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Orphaned and torn from his sisters as a boy, sexy extreme wrestler Dean "Havoc" Conor gets a letter revealing how much his siblings want him back in Harmony, Kentucky. To stop his sister from marrying a sleazeball, Dean finds himself teaming up with her pretty-but-smart-mouthed friend Eve-who's heard of Havoc's reputation and doesn't need some hunk trampling on her heart. Now all Dean has to do is protect his sisters, win Eve over, and expose a devious criminal. And he thought winning the heavyweight belt was hard.

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Bree says

I read it in a few hours. It was not as good as the first SBC book I read by Lori Foster but it was decent. I actually wanted to read more about the secondary characters, Jacki and Gregor but they weren't mention much. I should see if she wrote a book on their relationship. It is sexy but she has written much better. I didn't go to sleep until it was all read so I was hooked. It only gets the three stars because I have read better work from this author.

KimKirt says

Okay, darn it! Sucked into a series now. This was a good one and I didn't want it to end, mostly because of the sub-story romances, I wanted to see how those would unfold. PLEASE tell me Simon is the main character in one of the others of this series. However, I digress from my original review of this book. Havoc was HOT. I don't think there can be a more perfect male specimen out there. I enjoyed the plot of the book (him hooking up with his two sisters after haven't seen them since he was 9 years old) and I liked that he actually had a heart and the struggle with his feelings. This book more focused on the hero of the story when usually it is the heroine that is the main focus. Nice for a change of pace. Oh yes, and I've not ever read a book starring SBC fighters, so that was unique in its own right. I'm not sure I can look at the sport the same again. ;-)

Jess says

Honestly, the description on this book sounded stupid..

I was in the library looking for books to read over Thanksgiving Break and I saw a few books by Lori Foster and picked a bunch up. This happened to be one of them.

I've read a few books by Foster and overall I really like what she writes. Despite the contrived sounding back cover, the book ended up being funny.

The main character "Havoc" otherwise known as Dean, is a fighter with the SBC organization. He gets a letter from his sister that he doesn't really know asking him to come see her. Once he gets there, he meets Eve, a friend of his sisters. Things scorch between them, and while he's dealing with that he realizes someone may have bad intentions toward the family he doesn't know.

It sounds a little hokey.. but with the way Foster wrote it, it was funny and sweet. The sex scenes were definitely "red face" material lol. I really liked the characters and I felt invested in a happy ending.

All in all, another great book. And that teaches me to judge a book by it's... back cover? lol.

Jessica says

First things first, I'm so excited to finally know what sbc stands for since no one warned me that this series predated the ultimate series (seriously goodreads needs to make the whole thing a series then with each individual series also indicated like I've seen on other books)! But seriously as much as I bitched about the ultimate series coming so close to perfect but falling just short I missed them in this book. One of the things that draws you into the ultimate series is the sense of family and interconnectedness. They all love and respect one another and do whatever is needed no questions asked and nothing held over someone's head. This book was missing that. The characters we met like and respect each other but they business partners or colleagues not family, and we really don't get to see enough of them to make you really NEED to read the next of the series. H made an ok hero but (as one particularly awful interviewer said to me) he wasn't a fully formed person. he was a decent enough character but the author never gave me any insights as to his motives for things. Like why was he so uncomfortable with people telling him he was a good person? If she had given us a little more in that area then when he acted weird and sometimes jerky then I could've made allowances for the behavior but since I didn't understand the why it was just offputting. The heroine was likable enough but she wasn't really fully formed as a character either. This was a romance story where the romance was secondary...like really secondary. This story was really about H reconnecting with his family with a little romance thrown in because romance is fosters wheelhouse. I think if I had read things on the proper order I would've liked this book more, but after reading the ultimate series it feels like she pulled punches with the storyline of this one. She went through the trouble of setting up a villain even giving us douchey evil thoughts in the person's pov...then at the end they're actually an ok person and all's well that ends well? Maybe all other things I could've reconciled to this ending but the person's own inner thoughts made them the bad guy the sudden flip didn't jive. Overall this was a book that just kinda skimmed the surface in every aspect. Good plot idea and decent writing but light on character development, romantic development, and plot development. Enjoyable, but a let down after other books.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Welcome to our first Flashback Friday review post!! I'm so excited about this feature on the blog where we go back and read some of our all time favorite books and the review them for you. I love to re-read books over and over and I'll admit I've probably read Causing Havoc by Lori Foster at least 10 times and I never tire of it. We hope you'll enjoy as we go back present some of our favorite books and who knows maybe you'll discover a hidden gem you didn't know about.

Never had I ever even thought of reading a book about an MMA fighter until I started reading everything Lori Foster had ever written and as soon as I read Causing Havoc I was hooked. There was something just so real about this story and to be honest in the first few pages of this book I wasn't sure I was going to like Dean "Havoc" Connor, but he won me over time and time again in this book.

The morning after a fight he came close to losing Dean gets a letter from his sister he hasn't seen in almost 20 years when he was taken by his uncle following his parent's death and his sisters remained with their aunt. It was interesting watching Dean struggle with all the emotions of hearing from his sister and then even more so after he meets both Cam and Jacki. Being back in Harmony, Kentucky Dean finds it impossible to keep his distance as he planned and he never expected to meet Eve a woman who turns him sideways from the moment he lays eyes on her.

Dean is rough and gruff but he has a heart of gold and the more he become invested in his sister's lives and the more time he spends with Eve it becomes apparent that leaving isn't going to be easy. I loved the intensity between Dean and Eve, but more than that I enjoyed how easily they opened up to one another and shared pieces of their lives they hadn't shared with other people before.

Causing Havoc is light on the MMA fighting and while there was no mistaking the romance going on between Dean and Eve there was more to this story than that making it a very well rounded and entertaining book. Despite everything that Lori Foster has written since this book was first released back in 2007, it remains one of my favorite books by this author and Dean Conor is one of my favorite romance heroes ever.

Lisa Kay says

Never thought I would like a book about professional fighters, but I loved this one, read it three times in four years, marked it as a favorite, and put it on my keeper shelf. Only bought it because Lori Foster is one of my favorites and she is always an author I can count on. (It was not too melodramatic for me as I had a long lost younger brother who spent his childhood in Foster care – whereas I was adopted into a loving home - and looked me up decades later.) LF did a convincing job of siblings trying to reconnect.

The hero Havoc sucked me into the whole series, though I think this one is the best. He is HOT and tries so hard to be laid-back with the whole family connection and NOT being an older, dependable, protective brother. My roof was leaking at the time I read this book, so there I could relate. LOL. I liked Eve too. When Havoc meets her family was fun and believable. I felt the chemistry between Havoc and Eve was steamy. I could see their affair-turned-to-love happening as the pages turned and knew it was a given when she had her period and he brought ice cream. As a teenager I used to have a boyfriend that worked in an ice cream parlor and brought me rocky road. *Sigh*

The ‘who-done-it?’ kept me guessing; I can usually guess this aspect in romance books, so this was a nice change. The sub-romance plot between Jacki and Gregor was fun and enjoyable too. Not a big fan of tattoos, but the meaning of Havoc’s made me cry. So, yes, everything was firing on all cylinders for me with this one.

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

???????? 4 STARS ????????

I really enjoyed this one, thanks to my personal recommender, Lana. xx

Cheri says

As usual I love every book in this series. Since I seem to do things backwards I already knew of Havoc and Eve. It was good reading to see how they came together and how Havoc found his sisters.

Naudia says

Damn, y'all. Another book soooo many ppl love that i absolutely loathed. I was torn between one star and

two. I didn't hate everything i read, but i hated damn near all of it. =(

What was tolerable:

- * The story. What i suffered through, anyway. A family torn apart, reconnecting later with sisters who didn't know about you. Good stuff, right? Should have been. =\
- * Cam. I understand her feelings about accepting further help from Roger and how she didn't want to confuse her gratitude with love for him. I even understand her aversion to Dean's help. Again, i thought she was trying to avoid confusion here...didn't want Dean to think she wanted his financial help more than she wanted to know him. Maybe this gets explained later but i'll never know.

What i hated:

- * The too-perfect hero and his merry band of brothers. Ok, so i only got through enough of the book to meet Gregor, but whatever. I couldn't take it anymore!
- * Insta-love, just add water! Dean and Eve. Gregor and Jacki. Sick and tired!!
- * Eve. She was more worried about what Cam (her BFF) would think about her "easy" demeanor with a stranger than she ever was about the fact that she was sleeping with her friends's long-lost brother. As far into the book as I got, there was no mention of her caring what it might do to their friendship if her "relations" with Dean went to shit. And speaking of Dean...now this is a personal preference, but i HATE it when we get too physical in front of, oh everyone! His family, hers. A restaurant full of people. Really? And don't get me started on her walking around bra-less. Get all-the-way dressed, you're a grown ass woman! A grown ass woman who was on her period but still put on sexy underwear. Riiiiight. Look, dude ranch, if you insist on coming over here knowing full well what time it is, you're doing so at your own risk. I'll be damned if i'm gonna try to be sexy for you when i'm...calm down, it's just a book! I really should have given Eve her own separate review. I also found it absurd that she couldn't discuss masturbation like a goddamned adult, but didn't flinch after she got molested in front of her entire family, or tongued-down in front of his family and the innocent restaurant goers...or, most importantly, when Dean mentioned having sex with her during her cycle. WTF?!?! Talking about masturbation makes you squeamish, but you'll beg him to fuck you? OK. I hate her. So this bit isn't all on the character of "Eve", but the first impression of Roger was that he was interested in Eve, then as the story progressed I didn't feel that way about him anymore. Nothing gets me going like a good love triangle, but it seemed that the author started down the road with Roger secretly wanting Eve and then blew a tire and caught a ride in the other direction, settling for Roger simply noting Eve's attractiveness but wanting only Cam.
- * Jacki. Oh-em-gee, Jacki. (view spoiler) You're concerned about your boobs, and being rushed into getting physical...so you grab Gregor's hand and force him to grope you? Makes perfect sense to me. Look, i know what it's like to want something you don't have. I'm a black woman with no ass whatsoever. NONE! You learn to work with what you DO have. It would have made more sense for a young teen to be so insecure, but Jacki was too old not to realize that men were attracted to her despite her lack of rack. Or that she was hot, by all accounts in this book. You'd think she'd never had a guy be interested in her at all. Ever. Gregor had already seen what she did, er...didn't, have. For shit's sake, obviously he's not a breast man. And i just couldn't pity a tall, skinny, blonde, beautiful woman who people gravitate toward so much that it intimidates others. Talk about the short end of the stick, you poor baby! How does she find the strength to get out of bed in the morning?

It may not be fair but i'm just done with the tortured hero/heroine who thinks he/she is ugly for no good reason. Give me something truly disfiguring, something that really puts ppl off and show me a character suffering with that and trying to feel beautiful in spite of. Just don't give me a runway model who doesn't feel worthy of the hot guy because she's not a Victoria's Secret model. What a world, what a world!!

Darla Lee says

What a twist at the end.

Gwen (The Gwendolyn Reading Method) says

eh. ok.

Alyena says

Muy buenas críticas pero no me ha gustado nada, me ha aburrido mucho, ha habido instanlove y el "malo de la película" me ha parecido demasiado de culebrón

KarenF says

I ended up liking this one a lot more than I thought I would. I don't know why I had some reservations about Lori Foster and thought I wouldn't really like her books. I picked this one up for a challenge and I'm very glad I did. Dean (Havoc) absolutely makes this book. And it's really more of his story and how he reconnects with his sisters anyway. I didn't dislike Eve but I felt like I never really got to know her as her own person. They had a lot of chemistry but she never came alive as a character for me. But I never felt like the book suffered for it. It just felt like it was more focused on Dean's journey and that's OK because he was sympathetic without being wimpy and watching him grow to show his feelings for the sisters he didn't grow up with was more than enough emotional growth for me. (view spoiler)

Melanie says

Really enjoyed Dean as a hero, and I loved Jacki and Gregor's relationship... Looking forwards to reading Simon's story! 4.5 stars

Jenn says

Dean aka: Havoc is set on a course he's not so sure about. When he was 9 years of age, he was sent to live with an uncle he didn't know; which took him from his two baby sisters. He receives a letter from his sister Cam and decides to head back to Harmony to, essentially, meet his sisters all over again. However, he does carry a bit of resentment with him and he's not sure he's ready to be a big brother at this stage in life.

Eve is Cam's best gal friend. She's an event coordinator and a bit of a free spirit. She has no problem going toe-to-toe with the best of them. She's a good loyal friend and she will push all your buttons, if she thinks it's for the best and right reasons.

Jacki and **Cam** are Dean's younger sisters. They still live in their childhood home with their Aunt Lorna. They have their own issues to work out that Dean isn't prepared to handle. He and his aunt have a hate relationship and which is clear as day the whole book.

Dean being back in town stirs up trouble. He tries to stay unattached while getting to know his sisters all while trying to seduce Eve in to her bed. While he's on a mission of making Eve his forever girl, someone sets out to make him leave town. Then there's Roger, Cam's kind of fiancé. He's got some issues all of his own. Next, you throw in to the mix Gregor, Dean's "frenemy" who want's to fight him in a SBC match AND become his little sister's new boyfriend... not to mention Aunt Lorna and her bad attitude... this all makes for one giant headache for Dean.

Can Dean make Eve see she's all he wants? Will he finally let go of the past and open his heart to his sisters? Will he successfully be able to find peace, love and acceptance? Pick up this book and find out what happens when Dean, Eve, Jacki, Cam, Roger, Gregor and Lorna all collide and what becomes of them all.

What I liked

1. I LOVED Gregor. He makes me laugh.
 2. It was easy to figure out a small twist. (I felt it was blatantly obvious.)
 3. Eve. She had a good backbone.
 4. Good steam.
 5. Gregor and Dean moments when they have good banter.
 6. No real threat/outside forces to break up couples.
 7. Once a couple, always a couple.
 8. Gregor with Jacki.
 9. Dean with Eve.
 10. Loved that there were two love stories in this book and their endings.
 11. I loved the ending.
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This story was told in multiple POV's, however a good portion of it was told from Dean and Eve's points.

I did feel at times that this story dragged for me; it felt a bit sluggish in a lot of areas and I found myself getting restless with wanting to finish the book. The other part that made me frustrated was Dean. I didn't like him most of the book while he tried to hold back from his sisters and worried more about his libido with Eve.

One more observation: I didn't feel a connection or ever think that Roger and Cam were in love. The whole book he seems like a slime-ball and that there's no real connection. So, when she declares she loves him it felt like a surprise as I didn't see any love between them the entire book.

Overall it's not a bad story, as I liked most of it. I just couldn't love it. Also, I did like seeing Gregor more than Dean, as Dean irritated me most of the book.
