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This is a standalone, BBW, BWWM romance with no cliffhangers.

Black Pearl, Book 1 of the Black Burlesque Series

Monday through Friday, Devyn Williams is executive assistant to the CFO of one of the top finance firms in the country. But Devyn has a secret. At night she becomes Black Pearl, a rising performer on the Atlanta burlesque scene. Devyn's good at keeping these two aspects of her life separate, even from her company's CEO, Nikola.

Nikola Collins, is CEO of Excel Financial Services, the company his father started more than thirty years ago. After graduating from West Point and serving in the military, Nikola assumed the role he'd been groomed for since he was a child, upon his father's untimely death. With his brother, Andre as CFO, Nikola has helped Excel exceed even his father's expectations. But, Nikola has a secret of his own. For the three years Andre's executive assistant, Devyn, has worked at Excel, he's been harboring a crush. Opting to not cross any professional boundaries, Nikola has kept his distance. All that changes when Nikola and Devyn are tasked with working closely with one another. The pair's attraction for one another finally boils over.

Nikola finding out Devyn's little secret is not all she has to worry about. When an unwelcomed intruder from Devyn's past returns, the new couple's happiness is threatened.

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From Reader Review Black Pearl for online ebook

Daisa says

Rating: 4.5

Welp, **THAT HAPPENED!**

Hez says

This book was hot! I really enjoyed Devyn and Nikola's story. The plot was great. Looking forward to more.... Raul and Mercedes?!

Romance Novels in Color says

Tiffany Patterson has gained a new fan after reading her first novel in The Black Burlesque Series. If you enjoy reading BWWM novels, I highly recommend adding Black Pearl to your library. You won't be disappointed.

Nikola lifestyle is rigid which rarely allows anyone to see his playful side, including his dates. A woman who's headstrong might find it difficult being Nikola's date because he sets the tone and they follow. He learned early that Devyn did not fit into that category. As much as I love the character there were a few times he got underneath my skin; especially when he ended things with Cindy. Describing his choice of words as insensitive or rude would be an understatement. But I love the fact that when he was ready to put away his playboy ways, he didn't care what others thought. The only thing they needed to know...Devyn was off-limits.

It has taken Devyn almost two years to transform herself from being timid, dejected and defeated to a wholesome, confident, and fierce woman. As Nikola made his advances known, she tried to run in the opposite direction. Which only fueled his desire. Just when Devyn acknowledged her feelings for Nikola, Marcus's jealousy manifested into rage, leaving her staring down the barrel of a handgun. From the beginning Nikola made it known he would protect Devyn no matter what. However, a business trip could hinder this declaration. As Devyn struggled with insecurities, Nikola was determined to prove she's all he would ever need or desire. I was surprised when she told Nikola what she would and would not tolerate. Words unspoken translated to "been there done that".

Unfortunately, before Nikola and Devyn are able to love one another unconditionally barriers must be broken. Or will egos and the rage of a jealous ex keep them apart?

There are two scenes I can read over and over again. The first is when Nikola meets Marcus for the first time and says "...make you regret the day your mother ever met your father" and when Devyn earns the nick name "killer".

-Reviewed by LaMonaThis review was originally posted on Romance Novels in Color

M.J. Friday says

Meet Devyn Williams a shy, insecure executive assistant by day ,but every other Saturday she becomes the star of her own burlesque show. She is sexy, confident and turns heads, she is Black Pearl. Working with the CFO of a company Devyn keeps her job and her person life separate, that is until she catches the eye of the company's sexy CEO Nicola. Nicola Collins is the CEO of Excel Financial and a man use to getting his way. He has always been attracted to his brother & CFO Andre's assistant but keeps his distant to try and be professional, but when his assistant is out taking care of a sick family member and his brother is out of town on business, Devyn has to work for Nicola for the next few weeks. working closely together the pair soon give in to there desire for one another and they both fall hard, but there are unexpected forces at work which may tear thee two apart.

Ok read. I liked the concept of this book more than the book itself. The story had a nice flow, the sex was so hot, hot, hot and it made the book for me, the secondary characters where great and honestly I was more interested in Andre and Mercedes than I was with Devyn and Nicola. There romance was OK, but sometimes the story seemed to be a little farfetched and overdone. I have read a lot of books like this but this one was not my favorite. Don't get me wrong it wasn't a bad read and I liked it,but at about 75% it was kind of hard for me to finish, mostly because of the grammatical and spelling errors. Now I have read books I really didn't like, this was not one of them it had a lot of potential and I see why it got good reviews from others but this one was just not for me. .

KBeautiful1 says

Damn I love Nikola and Devyn's story and was sad when I read "The End".

Devyn Williams is the Executive Assistant to the CFO to Andrea Collins of Excel Financial. She is incredible at her job which she loves. A couple of times a month she trades in her suits for costumes and is a Burlesque dancer at the Black Kitty and goes by the fabulous name of "Black Pearl".

Nikola Collins CEO of Excel Financial, is a force like no other, feared and revered, the consummate bachelor and a complete control freak. He is his father's son but one look at Devyn three years ago and he has been lost. So much so that he avoids going down to his brother's office and if he does go, he slips in and out. Devyn drives him mad and when she works with him for three weeks while his brother is out of town the iron shield cracks wide open.

Devyn is a curvy and beautiful sister, that knows her stuff but when she has to work with Nikola all bets are off and she just need for the three weeks to go by as quickly as possible. Nikola on the other hand is like a Lion who has finally trapped his prey and the minute, Devyn believes its safe he pounces on her. The spark that turned into a flame is when Nikola was out on a date and ended up at the Black Kitty and too his surprised when "Black Pearl" hit the stage he knew exactly who it was, it didn't matter that Devyn had her mask on and her face made up, after watching her for three years he knew her even if he were blindfolded.

When Devyn discovers that Nikola has found out her secret, her first reaction is to run but Nikola warned her if you run, I will catch you and the consequences will be worse. She tried to run (bless her heart) but Nikola was on a mission and it was "Her".

Devyn and Nikola had great chemistry together and I loved it. I loved how he was so in tuned to her that he

didn't miss a beat. Nikola is a straight up Alpha and controlling especially when it comes to Devyn it is all from a good place but it drove her crazy at times.

But what's a great story like this without an enemy, a person so vile that you wished with everything in you, to be able to reach through your Kindle and beat the ever living breaks off of the fool.

The secondary characters are so great too and I am hoping for stories of Raul, Mercedes and Andre Woot! Woot! Well if you have read the book, we can already tell that something popped off between Raul and Mercedes but now they can't take one another (Hmm..Now what's that about)and Andre I can't wait to see who he falls for.

This is author Tiffany Patterson's first book which is off to an incredible start. I loved her writing style of her characters and she is now an automatic 1-Click for me.

Well Until My Next Review Ciao Bellas!

Jasmin says

Black Pearl, Black Pearl

Talk about hot,hot,hot!!!!!!! This book was scorching hot!! From beginning to end, I could not get enough. Nikola and Devyn had such passion that is flying off the page. With all of the twists and turns, I didn't certain events to take place. From Devyn's crazy a\$\$ ex to Nikola being the best knight in shining armor, the books captivates your attention. I'm so happy with how it all ended, and I'm hoping we get to see what went down with Mercedes and Raul....Please continue this!!!!!!!!!! I'm dying for moreee!!!!!!!!!!

Rosie J. says

3.5 Stars

Somehow I missed this series by Tiffany Patterson. So I've decided to rectify the situation by starting with 'Black Pearl'.

I liked elements of this story. However, I needed to know why Nikola was so willing to be in a relationship with Devyn since it's made clear that Nikola isn't interested in a relationship, nor settling down. I needed to know why Devyn was the chosen one and it never was explained.

There were a couple of moments where Nikola and Devyn pampered one another without sex and I liked that. I also enjoyed the reveal about Nikola's mother.

Now ... on to the next book.

Rhoda Dede says

This was truly a love story. The chemistry between Devyn and Nikola was beautiful. Marcus got on my

damn nerves and if I was in the book I would had shot him twice in the face. But thank goodness he got what he deserved at the end. I really enjoyed this book and I can't wait to read book book and the love story between Raul and Mercedes.

Sophia says

And why did I wait so long to read this?

Okay let me start off by saying that Devyn ex boyfriend was delusional and psychotic!! Oh he pissed me off to the point I wanted to kick his ass!!! Enough about him. Devyn work for Andre which is Nikola little brother. Nikola have been crushing on Devyn ever since she started working for the company. When Andre goes out of town, he suggests that Devyn help out Nikola while his assistant is out on leave. One things leads to another and they can no longer fight their attraction to one another.

Bibi says

Having recently discovered IR books, I must say I am tired, tired of these stories where there is no justifiable basis for the Hs to even have a relationship. I get the sense the authors are trying so hard to maintain "political correctness" and ultimately water down any angst that one, ordinarily, would expect in a romance novel much less one that is IR. I have now read close to 15 IR books and they trend as such:

1. The H falls quickly.
2. The Hs fall into quick lust and have hot sex
3. They never argue.
4. The h often has a secret that could reflect badly on the H
5. They are all billionaires.

Argggghhhhhh!! There, had to get that off my Chest, so, on to this book. I read 75% and had to delete because of the aforementioned reasons, as I just couldn't take one more word.....plus, it needed some serious editing. I should mention that of the 15 books, only "Loving Kyla" remains the most memorable.

Michele Wesley says

Great Read! I love that Nikola was finally like, damn it, I've wait too long and ain't waiting no more...lol. Then Devon, trying to act shy in front of Nikola then brave enough to shake a tail feather as a burlesque dancer. That crazy ex of her was something else too. Highly entertaining and a joy to ready from start to finish.

Mspraise50 says

This is my first book by this author. I read the story on KU but when I finished reading the book I immediately brought it because I wanted it on own a copy of this great read.

I would like to recommend Black Pearl by Tiffany Patteson as great read. Nikola Collins is my idea of true alpha male. He respects and loves Simone without trying to manipulate or control her! Even whilst trying to protect her he always allows her to be herself and does not degrade or disrespects her in any way. This story is really romantic and I love stories like these. Alpha males can still be that without dominating everything you do!!

I am desperate for the author to write another story. I will be clicking it!

Carissa Tucker says

Wow seriously!!

I chose this rating because I seriously was enraptured the whole time. Couldn't put it down!! I loved their journey and honestly hope for more from the other characters. Even the playlist was on point!! Thank you for a great read and writing.

Mary L Calhoun says

Predictable pregnancy/baby formula at the expense of a good story

What a waste of an interesting, engaging, and sexy read.

Since I'm not a fan of "surprise" pregnancy/baby stories, I try my best to read the reviews hoping to get a heads up on if this formula is used in a story; obviously I didn't read enough of the reviews.

My disappointment and frustration about this formula is it often does not flow with the characters' personality traits or back story; it's like split personality complex. The moment of "OMG I'm pregnant" is so ridiculously annoying that you are jolted out of the flow of the story--sometimes the reader feels as if the original characters in the story have been replaced. It's just weird! It appears that writers of this genre use the pregnancy/baby formula to fulfill the book's word count. Devyn and Nikola's story deserved more and better than dumping a word filler formula.

IR HEAs do not have to involve pregnancy/baby drama.

Monica **can't read fast enough says**

Devyn is the kind of heroine I love to find in a romance. Devyn is resilient, focused, and determined to live her life to the fullest after being knocked down by circumstances out of her control. Despite being treated very badly by a man that she thought that she loved Devyn has managed to remain kind and open to others. After surviving and leaving an emotionally abusive relationship Devyn doesn't give up on herself or find herself in another bad relationship. Instead, Devyn allows herself to grieve what she thought that she had but afterwards, with the help and encouragement of her best friend, Devyn finds herself. Devyn takes back her life by focusing on her work and her own well being. She is able to look back over her bad relationship and see that the signs were there, she just chose to ignore them. To me that shows great personal character for Devyn to be able to see and acknowledge her own weaknesses and blind spots that helped to keep her in that

bad relationship. When she decided to focus on herself Devyn takes it a step further than many women would by exercising and learning to love her body through the art of burlesque. AWESOME! Devyn claims and embraces her curves and learns to appreciate herself as a real woman and not measuring herself against a standard that so many women can not live up to.

Nikola is the brother of Devyn's boss and CEO of the company that she works for. Nikola has tried to maintain strict boundaries between himself and his employees but that hasn't kept him from noticing his brother's executive assistant despite all of his efforts to ignore her. After being put in a situation where he will be working closely with Devyn Nikola finally decides that denying himself what he wants is no longer on the agenda. Nikola proves to be a sexy take charge man who also knows how to bend when he is in the wrong.

I really enjoyed the relationship between Nikola and Devyn. Devyn's secret life outside of her professional life is unique and I loved the reaction from Nikola when he discovers it. The only thing that I would have liked to have seen explored a bit more was Devyn's insecurity when it came to sex with Nikola. Devyn is comfortable with her body overall but there is a scene where she is hesitant to do something sexually that Nikola has asked of her that was resolved very quickly and simply. I would have loved to have seen that explored a bit more. Nikola responded well to it but it could have led to a LOT of fun sexiness between them if they would have needed to explore more positions in order for Nikola to show Devyn just how much he enjoys her body. I realize that is a nit picky complaint because the chemistry between Nikola and Devyn is wonderful and well played out.

BLACK PEARL is a very enjoyable debut novel by Tiffany Patterson. Patterson presents a well written romance and I look forward to reading more in the BLACK BURLESQUE series. Patterson makes it pretty clear who the next book will focus on and I am looking forward to finding out just what happened between Devyn's sassy best friend Mercedes and Raul, the sexy Brazilian best friend of Nikola. I am so glad that my book group voted for this one as our group read and I look forward to experiencing what Patterson has in store for her readers next!

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