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My name is Laken Thompson, and I have come up with an idea that is too good to surpass. Being a twenty five year old that just graduated college and has accrued an insane amount of debt it's the best thing I can think of. I am auctioning off the most precious thing I have. My virginity. What I wasn't planning on was the man that changed everything. Asher Braxton, the epitome of stunning. The man that has everything, except for me. I've run for months from the devilishly handsome man stalking me like some prey. Just when I thought I evaded his advances his voice is the one I hear to make a bid. On shaky legs I pray that someone will outbid him, but the thought in my head is... I'm playing with fire and this time I hope I don't get burned.

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From Reader Review Playing With Fire for online ebook

Reckless Readers says

Arc provided for honest review

I went into this book with a whole other mind set, it wasn't any where near what I expected but I still liked it. I don't think the title is fitting but that's just my opinion.

This book was pretty predictable, it was a cat and mouse game, given it was entertaining. I loved Asher, I tolerated Laken.

I loved that was realistic he didn't mope around waiting for Laken, he still did his own thing. Laken took forever to come around, I would of left her alone. the chase wasn't worth it. Laken was ungrateful have time and constantly judging Asher without giving him the time to barely get her name. She annoyed me.

I loved the supporting characters especially Pappy!!

Overall this was a good quick read. Although it was predictable, it was also perfect to heal a emotional book hangover.

Happy Reading

Jacquelyn says

No Bueno

SPOILERS AHEAD

This book sat in my cloud for two years. I honestly forgot I had it until I saw it was free and Amazon reminded me I'd purchased it already. Boy do I hope I got it for free then. And oh how I wish I woulda just let it sit unread forever.

This is one of the worst books I've ever read. It pains me to write bad reviews on someone's work but it is what it is. I can't stand the MCs or the secondary characters. Let's start with Laken, our h. The hell kinda name is Laken?? She was sooo frustrating. Her behavior towards the H was baffling. Asher, our H, billionaire manwhore. I didn't enjoy reading descriptive sex between him and OW.

Then, for some nonsensical reason, there's suddenly random drama from one of Asher's exes. The ex wants to kill Laken so her bff Blakely, who's pregnant, jumps in front of the bullet and loses the baby. Then gets mad at Laken because she lost the baby.

Then there's the editing, or lack there of. One minute Laken has green eyes then they're brown. Someone was described as having strawberry blonde hair next it's black. Misspelled words, wrong usage of words, etc.

Just bad!

Nikki Costello *Crazy Cajun Book Addicts Blog*** says**

Another fab read by Paisley Walker. Playing with Fire tells the story of Laken who after suffering a terrible tragedy is forced to sell the one thing she wants to keep sacred for her one true love, her virginity. Asher is a wealthy business man with a reputation for the ladies who has been trying to get Laken to notice him for the last two years but she seems immune to him or is she?

I loved the secondary characters in this book their bestfriends, Blakely and Hayden and also Asher's pappy he had me in stitches. This book also had me in tears with another heartbreak around the corner could a relationship survive and will the bonds of friendship be lost forever. Overall a great 5 star read and I'm looking forward to see what Paisley gives us next.

Michelle Schroer says

4.5 firey STARS!!!

Provided for honest review.

This was a super exciting read! It's got it all - a Mr. Hottie McHot Pants alpha billionaire of a man, a woman determined to make her future bright, and the greatest secondary cast! To be honest - this just may be my shortest review ever. For two reasons: 1 - the blurb for this book tells you everything you'd want to know going in and 2 - I despise spoilers so in order to not spoil any beans, there's not really much else to tell you. The author made a terrific decision to write this book with a dual POV! This book did span a number of 2 years and being able to be inside both their heads was absolutely gratifying.

This was a book but I saw it as an onion. Multiple layers. Reasons for every minute detail. Why it spans multiple years, why she even had so much debt she had to sell herself, reasons for the secondary characters and their actions/reactions. When I began peeling the layers, I found these unbreakable connections. And I found my heart-strings being pulled by both, Laken and Asher. I was amazed at how sweet, tender, and caring Asher really was.

"I may not be the ideal prince charming, but I was going to try my best to be the one she deserved."

And how Laken was a fighter, was passionate. She was holding on to something so incredibly special to her to give to the man of her dreams.

"I'm a virgin Asher, and you jump from bed to bed. I want the happily ever after with the one man I give myself to on the day I say 'I do,' so don't you dare tell me what I know I want. You will never be it, because let's face it, you're no prince charming."

They seemed toxic for each other with her wanting to keep her virtue in tact and him being with nameless

women. But at the same time I found them imperfectly perfect for each other. It was beautiful watching it all unfold! Perfectly executed!

Note to author - I love, love, love Impractical Jokers and definitely need a friend like Larry! I laughed my ass off reading that part!

Kim Howlett says

Paisley Walker is a new author to me, but boy can she write a steamy novel that will leave you very hot under the collar. I certainly found myself blushing through parts of the book.

The synopsis was what drew me in to the book. It did kind of remind me of another book I love and so I was very interested in reading this book and hoping it lived up to my expectations.

Asher is the best thing in the story. he's the billionaire playboy. He's used to getting what he wants, that is until he meets Laken and can't work out why she doesn't want anything to do with him.

The reason is Laken is a virgin. She isn't wanting to be a notch in the billionaires bed. She wants the prince charming dream. Laken wants the whole dream and part of that dream involves losing her virginity to the person she loves. That is until Laken gets in trouble and desperately needs money and decides she's no choice but to auction off her virginity.

The build up to Laken selling her virginity and her and Ashers relationship is spread out. That's a lot of of back and forth between the couple and that's down to Laken mostly. She's not happy about Asher being the one who gets her virginity. What she doesn't realise and can't see for quite a lot of time throughout the book is that Asher actually is a really great guy and his intentions are true. He really does like Laken and I wanted her to see tht a lot sooner than she did.

I was really glad to see this story was very different to the other story I love that sounded similar. It was really nothing like it and I'm so glad it wasn't.

The story felt original to me and the steam factor was off the charts. Paisley certainly knows he to write a hot sex scene. She also knows how to create great characters that are smoking hot. I want my own Asher.

The characters were very interesting and their back stories were too.

I loved the whole book and I'm so glad I've found a new author I can enjoy.

4.5 Stars

Sent from my iPad

Jennifer Sons says

I was given this book for an honest review. It's the 2nd book I've read by the newbie author Paisley Walker. It's not something I would normally read, but I really liked it! It started off kinda slow. It took a while to get to the actual auctioning of her virginity part but it quickly picked up & redeemed itself!

Laken is a struggling college student that had a pretty rough life. She don't have much to her name but hopes with a good job after college, she can be a better version of herself! When life gives Laken more lemons, the only thing she can figure out to do is either go work for the hotty millionaire, Asher, or do something drastic!

Drastic she chose! Laken decided she would auction off her virginity to the highest bidder. We all know how that will go! NO WAY Asher will let anyone get near her or her virginity! For me, it was a little predictable. She came across as really bitchy & self-righteous. That annoyed me!

It was nice to watch Laken blossom from this cranky innocent young woman to a strong confident woman. After a while, her walls start coming down and Asher starts learning more about this complicated woman. When tragedy strikes, no one is safe! Can Asher save Laken from herself & her past? Will it be too much for their relationship to stand? Find out with Playing With Fire! I can't wait for Blakely's story!

Jos says

2 Stars Not for me, just didn't get it! You Are WARNED: Spoilers Ahead

OK, I was so looking forward to this story and what started out with excitement quickly turned to disappointment for me personally. I didn't get Asher, like AT ALL especially the first say almost half of the book..... I couldn't take him sleeping with OW and acting all sex gah gah over them, it was unreal to me how he would go on and on about them like how great and beautiful and the best this and that, really,, it was just too much for me to the point I had to go back and check on who exactly he was going to end up with.... I have to tell you the first half of the book was such a real turnoff for me, not only with him being with OW and describing how great it was and how great they were like describing how they had the "best" p&*^% he has had or tasted, ewwww, etc..... and Laken, ughhhhhh, I disliked her so much that I wasn't sure I could finish this book but what I did love, yes, loved, was Blakely and Hayden's side story. Honestly, I was so intrigued with them that they were what kept me going until the end.

Sorry, I genuinely hate to write a bad review but I didn't get Asher and Laken, she was SO DAMN STUBBORN and FRUSTRATING to me and basically I just didn't get their story! Now, if Hayden and Blakely get their own story in the future, I would definitely want to read it:)

This was my first book by this author and as I always do, I will give her another shot and just because I don't like this book doesn't mean I wouldn't love another one of her books. Everyone has a hiccup, even my favorite go-to authors, so I never discard an author based on one book that I didn't like but others loved. Everyone has their own opinions as well as reading styles or rather reading preferences and that's what makes for interesting people, lol:) Just because I felt this way doesn't mean anyone else will so please don't NOT read because of my own personal opinion because for someone else they may not have a problem with my problem in reading it.

Heather andrews says

Our boy Asher is head honcho, or likes to think he is with his woman, he's dominant, bossy, and sometimes doesn't ask what his woman wants to eat, "we will have two plates of waffles, eggs and bacon," I say not even giving Laken a chance to tell the woman she isn't eating anything." He does it for his woman's own good he thinks she needs protecting, "I doubt that, but you can think that," I roar. There is no way I am leaving her alone after tonight; it's obvious she can't take care of herself." He's honest, but I sometimes think he says what's on his mind just to mess with his girl, "you know all this arguing we do makes me want to push you against that wall and eff you senseless," I growl out." He has a little jealousy problem going on, "I

don't give a eff, don't look at her like that. She belongs to me," I hiss, before stepping back." He's not shy of telling his girl what his future dreams are, "I'd love to get you pregnant one day, but that's a long way away. We can do it without a condom? Because, let me tell you that was a first for me, and it felt effing incredible." I enjoyed this book I loved Asher he was my type of man.

Melissa McDaniel says

Playing with fire is a fitting title for this book. Laken a college student who has had her fair share of heartache in her young life. Asher, Billionaire playboy who has it all, but remembers what it took to get where he is. One night by chance he meets Laken the one girl that doesn't seem to want him is the one girl he can't get over.

This book is spread out over a two year period. You get both sides of the story and some very quirky best friends in between that just enhance the story line so much.

I instantly fell in love with Asher. As the story developed you learn so much more about the man he truly is. Five stars for sure! I would recommend everyone one clicking this story!

United Indie Book Blog says

The description does a really good job explaining what this book is about. Laken is a college student when we start the story and is working hard to make a good future for herself. From the moment Asher sees her he wants her. But Laken isn't willing to just jump into bed with him because he is good looking and rich. She is looking to save herself for marriage and true love. Tragedy forces her to reconsider. This story takes place over a few years and you can see the growth in both characters. There are some great secondary characters like Blakely and Hayden. I really enjoyed watching everything develop during the story.

Reviewed by Cathy

Kitten Mercer says

DNF at 27%

The hero in this book is a complete and utter dirtbag. End of.

Sue M. Van says

The story of Laken and Asher is exactly what I like to read about. It starts out slow, where he is doing everything he can to get to Laken and she is running as fast as she can away from him. That is until Laken's back is against the wall. With an enormous amount of debt and under threat of jail, her best friend recommends she auction off the one thing men are most likely to pay a lot of money for. What you ask? What else but her virginity.

When the auction begins Laken notices that a man who is old enough to be her father, is bidding for her and she is terrified that he will win. At least, until Asher saves the day and outbids him for what she is offering. On the one hand Laken does not want to spend a night and give up her most precious possession to a man old enough to be her father. On the other hand, Asher, the man she's been running from for a long time now is also someone she wants nothing to do with. Her greatest fear is that she will be nothing more than another notch in his playboy belt.

What Laken doesn't realize is just how much Asher wants to be more than just a roll in the bed with her. Surprisingly, Asher takes care of her debt after he wins her from the auction but does not expect her to follow through with the bargain. The question is, will she or won't she? Have to read the book in order to find out.

The only reason I gave this 4 stars instead of 5 was that the plot didn't spin out fast enough for me. I like things to progress quickly and that didn't happen in this story. Still, it is my preference and other readers may prefer the slow roll out. Everyone has their own preference! I would highly recommend this to those who like things to progress slower.

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

After reading this authors debut novel, Barred, I was looking forward to reading more of her books. Paisley didn't disappoint me with this little gem.

Told in two points of view this is the story of the oh so hot alpha male Asher and the feisty Laken. Asher is a wealthy business man who has been after Laken for two years. Totally loved Asher but my view of Laken kept changing throughout the story.

Great storyline with brilliant characters including the secondary characters. Looking forward to reading more from Paisley .

Ash Luna says

I gave this one 4.5 I just adored it.. A must read.

FULL Review to come! ;)

Jenny says

All I can say with this story is that the time inconsistencies drove. me. nuts!!!

First it was two weeks since they met. Then, it's two years since he's been chasing her (in the matter of a flip of the page). Then it was three years, then a week since they last saw each other, then a month (in the matter of a flip of the page).

I kept going back to see if maybe I missed something and I wasn't losing my mind.

And as for the H and h? It was like two children sticking their tongue out at each other say "nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah". Asher's way of trying to "win" Laken's attention/heart was by bringing dates to the bar where she worked and then taking them home to screw them.

What a charmer.

And Laken's way of dealing with being in love with him since day one was to be a total bitch every time she opened her mouth.

And it takes her selling off her virginity to get them to get together. Nice.

And the unnecessary drama in the end with Georgia? Where the heck did that even come from?!
