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O piloto da Força Aérea Caleb Kelly voltou com uma missão em mente—pedir em casamento a mulher cujas cartas e amuleto o ajudaram a sobreviver no Afeganistão. Mas quando ele encontra o seu apartamento vazio e um bilhete dizendo que ela havia ido embora, ele viaja para a casa da mãe dela, no interior do Alabama, menos de uma semana antes de Kourtney casar com outro homem. Agora, ele está determinado a reconquistá-la, e ganha a ajuda inesperada da sua irmã mais nova, Alex.

Alex Leadbetter sempre achou que Caleb era bom demais para a sua irmã manipuladora e alpinista social. Ela havia assumido a identidade de Kourtney para escrever cartas a ele e alegrá-lo até que voltasse para casa e para a triste realidade, sem jamais imaginar que se apaixonaria por ele no processo. Quando ele chega na cidade, ela o convence de que a melhor forma de reconquistar Kourtney é fazê-la acreditar que ele se apaixonou por outra pessoa—ela. Mas quando um romance falso se torna real demais, as mentiras podem deixar ambos em terra firme.

## **Falling for the Wingman Details**

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# From Reader Review Falling for the Wingman for online ebook

**Shauni says**

Originally Reviewed For: Tea and Book

As I was reading, Falling For the Wingman by Crista McHugh, it dawned on me. Crista was undertaking a huge job. Writing seven books in a series so close together. Writing about seven charismatic, successful brothers and the equally unique women in their lives.

It would have been easy to go a formulated route but that's not what Crista has chosen. Adam's book was dynamic and fast paced. Ben's book was bittersweet and tragic. And Caleb? Well his book is a lesson in looking beyond the obvious.

Alex Ledbetter was the sweet sister. The one who defied her mother's need for a debutante. She went her own way and did her own thing. Consequently she was the sweetheart of the town and the bane of her mother and sister's existence. When big sis runs out on her boyfriend as soon as he leaves for a tour of duty, Alex hacks her email sends him letters letting him think they were from Kourtney (big sister). Falling more than a little in love with him herself. He's home now and determined to marry "the woman he loves" the one who sent those letters, the real Kourtney. Only trouble is, she's marrying someone else leaving the field open for Alex. The question is, does Alex have the nerve to follow through?<

Caleb Kelly is a flying, dedicated to a military life. When he left for a tour of duty he left a sexy girlfriend. While on tour he discovered that there was so much more to her than just a great body, she had an amazing heart. But when he comes home to an abandoned apartment and a Dear John letter he is livid. Determined to discover what changed he rushes to Kourtney's hometown, arriving just in time to stop the wedding...or not. Confused as to what happened Caleb agrees to Alex's plan to make Kourtney jealous, hoping for that moment alone with her, a chance to change her mind. Only trouble is, the more time he spends with Alex the less he wants Kourtney. Leaving him baffled and bemused.<

It's a slow dawning for Caleb, an awakening. Watching his feelings for Alex blossom as he struggles with what he thinks he feels. He fell in love with the woman who wrote those letters, didn't he? How can he be that shallow? To think he loves one woman and discover he had feelings for another..

Alex had a few eye openers herself. She knew she loved Caleb but she has to deal with the fact that she is manipulating him. Addressing her guilt and letting him know that she's the one he really wants.

Dealing with Bridezilla and Bridezilla's mother is a strain. Kourtney is a pain but mom? Yeah, someone needs to smack that witch.

Once again Crista McHugh captures our attention and gives us a wonderful story! I am totally living this series. Dr. Dan is next, can't wait!

If you want to read my reviews of the first two books in the Kelly Brothers Series click [HERE](#)

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of Falling For the Wingman, provided by the author for an honest review

and is scheduled to be released on March 3, 2014.

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### **Sheri says**

Crista McHugh has quickly made my list of favorite authors. Her writing style is easy and straightforward, and the Kelly Brothers series is a lot of fun. The thing I like the most, and I mentioned this in another review of this same series, is the characters. All of her females are strong, capable leads. They are either successful in their lives or they have a firm sense of purpose of where they want to go. You will not find any of these girls sitting around waiting for some successful, rich, sexy man to make things happen for them. Enter successful, rich, sexy man...the men of this series are all successful, influential, and incredibly sexy. They are for the most part good guys, but they are human and they make mistakes.

The third book in the Kelly Brothers series is about Caleb Kelly. Returning home after deployment he finds, to his surprise, his seemingly wonderful, caring girlfriend nowhere in sight. After tracking her down, he discovers she might not be everything he ever thought she was. Her little sister, Alex, however, is a different story. I liked Alex a lot. She is my kind of girl. In a world that revolved around looks and outward appearances, she realized that putting up the front of perfection was too hard and decided to just be herself. She didn't care what others thought of her and was happy with her imperfect life.

There are four more Kelly brothers, and I'm looking forward to getting to know each of them.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Tracy Kellies says**

Crista McHugh is quickly making her way up my list of favourite authors.

Caleb comes back from Afghanistan to find out his fiancée has left him and is getting married to someone else. Alex has always been in love with Caleb. She talks him into letting her help him get her sister back by pretending to date her to make her sister jealous.

What follows is a sweet and entertain love story.

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### **Deniz says**

3,5Stars

Sweet!

If I had one word to describe this book, that's the one I would use. Not in the urban slang sweet- as in cool, no no, I mean the kind of sweet that sugar coats your heart and makes you feel all smily and leaves a pink haze in your eyes.

The Kelly Brothers Series is fast becoming my cute and fluffy guaranteed fix for 2014.

I love McHugh writing, so each time I get my hands on one of her novels, I know that at that level I will be given joy. And Falling for the Wingman didn't disappoint. I love the dual POV and felt that their voices were quite unique. In fact to my utter joy I find each brother in each book totally different and so are their voices. Which is one of the pleasure about the series, besides the man-candy and the cute&fluffy, I am totally appreciating.

The Story line is SWEET. Yes, I am recycling the word- and let me warn you I will use it several times over. The story line is your typical falling for the wrong sister kinda romance. But this is a wonderful and very real feeling variation of it.

While Sweetest Seduction was set around the restaurant industry and Breakaway Hearts setting was around professional ice hockey -Falling for the Wingman was kinda set around cars. And I am saying kinda, because that's what Alex and Caleb both love. But unlike the first two novel, I didn't feel as excited about the background setting in this one. At first I thought I might have to do with the fact- that I have been involved in the fields of both previous novels and though I do love fast cars I do have to admit I don't know very much about them.. But thinking about it I came to the conclusion, that wasn't it. Somehow the cars took a way bigger back seat than the passions of the previous books. This was way more about the sisters than cars, which I found quite sad. I would have preferred it somehow the other way around.

The smut by the way was hot but definitely not my favorite in the series- better than the first one though- not so much insta-lust- but more.

Looking at the characters, I loved that Adam featured again and I did like Caleb in the first book- so it was great to read his story. He didn't disappoint. Alex was nice, but I did find her actually manipulative- I know it sounds bitchy considering- but she did deceive him, in the hope that he will discover her. So that leaves me wondering if lying of the right reasons is better than for what we think the wrong ones?

I did love Alex's circle of friends and how Caleb and her interacted with them. It felt real and realistic.

Found the bitch factor with sis a bit over the top - though in the end it was solved beautifully, which was more than redeeming for the series.

The way Alex and Caleb's relationship grew was probably more realistic than the previous two. And pleased to say there isn't much insta-love around, always a good thing in my opinion. By the end of the book, I felt like they had a solid connection and like I knew them quite well and understood them.

On an other note: I found this time around the mother less cliché, more real and I am looking forward to seeing more of her in future books.

All in all a sweet book. Yes, I used that word again. Told you I would.

If you feel like something sweet- or are in need of your cute & fluffy fix, this is the book for you.

Each of the sequels can work as a stand alone- but frankly, let me tell you, you wanna read ALL of them!

Falling for the Wingman did leave me wanting more! AND again it left me wanting to pick McHugh's brain. But mostly it left me hoping that McHugh will write a book for EACH Kelly brother!

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## Lindsay says

Between work and things going on in my life I haven't known what to read or what I was in the mood to read.

But this book was just absolute perfection. It fit my mood, it wasn't full of angst, it was just a nice contemporary romance.

I loved every moment of Alex and Caleb's story. I was hooked from page one, when Caleb decided to chase down his former girlfriend after she left him a Dear John letter while he was on deployment. I have to say that I loved Alex's plan to make Caleb fall for her.

Almost immediately, Caleb became confused by his reaction to Alex and soon enough, his feelings were confused about which sister he really wanted.

I loved the connection that Alex and Caleb had. I loved how well she knew Caleb and that she knew the right things to say to encourage him while he was still on deployment. And I loved the little angel trinket that Alex made that Caleb ended up with. It was just a nice little touch.

I also loved how seamlessly Caleb fit in with Alex's friends. There was a scene where Alex met one of Caleb's (many) brothers, but I do wish that there had been more of scene of Alex with Caleb's family.

Going into this book, I didn't realize that it was part of a series. I'll definitely be going back to read the previous books and I can't wait to read future books.

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### **Bev says**

Falling for the Wingman is the third in the Kelly Brothers series and one I eagerly awaited.

I really do love Crista McHugh's writing, it flows effortlessly, has no editing issues, has strong heroines (no limp lettuce leaves here thank God!), little unnecessary angst and swoony H's.

I gobbled this one up. Alex Leadbetter is one awesome girl! Shes down to earth, forthright, happy go lucky and confident despite living in her sister's shadow. Caleb is an airforce pilot that came home from a 9 months stint in Afghanistan to discover that his girlfriend Kourtney (the evil sister) left him a Dear John letter. He heads to Alabama to face her down and get her back, unfortunately she is about to get married. Cue Alex, who has had a thing for Caleb for a while, and was emailing Caleb whilst he was away, letting him think it was Kourtney. This leads on to a plan for Caleb to get Kourtney back (although Alex is hoping otherwise).

I LOVED Caleb and Alex together, they sizzled, oh man did they ever! This was another brilliant read that left me with a silly grin on my face and desperate for Dan's story out in July 2014.

ARC provided by the author (okay after I begged for it, I love this series so much!)

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### **Claire Robinson says**

**3.5 - I'd love to make you purr. Stars!**

Falling for the Wingman is without doubt my favourite book of the Kelly Brothers series so far. I loved

Caleb, we don't get enough Air Force pilots to lust over in Romantic Fiction IMO. Alex was really likeable too, kick-ass, loyal and just a little bit vulnerable.

**"Not bad, flyboy."**

Caleb Kelly has returned to the US after 9 months deployed in Afghanistan, he is expecting a heartfelt homecoming and getting his relationship back on track with his girlfriend Kourtney, as well as finally being able to pop the question to her. Her emails to him whilst he was abroad were the glue that held him together and she unknowingly became his lucky charm...

What he actually gets is a no-show at his return, and a dusty empty flat with a Dear John letter on his pillow. Looking for answers he turns up in her home-town in Alabama, days before her wedding to another guy... Caleb wants answers, and in steps her sister Alex to offer help, she has an audacious plan and a few secrets of her own, with regards to a certain sexy pilot.

I couldn't put this book down, Caleb has been the Kelly brother I most wanted to get to know and he didn't disappoint. Funny, sexy and a gentleman to the end, even though he is a little slow on the uptake when it comes to Alex and her feelings for him, he more than makes up for it in the end.

***Courage is doing what you know is right, even when you're afraid. Hope is what gets us through the dark moments when we doubt ourselves. And love is what makes the impossible possible.***

Another excellent book in this series, straight onto book 4 for me!

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### **MsChris1161 says**

?I was lucky enough to listen to the audio version of Crista McHugh's FALLING FOR THE WINGMAN which is the third book in her Kelly Brothers series. This is the first book I've read in the series (and by this author) and I was still able to thoroughly enjoy the story without having read the first two books.

The storyline was fantastic, I loved the characters, I loved the setting, I loved the witty dialogue and the Cyrano twist, and the narrator was the best I've heard in quite some time. I felt she really nailed the nuances, accents, and temperaments of each character's personality, both male and female.

The story begins with Caleb, an Air Force pilot who has just come back to the states after a tour in Afghanistan, coming home to a Dear John note from his girlfriend Kourtney. The woman he liked before he left, but fell in love with while he was overseas due to the bonding they experienced through the emails they shared. Not one to give up so easily he heads to Kourtney's hometown to get an answer face-to-face about

why she left him. He's hoping the engagement ring he purchased will help to change her mind. Instead he finds the woman he thinks he loves a week away from marrying another man. He still wants answers but is going to have to settle for getting them from her younger sister Alex. Alex is all too happy to spend time with Caleb because she's had a thing for the sexy pilot ever since they were first introduced. Sister or no, she's more than ready to take a chance he'll finally see her and choose her over her sister.

I don't want to give spoilers, so all I'll say is this book was delightful, Caleb is one sexy hunk, Alex is a smart and sassy southern girl who isn't afraid to go after what she wants and has some really great friends who love and support her, the sexy times were hot and steamy, and Crista McHugh really knows how to tell a story! You don't want to miss this one! 5 stars

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## **Barb Lie says**

Falling for the Wingman by Crista McHugh is the 3rd book in her Kelly Brothers series. I have really enjoyed this new series by Crista, and Falling for the Wingman was another wonderful story. What I love about this series is that each book is completely different, with the exception of the same family, great couples and wonderful romances.

Caleb Kelly is our hero in this book, and things start off rough for him. Caleb is an Air Force pilot, who comes home on leave from his deployment in Afghanistan, to ask his girlfriend, Kourtney to marry him. Only he finds a "Dear John" goodbye note that she has broken off their relationship. Caleb goes to see her, only to find out she is going to marry someone else within a week. Instead, he meets Alex, the younger sister, who has had a crush on Caleb for a long time. In fact, it was Alex who sent emails to Caleb to keep his spirits up, in the guise of Kourtney. If only Caleb knew that the woman who he fell in love with from those emails, was not the woman he wanted to marry.

Alex makes a wonderful heroine, a sweet, fun loving, pretty girl next door, who everyone in the small town loves. She is nothing like her mean sister, Kourtney, who is all about snobbish self. Alex owns a car repair shop in town, where she fixes all kinds of cars, including antique/classic model cars. Caleb drives one of those classic cars, with Alex salivating to be able to drive it.

Alex helps Caleb try to get Kourtney's attention by playing the other woman, hoping to raise her jealousy. Of course, Alex has other plans, which include finding a way to make Caleb fall for her. What follows is a cute romance that starts out as a game, and slowly begin to sizzle, and their relationship quickly changes to a beautiful, delightful, and hot romance.

You truly need to read this enjoyable book (& series) to see how well Crista McHugh brings them together, and how the family ugly duckling turns into a beautiful and perfect young lady more than worthy of the hero. The Kelly Brothers is a wonderful series, and if you like pure sexy romance, then this is for you.

Barb  
The Reading Cafe

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## FicCentral says

Caleb Kelly returns from Afghanistan expecting a reunion with his girlfriend, but what he gets is a Dear John letter left for him in his empty house. After months of supportive emails throughout his tour, her abandoning their relationship just doesn't make sense, so he does what anyone would do. He goes after her to demand answers, convince her to come home, and pick back up the life he left off when he was deployed.

Alex Leadbetter can't imagine why her sister would walk away from a man like Caleb. Then again, Kourtney's always been selfish, so the chances of her ever living the life of an Air Force wife were pretty slim to begin with. Alex knows Caleb deserves better, deserves someone to support him, so she hacked into Kourtney's email and gave Caleb the encouragement her sister didn't. Only now Caleb's back, still in love with Kourtney and trying like hell to prevent her from marrying someone else. Alex can't tell him the truth, but maybe if she serves as his wingman, pretends to be with him to spark Kourtney's jealousy, the time it takes them to pull off their plan will be just enough time for Caleb to take off his blinders and see that Alex is the one for him.

No way is the dorktastic dude on the cover the same Caleb who turns women's heads everywhere he goes. Absolutely no way.

You know those books, the ones that just make you all stupid happy while you're reading them? The ones that don't pile on the needless angst too high but have just the right amount of drama to keep things interesting? The ones with characters you'd think would be walking cliches but instead have just enough realism to break the tired mold? Yep, that's this book.

Different from the other books so far in the series, *Falling for the Wingman* doesn't rely so heavily on a constant rotation of sex scenes, and the characters are more fully developed. Alex is the kind of female character so many authors try to create but few actually succeed at. She's fun and adventurous and strong and unwilling to compromise herself for social standing or appearance. But she's doesn't have those sharp edges that take away the sweet or romantic side. Sure, she's a muscle car junkie and a skilled mechanic, but she's also just a small town girl with a big time crush.

And Caleb... He's so damned hot without being a total manwhore (though it's clear he's been one in the past), and while he has his moments of ultimate male stupidity, he doesn't do that annoying total denial thing that you might expect. Sure, he *thinks* he's in love with Alex's sister, but he's not blind to the feelings he's developing for Alex, and when the heat turns up... oh my! The easy, laid back friendship Caleb and Alex strike up is both adorable and believable. It's a bit of fluff without the saccharine, and it leads right into an incredible chemistry. In retrospect, I probably shouldn't believe that two people can fall in love over the course of just a few days, but I guess that just speaks to how convincing the story is, since I didn't question that once while I was reading.

*Falling for the Wingman* is simple romance done right, taking what should have been an overused plot and turning it into something entirely new while retaining what we all love about stories that throw romance at

two unsuspecting conspirators. If you like your romance reads flirty and fun, this one's got your name all over it.

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### **Linda says**

This was a really good book. It was a sweet romance with a little spice added in for flavoring. I liked it because Alex is a caring intelligent person with a small town background. Caleb is a hotshot air force pilot who has come home from overseas to find out he's been dumped by Alex's sister. He has a strong personality but just needs to find out what happened when he left. Yes, we all know what happened but it's a really good book. It's very exciting and not the usual syrupy romance. I would recommend it to anyone who wants more than the plain no sex book but less then the sex every two minutes. You will enjoy reading this book

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### **Camille Flores says**

3 1/2 stars!

Crista McHugh brings us the story of next Kelly Brother who finds himself inching closer meeting his match on his way to the altar. This latest installment packs a punch in the sweetness and "aww"-inducing department with a hero whose mixture of playboy past and present "good-boy" vibes and a heroine whose girl next door and girl without frills personality make for some really memorable scenes.

As a novel, it was a bit shorter than her previous one, which featured Caleb's brother Ben and dealt with a much heavier issue. Caleb's story is light in some ways, a feel-good reading, but it also dealt with legitimate issues that readers can easily relate to.

I love the pacing of the story and how our main characters really just put themselves out there. While I appreciate being inside their heads, so to speak, and hearing their thoughts and finding out their feelings, I really appreciate the fact that they act, they do, they move forward. There wasn't much of that brooding (although I'm not saying that brooding is bad) but this take on how things flow is refreshing for me as a reader.

Another thing I appreciate in this novel is how the author takes the story one step further and gives us some of the ups and downs after the main couple gets together. Of course, some of that happily-ever-after feeling can already be felt when they decided to be together but I also love that the author was able to share with us the fact that life or relationships don't stop there. Everything's not going to be rosy or perfect all the time even if you're with the one who means everything to you.

Caleb is an interesting and totally lovable and swoon-worthy character. Yes, there were times when I would have like to just shake him hard to knock some sense in him so he can open his eyes to the truth that's been staring at his face all this time. But I love his loyalty, his closeness to his mother and brothers, his easygoing personality. He might have been painted as a playboy but the author has also showed that he has moved beyond that particular point in this past.

Alex, I adore. At first I was afraid that I wasn't going to like her because she seemed to be badmouthing his own sister to his sister's ex, the same person she wanted to win for herself. But then I got to really 'meet' her and I began to understand her. Because first, she has the most horrible sister and apparently, she's had a thing for Caleb, which she hasn't acted on at all out of loyalty to her sister and a little bit of insecurity on the side, for a while now. I love how she's independent. I love that she's a car mechanic and owns and runs her own garage. I love that she has the guts to finally pursue the man she wants. And it was really interesting and good for the story that she came up with a plan to get Caleb to fall for her true self. Talk about being proactive.

These two are sizzling hot together. I really enjoy the easy camaraderie and friendship that seem obvious from the pages when they interact. And it didn't hurt at all that there were some pretty steamy scenes between them. They had chemistry, obviously. But they also had understanding and acceptance between them that would sustain their relationship.

This is a great addition to the Kelly Brothers series and I can't wait to find out what Crista has in store for the remaining four brothers.

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## Elizabeth ?❀Hot for Alphas❀? says

### 4 Flyboy Stars

Book 3 of the Kelly Brothers Series, but can be read as a **stand-alone**.

Caleb a tall & lean, brown hair & blue eyed Air Force Pilot comes home from Afghanistan expecting to be reunited with his girlfriend Kourtney. Confused as to why she didn't show up at the airfield to welcome him home, he heads back to his apartment. There he finds a dust-covered letter waiting for him on his pillow. Kourtney wrote that she just wasn't cut out to be an Air Force girlfriend. Shocked & needing answers Caleb heads to Jackson Grove, Alabama.

Alexandra "Alex" a auto mechanic with long wavy auburn hair, brown eyes & a tall boyish figure has had a crush on Caleb since the moment she 1st met him. Problem is he was Kourtney's (her big sister) boyfriend & he never seemed to really notice tomboyish Alex. When Caleb shows up at her mama's house in his midnight blue 1970 Phase III-SS 454 Camaro looking for Kourtney she thinks he has never looked better, "**a walking, breathing temptation on two legs**". Alex has to get him out of the house before he starts asking questions about emails Kourtney sent, since after all it wasn't Kourtney who sent them.

With Kourtney's wedding less than a week away, Caleb & Alex decide to team up & try to get her to regret her decision to end things. Alex thinks the best plan is to fake a romance to make her sister jealous. Once she sees Alex with Caleb will she want him back? Secretly the only reason Alex decides to help is because she

hopes Caleb will finally see Kourtney as the selfish bitch that she is & fall for her. What will happen if Caleb finds out that she was the one who was sending him all those emails posing as her sister?

### **Let the small town gossip begin!**

Alex's 1971 Orange Roadrunner with a retractable air grabber & 440 six-pack engine:

I really liked this story. It has humor, steam & classic cars (I would love to take a ride with Caleb). I definitely loved to hate Kourtney as you can see by my status updates. At the 92% mark things start getting really rushed. (view spoiler) The ending while happy was also very abrupt. It's not a cliffy but I was definitely left wanting more.

The next book in the Kelly Brothers Series is expected to be released July 7th. This will be Daniel the surgeon's story. Can't Wait!

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### **Lady Gabriella of Awesomeness (On Hiatus) says**

\*ACR copy for an honest review ! \*

### **3 This-book-was-a-Darling read stars**

*Caleb and Alex*..\*sign\* Just LOOK at the cover.These two are just as adorable in the book as they are on the cover.:)

Since you've probably read the blurb, lets just skip to **My thoughts:**

I've been a consistent fan of this series from book 1,ever since I feel in love with *Lia & Adam* in The Sweetest Seduction.Even though this plot was the kind I had repeatedly read or watched in rom-coms on Saturday nights.I decided nevertheless,to give this book a go,just so I could continue this series.

A decision, I don't regret.

### **Is this a stand-alone?**

Yes,Each book in the series pertain to different couple.The link is that all the heroes belong to the same family.

### **Would I recommend it ?**

If your into that fluffy kinna novels..go for it ! I found it to be a great one time read.

### **Will I be continuation the series. ?**

I enjoy the author's writing. So, Yes.

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## **Jen\_C says**

Cute, sweet, sassy and even some serious tension. Good stuff.

I really enjoyed my first book by this author.

Alex is unique and fun. She likes Caleb & comes up with a plan.

**Mama and Kourtney have been harping on me for weeks because I don't have a date for the wedding, so if you pose as my date, that gets them off my back for a few seconds."**

**"Just one problem—I'm here to convince your sister to marry me, not sit beside you as she marries that a\$\$hole."**

**When we show up at Mama's house on Wednesday afternoon to help with the reception favors, Kourtney will be so crazy with jealousy that you'll have her in the palm of your hand."**

**It almost seemed too easy, except for one small problem. He'd have to pretend to be crazy about Alex when all he could think about was her sister. "And you're okay with me using you like this?" He didn't miss the flicker of pain in her eyes or the way her smile tightened.**

**"It's not like guys haven't done it before. I'm used to them pretending to like me only to get closer to Kourtney."**

Caleb - If only he could get past the person he *thinks* Kourtney is, he would see what is right there in front of him.

**Listen, Alex, I don't want to hurt you—"**

**"Who said anything about me getting hurt? This is my idea, after all. And I know going into it that you have your heart set on my sister, so there's no deception or anything on your part. Just do me one favor, though."**

**"What's that?"**

**"Just don't call me by her name."**

**It was one thing to fake a kiss. It was an entirely different matter to lose himself in it, especially when his heart belonged to another woman.**

**"I feel like I'm cheating on her."**

**"BS. Besides, it's not like she wasn't cheating on you while you were gone." "Way to twist the knife in my gut. While you're at it, care to slide a few hundred splinters into my skin and set them on fire?"**

**"Ooh, I never suspected you were the kinky type."**

**"But you're cute."**

**She groaned. "Now it's my turn to have a knife twist in my gut. Calling a girl cute is the equivalent of telling her she has a nice personality."**

**"You do have a nice personality."**

**"Stop it!" she teased, her laughter infecting him and driving away his guilt. "And I suppose you'd love to introduce me to one of your friends, but they're already all in relationships, right?"**

**"Actually, I was thinking one of my brothers..."**

**“Enough!” “A girl can only take so much.”**

**“I just hate the idea of deceiving her. There’s something wrong about lying to get someone to fall in love with you.”**

Then there is Kourtney - YIKES! She is engaged to another man, but doesn't want Alex to be with Caleb.

**“Jermaine, I think we’re going to need some WD-40.” The other mechanic handed her a can and grinned.**

**“When you done loosening that tight B up, maybe we can use it on your sister.” “What are you talking about?”**

**Before he had a chance to answer, a woman’s voice with a prissy Southern drawl came from the opening of the garage. “Alexandra, I need to speak to you in your office immediately.”**

**Alex would bet anything that Kourtney was here to talk about Caleb, especially after their performance at the Sugar Belle last night.**

**Jermaine’s grin widened as he hid behind the car’s hood with her. “Just spray it between her a\$\$ cheeks, and maybe she won’t be so high and mighty.**

**“You’d best let her get it out of her system because there ain’t no telling what she’ll do until she gets her way. I’ll keep working on Miss Martha’s car.”**

**“Fine.” Alex handed the socket wrench to him. “If I’m not back in five minutes, it’s because one of us is dead and the other is trying to dispose of the body.”**

**“Okay, let ’er rip.”**

**Kourtney eyed the office with only a fraction less disdain than she had the garage. “I’m here to tell you to stop being the town slut and trying to seduce Caleb.”**

**“Town slut, huh?” She rocked back in her chair. “Didn’t that title used to belong to you?”**

**Her sister’s lip curled into an unflattering snarl. “No, it didn’t, but I can tell you what did belong to me—Caleb. And as far as you’re concerned, he’s still mine.”**

**“And what does Ryan think about that?”**

**“That is no concern of his.”**

**“I would think it is, especially since you two are getting married in a few days. Does he know he’s the one you used to cheat on Caleb?”**

**You will keep your hands off Caleb, and you definitely will not make a slut of yourself in front of everyone in town again. Do you hear me?”**

**“And what if he can’t keep his hands off me?”**

**A blood vessel throbbed along Kourtney’s neck. “I mean it. I won’t have you taking what’s mine.”**

Jump in and enjoy - this was a good one.

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