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The Ultimate Pas de Deux

A Page Six Exclusive Report

Debonair Artem Drake has had tongues wagging all over New York since he became surprise CEO of Drake Diamonds. This playboy hopes to bring new life to the storied old business before those rumored bad investments sink the family ship. He's even plucked an ambitious salesgirl out of the shadows to become the store's new star designer. But Ophelia Rose isn't the ingenue she seems. The swanlike beauty's hiding a past that glimmers as bright as a Drake diamond—she once graced the stage as a professional ballerina...until she was forced to take her final curtsey and hide from the limelight. Now can Artem bring her back to center stage? Or will their glittering future together wither under the secrets of the past?

His Ballerina Bride Details

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Coral says

Plot: 4/5

Characterisation: 3/5

Prose: 4/5

How much I enjoyed it: 3/5

Valri Western says

What's not to love about ballet, diamonds and a tortured playboy's past?? I loved the character's in this book. Both Artem and Ophelia were wonderful and I can't wait for the following books to catch a glimpse of them again! Ophelia feels her life is over when she receives a medical diagnosis that makes her give up her beloved ballet where she is a professional. It's in her blood as it was her grandmother's. She's devastated but also has a connection with the famous Drake Diamonds so she goes to work there and dreams of designing for them someday. Artem becomes the CEO of the company when his father dies but doesn't want it and wants to resign, until he meets Ophelia. They are drawn to each other. It's a saucy story, I must admit...but very romantic. Of course there are ups and down...even a little kitty that is adorable! I very much enjoyed learning about the diamond business and more about ballet! Come meet two souls that have difficult pasts but yearn to have a happily ever after - with each other!

Lynda says

You ever read a book and just KNOW what the inspiration was? That's this book. I'm 99% certain this author watched the same documentary I did on Tiffany & Co that was on Netflix. This book was okay. Not great, but as book 2 is a RITA finalist, and this book has both ballet and jewelry companies, I figured it was right up my alley.

NOPE.

I HATED the ending. Absolutely hated it. It was a lazy way out and it made all the stress and angst from throughout the book absolutely pointless.

I'll be skipping book 2.

Isha Coleman says

Hypothesizing a situation is much different then living it out full scale. The mind allows the person to dream up worse case scenarios but the heart refuses to believe that any can happen. Teri Wilson guided me on a journey of sorrow, hope and winding roads in the inspirational tale of Ophelia Rose. Her lifelong dream ended the day her nightmare began, now it's up to a billionaire playboy to show her what true beauty is.

Flaws and all. It's hard to see words when your eyes refuse to stop watering. I loved Ophelia for her grace in the face of adversity. Artem made suave not only look sexy but despite his philandering ways was the perfect soulmate to mend a broken heart. His Ballerina Bride felt like journeying through a dream that I never wanted to end.

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Susan says

Fantastic book. Ophelia is a former ballerina who lost her career thanks to a devastating medical diagnosis. Now she works on the sales floor of Drake Diamonds and dreams of becoming one of their jewelry designers. A chance encounter with Artem Drake, CEO of the company, gives her the opportunity to show her designs. Artem inherited the position of CEO, but he doesn't want it. He's never felt part of the tradition. On his way to his brother's office to submit his resignation, he sees Ophelia and is immediately drawn to her. In the course of that meeting, Artem offers to look at her designs.

The chemistry between Ophelia and Artem is intense from the very beginning. Every encounter sees the sparks flying between them. Ophelia is determined to resist because of her fears about her future. Artem is attracted so much that he can't get her off his mind. I loved the night at the ballet, meant to be publicity for the company and how it turned out to be so much more. I ached for Ophelia and her sense of loss at not being able to dance, and wept at her reaction to the shoes. I loved how she seized on the chance to take one night for herself to make memories to last her in her self-imposed exile. What she and Artem experienced was incredible, both physical and emotional. But the dream came to an end the next morning, with a public exposure of her past. I ached for them both as Ophelia dealt with the consequences of the stress and Artem with the effects the news of her illness had on his feelings. I loved the way that he stood up for her against his brother and tried to protect her. The ending was awesome with Artem's determination to do whatever he had to in order to win her, and Ophelia finally willing to believe she could have a life worth living. Artem's big moment was awesome and the perfect way to bring the story full circle.

There was so much I loved about this book. At the top of the list is the realism of Ophelia and her illness. The devastation of the major changes in her life and her fears for her future are what so many experience. I loved seeing her making the best of her new reality and trying to stay as positive as she can. I ached for her and the effect her former fiance's rejection had on her. Artem also had his demons to overcome. The stigma of his birth and his fear of being like his father had a huge impact on his life. His relationship with his brother was strained until they found a way past the issues that kept them apart. I also loved how the Drake Diamond had a connection to both Artem and Ophelia, and that Ophelia finds a way to show Artem that it is just as important to him as it is to her. I wasn't surprised by Artem's gift to Ophelia, but it was so very sweet and romantic.

Roe Valentine says

Ms. Wilson knows how to write a story chock-full of romance and glamour. Expect to find that and much more in this heart-felt and lovely story.

Gigi Ann says

To me this was just another boy meets girl, falls in lust at first sight. Don't know anything about each other, except undressing each other in their mind, and imagining what it would be like to sleep together. Well you know the rest, they finally fall into bed together and really had a fabulous time, and then he gets a phone call and decides he doesn't really know her after all. Really? I think I am getting to old to enjoy these kind of stories, for me it was unrealistic to say the least. But as always there is a HEA ending.

I was gifted this book by the publishers. I did not receive any type of compensation for reading and reviewing this book. While I receive free books from publishers and authors, I am under no obligation to write a positive review.

MaryD says

I'll let others do the plot summary, but I just need to record what this book did to me. The language involved was so romantic, so full of emotion- both good and bad. There was so much feeling in the interactions between Artem and Rose, even before they really knew each other. Too often the HQ plots involve a lot of conflict (and there was some here), but this one had so much going for it that it didn't need a lot of angst to bring the plot forward.

That said, I almost "dinged" this a * because (view spoiler).

Marianne Evans says

Though I can't 'shop' them very often (OK, next to never..), I'm quite the fan of high end jewelry designs and the historic houses that put sparkle in our world. In the pages of His Ballerina Bride, Teri Wilson transports readers to a behind-the-scenes glimpse of life in the world of dance, of jewelry design, and even the poignant journey to emotional health following a crushing shift of life and health. Top form romance and I eagerly await book 2 of Drake Diamonds. 5-Diamonds, Teri. Thanks for a great read.

Andrea Guy says

I am totally in love with this book. His Ballerina Bride is a book for your keeper shelf. I don't know which character that I loved more Ophelia or Artem. I adore Artem's name. It is so unusual.

Ophelia is a former ballerina working at Drake Diamonds because her career was cut short because of illness. It was really impressive to see how Teri Wilson worked Ophelia's MS into the story. The reader could understand her reasoning whether it was not to adopt the white kitten from the shelter she volunteered at to her feelings for Artem.

Artem is the CEO of Drake Diamonds. They had a chance meeting in the break room, while she's eating a petite four that they offer their engagement clients. In the course of things she shows him some designs she has done and the rest is romance history.

There's a wonderful twist that involves Ophelia's family and the Drake diamond that makes the possible sale of the jewel rather sad.

These two had awesome chemistry. I adored the way he cared for her, especially when her past came to light. He really did his best to protect her.

This was a beautiful romance and the way the ballet played a part in the story, from Ophelia's dancing to her designs just made it so visual. The dancing also played a part in Ophelia and Artem's first real romantic encounter.

The discovery at the end was a little predictable as is the fate of the Drake Diamond, but that didn't detract from a wonderful story.

Molly Mirren says

Sweet story reminiscent of an English regency, although this story is set in modern-day New York. Full of glamour, romance, and a few steamy yet tasteful sex scenes. Everything you could want in a romance!

Piepie says

This is a beautiful book ... don't be dissuaded by my 3-star rating, I'll get to that later (Spoilers!).

The "meet-cute" happens practically right away in this short (just over 200 pages) novel, and it's adorable how Ophelia is embarrassed to be seen eating cake (for customers only, not employees). Caught red-handed by her boss, Artem Drake, Ophelia then finds herself designing a new collection for Drake Diamonds.

I'm sure I've read this type of book before... rich boss falls in love with not-so-rich employee... but the layout was perfectly executed. Ophelia has a secret that cost her a career in ballet, and she's determined to keep her past hidden. She's a very kind and compassionate person, with no family, and she spends her free time volunteering at an animal shelter and becomes Artem's "cat-sitter." (Sort of.)

An elegant cover, an intriguing start to this trilogy, steamy, sexy scenes... but what I didn't like was (view spoiler)

The ending is beautiful, and I can't help but want to be in NYC with snow and classical music swirling around me and looking forward to cuddling in front of a fire. I love when a book transports me like that.

Jolene says

The most romantic story I have read in a long time.

Wilson sweeps you away into a classic love story with a heroine that has a disability that has taken one dream from her and now she is determined to make another come true. I fell in love for her right away. With grace, tears and heart flutters you go with them on their journey to find a whole life and true love. Yes, I

sighed at the end. Beautiful on so many levels.

Michelle Padilla says

I enjoyed this book from beginning to end. This book makes you reevaluate what we all think is important in life and how we think of others before what we need and want. I loved the main characters and how strong they both are.

Megan says

Surprisingly enjoyable. It was like eating candy, one moment I had the whole thing left, and then it was done
