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The challenge: to leave your billionaire lifestyle behind for two weeks...

Italian tycoon Antonio Di Marcello relishes a challenge—but running into Sadie Parker while undercover as a mechanic rocks him to the core. Four years after their fevered fling stripped away his iron guard, he's confronted with the shocking consequences...

Sadie gave up hope on her desperate attempts to contact Antonio. Now she has to face the day she's both dreaded and longed for! Yet Antonio's claim over her and her son is hard to resist—especially because he'll use a sensual onslaught to get what he wants!

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Janine says

2.5

Nazish Ahmed (Nazish Reads) says

Adult romance novels are a guilty pleasure of mine. I now that there are problems with some of them and that most contain love at first sight (which I usually hate), but there's just something about these novels that is so addicting.

I enjoy romance novels where the girl is hard to get throughout at least half of the novel and it seems more realistic instead of falling for the guy the minute you see him. Does that even happen in real life, is that even possible? Also, I've noticed that the couples in many of these romance novels, can barely handle being in the same room without wanting to touch each other. I've never been in love or lust, but I don't think that's how love and attraction works. It just seems stupid when people say or act like that they can't control themselves is a good excuse, it's not, it just seems stupid. But then again, these are romance novels, so of course they are going to have this kind of stuff in them, it's just hard to tolerate them sometimes, especially when they keep repeating that stuff over and over and over.

Overall, this book was ok, but Sadie did annoy me at times, like when she didn't think that Antonio loved her until he said it. You don't need to say I love you too show that you love someone, they should be able to see it from your actions. I've seen couples in my family (my parents, sister, cousins), they rarely say I love you to their partners, but they can tell that the other person loves them, there's no need for words. After all, people can easily say I love you and sound like they mean it, but they might actually not. Their actions are more important. I guess Sadie hasn't heard of, "actions speak louder than words."

After reading the last few chapters of this book, I want to read the other two books in this series even more. But I'm still on hold for them in the library, so I have to wait.

I'm not sure if I will write more of my thoughts on the book later or if I'll just leave it like this.

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Maria Rose says

Di Marcello's Secret Son by Rachael Thomas is one of a series involving four men, members of an extreme sports club, of whom one of their number has already found his match and wishes to see his friends happy as well. That man, Sebastien, dares his equally wealthy and powerful friends Antonio, Stavros and Alejandro to live incognito for two weeks without revealing their true identities. If they all succeed, he's promised to fund a search and rescue foundation, dear to all their hearts after an avalanche incident hit too close to home.

Antonio Di Marcello's task is to pose as an auto mechanic for two weeks in Milan. As a car enthusiast, he's got the skills to fake the position, one Sebastian has arranged for him as well as his new identity. He's willing to go through with the ruse, especially when he discovers that his old lover Sadie works at the garage. He'd been forced to break things off with her and marry an old childhood friend, his duty and family honor on the line. His marriage had ended in divorce though the reasons had been kept away from the public eye. What he soon discovers is that he's just as attracted to Sadie now as he was then. And when he finds out that she has a son, one who is the right age to be his, he can't wait for the challenge to be over so he can reveal to her his true identity.

For her part, Sadie comes to confide in 'Tony', who reminds her of her old love Antonio. She'd wanted to tell Antonio about her pregnancy, but had been thwarted at every turn by Antonio's mother, and believed that he wanted nothing to do with her or her son. When Antonio's two weeks of disguise are up, he doesn't hesitate to reveal his true self to Sadie – and that he is ready to claim his son. He's not above blackmailing Sadie to get what he wants. But can a marriage of convenience to give their son a chance to know both his parents lead to a real commitment and a rekindling of the passion they once shared?

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A copy of this story was provided by the publisher for review.

Anita Hickman says

SUPRISE !!!!!

THIS is my first book of RACHEL THOMAS ' ! I found this very explosive in emotions of two people that had once shared something very intimate and gained something so precious out of it. Antonio Di Marcello was one of three friends that were quite the Charmer and very very rich. So, the three got together and made a choice to give it all up for 2 weeks. No money, no credit cards, and NO NOTHING.

Toni Adessi, aka. Antonio changed his name to fit his new lifestyle only to find out the place where he now works is owned by the one and only SADIE PARKER, the woman he tried to forget.

Now, Sadie, has her own secrets she is now hiding from him, because she thought he never cared.

But, NOW these 2 people collide together to find out, that things aren't what they appear...,

Can Toni win her over to claim what is rightfully his or will she let him go forever..

I personally Loved this book from RACHEL THOMAS, it's exciting, and packed with all kinds of emotions to boot.

thanks Rachel Thomas , you have made my day, and I certainly will be on my way to reading your next BILLIONAIRE SECRET.

Helen says

This is a story of friends, friends who are billionaires they are set a challenge from another friend and this challenge sends them on a journey to perhaps find happiness and love and first of we have Antonio Di Marcello he is going to be undercover working in a garage in Milan, this brings him back in contact with the only woman English girl Sadie Parker, that he has ever felt anything for, this journey is going to take him and Sadie on an up and down sensual ride that will keep you turning the pages.

Antonio has grown up in a loveless family an only child and heir to an old established family in Milan when he has a passionate and sensual weekend with English girl Sadie Parker but he is not capable of love and is forced into marriage to another an old family friend it is his duty. Although he moves on from Sadie he never forgets her and when his marriage breaks down after only 6 months there are secrets that must be kept and he moves back to his playboy ways that is until he meets Sadie again and learns of his son Leo, Antonio will do what he can to ensure that Sadie marries him for Leo's sake.

Sadie did all she could to get in touch with Antonio when she found out she was pregnant and when that failed she carried on and has worked hard at being a single mother so when Antonio steps back into her life angry and determined that she marry him she does her best to stop this but in the end cannot. She really does want Leo to know his father but can she stop the feelings of the past those sensual emotional strings that are pulling her towards Antonio again.

This is a fabulous story there is so much emotion and such a sensual spark between them and Antonio is so sure he cannot love and Sadie tries so hard to not want to feel the way she does but in the end neither can deny this pull it is not just lust but love. This one left me smiling with such a beautiful HEA thank you MS Thomas for another awesome story, oh and I do look forward to the other two stories in this series.

Adel says

Di Marcello's Secret Son by Rachael Thomas is the first in The Secret Billionaires series. In this series, three friends are challenged by their group's founder to go undercover for two weeks. Giving up their names, credit cards and power they must go where Sebastien sends them or lose their favourite toys.

This book kicks it off with a bang! When Antonio Di Marcello is sent undercover, he discovers that the challenge is not as simple as it seems. He encounters a previous lover, one he has never forgotten and it seems she is keeping a big secret herself.

I liked the story line of the series, it is fun and original. The characters had a lot of resentment and fear to work through before they were able to find love and happiness, but it was all worth it in the end.

Dottie says

First book of what I believe will be an amazing series. The Secret Billionaire's a trilogy about best friends who love the life of extremes. All billionaires in their own right and all up to any challenge. Antonio is the first of the friends that is presented with a challenge to leave behind his billionaires life style for 2 weeks, a life without credit cards and all the trappings of wealth he is given a different name and changes his appearance. First day on the job as a mechanic he meets his past lover that he really never forgot. Sadie has no idea this mechanic is Antonio and as they are drawn together a big secret comes out. He finds that his family had part in this secret. A fantastic book by Ms. Thomas and loved it from page one also has me eager to read the rest of this series. I loved the story line for the series and originality of it. Looking forward to the others

Rgreader says

I read the prologue. It underwhelmed me. I read HPs to see the heroes embrace their wealth. Seeing the hero willing to run away from his billionaire lifestyle is unacceptable. To have him do this & deceive the heroine is also unacceptable. It shows the hero isn't a ruthless alpha male. I prefer to read about ruthless alpha heroes who are ruthless about keeping the heroine in their lives.

Tonya Warner says

Antonio Di Marcello accepts the challenge of his friend Sebastian. To leave his life, wealth, and the rich trappings he is used to behind for two weeks. To find what money can not buy. Undercover as Toni Adessi, he gets to get down and dirty working on cars and engines. Not the normal pastime of a billionaire, but a task he intends to succeed at. Until he discovers that the brief weekend fling he had just before he married is working at the same garage. And she has a son. One with his eyes.

Sadie Parker had tried all she could think of to let Antonio know he was going to be a father. Turned away from his family home, she watched as he married and divorced another woman. The constant spotlight on him and his women, while she struggled to raise their son alone. And Leo is her world. Until Antonio comes back.

An OK story. They both have issues that are difficult to resolve, and puts them both in fear of love. Finding it and giving it.

IamGamz says

Rachael Thomas is not an author that I am familiar with, but I will remember her work after this book.

It was a great "secret baby", "unrequited love", "alpha-a**hole" story. The H is a billionaire who is challenged to live for two weeks as a regular guy. He takes a job as a mechanic in Milan and on his first day sees the one woman he regretted walking away from. She sees him but doesn't recognize him in his disguise of a beard, a hat and some dirty work clothes.

He soon learns that she is still single and is the mother of a 3 year old son. His son. After his challenge is complete he comes back as himself and bullies her into marriage for the sake of his son. Things, as they often do in the HP world, do not go as planned and the H finds himself with a lot of complications.

How she didn't recognize him baffles me. He was an ass. Truly. His loyalty was in all the wrong places and he made her miserable. She was naive and just wanted his love. Of course as soon as she wised up...bingo!

It was a good read. Entertaining. The characters made me take sides and that's always fun. ;D

lily waheed says

it was o.k.

Jenny says

Heroine was cold and bitter and she held onto her grudges fiercely. Her anger and resentment towards the hero was just too much. I like my heroines sweet and vulnerable. Sadly this heroine ruined a well written book for me. Also for those who care sex scenes were lame.

Cheryl Steckling says

Di Marcello's Secret Son (The Secret Billionaires #1) by Rachael Thomas

Antonio Di Marcello loves a good challenge and when presented with one that means he leaves his billionaire lifestyle behind, his credit cards, and his name behind for 2 weeks he does it. He walks into what will be his home for 2 weeks and finds different clothes, an older styled cell phone with a few preset phone numbers and what his job will be for the time frame.

He shows up with his new look and starts as the mechanic which since he grew up helping on cars will be a breeze for him. Until he looks up and realizes that his past is also working there. Sadie Parker is working in the office of the garage.

Sadie and Antonio have a past and Sadie was left with a son as a result. She tried to contact Antonio however, his mother never gives him the message or the letter or info so he has no idea he has a son.

After the two weeks is over Antonio shows up at Sadie's place and wants to be a father, a husband to Sadie and have his life he should have had.

This is the first in this series and cannot wait to read the others. They will follow the challenges of three friends each to go undercover for two weeks leaving behind everything and take on new physically look and identity with name.

Ivy H says

The heroine Sadie was a strong young woman who didn't take shit from Antonio. I didn't like Antonio all that much because he put his "duty", to his F up parents (who didn't even love him) and his lesbian best friend Eloisa, before his love for Sadie. What kind of man marries a woman in order to be her "beard" ? His parents were snobbish assholes, Eloisa was a selfish c***t for wanting to have her girlfriend and also have a husband to use as a shield to hide her lesbianism from the public. I am glad that Eloisa is only mentioned and never actually makes an appearance because this would have reduced my rating. Antonio came across as a wuss and as more of a beta H because he let other people control his future even when he knew that his feelings for Sadie were stronger than anything he had experienced previously in his life. Sadie deserved better than Antonio and she was one of the few heroines who had a bit of a backbone. I was glad that she did not immediately jump right back into his bed like a dimwitted dummy. She made him wait until she was good and ready and he deserved everything he got from her because of the way he kept protecting Eloisa's secret. The secret was a huge obstacle to the MC's relationship and his decision to protect it for so long meant that he put that bitch before the heroine and his son.

Claire Robinson says

3 Stars!

This was an okay read for me, there is a great story here, but it gets lost a little in the choppy writing and unclear indications as to what is happening at points. Sadie fell pregnant with Antonio's child after one wild weekend together; he was betrothed to another, and left her after that weekend for his familial duties.

"We have a past..."

Four years on Antonio finds out he is a father, and after two weeks working incognito in the garage Sadie works at as a challenge from an old friend, he is now in a position to make Sadie his and Leo his son, will have a loving, present father, the total opposite of his own.

Lack of communication between these two didn't help, but the author also had the penchant of having them say one thing then actually do something completely different, and although I understood Sadie's initial unhappiness, she acted like a bit of a shrew for a lot of the book. This is *Mills & Boon* so as you would expect Antonio was deliciously take charge with everything, but I didn't find myself warming to him like I do normally with the men in their books. Leo was cute though and held a lot of the story together to be honest.

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