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What do you do with a person who's out of control and won't listen to reason? Especially if that person might be you?

When I'd taken Hope Sinclair and her sister to New Zealand to meet my grandfather, I'd known I'd be making the return journey as her husband. I hadn't reckoned, though, on the demons of my past coming back to threaten our future. And, as always, I hadn't reckoned on Hope.

I had hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of employees to tell me I had better judgment and more self-discipline than most people, and neither my self-control nor anything else I possessed had been won the easy way. That was why I was a New Yorker with a fashion empire instead of a dirt-poor Maori boy in New Zealand with too much tattoo, too many muscles, two alcoholic parents, and not much more. So why did Hope continually dig in her heels and refuse to go along with my perfectly rational plans? And why did I keep compromising?

Because I couldn't resist her, couldn't say no to her, and couldn't stand to see her unhappy, that was why. And there's more than one way to bring a strong man to his knees.

Note: This is a full-length, 400-page novel with a cliffhanger that will be resolved in Part 3 (early August). It contains one Maori multimillionaire with control issues, one fierce blonde with a mind of her own, and some very dirty loving.

## **Fractured Details**

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# From Reader Review Fractured for online ebook

## Kathy B says

I Loved this book as I do all of Rosalind James books possibly even more. The hotness level is over the top. There were quite a few times I was panting myself. The tug of war between Hope & Hemi is the premise of the story no matter what was going on. As a woman I totally understand what Hope felt in her struggle for Hemi to understand, but having so many males in my life I see how he's so clueless as to why she wants independence instead of just being dependent on him and letting him do everything for her. A cliff hanger is an understatement lol. I can't wait until the 3rd book comes out to see if Hemi can swallow his pride and let love be more.

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## Lucia says

Second in series where even people who want to be strong can only be strong for so long before they break!

Firstly, to read Fractured, you do need to have read the previous book in this series, Fierce, to full understand things as it picks up right where Fierce ended. Also, if you are not a fan of cliffhangers, you won't enjoy this book.

As with the previous book, Fractured is told from both Hope's and Hemi's points of views and continues to develop and expand Hemi's and Hope's characteristics and the back and forth, pushing the limits, style relationship that they have developed. Obviously, at times, their relationship makes for a frustrating read with their thoughts with the constant back and forth as you just want to bang their heads together, especially with Hemi and his frustrating strong perspectives, but there is just something about this couple that really draws you in and you know they are perfect for each other. Hope is still a strong character despite her relationship with Hemi, whilst, Hemi is still his dominant alpha male self with that caring and strong protective side that still clearly shows. As with Fierce, the importance of sub-characters' roles was just as key to the overall story e.g. Karen and Hemi's Koro.

The writing, as always by Rosalind James, is of a high quality, with a good flow to the book. While there is plenty to keep you intrigued, being the second book in the series, it's more about developing the characters a little more and moving the story along to allow for the build up to the final book in the series. However, that being said, in Fractured there were some unexpected surprising twists along the way with lots of drama and lots of sensually explicit erotic scenes. The book and style of relationship won't be to everyone's taste, even if you enjoyed Fierce, as the relationship is developed more. I personally like it and the portrayal that even people who want to be strong can only be strong for so long before they break. As already stated, Fractured ends on a bit of a surprising cliffhanger and we will have to wait eagerly to see if they can work out things for a HEA in the final book.

Although I'm not the biggest fan of reading a series I can't wait to read part three and hoping these two will get a HEA with all tricky issues resolved and overcome! Definitely recommend reading this series!

\*I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I was not compensated for my review, and I was not required to write a positive review. The opinion expressed here is my own.

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## **Kimberly says**

I just finished this book and I'm speechless because it is not at all what I expected.

What I expected was a part 2 in a three part series that was like all the others, where basically it is like the middle of the book and not very satisfying. That's definitely not what I got.

I was happy with how part one ended and had no burning desire to see what happened to Hope and Hemi next, mainly because I enjoyed how I could see how the story ran parallel to the book in which it first appeared as a story within a story, the Escape to New Zealand book Just in Time. When I got to the first obstacle for Hope and Hemi in this book, I thought...."oh no, I'm going to have to skim this because I don't like people from the past being drug into my good stories to mess things up."

That, however, did not happen. What happened was a lot of working through things that had little to do with that past person, and everything to do with what Hemi and Hope needed to do to make things work now. Just like in the first installment, this book does deliver the promise to those who like to read erotic romance, but it also adds so much more because the emotions are moving the story forward. In this case, the emotions just happen to result in some very, very intense encounters.

Needless to say, there was no skimming involved in this book once I got into it and I couldn't put it down until I was finished. It does contain a cliffhanger, but there is an end date in sight and it's not long. I can't wait to see how it all unfolds.

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## **B. says**

So what happens after Cinderella has caught the prince? How does she cope with having nothing while being in a relationship with a guy who has everything? What happens to her pride and independence and how does she make sure the prince respects her as an equal in the relationship? Those are the questions posed in this second book in Rosalind James' Not Quite a Billionaire series, following the romantic relationship developed in the first book, Fierce. As a warning, it's good to know that it would be hard to read this without having read the first book and there is a cliffhanger leading into the third and final book.

The novel starts with Hemi having just proposed to Hope while they're visiting his grandfather in New Zealand. Without giving away any details of the plot, the basic pattern follows that Hemi is so intensely in love with Hope that he decides to hide something painful from her or makes a decision to accelerate their marriage and then she objects that he hasn't been open with her or discussed things with her. They fight and then he gives in and then they have some hot make-up sex.

The hot sex brings up another theme of the book. How does a guy who wants to dominate and control her in bed (which she totally enjoys) give up some of that domination in their personal relationship? In general, I would guess that such men who are that way in the bedroom do indeed have trouble leaving it all behind outside of the bedroom. There are some rather modest domination and bondage scenes and, if that bothers you, this isn't the book for you. It is made clear that Hemi doesn't do anything without Hope's consent. They do discuss why each of them enjoys their loveplay. He feels the need to be in control due to his personal

history while she enjoys not having to be in control of everything since she had to do so much when her mother died leaving her responsible for her younger sister.

I enjoyed this book as the continuation of Hemi and Hope's relationship, but it did get a bit repetitive. At times, I just wanted to smack Hemi upside the head and remind him what had happened all the previous times that he had not shared with Hope what was going on with him. For such a supposedly smart guy, he was slow to learn. But we have another book to anticipate where, we all know, he'll figure it out and they'll get their HEA.

If you enjoyed the first book, and I did, you'll enjoy reading about how the relationship develops. Because the HEA doesn't come when Prince Charming proposes to Cinderella, but after they learn how to live together and work out a happy and fulfilling relationship despite their unequal backgrounds.

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### **Teri Mader says**

Extremely focused self made multi-millionaire meets his match....and promptly drops the ball.

Hemi Te Mana didn't become a rich man by standing around. He is a hard working, driven, alpha man and he generally gets what he wants. It just happens that what Hemi wants this time can't be achieved by using the same methods that he uses in business. Hemi wants Hope, woos her awkwardly (since he 'doesn't do relationships, just arrangements) and when it looks like the prize is within reach, he is stymied by several stumbling blocks that don't respond to his normal methods.

Hope, on the other hand, wants Hemi as well, but not the alpha male multimillionaire Hemi. She wants the Hemi who helped her when her sister was suffering from a brain tumor, or the Hemi who researches historical facts about the Golden Gate Bridge because Hope was excited to see it for the first time. In *Fractured*, we don't get to see much of this Hemi - he thinks he has won the prize, and he loses his focus on the end result.

Rosalind James has done it again, with the second of a three book series about these two intriguing characters. *Fractured* can take you from Hope's tears about making the leap into Hemi's world by moving from her tiny rent controlled apartment, to laughing out loud a few pages later, when she describes Hemi's assistant as a member of the "Te Mana School of Unruffled Manliness."

I am fiercely hopeful that things will work out.....

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### **Randi says**

I really loved this second book in Rosalind James' *Not Quite A Billionaire* series. This book continues where the first book, *Fierce* leaves us. Hemi and Hope are trying to navigate their relationship, dealing with many twists and turns along the way. Rosalind's writing grabbed me from the first page, and I couldn't wait to see what happened...however, I'll have to wait for the last book in the series to see these wonderful characters get their HEA! Rosalind does a great job of bringing us from the streets of New York to the beautiful countryside of New Zealand, as well as giving us tons of emotion and amazing characters.

I can't wait for the next book in this series!!!

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## **Jackie Wright says**

### **4.5 Star Review**

This is book 2 in the Not Quite a Billionaire series and it continues the Hope Sinclair and Hemi Te Mana relationship. I would advise you to read book 1 Fierce first.

Hemi needs to be in control from work to the bedroom and sometimes he feels he needs to keep secrets or not just mention what he has just done, this doesn't bode well with Hope and at times she just wants to strangle the man she loves with all her heart. Will these two get past their differences and yes this book does have a cliffhanger.

If you love lots of steaming graphic sex scenes you will love this book because not only do we get that we also get a great story line.

Can't wait for the final book in this trilogy

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## **Danielle says**

Well, I have to say that I am not Hemi's biggest fan. And Hope annoyed me for a good part of the book but redeemed herself a bit in the end. I read the whole story fairly quickly though because, as usual, Rosalind's writing and story telling drew me in. Even with characters I didn't fall in love with, I still enjoyed this book.

The ending left me wishing the third, and final, book was already out. I cannot wait to see how Rosalind ties everything up (no pun intended)

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## **Karen says**

### **The book is 5 stars but...**

I give it 3 stars for being a cliff hanger. I feel Hope's whining and insecurity were padded too much to be believable, and used to stretch this into 3 books. First 2/3 was really enjoyable!

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## **Lea says**

First off this is the second book in the Not Quite a Billionaire series, it does not stand alone and it ends in a cliffhanger. You will want to read Fierce first and Freed when it comes out in August. I will be honest I don't love second in a trilogy stories, almost universally I only tolerate them to get to the third story with the HEA. I have read and loved all of Rosalind James' work so I'm reading this series too and I have to say it is quite good though not my favorite. I am definitely looking forward to the conclusion in August. Hemi and Hope have a powerful chemistry and they really do love each other but they still have a lot of issues and baggage to unpack. Like Hemi's "need to know" style and Hope's difficulty accepting any type of help. Like I said I struggle with middle books because I have a really hard time watching a couple I've come to care about struggle and really this is no exception. Hope and Hemi have a fair share of curveballs thrown at them too. In

spite of my troubles with middle books the writing in this one is excellent and very clearly Ms. James' "voice". I will be waiting on pins and needles for the conclusion.

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### **Melodie says**

Clearly a work in progress; the trials and tribulations in the relationship between Hope and Hemi continue in "Fractured," the quick reading and enjoyable second installment of the three book, "Not Quite a Billionaire" series. The bad news: it is a cliffhanger, something I always find annoying. The good news: it is labeled as such, so the reader is forewarned, and the third book is promised to be out in the near future.

The relationship between Hope and Hemi has never run particularly smoothly and this is still the case. Though their love is deep and their sex life extremely hot and adventurous, Hope and Hemi's expectations of what a relationship should be are quite different. This repeatedly leads to conflict and disappointment, never more than when a blast from Hemi's past blows in and complicates matters more. Both of the lead characters can be frustrating. Though Hemi has progressed some from where he was at the beginning of *Fierce*, he is still very much an alpha male who is sure he knows best, manipulating Hope and situations to serve his goals, and keeping secrets. None of this works to his advantage. For her part, Hope is still a bit too pliant when it comes to their relationship, though she does try hard to stand up for herself and her beliefs.

My favorite character is Karen, Hope's sister, and I appreciate the growth in her from *Fierce* to *Fractured*. She is funny and I really enjoyed her observations. Her character rings true. In many ways, I feel like Karen reflects the reader's point of view when it comes to Hope, Hemi and their relationship. She is a breath of fresh air.

I enjoyed the book and recommend it. I found it fast moving and it hooked me. I found myself reading at all sorts of odd hours when I should have been sleeping. The sexual content of the book is very spicy and occasionally graphic; just something to be aware of. I look forward to reading the final installment of the series.

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### **ElleBeau says**

"Fractured" is the second part of a trilogy by Rosalind James. You do need to read the first part—"Fierce"—to understand who the characters are and how their story evolves. Plus this one does end in a cliffhanger.

As with all of James's books, "Fractured" is well-written and riveting. However, that does not mean you love the characters all the time. In this book, I found the male lead, Hemi, over-the-top controlling. He had a difficult time separating his dominance in the bedroom (which Hope enjoyed) to their every day relationship. My heart went out to Hope; she tried to hold on to her pride and independence, even while Hemi sometimes bulldozed over her. They both struggled with balance and power and as well as challenges from the past. My favorite character in this book was Hope's sister Karen. She was refreshing and honest—even for a sometimes petulant teenager.

This book was intriguing and emotional. I am definitely looking forward to the final installment. I want to find out how Hope and Hemi finally come together—what they have to give up to continue their relationship

and what they gain by being together.

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### **Robin says**

Continuing series book 2 . I am really enjoying this series it is a chick lit romance with a dash of light BDSM and takes place in New York and New Zealand.the characters and this story is addicting. Onto book 3

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### **Susan Page says**

Loved it! It fulfils every emotion, Rosalind James is so good at that! It went in twists and turns that I never could have imagined - Rosalind is good at that too! So sad at the end, but you can understand why both Hope and Hemi are like they are, these people feel very real, even if in Hemi's case he is at the extreme end of the spectrum of real. It is such a good story, I cannot wait for the final book, and I am really hoping for the happy ending for these two lovely people.

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### **Erin Lewis says**

4.0 Star Review of Fractured (Not Quite a Billionaire, Book 2) by Rosalind James

I would recommend that you read book one Fierce, prior to reading this book. This starts just after Hemi has proposed to Hope and is the continuation their coming together and become more deeply involved. There will be a third book to complete their story so if you are expecting it to wrap up here in Fractured please be warned in advance.; there is a cliff-hanger.

Hemi is extremely controlling and in my opinion, sometimes too much. He seems to run rough shod over Hope and I do wonder if she will ever have the balls to stand up for herself and fight. Both Hemi and Hope frustrated me at times.

I enjoy Ms. James writing style and although this is not my favourite series from her, I will continue to read and am awaiting the final book to see how it all pans out which I hope is not too far away.

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