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The Bare Truth

Just weeks ago, Levi Walsh became the proud part-owner of Beaux Hommes, a bar featuring the sexiest exotic male dancers in the city—including himself. But as Levi, a financial whiz in his own right, goes over the books, he realizes something is definitely not right. And then the IRS comes knocking on his door.

IRS investigator Harper Banks is determined not to notice that Levi is hot, ripped and seriously sexy. Her job is to investigate dirty businesses, not indulge in even dirtier pleasures. But even as his skilled seduction melts her rigid self-control, Harper is certain of one thing: Levi is lying to her. Which means she'll have to strip him down...and pull him under!

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Lissanne says

Okay, let's check out the cover first. Yum! Now, the title. One thing I have noticed about the majority of the Mills & Boon books is that the titles are, well, awful. I sometimes wonder if the powers that be have some sort of competition going to see who can come up with the worst title. Half the time, it doesn't even have anything to do with the story. I'm really not loving the title for this book. Pulled under what?

Moving on. Oh, Harper and Levi. They both have trust issues, poor dears, and rightly so. They've both been betrayed by people they should have been able to trust, Harper more so, which means she finds it hard to trust Levi and the feelings she develops for him. It doesn't help that Levi lies and withholds information she needs to do her job, and of course, when it finally comes out, she arrests his ass as any good IRS agent would do... even though she's already in love with him.

Throw in some seriously shifty partners on his part, a somewhat strange one on hers, and it's a wonder they weren't both nervous wrecks by the end of it. They're both miserable for a little while after the investigation goes south, but in the end, Levi is not going to give up on Harper and he goes to get his girl.

He talks her into attending a show the first night she's there and involves her in the ridiculously hot dance he does, which is fun. I do think the way they sparred on the first day was a little unprofessional on her part, and the way he called her "Harp" here and there was annoying, but otherwise it was a good read and the sex scenes were hot *g*

Carole says

While there was some witty dialogue and it had the potential to be interesting, I am 25% through the book and am seriously considering abandonning.

By the time I got to the end of Chapter Three I had already made 3 notes in the margin remarking "I am really not liking her..."

He started out OK, but the scene where he brings her up on stage while he is stripping crosses too many boundaries for me. At this point there is some inappropriate touching instigated by both him and her in front of an audience and it is clear if this actually happened she would ethically have to recuse herself from the case she is investigating. I am not prudish and I love the Blaze line of stories, but was struck by how icky this scene felt.

So by page 40 I am already biased against both main characters and strongly unimpressed by the basic modus operandi of either character in the plotting of sexual power games.

Seriously considering skimming for basic plot highlights and then toasting it from my e-library.

OK later that day, I went back and tried reading further. More red flags at end of strip club stage scene when she asks him to put her down and he continues dry humping her and she asks again to be let off the stage but

the act continues until she finally walks away. Left really bad taste in my mouth - sorry but is this not the current social issue currently being debated about consent?

I did finish the book and there were some well written parts where I came to like the characters more. Loved that she was the motorcycle maven and she has major tats that she had to hide under her IRS conservative suit - great spin for a heroine. There were also some very funny, witty lines including a keeper where she throws in a YODAism. Very funny.

But overall I just can't see myself re-reading the book. I feel it would have been much stronger without the scene with her on stage and I would actually have cared what happened to these people. Final rating: 1.5 Stars

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Pleasure Before Business

Cris says

Sinceramente, não esperava por um livro com uma temática tão séria.

Harper é uma agente da Receita Federal, que vai investigar a boate em que o Levi trabalha e é sócio por sonegação de impostos.

O Levi comprou parte da sociedade recentemente, e continua trabalhando como stripper para complementar a renda, mas ele tem sentido cheiro de coisa podre nos livros contábeis. Tem coisa errada por ali... E tudo explode na cara dele quando a agente da Receita aparece para investigar e fazer da vida dele um inferno.

Eu gostei da historia. O Levi e a Harper passam o tempo todo com o pé atrás um com o outro, o que é normal pois eles estão em posições opostas, mas claro que acabam se apaixonando e as cenas quentes correm solta. É uma esfregação e um rala e rola danado por páginas e mais páginas.

Até entendi umas coisas que aconteceram lá para o final, quando ela descobre toda a verdade a respeito dele, mas aquele drama todo acabou me dando preguiça, e por isso tirei uma estrela da nota.

Krys says

loved it! love this series! great characters and story line! and sooo hott!

Deborah says

Levi is a wiz at everything he takes on. He's determined to see his friends and parents financially secured. To do this, Levi strips by night and parts owns the club by day. Unfortunately, the IRS comes knocking on his door and Harper plans to take him down. Will Levi and Harper be able to work together to solve the puzzle? The chemistry is off the charts. The need and desire to be together seems to trump the investigation while lies and deception come to surface. A must read.

Amanda Adkins says

Loved it. When I started reading this I wasn't sure I was going to like it. But it got better and definitely had me on edge wanting to read the next chapter and the next and the next. Storyline and writing was great. Would love to read more by this author.

CL says

Review to come.

Karen says

This was a very odd story for me. Sure it was "hot" at times, but the progression of the relationship felt all kinds of forced or wrong. Still yet, I wanted to finish it because I'd mostly enjoyed the previous in this series.

Geraldine Sadiku says

Slow start but once you get into it great read
