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This is the sequel to His Pawn

Jillian Pryor has learned a thing or two since she was swept away by the handsome Mason Woodward. For years, she had him on a high pedestal... until she learned the dirty truth about his plans for her.

Two months later, Mason is still determined to have her, but Jillian isn't about to give in that easily. The problem is, Jill hasn't been able to get him off her mind either.

Still, there's more at stake than past transgressions and painful secrets. Mason will have to make a choice that Jill knows nothing about...

Queen In Play Details

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Heather / Obsessed With Myshelf says

So – remember that big cliffy? It wasn't so much of a huge cliffhanger afterall. I mean, it is, but I was sort of surprised that we didn't start this book being driven straight into the heart of the hospital where Jill was recovering from a potential attempt on her life. It threw me off a little, but I recovered ;)

Of course, Jill's still pissed as fuck at Mason. And rightfully so. He's sort of been lying to her like a cheap suit he'd never wear. Mason is the King of Contradictions and his use of the Love card, while genuine, is too little, too late. Or is it?

I was SO HAPPY when Jill found her lady balls and decided to use them. I also really appreciated that we weren't tortured too badly with the boomerang relationship and that Mason finally became the man I wanted him to be. He shapes up beautifully in book 2, and you can finally let yourself be fully in love with him as a character – well, minus the CONTINUED LYING. *smh*

Willa once again treats us with the heat I've come to enjoy. Mason may be whipped, but he is dominant and delicious as ever. Jill's submissive spirit is alive and well – and is sexy as fuck. I may have been picturing tumblr in a few of those scenes. Hell yes, SIR.

Of course, my dearest Willa, I must place you in the category with some of my favorites – the category in which no lube is used for anal sex. It's a mission of mine to get lube in books for anal sex. Should we create a hashtag? #SlickAssFuck whatever...I digress.

The same issues with the writing style from book one continued to plague me in book two and I stand by my thoughts on that. However, the plot itself is enjoyable: sweet, dark & erotic. I could see where this was all going, but I wanted to go there. Danger and potential murder dominate this story only lightened by heated kisses, romantic gestures and slippery thighs. Bring on book 3! 3.75 stars.

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Tania Gonzalez says

I was kindly given the opportunity to read this amazing second book to Mason and Jillian's story in exchanged for my honest review ARC..

How can I begin to rate this book in simple words, without not giving anything away. I can only say this is a magnificent story.

Queen in Play picks up 2 months after the unfortunately events that unfolded at the end of His Pawn. Jillian is heart broken and seems to want to move on with her life without Mason being part of it. However, Mason's love for Jillian is so vivid and wants to win her back.

In this book we learn more about Mason's childhood with his father and how things really unfolded the day

his relationship with Jillian's brother ended in full detail.

Mason has definitely changed in this book for better or worse but in my eyes any woman would be lucky to have a Mason in their lives.

Can loving with such intensity bring two people closer together or tear them further apart. If you want to know you must read the book.

Without giving any spoilers my heart swelled for the passion and love these two have for each other but it also hurt from the betrayal and lies surrounding these characters. It made me wish I had a mason in my life but it also made me think is it worth so much pain a risk to be with the one you love..

can't wait for the final book to this story, I will be counting the days.

I want to take this time to congratulate the amazing work Author Willa Thorne has done with this story. I love to read and I am always looking for that one book I would forever have in my mind without having to go back and think what was the title or who wrote it, this story is by far that story I will re read when ever possible. it's just so difficult with so many books and stories to connect. I am pleased to say this story is the one I will forever have in my mind as my favorite characters and my book boyfriend.

Angela Ainsworth says

disclaimer I was kindly given the opportunity to read this book in exchange for my honest review...it in no way has affected my opinion of the book.**

Queen in Play picks up 2 months after Jillian “fell” down the stairs...(totally shocked me by the way). Jillian is still reeling from finding out about Mason’s plans for her and she’s struggling with her feelings for him. Mason is battling with his mistake and trying to get Jillian back all the while dealing with family issues. Mason also gets some shocking info about what really happened with Travis and his ex-fiancé. There is a lot of clearing the air and the story line is great. The sex scenes are also HOTTTT. Mason has a true dominant nature and Jillian brings sweet sass to the relationship.

In this book, you also get a more in depth look into his family and just how far his father is willing to go to make his son heel. It’s totally horrible how cruel his father is and I admit I wanted to choke the man for his ridiculousness. All in all, I definitely love the story and I’m interested to see how Willa will continue in the next installment. I’m also curious about what’s going on with Elyse and Jackson....maybe in the next installment *smirk*...a girl can hope...

Samantha L says

"I'm stronger now than I was back then, but there is no denying that I will always crave the way Mason commands my body. I need it as much as he needs to dominate me."

Well this book confirms it - you can't go wrong with a Willa Thorne read. She delivered on every expectation I had with this book.

I knew going into this book that I would love Mason. You cannot go wrong with a dirty talking, dominant,

sexy as hell male with a British accent. But I felt that he really, really redeemed himself in the aftermath of book 1's revelations. He is the pinnacle of an alpha that loves his girl and would do anything for her. And I loved that he didn't lose any of the qualities that made him alpha just cause he fell in love.

And I have to say that I much prefer the Jillian in this book. Gone is the overwhelmed and at times out of her depth character, instead replaced with a more confident and self assured character. She is no longer naive but I love that she did not become jaded by what happened between her and Mason in book 1.

As you come to expect from book 1, the sex was off the charts hot in this book. You are drawn into each scene until it literally feels like you are going to catch fire. Make sure you have a spare pair of panties on hand - you will need them for sure. And if you blush easily, you may want to consider reading in private. Consider yourself warned.

To top this all off, there is an element of suspense to this book and twists that I was not expecting. The way that some relationships played out in this book, especially where family on both sides were concerned, stunned me.

What I think that Willa does exceptionally well is give you a smutty book to soothe those cravings with an awesome storyline that is not overwhelmed by the sex. It is a fine line that Willa dances perfectly.

I am so excited to see what happens next with Mason and Jillian. I am 100% invested in their story. I am equally as excited to see how Willa can bring another awesome book.

I recommend this book (and series) to every romance and erotica book lover. You will not be disappointed!

I won a copy of this book.

Jay says

4.5 stars

With **Queen In Play** (book 2) we get a better understanding of who is Mason Woodward; we learn about his childhood, his family dynamic (especially with his father), and what really happen between him and Jillian's brother. We see Jillian finally getting out of her let's say infatuation with Mason and get a backbone and really go for what she wants without being so afraid.

This second book will surely keep you on your toes wanting to know what will happen next. There more mystery involving Mason and also Jillian's *accident*. Will Mason found out who is trying to hurt Jillian? Will she forgave him? Will they have the happily-ever-after!!!!? I really hope so...

The hot factor in this one is ridiculous!! The connection and chemistry between these two is nearly palpable, so wear something absorbent or nothing at all.

Part #3 and final book is coming on... I really don't know but I hope is soon because I cant wait for it.

Oh,**Ms. Thorne** I want babies, the whole I don't want to bring a baby to this fucked-up world Mason has going on, I call bullshit!!! **I want pretty Mason babies running around xx.**

And finally there's a **cliffy...**

Jennifer F says

That hot sensation inside your chest that only the BEST love/sex scenes can deliver... That's this series!!

I received an ARC for an honest review...

I'm a patient person who's been very impatiently waiting for the release of Queen in Play! If you're looking (or even if you're not looking!), just stop now and grab His Pawn (Book 1) - you don't want to miss any of Mason and Jillian's story! Thank you so much Willa Thorne :)

Queen in Play

No spoilers from me; you want to encounter this first hand.

So, from a reader who picks up and quickly puts down books that don't produce the stimulation a story should - here's what you'll get from Queen in play:

You'll feel the emotions that have been brewing on both sides: jealousy, wanting, need.

Answers and understanding as to why things played the way they did in His Pawn.

You'll want more, and the wait I know will be so worth it!

I hope you enjoy this as much as I have!

Kashunna Fly says

*****I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review*****

This book is smoking hot, it picked up right where it left off Jill is recovering from a nasty fall while dealing with Mason's betrayal. She is as heart broken as he is about their separation. Mason is reeling about being away from her for so long while dealing with family issues with his snotty sister. Then when Jill decides to try to move on she meets a guy who is interested in her who does nothing to compare to the man she is pining for, in the midst of it all Mason heard of this date & decides to fight to win her back. They reconnect & all seems to be going well. They visit her family & Mason makes amends with Travis. Again all is well right?....WRONG, he then discovers that Jillian's accident was an actual attempt on her life, his dad is still out to control him & his sister has a mental meltdown. Poor Mason is dealing with ALL that, rebuilding his relationship, & remaining a beast in the sheets. Who wouldn't be stressed? This book has everything : a sexy new character that is not who he seems to be, love, reconciliation & hot enough to singe your eyebrows off sex! It's a military read series & I can't wait to see what comes next!!!! Way to make me blush Willa! Mason is my #LuckyCharms cause he's magically delicious,yum!

Hilary says

Queen In Play is the irresistible, sexier sister to His Pawn. There is just something about a man trying to redeem himself and, let's face it, Mason has A LOT to make up for. The stakes are higher and the sex is off-the-charts HOT. I was blushing more than a virgin school girl learning about sex for the first time.

We see a new side to both main characters. The masks are off and it's time to get real. Jillian is stronger than ever and refusing to be a toy. She isn't making it easy for Mason to woo her. I got in some great laughs watching it unfold.

The skeletons are pouring out of the Woodward Family closet and boy are they dirty! The suspense and plot twists that come as a result are fantastic. I was completely engrossed and devoured this book.

I NEED book 3 NOW! I must find out how this story ends.

* * I received a review copy in exchange for an honest review. * *

Miranda Beazley says

It's been two months since Jillian fell down the stairs after find out about Masons betrayal. She still wants him but she's still so hurt by what he's done. Mason hasn't seen her in two months so they're done right? Wrong.

The heat in this book is through the roof. Jillian was so hurt by Mason and she's gotten herself a little bit of backbone. It's so fun to watch her try and clash with Mason. And it's so fun to watch the frustration because he can't get what he wants. Will they, won't they?

Spunky N Sassy says

SNS Rating: 4.75

~~~~~Dee's ★★★★★ Review~~~~~

Mason and Jill's story continues where book one ended. At this time, Mason's number one priority is to seek Jill's forgiveness and win back her heart. Watching this hot couple struggle with their passion and feelings, seeing the transformation of mind and healing of a broken heart is a very captivating and interesting process. There are several revelations and surprising twists in this story. Even as some questions are answered, many more questions arise, clues to more mysteries develop that continues to keep one hooked in the action. Ms. Thorne is very skilled in crafting a tale that has you flipping the pages, missing sleep and holding one's breath, not to mention the passionate bedroom scenes. Excellent series!

~~~~~Amanda's ★★★★★ Review~~~~~

A great second read in the Manhattan Tales Series. Jillian fights her attraction as best as she can against Mason. She finally gives into Mason and their love, but she has grown a back bone. Zara, Mason's sister, shows up after being cut off from their father and being beaten. Mason finds out who pushed her down the stairs and why. His father as been killed in a fire in England. Mason and Travis make peace. Who pushed her down the stairs? Why was Zara beaten and cut off? How has Jillian changed? What happened between Mason and Travis to cause their falling out? Will Mason and Jillian's love be enough to keep them together?

~~~~~Patricia's ★★★★★ Review~~~~~

This second installment of Jillian and Mason's story starts where it ended in the first one two months later. Jillian fights her feeling for Mason and won't list n to a thing he has to say about the night of her accident. Mason thinks he can make her jealous but will that backfire in his face. When his father tells him that he will disown him if he doesn't give up Jillian he will have a long battle ahead of him. Will their love for one another be able to withstand all the turmoil that they have been through and can she forgive Mason and have a Happy ending with Mason. This is a really great written story pulling you into the story line and making you have the feelings right along with the characters.

~~~~~Sharlene's ★★★★★☆ Review~~~~~

This is the second installment of the Manhattan Tales series and is basically a continuation of the first

installment. It does answer the questions left by the cliffhanger in the first installment but in a round about way. The beginning of the book jumps around a bit but you eventually get the gist of what happened. Jillian and Mason pick up where they left off with Jillian still pissed off at Mason for what he's done. The characters are well developed including the secondary characters. All the characters from the first installment return in this one and are joined by a few more. Some problems from the past are solved but new ones pop up for the couple. Sex scenes are a bit more descriptive here and a little more plentiful than the first installment. Jillian finds her backbone and finally starts standing up to Mason which is exactly what he needs. Even if he won't admit it. He is still the alpha and the dominant but Jillian isn't quite the pushover that she used to be.

This could be read as a stand alone but I wouldn't recommend it. Go back and read the first installment before you read this one. Although things are starting to look a lot better for the couple, I wouldn't say this has your typical HEA. There will be a third installment which should be the conclusion to this couple's story.

Kimberly says

Smoldering!!! Holy smokes! This book is hot! Willa Thorne is a terrific story teller, who knows how to keep us in suspense!

It's two months after Jillian's "fall" and Mason is absolutely determined to win her back. But, Jillian is stronger, now, and won't make it easy for him. He tries going the jealousy route, but quickly finds out that Jillian is tired of his crap. After futile attempts at getting Jillian to listen to him, Mason finally asks his cousin, Piper, for advice, which he gladly follows.

We get Mason's back story and more insight into his upbringing. His father will stop at nothing to get what he wants by any means necessary even if it means destroying his children in the process. How did Mason ever stand a chance for a normal childhood with a parent like that?

Does Jillian take Mason back with open arms? Who is Ian going to be in Jillian's life? There's also a side story brewing between Jillian's best friend, Elyse, and Piper's twin brother, Jackson. Hmm... What does Willa have in store there?

You must read this book! If for nothing else but scorching, hot, melt-your-panties bedroom scenes or wherever else Mason decides to seduce Jillian!!! I loved it! PLEASE! I need the final book...yesterday!

Patricia Blevins says

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I still love Mason and Jillian. But I tell you I would like to just slap Jillian sometimes. Will these two finally figure out what they want and get what they finally want.

Maureen Nicholson says

5 Sexy Stars!

This is the second book in "The Manhattan Tales", trilogy and only keeps getting better! In this story, Mason is eating some humble pie and seeking forgiveness from Jillian. I love the way he goes about it and I also liked that Jillian didn't immediately take him back. She is a different woman now and understands Mason more completely, therefore knows exactly how to handle him and she does. I also really enjoyed that was he was forgiven, they moved on and it made their relationship much more stronger. No unnecessary drama. There is lots of scorching hot sex, rebuilding of past broken friendships and good family dealing as well as bad.

All in all, this was an excellent read. I find Willa Thorne's writing refreshing and engaging. I look forward to book three.

Candi~Dirty Laundry Review says

Have you ever wanted to scream from the rooftops "READ THIS BOOK!!" Because yeah. This is what I want to do!! I have so much love for Willa Thorne and her writing and hot, sexy, dirty, kinky, mind-blowing thoughts! After reading book 1, His Pawn, I knew she had a gift. As with book 1, I was completely and utterly sucked in. With that ending. Good god. Thankfully I was able to immediately jump right in to Queen in Play!! Thank the heavens...!!!!

What I loved about this book, is that Jillian changed. She became stronger. Determined. She became more in control of her thoughts, wants and needs. You see it in how she plays with Mason. Challenges him. Ruffles his feathers. I loved the angst between them. She was in control this time. And can you blame her?! But Jillian still knows what her heart and other lady parts, want. And that's Mason. But first, she gives him a taste of his own game.

When things finally come together, they become a united front. Stronger than ever. And hotter than ever. Good god people. The sexy times in this book. Will leave you in a puddle of mush. I was one hot mess! Mason is one of the best dirty talkers around. With the naughtiest of minds. My kinda man! Dominating. Controlling. But also has a soft sweet side for his Jilly Bean. *Swoons*

But can any relationship be that perfect? Without some impending doom? And that is what made this story that much better! Mason's family. Are basically assholes. No other way to say it. His father. Makes the devil look like an angel. And he will stop at nothing to tear these two apart. Will he succeed? Will he finally push Mason over the edge? Will they get their happily ever after? I sure hope so! You will just have to read it to get SOME of these answers!

I was actually very content with this ending this time around. I am on pins and needles waiting for book 3!!

I love how new authors take me by surprise. Willa's writing is refreshing, scorching hot, it keeps you guessing. It makes you feel like you are sitting ringside in the bedroom too. It takes special talent to make you feel all the things, all over when reading these hot as sin scenes. I blushed. ALOT! And I am in full fangirl mode over Willa Thorne!! If you haven't yet, you need to 1-click this series now!! And thank me later!!

Allie says

This book picks up 2 months later. Jill is trying to move on and Mason is back home oversea. Jill is no longer the naïve girl with a crush on a man. She's a lot stronger and more aware this time around. Mason is still the same, but he is a man in love and on a mission to prove to Jill his feelings for her is not a ruse. I am impressed with the fact Jill didn't cave into Mason the first they see each other in 2 months. Granted she got her "release" but she left Mason hanging – I loved that! Mason had to fight to get back on Jill's good grace, which again is rare compared to the other books I've read. I loved the reconciliation between Travis and Mason, bromance! Such a hot read. Willa, you are amazing!
