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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fun with the Irishman! Von _yay_ @ Book that Thing This ARC was provided by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Publish date: February 28th, 2012 Fiction - Adult: Romance: Contemporary Harlequin (Harlequin HQN) #2 Jill Shalvis - Tangling with Ty: 5 stars Dr. Nicole Mann lives for her job, it's what defines her. When she isn't working at the hospital, she's sleeping - just to be woken up by her beeper a measly couple of hours later. The same routine day in day out; there's no time for socializing. She's not any good at it anyway. An Irishman rattling her to the point of distraction clashes with her no men ever policy. Ty Patrick O'Grady can take his accent, sexy smile, laid-back personality... and ***** it! Before either of them realizes what's happening, they're in trouble already. The happily ever after kind. Driven, focused, single-minded. Yippie-ya-yeah! Nicole was in desperate need of some Irish fun. Nope, I'm not talking about a Guinness, though that's one tasty dry stout. The heroine was the odd genius out, graduating high school at age twelve. My first impression of her? Wound up preeeeetty tight. You guessed right, this made me extremely happy. I couldn't wait for her to meet her Irishman. The heroine was very uncomfortable around other people. She even forgot about taking good care of herself and was on the verge of working herself into the ground. Needless to say I was giddy with excitement; wanted to see what would happen. What a fun premise! I hoped for a hero with a large boisterous family, but soon realized the author's decision to not grant my wish was the right one. Awkward introvert Nicole turned out to be the one with a big family. They all cared deeply about her. She loved them right back, just wasn't capable of showing it, let alone deal with the whole bunch over long periods of time. It really tore at my heartstrings. Couldn't wait for Ty to sweep her off her always-pressured-for-time feet. Taylor and Suzanne were a true blessing. They took Nicole under their wings and went from neighbors to dear friends. Poor Nicole wasn't really sure how to handle that, which made it all the more important for her to have them in her life. Caring and loyal to a fault - Nicole really hit the jackpot when moving into her new apartment. I liked the heroine a lot, and with every chapter that feeling intensified. You will adore and respect her. She's capable and competent in her line of work, yet completely clueless when it comes to interpersonal relations. Nicole actually thought she could plan to feel desire. Hilarious! There was one critical moment. Nicole acted exactly right and didn't back down, didn't let herself be intimidated. Using Ty's words - she's a "warrior princess." *Evillaugh* - you just wait for Mr. Kiss-Me-I'm-Irish to come into the picture, I thought before their first meeting. He did so swearing like a sailor, trying his best to hide his accent. Fortunately, that didn't work when he was agitated or turned on. Crystal-clear blue eyes? Gaaaaah! Hot! I had to pause for a moment to drool all over myself in the most unladylike fashion possible. The author mentioned the difference in height between hero and heroine. Wow, by doing so she reduced me to a squealing loved-up teenager bundle. At well over 6 feet (him), Dr. Mann didn't even reach Ty's shoulders. Perfect match! His disarming little half smile totally did me in. The sparks were flying. He called her a peewee! Honestly, the chemistry wasn't just off the charts; it was from an entirely different universe. Ty was the one without any family; all alone in the world. It broke my heart. At first he seemed without a care in the world, and then the truth came out. I was in love already, crying my eyes out. As easy it was for him to irritate Nicole, she got to him, too. More than he was ready to admit. They both were dedicated to their work. However, Ty knew how to let work be work and enjoy life. He wasn't consumed by it. Something altogether different haunted his dreams. Nothing had been handed to Ty. He grew up to be a real manly man. Sexy, smart, great humor, bit of baggage and as a result... commitment issues. Nice, but not too much of a good guy. Definitely a tortured hero. I could go on. The characters clicked with me. First page - I was a goner with a cheesy happily ever after smile on my face. I especially liked the conflict Ty faced regarding his heritage. It was linked to a lot of pain and shame. Bottom line: both hero and heroine had something to give. They were like day and night; equals all the same. There's nothing I love more! They brought out the best in each other. Nicole had to experience life beyond the hospital's doors, and Ty had been restless far too long. It was about time for him and his wanderlust to settle down. He knew how to coax Nicole into compliance. She pushed his buttons (admittedly without being aware of it). I had goose bumps all over my skin when his dark past caught up with him to reveal itself as a sparkling flash of bright light. In a nutshell: Good things happen to good people. Full of life. That's how I'd describe the writing. I bet the author had a blast creating these characters and letting them take her on a journey. As of now, one of my favorite contemporary romance novels. 5 stars to Tangling with Ty by Jill Shalvis. Beware of Spoilers! A few of my favorite quotes for those of you who are interested: "...a firm loner. Connections to people tended to give her hives." "...felt defensive. She hated feeling defensive. It tended to put her on the offensive." "Never again would he have an empty belly or the bonegnawing fear of the unknown..." "He, Ty Patrick O'Grady, no-good bast**d, blackheart." "You're a hoarder. - A what? - You hoard your emotions. I appreciate that in a woman, as I do the same." "...when he laid on his easygoing charm, he was dangerous to her mental health..." #3 Maureen Child - Whatever Reilly Wants: 3 stars "The Bet" made Connor Reilly's life a whole lot harder. Pun intended. His ninety-day celibacy vow has him hyper aware of anything female. Best to hide out at his best friend's garage. Emma Jacobsen is no threat to Connor's libido, that is, until she decides to teach him a lesson. She's just as much woman as the string of hook-ups he normally tells her all about - with a punch on the shoulder for good "pal" measure. Triplets and an older brother who's a priest: Does it get any better than that? Sure! I firmly believe that a friendship between a woman and a man can work. Nevertheless, I'm also a girl, so it shouldn't be a surprise to you that I luuuurve the best friends fall in love scenario in a contemporary read. The

story started out great. The Reilly brothers were definitely Irishman, no doubt about it. Connor a US Marine on leave - again, does it get any better? He's a good guy and obviously never wanted to hurt his friend Emma by unintentionally - and unaware of doing so - questioning her womanly appeal. What a klutz he was, but certainly not a mean-spirited one. I laughed out loud and waited for Emma to lay into him; scream at him in a high pitched girly voice. Steam was coming out of her ears. Her plan to make him lose his bet (some serious cash) was sound. I hear ya! - my loyal inner devil said to her. The situation she was in; it could've been you or me. No big stretch of one's imagination. I could easily relate to her. No one wants to be misunderstood or feel unappreciated. The hero's emotions were all over the place; his hormones, too. Bound for disaster! My expectations were high, so it was a bit disappointing to find fault with a couple of aspects of the storyline. I wondered how Em's anger could've overridden her common sense to the point of not even thinking about the risk of destroying their friendship. To shock Connor into a drooling **** was just one side of the coin. For the longest time their interactions were on / based on a physical level only. Get your mind out of the gutter. What I meant to say is that Em's skimpy skirt and tiny boob-tastic shirt took center stage. Connor's view of her changed. I was waiting for him to look past that superficial nonsense, though. When Em's scheme backfired on her it was hard for me to believe she felt more for him than just as a friend. Why? The author didn't take the time to explain their friendship to me before jumping into the "from coverall to cover model" transformation. A prologue - scenes of their friendship - would've been awesome. Something to fall back on when I wasn't sure there's more to their attraction than fogging his mind by flaunting a hot bod in his face. I was one happy camper once I realized that what I was missing hadn't been forgotten. In the last chapters ample background information (their shared love for...see for yourself lol) was given. I suddenly understood how precious Em's friendship was to Connor. Yes, her attempt to seduce him resulted in a solely physical reaction. No, her appearance wasn't the main reason for crossing into more-than-friends territory. It was merely a catalyzer. One not so little issue didn't get resolved. What was up with that? Maybe because the novella is part of a series, but the author could've added a little spoiler to wrap it up nicely / make it work as a standalone. I found the middle-stretch lacking depth - and one-liners (the great ones). The plot could've used a bit of polishing. However, I loved the ending. Drama, misunderstanding, light bulbs going off, pure bliss. 3 stars to Whatever Reilly Wants by Maureen Child. Beware of Spoilers! A few of my favorite quotes for those of you who are interested: "...liked woman. He liked the way they smelled and the way they laughed and the way they moved. He liked dancing with `em, walking with `em and most especially, he liked making love to `em." "...being here is like finding a demilitarized zone in the middle of a war." "Emma'd been fuming. And thinking. A combustible combination." "***** it, who would've guessed that little Emma Jacobsen was packing concealed weapons?" "...a man needed a battle plan to deal with a woman. Any woman. Especially, it seemed, this..." #1 Roxanne St. Claire - The Sins of His Past: 1 star Kendra Locke has had a tough run of it the last couple of years. Finally, she sees light at the end of the tunnel, just to have her hopes crushed all over again. Deuce Monroe was supposed to be out of her life for good, but now he's back in town. Retired, he says. No more baseball. She can't tell him how devastated she was when he walked away without a backward glance nine years ago. She won't! Reopening old sores hurts, even more so when the person that caused them still makes your heart flutter. Deuce bulldozed his way back into town. What fun to have the "retired" baseball pro standing in front of what should've still been a family bar. Almost cute how shocked he was. He couldn't help but pout. I said almost! He came across as a real *****. I felt bad for him, yes, just not all that much. He left Rockingham Massachusetts in his haste to find greener pastures; that doesn't mean it all stayed the same while he was living life on the fast lane. Ungrateful is the word that came to mind. The circumstances of his so called retirement were in accord with his childish behavior. At least he was consistent. He got brownie points for acknowledging his major *****-up. A certain female bar manager deserved a heartfelt apology. She got two: The first one lacking sincerity, the second one heartfelt, but too late (at least in my humble opinion). The result? None of these brownie points left. The hero had lots of growing up to do, burned bridges to rebuild. I was right to have doubts. He changed for the better, but didn't redeem himself. I couldn't shake my dislike of him, no matter how hard I tried. I also wasn't really sure this novella was the best pick to be included in this compilation. He might've been Irish, but no accent was mentioned (or did I miss that part because I couldn't get into the story?). Running a sports bar? A bit clich, don't you think? I don't know what it was that had me pulling my hair. Deuce thought himself an ***** for wham-bam-thank-you-mam-ing Kendra; I guess the gesture simply didn't carry enough conviction to make me see him in another light. How he felt about his father didn't change that either. At one point Kendra called him out on being a spoiled *****. Good for her! Basically the only time I felt a connection to any of the characters. The secret Kendra kept from Deuce was a whopper. I waited until the end, hoping for them to really talk to each other. That moment never came. I'm not counting the lackluster conversation right after Deuce found out what exactly it was that had cost Kendra her Harvard dreams. All in all, this theme (shared past, loss) definitely wasn't the right fit for a novella. The author's contemporary voice didn't grab hold of me either. What could've changed my opinion: Why wasn't the tragedy the heroine had to overcome revealed sooner? What I was really interested in reading about was the time right after the revelation until the happy end. I didn't much care for his actions before that. There was no time left to grieve. Their relationship also lacked chemistry. I felt it when Kendra remembered her childhood and how big her crush on Deuce was back then, but not between them as adults. I don't want you to think you won't enjoy this quick read, for there's a good chance you

will. It just wasn't for me. The story could've been really good with just a bit more soul (and with soul I mean depth, humor, power of persuasion). 1 star to *The Sins of His Past* by Roxanne St. Claire. Beware of Spoilers! A few of my least favorite quotes for those of you who are interested: "She'd been on fire with ambition. And on fire with a few other things, too." "Men who'd had pacemakers put in a year ago didn't have fiances." "Most times the bar is the most profitable part of a bar."

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