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Erin has always lusted for Colt. Dark, muscled, and brooding, he was her first teenage crush. Now he's her favorite fevered fantasy. He's just never taken notice of her before. She has his attention now.

Colton is horrified when he learns the scandalous game Erin has been playing with Luxxor's escorts. He orders her to stop, but things go a bit too far ... and become a bit too sexy ... Soon Colt is escorting Erin straight to his bed.

Years ago, her family forbade him to touch her. How will he defend himself when they learn how impure his thoughts are for their innocent, loving daughter? The one who's grown up into the sweetest, naughtiest, little temptress.

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Jessica says

I really enjoyed this one as much as I did the first one in the series. I didn't like the investigation part of the story, I felt like it took away from Erin and Colton's story. Erin and Colton, wow! They really have a hot start and you can just tell from there that it is going to be good between them. I love that they have more than just a physical relationship, they have history and the ability to share with each other. 4 stars because of the way Nina/Detective/The Investigation takes away from the main Colt/Erin love story.

I received a copy from Netgalley and the publisher in exchange for a review

Melody May (What I'm Reading) says

Posted on What I'm Reading

I wanted to read Kimberly Dean's Courting Innocence, because had elements that screamed read me. I mean you have Erin who believes the Luxxor is a matchmaking service instead of an escort service. I mean that's kind funny. Then you have the forbidden attraction with Colton who happens to be the Erin's brother's best friend. Can't go against the bro-code. See that's the making of a fun story. However, I didn't fall in love with Courting Innocence. There are some good elements to the story, but there were some parts that had me go "What!?"

I guess I should get the thing that bother me the most off my chest, which was her best friend working at the Luxxor and not being up front about it. Yes, I understand that she had to keep it on the download, but Erin was her best friend stuff like that goes to grave. No repeats stuff like that. On the same token, Erin would probably still be waiting to make a move on Colton. I still don't have to like that part. The other thing that kind of bother me was Erin and Colton's relationship. It felt kind of like a dirty little secret. Okay, I get it, it was about honoring the promise Colton made when he was younger, but take it like a man get punched in the face by the brother. Yes, I was thinking that. Those are my gripes about the book.

The things I liked about the story. Even though one of my gripes was Erin and Colton's relationship, I still liked the relationship. They were hot and heavy when they weren't focusing on being each others dirty little secret. Plus, they were adorable. I also liked Erin's friends Sienna and Jason. I liked them so much I want to go back and read their story. The other person that played a big part in the story was Nina who was Erin's sounding board. Even though she was owner of Luxxor, she provided reason and a good friendship for Erin. Especially, when she need advice when it came to her relationship between Colton. I believe Erin would have left everything as the status quo, because it was something she wanted for so long. Why rock the boat. Plus, the ending kind of left me believing there might something in the future between Nina and a certain detective. Let's hope so.

Overall, not a bad read. It was hot and sexy at times. Okay, majority of the time. However, I did have a couple of hang ups, but it's not going to stop me from checking out other books from this author. Plus, I want to see how Sienna and Jason develop, so I have to go back to Courting Trouble. Maybe I'll gain a better understanding on Sienna being silent on the whole escort thing. Till next time.

Lillian ? Cloud 9 Books ? says

**** 4 Sizzling Stars ****

Wow...

This was HOT!

Courting Innocence is book 2 in the Courting series, but this can be read as a standalone.

Erin was always protected by her family. She's had a crush on her brother's best friend since high school, but he wasn't allowed to date her.

Eventually she got involved with someone else. After years of dating, they were planning their wedding... a wedding that kept getting pushed back. Erin's fiance told her she was boring and finally canceled the event.

This was a blessing in disguise. Now Erin can experience life.

She didn't want someone who catered to her, she wanted to be challenged. She wanted that burning sexual spark. She wanted a man.

She signed up with a high end "matching making" company to find her spark. In reality, they were actually in the escorting business. She goes on one wild ride!

The story was unique, fun, and steamy! I really enjoyed this read!!!

Candace says

*** I was provided a free ARC of this book, through Netgalley.com, in exchange for honest feedback.***

This was a sweet, heartfelt, feel-good romance. Although it was highly predictable and had a storyline similar to a million others, it managed to be entertaining. I read it straight through over the course of a few hours and enjoyed every minute.

After being dumped by her fiancé, one month before her wedding, Erin has been in a rut. She spent seven years with her loser ex, only to be told that she was boring weeks before they said their "I dos". Even

knowing that she dodged a bullet doesn't fix the nagging feeling that there's something wrong with her. How could she not see this coming?

Determined to make herself more interesting and figure out men once and for all, she seeks out the help of a professional matchmaking service that her roommate works at. Little does she know, the company is really an escort service! After several dates with escorts, unbeknownst to her, the agency decides to try something new. They set her up with another client in their database, who is the perfect match.

Low and behold, Erin's perfect match ends up being her older brother's best friend, Colton. She spent years drooling over him as a teenager and never got past her attraction for him. No surprise here, but Colton had also lusted after the forbidden younger sister of his best friend for years.

Despite the mutual attraction, Colton is still fighting his feelings for Erin. Her family means the world to him and he was explicitly told to stay away from her. As much as he wants to claim Erin, he knows that he isn't good enough for her and he isn't willing to lose the love of the only family he's ever known.

Eventually, Erin wears him down and the two engage in a secret affair. Things are going good, until Erin starts pushing for them to come out about their relationship. Colton's old demons surface and the two almost lose each other.

All in all, it was a great story. I didn't mind the predictable story line. The characters were intriguing enough to hold my attention. The sex scenes were well-written and not gratuitous. The ending was satisfying and left me with that contented, warm-fuzzy feeling.

bookaholic ge says

Erin just got out of a relationship and now she is ready to move on. Tired of the pitying looks from her friends and family she has decided to use Luxxor Limited because she thinks it is a matchmaking company. What could go wrong right???

What's a girl to do when she meets the man that has haunted her dreams for years in the most unlikely of places? Read and find out!!!

I received this book as an ARC from Net Galley for my honest review.

This is the third book I have read in this series and I loved it. Erin gave a different spin on things with this new book because she came into this not knowing what Luxxor Limited really was. Because of her being in the dark it brought a lot more humor into things.

Colton on the other hand knows exactly what is going on and has no problem letting the cat out of the bag. I loved Colton even more because of his respect for the "BRO CODE" aka don't mess with your best friend's sister.

Overall this book is funny, romantic, super hot in the bedroom and in the end heartbreaking but then it goes back to being romantic..soo basically a win win. This book is selling for 3.99 on Kindle Amazon right now and that is a very great price. Great job Kimberly Dean I cant wait for the next book.

Heather andrews says

Erin is a little feisty, "grabbing his tie, she pulled him to her. "I just put out. You owe me dinner, Colton King." Erin knows how to get the blood pumping in her man, "I am now." Erin smiled sweetly and rose on her toes to kiss Colton's cheek. He was the only one who heard her add, "And I probably will later tonight, too." The scintillating words went straight to his crotch, and he held her in front of him to make sure nobody noticed." I enjoyed this book and I'm hoping Nina gets a book next.

Tammy says

Erin is using Luxxor Limited to find her perfect match, however in reality it is an escort service, oops. She is set up on a date with her secret crush, Colt who also happens to be her brother's best friend. Colton promised to never go out with her but the attraction is too great to resist. This book is funny, sexy and I enjoyed the story. Looking forward to more in the series.

Alyssia says

Kimberly Dean's Courting Innocence was a really enjoyable novel. I devoured it in around 3 hours. Colton King and Erin Foster have wanted each other since they were teenagers but because Colt was Erin's brother's best friend they never acted on their feelings so when they are matchmade by an escort service things come to a head and they give into their desire. I'm quite partial to romances that have the we-can't-be-together-because-you're-my-brother's-best-friend theme and this is one of the better ones that I've read.

I liked Erin she was sweet and innocent but with a fun side, the type of person you'd want as a friend while Colt was smart, sexy and just that little bit dominant. The pacing and the plot was good but I couldn't help feeling that there was a disparity between the characters in the car scene and those in the rest of the book. It kind of felt superfluous, like the author was adding kink for the sake of it. Other than that and the cover (which I have seen many times on Amazon on different books), I have no complaints. Many thanks to HarperCollins UK, Avon and Netgalley for the ARC.

Jessi says

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Erin is having issues moving on after breaking off her engagement. So when she finds her roommates card for the matchmaking service she works at she decides to give them a try. Unfortunately, what no one wants to tell her, roommate included, is that this matchmaker is really a very high class escort service catering to the D.C. elite. So when Erin finds that she isn't connecting with any of her dates, she goes back to the boss to ask for her perfect match. Unbeknownst to her, her perfect match is already a client of Luxxor.

This was a very sweet book about a forbidden love. Colton has been in love with Erin forever but could

never act on it. Due to honoring her parent's wishes he has forced himself to stay away, but Erin is the one temptation that he can't resist. When Erin drops the ball and forces him to react he sweeps her off her feet literally and figuratively. I loved watching the back and forth between them as they explored having a relationship hidden from others.

I really enjoyed this book and after meeting the detective I really hope that Nina gets a book.

Susan Angela Wallace says

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Wow. Wow. Wow.

Absolutely fantastic read.

I loved the story and the characters.

Erin and Colton being my favourite characters.

I loved how they were towards each other.

I loved the ending too.

Can't wait to read more from Kimberley.

This is a must read and I would highly recommend this book.

Definitely worth more than 5 *.

Talltree says

DNF

H pushes away h more than once. h keeps chasing H even blackmailing him into dating her. Not very romantic:(

Grace Morales says

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Matchmaker, matchmaker

Main Characters: Erin and Colton

This was a decent read, Erin always had a crush on Colton. Colton always liked Erin but was warned off by Erin's brother. Colton is loyal to a fault and a good portion of the story was "to tell or not to tell" This is where it feels slightly flat to me. On the other hand, I loved the characters, the premise and the investigation/Luxxor piece, just felt like it could have been more exciting or climatic. I don't think you will be disappointed if you are looking for a sweet read with great characters.

Kelly says

OK, so... I finally gave up on this one because it's weirdly episodic and jumpy (with strange time jumps between sex scenes, sometimes) and I was no longer confident that the story was going anywhere (by which I mean going anywhere I wanted to be taken as a reader...). If you're big on innocent lady characters being schooled by slightly overbearing alpha-ish heroes who inexplicably insist on keeping their relationship with the heroine on the down low (that insistence providing most of the conflict for the story), this one's for you, but you have to be OK with jump cut writing. I find that I'm not.

Esther says

Review to come.

Netgalley for an honest review.

Written fairly well and somewhat engaging.

Colton was best friends with Erin's brother and she's been infatuated with him since her teenage years. She felt he never really saw her as anything but his best friend's little sister so gave up her hopes of anything ever happening.

Fast forward years later as the story begins with Erin's break up with her fiance who let it be known she was boring. Erin gets it in her head she's going to an escort service (dating only) to broaden her horizon and have a little fun (and prove him wrong).

But after a few match ups and no real sparks, she's matched up with none other but Colton (you'll have to read the story to learn how that all transpired).

We are then drawn into the back and forth between these two of, "does he/she like/love me." Colton is discouraging Erin from pursuing any more dates from the agency (her reputation) and we have Erin wanting to continue them dating.

This was an okay read. I really struggled with their relationship (back and forth) and their lack of open communication. Erin at times irritated me, felt she was somewhat immature. Colton was an okay hero.

I struggled to not skim at certain parts of the book.

I would rate this more of a 3.25 - 3.50.

Netgalley for an honest review.

Jeannie Zelos says

Courting Innocence, Dean, Kimberly

Review from Jeannie Zelos book reviews

Genre: Romance

I loved Kimberley's Courting Trouble and was looking forward to this. Though I enjoyed it somehow it didn't live up to Trouble. There the story was solid, the romance believable and the sex sensual. Here though – the characters are great, and I enjoyed meeting Jason and Sierra again, the sex was perfect but the romance, though believable, felt stilted in the things against it, the actual story plot. It was hard to believe that two adults would really think objections against them being together when they were teens were still in effect now they're adults in their twenties. Somehow that just seemed weird, and so it spoiled the romance for me. When they were sneaking around instead of feeling sorry for them (though I did laugh at times) I was just thinking "grow up, stop acting like kids". It just didn't fit the image I had of them, especially Colton. Here we have an intelligent, very successful man – can we really believe he thinks her parents, who treat him as family, really still don't want them to be together?

If you can suspend your disbelief over the objections its a fun, sexy read. Its well written and plotted, and I love the story setting, the Luxxor connections, and the closeness of Erin's family. It's not put me off reading more, Kimberly can clearly write an erotic scene, and that's something not all writers can do, and book one was perfect for me, so I'm treating this as simply one of those reads where the story and I just don't get along. If the objections part had been just one of several plots I could have rated higher, but it's not, it's a simple read, and that is the main plot so that means my rating is lower. .

Stars: three, a sexy story but the plot and I just don't really gel.

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