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Claire Robinson says

4.5 - **"Keep your socks on, Mr. Kane."** Stars!

Book Two in Kate Meader's *Tall, Dark and Texan* series provides a sexy and entertaining few hours of reading, whilst giving the 'rich man/poor woman' trope a slightly different spin.

One thing that you always get from Kate's writing is stellar banter and internal monologues, and that can certainly be said for Brody and Emma. The uptight, strapped down assistant is hiding a lot more underneath her frumpy suits than Brody ever imagined, even in his fantasies!

PA by day, T & A by night.

Throw in plenty of diverse and dirty talking sexy-times and *Taking the Score* is probably one of the best Brazen releases I have read for a while. A nice easy-going story-line, likeable characters and the familial drama was kept on the down-low, although relevant it wasn't overplayed to the extent that it got on my nerves.

"Stop thinking so hard... and let this beast be in charge for once."

I have to admit the other thing that takes this book from mediocre to marvellous, is the verbal sparring between Brody, Flynn and Hunter.

"I'm just here for immoral support."

And I am interested too see where the author takes Flynn's book seeing as he was dumped by his fiancée in this one, and has a '*fremeny*' situation going on with the sister of one of his best friends.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was my pleasure to provide the above honest review.

Jen says

4 Stars

Because she liked it dirty, and the challenge of getting this buttoned-up man to give it to her was almost too much to resist.

Emma Strickland is trying to make a fresh start in Chicago after ONCE AGAIN bailing out her addict of a sister. This means leaving her checkered history with men behind and adopting a new and ~~frumpy~~ staid persona. Bye bye short skirts and low cut tops. Hello two sizes too big pantsuits and thrift store shabby. The only exception to her newfound rule is the nights she works as a waitress at a strip club to help pay down the debt she owes. Though she wants nothing more than to show her new boss just how naughty she can be, she knows keeping herself dowdy is her only option.

She was thrift-store Dumpster diving; he was designer-label personal shopping. What had happened between them was a product of proximity and her inner bad girl trumping the woman she was trying to become.

Brody Kane can't seem to get his efficient but drab personal assistant out of his head. Brody's no stranger to being betrayed by the ladies in his life and he realizes ignoring his growing attraction and fascination with Emma is the safe road to take. Easier said than done. When an important client orders a round of lap dances at a strip club and Brody comes face to face with his frumpy little assistant, I don't need to tell you what happens.

Please tell me I don't need to tell you what happens!?!

Let me share a little something with you; **I love a sexy, dirty talking nerd.** Not this nerd, mind you.

Though those are some pretty sweet moves. I'm talkin' about **THIS** kind of nerdish hotness!

You know what I mean. **There's just nothing sexier than a highly intelligent, seemingly conservative and buttoned up hottie busting loose and letting his freak flag fly.**

The chemistry between Brody and Emma was palpable and when both of them finally decided to let the other one in, the sexy times were hot as hell.

Honestly, I didn't encounter a whole lot of issues while reading *Taking the Score* and I definitely appreciated the fact that the drama that did occur didn't get out of hand due to easily cleared up misunderstandings. It didn't offer anything new but it's exactly the kind of quality, go to read I've come to expect from the Entangled Brazen line.

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SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

[No (hide spoiler)]

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4.5 Stars

No problem with women on top, Mr. Kane?"

"You've always been the boss of me, Ms. Strickland."

Who accidentally deleted their published review? This idiot. So allow me to try and sum up my thoughts once more for this wonderful book.... le sigh.

I adore Kate Meader and everything she writes. Sizzling hot enemies to lovers? She did that flawlessly with Even the Score. I loved that book HARD. It's the one that first began my love affair with this author and everything she writes. I knew right away I needed more from this series with the introduction of Hunter Dade's friends and business partners, and I definitely got that with Taking The Score. If you want a smoking hot read with laugh out loud humor and enough witty banter to keep a goofy smile on your face the entire time reading it, **this** is a book you need to read.

...unless She-Who-Shall-Not-Be-Named gave you some sort of dick-shriveling disease. Oh God, is that what's wrong? Is that why you haven't been using your penis?"

"Liv, I'm not talking about this with you."

"Because as slutty as my bridesmaids are I can't knowingly inflict my syphilitic brother on them. Well, maybe Jess. She HAS been pissing me off lately-"

Brody Kane is the more demure and quiet (or so they think) of the business partners in his company. His glasses and sexy nerd look gives off that vibe at first. But beneath the suits and all-business demeanor is dirty talking devil. After a disastrous previous relationship left him jaded, Brody isn't interested in getting involved with another woman...so why is it that the star of his nightly fantasies is his prim and proper PA with her thrift store business suits and buns?

You don't know me, Mr. Kane. PA by day, T&A by night."

Emma Strickland isn't quite what she appears to be either. She's beaten down her inner bad girl years ago in order to take care of herself and her slightly younger sister. Now that her sister's drop habit has not only put them in a bigger hole financially, but in a debt to a man that you certainly don't want to be owing anything to, Emma finds herself working for Mr. Brody by day, and as a cocktail waitress at a strip club by night. All is going well, until Brody decides to bring in a client he's trying to woo into the club she works in and realizes that his prim and proper PA is not as prim and proper as he thought...

You're trying to detour this conversation from what's important, Ms. Strickland."

"You've had your hands on my ass and I ground my lady lips into your dick. I think you can call me Emma."

The set up sounds utterly delicious, right? Well that's because it was. I loved Emma and Brody individually. But together they burned up the pages and the sheets. Oh man but these two were hot together. Their chemistry practically crackled with electricity with every turn of the page. The humorous banter between them stoked the fire, and the kinky hot sex filled with even sexier dirty talk took it from sizzling to explosive!

You think you're the to make me lose control, Emma?"

"I think I already have. You lost it at the club. You lost it in that shower....

And the way your erection is pointing at me like a divining rod tells me you're not in control now. Ding, ding, ding, Brody. Your cock just found a wet spot."

But let's go back to the banter for a hot second, because damn but does Kate Meader know how to give good banter. Between Brody and his business partners and friends, Brody and Emma, and my favorite part definitely had to be between Brody and his soon-to-be-wed sister.

I'll be staying at a suite at the Peninsula so there's no need to interrupt your masturbation schedule. I'd just like to see my sad, pathetic brother- and maybe offer one of the F-Troop in sacrifice."

"For fuck's sake."

"Exactly. I'm doing this for the sake of your wang."

Taking The Score was filled with humor, witty banter, and enough steam to set every ovary within a 50 mi radius on fire! I loved every entertaining page of it. This book was exactly what I've been missing with the Brazen releases as of late. It's exactly what I love about Brazen books and precisely why I'll read any book this author writes.

I absolutely cannot wait for more in this series. I'm hoping the next book will be Brody's sister and Flynn because the hate/lust force is strong with those two.

If you're looking for a light and steamy read that's as entertaining as it is sexy, you honestly can't go wrong with this one!

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Ivy Deluca says

Boss-assistant romances. That tried and true fantasy of your hot, billionaire boss looking past your frumpy facade to the smokin' hot heroine underneath it all. Add to that a classic stripper fantasy and you've got the makings of a fun and sexy romance.

Emma is fighting for agency in her life (which props), even when it drove me crazy: She refuses to be the damsel in distress, even if the entire world (and her sister's raging coke habit) are against her. She's working as Brody's personal assistant, keeping his life humming right along, even as hers crumbles all around her. Since her sister Daisy got in deep with a scummy strip club owner, Emma's had to wait tables at Club Girl to pay off that debt. She's barely keeping it together, but in the classic "doesn't know when to ask for help" way, Emma keeps digging herself deeper. It drove me a little batty, but even if it was frustrating and a bit wacky at times (Chardonnay?), Ms. Meader gave me enough so that I did understand why Emma felt the way she did.

Brody's hot for his assistant: Brody Kane certainly cannot help his slightly caveman reaction to his assistant, the frumpy Ms. Strickland. When he sees her dancing oh so awkwardly at Club Girl, he can't believe his eyes and I couldn't help laughing at the entire scene. Also, he can't control himself around

Emma. He has to make sure no other man sees his Ms. Strickland like this. Also, he will protect her...with his penis. He's a great, adorably nerdy, super protective hero that I liked alot. Honestly, so many titillating tropes converge here that I loved it. Politically correct...well, Ms. Meader dances a fine line and to her credit, like Tim Gunn, she makes it work. Mostly.

Not sure how I feel about the ending: Now the strength to this tale is in the fantastic chemistry between Brody and Emma, the slightly forbidden romance and the characters themselves. The story's major plot points are fairly straightforward, yet I will admit I'm not sure how I feel about the final obstacle. It's in keeping with the rest of the book, but I wasn't sure whether I agreed with it and I was a bit torn that Emma made Brody work so hard. I certainly enjoyed myself throughout, Chardonnay and all, so all's well as ends well.

Brody and Emma were fun, sexy and another enjoyable entry in the Tall, Dark and Texan series. I'm definitely looking forward to the next installment.

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Jeanne says

I have no regrets about this one, because Ami and I created another br memory. I didn't care for the characters or the story really, but I have to give the book points for humor and creativity. The sensitive flesh between Emma's thighs clenched and sighed. Her clit bloomed, her nipples pouted, and then her eggs "shrieked in pleasure". Then, Brody's shaft "pulsed inside her like a raging beast snarling at a cage." I've never read a book where sex organs were so active! We kept reading just to find out if they were going to start talking....

Jo says

"I've had a taste of you, Emma, and it's hard to imagine going back to before."

Brody Kane has been fantasizing about his prim and proper PA for months. He hired her because he was sure her dowdy appearance would in no way temp him, but after merely a week she fueled all this private fantasies. After the disaster with his ex, he has no desire to complicate his life, and he's determined to keep his lust to himself. Until he takes an important client to a strip club, and gets the worst lap dance of his life. From Emma, his PA.

An attraction to her boss was a distraction she could not afford, not when her life was a complete disaster-piece.

Emma Strickland's life has not been easy. She swore off her bad girl ways of her youth, and in order to pay off her sister's debts, and provide for her grumpy cat, Kevin, by day she works as the PA for the broody, uptight and so very sexy Texas property tycoon Brody Kane, and by night she's forced to work as a waitress

at a strip club. And she's determined that Brody will never find out what she has to do to survive. But her luck has never been that good, and when he finds out her life changes in ways she never imagined.

Brody wants nothing more than to save Emma from her job at the strip club, uncover all her secrets, and explore the naught streak his good-girl PA hid from him. But Emma is hiding so many secrets, and Brody has so many trust issues, that what they have has the potential to destroy them both.

This man. How the hell was she supposed to resist him?

I loved Emma, her good-girl office persona, and her inner wildness she revealed when she quit hiding. She hasn't had an easy life, but no matter what happened, she kept her head held high, and got the courage to move onwards. I loved her grumpy cat and how much she loved him, and her sister. She's loyal and brave, and her wild side was just perfect for Brody.

"But Emma, you wearing all these clothes is about the only thing keeping me from biting that sweet little ass of yours. The more fucking layers, the better."

Brody was amazing. I liked this grumpy and growly man from the previous book, and he did not disappoint in this one. He was so sexy with his nerdy glasses, suits and muscles, and so damn hot with his bossy streak in the bedroom.

"You are the woman I was meant for, the sun in every room I enter."

From the previous book the attraction between these two were palpable, and I was so happy with their romance. The chemistry between them were scorching, and the sexy times off-the-charts hawt! Especially with Brody's love of dirty-talk *swoon* and his dominance in the bedroom. Or against the wall. Or over the desk and railing ;-D It was so much fun seeing Brody trying to get Emma to reveal her secrets, and watching them fall for each other.

I am really loving this steamy series, and Kate Meader definitely knows how to write engaging and sexy romance. A must read for all romance fans.

Lana says

4.5 STARS

I loved this book, this is not typical billionaire story and whole book is so sexy and fun and I want more Emma and Brody :(

Emma and Brody together with that amazing chemistry!!!!

Emma works for Brody - he is her boss.

And well Emma needs extra cash so she's taking second job - as a waitress at a strip club!!

One night Brody take out important client out and guess what they go to the strip club where Emma works and that night is full of surprises for both of them.

ARC received via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Michelle says

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Sizzling. Erotic. Sensual. Beautiful. And oh so fucking sexy. If you must know I love and adore Kate Meader. She is one of the authors who I know I can turn to to help satisfy any romance craving I have. And in her newest installment to the *Tall, Dark, and Texan Series*, Kate blew my mind on how fabulous **Taking the Score** is. Seriously, I devoured this book in one sitting and couldn't wait to reread this book again. That is how much I LOVE THIS BOOK HARD!!!! If I could shout to the romance community to read this book, I would.

“No kiss had ever tasted this good. No kiss had ever incited her in this way. His tongue swept through her mouth with possessive, velvety strokes that sent swirls of desire eddying in her gut. Her fantasy of kissing him had always been tame. Guy was a dweeb, after all. But this kiss... Brody Kane had skills in the mouth-to-mouth department.”

Taking the Score was just perfect. It had sass, sizzling chemistry, a fun and sexy storyline to keep readers entertained. Everything about this book satisfied my Brazen junkie addiction. If we are taking the score, then I will have say that this book is 5 stars worthy!!!! And how could it not be when you have a geeky alpha hunk, a tabby cat named Kevin, and a hot gorgeous heroine who is in touch with her inner sexy bad girl.

“Mojo firmly restored, and the one woman he wanted to use it on was out of bounds. Worse, she had turned everything upside down— a homeless stripper-slash-assistant with an unhinged cat. ”

Emma Strickland is just trying to stay afloat financially as takes on the responsibility of handling her baby sister's debt. In the day, Emma works as the personal assistant to Texan property tycoon, Brody Kane. She is on top of her game when it comes to organization and making sure that everything is in order for her boss. But when it comes to her personal life, Emma is just struggling. All of her savings went into helping paying off her sister's debt and on top of that, Emma has to take another job. A job that she dreads with a passion. She becomes a waitress at a strip club.

“She ran her tongue along the sensitive vein on the underside, a teasing lick, and then, she took. Swirled her tongue around the swollen head and sucked what was hers. His cock, his essence, all of him. Inch by magnificent inch, she stole down his length, wishing she could take more without gagging. Arousal pulsed through her in an inexorable build. ”

While Emma lacks the right wardrobe with her frumpy and thrift store attire, Brody Kane can't help but be drawn to Emma. He fantasizes what his mouth, his hands and his cock could be doing. Brody knows to keep his fantasies about Emma to himself that is until he runs into her at the strip club when he takes a potential client there. His mousy good girl personal assistant turns out to be a sexy vixen. And Brody Kane soon discovers that the girl he has been fantasizing is the woman made for him as she gives him a personal lap dance that he would never forget.

After a taste of Emma's mouth and body, Brody wanted her to be his only. And so he does what any possessive alpha male would do, he is willing to pay off her debt and compensates the strip club of having Emma to himself. Brody is well aware that Emma is in dire need of money and financial help but she is too proud to accept a helping hand. And in such, Brody is forced to work a deal with Emma.

“You are the most beautiful woman I know, inside and out. In bad suits and sexy stripper threads. In your giving heart and in every single thing you’ve done to protect the people you care about. I was hurt once and my knee-jerk reaction was to assume I’d be hurt again. I’m usually a better analyst of a situation, but my sore heart wasn’t up for another pounding.” He laced his fingers in hers and placed them over his heart, now slapping violently against his rib cage. **“This bruised ticker belongs to you, Emma. You own me, body and soul. Every piece of me is yours to love or destroy. I love you. God, how I fucking adore you.”**

Brody doesn't like the idea of Emma being homeless so he takes her to live with him. Along with Emma comes her lazy cat, Kevin. As Emma and Brody cohabitate as roommates, they soon find that they have one thing in common. Sex. Hot steamy passionate sex that will make your toes curl.

Together Brody and Emma are just perfect for each other. They balance each other out intellectually, physically, and sexually. Their chemistry was tangible and palpable from the start. The heat between them was explosive since both of them love their hot and dirty sex. And as Brody and Emma begin to spend more time with each other, deep feelings begins to emerge. Cracks were beginning to appear in Emma's armor and Brody was finally able to see that Emma is unlike any woman he has met. There is no hidden agenda and motive when it comes to Emma. She doesn't see Brody as her golden ticket to money but what she does see is a man that she has fallen hard for. But will Emma be able to let Brody in fully into her heart? And will she be able to accept his help financially?

“Me inside you. This is the truth, your truth. Not what you were before.” He withdrew and stroked again. **Long, thick, consuming . His mouth, set to torture, claimed hers and destroyed every last barrier. “It’s this honesty you show me when I’m inside you. Nothing else matters. Just this.”** On his face was a look of such tenderness it gave her no place to hide. Love for him bloomed in her chest, and with each pump of his powerful hips, she recited an internal mantra. **No regrets. No regrets. Because no matter how it ended, she would never forget that he loved her with his body and his acceptance, even if he’d never said the words ”**

Taking the Score had the perfect balance of heat, friendship, sexual tension, drama, and hot passionate sex. I loved everything about this book from it raw characters and sexy storyline. Kate Meader has truly cemented herself as author who knows how to deliver romance with heat and a sexy erotic twist to satisfy any brazen junkie addicts like myself. So if you are looking for a hot passionate love tale that was sinfully written then I highly recommend you to read **Taking the Score**.

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Alyssa says

3.5 stars.

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Official Summary:

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Now that he knows his office good girl has a naughty streak, Brody makes it his mission to uncover her secrets, one steamy, illicit, over-the-desk encounter at a time. But Emma is hiding more than her side job, and her final secret could end up destroying them both.

What I Liked:

I didn't love this one as much as I loved Even the Score - that is pretty difficult - but I enjoyed this addition to the series. I don't think I've read a single book with a stripper as a protagonist, so this was a bit different. And yet, the book had the same magnetic quality that Meader's books have. It was fiery hot and well-developed and hilarious. Brody and Emma are such a great pair!

Brody Kane is a rich and very successful property tycoon, working with two close friends and fellow Texans. Part of his success is due to his excessively organized secretary/assistance, Emma. Emma dresses like an old lady and doesn't ooze sex appeal, which is why Brody hired her. But some part of him has been attracted to her, and he wants to know why. Emma has good reason for dressing the way she does - she works at a strip club, as a waitress, to help pay for her younger sister's debt with the strip club's owner. But the owner thinks she isn't making enough as a waitress, and so one night, she decides that she'll have to swallow the revulsion and try something new. The night just happened to be the night that Brody takes a sleazy client to the strip; circumstances have Emma giving Brody her first - and worst - lap dance. Brody knows Emma's secret now, and there is one thing he's certain of - she is never working at the strip club again. Brody takes her in (she's a bit homeless), despite knowing that she has more secrets besides working at a strip club. But will those secrets destroy their budding relationship?

So I guess you could say this book isn't quite about a stripper - Emma works as a waitress in the strip club, but she isn't really a stripper. She's never worked a pole or given a lap dance for anyone. Her first (and only) lap dance was for Brody. And after that disaster, she never does anything in the strip club - she never goes back. Brody is furious that she works there, so he "buys" her - offers the owner several grand for Emma to do private things with him, outside of the strip club. And when Brody finds out that she's homeless, he takes her

in (his penthouse is enormous and has at least five guestrooms).

I love how dominant and alpha Brody is. He's an alpha male in every way, but he's also very professional and sweet too. He's commanding and muscled and HOT, but kind and thoughtful and always trying to help. What really got me going? He's a huge science fiction nerd. He loves comics and Star Wars and it's adorable! An alpha male who is really into basketball and Star Wars - winning combination!

Emma is working at the strip club as part of an agreement she made with the strip club's owner. Her younger sister owns the owner thousands of dollars, so Emma is working at the strip club while Daisy is in rehab. Emma hates that Brody throws a bunch of money at the owner and "buys" her, but he doesn't do it to be sleazy, and he doesn't even fire her (remember, she's his PA by day). And letting her stay with him while she finds a place to live? Emma has a lot of pride, but even she knows a kind man and sweet offer when she sees one.

Still, her pride and stubbornness makes nothing easy for the two of them. They are like fire and ice (although I'm not sure who the ice would be, in this example). They clash over many things (her night job, her living with him, him paying the owner), but one thing they both agree on - their fiery chemistry.

I love how these two are together! Maybe not as hot as Tess and Hunter in *Even the Score*, but there were a lot of steamy scenes in this book. I think the book could have benefited from one or two more, but then, I pretty much always say that, with most Brazen novels. They're so short!

The conflict revolves around Emma's sister's debt, as well as Brody and Emma's relationship. I like how they work things out! It takes a lot for Emma to truly accept Brody's help, and the insight of a very wise friend helps Emma see that Brody does what he does not to try and own her, but because he cares about her and wants to help her. Nevertheless, I really liked watching the pair bump heads and slowly trust each other (on both sides).

Overall, a good companion sequel to the series. I am very excited to read Flynn's book (and I so hope his lady is going to be who I think it is)!

What I Did Not Like:

The premise of the book really threw me, in terms of Emma and her sister's debt. I was pretty infuriated that Emma would start working a second job in a STRIP CLUB to pay for her sister's debt (which Daisy accrued because of her drug addiction). And then the owner tells Emma she needs to bring in more money, which is how Emma ended up giving Brody a (terrible) lap dance - that is awful. I love my own sister, but I don't stripping is what I do to pay her debt. Especially since Emma is swallowing bile as she considers stripping and giving lap dances. Not. Okay.

Not to mention the sister is doing NOTHING to help pay her own debt. Sure, she's in rehab, but this is her 3584395843095th time in rehab. Selfish. So selfish. Meanwhile, Emma is working two jobs, she's hopeless, and she hasn't slept more than two hours per night over the last three months.

If you can get past this, the book is great (which was the case for me). But it's hard not to want to launch the book far away and through a window when you read about Emma's sister and this whole debt thing to start with. Stripping? Seriously? By any means necessarily is too demeaning for Emma - she doesn't want to do it. It's not empowering to her.

Sigh. The book was lovely, except it's backstory with Emma's sister, which is basically the premise for the book.

Would I Recommend It:

I love Kate Meader's books, and I do really like this one! I much more recommend Even the Score, but this one is good, a quick and steamy read. I like this series, and this book doesn't disappoint. I wasn't sure I'd like it (like I said, I don't really read books involving a stripper as a protagonist), but Meader is pretty much an auto-read author for me!

Rating:

3.5 stars -> rounded up to 4 stars. This one was good, maybe not a favorite Brazen, but part of a series that I recommend. I can't wait to read Flynn's book. Hot Texan businessmen for the win!

Arianna♦*SteamyReadsBlog*♦ says

3.5 -4 Stars!!

Kate Meader delivered a sexy office romance with a nice vibe of enemies to lovers story that I found really enjoyable. Like all the Brazen books out there *"Taking the Score"* was for the most part a light read and while the plot is nothing new, the execution was fun and entertaining. This second installment in the series follows the story of another tall, dark and Texan man, Brody Kane, character we met in the previous book in the series.

Texas property tycoon, Brody Kane is a sexy nerd who doesn't look to get involved with someone in any kind of relationship anytime soon. However, he can't keep his eyes off his prim and proper PA, even if she's not exactly his type.

"You don't know me, Mr. Kane. PA by day, T&A by night."

Emma Strickland is a former bad girl who has two jobs. She's working for Brody as a PA and at night she's waitressing at a strip club. She hates what she does at night, but she will do anything to keep her baby sister safe, so she's forced by circumstances to work for Ray, a dangerous man to pay her sister's debt. Brody has the shock of his life when he finds out that his PA is also working in a strip club. But everything gets worse when he has to pretend he doesn't know Emma. Both of them are mortified when Emma has to perform a lap dance for him, but what starts as something awkward becomes quickly something sexy and irresistible for both of them.

"He had never fucked angry before, and now he knew why. A fuck like this was the kind of experience a man doesn't recover from easily. Finding pleasure in an unexpected place coupled with the raw emotions coursing through him was a dangerous combination."

I liked this one! Honestly the storyline was predictable, but the dynamic between these two characters and the steam factor, which btw was pretty high made me enjoy this story. Both Brody and Emma were likeable characters, well enough developed. I loved Emma's loyalty and also her determination to help her sister no matter what.

"You lost it at the club. You lost it in that shower." She tiptoed up so her breath fanned his lips. Provoked. "And the way your erection is pointing at me like a divining rod tells me you're not in control now. Ding, ding, ding, Brody. Your cock just found a wet spot."

Brody was great too! He's a sexy, sweet and caring and I have to say I loved with protectiveness towards Emma. They complement each other pretty well from the beginning. Even is the story was fast-paced, the relationship between Brody and Emma didn't feel rushed and I liked that. There was a certain familiarity between them that was endearing and the chemistry between them was off the charts hot. Loved it!

"Taking the Score" was a great blend of witty banter and steam and if you are looking for something light, sexy and easy to read, then you won't be disappointed reading this one!

[~Ami~]♥Sexy Dexy♥ says

3 stars

I don't even know what to say about this book. It reminds me of the time I read about Chloe in Forked with Jeanne. I thought the choice of words the author used was very interesting and it was entertaining. Didn't really like the characters though. But it was steamy.

Ally says

Note: billionaire trope, so not my thang

Setting / Time / Genre: current, Chicago

Length: No idea. Could care less.

Series: Apparently so. And apparently, not for me.

Sexy times: Yea. But I only got through 1.25 of said sexy times before clicking the return to sender button on my Kindle (wouldn't that be nice if that really existed?)

Plan on reading more by the author: I would have to go out on a limb and say Hell No!

Synopsis in one sentence or slightly more: Tacky thrift shop, polyester wearing heroine works in accounting during the day and at night masquerades herself as a stripper / lap dancer, runs in to boss at said

strip club, ends up lap dancing him to a Happy Ending and he rescues her from her predicament of owing said strip club guy some ungodly amount of money. By the by, said employee is camping out in her work building with a cat because she has no where else to go and loses all her clothing.

I. Can't. Even.

I'll stop there. This was STOOPID. Straight up dumb. It wasn't funny except for one comment. It was not hot. Nope. This guy's supposed dirty talk? This girl's supposed bad girl bit? Not. Even. Close.

Lyndy Ann ? says

I loved Taking the Score I fell for Brody Kane in Even the Score the bossy specs wearing Texan and I could not wait to read Brody and Emma's story and I was not disappointed.

Emma is having a tough time thanks to her sister working off her debt at a strip club who comes in one night but her day job boss Mr Kane who Emma gives the worst lap dance ever to.

Brody Kane goes nuclear when he sees his frumpy PA working in a strip club in a skimpy outfit for all the men to ogle and touch, in his anger he drags her away and they have hot angry wall sex.

The sex between these two is scorching they don't need a bed, they discover they are very compatible Emma can handle Brody being in control not like his ex. I love the banter between these two they are sexy and funny while they get to know each other outside the office and I love Kevin the demon cat.

What will happen? Do these two have a future together?

I love Brody he is very caring and protective of Emma the way he wants to look after her.

I loved the epilogue and the visual I had while reading of a naked Brody only in his TARDIS socks, what a geek. Thank you for that image Kate.

I wonder about Flynn's book??? Do I know his love interest???

Kate Meader says

Ready for some illicit office romance with a twist? TAKING THE SCORE, the next entry in the *Tall, Dark, and Texan* series from Entangled Brazen will be out in February 2016. This sexy tale features an uptight, specs-wearing, nerdy Texan billionaire with a dominant streak and the frumpy, thrift suit-wearing personal assistant he can't stop fantasizing about. And that's before he finds out about her second "job" ... at the strip club! The things a gal's gotta do to make rent.

In the meantime, you can catch up with the first book in the series, EVEN THE SCORE, a hate-lust-love story between a trailer trash Texan tycoon and a down-on-her-luck actress.
