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**BAD BOY SAM + GOOD GIRL IVY =  
LEARNING TO LOVE AGAIN**

After her last disaster of a relationship, Ivy Stephens is content being single. She has her job, her apartment- and the cute little puppy she's seen hanging around. When he escapes, she finds her search efforts aided by a big, burly, devastatingly handsome man. One who claims a prior claim on her dog.

Sam Hamilton is at loose ends since his best friend fell in love. He finds a sense of purpose in rescuing strays. The puppy who's stolen his heart just happens to run into blond, beautiful Ivy. And Sam can't help hoping she'll take in one more stray-him-for good.

## **Body Shop Bad Boys Series:**

Test Drive

Roadside Assistance

Zero to Sixty

## **Zero to Sixty Details**

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# From Reader Review Zero to Sixty for online ebook

## Laura says

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2.5 Stars

I was really intrigued by this. I liked Sam in the earlier books and I was looking forward to his story.

Unfortunately, as I got to know him, I was not really all that fond of him. I liked Ivy, and I enjoyed the scenes with them together, but I was really not that fond of Sam, which was disappointing.

I was never really able to engage with the story as a whole, as there were a lot of parts of it that was focused on Sam.

The writing was strong, and the characters stayed true throughout the book, and I think my dislike of Sam was something that was just me. It happens, and I was a little sad as I liked the other books, but this one was a miss for me.

I recommend the other books in the series, and while I did not really like this, I am not able to really say I don't recommend it.

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## Heather andrews says

Sam is so sweet with his words, "he nodded, grabbed her by the arm, then dragged her to the door. "Exactly. Now unless you want to be effed up against the back of the door, condom or no condom, I think you'd better get your fine \*\*\* in the car." I loved this book, Sam kept me well entertained.

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## Tifferz says

4 Stars, 3 Flames

Ivy has been through relationships before and she is in no hurry to find another man. Unless you're talking about Cookie; a stray dog that has been coming around her massage therapy business that she co-owns. And maybe Sam Hamilton. The sexy mechanic that has been taking care of Scruffy aka Cookie for months. He is all sorts of bad boy that just does it for her libido. As she gets to know him more and more, she finds out there is more to Sam Hamilton than meets the eye.

I was so excited when I heard that Sam was getting the next book. My heart hurt for him as his layers started to slowly fall away. Especially in book 2, Foley's story. He is all sorts of sexy bad boy that every girl wants. Even Ivy. However, I think that she could have let her feisty show more. She has a wild fire that spoke to Sam but it was the sweetness he was drawn too. She was a perfect combination for him but she did not see him until he opened up.

The Body Shop Bad Boys have grown on me and with every book I fall more in love. I really liked Zero to Sixty as Sam seemed more down to earth and approachable. Despite his permanent scowl, who has a delicious growl to his voice, and overall has a presence that demands to be noticed- he wasn't a womanizer or a full-time player. Some of the writing took awhile to get used to but it did not take away from the overall story.

Miss Harte, you did amazing with Sam and Ivy please keep up with our sexy bad boys and I cannot wait for the next one!

I was gifted a copy of this novel from the JeepDiva in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Laurie says**

While the cover of the book shows one absolutely hot, tatted, alpha looking guy, sadly for me he was nice to look at but didn't really deliver. I adored the fact he rescued puppies. I hated the fact he acts like Winnie the Pooh's Eeyore on anti-depressants. He was extremely down on himself, was paranoid his friends were all leaving him behind and seemed to be setting himself up for failure at least where Ivy is concerned.

I'm all about alpha heroes who are sure of themselves. I tried to give him every chance I could because of the puppies, but in the end I ended up DNFing. I hate it because I have loved several of Marie Harte's books.

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### **SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says**

[No (hide spoiler)]

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### **exncgal says**

Hi, mom! (waves) I'm about to write a review of this romance novel, so you might want to stop reading at this point. Just go ahead and "like" it, then click out of it...

Has she left?

Mom, really, you don't need to read this review. Please!

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Whew. She's gone.

So, here we are. I've read several of Marie Harte's other books (the McCauley brothers series) and I must say that she's one of the better romantic fiction writers out there. I mean, her characters are realistic and funny, and there's actually a plot beyond the romance. And yeah, the sex scenes --

MOM! I told you to get out! I need to write about s-e-x, and you're not going to want to read that...

Okay, so where was I? That's right, the sex scenes - they are h-o-t. Maybe not the most realistic (I did find myself trying to picture the gymnastics Ivy and Sam must have undertaken in one scene, and finally gave up because nobody is quadruple-jointed), but definitely steamy. But more importantly, these characters feel like real people. Both came from messed-up families, but grew past the betrayals. Both are insecure and struggle to communicate, but they do when it matters. Both have friends who love them, and both have the capacity to grow and love. Overall, this was an entertaining story, and I now need to go back and read the first two in this series.

I won this book in a Goodreads giveaway! Opinions herein are my own. My mom did not influence my review, other than to remind me to use proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

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### **Sunny says**

Although I think this is the best of the series yet, I feel that this might be the case of too much of a good thing. Marie Harte does a good job giving to us straight, contemporary romance featuring bad boys with a heart of gold. But this book is saturated - it is too over the top, too much testosterone, too much sweet, and too many misunderstandings. Good poolside reading for the upcoming summer.

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### **Kristiej says**

This is another book I read months and months ago now and while I'm sketchy on details, I know I loved it, specially Sam Hamilton, the hero. He's one of my favourite kind of heroes, a gruff teddy bear type who is shy around women but when he falls for one, he's totally wrecked for her. And when the hero also falls for a cute little puppy - well, I'm all over it.

Sam and Ivy, our heroine meet and begin to bond over puppy. Sam is kind of feeling lost. His coworkers who are also his best buddies are starting to find their one and only's and Sam is missing the way things used to be. But when he meets Ivy, he begins to find a love of his own. Since it was so long ago that I read this, I can't remember that many details but I know that this is my favourite one of this series.

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### **Sheryl says**

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### **(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys\_sidekick says**

Originally posted at SmexyBooks-<http://smexybooks.com/2017/02/review-...>

Favorite Quote:

"Give her hell, Sam Hamilton. And try to look less serial killer and more solid citizen. Smile, why don't you?"

He forced a smile at her.  
Willie blinked. "Eh, maybe not."

Sam Hamilton has been feeling about lonely since his best friend found his soulmate. When he meets Ivy Stephens, a young lady who is interested in adopting one of the strays he helps to rehome, Sam falls hard and fast. But Sam has some serious baggage in his life. Baggage that will do anything to make sure Sam's attention stays firmly on them. As Sam and Ivy grow closer, Sam is worried Ivy may be too nice to fit into his life. But Ivy soon proves to Sam and everyone else that being nice doesn't mean she can't get down and dirty when she needs to.

Zero to Sixty is the third installment in Marie Harte's sexy and humorous Body Shop Bad Boys. This series spins off her McCauley brothers series with its focus lasered on the Webster Garage and the four gorgeous, sexy, commitment-phobic mechanics who work there. There is some character/storyline crossover but it's mild and not invasive. Each book can be read as a standalone though previous romance storylines carry over.

Harte introduces Ivy Stephens to Sam Hamilton with a bit of a meet cute. Ivy is out searching for a stray puppy (Cookie) she has been taking care of on and off. Sam is also out looking for Cookie. They run into one another and Sam agrees to keep Cookie at his home until Ivy can talk to her landlord about having a pet. Sam decides the best way to get to know this gorgeous woman better is to vet her for Cookie's sake through a few "dates."

"Ah, just so we're clear, we don't give dogs away to just anyone who wants them."

"Okay."

"I mean, puppies are popular. We'd have no problem getting him a good home. A friend of mine was asking about this little guy just the other week."  
She frowned. "I have a good home."

"We'll see."

[...]

"If you're not busy tomorrow night, we can grab a beer or something. Talk about plans for Cookie."

I reviewed the first two books in the series- Test Drive and Road Assistance-and thoroughly enjoyed. Harte does a wonderful job of individualizing the characters and storyline so you don't feel as if you're reading the same romantic set up with just different names. This installment felt softer and less conflicted than the first two. The same engaging narrative, sexually enhanced romance and endearingly characters are present but Harte chooses to leave the dramatics by the curb and gently walk this couple to their HEA.

Sam is the best friend and roommate of Foley Sangers (the hero of Road Assistance). Also a mechanic at Webster's Garage, Sam was pretty much raised by Foley's mom, Eleanor, his own mother an abusive addict. Single, gorgeous, and ripped, Sam is honest to a fault and a total gentleman despite what his size and mannerisms suggest. A bit of a loner, Sam's relationships with the opposite sex consists mainly of hook ups. The most important things in Sam's life are Foley, Foley's mom, and his job.

Ivy is a massage therapist who stays to herself. Intelligent, good looking, and a genuinely nice person, Ivy is also a bit of a loner as her family has all but abandoned her for reasons unknown and her last serious

boyfriend used her to get through school then dumped her. Ivy doesn't carry a chip on her shoulder like Sam does. She is content with herself and her life.

Harte takes Sam and Ivy's relationship slow, allowing them the time to get to know one another using an appealing mixture of trepidation and awkwardness. Opposite attraction romances are the best and Harte does this one with justice. Fantastic dialogue, dry humorous wit, and a layered storyline allows readers to see beneath the surface and experience first hand the emotional issues they are dealing with. Ivy has pretty much laid her demons to rest but Sam is still struggling with his childhood, his time in prison, and general feelings of unworthiness. Ivy sees Sam and accepts him as he is because she understands the root of his pain. She is someone he has unknowingly been searching for. I love the humor she uses to help defuse his guilt and shame.

"So there you have it. You're dating an ex-con."

"Can I ask you something personal?"

"Yeah."

"Is it true every prisoner makes license plates? Did you wear black and white striped uniforms? Have a ball chained to your ankle? Break up rocks with an Acme pickaxe?"

"You watch way too much TV."

The sexual role reversal in here is interesting and works with the overall tone of story. Ivy is the one who not only sets the parameters of their relationship but also initiates the initial sexual aspect. She instinctively understands that Sam has some confusion between intimacy and sex and gives him all the power as she sets out to seduce him.

"You said I can touch you, right?"

"Yeah, don't stop. Just keep petting me, baby." He blinked at her once, then shut his eyes and groaned. "I'm gonna sit...right...here." He shook, then sat unmoving, breathing hard.

"God, you're gorgeous." She stroked him from his chest to his belly button, never having been so close to perfection before. Then, because she figured the poor man had suffered enough, and her underwear would never be salvaged if she kept stringing this out, she unsnapped his jeans.

He started, his eyes remaining closed.

"You still okay?"

He swallowed. "Yeah."

Barely a whisper, but he'd given consent.

Of course, no Harte book would be complete without the antics of the rambunctious Webster mechanics and various other characters from this series. They all step in, unasked, to help Sam deal with these new feelings of his and to explain why Rays wasn't the right choice for a first date. Harte introduces a few new characters whose personalities fit right in with this bunch and I hope we see more of them in the future.

Zero to Sixty is a lightweight romance contemporary brimming laughter, love, and family. Perfect escapism for the romance lover in all of us. Looking forward to book four, Collision Course, which is Lou's story.  
\*fist pump\* Release date is 10/27/2017.

Grade: B

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### **Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

Man, I've been totally loving this series! ZERO TO SIXTY is the third book in the Body Shop Bad Boys series by Marie Harte. It features a bad boy in Sam Hamilton and a nice girl in Ivy Stephens. Now this book feels slightly different to the other books in the series because it has a softer touch to it. Ivy is a more of a reserved character and I think that affects the book a lot. She is also a sucker for a cute puppy and this puppy is what essentially brings them together.

As more and more of his buddies are finding love, Sam feels a little bit left out. He's spending a lot more time with other people and that includes Ivy. Their romance is a slow burn, but it does heat up pretty quickly as you can expect since the heroes in this series are all smoking hot.

If you're not reading this series or Marie Harte in general, what's wrong with you!? Harte to me is one of those authors who I think pulls off realistic relationships but still manages to make them fun and sexy. I was smiling all throughout reading this novel and I'm sure you will too! I don't want to say this book is my favorite in the series because I really do enjoy them all but this is my favorite so far. It mixes sweet and sexy in a delicious way. I'm already dying for the next one!

**Read my alternate review at Fresh Fiction**

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### **Danielle says**

Review to be on joyfully reviewed

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### **??Trea says**

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I've been reading this author for a while now, and while most of her books have been great reads for me, something just felt off about this one.

Sam was a good character, but so much about him didn't add up! Why all the rage and underground fighting? Why was he so taciturn? What made him get into fostering and rescuing pets? Why not abandon his mom,



even with his guilt that "this is my mom" evoked? We got little dribs and drabs of this, but not enough to satisfy me.

Also, the underground fighting ring was a missed opportunity for me. We get it mentioned, see one fight, then the cops raid it and shut it down and it is never mentioned again! I could see so much potential for plot threads and twists there!

I felt that Ivy was a bit of a doormat overall, with moments of standing up for herself and what she believed in. She also felt a bit too mousy to be a good fit for Sam and his demons. I did enjoy the fact that she worked at Bodyworks, as that is another series of the author's that she's just tied into this universe, and the series responsible for my introduction to the author in the first place.

The book's issues notwithstanding, it was an entertaining and interesting read overall, and fit well into the series and universe as a whole.

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### **Isha Coleman says**

Easy on the eyes, tough on the heart and detrimental to the hormones. Marie Harte is an author after my own heart. There is nothing more toxic to the hormonal chemistry than a man with a puppy (except maybe a single dad). The fact that Sam was a bad boy raised the hot level tenfold. More bark than bite, Ms. Harte made it hard for me to decide who I loved more Sam and his wounded bear act or the matchmaking puppy with the hidden agenda. *Zero to Sixty* is a savory romance that blends humor, heart and heat to delivery a top of the charts performance. It's love at first sight.

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### **Miranda (MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It) says**

3.5 / 5 Fangs

*Zero to Sixty* was a sexy book! I haven't read any book other books in this series, but I am definitely interested in going back and reading the previous books! This book can definitely be read as a standalone, but I do think reading this book as a standalone will just make you want to go back and read the other books.

The plot of this book was fun and romantic. It was hard not to love a bad boy and a stray dog! I was pleasantly surprised with how well paced the book was. Romance novels typically drag near the middle of the book, but this book did a good job at holding my attention.

The romance was cheesy and rushed at times, but it was full of steam! When the couple met for the first time, I thought they were both too trusting of each other considering they were strangers. There were moments that were a bit ridiculous between Ivy and Sam, like being turned on just by shaking hands, but there were also some really sweet scenes. I thought Ivy and Sam made a cute couple and their sexy scenes were HOT!

The main thing that stood out to me about the romance in this book was the focus on consent. Sam really

stressed the fact that he would not touch Ivy unless he had full consent from her. I thought it was fantastic that the author put such a huge focus on that. Kudos to the author!

Sam looked like a tough bad boy, but he was actually a soft teddy bear underneath that rough exterior. I felt bad for him and really sympathized with him, especially when parts of his past were revealed. It was easy to see why Ivy fell for him.

Ivy was a sweet and caring woman. I had an easy time connecting to her and rooting for her. The only thing that bothered me about Ivy's character was that I was told so many times how "good" she was. I would have preferred to see more of her being a good person through her actions instead of constantly being told how good she was.

Overall, this was a sexy and entertaining novel! I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a fun and romantic novel.

3.5 / 5 Fangs

***\*This ebook was given to me in exchange for an honest review. \****

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