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Running a billion-dollar hedge fund doesn't leave a lot of time for fun in the sun, but that doesn't bother James Brannigan. After spending his youth helping his widowed father raise six younger brothers, James took a cue from his workaholic dad and channeled all his energy into business. So when he learns that his father left him a tiny winery on the Amalfi Coast, he's not thrilled. A trip to Italy is the last thing his busy schedule needs, but the winery has to go. Which means...he has to go to the winery.

Kyra Summers is the definition of a free-spirit. In her thirty years on earth, she's never stayed in one place long enough to put down roots until she arrived in Positano and fell hard for the bold flavors, hot sun, warm people, and above all, the wonderful wine. Her job at a small, local winery is her first attempt to make a real home and the people who run the place start to become like family to her. Until the winery's new owner, a devastatingly handsome, shockingly ruthless billionaire, arrives with plans to shut it all down. Kyra's willing to do whatever it takes to save this place she loves—even if it means cozying up to a man who's harder than granite and twice as cold.

But the Italian sunshine has a way of heating things up—with every fiery exchange, they strike sparks and draw irresistibly closer together. James is stunned by his attraction to a woman unlike any he's met before, and Kyra discovers a simmering passion hidden behind his polished exterior. But passion won't be enough to change James's mind and his priorities, which is exactly why his late father sent him to Italy. Changing James is going to take a much bigger risk—it's going to take love.

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Cheryl says

The sixth book in the series is by a favorite author of mine. This story did not disappoint. James is by far the most serious of the brothers. When their mom died and their dad submerged himself in business James, as the oldest, became the one to take care of everyone else and provide updates to his dad. He probably had the most interaction with his dad but did not really know him any better than the other brothers. James is all about control. And, all he does is work. He plans to go to Italy to check out the winery he inherited to make sure he's getting the best deal in the sale he's lined up. Kyra Summers grew up with a mom who closed down business for the almighty dollar. She felt no love and moved around to every new job her mom got. She's finally found a place that feels like home at the winery. She and James get cozy. It was great to see James grow and learn about himself. I did shed a few tears but loved the ending.

Kristi says

One of my edits, on sale for \$0.99 this weekend only. (This can be read as a stand-alone story.)

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Bette Hansen says

Loved this one! One of my favorites in this collaborative series.

After the death of their father, the seven Brannigan brothers are each left a legacy by their father. James was left a vineyard in Italy. He's a hedge fund manager not a vintner so why would his father leave him a winery?? With a plan to sell the place as quick as possible James finds himself in the Italian countryside on his way to see this winery for himself and get the info needed to assess the value and sell it.

Kyra Summers has lived all over the world. Never staying in one place long until this wonderful little winery on the Amalfi coast of Italy. She's come to love not only the place but the family who runs the place and has enveloped her as one of their own. Now they are counting on her to convince the American not to sell the winery to some large company. Easier said than done. James Brannigan is all business all the time. Can Kyra convince him to slow down and smell the lemons??

You definitely want to read this one and find out. I highly recommend it.

Susan Parkes says

James Brannigan is a billionaire who runs a hedge fund now, but when James was only 12 his mother passed

away and he helped his father look after his six younger brother because his father threw himself into his business after the loss of his wife to fill the void. When James got older his father showed him the value of working hard to become successful in business and this is all James has ever done - he does not have time for romance, holidays and love.

Kyra Summers grew up with a ruthless mother, who also loved to work, work, work so Kyra always felt alone in her life, so when she came of age and had the chance she began to travel the world and amongst her travels she found a little winery in Positano and fell in love with it and the family running it so she decided to stay.

When James's dad passed away he left James the winery on the Amalfi Coast of Italy, (he also left his brothers a legacy too and they all have their own stories), with what had recently happened to some of his brothers James decides to take a trip to his winery with the intentions of selling it and making a profit because money is the bottom line or so he thought until he met the bubbly woman called Kyra.

Kyra when she meets James tells him she is there to take him out to dinner, James thinks Kyra works for the hotel and does not know why but he says yes, what James did not know due to a lack in communication from his secretary is that the dinner is at the winery because the family are eager to meet the new owner. James did not know why he said yes to dinner with this woman until he realises that he is attracted to Kyra, This is unusual because always goes for the cold polished ones and Kyra is like the fizz in your bottle of champagne - full of energy and sunshine.

When James realises the mistake that has been made he still finally agrees to go with Kyra and this is the start of finding the real man inside of the business mans body.

This is a great story with the ups and downs, twist and turns of a romance that I have become to look forward to from Roxanne St Claire, she weaves a great plot and the story draws you in. There are misunderstandings in this book and you feel for the characters, as they are well thought out and feel real to you, I just loved all of them. The story is about family values, misunderstandings, trust, love, and realisation that money is not everything. I now can not wait to check out all the other brothers stories in this series (written by different authors) because if they are written half as well as this book then they will definitely be worth it.

Pack52 says

James is book six in the 7 Brides for 7 Brothers Series written by one of my favorite authors, Roxanne St. Claire.

James is the oldest of the Brannigan brothers. After his mom died, he took on the role of taking care of his six younger brothers while his dad, devastated by his wife's death, threw himself into his job spending very little time with his growing boys. After he died, he left a legacy in some form to each of his sons. It was up to them to find the reasons behind his gifts. James inherited a small, family-owned winery in Positano, Italy that neither he nor any of his brothers knew their dad owned. As a hedge fund manager, James looked at it as a way to make money by selling it. Already having lined up a buyer, he decided to spend a day or two in Italy to see it for himself. As he came to realize his father's intention, what he learned would forever change his life.

Kyra Summers is a free-spirited young woman who never stayed in one place until she arrived in Positano. She fell in love with the village and quickly realized this is where she wanted to be. She was welcomed into the close-knit Sebastiani family and being an American, she was the best person to take on the tour guide

position for the mostly American visitors. It had been nearly twenty-five years since James' father visited the winery and when the family heard the new owner was coming, they felt Kyra would be the best choice to “cozy up” to him and find out what his intentions were. Things did not go as planned. He was cold and arrogant but yet, oh so attractive. But, she knew from her research she was not 'his type'. So cozy up she did and what she found out could be devastating for the family she loves.

I have yet to read the previous books to this one, all written by different authors, but if they're anything like this one, the reader won't be able to put them down. I plan to find out soon. Roxanne's descriptive writing makes the reader feel they are right there in Italy experiencing the same things as the characters. James was chock full of twists and turns and 'I did not see that coming' moments. It also brought its share of tears. Each book is a stand-alone and I would highly recommend James for sure. Whether the reader starts with him or not, you won't be disappointed.

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Vivian says

Book number 6 in the series brings us to James...the eldest, workaholic, control freak, non-risk taker, casual relationships-only brother. Every legacy so far has changed each brother's life dramatically and James doesn't like change. His legacy from his father is a winery in Italy and he visits with every intention of selling it immediately at a hefty profit. Then he meets Kyra - she is the guest liaison for the family winery...but they are more than employers to her, they are her family of the heart. Obviously they are at the opposite end of the situation, but strongly attracted to each other even through she is totally not his type. My one complaint about the book was that I did get quite tired of the adjectives used to describe Kyra - bubbly, sunshine, adorable, perky, blah, blah, blah - the sweetness factor was quite nauseating, but finally the author toned it down and I was able to get reinvested in the story. It turns out that James' mother and father had fond memories of the winery and his father had actually bought it for a birthday present for his wife, but tragically she died before he could give it to her. This author included more detail about James' mother in this book which drove the story to how James dealt with his grief and learned how to live life. Kyra - I guess I liked her as a character and totally understand that she was perfect for James, but the family asking her to cozy up to him go get info just didn't sit right with me, especially after she realizes she has feelings. The lush backdrop of Positano, Italy, certainly added an exotic flavor to the story and, wow, what a great climax to the story- never saw it coming!

Kay Pflueger says

7 Brides for 7 Brothers is a series written about the 7 Brannigan brothers who are devastatingly handsome, charming and swoon-worthy! Each book is written by a different author and is written about a different brother.

Colin Brannigan, the patriarch of the Brannigan clan, has died and each of the 7 siblings has received an unexpected “gift” from him. James is the oldest of the brothers and was forced to grow up quickly when his father withdrew into his work after the death of his wife. James become the surrogate father to the younger boys and as an adult, is used to be in control and has a take charge attitude. He is in Italy to check out the winery and vineyards that he was bequeathed by his father... with no intention of keeping the gift.. he just wants to know what it is worth so he can sell it.

Kyra Summers is a self-appointed guest liaison for the winery. She inserts herself into James life while he is in Italy and he is not sure how to react. She is bright and cheerful and has a full of sunshine attitude about life. She sets a goal to break down James' gruff business like demeanor and to teach him to have FUN!

As they spend time together, secrets are revealed and James begins to realize why his father chose this particular gift for him. This is a fun book and even though it is part of the series, it can be read as a standalone. The relationship between stiff buttoned -up James and bright carefree Kyra (aka Lemondrop) is refreshing and fun to watch develop.

Enjoy your visit to Italy.. I know I did!

Annie says

James is the sixth book in a new contemporary romance series called 7 Brides for 7 Brothers. Each book is written by a different author which is a neat marketing idea. The stories all center around an inheritance from their recently deceased workaholic father with each of the brother's "gifts" leading to a happily ever after romance. Each book can stand alone but it will be fun to read the other stories.

James Brannigan is the oldest of the seven brothers. He is very much like his father -- a workaholic business man -- who has no idea why his father left him a winery in Italy and is determined to sell it and get back to work. When he meets the free-spirited Kyra Summers, who works at the winery, he is instantly smitten despite them being so opposite. Of course, neither know the true intentions of the other person. Kyra is just as determined as James...but she wants to save the winery.

The two dance around their mutual attraction and soon the passion is simmering between them. I enjoyed this book. With the story set in Italy, it was like being on a tour of the wine region. The characters, even the secondary ones, are likable and well developed. It is a light and fun read. I enjoyed the book.

I was given a copy for a fair and honest review.

FYI: The complete list of 7 Brides for 7 Brother

Luke – Barbara Freethy

Gabe – Ruth Cardello

Hunter – Melody Anne

Knox – Christie Ridgway

Max – Lynn Raye Harris

James – Roxanne St. Claire

Finn – JoAnn Ross

Donna says

Meet the 7 sexy Brannigan brothers~who bring the heart and a whole lot of heat! This collection of new contemporary romance is brought to you from 7 of the bestselling authors Barbara Freethy, Ruth Cardello, Melody Anne, Christie Ridgway, Lynn Raye Harris, Roxanne St. Claire and JoAnn Ross. 7 Brides for 7 Brothers. You won't want to miss a single one!

Book 6 : JAMES by Roxanne St. Claire

Meet James Brannigan. James runs a billion-dollar hedge fund which doesn't leave a lot of time for fun in the sun, but that doesn't bother him. After spending most of his youth helping his widowed father raise his six younger brothers. James decided to take a cue from his crazy workaholic dad and channel all his energy into business. So now when James learns that his late father left him such a tiny winery on the Amalfi Coast in Italy, James' isn't too thrilled about it. That means James having to take a trip to Italy. This is the last thing that his busy schedule needs. However the winery has to go. Which also means that James has to definitely go and visit this winery which he's so desperate to get rid of .

Meet the sweet Kyra Summers. Kyra is the true definition of what a free-spirit should be. In Kyra's thirty years on earth, Kyra's never stayed in one place long enough that she wants to put down roots. Well that until Kyra arrives in Positano and falls so hard for the bold flavors, lovely sun, the warm and caring people but above all, the wonderful wine the winery makes. Kyra's job at a small, local winery is her first and only attempt to make a real home for herself and of course the people who run the place start to become like her family. Until word gets around that the winery's new owner, who is a devastatingly handsome, but a shocking and ruthless billionaire, who arrives with firm plans to shut it down. Kyra's more than willing to do whatever she can to save this place that she loves. That means even if it means Kyra cozying up to a man like James who's so much harder than granite and twice as cold.

Even the Italian sunshine has a way of making things heat up. Sometimes it also has a fiery exchange. That means James and Kyra strike sparks and draw so much more irresistibly closer together. James is so stunned by his attraction to a woman like Kyra who is unlike any he's met before. Kyra discovers there's a simmering passion hidden behind James' polished exterior. However the passion won't be enough to change James's mind and of course his priorities. This is exactly why his late father sent him to Italy. Trying to changing James is going to take a much more bigger risk—it's going to take love.

Lorie Barnes says

At first, I really didn't care for James because he seemed to be just like his father: cold, distant and cared only about making money. Admittedly, like his 6 brothers, he didn't have an easy childhood and he became his younger brothers surrogate father when their real father couldn't be bothered with them after his wife died. Kyra, on the other hand, I adored from the instant she appeared on the page. She's a wonderful character and I wish I knew more people like her in real life! As James warmed up to Kyra, I warmed up to James. They had wonderful chemistry and it was fun reading their story as their relationship deepened. By the time the author reveals the underlying reason for James's coldness, I was in tears. The author managed to take me from not liking James to making me like him very much. Another wonderful addition to this delightful series!

Pj Ausdenmore says

For ruthless billionaire, James Brannigan, life is all business and all about the bottom line. He spends his waking hours - and probably some of his sleeping ones - figuring out ways to increase his financial empire. He isn't interested in marriage, a family, or love and he certainly has no interest in owning a small family-run vineyard and winery in Italy. He can't figure out why his late father - who was just as much a workaholic as James - bequeathed it to him. Good thing James is an expert at selling off companies. He'll fly to Positano, assess the Villa Pietro winery, dump it and be back in New York City before you can say Wall Street. You know what they say about best laid plans...

Kyra Summers is all too familiar with corporate sharks. She grew up with one after all. As soon as she was old enough, Kyra left home and traveled the world, searching for a place to put down roots. She's found it in the hills above Positano, at the Villa Pietro, and with the exuberant and loving Italian family that tends the vineyard and manages the winery. Kyra isn't about to let an unfeeling corporate autocrat take it all away. This charming ray of sunshine is determined to show James Brannigan just what life has to offer outside of his glass and steel, all business life. If she can make him fall in love with the winery then she has a chance of convincing him to keep it. But what's she to do when Mr. "I'm all business" starts to discover his fun-loving, sexy side? The winery won't be the only thing at risk. Kyra's heart will be right there with it.

I have to admit that while reading the earlier books in this series, I found James to be the least appealing of the seven Brannigan brothers. Leave it to Roxanne St. Claire to turn him into my favorite! There's much more to him than I had anticipated. St. Claire slowly peels back the layers to expose the man underneath whose life direction had been unknowingly influenced by a tragedy in his youth and I was with him every step of the way as he opens his heart to the possibilities of a different life. Then she gives him the perfect partner in Kyra, a woman to infuse both his life and his heart with love, light, and fun, all of which have been missing from his life for a very long time. And, for the cherry on this delicious sundae, St. Claire sets her story amid the vivid backdrop of the beautiful Amalfi Coast. If this book doesn't make you yearn for love, laughter, good wine, and a holiday in Italy, I don't know what will!

4.5 Stars

Denise says

James: 7 Brides For 7 Brothers

By Roxanne St. Claire

Multibillionaire and hedgefund manager, James Brannigan & Kyra Summers, American Tour Liaison for a tiny but award-winning Italian winery "Villa Pietro" on the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, set the pages ablaze like the sun setting over the beautiful Mediterranean Sea in this sixth installment of the Brannigan brothers, "7 Brides For 7 Brothers". However, unlike some series, these stories can be read as complete stand-alones, which I did with "James" and was completely carried away from beginning to end.

James is a devastatingly handsome man who is ALWAYS in control, never taking risks, cold-hearted and totally ruthless in business. He is the oldest of seven brothers who had to step up and basically raise his six younger brothers after the sudden and tragic loss of his mother at the young age of twelve when his father shut down, becoming completely immersed in work to deal with the loss and grief of losing his young wife.

Kyra's his complete opposite! An American beauty and completely free spirit, radiating warmth everywhere she goes, having traveled to over 50 countries, moving around her entire life as an only child raised by nannies with an absentee, workaholic mother and very little time spent with a divorced father who remarried when she was very little and started up another family. Kyra's greatest longing her entire life has always been the love and stability of a true family.

As part of Kyra's travels, she knew the second she stumbled upon Villa Pietro that this was absolute heaven. But it was the family of Sebastiani's with whom she truly fell in love that took her in as one of their own where she became a part of their close-knit, loving Italian family. She will do almost anything to save the family and the winery she loves, their life and home for over half a century.

James and his six brothers have each been given "something" as a part of their father's legacy when he passed away eight months ago with no explanation as to why they were given their particular legacy chosen especially for them. James was given this winery to which he has zero interest other than a quick sale to make a profit and complete confusion as to why his father would've given this to him due to having no interest in wine whatsoever, and further no clue his father even owned the winery. It is a complete mystery to him.

In trying to discover the meaning behind his father's gift, he travels to the Amalfi Coast to learn more about the small, mysterious winery while negotiating it's sale where he meets the unstoppable force who nearly takes his breath away, Kyra Summers. But there's so much more to this story than one might assume and as the story unfolds I was completely hooked finding myself needing to know what is was that brought James' father to purchase this magical place never to return. And as the unstoppable force that is Kyra meets the immovable object that is James, the friction alone is enough to ignite the entire Amalfi Coast!

Now I can't wait to read the next book in the series and catch up with the other brother's stories! You don't want miss the fun, romance and mystery that is James & Kyra's story in "7 Brides For 7 Brothers"!

Marti says

James by Roxanne St. Claire is the sixth book in a fun new series (7 Brides for 7 Brothers). The books are all written by different authors and all are contemporary romances about the seven brothers and their seven brides. Each can be read alone, but then again why would you?

James as the oldest brother had to shoulder more tasks when his mom died. At the same time it allowed him more time with his father. James became a man who bought and sold companies and always focused on the bottom line. Until he inherited from his father a vineyard in Italy. James didn't know what to think about the vineyard and about Kyra Summers. Kyra was the liaison between the family that ran the vineyard and the tourists. She was the one who managed to keep him occupied and busy on vacation, while at the same time trying to figure out what he was going to do to the family and the vineyard. The problem is the longer James stays there the more unsure he becomes about everything except Kyra.

James by Roxanne St. Claire was a fun read. This particular book might be one of my favorites in the series.

Patti Lucas says

I received an ARC for an honest review. I loved James, by Roxanne St. Claire. Roxanne delivered another wonderful book. I loved the characters in this book and the setting was amazing I have never been to Italy, but felt that I was there with Kyra and James walking through Positano. The story begins with seven bachelor brothers whose father has just passed away leaving each one a unique "legacy" that they must fulfill before the remainder of his estate will be divided. James is the oldest of the seven sons and runs his own hedge fund business in New York. A vineyard in Positano, Italy is the legacy gift that his father has left for James. James has no idea why his father left him this vineyard that he never knew he owned, so he heads to

Positano in search on the answers. His intention is to sell the vineyard for the best price and to head home as quickly as possible. That is until he meets Kyra Summers, whose role is to "get cozy" with James, even though Kyra believes that she is not James's type. Kyra is everything that James is not, she is carefree, fun and a burst of sunshine. James discovers that his father bought the vineyard for his mother as a birthday gift after vacationing with her in Positano. His mother was killed in a car accident before her birthday and James's father never returned to the vineyard after her death. James being the oldest took over the role of head of the house in her absence. He started to believe that women don't stay and this followed him into his adult life. Kyra was raised by a single mother, who was a workaholic. She was a closer and they never stayed anywhere for very long. James's work ethic reminds her so much of her mother. Kyra found a home in Positano, after travelling the world. Never settling any place for very long. After being welcomed by the Sebastianis, Positano became the place that Kyra decided to call home. She lives with Annamarie, the matriarch of the Sebastianis, the family who runs the vineyard. Kyra became part of this large Italian family whose motto is "family is everything". James and Kyra spend lots of time together, Kyra offers to be his tour guide to show him the area and ride him around the narrow Italian streets on her Vespa. James starts to have "fun", begins to let loose and not let his work control his life. James discovers so much about his parents that he did not know. He comes to realize why his father left him the vineyard and decides not to sell it. Romance blooms between James and Kyra. James has planned a romantic day for Kyra. Then the unthinkable happens. Roxanne is great with her plot twists and I definitely did not see this one coming, what a surprise. Everything works out in the end, including plans for a wedding in Positano in October after the harvest.

Isha Coleman says

The 7 Brides for 7 Brothers series has masterpiece written all over it. Not only does it spotlight a collage of great voices with it's variety of authors ranging from Ruth Cardello, Roxanne St. Claire, Melody Anne and Barbara Freethy. It encapsulates wise life lessons told in a fresh way and with a great deal of heart. With James the takeaway lesson is not to let life pass by, enjoy every precious moment. It takes a meddling father, an unwanted winery and a die hard free spirit to show this hard nose businessman the error of his ways. Ms. St. Claire adds her voice to an already stellar love story, the love of a father for his sons. Though not your average family, the enigmatic Brannigans are a captivating bunch.
