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Brady Davis is as happy as he is charming. Usually. Unless he's in the same room with the frustratingly gorgeous antidote to his cheer. Mia Kendrick is headstrong and determined. She's done with men who stand in her way—even if he has arms like Thor and a smile that makes her dizzy. Whenever they're together, sparks fly—both the bad and *good* kind.

When Mia returns home to take over management of Kendrick Place, Brady is worried her focus on big business could be the end of his tight-knit home and the family he's created there. Mia may have the power to change everything, but Brady could have the power to change her mind...if he can get inside her heart.

Each book in the Kendrick Place series is a standalone story that can be enjoyed out of order.

Series Order:

Book #1 More than Friends

Book #2 The Bad Boy Next Door

Book #3 Hate to Love Him

Hate to Love Him Details

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Fizza says

It's a fun, lighthearted read. Mia comes from a rich family but money doesn't equate happiness. Her family has never accepted her as she is. Her father and brother think she cannot be part of business just because she is a woman. After her grandmother intervened her father give her six months to run one of their residential buildings and prove herself. So she has a lot at stake to make Kendrick Place profitable.

Brady knows that for some people money is everything. A business woman is going to make everything about profit. Suffice it to say that he doesn't trust Mia at all. And he isn't willing to give her a chance. They both dislike each other and that's fine with him. Until his best friends started talking about her positively and he realizes that he has been misjudging her. She is not an entitled snob, in fact she might be most kind hearted woman he has known.

Now they 're both going to try and be friends. It won't be easy but at least they can begin to stop hating each other so much and take it from there.... soon they even start linking one another... and may be even end up falling for each other.... but will they work, two people from such different backgrounds, they don't seem right together or may be that's what make them a perfect couple.

It's quite enjoyable story. Characters are good too. I think that any contemporary reader will like it.

Carolyn's says

LOVED! I adore this series! Such a great community and friendships- you just want to live there. I was looking forward to Brady's book- especially after being teased with his and Mia's relationship in The Bad Boy Next Door. Jody Holford knocked it out of the park.

I was expecting this book to be filled with tense drama between Mia and Brady. She is high society, refined and polished and he is a blue jean, t-shirt wearing, greasy mechanic. (He is actually a business owner and very accomplished but didn't feel good enough for Mia). Honestly- they are perfect for each other, but these two are very entertaining in their sharp words and quick insults. They spend so much time fussing that everyone around them senses the intense chemistry that lies beyond their passionate arguments.

Mia and Brady have both had terrible relationships in the past that have clouded their views on starting anything up. Deep down these two are meant for one another and compliment each other perfectly. Tensions with Mia's family cause Brady to see her in a different light and when he sticks up for her Mia changes in her views of Brady. Having someone fight along with you is what she wants but when she is bound by business and legal restrictions and can't be upfront with Brady he feels he has been snookered once again and wants to head for the hills.

I loved that these two were able to talk about what the trouble was (after a cooling off) and realize what they had in one another. Mia had suffered enough at the hands of her family who were only focusing on money and not family. Family is what she found at Kendrick Place.

LOVED!

Beth ~ Panda & Boodle says

He had no idea what they were doing or where this could possibly go, but in that second, it felt right. It felt necessary.

I have a request for Jody Holford: Please keep writing these kinds of sweet, steamy romances.

Seriously, I've enjoyed each and every one of the *Kendrick Place* books. They're cute, easy and quick to read, and *Hate to Love Him* was no exception. It was charming, light-hearted—despite the enemies-to-lovers trope, which can be volatile for me—and enjoyable.

It starts with a slow burn, some back-and-forth, a bit of banter, and it's fun. A lot of fun. I liked Brady's hang ups, Mia's obstacles. Sure, there were one or two moments I had hoped would play out slightly differently, but nonetheless, well-crafted, well-written and well-played out.

The best thing about this book is the relationships. Between Brady and Mia, the centerpiece of this book, but also between the residents of Kendrick Place. The inclusion of Justin was a nice touch, though I'd have loved to see a little more on that, and the couples we already know and love—Shay and Wyatt, Gabby and Owen—were on hand also. It was great to see them again, to chuckle at them and swoon with them.

Honestly, the way Ms. Holford underscored the romance in this book with the friend-that-are-family-ships ensured that I was invested, engaged and all-in to the very end. And that I'll also be first in line for more of her signature sweet, steamy stories.

“...you know what, you don't choose your family. You choose your friends and make them your family.”

~ FOUR *Princess* STARS ~

D.M. says

After reading the title and synopsis of *Hate to Love Him*, I thought I would have enjoyed this book. However, sadly I didn't.

I disliked the main character Mia right from the start. By the end she was ok. The book is more about business than romance which is never my favourite kind of book. I was expecting a fiery relationship but I felt Mia was never really in the right, so I didn't really understand what her problem was with Brady. With this said, I notice on Goodreads other readers have liked this book. I would say if you like a good business/family drama story with a pinch of romance, this will be for you.

Mia is headstrong and determined to show her family she can run an apartment block. She has 6 months to prove she is capable of helping to run the family business. Not everyone is supportive of her, but she is determined to prove them wrong. Brady is happy to tell Mia when she is in the wrong. He is a kind, charismatic guy who is happy to help anyone. Anyone but Mia of course! They are from two different backgrounds, but sometimes that's the kind of person you need.

2 stars out of 5. Sorry:(

I received an ARC in exchange for a fair review

Elaine says

This was a delightful, restful, easy read with well developed characters and an engaging plot. It continues the saga of Kendrick Place and many of the characters met in the earlier books are also in this one. Having typed that, I also have to say that I think this book will also work as a standalone as the author fills in the background information as the story progresses.

In this case, Mia is fed up of being looked down on by the men in her family. Her father and brother have no respect for her business skills and she's out to prove them wrong. She has six months to make Kendrick Place, the apartment building which started the family business, back into a viable concern and she's determined to succeed. Her Grandmother is the only family member who believes in Mia and their relationship is a close one. However, Brady Davis, one of the residents of Kendrick Place, is worried that Mia is going to ruin the close knit community of residents with big business ideas. He doesn't trust her but he's certainly attracted to her. As sparks fly between them, there are surprises in store, secrets to be revealed and double dealing to be thwarted before love can find a way for this couple!

I found this an engaging read, easy to escape into and enjoy. I certainly didn't like the male family members and loved them getting their comeuppance - but I'm not telling you how. you'll need to read it for yourself to find out what happens! If you enjoy contemporary romance, you'll probably enjoy this one, too!

I requested and was given a copy of this book via NetGalley and this is my honest opinion after choosing to read it.

Sarah says

Five stars! I've loved Brady since the start of the Kendrick Place series so I was excited to read his story in Hate to Love Him. I definitely wasn't disappointed! This was another wonderful, sweet romance and a great finale for the series. I miss Kendrick Place already and I'm looking forward to reading more from Jody Holford.

Book Lover says

Mia Kendrick has moved in to Kendrick Place to manage it. She finally talked her father into giving her a chance and she's been given 6 months to prove herself. She has loved the place since she was a child and looks forward to returning it to its former glory. She hasn't had the best of luck making true friends so has shied away from making those connections.

Brady Davis owns an auto repair shop he inherited from his dad. His dad wanted his older brother, Jared, to take over the business but Jared wanted nothing to do with it. Brady moved into Kendrick Place because of it's proximity to his business. Since he didn't have any close family, he created one with friends he made at the complex. Brady has also had a bad relationship experience where he was made to feel he wasn't good enough. When he sees Mia and her class and sophistication, he knows he'll never measure up.

Shay and Gabby befriend Mia and show her the meaning of true friendship. Something she's never had and doesn't know how to trust.

Brady and Mia spend more time snipping at each other and giving in to their insecurities than trying to get to know one another. It took much longer for the romance to develop and focused more on Mia's issues with her family. The romance is clean and minimal.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC provided by the publisher and NetGalley.

Bookgasms Book Blog says

If light and sweet is what you're after - *Hate to Love Him* is just the thing for you! This was a super quick, easy read from an author who excels at writing solid, genuine, heartfelt stories.

I felt like this, the third offering in the *Kendrick Place* series was a little lighter on the romance. It took a long time for things to fire up and there was a lot of focus on Mia's personal struggles and growth. To that end, it read a little bit more like women's fiction to me – but it was still an engaging and rewarding story. In fact, I feel like one of the things Ms. Holford excels at the most is capturing the nuances of family and friendship. In this case there was a sisterhood between the women in the building that hit me right in the feels. There's a strong, heartwarming friendship theme in this book, but the reality is that there is always more than a romantic love story going on in every Jody Holford book, and is *always* one of my favorite parts of every book.

Also, it bears mentioning that when the romance between Brady and Mia *did* finally fire up – it was well worth the wait. They were adorable together and as their hearts warmed toward each other, my tummy filled with butterflies and I couldn't get enough of them. Brady, in particular, *completely* stole my heart. His character was so fiercely loyal and warm. There were moments so sweet my eyes welled up, some humorous moments that drew giggles from me, and – in the end – a well satisfied happy smile as everything fell into place.

Whether it's your first foray into *Kendrick Place* (and that's okay! It works well as a standalone, though you'll likely wind up hungry for the other stories – fair warning!) or you've been along for the entire ride - *Hate to Love Him* will not disappoint! ~ Shelly, 4 Stars

Ayekah says

I sat and read this in one sitting, yes it's that good. It's a little bit of everything you want in a book. Especially with Brady and Mia. Otherwise known as oil and water.

Mia's returned from college abroad and wants a fair shake at proving to her father she can run a family business. Her father gives her Kendrick Place which is the family's original building bought and rebuilt by her great grandfather. It's also been neglected while she was gone, under the useless eye of her nasty brother, who is a real piece of work. Lots of expletives here. Mia is given a 6 month time frame to get the building back in shape, empty apartments rented and some other neglected issues taken care of, while also putting it back in the black. (read set up to fail) but Mia is stubborn and determined.

Then we have Brady, owner of an auto repair and body shop who loves to abrade the hell out of Mia.

He calls her "Princess" which really rubs her the wrong way and they just can't be civil. Even when attempts at trying to be, Brady can't help himself and just digs the hole deeper.

Mia continues to grow suspect about the 6 month time limit and while she is making friends in the building

who really like her for who she is, not her money, she seeks out the advice of an old friend who clues her in on what her Father and Brother are planning. It's not pretty. Mia makes a counter plan.

Meanwhile she and Brady call a truce to their incessant barbs and they actually go out. Brady is still a little sensitive because of the money thing, but after spending time with each other, the attraction and chemistry is off the charts.

So as any good story goes, the other shoe drops and unfortunately Brady is there and despite Mia having her ducks in a row he chooses not to trust her... and things are said by Brady that leave Mia cold.

The book is a must read and a great story. You'll love all the characters even Brady when he's showing his backside. Mia is a gem and their friends are great. I'm anxious to read more of this series and find out a little more about their history. Great story, perfect ending and I'd read it again.

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Mommaleena says

Hate To Love Him (Kendrick Place #3) by Jody Holford

- Trust

What an amazing emotional story! This is my first Jody Holford story, but it won't be my last. Hate To Live Him may be the 3rd Kendrick Place story, but it can also be read as a standalone story... Or the first one you read and then go back to find the others as I will be doing this weekend!! I voluntarily reviewed an ARC copy of this book via Entangled Publishing through NetGalley for an honest review.

Beth says

Simply fun and delightfully lighthearted.

Mia want to prove to her brother and her father she has what it takes to make it in the family's real estate business. They give her the appearance of a chance to "prove it" with an apartment building that her grandmother deeded over to Mia and her brother, Kendrick Place. Neither her brother or her father tell Mia that they already think she will fail because she is a woman, They also don't tell her that her brother already had plans for Kendrick Place and it doesn't include her or the tenants that have made it a home.

Brady has been covering for the missing building supervisor when Mia comes to take over management and live at Kendrick Place. They instantly clash but it is a case of burning chemistry that keeps them from even giving each other a chance. He has preconceived notions about the little rich girl and she won't let anything stand in her of success with Kendrick Place.

Mia must out think her brother to save a home and the home of people she come to cherish.

Hate to Love Him is a cute and endearing light romance with strong friends, difficult family relations and a cast of characters that keep you wanting more.

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<http://tometender.blogspot.com>

Bette Hansen says

Loved it! A fantastically warm, lighthearted story that left me feeling happy and swooning. Ms. Holford takes us back to Kendrick Place where your neighbors are your friends and everyone watches out for everyone. Mia Kendrick has taken over as the building manager and she plans to make everything right and prove to her family she knows how to do it. Being friends with everyone isn't what she's there to do yet before she knows it she finds herself caring for all the residents including the charming Brady Davis. When her loyalty is put to the test Mia needs to decide what the true meaning of family is to her.

A great read and one you don't want to miss. I highly recommend it.

Julie Hillier says

Jody Holford never disappoints.

In this story it's two people from two different worlds with the same beliefs, too fight. To never let anything or anyone hurt those they love, or take something important away without a fight.

To find love in its truest form is something that doesn't come easy, and no one knows that better than Brady and Mia.

They are passionate and determined. The feelings they have for each other are so intense you can feel it in your soul. They are fighters, sometimes they give up too easy but when they realize they have made a mistake they fight harder and together to get where they know they need to be. Together! Loved this story big time!

Sam (AMNReader) says

Stays in the shallow end with two people searching for community and trying to make their own way. One is poor and one is rich. Standard romance.

Isha Coleman says

Sugar and spice deliver something nice. Ms. Holford proves that she can write sexy with the best of the best. Hate to Love Him relies heavily on the charm before it attempts to amp up to five alarm. With her fighting spirit, Mia masterminds a corporate takeover and meets her match in the process. Brady may be a gentleman, but he's no pushover. After reading Jody Holford the world seems a bit brighter and the heart a tad lighter.
