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Five guys. One bar. And a whole heap of sexy trouble...

Dante Delgado is arrogant, mysterious... and sexy as hell. He's also my brother's best friend, which makes him seriously off-limits — until one of our infuriating fights turns into a steamy make-out session.

Now, all bets are off.

I know he's trouble, but I can't stay away. The chemistry between us is burning out of control, but Dante's hiding something behind that bad boy smile, and his secrets could destroy us both.

Am I heading straight for heartbreak? Or can this troublemaker open his heart for the right woman?

Find out in the sizzling conclusion to the Rascals series!

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Gin says

A fabulous conclusion to a series full of sexy hunks and their journeys to love. Saved the best for last? I think so! Finally, the mysterious sexy Rascal, Dante is front and center and we get to find out all his secrets. The big one...his interest in Hayley, his friend's sister. You just knew from previous stories that Hayley was a goner for Dante but can she convince him to risk her brother's wrath and give them a chance? I love Hayley's spunk, which counters her shyness, and her determination to get her man. These two are a sexy couple and deserve their happiness even in secret. But you know secrets never stay secret. Great friends and family atmosphere with the Rascals and their lovelies. Terrific series with fantastic writing and wonderful characters. Can't beat it! I voluntarily reviewed an ARC.

Beneath The Covers Blog says

Troublemaker was the perfect opposites attract love story, and by far, my favorite of the entire series!

Since first meeting Dante in *Rascal*, we've known little to none about him except how secretive and mysterious he is. His rugged and masculine sex appeal has been tantalizing readers since book one, and we're finally given his story and what really lurks behind his stoic façade.

Hayley we've also known since book one. We've known her as Emerson's little sister. Feisty, compassionate, with a quirky sense of humor, Hayley is the completely lovable and energetic best friend everyone wished they had.

Dante and Hayley's relationship is very different compared to the relationships of the characters in the previous books. Having been in each other's lives for years, their interactions with one another have built an atmosphere of sexual tension and conflicting emotions and actions. Their undeniable attraction towards each other forces them both to realize that the harder they resist their chemistry, the harder the possibility of falling in love. But where one is willing to risk it all for love, the other can't accept that they will ever deserve that same love in return.

I'm incredibly sad this series has come to an end, but I'm super excited for what's to come from the author. Her stories are fantastically written, with equal parts humor and heart. I've been a forever fan since reading *Royal Player* and have loved every book that has come since then. Can't wait for more!

5 Stars!

ARC provided for a voluntary honest review. ~Kelly

Samantha Jayne Grubey (ABookHaven) says

Beautiful ending to the series.

Cee Cee Houston says

Sad to see this series end.

Troublemaker is the fifth and sadly the final book in the 'Rascals' series by Katie McCoy and as I said in my review for book 4, (Soulmate) she kept the best for last. I always knew Dante and Hayley's story would be fantastic and I wasn't disappointed/

We've had little tidbits and tasters from both of them in the previous 4 books, Dante is afterall, best friends with the other guys and a part owner of the bar. Hayley is Emerson's younger sister and for that reason alone, Dante has tried to keep his distance.

He's been cold and distant, arrogant and callous with her feelings for a long time and in this book we finally find out why.

Hayley always knew Dante was hot, but after getting to spend some proper alone time with him, she found there was more to this 'bad boy' than she realized. She also discovered she had feelings she'd been denying for a long time too.

I always knew there was a deeper side to him but it was Hayley's more pragmatic and enterprisings side that was the real revelation. She's a hard worker, even if it's not in paid employment. Her endeavours help a lot of people. She was sweet and kind, but with Dante she found a whole new side and it brought the best out in her. She helped Dante to find his inner sensitive guy, the one he's been hiding for years.

Dante has a troubled past, and is wary of getting too close to Hayley and breaking the no.1 rule of the 'bro-code', plus he comes from the wrong side of the tracks, all things which make him feel undeserving of such a sweet, giving soul like Hayley.

But, now that's she's found her man, Hayley isn't ready to give up so easily and wants to tell the world and her brother just exactly how happy they are together. Try as he might, the off the chart chemistry they share is hard to fight. These two were a volcanic match and each scene burned with their attraction. I loved the sassy banter and the wicked times they shared.

Seeing these two get their HEA was the best ending to this brilliant series. Hope we get to catch up with all five couples again in the future.

Marie-Elizabeth Dohar says

Disclaimer: ARC received in exchange for an honest review

Katie McCoy is back with the last entry in her series about a group of friends and bar owners. Pairing Dante and Hayley, Troublemaker is the final installment in Katie McCoy's Rascals series.

While Troublemaker is a solid effort in this series and on-brand for McCoy, it lacks some of the charm of its predecessors. Whereas, Emerson and Chase were easy to like and root for, Dante's dark, broody nature often had him running hot and cold. Because of his temperament, he tends to comes off as brash, bordering on mean, which sometimes makes him inaccessible to readers. Hayley, while well-intentioned, is often petulant, pushy, and not a character that I was able to easily embrace.

Although the couple had some great moments, overall, as a reader I struggled with how easily their relationship developed before dissolving into unnecessary drama. Having Emerson serve as the obstacle in Dante and Hayley's relationship felt cheap and the angry exchange between Dante and Emerson at the story's climax didn't necessarily feel true to either character. McCoy spends four books talking about the great friendship these five men share, only to spend one whole book talking about how little the rest of the men know about Dante. Furthermore, McCoy also frequently repeats throughout the five books how overprotective Emerson and the rest of the guys are of Hayley, but there is little action to ground these declarations in reality. Rather, it seems as if this narrative was pushed simply to achieve tension and set-up conflict for this storyline.

None of this is to say the book is bad, but rather, these are the issues that, for me, make it more unrealistic and less endearing to readers. The storyline often manages to feel lackluster and melodramatic. I did appreciate uncovering a softer side to Dante; his relationship with Bull and his determination to build a place for kids with less-than-ideal homelives were really wonderful aspects of his character. The struggle to rise above one's past, to be worthy of love and tenderness, to be enough, is universal and these are the qualities that redeemed Troublemaker. While long overdue, I also appreciated McCoy giving Hayley attributes and interests of her own. The strength of the relationship between Dante and Hayley was the unwavering support they showed each other as they branched out and developed their personal and professional interests and passions.

Despite its flaws, the book was an easy, engaging read that will provide a satisfactory completion to the Rascals series. Although Troublemaker is not the strongest installment, McCoy stayed true to the series and certainly put out a product that will delight her readers. Though Troublemaker can be read as a standalone, readers who've enjoyed McCoy's previous works, specifically the Rascals series thus far, will appreciate this conclusion.

Kimberly Givan says

Dante and Haley are the two people on the sidelines of the group. We never saw much insight into who they were, other than surface descriptions. They were very different in reality.

Dante was the quiet one, the one that though he was your friend, he wasn't well known. Haley was the bubbly, socialite sister, the one who was dismissed as having the perfect life.

As I said, these two were so much more. And so perfect for each other. Haley wasn't a stuck-up rich girl who only hosted gala's. Dante wasn't the criminal minded trouble that everyone deep down assumed.

I loved that they knew the real person each of them was, and that they had that to themselves for a little while. And it was great to see the other guys have to eat a little crow when they finally found out who Dante really was.

Dante has issues, of course he does after the way he grew up, and he screws up because of them. But the way he made up for it was perfect.

The ending, because it was the last book, I would have liked more than a perceived future for them all.

Courtney says

Trouble is the fifth and final book in the Rascals series. I have not read any of the other books previously in

this series and did not feel lost at any point.

Dante and Hayley have been around each other for quite some time but never truly got along. Dante's the silent owner in the bar her brother owns with 3 of his friends. Hayley is the young one of the group and the one her brother and this three friends have always felt the need to protect.

With Hayley and Dante always have been around each other due to the bar, they have built this animosity between them - they argue and put with each other. It's just how it's always been between them until one night when they find themselves in the one place neither expected to find the other.

After that night, there is a lot of sexual tension and underlying attraction between them. However, Dante knows that Hayley is off limits and refuses to breech bro-code. Until Hayley leaves him no choice.

Hayley is one hell of feisty and stubborn woman. She never backs down from anything and refuses to give up so easily on something she wants. And her sights are set on Dante.

Katie surprised me with a few her scenes - they were hot enough that I had to take a break and compose myself!! I really enjoyed watching the dynamics between Dante and Hayley build up and become more.

Overall, this was a great read. There were a few things that I felt were glossed over and others that were ignored, but it didn't hurt the overall vibe of the story. Definitely a recommended read.

Tania's Book Blog says

Who doesn't love a older brother best friend story?!?! These two were hot!!! Dante and Hayley are now my favorites from this group of friends. Dante has always seen Hayley as off limits because of his friendship with her older brother. But he's wanted her from the first time he saw her and didn't know who she was. He also thinks that she deserves someone better than him. Hayley has always had a crush on the secretive sexy Dante and she doesn't care that he's her brother best friend; she wants him.

The tension between these two is noticeable if the others pay attention. But one night changes everything. Dante thinks it's a mistake and Hayley sees it as an opening to get closer to Dante. He's stubborn and she's persistent and I loved it. When he can no longer resist her we see fireworks. These two together are just wow and we see a side of Dante that he's had hidden and I loved it.

There was a minor hiccup and it broke my heart but then what Dante did to get her back warmed my heart. I want more from these two.

Chu says

I have finished this book in one sitting, but took me long to review it because of the unexpected holidays that I have. Anyway - let me start by saying: YOU SHOULD READ THIS!

Since the first book, you can already feel the tension between Dante and Hayley, and I was just waiting for

Dante to finally acknowledge it, or for Hayley to finally make a move first herself. They always argue, but it was more of a foreplay, and I, as a reader is just waiting for everything to combust spontaneously and see where this all ends.

When they found themselves in a place neither one of them imagined, it started all this string-pulling. But Hayley was determined, and feisty. She will do everything to get into the bottom of it, and fight for everything she wants and that everything was Dante.

While Dante tries to move back and respect the bro-code and the fact that he wasn't good enough for Hayley. Definitely a mood killer there. But never underestimate a girl with a mission.

Troublemaker was not just my favorite book in this series, but it was the most sexiest. Yep, enough to make you squirm and blush.

They said to save the best for last, and indeed Katie McCoy did that. I have been waiting for Dante's story ever since the first book. Yep, I have to wait THAT long. But it was worth it. Because as I have predicted, this would really be my favorite. Katie McCoy delivered an epic ending to her amazing Rascal Series!

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Reading with 2 book lovers says

This is my first read from this series and I highly enjoyed it. I loved haley. Off to read the other boys books now.

Rebecca says

In the first four books of Katie McCoy's Rascals series, readers have been given very little insight into who exactly Dante Delgado is, keeping him quite the mystery man and allowing us to learn who he really is through his own words and actions without the preconceived notions of his friends.

And even though Haley Hayes is Emerson's little sister and by proxy the rest of the Rascals' honorary sister, there's more to her than what others are willing to see, which means that by the time Troublemaker is finished and readers and other characters have been enlightened about who this final couple in the series is, it will be made perfectly clear why Dante and Haley were willing to risk a lifelong friendship and a certain brother's wrath.

Dante is Haley's brother's best friend, which means that for all intents and purposes, she should be declared off-limits, but there's a mutual attraction between them...an intrigue...a simmering of sexual tension that neither has acted on but it remains nonetheless, so when Dante and Haley find themselves succumbing to their more than familial connection, no longer fighting their non-plutonic feelings for each other, the trouble has only just begun and what this means for their relationship as well as the ones they both have with the other Rascals are bound to get a little messy and a whole lot dramatic until everyone finally sees and understands who Dante and Haley are and just how much their differences make them a perfect match.

I loved getting to know Dante and Haley and the time they had to themselves to get their bearings under them when it came to their new more than friends' relationship meant that they were the only two people who knew what they were starting and they could get lost in each other's arms before they had to face their friends and family, and in my opinion, that time allowed them to understand just how much they feel for one another and just how strong they are as a couple.

I so want Haley to be my BFF. She's passionate...fun...intelligent, and there's just enough sass and feistiness in her to stand up to her brother and stand her ground if anyone else questioned her choice to be with Dante. Is it possible or even probable that some will take issue with these two being together...absolutely, and will Dante more than likely mess up along the way, not only with Haley but also with his best friends and their perceptions...yep, but being able to witness these lifelong friends turn into something more made it beyond clear that these two could weather the storm, as long as they held on tight to each other.

It's been so much fun getting to know Katie McCoy's handsome rascals and the women who tame them; each one has his own unique attributes, bringing an interesting dynamic into their business, and the way these five guys interact with each other and with the women who they claim make for steamy and hilarious reads.

4 Poison Apples (The Fairest of All Book Reviews)

Liz says

Troublemaker by Katie McCoy is the fifth and final book in her Rascals series. We have met and seen Dante Delgado and Haley throughout the series and now they get their own story! This is a bit of a forbidden story with a brother's best friend/younger sister off limits romance.

Dante was like the silent partner and friend. We had not seen or learned much about him in the previous books. There was a bit of mystery around him and what he does. Haley is the younger sister of one of the owners, fun, and easy-going. They had great chemistry once they gave in to their attraction but had to figure some things out along the way.

I am sad to say goodbye to this set of friends and owners of a neighborhood bar. I have truly enjoyed reading this series and feel like they are my friends. Troublemaker by Katie McCoy was a fun and steamy read.

Read and reviewed for Sultry Sirens Book Blog.

Happy reading!

Mel says

4 stars!

Five guys. One bar. And a whole heap of sexy trouble...

I love the brother's best friend/forbidden romance troupe so I was excited to get my hands on *Troublemaker* featuring Dante, the fifth owner of Rascals, and Hayley the sister of Emerson, Dante's friend and business partner. From the first time we met Dante and Hayley there was something between them. Maybe it was just looks across a bar or maybe there was something more. Either way I wanted to know because we were left analyzing every one of their interactions in the other books in the *Rascals series*.

I really enjoyed *Troublemaker* and all of the sweet, sexy, fun moments it delivered. It was different than I expected because I thought I knew who Hayley and Dante were to each other when I read about them in the previous books. I was pleasantly surprised by story's progression and was thrilled to finally know the truth.

Dante is closed off, broody, and a mystery. He never fully lets anyone in, including his close friends, and isn't looking for a relationship. He had a rough childhood but was lucky to meet Bull, a gym owner who took him under his wing. It takes a long time to figure out who Dante really is but when we do we see the wonderful man underneath.

I liked Hayley from the moment I met her. She is fresh, fun, and has a huge heart. She is good but she definitely likes the kind of bad the Dante can offer. She wants him and I love that she goes after him even though he is "off limits."

"There's something there...Chemistry, attraction, whatever you want to call it, but it's there. And I don't want to ignore it."

Hayley makes it obvious she wants Dante and the sexual tension spikes after the hot first kiss, leaving you wanting more. Dante feels their connection but he needs to stay away from his best friend's sister because he has no control when he is around her. However, they can't seem to avoid each other and when they are together they are on fire.

I loved how raw, how intense he was. He wasn't going to coddle me. He wasn't going to protect me. He was going to take me. And I wanted it. I wanted it so badly I was practically shaking.

There's a bit of back and forth that is frustrating but I love that Hayley doesn't back down. She is just what Dante needs.

When she looked at me . . .

Those big brown eyes always got me. Because when she looked at me, I saw the man I wanted to be. The man I had once hoped I could be. The man I knew I could never be. But she made it feel like it was possible. She made me feel like I could do anything.

No matter how different they thought they are, Dante and Hayley end up being perfect for each other and I love them together. And though Dante's story marks the ending of the series and I am sad to see the Rascals go, it was a wonderful conclusion and wrapped everything up in a delightful way!

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Sandra Shipman ~ Two Book Pushers says

Troublemaker is the fifth and final book in the Rascals series by Katie McCoy. I have been with this group since the very beginning and have loved each couple and their stories. I have been waiting for Dante and Hayley's story since reading about them in the same room. The tension has been there all along and now it's time to do something about it.

Dante has always been a mystery. Even to his best friends. He has his secrets and doesn't want to talk about them or his past. So, he stays quiet and that makes him look like an ass at times. His friends are used to his attitude and disappearing acts. Except for Hayley. She wants to know what makes him tick. She also wants to make him smile. A real one. Not the one he puts on to please others. But a genuine one. He might tease her, calling her a princess and all but she also feels the tension coming off him when she is around. She definitely wants the man. Who wouldn't? But does he want her or is she reading him all wrong?

No. She is right. 100% correct. Dante wants her. Badly. And has since the moment he laid eyes on her. But, then he was cockblocked when he found out who her brother was. A friend. And a friend's sister was definitely off-limits. And ten years later...she still was. But, can he resist the temptation after a kiss that sets off a train wreck waiting to happen?

Dante and Hayley's relationship is hot and heavy, sweet and sugary, and dangerous. I loved them. They each have their reasons for secrets and them together is just an added one. What will happen when all the secrets come to light? Will they be forced apart or will it bring them closer than ever?

Overall....I am so sad this series is over. At the same time, this was the perfect conclusion. The Rascals' family is full of passion, protectiveness, loyalty, and love.

Quotes:

It didn't matter if he kissed like a depraved angel. As far as I was concerned, Dante was the devil himself.

But when she looked at me . . . Those big brown eyes always got me. Because when she looked at me, I saw the man I wanted to be.

“You’re right,” he finally said.

“Can I get that in writing?” I joked.

“I’ll have my lawyer draw up the paperwork,” my father said with a grin before he sobered.

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

First I want to say that I did myself a disservice by not reading this series. Troublemaker is the conclusion to the series and I loved loved it! So I know I will love the other books in the series plus you get the background of Hayley and Dante.

Hayley and Dante's story was a roller coaster ride. They have this love hate friendship that turns into more one night when the lines are crossed. Hayley has always liked Dante but he has kept his distance from her because he is her brothers best friend and that is a no go. But one day Hayley and Dante are arguing and before you know it they are making out. Holy hell that was one argument ending.

Hayley knows he is a handful but she still wants him more than just a friend. Only problem is is that Dante is holding some secrets and those secrets could destroy them before they can build a relationship. Can Hayley break down Dante's walls and get him to open up or will Dante keep her at arms length?
