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Billionaire roughneck Knox Price finds himself twisted by desire for a yoga teacher in this new romance by the New York Times bestselling author of *Dirty Scoundrel*.

Knox Price has always fallen short in comparison to his brothers. Boone is the ambitious one. Clay is the nice one. Gage is the handsome one. And Knox? Well, he's the cynical one. The odd man out in the ultra-wealthy but rather unique Price family. It's not that Knox hates people--it's that humanity always disappoints him. When you become an oil-rich, Texan billionaire overnight, people treat you a certain way. Just once he'd like to meet someone that isn't dazzled by his wallet.

Then, he meets struggling yoga teacher Lexi Brandon. She's weird. She's unpredictable and tends to say strange things. She lurks in the bushes and dresses in all black. She loves when people cross the street to get away from her. Lexi's definitely not his type, but she's also the first one to ever truly see him and not just another rich, dirty Price.

And that's...fascinating. But how do you catch the interest of a woman who goes out of her way to be odd? When an unexpected surprise throws them both for a loop, Knox decides it's time to get down and dirty, abandon the rules, and be who he truly is--a bastard.

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From Reader Review Dirty Bastard for online ebook

Rejane says

I dislike selfish, immature heroines. NO CAN DO

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Laura says

ARC Provided by the Publisher via NetGalley

3.5 Stars

I loved that Knox and Lexi are both different kinds of heroes/heroines. Romantic heroes are usually perfect, with no flaws and few quirks, they are the "ideal" of romantic heroes and heroines are thin, and pretty, and perfect.

Lexi is quirky. She is a yoga teacher, her studio isn't successful, she dresses in all black, is intentionally off putting to men, forgetful (at times and about certain important things)...oh, and she has a stalker.

Knox is a billionaire who still lives in a trailer and who thinks the fancy house his brother bought for his wife isn't really necessary.

So, together, they are an unlikely pair. And, they are perfect. And, Knox knows this. Lexi, well, she takes a little convincing, and an accidental pregnancy.

I loved how convinced he was that they were perfect for one another, and that he was pretty much willing to hang around until she figured it out. It takes her a bit, and it takes her realizing that Knox was serious about how he felt, for her to decide that maybe the billionaire in a trailer is her happily ever after.

I recommend this title.

Cristina | CristiinaReads says

⇒ *An unexpected encounter between two people who are known to be the complete opposites, make it change their lives for a turn of events that will forever bound them together...*

⇒ I have never read this author before, and I am so glad I finally got the chance to do so since I DEVoured this romance novel in one sitting/sleep time for me (I'm going to be dead at work today...) At first, when starting the novel from the guy's point of view, Knox, I was confused as to how the story was being led on because I had not read the previous books in this series. The previous characters of the first and second book

were mentioned and I was not in the loop of understanding their story plot. Other than that, once we meet the female protagonist, everything changes. The world surround the two main characters of this novel seems to dissolve and they focus just on themselves. Lexi is an... odd... interesting... individual. She is described as someone who only wears and likes black, adores the horror of making other people scared of their life, and has a strong suit that says "don't f**k with me."

⇒ After both characters are brought upon the idea of their chemistry expanding, you start to see the sparks flying everywhere. Knox is just such a tease when it comes down to sexual favors and Lexi is right there with him, together making the perfect sexual partners I have read in a long time. Their funny or more so to say, comedic encounters, always bring them to love more of each other. Obstacles are put in the way when an unexpected "surprise" happens, and also Lexi has a stalker that can never let her go. This is what brings Lexi to struggle with trying to admit to herself that she is ready to move on from her past, and though she does not trust everyone she can finally trust someone who will be by her side through everything, just as Knox wants to be.

⇒ Overall this romance novel by Jessica Clare has become one that I will for sure recommend to anyone looking for a possessive alpha male that wants nothing more than to spend his time with the love of his life and make a life out of it. A future. Somethings that did trigger me to not giving this novel a fully rating of five stars is the fact that (view spoiler) Thank you to Berkley Romance for providing this copy that I will surely be happy to recommend to anyone who is interested in reading this series. I will for sure have to go back and read the previous books that I missed out on.

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Book Gannet says

I've been a big fan of Jessica Clare's books for years, but I have to admit I'm not enjoying this series as much as previous ones. However, on the surface, this one looked like it was going to be a winner. Knox is a lot less rough and arrogant than the rest of his brothers, while Lexi is delightfully weird.

I really liked Knox; he's definitely my favourite Price brother so far. He's a watcher, a quiet man who doesn't need to shout his wealth to the world. He does perhaps have a bit of a chip on his shoulder because of his bastardry, but it doesn't rule everything he is. He's sexy and charming when he wants to be, thoughtful and reliable always. I loved how he listened to what Lexi wanted, put real thought into their dates and always loved her for being exactly who she is. He's great.

I mostly liked Lexi too. She's different and challenging, but in the best possible ways. She had a fair few knocks earlier on in life and it definitely shaped who she has grown into. Okay, yes, if I'm honest there were times when I didn't know whether to shake her or simply bundle her into the nearest car and tell her to drive, drive, drive.

And that's where this story came sadly unstuck for me – the stalker. I really felt for Lexi when it came to

how the town treated her experience and how the guy just got away with everything. BUT! She had options, she had friends. She didn't take any of them because she was being stubborn about independence when really there was nothing there to stick around for. The way she uses both Knox and her stalker to avoid conflict and emotion throughout was not great. At first Knox is a convenient way to avoid her stalker, then the stalker is an excellent excuse to keep Knox at arms length. I tried to be understanding, I really did, but at the same time the way Lexi handles things is infuriating. No, actually, it's the way she doesn't handle things at all that makes things so infuriating, and then has the temerity to get on her high horse when the man who clearly loves her does something about it.

So, yeah, this was a mixed bag for me. A bit like this series. It does seem to be a bit of a theme that while I like the heroines, I really don't like the way they deal with things. The Price men themselves are hit and miss, but this book was saved because I liked Knox a lot. It's just a shame that the stalker plot – and Lexi's behaviour – didn't really work for me.

(ARC provided by the author.)

Dísir says

I'm a little unsure about my own feelings when it comes to Jessica Clare's roughneck billionaires. Yes, these Price brothers from different mothers are similar in their crude, blunt ways and as they're the opposite of smooth and sleek and schmoozy, they're refreshingly different from the suit-clad businessmen with their ability to get everything they want. But these brothers are also sometimes unavoidably simplistic and they do in some ways, remind me of Alexa Riley's heroes who fall hard and instantly with the burning need to claim women they see at first glance as theirs.

Knox equating a one-night stand with the notion of forever does seem somewhat excessive, but the instalove that Knox feels isn't really out of character for these Price brothers however. 'Dirty Bastard' does however, take a direction I didn't expect or like nonetheless. I should have been expecting this considering the sheer stupidity of Lexi going into an affair with Knox for the express and calculated purpose of avoiding her stalker. From the start, Lexi runs away and keeps running away when this night (again due to her own recklessness) results in unintended though not unexpected consequences, then using her own issues as ammunition to petulantly refuse everything Knox offers made her thoroughly unlikeable. Acting like a spoilt teen makes their 5-year-age-gap (older woman, younger man) of no consequence as a result, as Lexi seems to regress into someone who sits on a raised chair while waiting for Knox to climb the uphill battle on his own to get into her 'good' graces.

From here onwards, I struggled hard to continue the book, not just because of the storytelling and characterisation that at times, made both Knox/Lexi seem like high-school figures rather than the adults they are, but also because of the way Lexi sat high and mighty while poor Knox had to bend backwards for her. As Lexi used Knox's age as an excuse to get out of commitment by saying *he* was the one who wanted to play the field when all he did was want the opposite made me throw in the towel in the end. Not being able to get behind this pairing was almost a guarantee when there was an annoying protagonist whom I felt just didn't deserve the title of 'heroine' at all, nor of Knox.

*ARC by the publisher via Netgalley

Peggy M says

3,5 stars

I received an ARC of this book and this is my voluntarily, honest review of it.

If you like men with a beard or men who know what they want and who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty to get it, then you will like the Price's brothers. These Roughneck billionaires may be very rich but that doesn't mean that they are gentlemen. On the contrary!

'Dirty bastard' is the third book in the 'Roughneck billionaires' and is the story of the third eldest brother Knox. If you have read the other two books in the series then you will have met Know Price already. You will know that he's something special, he likes nothing more than to tease people around him by letting things disappear or messing with people's stuff. Although he's the most quiet one of the 5 brothers, he's also the most observing one. And his conclusion is that most people are predictable and boring but then one day he meets Lexi Brandon. From the first look Knox knows that this girl is special. Most people call her weird or crazy but in Knox eyes, Lexi is unique just like him.

Lexie Brandon is weird and she's pride of that. She is a yoga teacher in a small town. Most people find her strange but after a lot of disappointments in her life, Lexi is embracing her strangeness with everything she has. But then she meets Knox Price, a guy a few years younger than her, who seem to find her fascinating. Lexi is very surprised by that but also very curious about this guy. And against her better judgement, she spends the night with him and what a night it is!

But Know wants more than just one night with Lexi. In his heart he knows that he has find THE woman for him. But before he can convince Lexi of that she's gone and then a sad tragedy happens that make he's needed somewhere else. But when some time later Lexi surprises him with a message, Knox knows that the time has come to take action and to make sure that Lexi knows that she's the woman for him!

Just like Jessica Clare's other books, 'Dirty bastard' is a fun and light read. The Price brothers are something special, they may be billionaires now but they really don't act like one. They are rough, they have their own way of thinking and when they love they love with whole their heart.

I really liked Knox, he just became one of my favourite of the brothers. He really respected Lexi and her feelings.

The story started good, it's told in dual POV's. I really liked both Knox and Lexi their 'weirdness', their 'uniqueness'. They were just perfect for each other. And maybe that's part of my mixed feeling I have about this story? It was so obvious to me that they belonged together that I didn't really understood Lexi's denial of their 'relationship'. I think I'm just a little confused as to why she would stay in a town where she wasn't really accepted and why she didn't told her best friend about her problems. And why she fought the relationship between her and Knox. I just found them perfect for each other! Luckily, at the end Lexi though so too.

Isha Coleman says

Dirty Bastard (Roughneck Billionaires, #3) by Jessica Clare

Happiness is not determined by what a person has, but who they are inside. Knox is a man who has more money than he needs, yet he still feels empty. Lexi has nothing to offer, but herself. Dirty Bastard may seem cliched, but some of the best life lessons are. Clare pours out the desires of the heart while speaking to an ingrained sense of humanity. Beauty comes in simple heartfelt packaging.

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April Symes says

Dirty Bastard by Jessica Clare, we meet Knox Price. He is one of several brothers who come into money, yet refuse to let it change them or their sexy redneck ways. Knox is the more quiet and contemplative brothers. He sits back and watches before he actually does anything. He meets this unique woman who enchants him. She, to some, is off-putting and flawed. Not to him though. Lexi is a yoga teacher though her studio isn't at all successful. She dresses in all black, is forgetful at times and about a lot of things and most of all, has a stalker. They are an unlikely pair. And, they are perfect. Lexi and Knox were my favorite because they were different, odd. They were the opposites attract type couple and oh they really had the chemistry going on. Knox is younger than Lexi yet he seemed more mature and it works. Knox is the type of guy that wants love, laughter, family, and most of all, happiness. I enjoyed watching how Knox woos Lexi and the way he did it was soo swoony and adorbs!!! Their back and forth witty banter was absolutely insanely fun. This was a fabulous read and I am looking forward to the next book in the series.

My Rating: 4.5 stars *****

"I received an advanced copy of this book from the author at no cost to me."

Blodeuedd Finland says

Knox was so dang sweet! Omg this guy was wonderful, so freaking sweet and just, dang.

While Lexie was, ha, not a people person. She was goth, she liked to scared children, she spoke her man. She was a sarcastic prickly thing. I liked her.

He is 23, she is 28. She is jaded, and well so is he in a way, but he makes up for it by sheer enthusiasm. She is friends with his brothers gf and so they meet and get it on.

As the blurb does not say more I will not spoil things. But he wants her and he will try and catch her. I loved that about him. He was the sweetest and awww. While she will try and get away cos dang that woman has issues! I get that you wanna be independent and do things yourself. But it is not weak to ask for help! And trust me, there is this situation where she so needs help and I want to smack her over the head. I get why the author made her that way, but arghhhh, you frustrating woman! You do not deserve this sweet guy!

Tension, passion and a good chase. I enjoyed it!

Narration.

I liked Rebecca Estrella, she is good with range and emotion.

As for Rudy Sanda I had the same problem as in a previous books. I get that Knox is a redneck hillbilly, but why make him and his brother sounds SO hillbilly. It is not sexy, I did not get the shivers then. When they talk, ugh, just no. Run and hide. When he narrates it is much better

S. Scott says

Jessica Clare is one of my favourite authors. She's one of the first authors I started with when I started reading romance. The Roughneck Billionaires series is no exception. Can't wait to see if she brings out more in this series. Her quirky characters never disappoint and these two are no exception.

Emma says

DNF @50%

Loved Knox, especially getting to see his vulnerabilities and the way he unfavorably compares himself to his brothers.

Absolutely detested Lexi - which I guess was intentional in the way her character is depicted BUT I really detested her to the point I just couldn't understand Knox's obsession with her or continue reading without wanting to punch her in the face :D

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

While there were parts of this story that I thought were cute and entertaining, I found myself so distracted by the elements that irritated me that I had trouble truly enjoying myself.

In Dirty Bastard, we meet Knox Price. One of several brothers that have come into money, yet refuse to let it change them or their redneck ways. Because why give up living in a tiny trailer or drinking nasty cheap beer just because you can afford more? Knox is one of the more reserved brothers, observing and contemplating what goes on around him. Like how his brothers react to his juvenile jokes. At a party by the river one night, he meets Lexi, the most unlikely of heroines. She's goth and dark, despite her penchant for yoga, and repeated claims to have a hobby of scaring little kids, although there was no proof of this pastime. But despite her oddness, for the most part I didn't dislike her. She didn't care what others thought, she was strong, and she wasn't about to just fall head over heels for the first guy to come along and take her out of a bad situation.

But when an unexpected pregnancy occurs, Knox comes running back to step up to the plate and prove that despite the five year age gap that Lexi keeps throwing at him, he's ready to be a father and husband.

I didn't dislike the characters in this story. They were cute, if not both juvenile on their own, but they fit well together. My frustration with the story stemmed from my inability to find Lexi realistic. She is a strong

woman but can't stand up to her stalker. She obviously willing to ask for help from the police, evidenced by repeated attempts to report him even though they don't believe her. But she doesn't want assistance from friends or Knox, the people that would? It makes more sense to pick up and move your whole life than ask the right people for help? The device in the story that was supposed to be the pivot point causing so many of the other actions just didn't come across as believable to me. Its resolution was too quick and anticlimactic as well.

As a reader coming in on this third book in the series, I also had some problems with the other characters and their timelines. I felt as if the author was trying to position some of the storylines happening contemporaneously, but without knowing exactly what was going on with their stories, keeping me abreast of what was happening with them just felt unnecessary.

The writing by this new to me author was cute and light and fun. But I just didn't find the characters or the storyline believable.

Beth ~ Panda & Boodle says

“You don’t have to be good at all relationships. You just have to be good at one of them.”

I find myself a little conflicted in the wake of Jessica Clare's *Dirty Bastard*. I want to tell you that I loved it—and I did, in many ways—but I also had some misgivings, which became more apparent after I closed the book.

First, though, it has to be said that Knox Price is book boyfriend perfection. He's funny and quirky, alpha enough to make a girl swoon but understanding of a woman's need for independence, and he's kind. I loved him—and he's easily my favorite brother in this series so far.

On the other hand, Lexi was, at times, frustrating. Her decision-making was flawed—and the flaws ran a little too deep for me to be able to sympathize with. I enjoyed that she was a little left of center, but found it hard to connect with her. And, honestly, it bothered me more than I realized while reading.

However, when I *was* reading, I loved this book. Lexi and Knox's relationship was so fun, and their circumstances gave me ample reason to check my ovaries for unexpected explosions. And these brothers! Oh, they are totally endearing and that makes the books endearing, too. I had hoped we'd touch a little more on the events surrounding Seth, however, there's more to come from these *Roughneck Billionaires*, so I'm hoping that will be revisited again.

Until then, I'll just be there, swooning for Knox Price.

“How do you move on from your arm? Or your leg? Or half your heart? You can't. You just do the best you can with the pieces you got left.”

~ FOUR STARS ~

Syndi says

As previous Jessica Clare books, the steamy is very steamy. So on that department, this book cemented her signature. However, the story is... off. The insta love is not believable. How can someone knows they want to get married just from first glance? That is really throw me off.

And I do not like Knox. I was expecting he is going to be cynical. But he turns out to be pessimistic character. It does not fit with his possessive alpha male behavior. And Lexi? I can not connect with her at all. I dont understand her at all.

I give this 3 stars just because the steamy.

3 stars

Katrina says

I loved this book!!! I think it's my favorite of the series! There were so many heart racing situations that I could literally feel my palms getting sweaty and my blood rushing in my veins. Clare's ability at making you feel just as much of a part of the story as her characters is astounding! It is the main reason Clare will always be on my automatic buy list.

I think Lexi and Knox were my favorite characters because they were just so odd!!! Lexi was just so weird and funny and Knox was so willing to do whatever he could to make her laugh. I loved her antics and her sarcasm and I loved how Knox just wanted to mess with everyone around him, it didn't matter if they were strangers or his family. I loved how she embraced her weirdness and made sure everyone knew how she felt. She was just so much fun to read! I did feel like reaching through the pages and strangling her a few times because of her stubbornness but I got over it. I loved it- did I mention that?

And Knox! God he was soooo sweet! It was so funny reading about all the strange ways he tried to woo Lexi. I would definitely have a hard time having a date a hunted hotel and a graveyard but it worked for them. He was just everything every woman wants in a man! They were the best odd couple! The jokes about Knox being younger than Lexi were laugh out loud funny! He was just one of those guys that wanted love and family and happiness. That's all that mattered to him.

I do wish there was more interactions with the other characters but like the other books in this series the main focus was on Lexi and Knox. That was ok but I do wish we got to see the others more.

This book was fast paced and so sweet! I loved Lexi and Knox! This book was just the book I needed to read right now. It was loving and steamy and had all the right ingredients to make it a perfect contemporary romance. Sooo good!!!

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