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It's time for Kat to face the truth. She can't resist sexy playboy Tristan--he's too deliciously seductive, and much too good at making her melt, body and soul. With photographic proof plastered all over London, the whole world now knows she's fallen for this British bad boy.

There's just one problem. Their parents got married and now Tristan is her stepbrother. They shouldn't be together, but Tristan always gets what he wants, and he wants her more than anything. Behind closed doors, this only makes every moment they spend together hotter, every kiss deeper, as the passion between them blazes higher . . .

Climax Details

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From Reader Review Climax for online ebook

Angela Withrow TheArdentReader says

This is the third book in the series featuring Tristan and Kat.

I highly suggest reading the first 2, you will be lost without them.

That being said, YOWZA!! This story is just as hot as the first two!

Kat and Tristan are faced with trying to explain away a picture that they thought was not going to be published, but is now pasted all over the place. In the picture, Kat is in the role of Snow White and Tristan is Prince Charming come to wake her from her sleep. The Kiss in the photo does not look fake at all! Tristan's mother and Kate's father both question about do not quite believe the answers the two are providing. And the truth comes out.

With the lovebirds ousted by the photo, Tristan blue-blood father sites in to separate them, a well as Kate's father.

What is a girl and guy to do? You should Read and find out!!

I LOVED this entire trilogy!! When I read the title on the first installment, I thought, umm that sounds wrong, but it turned out so different than what I thought it would be!

Fun and exciting is the way I would describe the story of these two.

Both have issues, both are real people and Lauren Smith writes them very well!

I highly recommend this series! It is not sedate by any measure of the word, rather, it is white hot and steamy! You will not be disappointed!

I wasn't!

5 big stars for me!

I received a courtesy copy of this title from Netgalley

Toula says

This a contemporary Novella . Last story book 3 in the Stepbrother series. This picks up where the second book ends . We have Tristan and Kat (he calls her Kitty -Kat) in the Kitchen getting ready for Xmas . They are trying to find a way and what to say about their picture being all over London . The one they did for the photographer. Kats dad hasn't seen it yet. Tristan mom comes into the kitchen and looks at Kat and Tristan funny . The mom then questions both of them and they tell a story . The mom then suggests that she and Kat goes Xmas shopping for last minute gifts . While shopping Kat lets it slip how much she knows about little things about Tristan. Example is how much he loves maps . After they finish shopping on their way to the car Tristan mom gets a call from the Earl(Tristan dad) . After the call Kat asks the mom why can't she and Kats dad get married today . The parents do get married . On the way home Kats dad sees the picture for the first time . Kats dad then blows up and once back at the house lays down the law to Kat Then Kat says that she's of Age and if her dad won't change his mind she is leaving.

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Michelle says

ARC provide by author in exchange for an honest review

Bloody Hell Addicting!!!! Lauren Smith is well aware that I couldn't wait to get my hands on the final last installment of this serial. So when she messaged me that she has a special surprise for me, you could imagine how excited I was. That's right, more Tristan Kingsley. *(Tosses confetti in the air... LOL)*

“He was a twenty-five-year-old bad boy, a business student at Cambridge, and the future Earl of Pembroke. He was a heartbreaker, and she couldn't stay out of his bed.”

Forbidden Romance has been one of my favorite guilty pleasure trope to read. And within this genre, there are some sub-genres that I won't read. And the stepbrother romance falls somewhere in the middle. Personally, I am not a big fan of this trope because it has been overly saturated in the romance community and majority of them are just a hot mess. Well, that was not for the case in Lauren Smith's serial, *Her British Stepbrother*. Ms. Smith had me hooked instantly when she first introduced Triston Kingsly. Maybe I can blame Lauren for her swoony British hero or the fact that Lauren Smith went beyond the generalized trope and gave her readers a story that is built on raw emotions.

“That voice and its owner were completely irresistible, impossibly seductive. A tall, dark, and sexy dream. No woman could resist that. She hadn't been able to. Since their kiss in the middle of a pub one snowy night, she'd been falling hopelessly in love with him more and more each passing day. With a man she couldn't have.”

So in this final conclusion to the serial, Ms. Smith gave her readers an ending that was very fitting for Tristan and Kat. In **Climax**, the story picks off where it last left off with Tristan and Kat trying to figure out how they are going to explain to their parents about the picture taken of them kissing. Kat is freaking out because she doesn't know what to say to her to dad while Tristan is cool like a cucumber. As Tristan tries to calm Kat down, he reassures her that they are in this together. As the press circulates more pictures of Tristan and Kat kissing, the couple are forced to explained to their parents the truth.

As it turns out, Tristan's mom didn't get upset with the ordeal but that couldn't be said of Kat's dad. Her dad

informs Kat that she must stop seeing Tristan because of his playboy ways and that this relationship will be nothing but heartache. Upset with her father, Kat makes a choice that will set forth and define her relationship with Tristan.

“Let them look. I’m not ashamed to be with you, Kat. I never was.”

As Tristan and Kat’s relationship begins to deepen, their love for each other is strengthen. Together they know that there is nothing wrong in their love. Their love was an unfortunate case of circumstances that they could not control. And in such Lauren Smith allowed readers to see an honest and raw relationship of two fated strangers who met and fell in love but had a sheer case of bad luck when they discovered their parents are engaged and about to be married.

So when Tristan and Kat finally admit their love for each other, the paparazzi gets ahold of more pictures of Tristan and Kat and soon a royal scandal ensues. And to make matters even worse, what happens when Tristan’s father makes an ultimatum to Tristan? Will Tristan be forced to give up on his one true love? Or will he find a way to make it right?

“He was her sex god. The man who made every hot, wild fantasy come true. And she was not supposed to be with him.”

CLIMAX was an absolute delight to read. This final installment had a perfect blend of love, sexiness, and of course a lil drama thrown into the mix. I loved the way that Lauren Smith concluded this serial. So if you are in the mood to cozy up with a British who has no qualms playing strip billiards and getting dirty, then I would definitely recommend you to read this serial. I will admit that Lauren Smith did a fabulous job with this serial and I am absolutely smitten with Tristan and Kat. All there is left to say is Cheerio and be sure to remember love is never lost especially if it’s leading and pointing you to the right direction.

Review can also be found on Four Chicks Flipping Pages: <http://fourchicksflippingpages.weebly...>Lauren Smith

Mandy Saial says

Climax : Her British Stepbrother - Lauren Smith (4 Stars)

* Gifted a copy by author through instafreebie for an Honest Review.

In the third installment of this series we are still following Kat and Tristen along their journey to becoming a coupleeven though they are new step siblings .

A picture of them together surfaces during Christmas holiday and her father puts his foot down with an ultimatum ...you stay in a relationship with your Step brother ..You Lose everything !!

Will Tristen choose the comfort of his wealth over his new found Love with Kat??

I enjoyed this story ..Tristen & Kat were the cutest and sexiest couple that I've read about in a complicated storyline like this one .

The only thing I didn't know was that it was part 3 of a trilogy and it was of novella size (only 26 pgs.) so I

kind of missed out on the actual first encounters of Tristen and Kat's affair.
I will make sure to read books 1 & 2 of this series because I did love the ending .

Jessica Alcazar says

And in conclusion awesome!

It's really hard to find *step(anything)* romance stories that don't somehow end up in the path of ridiculous. And we have found one in *Her British Stepbrother!*

The story/journey of Tristan and Kat started out sexy and ended sexy. It never got twitchy at all. *Lauren Smith* made sure to unfold the story in a way that was tasteful and enjoyable. And on a *Sidenote: #TitleWIN* lol Their story truly *climaxed* in this installment. If you read this book, you'll understand better what I mean (And you should definitely give this a try).

Everything does wrap up rather conveniently and altho anyone reading a romance novel is always expecting a HEA, I wasn't expecting Tristan's father to be so amicable in the end. I expected a strong objection up until the end from him because he put up a huge fight (read and you shall find out lol)

So that's about all I can say before I begin to give a play-by-play of the book so go forth and enjoy.

ARC received for blog tour review

Miranda Whore says

Review for Climax by Lauren Smith

Climax is the third and final installment in the Her British Stepbrother serial by Lauren Smith. I'll admit I was wishy-washy after the first one, but it was enough to make me interested in the second. After the second, I considered not reading the third. I'm so very glad I stuck it out. The ending of Kat and Tristan's story is exactly what I need to seal the deal on this serial. I actually think had there not been such a wait between the volumes that I would have enjoyed it as a whole so much more than in pieces.

Tristian is still a sexy as sin playboy...though Kat has tamed him quite nicely. Kat is still sweet and terrified of the ramifications for her illicit love affair with her future stepbrother. It's sinfully hot and emotionally charged. I couldn't put this one down and when I was done, I was sort of sad to see it end. I look forward to seeing what the author will do with the next serial... Four stars and Four Wet Panties.

ARC Review by Miranda at Mommy's a Book Whore.

Christina says

4 Stars - 3 Flames

Well. Well. Well. This was completely worth the wait. I'm so happy to have read the conclusion to this Trilogy. I feel like I've been waiting for my "happily ever after" for...ever!

Just like the second installment, this one picks up exactly where it left off. Now that the picture they took in London is all over the place, it's not a matter of "if" someone will find out the truth about them, but a matter of "when". With time running out, the news spreads fast and puts both Tristan and Kat in tough positions. Tristan has to face his father while Kat has to face hers as well. Too bad the altercations don't go as well as they had hoped.

So what does this mean for their future? I'm not spilling the beans...but don't worry, it's worth reading every word. This is truly a Romeo and Juliet story for the new ages.

Oh...did you really think Ms. Smith would just "end" a story? HA...you must not read her often. Let's just say that there's a little "surprise" at the end. One that I'm very much so looking forward to.

*I received this book from the Jeep Diva in exchange for my honest review.

Maggie Whitworth says

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The Climax Of our lovebirds saga , will they , won't they .

Wow what a series of books ,

I'm not one for contemporary romance but have loved these .

This is book three and the culmination of our H and h 's journey.

They have fought hard to be together , now due to his father it's all going down the pan , will they ever get their HEA .

You won't want to miss this one , tears , laughter, love , it's all here.

My Girlfriend's Couch Blog says

"Amor omnia vincit improbis."

~ Lauren Smith, Climax (Her British Stepbrother 3)

Lauren Smith's Surrender series has been on my radar for about a year now. So when I saw that I had an opportunity to read Climax, the third and final series in Her British Stepbrother series, I knew that I would be diving in and discovering her work.

For three days I was able to fall in love with Kat Robert & Tristan Kingsley's love story. And boy what a love story it was...

When you read the blurb for the series, you will notice that it's a stepbrother romance story, but this is not the typical stepbrother falls in love with stepsister story. Not at all! On the contrary, in Forbidden (book 1), you get the typical boy meets girl, boy and girl fall in love story. It isn't until the end of Forbidden that you find out that Kat's dad and Tristan's mom are engaged to get married.

"It hadn't been love at first sight - she didn't believe in that - but it had been obsession at first sight."

~ Lauren Smith, Climax (Her British Stepbrother 3)

Seduction (book 2) sets the stepbrother, stepsister component in play for the reader. By having Lauren

having the series set up this way, you are really rooting for Kat & Tristan to make it work despite what those around them may end of thinking.

"Kat, as long as you stay with me, I don't care what our parents do. You are what matters to me."

~ Lauren Smith, Climax (Her British Stepbrother 3)

Climax was the perfect ending to Kat & Tristan's story. We find out more about Tristan and his past. I loved his background story. It was the perfect ending to an amazing series.

"When she'd impulsively kissed him in the pub that snowy night in Cambridge, he'd come undone and been reborn."

~ Lauren Smith, Climax (Her British Stepbrother 3)

Thank you Lauren for allowing me to read Climax prior to its release. I look forward to reading more of your work. I am excited for Carter & Celia's story!!!

#LoveConquersAll

~ Review written by Heidi Pharo

WTF Are You Reading? says

Just when you think the tension could get no tauter, the stakes could climb no higher, and the flames of passion which leave Kat's heart racing, and make Tristan's blood sing at the mere thought of his lady love's touch, could burn no brighter. The third installment of Lauren Smith's *Her British Stepbrother* series, entitled *Climax*, comes along to prove you wrong in ways that both your romantic heart and your libido will never forget.

It seems that even the truth of what Tristan's father has planned for him, and the impending marriage of Kat's father to Tristan's mother, are not strong enough deterrents for these two. Still trapped in very close quarters for the holidays, and still endeavoring to keep their love a secret. Kat and Tristan have no idea just how close they are to discovery. A discovery that will change both their lives in a big way. A discovery that will leave no doubt between the two of them or to the world, just how much their love means, or the lengths to which the pair is willing to go in order to protect it...and each other.

If you are a reader who loves the allure of forbidden love, who would jump at the chance to play Juliet to a handsome British Romeo, or who longs to be kissed awake by your very own prince. Look no further! You have found your book.

It is in fact, that kiss, or insinuation of one very much like it, that takes these two, and the love they have tried so hard to hide front, center, and very public.

The fallout out that ensues making this read nothing short of a drama hound's wet dream. As Kat is forced to watch her father's newfound happiness implode, and face what seems the inevitable loss of her heart in the process. While Tristan is forced to heed the call of his tyrannical father. Who is now convinced that he has the leverage that he needs to make his wayward son tow the family line.

But fear not brave reader. Authoress, Lauren Smith, has not brought you or her characters to the crescendo of yet a third book just to leave you wanting for a resolution. If anything, the seeming impossibility of escape from the corner in which Tristan and Kat seem to have painted themselves, makes the perfect breeding

ground for fierce and heartfelt "claiming sex", game changing revelations, and a nearly tragic "unhappily..." that changes minds and softens hearts in ways that must be read to be believed.

Reviewer's Note: *Climax* is the third book in a closely related serial. It is imperative to reader enjoyment that this series be read in the order in which its author intended.

Reviewer's Note:

I was provided with a copy of the afore referenced work in exchange for the honest review provided.

Janet says

One kiss on a snowy night sent their lives spinning out of control.

Kat Roberts' logical plan of college then career as a history professor has been derailed by the future Earl of Pembroke, Tristan Kingsley. Kat stupidly let herself fall for him despite knowing his father would rather dance naked around Big Ben than accept Kat as his son's girlfriend. Tristan isn't going to let Kat go without a fight. It doesn't matter that his father wants him to marry an English aristocrat to provide a political and social opportunity. But Tristan won't be blackmailed by his father, so he's going to fight for the love of his life using the very tabloids that once marked him as a womaniser. Only for events to happen that no one could envisage.

This is the third part of Tristan & Kat's story & the three books need to be read in order. I read this book in a sitting, I laughed, I cried & I was stunned but I couldn't put it down. Definitely a climatic finish to the three books, hankies are also a necessity for this enthralling read.

My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read

Missy says

A passionate ending to a hot series!

Tristan and Kat just can't keep their hands off each other in secret or caring more about each other in public than they should. Soon their secret is out and Kat decides to take what happiness she can now. Family stands in the way and soon blackmail enters the picture, all just to keep them apart. But giving each other up is harder than they thought and their unhappiness shows. Some caring individuals take matters into their own hands uniting Kat and Tristan. Before they can be reunited in person a tragic accident occurs leaving one of them hanging onto life.....will their love save them?

What can I say.....this series was wonderful. So romantic. So passionate. Just downright charming.....left me wishing for my own sexy Brit.....what dreams!

Julia - The Romance Bibliophile says

Climax was amazing and I absolutely loved reading the last part of Kat and Tristan's story, even though my heart broke more than once for the characters. A lot seemed to happen in this book, but I enjoyed reading every single page. I fell even more in love with Kat and Tristan, and I had high hopes that they would have a

happily ever after. I loved the relationship they had the most in this book, and I loved the abundance of sizzling chemistry and romance throughout. There were plenty of tender and intimate moments between Kat and Tristan, and I loved each one immensely.

Many of the secondary characters were wonderful as well, especially Lizzy, Carter, and Celia. I was disappointed how badly Kat's father took the news of her and Tristan's relationship, but I could understand where he was coming from. There were definitely a few heartbreaking moments, but I couldn't have been happier with the outcome to Kat and Tristan's story. It didn't end the way I expected it to, but I was pleasantly surprised by the conclusion and couldn't have been more ecstatic for the characters.

Lauren Smith did a wonderful job with this trilogy, and I am so glad that I gave it a chance. I definitely recommend reading Her British Stepbrother series and Lauren's standalone novel, Legally Charming!

For more reviews and other book news, please visit my blog: <https://theromancebibliophile.com/>

Emma says

3.5/5

Finally, we get to see whether Kat and Tristan can overcome the myriad of obstacles in their way on the path to true love. Climax is equally romantic and heartbreaking, a relationship that is unconventional at best, without the support of the people closest to them and exasperated by the cruel, bitter machinations of a man projecting his own shortcomings on the person he should be saving from a similar fate. While I was able to guess the source of the bitterness, the affirmation helped empathy for the villain in the story.

The descriptions and imagery within the narrative are simply stunning, I would love to see the actual picture of Kat and Tristan as Snow White and Prince Charming *SWOON* With the depth of their feelings for each other captured in a single moment and distributed throughout London, it is impossible for Kat and Tristan to deny their relationship. The strength and determination Tristan shows in his dedication to Kat and their relationship removed any remaining reservations I may have had about him. Tristan takes his duty and responsibility to all of those employed at his estate very seriously, even at the risk of his own happiness. It is Tristan's character development that has been the highlight of the series for me.

There are some obvious tropes used within Climax but ultimately the conclusion was well worth the risks ;) Using the notoriety to gain positive backing instead of negative was a stroke of genius on Justin's behalf. I truly hope he too can get his happily ever after in his own story ♥
