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For years Grace Owens harbored a secret crush on her boss, Jack Macintyre, the heir to the Macintyre Corporation. But Jack relocates to a remote tropical island after tragedy upends his life, cutting off all contact. Now Grace's new boss issues an ultimatum: return Jack to the family fold or pack her briefcase and move on.

When she turns up at Jack's bungalow, he can't deny his attraction to the fiery woman determined to lure him out of his tropical paradise. Little does she know that returning is the last thing he wants—he's nobody's boss, and he likes it that way.

If he stays, she'll lose her job. If he goes, she'll lose her heart.

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Dorine says

Rated 3.5 Stars. When Grace Owen travels in search of her bosses' grandson, she doesn't expect to fall in love with his island lifestyle, or the man himself.

Grace Owen is used to doing Lachlan Macintyre's laundry list of work that no one else wants to do. She has been his person in charge of 'special projects' since she graduated from college, always hoping to have her talents recognized with a management promotion. Not a world traveler, she has made Sydney, Australia her home, with dreams of someday owning an apartment in a high-rise there. When Lachlan asks her to find his wandering grandson, who quit the family business three years ago, Grace thinks of it as her one last chance to prove her worthiness for that promotion.

After traveling for a couple years, Jack Macintyre spends a year on a small Pacific island between Australia and Hawaii. He enjoys the people, who have a laid-back lifestyle, and has been helping them to rebuild after a storm damaged many of their buildings. Always assumed to become the future CEO of his family's business, he sold off his shares and walked away after the last argument with his grandfather, when he expected Jack to work through the grief of his wife's death. Jack appreciated his grandfather for raising him after his parents died, but Lachlan's stringent work ethics have caused Jack to rethink what's really important.

Grace has always been somewhat in love with Jack, having admired him when they met after she graduated from college. But they're from completely different worlds, with Jack still missing his late wife, and Grace being too much of a professional to risk her career with an interoffice romance. Out of respect for Jack's grandfather, who just turned eighty-years-old, Grace feels it's important to reunite this family before it's too late. Can she accomplish her goal without falling more in love with Jack in the process?

Beginning on a tropical island and continuing in Sydney, Australia, BAITING THE BOSS is a sweet, contemporary romance that focuses on the relationships between the characters as its plot. Grace and Jack's passion for one another is moderately sensual, but the overall feel of the romance is sweet. The tropical island comes alive more so than Australia as the final setting for the novel, so I didn't get as much flavor from that location as I wished for. There were some excellent heart-rending moments toward the end of the story that were the best part of the book for me, resulting in a satisfying happy-ever-after. Those who love a relationship-driven contemporary romance should enjoy Coleen Kwan's style.

Reviewed by Dorine, courtesy of Romance Junkies.

Sharon says

I so enjoy the Baiting the Boss by Coleen Kwan.

The story is about Grace Owen a loyal employee of Macintyre Corporation. She has been sent by the head of company to bring back his grandson and her secret crush.

Jack had left three years ago after his wife death and difficult time he had with his grandfather

Grace travels the island where Jack has been living for the last year. She will need to convince him to come home. This not an easy task. Especially since Jack is happy where he is.

I love the way Coleen Kwan wrote the story. I love the interaction between both Grace and Jack. I liked watching the story of the their relationship unfold. I love how Grace and Jack have moments from the past times together that is brought to the present. Moments they shared at one time that seemed to be nothing but in the end meant more. The story really told a wonderful romance.

I so enjoyed it reading. It so hard to put this book down.

Melody May (What I'm Reading) says

Posted on What I'm Reading

I got a chance to read Baiting the Boss by Coleen Kwan. I enjoy Coleen's other books, so I was super excited to see she was coming out with a new story. This a fairly fast read, which I happen to enjoy reading.

In the story we meet Grace Owens, and she has been working Macintyre Industries for about three years. Well, she was tasked to go find Jack the grandson of the CEO of Macintyre Industries, who happens to be on some tropical island.

Jack Macintyre decided to run away from the life he use to live after his wife tragically died. He had no desires to return to Sydney, but he feels like he needs to go back to save Grace from his grandfather.

I did enjoy Baiting the Boss. I love the flow of the writing, because it just made the story move along. The story was pretty sweet and nice with a dash of heat. There is a little tension between Jack and Grace, and it all stems from the grandfather. I felt a bit bad for Grace cause she was kind of abuse by Jack and his grandfather. Nothing physical, but more they had selfish tendency and Grace happens to be caught in the middle. Of course we all know everything works out in the end, but it's how they get to the end that matters. So, if you are looking for that sweet romance that is fairly fast, you might want to try Baiting the Boss.

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Ashley says

Grace Owens has worked for the Macintyre Corporation for the past three years and as harbored a crush on her ex-boss Jack Macintyre. Jack cut off all ties from his family and the business after tragedy struck. Now the Macintyre's have given Grace an ultimatum...Make Jack come back or move on. The down side Jack has no intention of coming back to Sydney, to his family.

Coleen Kwan has a way of making you like even the worst of characters. She puts just enough warmth to

each and every character to make the reader want to get to know them and understand them. The flow of the story and the writing made it so easy to keep reading and not put it down. One obstacle after another was believable and understanding in the reactions of each character. There were no over reaching or wtf moments that made you question the story line. I would even enjoy for there to be more to the story....after the ending to see what happens next.

Cheryl Sanders says

Jack Macintyre was made a widow by tragic accident that he blames himself for. After this tragedy, Jack had a falling out with Lachlan, his grandfather. He quit the family business, cut all ties, and moved from Sydney to Filemu Island. Now, 3 years later, Lachlan wants his grandson back. He sends Jack's former assistant, Grace Owens, to bring him back to Sydney.

I truly enjoyed reading this book and had it been longer, it would have been a 5-star read. The chemistry between the characters was amazing. The steamy scenes between Jack and Grace were sizzling! My favorite scene was at Atea Falls. I also felt sorry for Lachlan because even though he's gruff and a bully, he truly loves his grandson. I don't believe he knows any other way to be but he's not too old to change. I love the writing style of Coleen Kwan. This is my first book by this author and I'm very excited to read more.

Irene says

3.5 stars rounding up to 4 stars

Baiting the Boss was an enjoyable read.
Grace and Jack are likeable even with their flaws.

I would have liked an epilogue as the story felt a little rushed towards the end but Coleen Kwan does leave the reader with a happy heart.

I recommend it to anyone looking for a love affair that runs a slow burn with a happy ending, sweet and hot :)

Thank you to NetGalley and Entangled Publishing for the ARC in exchange for my honest review.

Emily says

Grace Owens always harbored a secret crush for her old boss and when she is asked to bring him back, after leaving three years ago, she becomes a woman on a mission. What she finds is a surf bum in lieu of her boss and it puts her a little off her game.

Jack MacIntyre walked away, blaming his family and circumstances for a tragedy he felt deep in his heart. Seeing Grace in a whole new light though is unexpected, their tempers flare as well as an undeniable attraction but Jack is not willing to give his heart and Grace is quickly losing hers.

Wonderful story, I thought this was an unexpected plot line that I have not read before. I liked that Grace was frustrated with Jack, his reasoning make sense but he also had put a lot of weight into the blame game. a fun read.

Erica says

Another super cute read from Coleen Kwan! I always know when I pick up an Indulgence book, it will be a good read - and Baiting the Boss was no exception to that rule.

Baiting the Boss was somewhat different from what I was expecting after reading the synopsis, but I got into the story just the same. I loved the island and the characters Jack's friends there! The one thing I wish would've been expanded more is the history between Jack and Grace - readers get little tidbits, but I felt like a lot of details were not actually stated.

The romance between Grace and Jack is perfect - slow building and adorable! I always can count on Coleen Kwan for that! Anyone wanting a quick, cute read will want to pick this one up.

Ashley Williams says

3.5 Stars

I thought this was a good read, the romantic angst was enough to tug at your heart strings. The plot wasn't super original, and it's not an Island read, though they are on an island in the beginning. I admit, the office stuff isn't that interesting, but the steamy scenes are fantastic! Grace and Jack have a smoking hot chemistry. Overall, the book has some ups and downs, but I really enjoyed the relationship between Jack and Grace. It's a one sitting read that you can't go wrong with!

Diana says

Grace always has a crush on Jack Macintyre but could never doing anything about it. A few months into her career at Macintyre Corporation Jack has a falling out with his grandfather, the CEO, and drops off the face of the earth.

Three years later Jack's grandfather is getting ready to retire and wants the family company in good hands, so Grace is sent to track down Jack.

Grace forgot just how much she liked Jack till she is forced to chase him down and bring him back to Macintyre Corporation, and things start to get dangerous once she finds him. Grace is looking for stability after a childhood without it and Jack threatens everything.

Grace and Jack have an undeniable attraction but Jack is just looking for a fling, even though he knows

Grace is not that type of girl.

Jack was an easy character to love, he had a lot of heartache in his past and doesn't want to repeat it again. Grace is an honest character, just looking for a place in the world where she's stable and loved.

I really liked the book, it didn't take me long to read it, and it moved along fairly quickly. My only problem with the book was this end, it felt forced, it was like boom boom DONE! I think the book could have used another 20 pages and an epilogue to really polish off the story and pull everything together.

I did receive this book as an ARC for an honest review.

Rosemary K says

Grace Owens works for Lachlan Macintyre. He sends Grace to find his grandson, Jack, and convince him to return to the family company. That will not be an easy task. These two stubborn men have been estranged for three years. Grace tracks Jack to Filemu Island. As expected he refuses to return and demands that she leave immediately, but Grace is stubborn and decides to stay. What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object? Coleen Kwan has written a passionate romance between an Alpha male who won't let himself be hurt again and a vulnerable woman who wants security and stability. Grace and Jack complete each other and their chemistry is off the charts. Can they overcome their painful past to find happiness together? I was drawn into their romance and wasn't able to put the book down. These characters are filled with so much emotion and passion. I wanted them to find each other. This is the first book I've read by Coleen Kwan but it won't be the last. She has a wonderful writing style. Don't miss Baiting the Boss! I received a copy of this book from the publisher in return for an honest review.

Lea says

This was a good quick read; the writing is good and flows smoothly. The chemistry between the characters is very good and I enjoyed watching them follow their path to love.

Grace is the 'Special Projects Coordinator' for the CEO of Macintyre Industries, isn't that a nice title for glorified gofer? She has been sent by her boss to retrieve his grandson Jack from the remote island he retreated to after the death of his wife three years before. While it's not explicitly stated Grace is sure that her job and future growth in the company depend on her accomplishing the goal set to her. Jack meanwhile is determined to stay in isolation on the island and NEVER return to Sidney. Like I said before the chemistry between these two is great and while they both try to fight the attraction it's a losing battle. Before his wife's death Jack and Grace had been friends and she had nursed a secret crush on him. It is my opinion that he had deeper feelings for her as well but he did not allow himself to acknowledge them out of loyalty to his wife (which I liked). This story is all about the struggle: to resist each other; to not go back to Sidney; to not be vulnerable; to not get sucked back in to the company; to not be a door mat. It's all there and it was fun to watch it develop. I will say however the end seemed a little abrupt and I would have loved an epilogue to give us a little peek a bit further down the road. Jack had a cousin Cameron who intrigued me so maybe he'll get a book and we can have another peek at Jack and Grace there.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher through Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

Michie Scott says

Grace and Jack are undeniably attracted with each other but Jack was not ready for a relationship yet because of his past experiences, he just wants fling. Grace likes Jack long time ago but she is the type of girl that wants serious relationship.

I'm intrigued with Cameron, at first the author described him as bad boy but on the middle of the story, he was a changed man and really wants Jack to become the successor of their family business.

It's a well written story but I don't like the ending, it looks like it was a force ending. Author should at least add one chapter to satisfy the readers.

If you are hopelessly romantic I strongly recommend this book.

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Melissa Kendall says

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This is a thoroughly charming, endearing and captivating romance.

The interactions between Grace and Jack felt natural and worked so well at bringing the two together. Their time on the island was romantic in a trial and tribulations kind of way. Lots of banter which I always find enjoyable and the sexy times very swoony.

Definitely a great read the only complaint I have was the mixture of both British and American English. Using words like arse yet using z's instead of s's and or's instead of our's.

Overall I give this 4 out of 5

Jasmyn says

Another winner from Entangled Indulgence this month. Grace has been sent to find her boss's long lost grandson who ran off to a mostly deserted island after a tragic falling out with the family. But now the family business needs him back and Grace won't give up until she convinces him to at least give it a shot.

Jack has demons in his past. When they erupted into an argument with his grandfather he left and swore never to return. But Grace has ways of making him see things differently and after spending some time with her on his island, he thinks that maybe returning wouldn't be so bad after all - as long as he gets to return with her.

A very touching romance with some fantastic and real characters. Jack's haunted side comes out when needed, but stays away enough to keep him from being too dark and brooding. While Grace seems to be full of light and happiness they make for a very interesting and explosive couple. Jack's family is a great secondary character to help push and pull at the couple the whole time, leaving you wondering at times if they are really going to get their happily ever after or not.
