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To be together is dangerous. To stay apart is impossible.

Firefighter Jasmine Mackinnon has always just been one of the guys. So no one's more shocked than she is to find herself kissing fellow firefighter and all-around sinfully handsome playboy Aaron Parkes after a friend's wedding. Jasmine knows she can't risk an emotional connection with a colleague—a potentially dangerous entanglement when fighting fires together—and nothing's more important to her than her job.

Aaron never noticed how beautiful Jasmine was until he saw her out of her firefighter duds, but there's something about the fiery woman that tempts him. Though he knows pursuing a real relationship is out of the question for a serial dater like him, when their casual flirtation builds into something more serious, it's not just their jobs or their safety on the line. It's their hearts.

## **Flirting with Danger Details**

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## From Reader Review Flirting with Danger for online ebook

**Andrea M. says**

Flirting with Danger by Claire Baxter is another great book published by Entangled Bliss. I simply love that the story was emotionally engaging. Flirting with Danger was the perfect title for this novel. Jasmine & Aaron were two people, firefighters, who were dealing with fears. Both Aaron and Jasmine had pasts that made them hesitant to get involved in a serious relationship. One had the fear of commitment; whereas, the other had the fear of being hurt. As the story unfolded, they began to tread dangerous waters as they considered putting "their hearts" on the line.

I have read several books with the recurring theme of a bridesmaid and their romantic interest instead of the central focus being on the bride and groom, and amazingly each story has been unique. [Read More](#)

Actual Rating 4.5/5

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**Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Review copy provided for an honest review

4 STARS

I'm kind of a sucker for workplace romances and Flirting With Danger is a prime example of why. No matter how hard you try or how you say it won't change the way you relate the other person during working hours the truth is, it does change things. Firefighters Jasmine Mackinnon and Aaron Parkes find out just how much the job changes when lives are on the line and emotions are involved.

Aaron is the last guy Jasmine (Mac) ever expected to have an interest in. A self absorbed ladies man, she doesn't think much of him or his lifestyle. They have a combative relationship in the fire house yet they both know the other has their back in any type of a fire emergency. So when they wind up kissing following a friend's wedding, it throws both of them for a loop.

This was a sweet romance from start to finish, I loved watching both Aaron and Jasmine discovering all the little things about each other that made them who they are. It was fun to watch them realize that there was more to the other than meets the eye. The baggage from their past has made both of them wary yet it was also something they both could identify with and understand.

I love the way Aaron kind of insinuated himself into Jasmine's life even though she was quite clear she wanted nothing to do with him. Being a self sufficient woman, when Jasmine was forced to accept help from Aaron following an accident it wasn't easy but it also taught her that sometimes it's okay to accept help

when you need it.

As much as I love hot and steamy romances, I still really love reading those that tease and keep the characters (and the readers) on edge and *Flirting With Danger* does that well. Easy to like characters and a superb plot make this a very entertaining story.

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## **Evelyn says**

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. When I started this book I was in a book burnout. Nothing sounded good. I had actually planned on revisiting an old book to get me out of it. Then I read the blurb and thought I'd read the 1st chapter and see where that left me. Reading just the first chapter turned into the whole book so I guess that's a good indication as to what I thought of it.

It starts with Jasmine getting dolled up for her friends wedding, something she generally doesn't do. She's a firefighter so dressing up for work isn't in the cards. She's also got mommy issues and dressing up plays a part in that as well.

During the wedding her coworker Aaron is more than a little surprised at what he sees. Aaron is very nice to look at but doesn't do commitment and regularly brags about his revolving door of women at the station.

They're both attractive to each other. Aaron knows she's not a one-nighter, and Jasmine knows Aaron only does one night. Their banter and bickering is hilarious but there were moments when the book went deeper and made me teary eyed. I'm really glad I read it. I think it was left open for a sequel about Sasha and Kane so i'm crossing my fingers.

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## **Nicola says**

I make no secret of Bliss books being a staple requirement in my literary diet. *Flirting with Danger* is another great addition to the family. With lovely characters, witty banter, humour, romance, heartwarming moments balanced with those that pull on the heartstrings and not to mention a man in uniform (what can I say, I love Firemen), it was a pleasure to read.

Firefighter Jasmine MacKinnon is one of the boys. Independent and stubborn she's a tomboy and is far happier in a t-shirt and cut-offs rather than a pretty dress. Aaron Parkes is a commitment-phobe with a soft-spot for the ladies. Witty, cheeky, very sexy and with a hilarious repertoire of pick-up lines, his reputation precedes him. Polar opposites. Who work together. And we all know the cardinal rule of mixing business with pleasure don't we...

Both were loveable realistic characters with great chemistry, but each have their vulnerabilities. I swooned and sighed appreciatively over Aaron and I saw myself in Jasmine; I work in a male-dominated environment, I give as good as I get and I wear dresses on special occasions! (But thankfully my love-life trauma's are a far far distant memory). Their banter and bickering made me laugh and smile, yet there were moments where my heart was in my throat and I could feel the tears threatening! I couldn't and didn't put it down.

I definitely recommend reading and here's hoping there will be more from the Aussie Firefighters.

I received a copy of this book as an ARC from the publisher for an honest and unbiased opinion.

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### **Lori Palle says**

“If I find a man to love me as I am, then great. But I’m not going to pretend to be something I’m not.”—  
Jasmine

Weddings are trouble. Just ask Jasmine and Aaron, two firefighters on the same team. In their job, they depend on each other and the other team members to stay safe and alive. Trusting someone with your life is easy though. Trusting someone with your heart? Now that’s dangerous! And with an unintended wedding kiss, Jasmine and Aaron can’t help but wonder if their hearts are already on the line.

I really enjoyed this book and adore the chemistry between the two leads! Jasmine has always been a tomboy and one of the guys. Aaron is a serial dater, afraid of commitment. The two of them are co-workers and friends and basically part of a family in their firefighter shift team. Since they already know each other, it’s easy to see how they could shift from friends to something more. They’re already comfortable with each other and after throwing in a wedding kiss are also very attracted to each other. Their conversations feel real as does the way their relationship blossoms.

They both have severe trust issues that they need to overcome, and it was great watching them heal from past hurts. Unfortunately, they also have to deal with the fact that co-workers on the same team aren’t allowed to date. This is tough since it means they have both emotional and job-related barriers to overcome. On a side note, who doesn’t love firefighters? I really liked that they weren’t \*just firefighters\* as a passing note, but some of their calls were written into the story. It shows how dangerous their jobs are and how the team depends on each other.

There were no overt sex scenes so I’m labeling this as having a low heat label; it’s a sweet and clean romance with no strong language. If you enjoy watching a friendship progress into a relationship (loved the dialogue—just like you’d expect two people comfortable with each other to talk), you’ll like this one! This was a 5 out of 5 for me!

(Originally posted on my blog; I received an ARC in exchange for an honest and unbiased review.)

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### **Meagan says**

I always love stories where people who have been "friends" or known each other for a long time don't have romantic feelings for one another, however, after an event of some sort (and in this case a wedding) things change. Jasmine is a firewoman and pretty much wears her hair in a pony tale and doesn't wear make-up or dress up. Something else we learn about Jasmine is that she tries to not over dress or put make-up on because when she does she looks just like her mother, which apparently is a bad thing.

Aaron (our other main character) is also a fireman and apparently quite the ladies man. Like he comes in a lot and brags about his nights with women and so on and so on. He pretty much is straight forward in the fact

that he doesn't do relationships. Basically Aaron has commitment issues.

Anyways Jasmine is known as Mac to the guys at the station. I find this whole wedding thing funny because all the guys have the same thought, but it is Aaron who thinks, "She'd transformed herself into a woman. Obviously, he'd always known she was a female, but now, she was a woman. One with more curves than a racetrack." So this tells me a few things about Mac. First off either she wears a ton of baggy clothes or she mostly kind of looks like a train wreck when she goes to the station. For him to say I mean I know she's a female and all but now she looks like a woman (because there's a difference).

Mac and Aaron have a lot of verbal sparring matches at work and that's pretty much the foundation of their friendship. So as the night progresses Mac and Aaron end up dancing together for a song and I this is truly the turning point for these two. Mac begins to speak (in her head) about her feelings for Aaron or at least being attracted to him. After this somewhat awkward moment Aaron ends up offering to take Mac home. As they are talking in the car before she gets out they start up a makeout session.

It's at the point we learn a lot about these two and their background stories. Aaron's isn't all it's cracked up to be and honestly I understand why he doesn't want to commit to anyone. Now Mac's history. OMG I understand why she is the way she is. Stupid Craig. But it's funny because while these two are trying to not fall for each other (because it's kind of prohibited at work for obvious reasons) the wedding has changed their friendship. Aaron comes over to Mac's house pretty much in all his spare moments and helps out and they learn a lot more about each other, what's beyond the surface that they share at work.

They have sooooo many fun and awesome moments together that you can't help root for these two. I think my favorite scene is when Mac has to go down a down pipe to get a guy that is stuck (while some flooding is going on). She does something and says something (I can't tell you because it will give away what makes this scene pure awesome) and knows something will happen and when she talks about colliding with a something I LOVE IT!!!!!!!!!! This was a great read!!

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## **Becky says**

Full review on my blog, [Becky on Books](#).

Firefighters. Set in Australia. Throw in that awesome cover (yeah, yeah, I know. But we all do judge, and you know it!), and seriously, what's not to love here?

Flirting with Danger is the first book I've read by Claire Baxter, but it definitely won't be my last. I just couldn't put this one down! I was completely drawn into Jasmine and Aaron's lives and was in no way ready to leave them when the book was over.

I really enjoyed their progression from coworkers to friends to something more. Even though the novel takes place in a relatively short time frame, it never felt as if their relationship was rushed. I could clearly see why certain things were happening along the way in developing the plot, yet the events never felt contrived—very skillfully done.

Both the hero and heroine had a considerable amount of baggage going into their we're-not-dating relationship, and for the most part it was believable. I thought Jasmine was perhaps a little quick to forgive her mother after so many years, but on the other hand I was glad that she finally did, so am willing to

overlook the abruptness. I liked how Ms. Baxter gradually showed us—and Jasmine—just how different the reality of Aaron was as compared to the public image.

All in all, I am definitely looking forward to seeing more from this series. There's quite a few firefighters left, so I'd love to see them all get their HEAs! (Out of fairness, naturally. Not just because I want to read about hot firefighters. Honest.)

A- for a highly entertaining read.

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## **My Book Addiction and More MBA says**

Flirting with Danger by Claire Baxter is a must-read. Jasmine (Mac) and Aaron are two of the best drawn characters in recent memory. This is a sweet read with sexual tension, but only steamy kisses and near misses. Where the book excels, and earns its very high marks, are in the exchanges between Mac and Aaron. Both push the other to re-evaluate their lives, their preconceptions, and their goals. Through taking a good look at themselves, they both grow and fall in love. It is a rare book that really pushes the envelope in an introspective direction, and the characters are so much stronger for it.

The interactions with the secondary characters only enhances the interactions between Mac and Aaron and bring them more shape and substance. It is easy to see those secondary characters get books of their own and their voices were unique to them, which is always a good thing to see. Plotting, pacing, eureka moments: they all felt natural and organic to the story.

You won't want to miss this one. Let's hope it is the start of a wonderful series.

RATING: 4.5

Heat Rating: Sweet

REVIEWED BY: Monique Neaves, Review courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

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## **LJT says**

Flirting with Danger is a nicely written, sweet romance with an engaging storyline. The two main characters, firefighters Jasmine Mackinnon and Aaron Parkes are likable and interesting. Both have a lot of emotional baggage that they need to work through in order to form a lasting, loving relationship with each other.

Watching their mutual friends get married, compels both Jasmine and Aaron reevaluate their personal lives. They both want a love life and to be needed by someone. Jasmine desires to be recognized as a woman, instead of a tomboy and Aaron wants to shed his playboy image. Little by little their professional relationship evolves into something more meaningful, but the rules regarding workplace romances prevent them from truly exploring their feelings. They share a couple of sizzling kisses that causes them to think about each other constantly and consequently, make decisions that will change their future forever.

I liked this book, however, I found the relationship between Jasmine and Aaron to be immature for their age bracket. The author does a fantastic job of creating heat, but I felt bereft and needed more. The cover is hot.

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Sue says**

In *Flirting With Danger* by Claire Baxter, Jasmine does everything she can to downplay her feminine side. Jasmine is a fire fighter, so she works with a lot of men and is just 'one of the guys' - which is how she likes it. Jasmine hasn't been in a relationship for a while. Since finding out her ex was cheating on her, she's not too confident in men.

As a bridesmaid at her friend's wedding though, Jasmine dresses up really nicely...in fact she's gorgeous! When Jasmine looks in the mirror though, she sees her mother and the last thing she wants is to be compared to her mother. Another reason she usually hides behind her tomboy image and unattractive clothing.

Some of the guys she works with who attend the wedding are shocked when they see her in all her finery. Especially Aaron...the last person Jasmine wants to be attracted to. He's one of the guys, she works with him, and she's heard a lot about his revolving bedroom door! She definitely does not want to be another notch in his bed post. She definitely does not want to admit to herself or to Aaron that she is attracted to him... that he brings her feminine parts to life! But he is not an option - he's not interested in a one woman relationship, plus she has to work with him.

Aaron is stunned by Jasmine! He is just as shocked by his attraction to her, she is not his usual 'type', and he definitely isn't looking to settle down. All the same, Aaron wants to explore these feelings with Jasmine, even if she thinks she doesn't want to. When Jasmine is injured and Aaron feels responsible, Aaron sees it as the perfect opportunity to spend more time with her. The more time they spend together, the harder it's getting for Jasmine to resist her desires, and the more Jasmine sees that Aaron is not the shallow womanizer that she has always thought he was. There is much more to Aaron than what's on the surface, and Jasmine is liking what she sees more and more.

Can Jasmine risk her heart on Aaron? Is there any chance for them?

Both Jasmine and Aaron have issues from their pasts that they have to get past, both very different, but both just as important to them. They are a fun couple to get to know, as a reader I could imagine them as real people struggling to come together. I loved seeing Jasmine start to embrace who she was too.

There was just enough interaction with the secondary characters in *Flirting With Danger* so that they didn't take over the story with their stories. I loved that Jasmine has such good friends and a family who wants to be there for her, if only she'd let them!

*Flirting With Danger* by Claire Baxter is a sweet, fun romantic read. I had a lot of enjoyment watching Jasmine and Aaron come out of their shells and get to know each other outside of work. The banter between them was hilarious at times! It was really great to watch their relationship evolve as they started to trust not only each other more, but their feelings towards each other. Will it be enough though to make a relationship work? As I read further into *Flirting With Danger*, I found myself really hoping that they could make it as a couple.



Claire writes a romance that will draw you in and make you really feel for Jasmine and Aaron. I loved how they got to know each other so well outside of the bedroom, and grew from there. I'd recommend Flirting With Danger to any romance reader looking to lose yourself in a fun, fast paced romance that won't leave you bored!

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## **Melody May (What I'm Reading) says**

Posted on What I'm Reading

We all know how much I love the Bliss line for it's happy sappy romance. Well, Claire Baxter's Flirting with Danger is no exception. Yes, this story will warm your heart and fill it with ooey-goey goodness.

In Flirting with Danger, we meet Jasmine Mackinnon who has always been consider as one of the guys. Which is probably pretty important when you're a firefighter, we can't have the other guys treating Jasmine differently cause she's a girl. However, behind that tough facade hides a vulnerable side of Jasmine, and she doesn't even realize it's there. When the guys see her all gussy up for a friend's wedding that tough exterior is shatter and guys view her more like a woman. Especially, the man-whore of the group, Aaron Parkes.

I found Jasmine character quite unique, because she wants to hide the fact she's a girl. There are some mommy issues that were never resolve, which factors into the reason Jasmine plays up the Tomboy card. However, once she starts hanging out with Aaron, the issues start to dissolve. Now Aaron has a lot of issues too. Those issues play into the factor why he's view as a player of the fire house. Yet, he slowly starts to change because of Jasmine. Not only that, he starts to realize he really doesn't want to be like the player anymore. So, he has to overcome his abandonment issues.

Seriously, a heart warming story that will leave you all mushy inside. Of course, you are going to fall in love with the bad boy and tomboy girl. Basically, if you are looking for a warm fuzzy feeling story, you will find it in Flirting with Danger.

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## **Rachel says**

I received this an an ARC and I have to admit that I accidentally inhaled this book in one sitting. This is a light, fun, perfect poolside, beach or when you just want a really good read book.

Jasmine and Aaron sucked me in from the very first page and didn't let go till I was finished. I loved the snarkiness, fun & chemistry between the two main characters as they start to see each other in a new light after a friends wedding. One of the funniest parts is when Aaron is highlighting his pick up lines. You can't help but chuckle at some of them.

They are perfect for each other despite what they think.

As firefighters at the same station, Jasmine and Aaron work well together. But what happens when serial dater Aaron and the tomboyish Jasmine discover that there are more sides to the other than they first thought ?

Or that hiding under Jazzy's frumpy clothes is a killer body and family secret keeping her from happiness or for Aaron that he too has scars from his family that shape how he looks at love ?

Can either overcome their past & workplace rules to see what the future brings ? Or do they have any choice when they can't stay away from each other ?

This is an author I will be looking for again.

This book was supplied by the publisher for an honest review.

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### **Nancy Crocker says**

What woman doesn't love a story about a HOT firefighter. This one just happens to be about co-workers who find their way into each other's hearts.

Jasmine "Mac" Mackinnon and Aaron Parkes have worked for the same Fire Department for years. But Mac was considered one of the guys. That was until she appeared in a dress at a friend's wedding where her co-workers saw Mac in a whole new light! There is a lot of flirting between these two which I really enjoyed.

The character of Aaron Parkes was just dreamy. Aaron is a firefighter with an amazing six pack and a great sense of humor. While women are willing to throw themselves at this hottie, not everything is as it appears. Underneath the HOT firefighter appearance, lays a man who has a very tender heart. Someone who wants to give back the only way he knows how. Aaron always considered Mac nothing more than a great co-worker. But he can't seem to forget how stunning she looked at their best friend's wedding.

I loved the character of Jasmine. She has found Aaron attractive over the years but has not acted on it for a number of reasons. She believes him a player and it annoys her. Add in the way woman throw themselves at him which annoys her even more. Then you have the fact that it is against company policy to be involved with a co-worker. And having been betrayed by her last boyfriend, Mac is happy to stay away from relationships. Strong, Dependable, she is used to taking care of herself. But she can't seem to forget Aaron or the kiss that they shared after the wedding.

There is a lot of flirting between these two which I really enjoyed. And the verbal exchanges were very enjoyable. I loved the fact that these two knew each other for a couple of years and respected each other in a professional way. While this was for the most part a fun and flirty read, it did deal with some serious issues for both the Heroine and Hero.

I recommend this book to lovers of romance, who also enjoy some laughs.

A couple of my favorite lines:

“Dangerous,” Leanne interrupted. “Tall, dark, and dangerous. Strictly no strings, that’s Aaron Parkes. He could charm the skin off a rice pudding, but he thinks having breakfast with a woman the morning after is long-term.”

“The seafood restaurant at the marina. She could have told me that she didn’t eat seafood when I said I was going to make the reservation. Apparently she went to Sea World as a child. While they were eating fish and chips for lunch her brother told her she was eating the slow learners. She hasn’t eaten fish since then.”

5/5 stars

I received an ARC of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Jessica Figueroa says**

"Life was passing her by, and if she didn't do something about it soon, it would be gone before she'd screwed up the courage to get on board."

Jasmine is a firefigt, who is "One of the guys" and loves what she does. After a friends wedding the last thing she expects is to feel a connection between Aaron who is known for being a serial dater. Jasmine doesnt want to be another one of his conquests and against her better judgement can't seem to stay away from him. Will Jasmin risk her heart and job to be with Aaron?

I really enjoyed the sweet romance. I loved all the characters. I loved that Jasmine was a strong, smart, independent and caring. I love that even if Aaron was see as a player there was more to him than just the girls he's been with. I want to say more on that but I don't want to ruin the book.I loved the connection between Jasmine and Aaron. I loved that there was the point of view of both, Jasmine and Aaron, it given me a better understanding of what both were going through. It helped me connect with the characters on a deeper level and made the characters feel more real. I found the book to be predictable but still very enjoyable and fun to read.

Overall I enjoyed this fun and romantic book and think you lovely readers will enjoy it. 4 of 5 stars.

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### **Ela Is says**

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Livro light demais, repetitivo, romance deixa a desejar.

A história se passa na Austrália, o que foi algo novo para mim. Já a trama em si é cheia de clichês.

Jasmine Mackinnon e Aaron Parkes são bombeiros, trabalham juntos e possuem um relacionamento amigável. Até que rola um clima entre eles depois de uma festa e eles acabam se beijando. As coisas poderiam ter ido além de um beijo quente se não fosse pela interrupção do vizinho de Jasmine.

Jasmine não pode se envolver com homens tipo Aaron, pois ela já fez isso antes e terminou muito mal. Aaron apesar de ser incrivelmente lindo e charmoso, ele também é extremamente mulherengo e um solteiro convicto. Ele não tem espaço para outra pessoa em sua vida, apenas breves romances. E isso não é algo que interesse Jasmine.

Porém, depois de conviver melhor com Aaron, ela percebe que tem mais nele do que ela imaginava e ela vê que eles podem ter algo bom juntos. Mas aí Aaron comete um erro e terá que provar a Jasmine que ele é capaz de ser um homem de apenas uma mulher.

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