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Soccer's hottest, baddest bad boy is my stepbrother. And he's coming home.

Sophie

I can't get Dex Carter out of my head. He's on TV screens, underwear ads - and in my family. Now his bad boy ways have gotten him in trouble, and here he is, disgraced. In the flesh.

The least he can do is solve my problem: I'm a twenty-three-year-old virgin. He's the perfect candidate. I only need him for one night. The last thing I need is to fall in love...

Dex

I've got an athlete's body that was born to win. But in my world, full of fakes and users, Sophie is the only real thing. If she wants one night, I'll take it. Until I want more.

My life is a crazy mess. Our parents will freak. She wants nothing to do with me. But she has no idea how determined I can be.

Because I never do anything halfway. Not my sport. Not sex. And not Sophie...

Stand-alone story with a happy ending, no cheating, and no cliffhanger.

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Sophie says

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I don't read a lot of stepbrother romances but that one was actually quite nice. They felt something for each other since the beginning and over the years their love grew. There is not much drama, and if it is, it's quickly solved.

Lindap says

3.50 / 4 Stars

Step-brother stories are hit and miss for me. With that said, I enjoyed Julie Kriss' book. I know some people get hung up on the "sibling" thing, but let's face it....they're not blood related. In this case they weren't little kids when their parent married the other. There is an actual story to get caught up in and you get to know the characters.

Stacy says

Great taboo read

I absolutely love stepbrother romances, there is just something about this genre that I can not get enough of them. This book was my first by this author and I have already downloaded more from her. My new favorite author for this genre.

Brandy Foote says

this was a really good good book..

this really good I was in love with how it was written.. the book was really hard to put down.. the storyline was great.. one of the best stepbrother romance books I have read..

Jen ♡ says

[Their hesitancy in committing to each other was a tad frustrating. It's a safe story and they are totally IT for each other, but their push-and-pull became annoying toward the end when I just wanted them to be together already. (hide spoiler)]

Kat says

I am so sick of reading about the hero who has sex with OW while the heroine is a virgin pining for him at home. How is that in anyway romantic? It's not.

The author's definition of a "safe story" unfortunately doesn't match mine. It would be safe for me if the hero stopped screwing OW after they met. That did not happen. Instead hero and hero meet and he continues to travel around the world having sex with models for four years. By contrast the heroine goes on countless first dates to never go on a second. None of the men make her feel close to what she feels for the hero. In fact some of the men only date her because they want to meet her Famous stepbrother. Other people including some people at her work only speak with her hoping to get intel about the star. Puke. This goes on for four years. I found it depressing soured my opinion of the story. It left a bad taste in my mouth.

Kristiej says

IF you follow my reviews at all, you will know I have a mad crush on the writings of Julie Kriss. I thought I'd read them all but while perusing my way to many Kindle books, I noticed I hadn't read this one yet. SCORE!

This is a step brother/step sister romance, which has it's little niche in the romance novel world. I've read a few and while it's not a favoured sub-genre, they can be OK. When I saw Ms. Kriss authored a couple, I was so on board.

This book is about Sophie and Dex. Their parents married each other when Sophie was about 16. She had quite a crush on Dex from the beginning but there were a couple of issues. First, he was her step brother and second he was a famous soccer player and as such was rarely at home. But they did begin a very sweet texting relationship that only they know about. The story begins when Dex has been a very bad boy and punched an opposing player smack dab in the middle of his nose and now is banned from playing soccer professionally. This is huge news as he is very well known. But he seems to have gone under-ground and nobody knows where he is. Sophie texts and texts him but at first he's not responding. Then it turns out he's in hiding in their parents home, the same home Sophie is staying at and as it turns out Dex has had the hots for Sophie, well as a romance book one can imagine how things turn out.

As with all the other books by this author I enjoyed this book. While not on the same level as some of her series books, this one was still pretty good for me. Sophie was a very likeable heroine. All of this authors heroines are well written and women I'd love to get to know better – if they were real people that is, and if they'd agree to have coffee with someone the same age as their mother. But then I'm young at heart so it would probably be all good.

And Dex is delicious as are many of her heroes. It would be ever nice if they were real and wanted to get to know me. I would so be on board with that. I could be a Mrs. Robinson. He's confused to put it mildly. He doesn't know why he punched the guy in the nose and now that he's banned from soccer he's at a loss as to what to do next so he banks on getting reinstated. He loves playing the game of soccer but some of the stuff that comes along with being a world class athlete.

I did notice some odd similarities to her current series though. The hero in her upcoming book – which I'm almost panting for and already have it preordered has the same first name, though I'm thinking they will be almost completely different types of guys. And Ryan, the hero of Work Me Up, book 3 of the Riggs brothers series is a pro athlete, in his case a pitcher for a minor league team, also gets expelled from baseball for punching another player in the nose in the middle of a game. But other than being odd, it didn't bother me or keep me from enjoying the book any less.

I've now read her entire back list and she an author anyone reading this simply MUST try if you haven't tried her. Some of her books are on for simply squeals of deals. So try her I say, try her and you will be ever so glad you listened and obeyed my order.

Anna says

Long Distance

Another fell in love with my step sibling. Will it work long distance or do they each find another. This book held my interest through to the end, even though I knew what the ending would be as soon as I opened the book.

Colette says

I have a weakness for stepbrother books and thus was one of the better ones I've read.

P says

Overall a good read

This story is sweet and heartwarming, and sexy with a little angst. I liked both the H/h, except when the h almost threw everything away as she tried to work through what was important to her.

Jae says

An OK story. I liked it, just not passionately enough like I usually did with JK's other books.

Arlene Adams says

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STEPBROTHER ROMANCE
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CHARACTERS::

SOPHIE BREEN (WORKS WELLS&ANDERSON LAW FIRM)

DEX CARTER (STEPBRO SOPHIE SOCCER PLAYER)

JIM (DEX DAD)

PATTY (SOPHIE'S MOM)

ANNA

SEBASTIAN SANTOS (PLAYER DEX HIT)

DANA (SOPHIE BFF)

JESETTA BIBLIONA (DEX MODEL GF)

DEX CARTER EJECTED AFTER WORLD CUP INCIDENT, RULED 'A DISGRACE TO SPORT.' "It 1ST disciplinary measures would be taken, but International League ruled Dex Carter permanently banned playing professional soccer, in any league, ever again." HE PUNCHED SANTOS PLAYER FACE BROKE NOSE.

DEX CAME LIVE MANSION WHERE SOPHIE VIRGIN STEP SISTER WAS STAYING. TOOK HER VIRGINITY BUT PRESS FOUND OUT WASN'T ITALY WITH MODEL GF HE LEFT WENT NEW YORK. DEX MADE BACK INTO SOCCER LEAGUE. BUT DURING TRAINING HURT KNEE. SOPHIE WENT SEE HIM THEY GOT BACK TOGETHER. HE ENDED UP RUNNING FOUNDATION HELPED SCHOOLS AFFORD SPORTS PROGRAMS. MARRIED SOPHIE WORKED HIS FOUNDATION AND NON PROFIT LAWYERS OFFICE DANA HER FRIEND RECOMMENDED HER TO.

THE END

Sabrina Wilfinger says

Taboo step

Well I don't usually enjoy books with a skipping timeline this book is an exception. The lead characters were easily visible in my head. There was a nice story line and though probably considered an erotica book was tasteful. Being steps was not a thing.

Amy says

I stopped reading by Chapter Twelve. This book had potential but felt rushed and not much character building. Got bored...

Misty Hamilton says

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Stepbrother books are one of my favorite tropes to read. This one had just the right amount of heat and drama to keep it interesting. I'd definitely recommend this to others. A very enjoyable read

