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**A sexy category romance from Entangled's Brazen imprint...**

*Faking it never felt so good...*

Cory Santangelo is used to getting his way, both in the boardroom and the bedroom. Lately he hasn't had much opportunity to do anything but work, but one unexpectedly sexy night in a gazebo with Victoria, his gorgeous and feisty interior designer, changes all that—especially when they're caught on camera. Suddenly Cory's sterling reputation is no longer above reproach. Since his impromptu encounter coincides nicely with his need for a girlfriend to get his well-meaning, meddling parents off his back, he decides to ask his lifelong frenemy for a favor.

To pretend to be his girlfriend for a month. No strings attached.

The only problem? Vicky Townsend wants those strings tied all around her. She's battled a long-suppressed crush on Cory, and their combative work relationship has only fanned the flames. When he suggests his needs are more than she can handle, she's ready to up the ante. And her bargaining chip is lots of delicious, inventive sex.

Until they discover nothing feels as good as making it real...

## No Romance Required Details

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## **From Reader Review No Romance Required for online ebook**

### **Claire Robinson says**

#### **4 "Three strikes and I'm in..." Stars!**

I love this series, each book just keeps getting better and better, and who knew Cory Santangelo was such a dirty, sweet and total softy under that starchy, unrelenting personality.

#### **"There was only one Santangelo brother I ever wanted to take my chances with."**

As with the previous novels there is a lot to laugh about in this book, but the underlying feelings and the back stories of both Cory and Vicky make you want to keep reading, and once again Cari has aced it with the sexy times for these two!

#### **"I have priorities. And you with your hand between your legs sounds like an emergency to me."**

Hot, Hot, Hot!!!

Looking forward to the next book in this series Bryan and Jill have been on the sidelines for far too long!

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### **Melissa says**

This is one of the better books in this series. Cory and Vic were hot together. I think that sometimes this author throws something's into the storyline and then forgets to readdress them. Either way I still loved this book. I like how Cory was so afraid that he was going to ruin things. I read a few reviews and allot of people thought he was mean to Vic in actuality I think some of it was the regular banter between the two of them. A few times I thought he could've been a bit more forward but he was afraid to be alone. I do wish they addressed her sister and how he only thought she was appropriate not that he was actually attracted to her I think that should've been addressed not that it was a large part of the story at all but all in all this was a good read. I think all of her stories just sort of end. There is a climatic point then resolution then over.

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### **MaggieReadsRom says**

#### **My Review:**

Ever since he appeared in NO FLOWERS REQUIRED (book 2 in the series and Cory's brother Dillon's book) I've been longing for Cory's book and when it came I devoured it as soon as I could. I read it in under 24 hours and in practically one sitting (only pausing for meals and sleep).

I loved the way Cory and Vicky were as opposite as they could be and how this created a fabulous chemistry filled with verbal sparring and sexual innuendo. And moreover it didn't stop at innuendo. The sexy scenes were exquisite and red-hot! But it's not just about the sexy scenes. This story was rife with emotional

intensity that is trademark Cari Quinn and complemented the steamy heat Cari knows how to deliver and does so well.

This book had me in its intense grip from the first page to the last. I was totally immersed in Cory and Vicky and their story. Their characters were so well written, with back-stories that caught me by the throat and had me choking up numerous times. Their histories, their personalities, their compatibility both inside and outside the bedroom. It all worked, for the book and for me as the reader.

Though Cory and Vicky seem complete opposites they are more alike and compatible than they think and this created a wonderful story. A story I finished with tears in my eyes and a sob caught in my throat at the rightness and beauty of a story delivered in the best possible way it could have been delivered. A story where the characters were the stars and where the steamy, explicit sex scenes went beyond being the proverbial icing on the cake.

And next to this amazing couple Ms. Quinn also created some great secondary characters by way of family members and friends. I caught up with the couples from previous books and was introduced to new characters I'd love to get to know better.

I know (and if you follow my reviews you probably will too) Cari Quinn writes books I love. Books that are explicit, hot and emotional. Yet with every new book of hers I read she manages to catch me off guard and blow me completely away. *NO ROMANCE REQUIRED* was no different. I thought I was prepared for it this time, but I wasn't. Not by a long shot. I have no words for Cory and Ms. Cari Quinn once again outdid herself.

#### **Fave Scenes:**

- *the scene in Cory's office after the "proposition" > normally I hate interruptions in the sexual tension but loved how here the interruptions just amped up the sexy*
- *the yoga studio scene, the bathroom and the barn at Cory's parents' house scenes, the dining table scene, the desk at Cory's office scene > and this is why Cari Quinn is one of my faves, those scenes were off the charts hot!*
- *Vicky opening up about her mother to Cory > such a beautifully written scene*
- *the scene at the airport > a sobbing and smiling mess, that's what Cari Quinn reduces me to upon finishing her books.*

#### **Fave Quotes:**

*He was a distracting combination of megalomaniac and man candy, covered in geektastic frosting that wreaked hell on her hormones.*

*He had sought a woman who would do her girlfriendly tasks with a minimum of fuss, but Victoria was an oncoming locomotive. Loud, full of steam, and liable to mow a man down if he didn't move quickly.*

*Her mouth was his playground, and he claimed it with a carnal patience that set off a desperate pulse in her core.*

*Adequate? She'd come so hard she'd worried her eyes would stay permanently crossed, and that's what he had to say for himself?*

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## **Sandy S says**

3.5 stars

NO ROMANCE REQUIRED is the third storyline in Cari Quinn's erotic contemporary romance Love Required series. Although it is the third installment in the series, it can be read as a stand-alone. Some of the previous storyline characters are mentioned but their importance to the current story is connective only. No Romance Required focuses on CEO Cory Santangelo-a man who has no time for anything or anyone in his life except business- and Victoria Townsend-an interior designer who has been in love with Cory all of her life.

The premise of the story finds Cory needing a special someone in his life to keep his parents from hassling him about finding a wife and settling down. Now that his brother is in love, Cory feels the push to find that special someone-if only to please his parents. So, to keep everyone happy, Cory asks a favor of Victoria-pretend to be his girlfriend for a few weeks, to keep his parents happy. What neither one expected that the pretend relationship would become the real deal with broken hearts and painful loss.

The character of Cory was a little difficult to like in the initial stages of the storyline. He was cold; buried himself in work; and refused to acknowledge the pull between himself and the woman he has known most of his life. He was abrupt, condescending and rude but within a few chapters, his character started to turn around when he realized that Victoria Townsend was everything he wanted and needed in his life.

And Victoria was a bit of an enigma. A woman with a previous reputation from high school that the locals refused to let her forget, she is also a daughter and a sister first. And the secrets that she hides will push her over the edge and into Cory's arms.

The writing style is simple. There are a few references to the previous storyline characters but overall there is no confusion or loss of cohesion in the story. The relationship between Cory and Victoria is both hot and cold; cold when Cory and Victoria continue to push one another about their personal lives and current arrangements; and hot when the faux relationship becomes sensual and sexual in the bedroom-just to keep it believable ;)

NO ROMANCE REQUIRED is a short storyline of frenemies to lovers-a long time in the making. Their relationship was a given by everyone but the two people at the center of the storm and it will take a family to ensure that Cory and Victoria know that they are perfect for each other.

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## **Gina says**

[I honestly don't think even well meaning parents would put a relationship requirement on their son to continue working for the family business (hide spoiler)]

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### **Erica says**

4.5 stars

I am a huge fan of Cari Quinn's, so naturally I have been eagerly anticipating No Romance Required's release. It was just as good as her others, and I think I have found a new favorite. The tension between the two protagonists is insane. No Romance Required is a tale of a fake relationship and Cari Quinn tells that story so brilliantly. I already cannot wait to see what is next for her.

This one fell just short of perfect for me. I really just loved it - the storyline on both the part of Victoria and that of Cory was great. I wish I had gotten to spend a little more time with both characters, particularly Vicky, to learn more about her back story.

The relationship between Cory and Victoria is absolutely smoking! I loved the slow build of their relationship that they both have been fighting off for so long.

I still say you can never go wrong with a Cari Quinn book - and No Romance Required shows exactly that. A quick paced romance that doesn't let you put it down for a moment is a perfect way to spend an afternoon.

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### **Yelania Nightwalker says**

What a fun and sexy story! I want to read other books by the author because this couple is awesome.

Me gané este eBook en la página de facebook de la autora, la verdad es que no había leído ningún libro suyo pero tenía mucha curiosidad. La historia nos muestra a un protagonista que es un trabajador obsesivo, Cory es un tipo exitoso, dirige la empresa familiar, es guapo... pero está tan obsesionado con todo lo que tiene que ver con su trabajo que su cuerpo (y su familia) ya empieza a resentirlo. Cuando sus padres le ponen una especie de ultimátum, sabe que tiene que conseguir una novia en lo que sus padres se mudan a una nueva ciudad, después podrá volver a su vida normal. Por un pequeño accidente y una foto publicada en el periódico, Cory termina envuelto en una relación con Victoria, una de las decoradoras de interiores que trabaja en su empresa, adorada por los padres de él, de hecho, pero... Cory no la soporta (eso piensa él y eso cree ella). En fin, que estos dos empiezan una relación de los más torpe y terminan enredados en una relación de lo más dulce. Realmente me encantó leer No Romance Required. Creo que Cari Quinn hizo una historia con personajes muy humanos, muy carismáticos y sobre todo, muy intensos. Una novela sexy (bastante, quedan advertidos), con un pequeño toque BDSM que me hizo releer dos veces esa escena de lo genial que fue. Se las recomiendo.

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### **Brandie says**

Last year I picked up No Flowers Required and was blown away by the authors writing style and ability to suck me into her book. It was sweet, it was hot, and I loved it. One of my favorite reads of 2012. So imagine how excited I was when a rep for the author offered me an ARC of the next book in the series!

This book was everything I love - humor, romance, sex, angst - written so well that I could hardly put it

down. I love when a book can suck me in like that and Cari Quinn hasn't disappointed me yet!

Cory is a workaholic in the worst way. Spending every waking minute taking care of the family business leaves him no time for a social life, let alone falling in love. It's so bad that his parents, who are retiring and moving south, have issued him an ultimatum - find a woman or you're out of a job.

Victoria is his interior designer/magazine co-editor. They've known each other since they were kids and have an unusual friendship that's mostly sarcastic and hostile. But they work well together, and there's an underlying attraction that neither one wants to address.

A situation presents itself where they end up in a compromising position that gets photographed and put in the paper, giving Cory the idea of asking Vic to be his pretend girlfriend, and get his parents off his back.

But what he didn't bargain for was how AWESOME she would be and how she'd make him feel things he never thought he could. Struggling to find a balance between work and the growing feelings he has for her, Cory and Victoria have to decide if what they are feeling for each other is worth risking their friendship over.

I absolutely LOVED these two! I hate whiny, spineless women in books and Victoria never seemed that way to me. Of course she had her concerns with Cory that she didn't voice immediately - but that is part of the suspense that keeps you reading more. And I loved that! And Cory...all moody and brooding...and oh so swoon-worthy. I loved him. This book had my heart pounding every time these two had any contact with each other - it was that intense and hot! Not to mention their banter back and forth was hilarious and I love that in a book.

An absolutely perfect addition to this series - Cari Quinn has done it again!

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### **Phuong says**

Review as posted on <http://daydrmzzz.blogspot.com>

Wowza! ! I just finished reading, No Romance Required, the long-awaited book by another favorite author of mine, Cari Quinn. I freaking love this woman and her stories! I always know I will get characters I will fall in love with and storytelling that will capture my heart.

Let me just start off by saying how much I LOVED Cory! OMG! Behind his standoffish and workaholic persona, lays a man with some sexy and \*gasp\* kinky tendencies. It all began after some bantering between Cory and Vicky that turned into raw, smoldering heat at a gazebo for anyone to see. These two characters had incredible chemistry and I enjoyed the sparks, witty dialogue and banter whenever they were in the same room. They both had issues in their personal life; Cory being consumed with work and no interest in a long-term relationship and Vicky being afraid of getting abandoned again by those she loves. I loved that Vicky was a strong heroine and was not afraid of anything that Cory dished out.

What started out as a "fake" relationship between him and Vicky to appease his parents, turned into something more meaningful than either one of them ever imagined. And the sex just kept getting hotter and hotter and I almost self-combusted after the wax play scene on the dining room table! \*fans self\* You will need some ice to cool off or help get things hotter again. LOL! Cari did a terrific job writing that scene and depicting each move and sensation experienced by both her characters. She just blew my mind and had me

distracted all day until I could finish the book.

This story was sexy, hot, sweet and romantic and the ending just melted my heart \*swoon\* Two secondary characters, Bryan and Jill, were introduced in this story and I'm hoping they will get their story in the future. In the meantime, I'm already anxiously waiting for the next book by this wonderful author.

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### **Exina says**

DNF at 50 %.

Why? I couldn't get connected with the characters. They are papier-mache figures, with no realistic personality traits.

The plot, the romance, the erotic scenes, the dialogues, problems and issues are so made up and unlikely that I couldn't forget even for a moment I was reading a novel. It couldn't draw me in.

I really wanted to like *No Romance Required* as I truly enjoyed the first two books of the *Love Required* series, but it didn't work out for me.

**Originally posted on my blog on March 26th, 2014.**

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### **Nicole says**

Review originally posted here: <http://thebookpushers.com/2013/09/13/...>

I'm a fan of Quinn's books, so when she emailed me about her newest Love Required book, I was interested to see how things would work out between frenemies Cory and Vicky.

Cory is a workaholic CEO who has been waiting for the moment his parents retire to Arizona and he can take on the company full time. But between his daily duties, launching a magazine and everything else he has going on, Cory doesn't have time to really live his life, and dating is totally out of the question. But his parents demand he start to slow down, and they think getting a girl is the perfect way to do it.

Vicky has crushed on Cory longer than she can remember, but he has always brushed her off. Until one night when he takes her higher than any man has before. Now their pictures are splashed across the newspaper gossip pages, and Cory asks Vicky to pretend to be his girlfriend. Vicky sees the opportunity to show Cory how they can be more than pretend, and jumps in. But her heart is on the line, and Cory is struggling with figuring out what is real, and what isn't.

I always love stories when the hero and heroine are thrown together in a relationship they aren't too sure they want. Although Vicky has crushed on Cory since they were kids, she also knows that she isn't the kind of woman Cory wants to settle down with. She's outspoken, a flirt, and has a larger-than-life personality, all things that Cory typically steers clear of. But as they explore their chemistry together, they are both shocked at how explosive they can be.

I thought the sex scenes with these two were off the charts. Not only does it take them forever to find a bedroom, but these two just have the kind of chemistry that keeps a book burning from page one. Every time they are next to one another, the sexual tension is spinning wildly out of control, and neither one of them cares to repress it. I adored their bathroom scene, especially since neither expected it. It was sexy and impulsive and so hot.

One of the things that I think Quinn knocked out of the park on this one was Cory's apology. There was even a discussion between characters about how Cory needed to make a grand gesture in order to win Vicky's trust once again, and he went all out. I loved his surprise, his willingness to rope in her brother (despite the fact the man hated him), and just how well he was willing to go to win her back. It was sweet and the perfect ending to the story.

All in all I was glad to see a few characters make another appearance, and loved our hero and heroine. Cory and Vicky were the perfect "opposites attract" couple, and both their romance and sexual chemistry was so fun to read. I can't wait to see what Quinn has in store next.

I give No Romance Required a B+

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### **Sania says**

[No (hide spoiler)]

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### **Kim says**

3.5 stars

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### **Vashti says**

As per usual,I jump in the middle of a series without reading the first book in the series.This can be read as a standalone I believe.

Now for the book,okay read for me.What colored this book for me was the heroine,I am not a fan of sexually aggressive female heroines at all.,this is just my personal preference is all.

Loved the hero,uptight,sexy bastard that he is.

I was curious about some of the other characters and maybe I will read their books down the line.

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### **XxTainaxX says**

Well... what can I say about this book? It's a hazard. Nearly set my Nook on fire. There should be a disclaimer! :-) I absolutely fell in love with Cory. There's something about him that sparked my interest in No Flowers Required and in No Romance Required, I found out exactly what that was! Want to know? Read it and fall in love with him yourself, ladies. :-p The writing is fantastic, and let me tell you... Cari can write a scorching scene vivid enough for you need some fresh air. Vicky's character was well developed. I could easily see her as a friend. I enjoyed the frenemies angle and found myself itching for more. You will not be disappointed if you pick up this book. In fact, it's guaranteed to make you a Cari Quinn fan!

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