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Piper Dawson has spent a lifetime living by other people's rules.

She's worked hard to get what she wants—a residency at her first choice hospital—and no one will ever tie her down again, not even her severe yet incredibly sexy supervisor, Dr. Alexander "Ace" Lennox.

Ace is done with love. He's had his heart shattered, and he never wants to go there again. But when he's inexplicably enticed by the sexy, tattooed woman with blue streaks in her hair and a perpetual smile on her lip, he figures that maybe he can keep it to just sex.

The problem? He thrives on control, and Piper dances just around the edges of it.

But when they're together, control is the first thing to go...

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Anna's Herding Cats says

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.
Amazon: <http://amzn.to/2cSwOY0>

Claiming the Enemy? Lordy but it's sexy as all get out and turned me into a reading fiend. I couldn't put this one down. Dishes? Laundry? Pffft they sure weren't happening until I finished that last page.

The quick of it is that Piper, well, she got herself a fake boyfriend...on accident. See she was trying to avoid an obnoxious ex and kinda joined her boss and his mama by sitting down at their lunch table. And crazy of crazy things...he went along with the act. They've rubbed each other a spot wrong at work but damn if desire didn't rise hard and fast and, well, insistent on being taken care of. So they're gonna fake being a couple. But no getting attached, yall. They will NOT get attached! ::snort::

Ace and Piper were a good time. She has a tendency to say all the wrong thing at all the wrong times and is a bit of a free spirit and he's grumpy as hell and pretty curmudgeonly. And somehow once they stripped out of their scrubs--they're both doctors--and met on neutral territory they totally worked. It was fun watching them figure out that the other was more than they'd thought over the past few weeks when they'd been growling at one another and that they might actually *gasp* like each other.

There's a LOT of nekkid sweaty time. They're scared of getting attached but man they are not one bit shy about hitting the sheets. Or more often the desk at work. It's steamy and definitely kept things exciting. There were some really sweet dates as well that had me melting.

All in all, Claiming the Enemy was a sizzling good time that'll make your pulse flutter and have you reaching for a fan. It doesn't go too deep--it's a fairly short read-- but it's still pretty nice watching them deal with all that lusty goodness and the complications of working together and healing some of each others hurts along the way.

Amber at WickedGoodReads says

SMOKING HOT!!

This story has sexy times written all over it! Up, down, left, right and cover to cover - nothing but good sexy times to be seen here. Sometimes thats a good thing, sometimes not so much. For Drs. Ace Lennox and Piper Dawson, yes the sex was over the moon and off the charts HOT. I loved the fact that Ace was a dirty talking alpha who was bossy and demanding. I love to see that in a male character (do I ever, yo!). And Piper was sassy... oh she was! Tattoos, blue streaks in her hair - she tempted him to his limits and beyond. WOOO! But I needed just a bit more to the story. It really felt incomplete. I needed more of Ace and Piper together, not just in the bedroom. (I cant believe im saying this.) More of them separately, their backstories and more of the emotional side of them - at least Ace. I really ended up knowing nothing about him. Other than the naughty stuff. But hey.. im calling that a win ;). I think maybe if this book was longer and the author had

more pages and time to develop the characters it would have made more sense to me. As it stands, it was a good quick, hot read with no drama - perfect for an afternoon alone!

Nicola says

Medical romances are a bit like catnip to me. I openly admit I have a penchant for a dirty doctor and *Claiming the Enemy* does indeed contain a dirty doctor in the form of Dr. Alexander 'Ace' Lennox.

My lower rating here is simply down to storyline content, because it didn't really have much backbone to it. Ace and Piper were endearing and fabulous together; with a magnetic chemistry they don't waste any time in generating the heat, but that's pretty much it to them. They were lacking in terms of character development and the parts of the story I thought were heading somewhere, never really materialised which was a shame because the possibilities were there.

"Knowing that you're wearing these means that this won't end here. Nothing else has changed, so these fuck-me-Dr.-Lennox panties need to stay at home."

But it was enjoyable and if you're looking for an easygoing shorter, sexy ride then this ticks the boxes. And whilst part of the multi-author *Pulse* series it can easily be read as a standalone.

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Judy Lewis says

DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINING !!!

Title: Claiming the Enemy

Author: Lauren Hawkeye

Designation: Book 3 of the Multi-Author Collaborative Pulse Series, Standalone, NO Cliffhanger

Reading Platform: Kindle Edition

My Rating: Four Devilishly Delightful Stars****

I've been an avid Lauren Hawkeye fan for several years and truly enjoy her captivating easy-to-follow style and highly entertaining prose. I always love a great enemy to lover trope so the title and blurb for this book really snagged my attention. I was even more intrigued after reading the free sample on Amazon and decided to dive in. Best decision ever! I truly enjoyed it! *Claiming the Enemy* is a fast-paced, well-crafted, well-edited standalone contemporary medical romance which wobbles precariously over into romantic comedy territory. It's what I consider novella length coming in at approximately 170 pages. Sorry, if a book is not at least 200 pages, I don't consider it full-length. The narrative is beautifully written in the third person with clearly defined his and her perspectives. The dialogue is smart, snappy, well-executed and flows effortlessly. But my favorite component, by far, of this cute, sexy romp is the characters. This is very much a character driven tale and I was immediately smitten with the two protagonists, beautiful young Dr Piper Dawson and handsome ER Supervisor Dr Alexander 'Ace' Lennox. Beautiful, intelligent Piper appears to be a bit of a free spirit determined to make her way in the world and Ace is initially a true enigma, at first coming across as a gruff, unfeeling, wealthy stick-in-the-mud blueblood, albeit a very sexy one. And once Piper was able to

scratch the surface of Ace's steely, unfeeling facade, he became, surprisingly, quite lickable...um... I mean...likeable. lol... Despite the storyarc being somewhat predictable, I found myself quickly caught up in the lives of Piper Dawson and Ace Lennox as well as being totally swept away by the irresistible attraction, undeniable chemistry and raw sexual tension between these two characters. Although I was originally drawn to the story because of the enemies to lovers premise, we didn't actually see much firsthand evidence of that aspect of their relationship other than a few references regarding their past history. I giggled, snickered, and snorted throughout the story, but I also found myself cursing several times in anger at the sleazy, manipulative antagonist, Dr Estevan Alvarado. This may be a quick, light-hearted read but it still delivers quite a punch with a full range of emotions for the reader including a healthy dose of angst. Did I like this book? Yes, very much! Would I recommend it? You bet and I am but only for adult readers since it does contain explicit language and some steamy, dreamy love scenes. If you're in the market for a delightfully entertaining sexy romp liberally laced with laugh-out-loud humor, heartwarming romance, and a little agonizing angst, then this is certainly one book you should consider. Will I read this author again? Absolutely! And finally, was I entertained? Completely! Once I started, I could not stop. I was glued to my ereader with the hours passing as quickly as the pages. I read this story in one sitting! If you've ever watched any of those intriguing medical dramas on TV and eager to discover what may be happening behind the closed doors in the ER, then this steamy tale is for you!

Dr Piper Dawson has worked long and hard to make her way in the world. Being a foster child bounced from home to home and shuffled around the system for most of her life has taught her to never rely on anyone but herself. She's determined to become an accomplished doctor and secure her future by snagging a residency with a good hospital. There's just one thing standing in her way.... her exasperating supervisor Dr Alexander 'Ace' Lennox. He's beyond infuriating and obviously hates her. No matter how hard she tried, she can't seem to please him. She even brought him a cola because she noticed he seemed to really like them... and apparently, her goodwill gesture was completely unappreciated. Piper never dreamed he would come to her aid, helping to avoid a confrontation with her womanizing ex, Dr Estevan Alvarado. But he did, and now Ace needs her to return the favor by helping him avoid another one of his mother's disastrous date setups. Oh my!

Dr Ace Lennox has no intention of ever becoming involved with anyone ever again. After losing the love of his life, it's just too painful. So, the last thing in the world he expected was to be attracted to free-spirited and headstrong yet very talented intern Piper Dawson. They couldn't be more different but these two soon find themselves fighting an attraction that neither can deny. Unfortunately, it could potentially destroy both their careers, especially if spurned lover Dr Estevan Alvarado has anything to say about it. Will they or won't they? We'll see!

Maria Rose says

If the relationships on a show like ER (I know, I'm dating myself with that one), Grey's Anatomy or another favorite medical drama are what keep you tuning into them time and time again then a romance like this should be on your shelf, with the knowledge that the couple will stay together at the end! While there is a little bit of the 'forbidden workplace romance' trope at play, with Piper being a new resident at the hospital and Ace technically her boss, it's not overdone and the result is a sexy and fun story about a straightlaced guy and a free spirited gal finding that opposites do indeed attract. When Ace comes to the rescue for Piper from an ex who just won't leave her alone, it's the start of a sexy affair between these two who had been more antagonistic than friendly until then - perhaps because neither wanted to admit that they were actually attracted to each other.

It doesn't take long for this couple to heat things up and we get some steamy scenes (yes, some at work even!) between them even as they both acknowledge that they are going to have a friends with benefits relationship that has an end point - especially since Piper is waiting to hear news about a full time job in another city when her residency is done. It's Ace who has to decide what's going to make him happy - his career, or being with Piper no matter where they might end up. I loved the two of them together, the way they played off each other and their snarky banter as they find that sometimes it's good to let down one's guard and let someone new in. Piper's ex causes a bit of drama but nothing too over the top and in the end it's a lighthearted and sexy romance that fits in well with the other Pulse series stories. 4 stars!

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

Jen says

4 Claiming What's Yours Stars

Stroking his tongue over her lips, he traced it over her teeth, demanding entrance. She yielded, her bones liquefying as he claimed her. "Since the moment you interrupted my mother. You annoy me, terrify me, piss me off, and intrigue me. I can't get you out of my head."

Piper Dawson's learned the hard way not to take anything for granted. As a child raised in the foster care system, she never really managed to find a place that felt like home. Now as an E.R. resident at a hospital in the Hamptons, Piper works hard to secure a future she can be proud of. If only her boss and hospital asshole, Dr. Alexander "Ace" Dawson, wasn't trying to work her last good nerve on a regular basis.

As far as life goes, Ace has it pretty good. As a top Doc at his hospital and with a line of available women ready to get naked at a moment's notice, things can't get much better. Now if only his overbearing mother would lay off the fixups. When a lunch date with his mom coincides with Piper's need for help in escaping her ex, Ace sees a way they can both win. It doesn't hurt that either can stop thinking about their white hot "pretend" kiss and before long, pretending turns into real life hot and sweaty sexytimes.

"Until today, I had no idea that you'd feel like this under my fingers." He slapped her hip, and she moaned, too far gone for the pain to do anything but melt into pleasure. "I'm going to be a fucking mess tomorrow, remembering how you lost yourself because of my tongue."

Right off the bat I need to start by saying my expectations for this story weren't too high going in. I thought it'd be your typical enemies to lovers story and I was okay with that. While it does manage to follow that trope, there's also a sweetness I wasn't expecting. It would've been fairly easy to turn Piper into a caricature of the flighty, blue haired free spirit and Ace into the overbearing asshole. Luckily, that didn't happen and the story's better because of it.

My only real complaint is with the characters backstory. We're told early on that these two have had a contentious relationship, but unfortunately that's never actually shown. We jump head first into the relationship and I could've used a little more build up to help solidify how Piper and Ace felt about each other *before* nudity entered the picture.

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Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

I love this book. It was everything I was looking for and then some. With hints of erotica along with some deliciously hot sex this book was hard to put down.

Ace is so hot and one of those characters you just pray would actually be real so you could meet and fall for him yourself. Plus I love Piper. She is smart and unique but not without her own insecurities. A perfect balance for Ace.

The author did a fabulous job when writing the story. Nothing deep, no suspense, no angst (thank goodness), just solid writing that entertains, amuses, and leaves you wanting more.

Michelle says

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Paging Dr. Lennox... my e-reader got overheated from this explosive sexual chemistry brewing between Ace and Piper. Two hot doctors getting it on...yes please!!!! Lauren Hawkeye didn't disappoint readers who were looking for a quick dirty love story of two complete opposites. While this book had the sexual chemistry down, I did find this story lacked the emotional and character development to help build the romantic connection between Ace and Piper. I just wanted something a little more to reassure me that this connection brewing between them isn't just based on hot dirty sex but something with value hence why I could only give this book a 3.5 star rating. So if you are looking for a quick steamy read with lots of dirty talks, then this book might be for you.

Lauren Hawkeye

Deborah says

Piper Dawson has had a rough life. Raised in foster families, she never felt like she belonged with any family she was with. Because of that, she's learned you have to fight for what you get-no one is going to just give it to you. Now she's working in the ER of a top hospital, almost finished with her residency, she's scouting hospitals to be a doctor at. The problem? Her supervisor. Must he be such an ass on a daily basis? They haven't seen eye to eye from day one and no matter how hard she tries, no one can break through his

steel reserve. Probably no recommendations coming from him!

Dr. Lennox, Ace, is the hospital's resident supervisor and he's highly respected in his field. Things haven't been the same for him since he lost his wife three years ago to a drunk driver. Now any women he dates, is just for sex. He won't allow himself to get close to anyone else, ever again. If only his mother would stop with the matchups, he would be happy. One day while he is having lunch with his mother, Piper shows up in need of saving from her ex. Piper kisses Ace and time stops! He sees this as a way both can win, so they pretend to be dating. Get away from ex-throw Mom off her matchmaking game. In reality, both were affected by the kiss and want to do it again. But it would be wrong. They work together- and he's her supervisor for gosh sake!

They decide on one night-just to get their fill and get each other out of their heads. Well one night turns into two, which turns into three, which turns into ... you get the picture!! And boy those sweaty sexy scenes were smoking hot!! Such a dirty talker Ace is and I loved it! Hot Hot Hot!! Piper had no idea the chemistry between them would be so explosive. She's at a loss knowing this could cost her in the end. But they are craving each other like its their next breath! They can't continue though. Piper will leave to another hospital, and Ace doesn't want more than sex. It wouldn't work. Can't work. Or can it???

Well I have to say I was expecting this to go in a vastly different direction. It's billed as a enemy to lovers story, but I didn't get much of the enemy part. We almost dive right into the unexpected relationship. I would've liked more solid foundation of the butting heads part before we dive into the 180 change.

I did, however, thoroughly enjoy reading Ace and Piper's story! Both have hurt in their past which gives them some baggage for each to sort through. I am glad Ms. Hawkeye kept them both grounded. It hit them both fast and hard and literally had them reeling. The characters felt real to me and I was rooting for them to pull it all together.

4 Stars/4.5 Flames

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

Shayna says

I'll probably have to go with more of a 2 1/2 star rating with this installment of the Pulse Series. For me the emotional chemistry was lacking with Ace and Piper. The sexual chemistry was full on down and dirty, which I liked, but I want a deeper connection between main characters, and I just didn't find that here. The sex scenes were SMOKIN' HOT and the dirty talk was on point, but I would have liked to see more romance. I wasn't that big of a fan of our hero, Ace. Sometimes gruff and brooding are sexy, believe me I've read my fair share of them, but Ace didn't make me swoon, he just frustrated me a bit. If you like the whole 'opposites attract' and 'enemies to lovers' thing, you might enjoy CLAIMING THE ENEMY. If you are an emotional reader, like myself, it will fall a little flat for you.

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Dr. Lennox and Dr. Dawson... WHOA. Talk about explosively hot! My Kindle damn near overheated from what these two were putting out there—and I gotta say, I liked it.

The dirty-talking Ace was a delight, a true panty-melter, and if he wanted to claim/own ME, I'd be thrilled. For him, and his sexy AF mouth (and moves) alone, *Claiming the Enemy* is worth the one-click. Just...be prepared for thigh clenching when you read, okay?

Likewise, Piper gave as good as she got, and her sass, coupled with her desire for Ace's bossiness spoke to me. As in, I agreed with her need for this wicked hot doc. Who wouldn't?!

Having said that, this book wasn't perfect—although it was vastly enjoyable. A quick read, I felt like, at times, certain aspects of the storyline were glossed over. I would have liked a little more depth and discussion over Ace's past, and Piper's plans for the future, and maybe a slightly longer ending—something a bit further in the future to reassure me that all is truly well between this couple that I otherwise loved. Not that I have any real reason to doubt them.

In the end though, *Claiming the Enemy* was a *satisfying* read. I'm finding the *Pulse* series to be fun and uber hot, and kinda perfect for when you need a break from real life. Just...remember my warning. And maybe, stock up on batteries. ~ Beth, 4 stars

Ofelia says

A great romantic comedy. Ace and Piper's relationship might have started as friends with benefits well more of the benefits than friends but the relationship soon turned into a lot more. A must read.

Cocktails and Books says

This review was originally posted on Cocktails and Books

CLAIMING THE ENEMY was the first book I've read in the Pulse series, but the blurb for the book intrigued me. Lauren Hawkeye is always good for steamy reads, so I figured I'd give it a try.

Ace and Piper definitely have chemistry and could cause third-degree burns from their smexiness. But there was something about this couple that had me scratching my head. Piper was down to earth, had a bit of a wild side, but worked hard to get where she was in the ER. Ace was the doctor in charge that had the uppity upbringing and snooty mother. So when Piper approached Ace and his mother and pretended to be with him, it left me wondering why she'd use her supervisor like that when they didn't seem to get along.

Unfortunately, sexy times weren't enough to save this short read for me. Yes, Piper and Ace were hot in the bedroom. But I found myself wonder what else could Piper possibly see in this guy to want to continue on. Hotness can only get you so far, at least in my opinion.

Julie (*Happily Ever Chapter*) says

Claiming the Enemy is part of the Pulse series by Cathryn Fox, Mari Carr, and Lauren Hawkeye. Each book is a stand alone but you see characters from the 2 books in this one. I have not read the first two in the series and I didn't feel lost or as if I was missing a part of the story. This is an opposites attract/enemies to lovers kind of romance with some heat. There were some sizzling scenes between these two!

Piper has worked really hard to get where she is as an emergency room physician. She was a foster child growing up and never felt as if she fit in. Ace lost his wife to a drunk driver, so he has given up on love or letting anyone get close. When Ace first meets Piper he is irritated by her but as he talks to her more, she breaks down his emotional walls.

I felt like things with Ace's mom were left a little unresolved. The last we saw from her she was giving disapproving glances at Piper and trying to set Ace up with another girl. I would have liked to see Ace finally stand up to his mom. He let her get away with too much and I would have liked him to set her straight and stand up for Piper. I also felt as if the plot of the story took a backseat to the "sexy times" a lot and would have liked to see more character development. I didn't feel a strong emotional connection between the two.

** I received an ARC of this title via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.
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Dísir says

A very easy read, albeit a very short one that places the focus on the physical relationship than the emotional one. I did think the setting unusual - a hot medical romance that develops out of a kiss and playacting during break time at a nearby pub - and a refreshing change from the other books in this imprint so far.

A non-fan of medical dramas or romance can easily appreciate this though, seeing as Lauren Hawkeye has made the story accessible (especially if what happens in the hospital is secondary) without technical jargons peppering every dialogue.

But the story's brevity has also compromised several aspects that I would have loved to read about: the lack of character depth and development since all the pages seemed to go on about sex rather than Ace and Piper working out their personal issues together (which never quite happened), as well as the angst that should have come with it (but didn't) given the subject matter. There were times I thought both behaved like idiots - not wanting anything more than sex then getting upset when it went in the opposite direction instead - when all they had to do was communicate rather than keep it all in. As a result, I wasn't too convinced when they got their act together because of a vengeful colleague and a huge emergency at the hospital because there simply wasn't enough there to display they had more in common than blistering sex especially in this opposites-attract story.

'Claiming the enemy' is in fact a misnomer for a story that isn't quite about two enemies, but two people who have issues about letting their own walls down. It isn't a bad read, but it could have been stellar with a more balanced offering of smexy times and character depth.

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