushing one another with bets. He bets Lily to stay in a haunted mansion one night in order to win tickets to Hawaii. He doesn't think she will actually do it.

Ok so I loved the banter and the betting which made for a really fun story. The way these two pushed each other was funny and cute. You can see right away they are both into one another even though Lily tries to hide it. When they are at the "haunted mansion" things get heated up after Marcus tries to scare her into leaving.

I couldn't stop laughing when he was spying on her through a window. Marcus sees her sitting on a air mattress, eating sushi, drinking wine and streaming friends. Lol I think that was one of my favorite parts. I really did love these two together.

Jessica writes amazing characters and sex scenes that will have you reaching for a cold glass of water. And I wasn't expecting desk sex so that was a bonus. *winks*

The story flowed nicely and had me wishing this would have been a series. I enjoyed that these characters didn't rush into marriage and babies but agreed to live together. The epilogue was the icing on the cake to see what they had planned and got a peak of their time in Hawaii. I really enjoyed this read and I hope to read more of this author in the near future.

Lemmon writes with heart and passion that will keep you on your toes.

Bette Hansen says

I thought this book was great when it was released as a shorter novella, now in it's expanded form, it is fantastic!! Clear concise writing makes this a fast paced read with characters that grab you from the start. The banter between Marcus and Lily is hilarious and makes their attraction for each other very believable, and the chemistry, oh my!! This is one you don't want to miss! I highly recommend it.

Lauren at Live Read and Breathe Reviews says

3 Cute and Sweet but predictable and forgettable stars!

Source: eARC for Honest Review Courtesy of Entangled Publishing (Lovestruck)

After reading books from the Second Chance series by Jessica Lemmon and quite enjoying it, I jumped at the chance to read and review this book. With If You Dare it's cute and sweet but also predictable and forgettable.

Lily and Marcus work together. But for Lily she keeps Marcus at arms length, because after her past she refuses to mix business with pleasure. Both top designers at the firm they work for makes them a bit more competitive with each other. With this rivalry it causes these two to goad each other with dares. With this newest dare and Hawaii on the lines Marcus is pulling all the stops to scare Lily. But he not only wants to win the bet but also win over Lily.

I liked the concept of the story and the two main characters were fine. Even the writing was fine but I never once felt reeled into the story. I never quite connected with Lily and Marcus but at the same time I also didn't feel unconnected. Sure it was predictable but also what I needed to read at the time, as I was coming off the biggest book hang over I've ever experienced so this was light and cute and a super easy read.

After reading books I always try to give myself a day or two to absorb and process my feelings but after a day I almost forgot what the book was about, but remember I thought it was cute and sweet. If you are looking for heavy and real then this is so not the book. If you are looking for light and sweet then give this a go.

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Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

This was a fun and entertaining novella by author Jessica Lemmon who is fast becoming a favorite author of mine. If You Dare pits two co-workers together; he's made it know he'd like to date her, she turned him down because of a previous office romance gone bad, there is heat between them so he dares her to do something with his trip to Hawaii on the line and her agreeing to be his date to a big industry party...sound intriguing? Oh it was and so much more.

I don't know what it says about me that I love couples, who spar verbally, but I do and these two were great at the verbal volleyball and even threw in some sexy undertones with it as well. I loved that they were attracted but he let it go after the first no and she tried not to think about it but it was there just simmering for the right time. There was a lot of mutual respect for each other in their professional lives which proved there was more to their association than lust. Yes, the dare was somewhat childish but in the end it was the dare that brought them together, quite literally and made them face up to the fact there was something between them.

It was interesting to see ladies man Marcus want a woman so badly and trying to be cool about it when in fact it was stressing him the hell out. I understood Lily's hesitation given the way her last relationship ended and the fact that she was worried about her professional reputation. While they both defiantly had some less than stellar moments of handling each other, I think that just went to prove how much they wanted one another and the whole idea of being together threw them both for a loop.

While If You Dare is a novella the story was well thought out, the characters developed nicely and it was an absolute blast from beginning to end!

Review copy provided for an honest review.

Billie says

Thank you Entangled Publishing for providing me this ARC for an honest review!

“You’d have to stay the entire night,” he finally said.

Ha! She had him. "Done."

"Alone."

"Done."

"This Friday. The thirteenth."

"D-Done."

That's the dare that will put both Marcus Black and Lily McIntyre into a scary (?!?) and funny situation. Marcus always annoy Lily because : 1. He is competitive (like her?!) 2. Really talented (that guy can draw anything from a scratch--and really, really good!) 3. He has a reputation of a douche man-whorish (oh! Girls flock over him like..always?! No question asked!)and 4. He is annoying hot, gorgeous ... uber attractive...and hell, chick magnet in every way! So annoying, that he sometimes (or oftentimes?!) crossed over Lily's uhmm, graphic fantasies?! Haha.

So what's the grand prize if one of them wins this bet? Oh, it's just a free , all expense trip to HAWAII ! Yeah. Imagine, pristine beach..lazy day frolicking under the sun , pina coladas...total paradise!! And Lily WANTS it! ... Uh-oh , too bad Marcus wants it badly as she is! Oooooh, now the bet is definitely ON!

The dare was an overnight stay at that abandoned house who happens to have a history of uhmm, ghost sightings?! Oh, and Lily is shit-scared of ...spiders! ...well, ghost...not if they are just rumors..or not?!

Once Lily set her eyes on that prize, there is definitely NO turning back! It's EYES ON THE PRIZE, baby! Bring it on! See the determination? Loud and clear. I can't help but to love the banter between Lily and Marcus. They're entertainingly funny and I have to admit, I giggled a lot!

So when Lily's determination was a little threat.. Uh, okay a big threat to Marcus losing the bet, he made a sneaky plan: Scare Lily out of her wits! oh, Marcus! That is definitely cheating, you bad boy! Well, all that boomerang when he tried to scare Lily but failed?! It was so funny! Loved that scene!

What happened next? Well, I won't spoil the fun, would I? Haha! You got to grab your copy to find out yourself! One thing I could say, when these two are place together in an alleged "haunted house"? Secrets would be revealed.. Long and buried attraction or desire (uh-oh!) will be explored and tested! Oh, there might be some ghost sighting?! Woooooooo!! Goosebumps!!

"Fear and attraction had a lot

of the same characteristics. The sweaty palms, the elevated heart rate.

Picturing Marcus naked.

Okay, maybe not that last one."

Overall, I loved this book. If you want a short read with enough fun, sizzling uhmm..encounters in the dark! (haha!) a little spook and romance..romance?! Check this book out!

*****Same Review was posted on my Pink Blog <http://sparklingpinkpages.blogspot.co...>**

Jessica Lemmon says

Dear Readers,

Here's the scoop! In 2013, I wrote a novella for an Entangled line called *Flaunt*. The line dissolved soon after and my editor suggested making *IF YOU DARE* into a full-length book instead. We knew we had plenty of places to go with the story, but I had to find the time to make Marcus bigger. Um...I mean longer. Uhh...anyway.

I was able to extend the original novella into a full-length romance. So, here we are! You still get the shenanigans at the spooky mansion, but what's better is you get to follow Marcus and Lily back to the office.

More banter! More steam! More office shenanigans! Just plain MORE. Super sexy and full of witty back-and-forths, these two have to be one of my favorite power couples. I hope you love them like I do, and BONUS, you won't have to wait long. This baby hits your e-shelves on July 21!

Happy reading, you guys!

BookLover says

ARC requested through Netgalley, and kindly provided by Entangled Publishing in exchange for a honest review.

I really enjoyed the story of Lily and Marcus. Marcus, with his sights set on a date with Lily, dares her to spend the night in a “haunted house”. This premise intrigued me and I was not disappointed.

With romance, there are rarely surprises for me. I read so many of them and often find myself not engaged. To pull me in, the story needs to contain humour and the characters need to engage me. I knew I was going to love this story as soon as Marcus and his sidekick, Clive, spied Lily making the best of her night in the haunted house.

“Marcus swore under his breath. "Is that...sushi?" Clive chuckled.

His strawberry-blond, lethally sexy co-worker lounged in the center of an air mattress inside like the queen of freaking Sheba, pillows fluffed behind her.”

Lily completely won me over and Marcus, with his secret feelings for Lily, was a sweet hero. I also loved the potential unknown/paranormal aspect that was splashed throughout the story. Great read!

Jessica Alcazar says

A challenge has been issued ... well, BRING IT ON! :)

OK, so I'm not gonna lie and tell you that it wasn't kinda *cheesy* at first glance/read, but that could just be me and how I laugh at the whole *haunted house* thing but the story actually turned out to be not only fun, but witty with a little adventure and suspense thrown in there. It was heartwarming, romantic and just plain cute! lol

OK, so Marcus and Lily work together. Marcus has the hots for her but Lily brushes him off cuz she's been down the work-place romance road and she'd rather not go down it again ... so what does Marcus do? He issues her a challenge and if he wins, she has to go out on a date with him see, i told you, FUN FUN FUN! LOL

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Christy LoveOfBooks says

I've read a couple of Jessica Lemmon's books and *loved* them, so I was looking forward to reading **If You Dare**. It turned out to be such a good book! Really, it's just flat out fun with a fantastic mix of feels.

Lily and Marcus are an absolute delight! They've worked together for two years and have a very competitive dynamic that I love. They dare each other to do things, which is how the bet of spending the night in a haunted house comes about. One night in Willow Mansion, and a Hawaiian vacation becomes Lily's.

Marcus is a cocky guy, but it's in a charming and adorable way. It was cute how much he was crushing on Lily for so long, and made for some awkwardly funny moments. Lily is always so strait-laced and has good reason not to get involved with a co-worker, so it was a lot of fun watching these two together.

There's just something I love about a man who's so self-assured trying to win over a reluctant woman, especially when there's some great chemistry going on. Good banter and teasing is always a huge plus, and there's plenty between Marcus and Lily. They're very amusing, that's for sure!

The entire story doesn't take place in the mansion, but it's definitely a good beginning chunk that gets the heart racing in more ways than one. The journey they took was certainly entertaining and had its steamy moments. I don't usually like mentioning endings, but I have to say this one was too freaking adorable!

Overall, I enjoyed **If You Dare** immensely. It's a fairly quick read, yet left me feeling full and completely satisfied.

Kim says

A really enjoyable book. Marcus has fancied Lily for a long time- but she's wary of relationships with work colleagues. There is still a lot of sexual tension between them and they keep challenging each other. He dares her to stay in a creepy mansion overnight in order to win tickets to Hawaii . She's not going to turn down the challenge. If she loses she will have to go to an awards dinner with him.

They spat a lot – but are very keen on each other. But both are a little wary of giving in to their feelings. Will Lily manage to stay the night in the mansion? What might lie ahead? The book has a great way of creating the feeling of tension between them and still sharing sizzling scenes.

You are really rooting for Lily and Marcus- maybe we might hear more? My first book by this author- but I will definitely look out for new ones.

Many thanks to the publisher and Net Galley.

Danielle says

As soon as I read the blurb for If You Dare I knew this one would be right up my alley and I was not disappointed. Lily and Marcus pulled me in and held me in their grasp until the very end... I devoured this book in one sitting because I just had to know how everything was going to play out.

This book is basically broken up into two parts, at least that's how it felt to me. You have the first part where they're in the mansion and dealing with the creepiness and the underlying sexual tension that seems to simmer between them... Then you have the second part which is after they leave the mansion and they're trying to work their way through everything that happened and where they go from there with their relationship.

I fell in love with Lily and Marcus and their witty banter from the get-go and I just knew they were going to be a couple that I rooted for. Sure, they had some obstacles in their way, including the fact that Lily was completely against another office romance after being burned in the past and Marcus' inability to make Lily see past his playboy persona, but they eventually worked everything out and they ended with a great epilogue.

My only issue with this one was that I wish it were longer. I appreciate the fact that it was taken from a novella and turned into a full length novel but I still felt like there could have been a little more to their story... Maybe that's just me being greedy, but either way, it was still a great read and I'll definitely be looking forward to more books from Jessica Lemmon in the future.

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Suze Lavender says

Lily has to stay the night in a creepy old mansion in the middle of nowhere. She's alone in the dark and she's scared, all because of a bet. Her colleague Marcus has given her a dare, if she wins Lily can have his Hawaii

trip and if he wins she has to accompany him to an important event. Of course Marcus doesn't give up his trip that easily. He's determined to scare Lily and make her run away from the house. Only he's on his own and without any help, so instead of staying outside he makes his presence known. He's the perfect person to protect her and maybe he can finally convince Lily to give him a chance.

Marcus and Lily are designers and they're great at working together. Marcus likes Lily a lot, but she's been hurt by a former co-worker and she doesn't want to make the same mistake again. She thinks Marcus is a womanizer, but he has eyes for her alone. She really, really likes him and it isn't easy to stay away from him. The night into the mansion turns into something quite special, but even that isn't enough for Lily to accept Marcus as more than just someone she's working with. For Marcus it will be a challenge to change her mind, will he be able to win her over?

If You Dare is definitely a sexy summer read. I loved the chemistry and the tension between Lily and Marcus. They keep challenging each other and that makes the story interesting. I also liked that part of it was set in a haunted house, I think that's a fun idea and it works really well. Marcus and Lily have a great connection, but Lily is afraid to give in. Marcus does everything he can to convince her. He's actually a really sweet guy, which made me like this book even more. Lily and Marcus are having a dare, but for Marcus it's about winning Lily, not the bet. I liked how the story evolves and how they interact with each other. There are a lot of hot scenes that are all very well written. I think If You Dare is a fantastic romantic story with two amazing main characters.

? Kimberly says

I adore Jessica Lemmon's Second Chance series, so when I saw If You Dare I had to snag it. If You Dare, is one of her earlier works that was originally a novella. The story has been updated and turned into a full-length novel. This was a fun, heated romance filled with snark and tenderness.

Lily McIntire works in a design office with Marcus Black. The two are top designers who often find themselves competing against each other. To Lily Marcus is a bit of a player and a bitter office affair at a prior job has left her skittish. As a result, the two replace their attraction to each other with teasing, jabs and one upping each other. I loved this banter. It was snarky and you could just feel the sexual tension simmering at the surface. A celebratory night out for landing a huge account ends with the two of them enjoying some tequila. Things get a little competitive and somehow Lily ends up accepting a dare. She has to spend the night in a creepy mansion and if she is successful she gets to claim his Hawaiian trip. The tale that unfolds while predictable was heated, filled with banter and had me smiling.

If You Dare was a fun read, I ended up liking both Lily and Marcus. Lemmon did a good job of fleshing them out, showing their more vulnerable sides beneath her snark and his confidence. The tale is heated and the couple spends much of their time snogging. I loved the back and forth teasing and chemistry between them. I closed the book with a smile and fond feelings for these too. If you are looking for a fun, standalone romance this summer If You Dare is sure to make you smile.

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