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Lowell: He was my bad-boy billionaire stepbrother... now he's my disinherited, sexy escort? FML! Kyle: She was my geeky, brace-faced stepsister... now she's a hot Hollywood actress? Who's a client at the upscale escort agency where I work? Things might finally be looking up! Lowell: I had a PR disaster on my hands. I needed a pretend boyfriend--so I called the escort service. But then stepbrother bad boy showed up. Now I'm all sorts of screwed. Or wishing I was. Wait--I take that back! I take it back! Kyle: My powerful father will do anything to keep me away from Lowell, including dangling my fortune in front of me. But I just might be more interested in what my sexy ex-stepsister has to offer... that is, if I can convince her to give it to me.

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Belinda says

I have a bit of a problem with step-siblings love stories but this one was well written. They each had family issues and problems but they also wanted to help each other and be together. You find yourself rooting for them and happy that they found their happily ever after.

Markéta says

3 stars!***

My feelings towards this book were up and down. At first I was bored out of my mind, that I was eating it up and then the ending left me "meh".

Lowell is a hollywood actress with perfectly clean reputation. After her director tells her that she needs to lose weight, she gets drunk, yells at police officers and then she throws up on them. Not an ideal situation but they made it seem like the world's ending for her. So what? She did something out of character but does that mean that no one will come see the movie, or that she'll lose her fans? I don't think so. I mean, look at what Miley does and she has more fans than ever..

Kyle is working as an escort. He used to party all night long and sleeping whole day but since his father has disowned him, he had to grow up. So, he became an escort. He's tired of it all so when his boss calls him that a young actress wants him to pretend to be her boyfriend so she could save her reputation he jumps at the opportunity.

When the ex-stepsiblings meet they are not excited in the least. But they have to do work it out and get over their childhood hatred.

Sometimes I really liked Lo. She was proud but not vain, she knew who she was and was confident about her body image. But sometimes she was so.. eh. (I don't really have the word to describe it except for "eh" :D)

I really hated Lo's mother. She was so shallow and she was the prototype of every golddigger out there. She even tried to blackmail her daughter while saying that she loves Lo. She even did press conference with press to earn money expecting that her daughter will be alright with it. Ugh.

Adult and mature Kyle was a sweetheart. Young Kyle was an asshole. He grew up to be kind, honest and hardworking.

The relationship between Lo and Kyle was too damn fast. Wham bam marry me ma'am. If it wasn't for the last couple of pages I'd have given it 4 stars but the ending was cheesy, cliché and harlequine like - which is not something I want to see in a "normal" novel.

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Melanie says

When I started reading My Stepbrother, My Escort I really wasn't expecting much. This was the first book by Leigh I'd read and I thought it would probably be a bit of a rom-com new adult book without a lot of substance.

However, the story of Lo and Kyle was actually really good. Yes it was romantic and definitely funny (There was some hilarious situations especially with Lo), but there was also a back story there about families and friendships too.

In fact, once I started reading My Stepbrother, My Escort I really struggled putting it down. I loved the ending and how the characters grew. Especially Lo and her relationship with her mother (Total parasite).

This book was a great read, it was hot as hell and really kept me amused. Kyle was really funny, cocky and the perfect amount of bad boy with a heart.

Yes, I thoroughly recommend this book to those who enjoy the New Adult romance genre, its a fun quirky read and I think many will find Kyle the perfect book boyfriend for its duration - 4 stars.

Teri says

I received an advanced review copy from the publisher via NetGalley for a honest review.

Did not finish. Stopped at 32%.

Lowell is not a likeable character. Why she flew the handle was so weak. She is very annoying and has zero personality.

This story lacks feelings. It felt like I was just reading words off a screen versus being pulled into another world.

MJ says

Not bad. But it is very same same as the last one. Aside from the obvious 'escort falls in love', there's the wretched parents issues, plus the love them so much I'll punish myself and not give them a choice moments, the blackmail from all angles, plus the chirpy dippy BFF and then there are the little things like everyone loving biceps. And of course at the end... everyone and their dog gets the blissful happy ending wrap up.

I find myself liking the idea of these books enough to want to read the next one (as I did by getting bk2) but then I realise there's lots of irritating bit that bug me, and they only bugged me more when they were repeated in the next book.

Ajita says

Full review will be posted soon.

FULL REVIEW:

One thing Lowell can't stand is men telling her what to do. In this case it's her director and producers who want her to loose weight. One video of her drunkenly complaining puts her career in jeopardy. She tries to pull a PR stunt by hiring an escort to be her pretend boyfriend. Problem just is that her new boyfriend is also her ex-stepbrother. Her ex-stepbrother whom she loathed while growing up.

Well, this was awkward. Lowell and Kyle's parent were married for four years and had an ugly divorce. At first Lowell is resistant but Kyle needs the money since his father cut him off and he has no diplomas, no working experience. They put on a show for the media, being that couple where you (at least, me) are sure it's one big PR stunt. Gym classes together, going to an event or hot spot every day, beautiful paparazzi pics. What I liked was how Lowell and Kyle put their differences aside to help each other out.

What I missed was a little more drama, a little more romance. Lowell and Kyle were lovely people who looked sweet together but I missed the fireworks. The big moment. Nonetheless I would recommend this book if you want nothing on your mind and just relax. Or as I like to call it, an "in-between" read.

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

I had a hard time connecting with Lowell and Kyle in the beginning. This was one of those stories that started out just ok but got better with each chapter. By the ending I was loving Kyle and Lowell together. I think it was hard to connect at first because both characters needed growth, which the author gave us as the story progressed. You can truly see both Lowell and Kyle become better people because of each other. Another good book by Leigh James!

Mariel Hoss says

ARC through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

The intriguing blurb got me so I had high expectations.

Lowell, a rising star, suffers a (drunken and disorderly) meltdown after she gets the dreaded "you're too fat" critique. A viral video later, she is desperate to salvage her good girl reputation and career. So she decides a distraction in the form of a boyfriend just might do the trick...the catch she doesn't have one...enter Kyle...a "high-class" escort who jumps at the chance to do this one lucrative deal and move on to a more normal life. The catch...he is her ex-step brother. A trust fund brat until he was cut off for his indolence and indiscretions hence the paid gigolo gig.

Therein lies the rub...Kyle starts off pretty ...offensive....spoiled, selling his body instead of doing an honest days work, etc. Not really hero material...but then again, maybe therein lies the attraction...a desperate call for "the love of a good woman"...yeah like that never goes wrong! Granted there is some character development within the story but I felt it was a little too quick and a big jump from where he was to where he

ended up in a very short span of time.

Then there was Lowell's "scandalous" behavior...which in this day and age seems pretty tame...TMZ anyone? Lowell was likable but I did want to Gibbs slap her couple of times...but probably her youth showing.

Supporting characters were more caricature props than substantial (read: real) people. All in all a sweet and easy read. Not earth shattering but not gag-me-with-a-spoon (Yes, my 80's is showing) awful either.

JG ~ Jezabell Girl & Friends says

Another step brother with a tale to tell but this one, for me, managed to draw me in.

I'm not sure what the fascination is about step brothers in particular so I only give books with this heading a cursory glance normally but this caught my eye on Netgalley. After checking it out on Amazon and seeing it was on KU I thought great, then accidentally bought it! So as I had paid for the book I decided to read it straight away and I wasn't disappointed.

The story started with a background into the previous family life of Lowell and Kyle, brought together by their parent's marriage but after their relationship broke down, neither Kyle nor Lo expected to see each other again. That is until Lo drunkenly, and very funnily, decides to give the police a piece of her mind and as a result her outburst becomes fodder for the gossip machine which surrounds her blossoming acting career.

With damage control needed, and fast, Lo decides to hire an escort to act as her boyfriend but little does she expect her ex-step brother Kyle to turn up at her door. Frustrations are quickly reignited as the two clash, as they had as teenagers, but Kyle sees something in Lo that has him developing feelings for her very quickly.

The story continues with Kyle doing everything he can to win over Lo, and the press who are watching her every move. He is caring, tender, supportive and before long Lo is powerless to resist his charms. Despite winning over Lo, Kyle knows that it's their parents who hold the key to their future together and it's not long before they find out their ex step siblings have fallen in love.

I really enjoyed this story. It was a light hearted read which was moderately captivating. I think the strength of the story lies with the characters rather than the stepbrother connection, which despite it being the main reason for Lo and Kyle not to be together, could be easily overlooked. Overall the book was a sweet contemporary romance and, as long as you don't question the plot too indepthly, you won't be disappointed.

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Shiona - says

WOW ?

I fell in love with the story, intense and captivating.

The way LJ writes, she sucks you in with words and you can't let go of the book ?

This is book 2 and next up is nr 3 ?

lyndsey hallett says

Brilliant

Agnieszka says

I struggled to find into this story but now I'm so happy I didn't give up and continued. It was different from what I expected and an interesting blend of sweet romance, hot sex, flawed but very likable main characters.

I'm not sure if it's a cultural difference, but I really don't get the drama about the ex-stepsibling-relationship and why it could/should be a reason preventing those from any kind of intimate relationship. (I'm not sure I would have an issue with a relationship between adult stepsiblings, actually living in one family - especially if they didn't grow up together from early childhood - much less if the divorce of the parents was almost 10 years ago)

The only reason I didn't rate this book 5* were the main character's parents and the way their characters developed and (view spoiler)

RINA | booksofthemuggleborn says

My rating: 3.5/ 5 stars

Julie says

Before I get into my review I wanted to talk about the title for a minute because it's a bit confusing. There seem to be two titles for this book that you'll find on Goodreads. I'm not totally for sure which one is the correct version but I'm leaning towards Ex-Billionaire Escort. There are also two completely different covers ... I'll just put the links at the bottom of my review so it is easy to find, no matter the name or cover.

I couldn't put this one down. I had so much stuff to do yesterday, yet if I had a free minute, I had this book in my hands. I found myself totally immersed into the world of Lowell and Kyle and I absolutely adored every single second of it. I don't say that very often about any book. I'm usually pretty hard on them because I've just read so many. But this one was a bit different for me ... it's about a step-brother and step-sister romance. Not something I've ever read before and that's because at first, I had a stomach turning reaction to the whole idea. I mean, they aren't blood related but they are technically brother and sister and that is taboo. Well ... ex-stepbrother and ex-stepsister ... anyhow. I'm glad that I took a giant leap out of my comfort zone because I've found another author that I really enjoy reading.

Leigh James kept me totally hooked from the very first page of this book. I loved how she set up the characters, I loved experiencing that transformation between and within each one. Actually, that may be my favorite part ... watching characters evolve into something different ... better or worse, I don't really care ... it's just something magical to read and I'm hoping that her other books are like this as well with regards to that because if so, I'll be delving into each and every single one of them.

Like I said, the basis of the story was something that I hadn't experienced before ... actually, I don't think I've read a book about an escort before either. I really enjoyed how the author kept this book moving along so quickly. The flow was awesome, there weren't any slow or sluggish (yes, I know that sluggish isn't a word but it should be) parts and I didn't find anything in this book that was just useless information or a waste of space.

I'll definitely read something else by this author some day. This was a good book and it has not received the ratings that I think it should have but it is what it is, I guess. You should give this a shot if you enjoy reading about stubborn but ruggedly handsome men who sometimes make poor choices and especially if you enjoy reading about a young woman who doesn't give up and stands up for herself.

** I received this novel in exchange for an honest review **

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Beatrice ~ Confessions of a Pinay Bookaholic says

Thank you NetGalley for providing an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Lowell Barton is an actress who got in trouble by drinking to get over her problems. She puked on the police officer's shoes and it was caught on a video which spreads in the social media. It almost ruin her career and reputation but she will not allow that to happen. As a solution, she hires an escort to pretend as her boyfriend. Interestingly turns out to be her ex-stepbrother, **Kyle Richards**. These two didn't have a good relationship when they're kids and always throw each other some banter. Things changed between them as

they saw each other in a different way.

Overall, it's a guilty pleasure read. I liked it. The romance is good, not much of a character development and the premise is easy to read but Lowell mostly frustrated me. She's really whiny in my opinion.
