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Just one taste is never enough... The attraction between Gabrielle and Holden still sizzles on the surface even after all these years since their last encounter. Having just experienced serious relationship breakups neither one is ready to start again. Instead, they make a rebound pact. Casual sex, no strings attached-and rule #1? Don't fall in love. Problem is, with each scorching encounter, Gabrielle and Holden find themselves falling hard and fast. After college, Gabrielle Dane makes one terrific mistake. Thinking she's sneaking into her crush's bedroom at an all-night party, she ends up sleeping with her older brother's best friend. It's only when the sun comes up that she recognizes Holden Bellamy. Mortified, Gabrielle leaves to train with a renowned chef in France, vowing never to return to her hometown and the awkwardness of her one night stand mix-up. But several years later, she finds herself doing just that, and she runs smack into the delicious man who makes her catch her breath. Holden Bellamy, owner of Belle Ami, a critically acclaimed vineyard, has always had a thing for his best friend's little sister...even if she was off limits. Waking up to her in the morning several years back was a remarkable surprise, one that crashed and burned when she left town without a word. Now he's face to face with the woman he never stopped wondering about.

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JoAnne says

Read my review on RomanceJunkies.com by clicking on the link below:

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InD'tale Magazine says

This is a sexy story of two people who really should know better than to get involved, but honestly don't see all the dangers in doing so.

Read full review in the November 2013 issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Listener says

It was a mediocre read.

There's not much going on. The plot lines with the ex-girlfriend, ex-fiancé and the hero's business competitor had a lot of potential but were simply underused. There's no real conflict. The whole plot is built upon the heroine's opposing brother and the hero's ex-girlfriend.

Halfway through the book I found myself fast forwarding. Most of the time I was annoyed with the whole big brother drama, which frankly was just stupid.

Mandie (Naughty Book Snitch) says

Ohh.. I really loved this book a lot! I loved both Holden and Gabrielle and thought the story was well developed and had my heart pumping quite a few times. The only annoying character was Gabrielle's brother Max. Seriously? I just wanted to smack him in the back of the head. I don't get the overprotective brother thing. Maybe because my brother was never like that. But that's what makes the story great, the emotions brought out while reading and the attachment you get to the characters.

I have a couple of foodie friends who will absolutely love this book. This is a quick, easy and fun read. And.. of course I have to comment on the sexy cover. Whew, I want to be Gabrielle! Highly recommend this book and Im looking forward to reading more from this author.

Akyraa says

absolutely...totally...loved it...this book is one of those feel good romances where you have a happy smile throughout...

Ava says

This book was about two souls separated. Lot of tension til one night. a big mistake, wrong guy! not so wrong, he was right all that long but someone was in between, the brother and best friend. Not only that fact, Holden was a playboy.

Six years after they met again and together only for a pact. they were like wine, better with time. totally appropriate for this book. short and lovely.

Jody K says

The brother dynamic was really gross.

Darcey Pickett says

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By Darcey Pickett

Attraction stands the test of time...Holden has always had a crush on his best friend's younger sister, Gabrielle and one fateful night she ended up in his bed, but much to his surprise it was not him she wanted to be with.

Embarrassed and scared her brother would find out, Gabrielle flees the country to train under a master chef in France, with the plan to never return home again. Several years later, Gabrielle returns home and after a heartbreakin break up she finds her way to her childhood home and into the vineyard of the man she hoped to never see again.

Holden still has feelings for Gabrielle even after she broke his heart when she ran from the room to another country. Here she stands before him in his vineyard. They have both experienced a bad break up, is there a better way to forget an ex, than with a delicious rebound? Can you have feelings for someone and have casual, no strings attached sex?

The book pulled me right in and held on tight. I fell in lust with Holden, I had this image of him in my mind's eye and Gabrielle could prepare me some of her delicious meals any day of the week. I could not wait to find a quiet minute where I could devour this book the way Gabrielle and Holden were devouring each other. I urge you to grab a glass of your favorite wine and enjoy this tasty little treat. Eliza Knight, has this easy way of making me feel like I was in this story.

Yvonne says

A very sweet romance story.

Eva Luna says

This story was amazing! This is a story you could see happening, easily in real life.

What a story of love coming full circle. A crush on your older brother's best friend, a tryst gone array, love gone wrong across the ocean. It all leads up to Gabrielle coming home and running into her brother's best friend the hot, HOT Holden Bellamy. How hot can you get? Pretty darn steamy! But, throw in a protective big brother who will do anything to keep his little sister out of his best friends arms, an ex-girlfriend who shows up with a secret of her own, and a pact of no long-term commitments, it creates a spellbinding story that keeps the reader enthralled. So grab a glass of wine, drink up, and lose yourself in Eliza Knight's The Rebound Pact!

Cocktails and Books says

The Rebound Pact was an all around winner. Gabrielle is a chef that specializes in vegetarian dishes and doing her older brother's best friend, Holden!!!! This book was hot, hot, hot. Gabrielle's character has always been adventurous, a fact that caused her to leave her hometown and not look back, until a break-up with her fiance'. She bumps into Holden while buying a bottle of wine to drown her sorrows in once she makes it home to her father. She and Holden agree to help each other ease the ache of loneliness and errr... other aches as they get over their former loves.

The Gabrielle and Holden characters were so real I found myself really rooting for them to get together. I cried when i thought they were going to walk away because of miscommunication and a little ex-girlfriend jealousy. I loved their relationship. They were very comfortable with each other, their sexuality, and their situations. They were creative and made love everywhere even when it required sneaking past an over protective brother. It was sweet and spicy.

The storyline moved along at a good pace with enough plot twists to keep the reader engaged and wanting more. I thoroughly enjoyed this book. The only thing that would have made it better would have been some of the recipes added at the end, especially for the "crab" cakes. My mouth watered the entire time Gabrielle was creating dishes.

Reviewed by Michelle for Cocktails and Books

Belinda Alanis says

It was good. Hot sex scenes. Holden is HOT, sweet and romantic. Gabrielle was ok too. I was proud of her for finally standing up to her brother Max regarding her relationship with his best friend. Max was a little

overbearing there for a little bit until Gabrielle finally put him in his place.

There were some parts of the story I felt were a little rushed and some things not didn't really get answered. I would've liked to see what Ridge's reaction was to the Holden's bistro opening sooner than expected. Why was Holden surprised at who his ex married, was the person she married not the guy he caught her with? What did Len have to with Gabrielle losing her job at Le Peche? What ever happened with John?

For the most part, the story is enjoyable. There were some parts that really made me laugh. I'd recommend it to anyone wanting read a nice easy read. No cliffhanger.....yay!!!!

I'll most likely read Max, Darla and Melanie's stories.

Rhonda says

I read about this book on one of the blogs I follow. I entered the contest they were hosting and won the book. I really liked the cover and the blurb. Rebound pact definitely lives up to the cover and blurb. I love big brother's best friend trope romances. The Rebound Pact represents that trope very well.

The fact that both the hero and the heroine has been in love with each other since they were younger, but fought their feelings because of her big brother/his best friend was amazing to me. I thought it was hilarious that they thought they could stay within the realms of their initial pact. These two had chemistry that burned up the sheets, countertops, desks, just wherever they were.

Max is an annoying big brother/best friend. I don't understand how he could keep them apart for this long. I really hope we get his story and hope he has to work super hard for it. I hope Darla is involved. She's a little spitfire.

The secondary characters filled this book up. They were fun and I can't wait to read more about them. I really hope Ms. Knight continues and builds a series with these characters. They each deserve their own tale.

Grace says

A pretty good romance. Quick read with a HEA.

Donna says

So far, everything I have read by this author, I have really liked. This is different then her highlander books and I love it just as much. I liked the characters and liked that there wasn't too much focus on the past relationships. It was fun to see Holden and Gabrielle come together, now and in the past. There wasn't any true protagonist and I am fine with that. We were able to concentrate on their relationship. Hot as it was. I will continue to read this author.
