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Bookgasms Book Blog says

I absolutely adore Katee Robert's books as they always deliver. It doesn't matter what genre she writes in (contemporary/erotica, suspense or mafia) I WILL read it. So when I saw she was writing a book for Harlequin's new racy Dare line, I could not jump on this book fast enough! I loved Gideon and Lucy. I thought their chemistry was hot and sexy and their connection intense. I could not get enough!

Lucy and Gideon have a history together. As the best friend of Lucy's ex-fiance, Gideon has been personally connected to Lucy for a long time. But when Lucy professionally contacts him for his headhunting abilities, it breaks all the rules. He must find this workaholic a husband and in the interim teach her all the ways to rock her future husband's world in bed. But when emotions get involved and lines get crossed can Gideon and Lucy realize that what they've always wanted has been right in front of them all along?

I loved this story. I loved that their passion was so fiery and that the more time they spent with one another they realized how great the other was. I did get frustrated with Lucy at times however as I felt she was so in her head all the time overthinking things. Likewise, Gideon's aboutface came out of nowhere and was SO random that I actually went back to see what I missed. But all in all I thought this was such a fantastic spin on a mathmaker/friends to lovers story and honestly hope we get Roman's story next!! But all in all I thought this was such a fantastic spin on a mathmaker/friends to lovers story and honestly hope we get Roman's story next!!

I would like to thank Netgalley and Harlequin for an advanced copy of this book for an honest review! Bravo! 4 stars!

Siobhan says

Having read and enjoyed the second half of Katee Robert's O'Malley series (I plan to go back and amend the fact I have not read the entire series), I was eager to dive into something new by the author. A new series meant I could follow a story through from the start, watching things unfold and allowing me to appreciate all the small details. Thus, I was more than happy to jump at Make Me Want.

I'll be completely honest about this one – I was rather disappointed. Forbidden Promises, Undercover Attraction, and The Bastard's Bargain set my expectations of Katee Robert much higher than what Make Me Want provided. Compared to the other Katee Robert books I have read, this one fell rather flat.

The story is much like many other romance books on the market, and I was constantly waiting for something to pop out and grab me. While there were plenty of steamy scenes to try and distract me, it was glaringly obvious there was nothing overly unique about this one. It's a popular trope done well, but it isn't anything special. It is enjoyable, but it will not blow your mind.

If I'm being brutally honest, there were points towards the end of this book where I started to skim events – I was holding out for something amazing, willing to skip parts in the hope of finding the good stuff. I enjoyed it, sure, but I couldn't pick this one out of a line-up for other books in this genre. Whereas the O'Malley books I read had something that made them pop, this one falls into the shadow of other books.

Don't get me wrong, I am interested in reading the next book in the series. I'm holding out hope that the next book will grab me more than this one did. I'm also interested in Katee Robert's other new series, so this hasn't put me off reading more of her work.

Make Me Want may not have been what I was hoping for, but it was an okay read to pass a bit of time.

Donna Repsher says

Make Me Want is Katee Robert's first novel in her new Make Me series for the Harlequin Dare imprint. I've only read a couple of her novels so far, and I have to say that among them, Make Me Want is my favorite so far, and it gets a 5-star rating from this reader.

The principle characters in this novel are Lucy Baudin, an up and coming attorney who has been moving up the ladder at her law firm, but realizes that if she wants the partnership she's been working toward, she'll need a husband to get it, since the firm is rather old-fashioned and looks askance at unmarried women. What can I say? It's the way the corporate world works, and I'm glad that Ms. Robert included that piece of reality in her novel. Lucy was engaged two years earlier, to Jeff, but broke it off when the man who was close friends with both of them, Gideon Novak, finally told her what he'd known for some time, that Jeff was cheating on her. Additionally, Jeff was highly critical of her, especially in bed, and so not only were her plans for a happy marriage burnt to the ground, so was her confidence as a woman, and she hasn't dated in the two years since the breakup, instead devoting her time and energy to her career. She's also not been in touch with Gideon in that time, and Gideon has felt guilty not only for being the bearer of bad tidings, but for knowing about Jeff's cheating for more than a month but not speaking up sooner. Additionally, Gideon has also harbored secret feelings for Lucy since the day they met. He stepped aside out of deference to Lucy's involvement with his friend, Jeff, but he still harbors feelings for her, even though they've steered clear of one another since the breakup.

As is happens, Gideon is one of the best corporate headhunters in the business, and he's shocked when Lucy contacts him and tells him she's in need of his services--she knows and trusts him and his business acumen, but when he shows up at her office, he's shocked by exactly what services she needs him for--to find her a suitable husband and soon, so that she won't be overlooked for the partnership opportunity that's that's rapidly approaching. When she finally talks him into headhunting for a husband, she further shocks him with one more request--she needs sex lessons. Her former fiancé was less than enthusiastic about their sex life, and she wonders if it's her fault that he strayed. Gideon, she knows, doesn't do relationships at all, and he has the reputation as quite a womanizer, but a highly skilled one, and although he's hard to convince, she finally gets him to agree to teach her what he knows, as well as to find and screen potential husband candidates.

To say that both characters get far more than they bargained for in this deal is putting it mildly. The chemistry between these two friends is off the charts, heat being something I've come to expect from books in the Harlequin Dare series, but so is the emotional, physical and intellectual connection between these two characters in this friends-to-lovers romance novel. I loved the honesty and exclusivity that Gideon demands in this strange relationship, and I truly liked the fact that both characters were fully developed as equals in this relationship. Make no mistake, I love a good alpha male hero, but the tenderness and thoughtfulness with which Gideon and Lucy treated one another was incredibly refreshing.

While this trope is nowhere near a new one to this long-time romance reader, I found this novel to be more emotional, more smartly written, and more deeply involving, and it's progression from start to finish flowed

more seamlessly, and was a much more sexy, smart and satisfying read than many other friends-to-lovers novels I've encountered over the years, and I simply cannot wait to read the upcoming novels in what promises to be an incredibly addictive series.

I voluntarily read and advance reader copy of this novel. The opinions expressed are my own.

Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

3.5 Stars

Helllllooooo Katee Robert.

Welcome! Glad to meet ya.

Sorry for the serenade but... **THIS GIRL IS ON**

FIIIIIIIYYYYYYYYYAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!! Still. While reading this I considered dialing a friend, because HHHHHAAAAAALLLLLPPPPPPPP!!!

Reading *Make Me Want* I more than once wished for a warning label and maybe my own personal freezer. Someone should put a blast chiller option on kindles. I needed one.

What prompted me to click the request button are:

(a) The dude on the cover *kinda* looks like Carter Dane so my first thought was, "why is CD on the cover of some MF smutticilicousness?" which quickly segued into a brief episode of wish fulfillment along the lines of, "has CD decided to widen the playing field?" Then I expanded the photo and realized my mistake.

epic sad face is epic

Congrats, Alex Mecum!

fake smile

grumbles

(b) The main character's name is Gideon!

What? I have a name kink. Don't judge.

This Gideon is eerily reminiscent of another (also slightly Neanderthalish) Gideon I've ~~lusted over~~ read before and while Sylvia Day might take exception to the similarities, my thoughts are more akin to...

The story itself is not groundbreaking and rife with non/miscommunication with a heaping of martyr syndrome that I loathe. Lucy is up for a promotion at her good ole boys law firm and won't get it unless someone puts a ring on it. Gideon's a friend of her ex-fiancé and was once hers too, so that coupled with his reputation as a skilled headhunter, leads her to hire him to find her a suitable husband. His reputation as a sex gawd leads her to ask him for "lessons" on how to have the HILLY DILLY amazingly since her ex told her she was a bad lay. Can you say projecting, boys and girls?

Regardless, the boning is top-notch! On the couch, on a conference table AT A FANCY SCHMANCY CLUB, a naughty video chat, in a lingerie dressing room and they did make it to the bedroom a couple times. Gideon's also on the bossy/toppy side too! I mean...

Seriously, this thing should come with a complimentary box of wipes, a pack of cigs and some Gatorade.

I will most definitely be reading the next in this series. One-handed, but still. Now that I know what I'm in for I will be prepared like the devoted Girl Scout I am to see Roman getting his swerve on!

Recommend to... hells bells, you know who you are.

An ARC was provided by NetGalley.

Maria Rose says

Make Me Want by Katee Robert is the first story in her steamy romance series Make Me, part of Harlequin's new Dare Imprint. It's a friends to lovers trope story with a hero tasked with finding a husband for the heroine only to discover he wants the role for himself!

Lucy Baudin's last relationship ended in heartbreak when she discovered her fiancé was cheating on her. Not only that, but he'd made her feel inadequate in the bedroom, dealing a blow to her self esteem. She's an accomplished lawyer but to be considered for partner, her odds would be better if she wasn't still single due to some lingering misogynistic attitudes among the old guard. Lucy's not interested in the dating scene so she comes up with a better plan – hiring her friend Gideon Novak, an accomplished headhunter, to find her a husband.

The last thing Gideon wants is to play the role of matchmaker for Lucy. If things had worked out differently, she'd have ended up with him instead of his loser friend Jeff who didn't appreciate what he had. Residual guilt over not telling Lucy about Jeff's extracurricular activities in a more timely fashion means he can't turn down her request. The trouble is he doesn't think any of the men he knows are good enough for her. And when Lucy approaches him for some 'practice' in the bedroom to help curb her self esteem issues, Gideon can't say no to that either. Now he's got a dilemma on his hands. Having Lucy in his bed fulfills his wildest fantasies. Is he really going to watch her marry someone else?

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Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says

???STARS

ARC-BOOK REVIEW

Release Date-22/2/18

Make Me Want (Make Me, #1) by Katee Robert was such an enjoyable read.

It tells the story of Lucy Baudin and Gideon Novak (love the name, Gideon BTW).

When Lucy needs a husband to progress in her job at her law firm she calls in a favour from former friend Gideon.

Gideon once the best friend of Lucy's former fiancée and also the individual that had broken the news of Lucy's fiancée's infidelities is wallowing in guilt.

Not only did it take him a month to come clean to Lucy about her cheating fiancée and break her heart in the process he has also been madly in love with Lucy for years.

So when she calls in a favour how can he say no.

Gideon is a very successful headhunter by profession but he can honestly say that this is the first time he has been asked to procure a husband for a client, not that this would stop him from completing this unusual task, he would do anything in his power to make Lucy happy.

On top of this said ex-fiancée has done a massive number on Lucy making her doubt her whole appeal and worth as a woman in all the ways that actually matter and as a result of this Lucy asks Gideon to be her coach in all things sensual.

Gideon agrees on one condition he gets Lucy exclusively for the duration of these lessons.

But It's not long before all the rules are being thrown out the window as the two former friends begin to connect in ways that Gideon has been dreaming of for years.

So "Make Me Want" was a fantastic read, it has such flow and ease about it that I had no trouble getting lost here.

I loved both the main characters and was rooting For Lucy to see Gideon as the only contender for her love and affections.

And Gideon himself I just wanted him to spill the beans and reveal all in regard to his heart's desire.

They were both such easy characters to like and feel a connection with.

Which I'm happy to say I did, feeling so invested in the outcome of there overall relationship practically from the beginning here.

It also helped massively that Gideon's and Lucy's chemistry was extremely explosive setting the pages alight with its intensity.

It was also so refreshing to simply read a book where the characters laid themselves bare, exposing their vulnerabilities without apology.

There were few secondary characters here but what did appear were great and added an additional flavour to the overall story.

So I found "Make Me Want" to be a fabulous new contemporary that in my opinion delivered on all fronts.

I found it a fresh sexy addition to its genre and am happy to recommend this enjoyable tale.

I was provided with an ARC of "Make Me Want" By Netgalley of which I have reviewed voluntarily.

All opinions expressed are entirely my own.

Reviewed By Beckie Bookworm.
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Kirsty 📚📖♥? says

This was another book that I've read lately where I felt disappointed and that there are plenty of other similar books out there that are better. I enjoyed it but didn't really feel it gave me anything original. I couldn't really get into the characters enough to care. Sadly not one for me

Free arc from netgalley

Nadwa says

[I recieved a free advance review copy by Harlequin via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review]

My heart is soaring. This book was a perfect read for my hopeless romantic self.

Lucy works at a law firm and she's got a position just under the CEO. She's basically married to her job. For work-related purposes, she decides to contact her ex-husband's (ex) best friend, also a headhunter, Gideon, to hunt her some suitors... Guys willing to marry her on such short notice. And Lucy asks Gideon for a 'friends with benefits' arrangement.

This is when shit goes down, obviously.

I love it when the two characters in this situation start catching feelings and realize that their relationship has more to it than just physical attraction.

This is a perfect read if you're looking for something swoon-worthy with a couple of laughs and tears on the side.

Alyssa says

Review posted on The Eater of Books! blog

Make Me Want by Katee Robert
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Summary (from Goodreads):

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lawyer she's bold, confident. But in the bedroom she needs inspiration to reawaken her inner seductress. Asking her friend Gideon Novak for help seems wrong...yet so deliciously right!

What I Liked:

I don't know why I put off reading this book for so long! It was published nearly a month ago, and I kept pushing it off for some reason. Katee Robert is one of those romance authors that never seems to disappoint me, and I was definitely not disappointed by *Make Me Want*. This book was one of Robert's hottest books to date, and also one of the strongest, emotionally speaking.

Lucy Baudin and her ex-fiance split two years ago, and nothing has been the same since. Two years later, she is hoping to get a position at work, but her boss is very traditional and wants to see her married before promoting her. So she enlists her friend Gideon to help - he's a headhunter, and one of the best in the business. But she also wants his help in another way - she wants to have better sexual experience before going into her modern marriage of convenience. Gideon has always been a player and his reputation in the bedroom is legendary. But when it comes to Lucy, Gideon doesn't mess around. He has had feelings for her since he saw her at a bar six years ago - but his friend Jeff beat him, and Gideon would never break the bro code. Finding a husband for Lucy and giving her sex lessons? Shouldn't be too hard... right?

I don't love the "best-friend's-girl" trope - in which the hero is in love with the girl, but she's dating his best friend, boo hoo. BUT. I didn't hate it in this book! Dare I say, I actually think the trope worked here. Jeff cheated on Lucy and Gideon found out, and told her, though he waited a month to do so (for good reason - don't demonize him). When Jeff and Lucy split, Gideon and Lucy stopped being friends... and the whole time Jeff and Lucy were together, Gideon never made a move or a pass, he was always a gentleman (in the friend zone). So there was no cheating (Gideon and Lucy never messed around while she was with Jeff), and the story starts with Jeff and Lucy already having split up. This worked for me.

Jeff did a number on Lucy's sexual confidence, hence why she wants lessons from someone (Gideon). In the beginning of the book, Lucy is a little timid and shy when voicing what she wants in the bedroom. But by the end of the book, she is much more assertive. She states exactly what she wants, with full honesty, just like Gideon asks. I liked seeing this character development. I liked seeing a woman who can vocalize what she wants.

Gideon has always felt guilty for not telling Lucy sooner, about Jeff cheating on her. When she comes to him wanting a few favors, he agrees, partially because of the guilt he still feels. He always had feelings for Lucy, but never said anything, never tried anything. Gideon is so selfless in this book, and sometimes it got frustrating. He never voiced what he wanted, he always made everything about Lucy - which was good because it was all about Lucy and her crazy plan. I wanted him to speak up about what he wanted though, because he was setting himself up to get hurt in the process of achieving Lucy's plan.

But one thing I liked about this book was that Lucy started to realize that Gideon never vocalized what he wanted, he never made demands or lost control or anything like that. He always made everything center around her, which was good... until she realized that she wanted him as more than a friend, but she didn't know what he wanted. I liked that she realized that what he wanted mattered a whole lot, not just what she wanted. It's great to be assertive; but it's also great to listen to what your partner wants.

And that's something I think romance writers get wrong sometimes; the heroine can be brash and loud and outspoken, and demanding in the bedroom. That's cool. But she should also be listening to her partner too. It's not just about her and what she wants. It's good to vocalize what she wants. It's bad to never ask what her

partner wants or never listen or pick up on the fact that he doesn't vocalize.

Anyway, Robert addressed this, which was good. I would have thrown the PROBLEMATIC flag all over this book, had she not. Healthy relationships are balanced, not one-sided to hear the woman roar (or whatever). I'm a feminist saying all of this. Don't be selfish. Don't be a silent accommodating doormat, but don't ignore your partner and put your needs/wants first all the time.

The sexy times were super super hot in this book. I feel like this might be one of Robert's hottest books, if not the hottest. There were sooooo many sexy times, for such a short book. I mean, it wasn't all sex, but I expected maybe three? There were more than three. And all of them were different, unique, and super steamy.

The ending has both characters turning around, realizing their mistakes, and realizing the other person's side of things. Gideon does some groveling, but Lucy also has to do some soul-searching, and she realized she was a coward as much as he was being a martyr. I liked this. It wasn't her being high and mighty, you-need-to-apologize-for-everything-because-I'm-not-wrong-in-this-situation. There was a mutual "I-messed-up-please-forgive-me".

All in all, I enjoyed this book. I had a great time reading it. I liked the tropes, I loved the steamy times, and I adored the ending.

What I Did Not Like:

I wanted to see Gideon lose a little of his tightly leashed control. He did in like, one scene? I know this book was more about Lucy, but still. Gideon is a living, breathing man - and a main character, at that. It should have been as much his story as it was hers.

Would I Recommend It:

I always tend to recommend Robert's books because they're super hot, addicting, and quick reads. This book is not exception. If you like steamy contemporary romances novels, this book (and any of her books) is a good one for you. It's somewhat short (though not too short) and there is a HEA!

Rating:

4 stars. I'm a little sorry I waited so long to read this book! I'm not sure what held me back. This sexy book should be on every romance reader's TBR! And book two - I can't wait to read Roman's story!

Elaine says

Looking for a relatively quick, steamily hot, contemporary romance - look no further, grab yourself a copy of this, the first in a new series from the highly talented Katee Robert!

At college, Lucy Baudin chose Jeff - the wrong man - to have a relationship with, she really should have looked no further than her friend Gideon Novak! Now she's asking him to be a matchmaker and to teach her how to not be boring in her sexual relationships. Jeff did a really great job of undermining her confidence

and self-esteem and Gideon feels responsible for not protecting her from Jeff's cheating ways sooner. Gideon feels like he owes her, so agrees to help. That's just got to be the recipe for a brilliant friends to more romance with plenty of overt hot action packed encounters, some humour and, of course, love and misunderstandings to keep things interesting!

Katee Roberts is a skilled author, bringing her characters, scenarios and plot to life in the imagination of the reader. The story is only 159 pages long, but still manages to pack so much between the pages (or should that be sheets?). It is relatively light hearted, touches on the impact of an emotionally abusive relationship and shows how love can help heal the wounds such trauma causes. If you enjoy explicit contemporary romances, this has to be a great story for you to escape into!

I requested and received a copy of this novel, via NetGalley. This is my honest review after choosing to read it.

Wendy's Thoughts says

Katee, Katee, Katee....

What You have Written...

Your Body of Work says it all...

Of course, I am Interested...

Curious and Waiting...

Of Course, You....

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Jessica Alcazar says

There's nothing better than friends find love for each other. It just really warms my heart when I read this trope and *Katee Robert* did a phenomenal job of making this engaging and fun and all around sexy!

For me, the best part of the story was the unique twist of Lucy having Gideon *help her in the bedroom* ... Gideon has always wanted Lucy for himself so here's his chance to rope her in completely, right?! I was super giddy reading all of this. It warmed my heart completely.

I've read quite a few books by this author and she honestly never disappoints. I've also now read five books from this new imprint by Harlequin Carina Press, **DARE**, and I am just highly impressed on all fronts!

Copy provided for blog tour review

Lisa (Remarkablylisa) says

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Make Me Want had a good set up. Lucy needs a fake husband so of course, the headhunter Gideon to take care of things but what they don't expect is that Gideon would very much like so to be Lucy's fake husband and teacher in bed. The story was set up in a way that I didn't really like it. It felt like Lucy was submissive in life and just going through motions, not really being her true self. I wanted her to embrace her life, take more control, instead of only thinking of temporary pleasures to satisfy her cravings.

(Nat) Reading Romances says

“It would have ripped his still-beating heart out of his chest to smile and congratulate her on picking a man who’d do as a husband.”

There’s nothing better than a friends to lovers story, I simply can’t get enough of those! This standalone was engaging, fun and sexy as hell!

Make me want has a predictable plot, but the writing had a great flow and ease about it, and I can certainly say Katee Roberts delivered what was promised. I was impressed by Lucy and Gideon’s chemistry – it was explosive and intense! Lucy thought she needed a little help in the bedroom but what she really needed was a boost to her self-esteem and some confidence. Gideon was such a sweet hero, I was rooting for him from the start!

This book didn’t have a big plot twist, but I didn’t feel like it was missing, the story worked well without one. I’ll definitely read the next installment in the series.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Jaime Arkin says

Full review closer to release but Katee Robert is def a fave in the CR genre for me!

