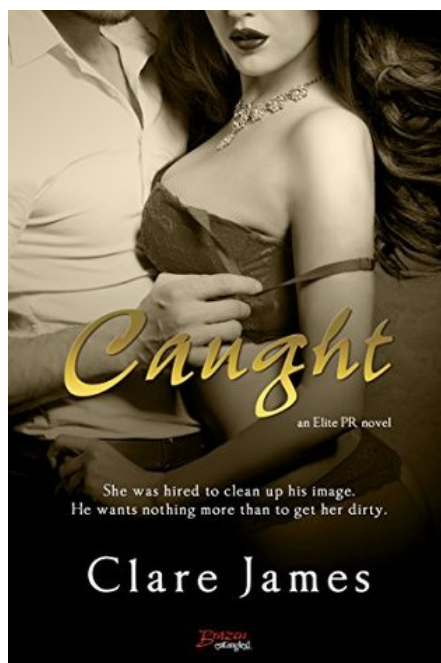




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Caught Details

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CL says

[Viv strips off in the middle of her office in order to get Jarod to pay attention to her (minutes after meeting him for the first time) and take her seriously (ha!) so she can reform

Janey says

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2.5 Spin me right round, baby stars

Vivian Blake was mesmerised by the tape she was watching of her new client. It wasn't your usual display of celebrity shenanigans, but a grandstand view of carnal cavorting. As a streetwise spin doctor, it was going to be a mean feat to get Mr. Bathroom Stall Sex Guy out of this predicament. His current racing placing, not to mention his lucrative sponsorships, were under severe threat due to his inability to control himself.

Jarod Cage was in a quandary, due to his momentary misjudgement, and was abhorred to discover that a live-in publicist had been assigned. Not just any publicist, but someone that had zero understanding of his sport, and a bigoted view of himself, prior to meeting him.

Was there more to Jarod than meets the eye, or had Vi, Viv, Vivi, Vivian been blindsided by the cocksure racing sensation?

I was keen to start this story, given the premise, and having enjoyed Clare James previously. What I was presented with was a confused lady that thought it was a great idea to expose herself on their initial meeting, commencing steam at warp factor 10, and assuming we would hang on for the ride.

I actually quite liked Jarod, and the unravelling of his life, and subsequent choices, but I couldn't take Vi, Viv, Vivi, Vivian seriously. She was conflicted, inconsistent and damn right annoying.

I guess a character connection is quite paramount to enjoying the story, and whilst I was basking in the UK sunshine, Vi, Viv, Vivi, Vivian was climbing Mont Blanc.

Deanna says

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Caught is the first book in the Elite PR series by Clare James for Entangled Publishing's Brazen imprint. In the book, the hero, NASCAR bad boy Jarod Cage, is in danger of losing both his sponsors and his racing career and the heroine, PR professional Vivian Blake has been hired to help him clean up his image, though she can't seem to get the sex tape she watched of Jarod out of her head.

This book was obviously well-researched, with a storyline that could've easily been ripped from the headlines. I loved that touch of realism in this book, because it added so much depth to characters, and to the

overall story. It's very much a right now kind of book, and the hero is so charismatic and intense that it's easy to see him caught up in a scandal of this magnitude. He's a good guy, who made a poor choice, and now he's paying the price for that choice, though he does get an unexpected boon by hiring PR rep Vivian.

I think these characters were an excellent match for each other, with a plot that truly fit who they are as story people, and I loved reading them together because they didn't feel like characters I've read about a hundred times before. That's refreshing, especially in a sexy, fantasy read like this one.

If you love racecars, a bad boy who gets caught in a scandal, and an unpredictable heroine who is willing to go the distance for her job, Clare James' *Caught* is a sexy-hot book with enough true-to-life realism and fantasy-based sexual situations to make it stand out from the crowd. I loved it!

Rating: 4.5 Stars

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

DNF

Here's to another Brazen fail this month... This one obviously worst than my last try because my rating decision was a rather abrupt and rash one : DNF.

I read steadily but rather slowly up until 65% then skimmed through the end.

I picked "**Caught**" by Clare James because of the blurb and the fact that I was in a book funk after a fantastic read. I thought I nice quick read would help me get out of it, and what's best than a hot and light Brazen to set my reading mojo right? Right?

The synopsis promised an entertaining and hot read, the hero, Jarod Cage, a notorious NASCAR driver has been caught pants down by a security camera.

Heroine Vivian Blake, a talented PR, is hired to get Jarod's back on track and re-assess his public image. He has no choice but to accept or lose his sponsors and damage his career.

It should have been a nice and safe drive for me and despite a rather hot start with the description of the sextape, the race ended to an abrupt stop after one to many absurd behavior from the heroine.

She was a complete nonsense. She proved herself to be a walking contradiction and I could not bear to read one more foolish minute of her.

Jarod's character was hot, but didn't hold my attention. He was running after an judgmental and annoying woman, I really didn't understand the attraction between them. It felt... forced. On top of that the author tried to insufflate some bad boy vibe to him, but his persona and behavior never matched...

In conclusion, *Caught* had some potential but I never could connect with the heroine or the hero.

Don't let my picky self stop you from trying it, I was obviously in a reading funk and *Caught* wasn't up to my expectations.

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~ Stéphanie ~ Tied up in Romance ~ says

DNF - No rating

It's going to be short because I'm way behind everything I need to do today.

This book sounds promising. I'm always on board when it comes to PR that falls for the guy they have to help with their image. And what's even better when that guy turns out to be a raceracer.

This books screamed hot just by his blurb.

Unfortunately, that didn't get much further. And what didn't worked for me, in one word the heroine... she was a mass of contradiction and very judgmental and I roll my eyes more than once. And what pissed me of the most was what she had to do to get his attention... Seriously this is being ridiculous and against some of my values. Better to stop there. This one was not for me :/

At least I tried ...

Geri Reads says

This book had a promising premise. Bad boy race car driver hero got caught with his pants down. Literally. And the PR expert heroine was brought in to help fix his image. Sparks fly and we get some sexy times and we get emotionally invested in their journey to HEA.

Mmmyeah. It didn't exactly turn out that way. And it's all thanks to our heroine, Vivian Blake.

She wasn't the warmest heroine. She was kinda bitchy and judgmental but hey, I was okay with it for the most the part. But then she had to add stupid to the list and I just couldn't take it.

I'm going to spoiler tag this one. It doesn't really affect the plot but it's one of the scenes from the book which I had major, major problems with.

Anyhoo.

(view spoiler)

Sorry to say but what happened there soured the whole book for me. Not even the vibrant way the author wrote the racing circuit could rescue this book for me.

I mean, come on. She could have done something else to prove her worth but she had to resort to the oldest trick in the book...getting nekkid.

It's a shame really since some parts of this book was hot. I liked Jarod but I couldn't understand why he fell for Vivian to be honest. It was insta-lust for both of them and I didn't feel that tension, that push and pull between them considering there are ethical issues they have to deal with. Their attraction didn't feel organic for me. It felt contrived.

Then there's Jarod's drama with the other drivers about who's trying to destroy who, the petty jealousies, the behind-the-scene machinations, the WAGs. Gawd, even his ex made an appearance. It just didn't coalesce well.

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Michelle says

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Amy says

Actual Rating: 3.5-4 Stars

Caught follows the story of Jarod and Vivian. Vivian works hard at her job as a PR professional. She's at the top of her game and takes her job very seriously. Her newest client may prove to be her biggest challenge yet. Jarod loves his life and loves racing. He's never been one to care about what people think of him, until one incident nearly costs Jarod everything. That's where Vivian comes into play. He hopes that she will be able to turn his career around. Then he meets Vivian and it's like all bets are off. Jarod is supposed to fix his career and leave his bad boy reputation behind. But, there's something about Vivian that just draws him in and will test his control....

Caught was a sexy, quick read for me. From the moment I read the first page, I couldn't wait to read more. I loved the chemistry between Jarod and Vivian. They had an instant connection. I liked how Jarod made Vivian step out her comfort zone and start really living. Vivian was a great challenge for Jarod. She didn't make things easy for him. She challenged and fought him. I loved the push and pull between the two of them. I liked watching them try to maneuver their personal and professional relationship. I couldn't get enough of the two of them together.

Overall, I thought this was an enjoyable read. I loved the steam, the angst, the drama, and of course the romance. There were a few good twists thrown in along the way and it was fun trying to figure those out. This book was very entertaining and I'm glad I checked it out.

I was provided an ARC copy of this book via Entangled Publishing and NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review

My review can also be seen at: <http://onceuponabookblog.com/2015/06/...>

Lacey (Booklovers For Life) says

Originally posted at Booklovers For Life

I was really excited for Caught after reading the blurb – it's not often that I read about racecar drivers, so I had high hopes for this book. Unfortunately, the story sometimes came across as a bit flat. It wasn't a bad read, but it wasn't very good either. I didn't connect well with the characters, so Caught was just an okay read for me.

Vivian Blake works in PR, and her latest client is famous racecar driver Jarod Cage. After his latest scandal with a sex tape gone viral, her job is to clean up his act and make his public image presentable so that he'll be able to continue his racing career. But while she's good at her job, she's not so good at resisting Jarod's tempting ways.

Jarod Cage is sexy, Southern, and a total ladies man. But for some reason, he's incredibly drawn to his publicist, a woman who's the complete opposite of him. As his publicist, Viv is in close proximity to Jarod many hours of the day, which causes the attraction between them to only grow. It's not long before Jarod and Viv fall into bed, and they are explosive together.

I really liked how the chemistry was portrayed, and I definitely liked seeing Jarod the bad boy fall for a woman who's nothing like him. Sadly, both their characters felt flat to me – I couldn't connect with them and I wasn't a fan of how the romance played out. This doesn't mean I didn't like Jarod or Viv – I mainly just wasn't invested in their story very much. But the chemistry and racing aspect of the story was a definite plus in the book, so overall, Caught was okay – a good, but not great, read.

Thanks to the publisher for generously providing me an ARC to review.

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Alyssa says

Review posted on The Eater of Books! blog

Caught by Clare James

Publisher: Brazen

Publication Date: June 30, 2015

Rating: 4 stars

Source: eARC from NetGalley

Warning: this is an adult book, and for the eyes of mature readers

Summary (from Goodreads):

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What I Liked:

This book was hot hot hot! I wasn't sure if I wanted to read it, because, like Viv, I'm not really into car racing. I'm still not entirely convinced that it's a sport (to me), but I've definitely been educated a little on this, uh, sport. We'll call it a sport because that's what the world declares it (but you all know my slight skepticism. Sorry to fans/drivers!). In any case, I really, really liked the backdrop of car racing, with a scandal and a hot romance.

Vivian's new client needs his image to be cleaned up a little - Jarod Cage was taped having sex in a bathroom. His sponsors are prepared to pull his funding if he doesn't clean up his act. Upon their first meeting, Viv and Blake are anything but professional. They can't seem to keep their hands off each other, which could prove to be dangerous for both of them - and their careers.

This story was very fun to read! I don't think I've read a story featuring a race-car driver/car racing. So I learned a lot about of car racing and the "sport" of it. I guarantee you, I'd probably throw up everywhere if I went in a car with a driver during a race. Anyway, I was happy for the unique backdrop of this story. The story revolves around racing - Jarod's racing life, personal life, what he has to do to impress his sponsors (and racing fans).

This book is extremely hot. Jarod is one of those alpha, sex-on-two-legs type, and Viv is prim and proper but doesn't shy away from having a plan as to what she wants and what she thinks is best. The chemistry between these two is fiery, and there are plenty of sizzling scenes. The chemistry is constant and unpredictable throughout the book - a great thing!

This book is also very emotionally charged. There is a lot of insecurity in this book, as well as doubt, and just plain emotion. Lots of chemistry, emotions, drama. Well, not too much drama. Some drama, towards the end. It makes sense though - Jarod and Viv are an explosive pair.

Anyway! I liked this book. I liked Jarod and Viv, and I liked their pairing. The relationship starts very lusty (as most relationships in romance novels do), and continues to be lusty and sexually charged, but takes on a sweeter edge. Love!

What I Did Not Like:

There is this one scene in the book that totally bothers me - pretty much because I could never, ever see myself doing that in front of a pretty much perfect stranger, day one of having a new client. It was super bold! Bold doesn't even cover it - perhaps foolish. I can't say anything specific, but this scene was very eyebrow-raising to me! But in the end, I see the purpose of the scene, and it definitely adds to the chemistry and the story too, but woah.

Would I Recommend It:

I really enjoyed this book! I would definitely recommend it - it's likely in my top ten (at least top fifteen) favorite Brazen novels. I've read a lot of Brazen novels and I've never ranked them or anything, but this one is a memorable one that I can see myself rereading. I recommend it!

Rating:

4 stars. I liked this one a lot! I hope there are companion novels to follow! I know I haven't said much specifically about the story, but there are certain secondary characters in this book that should totally be featured in their own story!

Christina says

Complimentary copy provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Jarod, a womanizing NASCAR driver and often the fodder for tabloids, is caught with his pants down (literally) again. The family-values centric organization looks down their nose at that type of behavior, especially when it seems to be a pattern of behavior. In order to get back into the good graces of both NASCAR and its fans, Jarod's team employs the help of a PR agency and Vivian is assigned to his case.

Vivian is forced to stay with Jarod, shadowing him like a babysitter. It is through their time together that there is an undeniable attraction between the two and they are both left to question each other's motives. The story is a bit predictable in the bad boy/good girl cat and mouse that follows. Jarod has his secrets and Vivian has her issues, it's just a matter of them both working through them in order to find their happily ever after.

It wasn't that the book was bad; I just had a tough time relating to any of the characters. I am into sports romances, but racing, NASCAR in particular is really not my thing. So while the storyline was fun, flirty, and fast paced, I just couldn't get into it and the predictability of the events made it even more difficult. There are some qualities of both Jarod and Vivian's personalities that might be quite off-putting to some, namely Jarod's misogyny and Vivian's willingness to bend to his sexist tendencies. I like a good alpha male, but there's a fine line between alpha and asshole, and Jarod straddles that line throughout. Fans of contemporary romance and NASCAR will eat this one up, it just wasn't for me.

Nicola says

I'm a fan of motor racing, so when I read the blurb for *Caught* and saw it contained a bad-boy racing driver, I was happy at the premise. Unfortunately I slammed the brakes on at 50%.

"I know my voice can make your nipples tighter than the lug nuts on those tires over there."

Our heroine, Vivian (aka Viv, Vivi or Vi depending on what chapter it is), is hired to fix the public-image of said bad-boy, Jarod Cage who's in the midst of a sex-tape scandal. And what does she do when they first meet? Proves why she's the perfect person for the job (view spoiler). Perhaps me being a professional woman in a male-dominated industry who *still* has to prove her worth to certain individuals, it hit a nerve; her actions were a complete contradiction of the professional woman she was claiming to be and annoyed the

hell out of me.

On the whole though I just found it packed out with content that made it slow going and simply too long; in the vast sea of sexy romance books, this had the potential but missed the mark. I'm all for strong, independent female leads, but not unlikeable ones who pull shameless stunts like Vivian aka Viv, Vivi, Vi and I'm sorry I can't give a more positive review on this occasion.

Copy received courtesy of Entangled Publishing for an honest and unbiased opinion.

Courtney says

3.5 Stars

Caught is an interesting story of a PR rep and a race-car driver. I like that it's about something other than MC club, rock-star or some sort of fighter.

Viv is very strong-willed, focused and determined woman. She's been working her way up the ladder and this is her chance to shine. As long as she doesn't blow and have her new client lose his job.

Jarod finally has the opportunity to win big for the first time in his racing career. And he could ruin it all if he doesn't get his crap together.

You can sense the sparks between these two the minute they are in the same room. And once you light the match, there's no way to stop the fire that is sure to follow quickly afterwards. But can these two keep things strictly business and not risk either of their careers??

Clare does a good job of building up the tension between these and the temptations they both try to resist. I really enjoyed the details about the racing world and everything that entails. It really made the story become more real as you were reading. The banter between Viv and Jarod was entertaining and came across very natural. While some people may feel that there are parts that seem too "unnatural" or goes against the moral of the character, I thought it showed another side of the character and that there is a lapse in judgment due to unknown feelings taking over. I think it made the book more delightful.

I enjoyed this quick read. I found myself wanting to know how this relationship was going to pan out and how everything would unfold. I liked that it held my attention and kept things light and funny.

Lana ❀❀Dirty Girl Romance❀❀ says

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You have a successful PR professional that's fighting for a promotion at her agency. She gets charged with cleaning up the image of a bad boy racecar driver who got caught with his pants down... literally. The man got caught on video having sex in a bar bathroom.

Vivian starts out on the wrong foot with Jarod from the go when he overhears her demeaning his profess

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Caught is the story of PR professional, Viv, and NASCAR driver, Jarod Cage. Jarod is literally caught with his pants down in a bathroom stall and Viv is hired to fix his image.

Jarod and Viv are complete opposites. Viv is a Northern Yank who is feisty and tells it how it is, something Jarod is not used to. But the attraction between them is undeniable.

“One time thing, Viv. That’s all it was. All it could be. But damn if he wasn’t like a bag of potato chips – the delicious sea salt and vinegar kind where just one wouldn’t do.”

The two enter a sexual relationship and it is HOT!

“Baby,” he whispered in her ear. “You’re so hot and wet right now I don’t think you’d care if I stripped you out of this suit, bent you over, and bared your tight ass to the crew before I fucked you from behind.”

Of course, spending constant time together and also having sex leads to so much more, including an intimacy neither was used to. So will their relationship turn to more or will it end once Viv’s work is done? Read it and find out!

I really enjoyed this story. It has some twists that I didn’t expect and I loved Jarod. Watching a bad boy fall in love is one of my faves! ~ Tiffany, 4 stars
