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Trust doesn't always come easy...

As the maverick of the New Orleans City Council, Mackenna Arnold has spent the last four years dismantling the council's "politics as usual" mentality. Never one to shy away from a challenge, Mack now has her sights set on an even bigger prize: the mayor's office. But only when the time is right. And only if she can get the pesky freelance journalist hell-bent on investigating her for corruption—who just so happens to be one of the sexiest men alive and her best friend's younger brother—off her back. But when Mack suspects that her longtime mentor and the city's current mayor is up to no good, she must convince Ezra Holmes to help her investigate the mayor's office.

Ezra can admit to having had a thing for Mackenna in his younger days, even though she barely knew his name back then. But his past feelings for Mack have nothing to do with why he's so committed to exposing her. He suspects she's used her influence as a public official to cut private deals, and breaking this corruption story would be just the thing to jumpstart his fading career. But what is Ezra supposed to do when he discovers Mack isn't the one who's a crooked politician? There's only one thing he can do: join forces with the woman he's been crazy about for far too long.

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Denise says

Trust Farrah for another great story

I think I just found my favorite Holmes' couple. I love how real Ezra and Mackenna are and the loving relationship they have with family and friends. Great job Farrah Rochon!!

Rachna R says

3.5 stars - mega readable. The entire cast of characters was charming and felt like they had a real history to them, which was nice - I know it's because this is a series, but still! More than anything I really appreciated the handle Rochon had on dramatic thrust to the story - there are things that could've knocked that could've knocked my liking of the 'ship off-course, and things that could've made the sideplot a little frustrating too, but everyone here is fundamentally good and likeable, and she keeps that well in view throughout. I always appreciate that!

Leigh-Anne Ford Lyons says

Great book!

This is just one of many great books by Farrah Rochon. Mack and Ezra has their share of heartache and trust issues but they were able to overcome by having good communication.

Brandy Painter says

I thoroughly enjoyed this. Antagonism to love, great banter, politics and journalism. Basically my own perfect, pure form of romance crack. I also loved the family dynamics. Definitely want to read the rest of the series.

Deena says

I Liked!

Loving this branch of the Holmes Family! I knew Ezra and Mack would be a trip, from their intro in the previous book. And Farrah Rochon didn't disappoint. I really enjoyed their story, although they almost drove me crazy being strong and resisting the urge to get down with the get down. Ezra and Mack are perfect for each other. Despite their Rocky start. I loved how they supported each other in their respective careers.

I really love how New Orleans was showcased in the book. After reading about Gauthier, Maplesville and New Orleans, the author is making me fall in love with Louisiana.

Can't wait for whoever's story is next. Hoping that we get to find out what's going on with Harrison and Willow.

Carolyn J. says

Trust is Overated

Ezra Holmes in a relationship... Stop playing! I always love it when enemies turn into lovers. Mackenzie was best friends with Ezra's older sister. Ezra was an investigative reporter for a local newspaper. He was investigating Mack for illegally using her City Council office to promote her own agenda. The issue was later resolved and they had bigger fish to fry... Mack and Ezra teamed up to resolve the issue with the Mayor's voting flip flops... During that process romantic feeling emerged and they began a new relationship based on passion and their strong connection.. A nice story.

Book Riot Community says

If you'd told me a month ago that I'd have any interest in reading a novel right now that included political corruption as a major theme, I would have – to put it mildly – disagreed with you. And yet, I was hooked by Farrah Rochon's New Orleans political-scene romance *Trust Me*, within the first few pages. More accurately, I was hooked by Mackenna Arnold, the city council member heroine of her story, and how relatable she was. Mack both loves her job and is frustrated by it. She's fighting battles on multiple fronts despite knowing she's not going to win them all. She's the kind of character I want to sit and drink scotch with at happy hour. *Trust Me* is a great romance, but it also made me wish Mack was real and could run for something other than fictional mayor of New Orleans. I may not have any higher or more unusual praise for a fictional character right now than wishing real political office upon her.

– Trisha Brown

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Byron Washington says

Reading just to finish the series. OCD is a mutha*****!!????? Not bad though.

Mikka says

This book was okay. There wasn't enough romance, I felt like I was reading a political drama instead of a romance novel. I don't really think I even got invested in Mack and Ezra's romantic relationship at all, and I

am usually all about the hate to love trope.

Jen (That's What I'm Talking About) says

At one point, Mackenna (Mack)Arnold was one-half of New Orleans' Power Couple. But after 15 years of problems and lies, she left her husband. Now she sits on the New Orleans City Council, dedicating her time to helping the city she loves. Unfortunately, her best friend's little brother, Ezra Holmes, an investigative report, has set his sights on uncovering supposed corruption in Mack's office.

Ezra Holmes is a conflicted, even troubled man. The woman he's crushed on for years may be using her position on the City Council to line her pockets. Also, he recently trusted the wrong source, costing him his job with the newspaper. So instead of making his way onto the national news spotlight, he's teaching journalism at a local college. When Mack approaches him about possible corruption in the mayor's office, he isn't sure if he can put aside the past and trust that she's not in it for her own, selfish reasons.

The aptly named Trust Me is another entertaining story in Ms. Rochon's Holmes Brothers series. The book is a standalone romance and story; however, we were introduced to the two main characters in the previous book, where their conflict first came to light. This title is a bit more serious and has a more of an edge to it than the prior title, which took place during a family vacation. I liked the change in scenery and tone; although I worried a bit how the characters would get their "happy ending" with so much at stake.

Ezra's obsession with Mack was a little creepy at the start. The man was determined to prove she was crooked, even while day dreaming about her fine body and beautiful face. I attribute his behavior to a classic case of never being noticed by Mack all those years his sister brought Mack home with her during college. Whether it was misplaced anger or the only way he felt he could "be with her," I was disturbed by his driven nature to find her guilty. So it was a big relief that the author addressed the issue early in the book, putting the pair on the same page.

Although Mack and Ezra shared a passionate desire, they were both extremely cautious with their hearts. Trust was difficult and was only earned as the book progressed. There was a lot of back and forth; give and take. Additionally, Ezra had concerns over a conflict of interest sleeping with a source/politician. Working through their rough spots gave the story a more serious tone, yet made their eventual union more fulfilling. And the somber storyline the pair worked on only added to the tone.

Overall, Trust Me is an entertaining read. With the darker storyline of corruption, I wondered how it would resolve; I was expecting a blowup, but was pleasantly surprised. Ms. Rochon created a beautiful love story from a place of suspicion and mistrust. Trust Me, and the rest of the Holmes Brothers series, makes for an enjoyable summertime read.

My Rating: B, Liked It

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The CurvyJones says

So, when we last saw Mackenna and Ezra, (Chase Me, Holmes Bros Book 4- Chase Me) they were *kiiiiinda* at odds.

If you can call having Ezra arrested *at odds*. Safe to say there was an enormous amount of animosity between the two and from the outside, it sure appeared that they hated each other.

But as I've said (and we all know) there is a thin line between love and hate. And between Ezra and Mackenna, that line is thin and getting thinner.

And hotter.

Whew, girl. Farrah Rochon could write her interpretation of the phone book and it would be a 1-click autobuy for me, so it's not ANY surprise that I enjoyed this book thoroughly. I won't re-hash the story (Buy it, read it!), but lemme tell you that it not only contains a bit of intrigue as we try to figure out just who the corrupt politician is, but there's a sweet enemies to lovers story wrapped up in this fight to do what's best for the town of New Orleans and Mackenna's district.

I wouldn't steer you wrong-- this one is face worthy! Grab it when it's on sale May 25th!

tera mcleod says

Another Good read!!!

This Holmes continuation was a very good read...Mac was a strong character and I like how she found love again...She brought attention to dementia and how essential it is to get help...No need to be embarrassed!!!

Cynthia Taylor says

Holmes Brothers Love Like No Other

Ezra has been holding a grudge/infatuation for years! It has gone from like, to love, to hate - but it's all grounded in love! Can he make his dreams come true? Is the time/situation finally right?

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Renée Dahlia says

This is a lovely book. It made me want to go to New Orleans, listen to music and eat. The tension between the main characters is perfect, and the solution to the mystery at the end is heartbreaking in the best possible way.

Selina Durio says

Love those Holmes men and women

I love the Holmes men and women, from the dad Charles to the babies Athena & Trent. Set in New Orleans, this series has taken us through the lives of a great family set on keeping the place they call home alive. Ezra and Mack have danced around each other for years. When he discovers that she truly isn't a corrupt politician

the sparks really fly. I can't wait to see Reid fall trap to love.
