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Ellen Hall says

Falling for the Bad Girl is the first of a new series, 'Cutting Loose', by Nina Croft. As the title indicates, the story follows 'bad girl' Regan Malloy after her release from Holloway prison and her arresting officer (all puns intended) Detective Sergeant Nathan 'Nate' Carter. The setting of the story is contemporary London, in a 'real world' scenario.

If you've read Nina Croft's works before, you know they are hot enough to fog your e-reader, and this is no exception. But, it's more than just a sizzling romantic escapade. Nina weaves a story rich in characters and with all the complexities that life likes to throw at all of us, and uses humour and drama to good effect that keeps you involved in the characters journeys. Scenes are set and painted in clear detail, bringing the reader into the story with little effort. All the characters, and I do mean all of them, come through as authentic.

I enjoyed the polar extremes of family that Nina explores in this story, and the pressure placed on Regan and Nate by them. Regan's family are career criminals, while Nate comes from law enforcement. The story is driven by the themes of temptation, choices and consequence that will keep you turning the pages to find out how Regan and Nate deal with their fates.

This story is, in my opinion, best suited for mature readers who are fans of very steamy romantic drama.

♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

3.5 Stars

I love a story about a bad boy getting with the good girl so when I read the blurb for *Falling for the Bad Girl* I really liked the idea of that role reversal. Shout out to Nina Croft for writing some pretty hot instant attraction and characters that aren't perfect, which is what really stood out for me.

You can't get more opposite than a cop and an ex-con. Meet Nathan and Regan. Nathan first laid eyes on Regan when he was working a case that ended with her arrested and then behind bars for three years. Three years that left him obsessed with a girl that was nothing but bad news and zero chance of anything happening between them.

Regan gave up three years of her life for a mistake, a mistake done for all the right reasons but still against the law. She is determined to leave that in the past and forge a new start. She doesn't plan to ever cross paths with the man she should hate but secretly can't stop thinking about. But there wouldn't be a story if things worked out quiet like they expected and on her first day out, Regan and Nate find themselves giving in to their lust for each other.

This starts off as a pretty standard friends with benefits type deal. Regan knows that she can never have something real with Nate. Her family has an extensive criminal history and she feels that her past would always hang over her head. Nate knows that they are just too different. Different personalities and different upbringings have them at polar opposites. Where he sees black and white, she sees shades of gray. Thinking that they are too different but still drawn to each other like moths to a flame, they agree to hook up but keep their lives completely separate.

It was interesting to see these two go from being strictly in a sexual relationship to opening up to each other on a deeper level. Regan sharing her dream of going independent and having her own business and Nathan sharing his grief over his father, it all added layers to their relationship that they didn't plan on. I especially loved the scenes with Regan's family. They were so foreign to Nate but he was able to appreciate their love for each other and it helped soften him. For his love of Regan, Nate was able to change his views – he became more flexible and less rigid.

I enjoyed this one, it was a quick easy read, very low on drama and has some angst but was a sweet HEA. I did feel that their FB relationship started super fast. And their first physical encounter read a little too cold and calculated that it threw me off for a bit. It felt very wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am and that's not really my style. Don't get me wrong it was hot and kind of kinky (in a good way!) but I didn't feel that instant emotional connection from either one of the MCs until later on in their story. I don't think this will bother most because Nate and Regan both go in with their eyes wide open. They both literally just want to get off and enjoy their physical relationship. But for me personally, I needed that something extra, a hint that this wasn't just sex for the sex. Like I said, they agree to have this sex only relationship and eventually they do start to develop deeper feelings for each other but it's definitely a slow burn getting to the emotional side of their relationship.

Safety: Nathan is 30, Regan is 25. There is no Cheating and both remained celibate since last seeing each other. (Nathan by choice and Regan – well she was in jail for three years so . . . yeah). There is slight OM drama when Regan's ex comes back (view spoiler)

◆ Anna's ??????g\$ ◆ says

2 stars

Two things drew me to this book: the premise of the story - a hot cop falls for a thief - which I *loved*, and the setting of the story - London.

However, I didn't enjoy it as much as I'd expected.

I found some of the details a bit unbelievable and I felt disconnected from the characters.

The execution was a bit lacking, which I suspect it's due to the shortness of the novel. The story lacks more excitement and the thrill of the forbidden. It also lacks a meaningful depth.

I would have loved it if we had been given a chance to read about the events prior to the heroine's incarceration.

As for the setting, the story is set in London but the atmosphere just didn't feel authentic to me.

Anyhow, this book is perfect if you're looking for a quick, entertaining read. I, on the other hand, always prefer deeper, more elaborate relationships and storylines.

Nicola says

4.5 stars.

I love it when a Nina Croft *Brazen* lands on the kindle. You just know what you're getting: an entertaining story with great couple who have a scorching chemistry and don't scrimp on the sexy. Plus 90% of the time they're set in the UK. And *Falling for the Bad Girl* has all the above covered.

Having been found guilty of theft, Regan Malloy has spent three years at Her Majesty's pleasure, wiling away her time fantasising about the detective who headed up the case against her, Nathan Carter, who has also spent many a time indulging in similar thoughts. So when she's released, it doesn't take a detective to work out what these two are going to get up to.

"I want to screw you until you can't walk, until my dick is so sore I don't even want to think about sex, and then I want to screw you some more. And if we do it enough, we'll both get this inconvenient attraction out of our systems."

What I love about Nina is how she takes roles and reverses them, throwing gender stereotype out of the window to a degree, yet still bringing you a man who is just the right balance of alpha and gent, and lady who keeps him on his toes with her sass. And Nate and Regan tick those boxes: there's not dull moment to be found as they scratch their very mutual itch and with a good dose of feeling added into the mix, I loved them together.

"He'll be running the family silver through the office database tomorrow."

Nina Croft has written what I think is her best *Brazen* to date, funny, heartfelt and passionate, if you're looking for a sizzler to spend the evening with, this is one to do so with. And I'm looking forward to seeing what she has planned for Regan's former cellmates, Summer and Darcy.

Copy received courtesy of Entangled Publishing for an honest and unbiased opinion.

Sandy S says

4 stars

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REVIEW: **FALLING FOR THE BAD GIRL** is the first installment in Nina Croft's contemporary, adult **CUTTING LOOSE** erotic, romance series. This is detective Nathan Carter, and former inmate Regan Malloy's story line.

Told from dual third person perspectives (Nathan and Regan) **FALLING FOR THE BAD GIRL** follows former inmate Regan Malloy—a second generation thief—who upon her release from prison finds herself in bed with the very man who made the arrest and sent her away. Enter detective Nathan Carter—a second generation police officer—and the man who hasn't stopped thinking about the beautiful woman who stars in all of his erotic fantasies and dreams. What ensues is the building but forbidden relationship between thief and detective—Regan and Nathan—and Regan's attempts to hide their secret from the family she loves.

FALLING FOR THE BAD GIRL finds Nathan Carter unable to separate business from pleasure. His attraction to Regan comes at a time when his personal life begins to implode as the father he adores battles cancer, and a relationship with a former thief threatens his advancement and standings on the force. Regan is determined to go straight but her relationship with detective Nathan Carter is all sorts of problems for her family and her friends. As our heroine struggles with her future, Nathan struggles with his relationship with the woman with whom he is falling in love. The sex scenes are seductive and intense.

We are introduced to all of Regan's family members including her brother Tom, father Sam and mother Sarah Malloy, as well as Nathan's father, former detective Pete Carter. Regan's friendships on the inside are her only hope upon release—former inmates Darcy and Summer who help our heroine get settled and start her on a path towards a new life.

FALLING FOR THE BAD GIRL switches up the bad boy/good girl trope in that our heroine is guilty of the crimes she committed—a reformed thief, an ex-con, who is determined to make it on her own in a world that does not accept the life that she once led. The premise is entertaining; the characters are spirited, intelligent and dynamic; the romance is provocative and challenging. **FALLING FOR THE BAD GIRL** is a spicy look at a forbidden relationship.

Copy supplied for review

www.thereadingcafe.com

Penny says

4 “Detective Stalker” Stars

Falling for the Bad Girl is an opposites-attract love story. Regan comes from a family of thieves, Nathan is not only a second generation police detective, but he is the one who put Regan behind bars. By rights they shouldn’t feel any attraction, though three years of fantasizing over each other shows how chemistry doesn’t always work as one wants.

Our story starts the day Regan comes out of prison a new woman set on never, ever having to step into that place again. While she gets on with her plans, Nathan is not in a great place. His father is gravely ill and he doesn’t have much time left, and he’s obsessed with a now ex-con... the fact that he follows her to the hotel where she’s spending her first night as a free woman should be a wake-up call for him... Luckily for us, it isn’t.

Regan can’t believe her eyes when the man she’s been crushing on despite her best efforts shows up at her hotel. She should hate his guts, and she does as he is the one who put her behind bars, but one night to live the dream can’t harm anyone, can it?

What begins as a night for Nathan and Regan to get their fantasies out of their systems, turns into a month of hot, steamy, crazy-monkey sex. When that month is over, they will each go their own ways, as a relationship between them has no chance in hell of ever succeeding, right?

I really liked Regan, while she was perceived as a bad girl, once we get to know her we realize not everything is as it seems. She was loyal, sweet, caring and still tough. Nathan was a yummy policeman in jeans and stubble, with a filthy mouth and some serious skills. He was bossy and sexy, and I wouldn’t mind getting frisked by him.

“Regan Malloy, I want to screw you until you can’t walk, until my dick is so sore I don’t even want to think about sex, and then I want to screw you some more.”

I loved Nathan and Regan’s interaction and how their “relationship” and their feelings for each other developed. That’s not to say there weren’t a time or two where I wanted to hit one, the other or both of them on the back of the head when they’d refuse to communicate.

Falling for the Bad Girl was a fun, light and seriously sexy story I enjoyed immensely and I can’t wait to get the stories for Regan’s roommates and one or two of her brothers’ wouldn’t be unwelcome either.

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book

Claire Robinson says

4.5 - "You're the enemy. You always will be." Stars!

Nina Croft begins her new *Cutting Loose* Series in stellar style with *Falling for the Bad Girl*, a copper and an ex-con were never hotter together.

This story hits the ground running and doesn't really stop until the end. Regan Malloy has just been released from prison after three years inside for a crime she did commit albeit under false pretenses. Who should be part of her welcoming party when she steps outside the gates, none other than her natural enemy Detective Sergeant Nathan Carter, the officer who put her away in the first place.

"You're always going to think the worst of me. Always going to believe I'm not good enough..."

I think the thing that made this book one of the best Brazen titles I have read by this author is the fact that although they are burning up the sheets pretty much from the get-go, both of them have really good back stories, it gave added depth to the instant connection between them, and in the latter stages for the reasoning as to why things went the way they did.

His body was telling him once was not enough. While his mind was telling him that no amount would be enough, and he should run the hell away from her before he got in any deeper.

Regan's two friends and also ex-jailbirds; Summer and Darcy both look promising too with the glimpses you are given to them while her story is playing out and I look forward to reading their books.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was my pleasure to provide the above honest review.

Deborah says

Loved this book!! A contemporary romance that shows some risks are worth taking.

As the blurb states, Detective Nate Carter put Regan Malloy away for a diamond theft. The merchandise has never been recovered. During the trial, Regan and Nate felt an attraction that went beyond ordinary. After Regan serves three years in prison, Nate and she hook up. After one night of unbridled sex, they know it can't be just the one time, so they embark on an adventure of no strings sex for one month. Both think that should be enough to drive the other from their system. But as the month progresses, uneasiness creeps in and neither wants to think of the end approaching!

Believing any type of relationship just would not work, neither know how to contain their feelings. Nate is a detective and Regan comes from a family of known thieves. That's a recipe for disaster. Even since Regan has gone clean and has opened her own business of cracking safes and software-but for the good guys, she still feels putting the cops anywhere close to her family spells trouble with a capital T! But she also knows that what is developing with Nate is quickly becoming something she doesn't want to give up. She just can't. But how can they make it work?? Nate feels the same way. He knows he's breaking all kinds of rules and his work partner has cautioned him. He wants him to be smart. But he can't see letting Regan go any more than she can him.

This story was a good mix of steam and sweet. I liked both Regan and Nate. Their situation is a complex one

not unlike real life. I think that's why it was easy to read and to recognize their struggles. Nina Croft does a great job of making us feel we are actually in the story with clear but not overly wordy details. Everybody is believable and their actions are acceptable. I enjoyed the differences in the families they came from and the dynamics of how they sculpted the couple into who they are now.

Definitely a page turner, grab this one and prepare to settle in with Falling For the Bad Girl. The journey is fast and oh so intriguing.

4 Stars/4 Flames

This book was gifted to me by the Jeep Diva for an honest review. The review and ratings are solely my opinions.

Heather andrews says

Nate is obviously well endowed, and I loved it when the man got angry, "...his temper flared to life. "Hey, sweetheart, I might have been the one to catch you, but it was hardly my fault that you were guilty as hell." He pushed the sheet down and climbed out of bed. Naked, with a b***r, both of which he ignored. All the same, he was pleased she took a step back; she should be intimidated. It was a big go****n ***k." I really enjoyed this book, I loved Nate.

Lana ✨Dirty Girl Romance✨ says

4 STARS

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I love a refreshing change of pace, and this book certainly delivered. I have plenty of bad boys in my reading repertoire, so the blurb to this book immediately hooked because what's that? No bad boy but a bad *girl* instead? Bring it on, I say!

Regan Malloy is a former bad girl that's looking for a change. Just out of prison for a three year sentence on a crime she may have committed, but not entirely guilty of, she's looking to turn the page on her life of crime. With a family of criminals, it won't be easy, but she's determined. There's just one inconvenient thorn in her plans, the super sexy detective that was responsible for her conviction and the undercurrent of lust that still crackles between them.

Detective Sergeant Nathan Carter has always done the right thing. His father was an officer of the law and now he's following in his footsteps with his recent promotion. A bad girl just out of prison for stealing diamonds is the last thing he needs, but he just can't seem to stay away.

This was the first book in a series that I'm already hooked on. I loved all the secondary characters we meet in this story in the form of Regan's best friends and former cell mates. I already can't wait for their story. As for Regan and Nathan? I loved these two together. There's a little bit of angst to spice things up since their relationship is trouble. Nathan is a cop and she's a criminal. He'll always doubt her dedication to stay on the right side of the law, and she'll never feel good enough.

Nina Croft delivers a sexy and entertaining read that's a perfect blend of humor and steam with fantastic characters and a great story to boot! I seriously enjoyed it.

ARC courtesy of publisher in exchange for an honest review

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Elizabeth Neal says

Three years ago, Nate met a woman he hasn't been able to stop thinking about since. The problem...he was arresting her. Now he's standing outside the prison, knowing she's getting released, and he admits, at least to himself, that it has nothing to do with the diamonds they never recovered.

Regan, though she comes from a family well known for their propensity to commit crimes, had separated herself from that aspect, until she was tricked into a job, believing she was doing it to save a friend's life. In the end, she was left diamondless, realizing she was manipulated, and found guilty. As she walks out of the prison, she sees Nate and knows the attraction she felt for him since the beginning is still there, and now has confirmation they look they shared as she was sentenced means it's reciprocated.

Regan's friends and former cellmates, Darcy and Summer, pick her up and treat her to a celebration, which includes, among other presents, her staying in the hotel room for the night. After her friends leave, Regan isn't sure what to do next...until she sees Nate outside the building.

Nate finds himself outside, vowing not to go to Regan, yet unable to resist. The two meet at the bar and a flirtation ensues which quickly leads to them realizing they want to act on their chemistry, and agree it'll be just one night away from reality. However, the next morning both are reluctant to let it end at that.

When they find themselves at the same location the next night, both hoping the other is there, they decide to explore their craving for each other, keeping this part separate from everything else, and give it an end date of one month.

But when the expiration date draws near, neither are willing to say good-bye. They know things have changed between them, the rules have shifted, even though there's no way a cop and an ex-con can have a future together, right? What happens when the lines between what they should do and what they want to do start to blur? How will Regan's family react when they learn of their relationship? How will Nate's co-workers? Will Nate ever trust Regan not to revert back to that life? Can Regan love a man knowing at any time he may have to arrest one of her family members? What happens when Regan's accomplice returns? Will Regan take the diamonds? Or do the unexpected? Is there a future for Nate and Regan? Or are they destined to love from afar, torn apart by their differences

One-click now and follow along as two people, a thief and the cop who arrested her, act on the attraction that began simmering the moment they met and never faded during their years apart. I hope Darcy and Summer get their own stories too.

Also, if you're anything like me, and wondered about Nate's "activities" while Regan was locked up, rest assured...it states he hadn't been with anyone for a while prior to meeting Regan and thought only of her during his "personal time" since then. Phew...big sigh of relief.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Falling for the Bad Girl marks my first time reading a book by Nina Croft. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that the book takes place in England.

Immediately, I was intrigued by the characters of Regan Malloy and Detective Sergeant Nathan Carter. These two have a history going back three years, to when Nate arrested Regan and helped to send her to prison. For some inexplicable reason, these two are drawn to each other.

The day of Regan's release from prison, the two meet up in a bar. This isn't a planned meeting, it just happens. Regan and Nate agree to one night, to get each other out of their system. Only they discover one night isn't enough. The two embark on a secret sex only relationship with an expiration date. They both know that a true relationship with each other is out of the question. Nate is from a cop family and Regan's entire family is known to be successful thieves. They are truly a recipe for disaster, but surprisingly, they work.

I won't deny that at times, I questioned the actions of both Regan and Nate. There were definitely times I questioned if their feelings were true. But in the end, readers are treated to what these two will really do for each other and for love.

While I liked Regan and Nate, I loved several of the secondary characters. Regan's older brother is interesting, with his anti-cop mentality and charm to spare. Regan's roommates, Summer and Darcy, whom she met in prison, added to this story as well. Summer's character seems to have secrets just waiting to be revealed. Darcy appears to be preparing to make waves and connect with a family member. Without question, I'm looking forward to having her story told.

Received a copy from Entangled Publishing and reviewed voluntarily.

Bette Hansen says

Loved this book!! The fast pace of the story was great and the fine line Nate and Regan walked was intriguing making it a fantastic good guy/bad girl story. A jewel thief and a cop are truly an unlikely couple but these two pull it off beautifully. He may have been the one that got her locked up but staying away from him just doesn't seem possible. Being with an ex-con could be career suicide for Detective Nate Carter but the pull to be with her makes all the risks worth it.

This is one I think everyone would enjoy. I highly recommend it.

Irene says

4.5 stars

I really enjoyed Falling for the Bad Girl.

From the first few pages I knew this was going to be a great read. It was one of those books you didn't want to put down.

The writing is well done, the storyline held my interest all throughout the book, the characters Regan & Nathan were likable, entertaining and the chemistry between was smoking!

Falling for the Bad Girl is a great start to the Cutting Loose series, and I can't wait for the next book to be released.

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A big thank you to the publisher for the advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.

Laura says

I know I said I was never going to read new adult/erotic fiction again. I read the synopsis of this and thought it sounded ok, then I won it on Goodreads. I opened up the package and thought 'oh no', what was I doing? I don't like new adult! But I was determined to read it because the author had so kindly sent me it for free and I owed her to at least read the book, with the intention that I'd give it away to someone who would enjoy it if I didn't like it.

But I did like this. And I'm in awe with Nina Croft for making me like a book in a genre I had pretty much given up on.

There were a few issues I had with this book. Considering this author grew up in Britain why is everything Americanised? I'm hoping the publisher was aiming for an American author, but as a British reader the Britishness of the book felt really fake.

I hate the word sex when referring to a vagina. Just fucking say vagina.

And why can the men in these books always fly planes and helicopters? Even the poor ones! Is there some kind of secret set of rules new adult authors have to follow that include this?

But really that's all my complaints. The book was far less tropey than I was expecting. It has a lead female character that isn't a virginal wimp that thinks every woman who has had sex is a shameful slut. She's tough and knows there's more to life than just being with a man or being a stereotype in general. She has dreams beyond finding love.

There's a strong friendship group too.

And nothing is glamourised.

There's still a bit of instalove but it's not offensive. I also felt that some of the story was rushed but I feel that was a size of book issue rather than lack of story. I would have liked to have read more from these characters but I'm happy with what I got.
