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Lindsey Asher took the Billionaire Bride Pact at girl's camp, but she's never taken it seriously. Her dreams were always about building her own a bakery empire, not marrying a billionaire. Years later and all grown up, Lindsey has poured her heart and soul into Sugarbee's Sweets in downtown Manhattan. All she wants for Christmas are good reviews from a pair of big-name food bloggers and plenty of customers to enjoy her sweet treats.

When Eric Kasabov parks his cookie cart in front of Sugarbee's and starts stealing her customers, Lindsey's resolve is tested. And when Eric's partner starts causing trouble, Lindsey has to make a choice. How far will she go to save her store? Can rivalry turn to love?

Author's Note: The Billionaire Bride Pact series is written to be read in any order without missing any of the story. Jump in any time! You might have some fun spotting crossover characters.

Includes an excerpt from The Daring One, by Cami Checketts.

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Katie W says

I've never been to New York but there are a few books that really transport me there and this is one of them. I was roaming the streets of NYC at times and not in Times Square. Oh, no--I was in the Financial District. It's not your typical touristy story, but more about how hard it is to build up a food business in a cutthroat city, but don't let that fool you--there are plenty of sweet moments interspersed throughout.

Lindsey has worked so hard to open Sugarbee's Sweets--a cupcake place--but cupcakes are so last year and that's especially apparent when Eric shows up with his cookie food truck and parks it right outside of her store. I love it when a story has multiple levels of sparks and this one delivers. Not only are these two competitors, but their first meeting was not over their businesses and they manage to develop an immediate connection. These two waffle between being enemies and friends, with an inkling of being even more than that and I love the way they work together, in a one step forward, two steps back fashion. Their relationship is sweet, volatile at times, and oh, so swoony.

The reader isn't given a lot of information about Lindsey's family, but they seem supportive of her venture, whereas Eric's family are real jerks. I love that he's not like the rest of them, which is especially apparent with that great ending. This is yet another fun and entertaining offering in this series.

Content: mild, swoony romance; very mild violence

I voluntarily reviewed a copy, which had no influence on my thoughts and opinions

Phyllis says

I believe that The Ambitious One is the best book I've read by Jeanette Lewis. I was drawn into the story from the first paragraph, and the pacing and deliver of the story was excellent.

The book was romantic with a bit of suspense thrown in. Not in the aspect that you don't know who is causing the trouble, but because you don't know the lengths he will go to in order to eliminate the competition.

I loved the way the characters were perfect and yet flawed. The conflict between Lindsey and Eric created just the right amount of tension and was very realistically done. The pull Eric had towards Lindsey and his desire to win her heart was countered by his desire to please his father and win back his respect causing a great deal of tension. I thought the author also did a great job of bringing the city to life. Not just in describing the huge buildings, but by describing the businesses and the people there in a way that made it personal.

Here are a few favorite quotes:

But his smile made her think of a kid, bounding down the stairs on the morning of the first snowfall, his hair sticking out at odd angles.

But even more powerful was the buzz that came from being in Eric's presence, like she was charged and every molecule in her body was responding to a similar molecule in his.

This review was originally posted on Among the Reads

I am grateful to Jeanette Lewis for giving me a copy of this book. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Jessie says

While part of the Billionaire Bride Pact, the Ambitious One (and all of the rest of the series) can be read independently.

Lindsay Asher has always dreamed of owning her own bakery. Her dream has come true. She has a cupcake shop, Sugarbee's Sweets, in downtown Manhattan. But her dream is not going as smoothly as she hoped it would. She is barely making it financially, is trying to impress food critics, and just when she thinks she's had a magical night with a handsome stranger, he parks a cookie truck right in front of her bakery and starts stealing her customers! Poor Lindsay!

Eric Kasabov doesn't realize that Lindsay is the owner of Sugarbee's until after their amazing date. He has already announced the location of his food truck, and can't do anything to change it. Can he still get to know Lindsay or are they destined to be at war?

I loved Lindsay and Eric. Their first date was adorable, chemically charged, and unfortunately doomed. I couldn't wait to see Lindsay and Eric work things out professionally, so that they could have a chance romantically. Even though they were at "war," I loved how Eric took care of Lindsay. I loved watching Eric and Lindsay grow together, find strength, and figure out what truly mattered to each of them.

This was a book with a spine-tingling romance, a bit of action , and a lot of heart!

Content: clean (mild innuendo, some kissing)

Nari says

Another great book in the Billionaire Bride Pact Romance Series. This book is a stand alone. I loved that while Lyndsey was ambitious she was also caring and very fair. I liked how Eric treated Lyndsey. The chemistry between the two sizzles and they make a great pair. This is a fun read set at Christmas time.

Sarah says

A TRULY LOVELY ROMANCE

Every time I read another Billionaire Bride Pact Romance I think, "Oh! THIS one is my favorite!". When I saw the title for this one, The Ambitious One, I was prepared to not like Lindsey quite as much as the other 'Brides'. An ambitious New York business woman? I was expecting brash, pushy, maybe a bit selfish in her business dealings. Instead we get a lovely young woman whose thoughtfulness and compassion has her being the kind of person who makes a difference in the lives of others. The Ambitious One is a lovely romance with characters that you want to get to know more... well, the NICE ones! ;-) It also has some definite scoundrels! This is a book that captures your attention and imagination on the first page and doesn't

let you go til THE END.

* I received an advanced copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Kathy says

This is the 9th Billionaire Bride Pact novel I have read. I actually found it refreshing that the male lead was not actually a billionaire. Because really we can all dream of marrying a billionaire but odds are against us and finding a nice guy who makes you happy is what we should really be after anyway.

I enjoyed Lindsey and Eric's story. They both had many things to overcome. The trials they had to face made for a great story. This wasn't my favorite of the series but I have no regrets in taking the time to read this great book!

Rating: 4 Stars - Great Book

Source: Kindle Unlimited

Content: Clean (just kissing)

Julia Lance says

I have missed reading the Billionaire Bride pact books. I'm not sure why I took so long to get this one to the top of my list but I loved it so much! Lindsey and Eric are perfect for each other and I loved their story. I hope we get another glimpse of them in the last book because I didn't want this one to end. Another amazing book to add to this series. They really all are amazing!

Gina says

Who knew meeting in an alley would lead to love, that is until Eric's father forces him to go into competition with Lindsey's business. Choosing between honoring your father or love with a rival business has Eric and Lindsey in a bind. But when Eric's dad and brother start putting Lindsey in danger he will have to choose help Lindsey or have his father and brother face prosecution. Good story! I received a complimentary copy and I am voluntarily reviewing.

Becky Macy says

A sweet story, with surprising twists!

Lindsey has her Sugarbee's Sweets, but sales aren't quite as good as she thought they would be by now.

While trying new items to sell, a curbside trailer shows up and offers competition, selling cookies. This book

has romance, suspense, and a wonderful story line that ends beautifully. Jeanette Lewis never disappoints her readers!

Bibliophile says

Ambitious One

Instant like. Instant connection. The perfect couple. That is until he finds out she owns the bakery near where his family will be setting up their cookie cart. Can these two overcome the challenges that come their way?

Neena Christianson Martin says

Cupcakes or cookies?

Running your own bakery is hard work, but when the food cart specializing in cookies parks in front of your business it can turn into all out war. Eric is working the cookie cart for his family, but his heart isn't in it. Lindsey is trying so hard to make her bakery a success, but she hates the business side. Eric and Lindsey are drawn to each other, but his ruthless family is out to ruin her. Will love be enough to keep them together, or will circumstances tear them apart. Read this very good book and find out!

Melissa Medell Hayford says

What an interesting meet cute! Not one I would imagine, but it works for Eric and Lindsey. Being competitors keeps coming between them. I enjoy how they came together and helped bring out the best in each other. I really enjoyed the book, but wish it had been longer. I felt the last 1/4 of the book was a bit rushed.

Cathy says

I really enjoyed the plot on this one! I liked it's originality and it's fun.

I liked Lindsey, I liked the way she was determined to make her little bakery into a profitable business in New York. She's doing everything she can, including having some huge food bloggers come to Sugarbee's and do a review. But things never seem to go the way she thinks they will!

I really liked the way she and Eric meet. And then when he parks his cookie cart right in front of her bakery, because his brother insists, oh my! I liked that Eric tried to get out of parking it there, and I liked the way he was trying to look out for Lindsey, even at detriment to himself with both his father and brother. Eric's character is so great! I loved the way he worked so hard to change his life and keep it that way, even with the way his father and brother treated him. And when he realizes that's never going to change, he goes another way.

This one is just a fun romance that you won't want to put down. It can be easily read in an afternoon.

Donna Campbell says

This was a fast paced story centered in New York. The couple had huge obstacles to overcome and most centered around family and a sweet little cupcake shop. My only complaint would be the abrupt ending. This was a sweet, clean romance.

Paula says

How can one of the best first dates ever end on such a bad note? Lindsey has no idea why Eric basically ran off the night before but it doesn't take long before she figures out he is the competition. She was such a mix of sweet and feisty. Eric was such a great guy but had a few demons he was trying to overcome. Will these two realize they have more in common and find happiness with each other? I have really enjoyed this serious and this is imo one of the best ones. A sweet, clean romance with a great storyline.
