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There's always trouble in Twin Rivers...

Beacon news reporter Lindsey Fox is on the verge of breaking a huge story of political corruption that will make her career and make her famous journalist parents proud—or she could be thrown in jail and fired. It really could go either way.

Her recent streak of bad luck continues when Lindsey finds herself facing a bogus contempt charge—and attorney Ben Gillespie is appointed to get her out of the slammer. They once had a bad date of epic proportions—stilted conversation, food poisoning, burglary, towed car. Then there was the incident with the pepper spray. Lindsey never believed she'd see the sexy lawyer again.

Ben can totally believe that Lindsey is behind bars. The woman is trouble. Now he has to get his new client out of jail, keep her out of the grasp of a crazed bike messenger and a shady P.I., help her save her job, and convince her to put down the pepper spray and give him another chance.

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From Reader Review A Good Kind of Trouble for online ebook

Jane Reads says

A Good Kind of Trouble is a fun, quirky romantic mystery in the new Trouble in Twin Rivers series. The main characters in A Good Kind of Trouble are Lindsey Fox and Ben Gillespie. The story is told from their POVs in third person. I enjoyed this, because the reader sometimes gets to see their very different interpretations of the same event, such as the "bad date of epic proportions."

Speaking of that bad date, the gory details are revealed in bits and pieces, from each POV, beginning in Chapter 1. As a result, I was immediately caught up in the storyline. I was compelled to keep reading, to learn exactly what happens on the date, especially why Ben gets pepper-sprayed at the end of it.

And then I got caught up in Lindsey's paranoia — a burglarized apartment, maybe; a stolen laptop, maybe; an attempted mugging, maybe; many intimidating phone messages, maybe; slashed tires on multiple occasions, maybe — a multitude of unsubstantiated claims, enough to cause her co-workers and boss at the newsroom to believe her to be a crazy "drama queen" just seeking attention. But maybe all of her claims are really true, and they really are out to get her. [Now you're hooked too, aren't you?]

In addition to paranoia, A Good Kind of Trouble by Ellie Ashe contains incomprehensible legalese, romance, suspense, surveillance, corruption, whistleblowers, orchids, intrigue, municipal bonds, boondoggles, more romance, nuisance money, evil bankers, federal agents, looming bankruptcy, mysteries galore, and nut-buckets with blogs.

Be on the lookout for these famous names — Steve McQueen, Michael Jackson, Laura Petrie, Laura Ingalls, Charlie Rose, and Rolex. Find out if there is a connection between (view spoiler). Learn how a small group of (view spoiler) and saves the day!

Author Ellie Ashe's experience as a journalist and a lawyer gives authenticity to her descriptions of Lindsey's journalism and Ben's law practice. This realism added a great deal to my enjoyment of A Good Kind of Trouble. The action, especially near the end of the book, is particularly exciting and suspenseful. I couldn't put the book down, and had to keep reading, all the way to the (very good!) ending.

I am looking forward to the next book in Author Ellie Ashe's Trouble in Twin Rivers series. I really enjoyed A Good Kind of Trouble, and hereby award it Four Stars!

Note: I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of A Good Kind of Trouble.

Originally published on my blog Jane Reads.

Suzan says

I really liked Chasing the Dollar and thought I would like this new series too but sadly no. The writing was fine just couldn't get into this story. Seeing others ratings means most of the readers liked this story. I was given this audio book with the understanding I would leave an honest review.

The Book Junkie Reads . . . says

What captivated me was the tagline: "There's always trouble in Twin Rivers...". I wanted to see what this trouble was and if I would like getting to know more about it. Well, I did like it and meeting Beacon news reporter Lindsey Fox was a pleasure. The chick is tenacious. She gets in to lots of trouble and this time needs Ben's help. The same Ben that she had a very bad date with. The same Ben that thinks she is trouble and wants another chance with the intriguing woman.

I loved this read because it had more romance and more mystery and just simply more. Ellie Ashe gave me a read that I could come back to over again. Lindsey was just so fun. This one had the twist the turns and the romance.

Narrator: Denice Stradling did a very good job getting me to get immersed in the world of Twin Rivers. There were ups, downs, ins, outs and Denice's voice reflected the various nuances. I loved there were no hiccups and no issues with the change in speed.

Ellen Hardin says

THERE IS TROUBLE IN TWIN RIVERS CITY- THAT STARTS WITH B THAT STANDS FOR BONDS first of all i was lucky enough to get an ARC for this new series by ellie ashe that out of the way i loved it- so not a good week for our heroine newspaper reporter lindsey fox - - while trying to crack a political corruption story -she is getting strange phone calls- being followed - having minor malicious things happening to her and her work colleagues and editor think she is a drama queen -- now she is stuck in a holding cell on a bogus contempt charge and just found out her lawyer is ben gillespie - who she happened to share the worlds worst first date- (ie food poisoning towed car- burglary- mace) -- neither are happy with this but make the best of it-- then ben saves her from getting run down in a parking lot- and he realizes she must really have a career making story- and he is still really attracted to this spunky lady - now these 2 are forced to work together to break the story and expose all involved before they get themselves killed -- so if you like your mysteries with some heated passion as well as humor i suggest you get this book- i am now waiting for the next book to see what happens to lindsey next .

Judy says

I know this is going to sound strange, but I really like this cover. It grabbed my attention with it's very retro and classy look. When I read the blurb, I got hooked by the idea of a relationship springboarding off a very bad date. Images of Blind Date staring Bruce Willis and Kim Bassinger were running through my head. (Hush all you haters, I liked the movie!)

Ben is an attorney in a big firm, nearly done putting in his time to make partner. He is currently doing insurance work, mainly settlements, for big insurance companies. It's not what he would like to be doing, but with his student loans hanging over his head, he doesn't feel he's in a place to make the move to representing clients against those big corporations.

Lindsey is a reporter working for the local newspaper. Her parents are two fairly well known names in the journalism business; her mother a war correspondent and her father the editor of one of the larger newspapers. And although she grew up with journalism in her blood, she doesn't want to just trade on her parent's success and is working her way up the hard way.

When Ben is assigned by the court to represent Lindsey in a contempt of court charge, he gets drawn into her current investigation. It becomes clear to Ben that Lindsey is being stalked and harassed. And although he tries really hard to not get involved, he can't seem to stop remembering the really good parts of that first date.

The POV on this book switches back and forth between Ben and Lindsey, giving us time in both their heads and daily lives. This book had a very realistic vibe to it, and after reading that the author spent time as both a lawyer and journalist, it was obvious why. The mystery wasn't complicated, but had enough twists to keep me entertained and interested. I thought this book was really well done, especially for a self-published author. I gave it 4 stars.

Thanks to the author and Great Escapes for the opportunity to read and review the book.

Stephanie says

Link: <https://holedupinabook.blogspot.com/2018/07/review-lindsey.html>

This was probably by far one of the most cliché book ever but it didn't stop me from enjoying every minute of it. The author pretty much followed every standard book to include a mystery, romance and suspense. There was the typical headstrong female lead and her male counterpart who obviously fall in love despite either of their differences and tendencies. There was also the typical corporate and government corruption. Then there was the usual backstabbing and people who were involved realizing that they had been left behind. Of course, we shouldn't forget the typical kidnapping/stalking element in the book as well. Overall, a recipe for a good short read.

The ending was pretty much already set in stone by the time I opened to the first chapter. I knew who was going to fall in love (DUH), who the "enemies" were (aka the people behind the corruption) and the downfall of everything. The book basically had three major parts: the story building where Lindsey and Ben are introduced and you find out their backstory and whatnot; the investigation as they both start to uncover the mysteries (and corruption) of the town they're in; and finally the conclusion when everything falls into place into a neat pile including the last minute struggle between the "heroine" and the people behind the whole thing. Oh yea, and finally the kiss to seal the romance between Lindsey and Ben. So there was honestly no surprises whatsoever. I can't even be like SPOILER alert because it's really not a spoiler if everything can be figured out within minutes.

For me, the only true twist to the story was the affairs – one of them was quite obvious but the other was kind of surprise to me mainly because I guess I thought one affair was enough but clearly it wasn't. However, once that was revealed, it was quite obvious what the outcome was going to be.

I do think that the characters were a bit lacking in personality because they were cliché and pretty much one-sided. There wasn't any hidden depths to them or any inner angst or whatever. They were straightforward characters and since they got the job done in a decent manner, I can't really say anything else about them.

Since I did read this book via audiobook, I also have to comment on the narrator. Overall, she did a good job but she kept pronouncing “harassment” wrong – she kept saying it as “Harris ment” instead and it kept bothering me because the author used this word quite often and the narrator kept pronouncing it incorrectly. It was to the point that I was like omg its HA RASS MENT. Though, to be fair, it might be one of those words where it depends on where you are so the pronunciation is different but I have literally never of “harassment” pronounced as “harris ment”.

Overall, while the story was very, very cliché and the ending was pretty obvious, I still enjoyed it immensely. It was easy to get into the story since the writing style was also very simple and there was clearly a lot of interesting action going on. I would consider this as a 3.5* book which I would round up for the sake of my star images below.

Bookgyrl says

I was fortunate to receive an ARC for this book 'A Good Kind of Trouble'. This is the first in a new series by Ellie Ashe (next to her Miranda Vaughn-series of which I have read Chasing the Dollar).

Lindsey Fox is a newspaper reporter. For the last 6 months she has been receiving strange phone calls, she is being followed etc. but unfortunately her colleagues and her editor think she is a drama queen. She has been on one date with lawyer Ben Gillespie and it ended disastrous when she accidentally sprayed him with mace, thinking him to be an attacker.

When Lindsey is thrown in a holding cell on a bogus contempt charge Ben is appointed to help her get out of jail. Hence they meet again after months. After Ben sees someone following and chasing Lindsey he saves her and brings her home.

I thought it refreshing that Ben is not just a suave, handsome rich lawyer. He has student loans and actually hates his job but hopes to make partner so he can pay off his loans. He is impressed by Lindsey's love and passion for her job and decides to help her after they realize her troubles stem from the article she wants to write about the proposed building of a sports stadium.

Lindsey and Ben are attracted to each other, but their relationship is only part of this rather intricate story. Intricate in the sense that it revolves about financing, bonds, swaps and contracts and politics. It is not just a fast, easy read. I can normally read a book in a couple of hours but this one took me a lot longer.

In conclusion I can say that I enjoyed the book very much and am looking forward to the next in the series. After reading the next Miranda Vaughn of course (Dropping the Dime).

Laura says

Great New Series!

This is a great new series; this is the first book in the Trouble in Twin Rivers series by Ellie Ashe. Lindsey is a news reporter for the Beacon. She is on the verge of a huge story of political corruption that will make her career. The next thing she finds herself facing bogus contempt charge. I enjoyed the characters and the story

line. If you are looking for a good romance, with some mystery and humor then you need to read this book. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

A Review copy was provided to me in exchange for a fair and honest review. The free book held no determination on my personal review.

Leslie aka StoreyBook Reviews says

wow, this book keeps you on the edge of your seat! Lindsay is a reporter trying to make her own way without relying on her parent's notoriety as journalists. Ben is a lawyer that really doesn't like what he is doing at the large corporate law firm. They had some history together, a single date that didn't go well. But that doesn't stop these two from starting over on the romance front and Ben helping Lindsay understand what she is reporting on - after all municipal bonds are not easy to understand! What they don't expect is the corruption they find in City Hall and other places - can't reveal too much and give away some of the twists and turns this story takes you on.

I like that this book focuses mostly on the suspense and while there is some romance it is not graphic or often. I like the tension of what could happen, perhaps when Lindsay isn't being stalked!

I can see this turning into a series - or at least more books where Lindsay is uncovering some crime or Ben takes on a case that isn't your norm.

Debbie Oxier says

I loved this book from start to finish. It had it all, mystery, romance, humor, action, and suspense! I can't believe I'd never heard of the author before now. Lindsey is a reporter working on a story about the city's new bond proposal to build a sports arena. When strange things start happening to her, her boss and fellow workers think she's nothing more than a drama queen. Handsome attorney, Ben, doesn't think so. He was with Lindsey when someone attacked her and while others may call it a mugging gone wrong, the guy involved was after more than Lindsey's purse. He was out to harm her. Even though Ben and Lindsey had gone on one disastrous date where she'd accidentally pepper sprayed him, he sets himself up as her protector. He doesn't realize they'll soon both be caught up in a dangerous case of corruption, fraud, and money laundering that could not only cost them their jobs but their very lives as well. This story was full of non-stop action, constant twists as new players were added and the list of people involved continued to grow, and just the right amount of romance between the two characters as they begin their relationship. A very enjoyable read. I am definitely going to be checking out more of this author's work.

April says

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A reporter has been stalked and harassed for several months, but no proof so everyone believes shes a drama queen. All of this causes her to dig deeper in the story that started it all. There is mystery, drama, suspense,

and romance that keeps the story moving. A few things in plot are iffy, but not a bad story.

The narration was well done. The characters were well portrayed. A few mispronunciations but otherwise Denice Stradling's voice was pleasant.

"I was voluntarily provided this review copy audiobook at no charge by the author, publisher and/or narrator."

Melinda says

I received a free copy through Goodreads.

Oh my, what a read. A mixture of thrills, drama and romance made for a very engrossing and fun read. Lindsey and Ben certainly were quite the team (even though they had a most unfortunate first date, but damn the chemistry between them!)

I love that it's not a quick read that focuses solely on the romance side, there's actually depth to it. The integrity and responsibility of one's professional role and personal morals do come into play and question. Who knew a simple bonds news piece would lead to the discovery of a deep scheme, the danger Lindsey was actually in and the opportunity for Ben and Lindsey to make things right.

The story will keep you in suspense as to just how many people are involved and what will ultimately happen to the main characters. Definitely a good deal. Only thing though, I wish there was more romance scenes (you know ;))

Jana Gundy says

Trouble at its best

This was a good read about a reporter trying to uncover a corruption in the city bond scheme and a lawyer who has to bail her out of jail. Lindsey is good at her job but strange things are happening to her and no one but a guy she went on one date with, believes her. It was a good story, easy to follow and was believable. There was romance but not too heavy and was very surface to me. Overall, a good read.

Lorie says

Disappointed reading

Not happy about this one. I was hoping it would be as good as the Miranda Vaughn series book one chasing the dollar. I couldn't connect with the characters. The way the story started was confusing and it continued

on. Not very realistic on how the female heroine was made fun of her injuries by her boss's and co-workers. I didn't feel the connection between the main heroine. Just flipped the pages. Overall, the writing and the storyline were not bad just poor execution. Didn't pull me as I was expecting. Would I recommend this? If you just want to waste your time, go ahead. Am I glad this was free from Kindle Unlimited.

Jeanie Jackson says

A fast paced and exciting romantic suspense novel. When someone sends newspaper writer Lindsey Fox papers indicating corruption in city hall she feels compelled to track down proof that she can use or the identify of her source to make sure it is valid, but it becomes obvious that someone has figured out that she is on the trail and that person is trying to intimidate her into stopping. If intimidation doesn't work, the stakes will only go up. In one effort to make her back off or discredit her, she is thrown into jail for not showing up in court because the subpoena never reached her. The attorney that the court assigns to address her bail is a man she hoped never to see; in fact, she has to decide if she would rather deal with him or stay in jail. As they leave the court he becomes the first witness to the danger she is in and becomes determined to help her out.

I received this book as part of a prize package and I want to apologize to the author, Ellie Ashe, because we all know that these prizes are offered in exchange for a review. I read the book immediately and enjoyed it greatly. I don't know how I overlooked the review. It was well worth the little effort it takes to tell others that this is a book worth reading.
