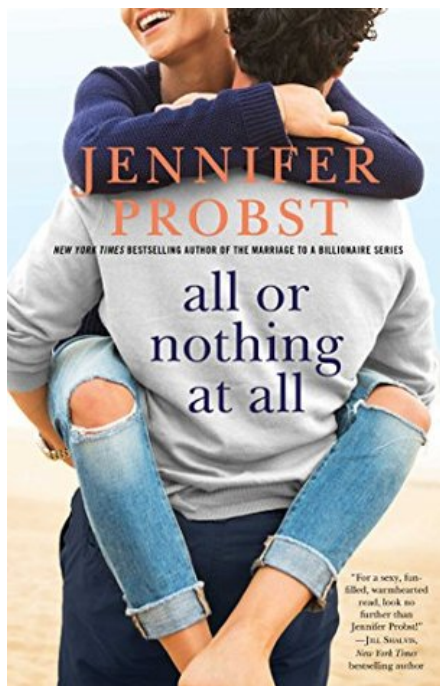




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Tristan Pierce left the family business to carve out a life of his own, but never forgot his passionate affair with the much younger, inexperienced Sydney Green, or the hurtful break-up that tore him apart. When he's forced to return home and face his past, will he be able to carve out a future, or will lies ruin his second chance at love?

Sydney Green loved Tristan her entire life, but when he left, he took not only her heart, but her trust with him. Now that they're together again, it's time they both face the biggest secret of all....

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Nissa | Of Pens and Pages Book Blog says

2 stars :(

It pains me to write this since I love the author and the Pierce brothers so much, but *All or Nothing at All* disappointed me so much. I absolutely loved the first half of the book, but the second part? I'm joining the minority by saying I didn't like it at all.

PROS:

✓Second chance romance

The story is about two people who have a deep connection but were separated by a decision that changed their lives forever. Two seemingly strong characters with their own baggage (Tristan with the loss of his mother, and Sydney with the pregnancy) find their way back into each other's lives and still have that inevitable spark.

✓Sydney the power woman

Sydney grew into a strong, powerful woman who will fight for what she wants. After working for Pierce Brothers for so long, she believes she deserves the CFO position (she does), and so she convinces the real Pierce brothers to give her the promotion. She doesn't cower in front of alpha males but faces them head on. Plus, she's a wonderful single mother to Becca. I didn't agree with her decision about Becca back then, but I understood where she's coming from.

✓The rest of the Pierce brothers and their SOs.

It brought me so much joy to see Cal, Dalton, Morgan, and Raven again. To see them settled/on their way to being settled.

✓The family dynamic of the Pierce brothers and their SOs

Despite their falling out in the past, the three Pierce brothers are close again, and their SOs (plus Sydney) are as thick as thieves. They have each other's backs and would protect each other. I loved that so much.

✓Becca

Sydney's adorable child. So pure. So innocent. So lovely.

CONS:

XDub-con (dubious consent)

This bothered me the most. Sydney kept saying no, but since Tristan saw lust or whatever in her eyes, he went on until she gave in.

XTristan Pierce

I loved him at first, but (view spoiler) my heart hurt for Sydney. I mean I get why he's angry, but I think his decision after the revelation was selfish. He didn't even consider Becca and Sydney. He also treated Sydney like his property. It was frustrating.

I stopped rooting for their happy ending in the middle of the story. I wanted Sydney to leave Tristan because I don't think she deserved the way he treated her. No grand gesture should be enough. They'd need tons of marriage counseling to fix what they have.

I'm still a fan of Jennifer Probst, but I guess just because we like the author doesn't mean we're always going to love their work...

Tropes: Second Romance, (view spoiler), Childhood Friends

POV: Third POV

Standalone: Yes

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Shayna says

I'm so incredibly sad to see this series come to an end, and I knew Sydney and Tristan's story was going to completely shred my heart. I just didn't know HOW MUCH. Probst definitely saved the BEST for last in this series! ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL was absolutely PHENOMENAL! My heart hurts, but it is full. This is one second chance romance that will leave you with tear tracks down your cheeks and a VERY full heart.

"You're the only woman that can wreck me, Syd. I need you tonight. Don't make me stop."

Oh, Tristan Pierce, that bugger! I wanted to embrace him as much as I wanted to strangle him. Come to think of it, the same goes for our heroine, Sydney Green. But even in my frustration, my heart ached for them both, individually and as a couple. Ms. Probst definitely gives my heart a run for its money with this installment of the Billionaire Builders Series. So many ups and downs. Beauty and tragedy. Hopefulness and hopelessness. Just when I thought we were getting somewhere, something happens and my heart aches all over again. This is one romance that does NOT have an easy happily ever after. Probst makes you work for it on every possible level, that's for sure.

"They were playing a dangerous game. And eventually, someone was going to lose."

This right here is the ULTIMATE ROMANCE for me. Syd is a headstrong female. Tris is a very stubborn man. There is so much distance between them, until there is not. There is only one secret standing in their way. A secret that is sure to change EVERYTHING. A secret that could bring them closer together, or tear them apart once and for all.

"...every road in my life has always led to you."

I'm so strung out over this book! My heart is still aching even though the happily ever after was achieved. The road to that happily ever after was a tumultuous one, to say the least. I've been rooting for these two from the very beginning when I knew something was brewing between them. Ms. Probst has this way of weaving an intricate and heart wrenching romance, that leaves me breathless each and every time. If you are looking for a beauty of a read, full of love, loss, hope, and fate, look no further than the EPIC conclusion to the Billionaire Builders Series. Do me a favor and DO NOT read this book as a standalone. You have to

build up to Tristan and Sydney's story with the first two books in the series, TRUST ME on this. But don't worry, because the first two books in this series is just as AMAZING as this one right here.

Michelle says

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Jennifer Probst has hammered her way into my heart once again as she builds and nails the foundation of love in this sweet, charming and emotional second chance romance in **All Or Nothing At All**.

Kissing her again was a primitive, animalistic leap into the unknown with no markers set up on the path. It was darkness and light, past and present, vicious hunger and aching tenderness. He couldn't get enough."

Sydney Greene has loved Tristan Pierce all her life. He was her first love and will always have a place in her heart but when Tristan left to go to New York, she let him go to pursue his career. She also didn't inform him that he was the father of her child. It was her secret to bear until it was time to tell Tristan the truth.

After the death of his mother, Tristan Pierce was angry and lost. He needed to get away and wanted Sydney to go with him to New York but she said she couldn't. So when Tristan left Sydney behind, he became a different man.

She loved Tristan Pierce with her heart and soul. Somehow she needed to believe he felt the same way. She had to fight to make sure they got their second chance, even if it meant pushing past uncomfortable boundaries and forcing him to take a risk."

Upon Tristan's return back home, his relationship with Sydney have been a little tense. He's stubborn and she's headstrong and so when they have to work on a project together, old feelings begins to resurface. Tristan then realizes that Sydney has always been the one and so he makes it known to her that he will stop at nothing in winning back her heart.

As Sydney and Tristan's relationship begins to get serious, Sydney knows that she must tell Tristan the truth in regards to her daughter. So what happens when Tristan discovers her secret? Will he be able to forgive Sydney for denying him seven years of getting to know her? With all on the line, will Sydney be able to earn back his trust?

She never wanted to hurt him. Time would build trust. Forgiveness. Time would bring hope. Sydney dragged in a breath and set her shoulders for the biggest battle she ever waged. The battle for his heart. She couldn't accept any less from him. It was all or nothing at all."

All Or Nothing At All is a heart-tugging sweet and beautiful emotional second chance romance. Tristan and Sydney's journey of finding their way back together will make any romance fan's heart melt. Toss Becca into the mix, you can't help but smile. Probst did a wonderful job bridging and tying the past and present as we see both sides to their story. The writing was fabulous. These characters will hold a special place in my heart. And the romance was palpable. So all there is left to say, go read this book and fall in love with Tristan and Sydney's emotional journey as they risk it all for love or nothing at all.

Jennifer Probst

**Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince
Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says**

*******FIVE STARS*******

{ARC Generously Provided by Author}

The block trembled and broke apart inside his chest. He lowered his forehead to hers, and tears began slipping from his eyes as he finally cried since he'd heard the first love of his life had left him forever. She stroked his hair and kissed his cheeks and held him through his tears. And he knew then that Sydney was part of his soul and had changed him forever.

This was hands down, my **FAVORITE** in the "*Billionaire Builders*" series! Throughout each installment, we were given tiny pieces to Tristan and Sydney's story. It was obvious that they shared a past that was filled with heartbreak and regret which later turned into intense resentment on both sides and out of all the couples in this series, these two intrigued me the most. Tristan was my favorite Pierce brother! This story was packed with angst, smoldering steam, and utter heartbreak which at times had tears streaming down my face. Jennifer Probst has written another sensational series! If you love the "*friends to lovers/second chance romance/enemies to lovers*" tropes, then you will definitely want to check this one out!

Tristan Pierce has always been the level-headed brother who keeps his emotions well hidden from the outside world. To most people, he may seem cold but a few who are close to him know that his strained relationship with his father and then the devastating loss of his mother had affected Tristan deeply. The one person aside from his mother who was closest to him was Sydney Greene. Sydney has known the Pierce family since she was a young girl. She'd been in love with Tristan at the tender age of eight. Since there was a huge age gap between them, Tristan only saw her as a little sister, but all that changed when she turned eighteen.

Sydney was raised by her grandparents after her parents abandoned her. She spent most of her childhood years hanging out with the Pierce brothers and their parents considered her to be the daughter they never had. She adored the family but Tristan had always captured her heart. When he finally notices her, they carry on with a secret affair because they knew if Tristan's family ever found out there would be hell to pay since they were so protective over Sydney. But everything falls apart when Tristan's mother dies a year later. Overcome with grief, and fed up with his father's constant criticism, Tristan announces that he is moving to New York City. He asks Sydney to come with him but she was only nineteen and her whole life revolved around her job at Pierce Family construction. But mostly it was the fact that Tristan had never told Sydney that he loved her. She was afraid to run off with him because although he was the love of her life she doubted she meant the same to him.

When Tristan comes back home six years later there is obvious hostility brewing between the two. So much that was left unsaid and misunderstandings kept their true feelings buried deep in mutual heartbreak. A huge project that could land the Pierce brothers a contract with a very successful real estate businessman from NYC ends up forcing Tristan and Sydney to work closely together. Although they may seem to despise each other, deep down there's a burning lust that neither of them was going to be able to contain and when they give in to their desires it's like a dam breaks and it becomes impossible to keep their hands off each other. Tristan lost Sydney once but he is determined to claim her and nothing is going to get in his way – or so he thought.

A painful secret is revealed and it just might be something the couple will never be able to recover from. Hearts will be shattered and lives will be forever changed.

ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL releases on July 25th! It can be read as a standalone but I would recommend that you read the previous books because this happens to be one of Jennifer Probst's best! Her fans are sure to enjoy it!

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Sabrina says

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I've pretty much been waiting to read this story since I first started this series. The sexual tension between Tristan and Sydney was so strong I just knew their book was going to be amazing. And I wasn't wrong. I loved getting to see them finally stop fighting against their need for one another and instead started loving each other.

I'm really sad to see these brothers go but I'm hoping there will be more to come from some of the secondary characters that we got to meet along this journey.

MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

4.5 She'd Always Been His Stars!

Sydney Greene is a single mother to a beautiful six year old little girl. She's worked at Pierce Brothers Construction in some capacity since she was sixteen. She practically grew up in the Pierce household, & they are like family. She'd proven herself at the office & she wanted more. Tired of being in the background she intended to fight for and get everything she deserved & had worked for all these years.

Sydney built her own life & now her focus was work & her daughter. She had no time for thinking of the past, but her ex made that difficult. Tristan Pierce, the middle Pierce brother had owned her heart since she was about eight years old. She'd always followed him around as kids and been treated like a little sister. Always hoping one day he'd finally see her. She saw how special he was. He was the kind, laid back, reserved one who was often closed off. She'd spent her entire youth trying to get him to notice her until one day he finally did. She'd adored him until he broke her heart & left her. He'd been struggling to find his place & clashing with his family. He wanted to renovate & flip houses, and he moved to New York & left Sydney behind in Harrington. He left the family business to follow his own path. Now he's been back home about a year, & Sydney is having trouble being around him & pretending to be unaffected.

-She'd tumbled into love with him at only eight years old, and he'd been haunting her ever since.

-He'd always had a way of looking at her as if he owned her.

-Whether he was closing a deal or stripping off his clothes, he'd always held an innate animal grace that buckled her knees.

-His analytical mind was as droolworthy as his body. Hard, supple muscles balanced with a beautiful grace

most men could never pull off.

-His thoroughness was legendary. Tristan was able to see a problem at all angles and attack it with a single-minded intensity and level of control. He'd once brought that same talent to the bedroom, concentrating on wringing pleasure from her body with a thoroughness that ruined her for all other lovers.

Tristan has been back home about a year & has tried avoiding Sydney, but he still isn't over her. She's always been important to him, & he never forgot her. She's pure temptation for him. Their physical connection was always explosive, & he's having trouble pushing aside his attraction & feelings. He needs to stick to business since they will be working together, but he can't help the way he craves her. She's no longer the shy, uncertain girl, but a confident, self-assured woman. Her ambition turns him on. She was in control & it was sexy as hell watching her take charge. They still shared such a strong connection & chemistry. They try fighting their feelings, but there is still so much between them. Tristan decides he wants Sydney back & he's determined to get a second chance. He will prove she can trust him again & that he isn't going anywhere. He knows they belong together & is prepared to fight for her.

I really loved this book & this whole series. All the Pierce brothers have the biggest hearts and are super swoony and hot!!! Tristan's book is packed full of emotion. Secrets. Lies, love, & angst combine for an incredible story!

- "I just want you. I want a second chance at your heart."

-She was the only one who'd stripped down all of his layers and truly saw the man he was. And she'd loved him anyway.

-It was as if she held the secret part of his heart after all these years and given it back.

Jacqueline's Reads says

All or Nothing at All is a standalone and is part of the Billionaire Builders series. The series focuses on the Pierce brothers. This is Tristan and Sydney's story.

I've been dying for this story. I love a good single mama book and I have been interested in Sydney from the beginning. Like I said you don't have to read the series in order, but Sydney (the single mamas) hold a special place in my heart.

I enjoyed the first half of the book more than the second half. Tristan is the last Pierce brother. He came back from New York to work with his brothers. Sydney and Tristan have a history. They were together, but Tristan had to leave and Sydney didn't want to come with them.

I love a good second chance romance novel. When Tristan comes back there is so much tension. Remember,

it's two years later (because of the first two books), but it feels like Tristan is JUST back and maybe he is. He doesn't really want anything to do with Sydney but as Sydney works her way up in the company the two work more and more together.

I enjoyed reading the parts of Sydney and Tristan working together. They had great chemistry and the mild tension made the book really juicy. The second half of the book everything shifts and changes. The book gets really angsty.

The characters are heavily flawed in the sense I believe both of them to be really selfish. I get it, one wants one thing and the other wants another. What do you do? Well, I'm a realist and the realist in me thinks one should have just been less selfish. Sounds easy enough right? I guess there wouldn't be a book if one did be less selfish.

I enjoyed this series and I enjoyed this book, but this book made me go up and down in a roller coaster of emotions. If you want a dramatic read with a bunch of angst, issues and tension, then this one is for you.

I will say this (view spoiler)

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Any Time and Any Place #2 AMAZON | REVIEW

All or Nothing at All #3 AMAZON

Cristina | CristiinaReads says

⇒ ***A story filled with second chances and opportunities that make you rehash your past and the future that you want the most...***

⇒ This story was just way too good. I had never read anything by Jennifer Probst before and I regret that decision for sure. When I saw this book at the stands on Target I knew I had to get it and give the author a try. For sure regret not reading the previous books in the series since I have now been spoiled. However, this story was just beyond endearing and had so much charisma and love to it.

⇒ This is a very short review for sure. The fact that the story is in a third perspective did throw me off a tiny bit since I am not the biggest fan of pov's written this way. But overall, I enjoyed this romance much more than what I was expecting. Hopefully I will keep track of the future books that Jennifer has in stock...

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Mindy Lou's Book Review says

3.5 to 4 Stars

This was more of an emotional read than I was expecting. Very heartfelt and real. It has a few things in the storyline that I don't normally like to read about, but it worked. It's a second chance romance and had a secret baby. Don't worry, not spoiling anything since you learn this in the very first chapter.

I had not read the first two books but never felt lost. You can read this one as a standalone. I enjoyed the HGTV aspect of the storyline and this has a lot of great side characters. Their daughter Becca was adorable and played a big part in the story. I'm such a sucker for the dad scenes. I love reading about a father being a true dad to their children.

This had me tear up in a few places because I was very much invested in seeing this family get their happy ever after. I would like to go back and read the first two in the series. The glimpses I got of the women in the other brothers lives have me intrigued for their story. ARC provided by NetGalley.

Geri Reads says

4.5 stars!

My favorite book in the series! And considering how this book contain tropes that I'm usually iffy on, that is saying a lot. Tristan and Sydney's story has been teased since the first book in the series and I've been really excited to dive into their journey since then.

Like his younger brother Dalton, Tristan came back to Harrington to fulfill the conditions of his father's will. His return to Harrington brought him face-to-face with the woman he left behind.

Sydney Green was like a sister to the Pierce brothers growing up. She was the quintessential girl-next-door who happens to be in love with Tristan since forever. Their coming together was inevitable but when his mother died, the whole family imploded and his relationship with Sydney was the first casualty of that.

Fast forward to years later, Sydney is an assertive single mother who's got bigger dreams than just being an executive assistant within Pierce Construction. Her bid to become CFO put her in close Tristan. Soon enough they couldn't stop themselves from surrendering to the attraction and the unresolved feelings between them. But Sydney is hiding something very important from Tristan that could end their second chance at love.

There are so many things that really worked for me in this book that in theory shouldn't have because I've read books with this trope before and hated most of them. It rarely works for me which is why I was really surprised at how emotionally invested I felt.

I'm going into spoiler territory with this one. While I don't think knowing that in advance would ruin the book because the twist isn't really the focal point in the book. The books is more about the consequences of decisions made by Tristan and Sydney years ago than this big reveal I'm going to talk about.

Nevertheless, if you don't like spoilers, stop reading now. Go read the book first and then come back to this review, okay?

So be warned...

SPOILERS AHEAD

Okay.

One of the tropes that don't always work for me is the hidden baby trope. Now if you've read the previous books in the series, you'd probably have an inkling about Becca being Tristan's daughter, which he doesn't know about. That was confirmed 100% in this book.

I usually don't like this trope because it seems cruel to me. But Jennifer Probst executed it so well that she made me understand why Sydney did it. She made me see the logic behind Sydney's decision, which I felt was ultimately the best decision she could have done at that time.

Another thing the author did right was she didn't make excuses for her characters. She made them suffer for that decision. I was able to sympathize with Sydney and Tristan even though I know they're both at fault in some way. You can feel Tristan anger at Sydney's betrayal but at the same time get angry at him for what he intended to do after he learned that Becca was his.

Both of them made terrible judgement calls and they both suffered the consequences. The author didn't make excuses for their actions. And they both had to work it out in order to get their happily ever after.

All or Nothing at All is well written with flawed characters that you can root for and a story that you can get emotionally invested in.

AJ says

2 heartbreakingly infuriating stars

This is the third and final book in the *Billionaire Builders* series, and it's the one I have been really excited for. From the moment Tristan and Sydney were in the same room, you just know they have a history, and though on the surface there has been some animosity and they've pretty much ignored each other, the sexual tension that has been zinging between them for the last two books has been building the anticipation for this final book of the series. But there were certain twists and plotlines that I just couldn't deal with, and that made this an aggravating and rage-inducing read for me that required much venting with my book buddies (thanks for that), and results in this ranty, feel-purging review.

Please note that while this is the third in the series, each book is about a different couple and this one can be read as a standalone.

Tristan is the middle of the three Pierce brothers, and is the straight-laced, serious one. The boys' world fell apart following the tragic death of their mother and, lost, bitter and grief-stricken, they all went their separate ways. The death of their father over a year ago brought them all back together when they were forced to work together in order to save the family construction building, and since then they have mended their relationships, and each of them has found their place working alongside each other.

Sydney has been a part of the boys' world for as long as they can remember. She grew up with them, and then began working with Pierce Construction when she was just 16 years old. She has been by their side through everything, and they have looked after her in turn as she balanced her work with being a single mother. And now, she's ready to branch out and ask for a higher stake in the company – a move that will have her working side by side with Tristan on a huge project.

As I said earlier, Tristan and Sydney have always had a special chemistry between them and it was clear that there is some sort of romantic/sexual edge to it. There was one potential storyline for them that I was hoping couldn't come to pass, and it was much to my disappointment when I started this book and chapter 1 revealed what I was dreading... (view spoiler)

Now, this adds an interesting dynamic to their situation. They are working together, their animosity soon becomes grudging respect (on his side) and angst-ridden lust (on her side), and they soon recapture their easy friendship, which becomes more as their attraction to each other quickly rekindles and they find themselves falling for each other all over again. But Sydney's secret is still between them. Will Tristan ever be able to understand and forgive the decision she made all those years ago?

Warning... spoilery rant ahead...

(view spoiler)

Seriously? AARGGHHHH!!!

And all this while he's fighting so hard to build something between them.

"I just want you. I want a second chance at your heart. I know you're scared shitless because of what happened in the past, but we've both changed and grown, and I refuse to blow this because it's easier to pretend it's all about sex."

...

"I want Becca to join us too. She's part of you, and it's a package deal. It's time we date, sweetheart. I won't take no for an answer."

And when Sydney finally grows a pair and reveals all, my heart broke for Tristan, for little Becca, and the rest of the family, as they struggle to come to terms with Sydney's betrayal. (view spoiler)

sob (hide spoiler)]

And though I was already mad as hell at her, I still managed to get madder because through it all she never apologises. She never admits that she did the wrong thing, instead constantly defending what she did and declaring that she made the right decision for her daughter – never mind that she deprived both Becca and Tristan the first 7 years of her life that they could have spent together. How is that ok? You know what? It's just not, and I don't understand how she could justify it.

Everything changes for the three of them once the secret is out, and I admit that Tristan's response to finding out the news is extreme and he doesn't handle it as well as he could have. But I could actually understand his motivation and his reasons for doing what he did, and by that point I had zero fucks to give for Sydney, so whatever. (hide spoiler)]

Beneath all of the pain, anger and confusion, you can see that there are real feelings, and there is an emotional and dramatic love story as Tristan and Sydney work to get past her lies and betrayal, and his (in my opinion, completely justified) anger and coldness. This book is an angsty ride with lots of ups and downs as they navigate their difficult situation. It's an interesting dynamic for a love story, and a lot of romance fans will probably lap it up, and I get that, because usually I would have loved the sweet moments, the seriously passionate sexy time and the swoony declarations.

"I don't care about then. I care about now. And the woman you are right now, right here, is the one I'm falling for all over again ... I'm playing for huge stakes, Syd. I'm playing for you."

But for all of the above reasons, this one just didn't work for me. I was pissed off from chapter 1 and that soured everything, and it only got worse the more I had to read about Sydney's self-righteous declarations that she did the right thing, and never even apologising for it. It's just not ok. But bravo, Tristan for clearly being a better person than I!

The scenes with Tristan and Becca were just gorgeous, and I loved seeing the brothers all together and being a rock for Tristan to lean on, supporting him and having his back completely. There is some progression for each of their stories with their girls and an epilogue which finishes off all three of the stories really nicely. And those relationships are what saved the book from being a DNF for me.

Like the others in the series, this book is really well written, and the characterisation, dynamics and romance are all there... I just couldn't with this one.

2 stars.

An Advanced Review Copy was generously provided by the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Julie says

All or Nothing at All by Jennifer Probst is a 2017 Gallery Books publication.

This third installment in the 'Billionaire Builders' series is centered around Sydney Green and Tristan Pierce.

Sydney loved Tristan practically her entire life. But, because of their age differences at the time, it took Tristan a little longer to notice Sydney.

Just when the two had finally gotten on the same page, their lives took them in different directions, and the relationship fell apart.

Tristan left home to find his own niche and Sydney stayed behind to care for her grandmother, continuing the job she loved at Pierce Brothers. Sydney, however, has always kept a part of Tristan with her...

I'll be honest, I had a hard time transitioning from the 'Searching' series into this one. Granted, I was in the midst of a major romance novel burnout when I read the first installment in this series, and my heart just wasn't in it.

So, I didn't read the second book, fearing I might be too hypercritical of it. But, I noticed, when this third installment was released, it was highly rated and so well received, I felt a small twinge of excitement, and thought maybe I was ready to give this series a second chance...

And as everyone knows by now, I'm pretty big on second chances, especially when it comes to romance novel tropes.

However-

As much as I love 'second chance at love' tropes, there are other romance novel tropes I dislike vehemently. Sadly, this book employed one I dislike more than all others.

However, I did want to see how it would all play out in the end so I continued with the book despite my irritation, and because the story did get off to a strong start- and I was in a forgiving mood, after all.

But, despite my determination to maintain a positive outlook, once again, I felt as though there was nothing all that original or special here.

The emotional connection that I craved never fully materialized. While the bedroom scenes were steamy and very passionate, it felt like 'just sex', with no tenderness, or bonding, creating yet another emotional disconnect for me.

The plot line turned predictable, although the excerpts from the past were a nice touch and allowed Tristan's character to show growth and provided him with the insight he needed to catch up to Sydney's maturation.

I did like Sydney and admired her for doing the right thing, for taking care of her own career aspirations and ambitions with style and cunning, as well as for refusing to settle for what little Tristan was offering.

But, it wasn't until the bitter end that I grudgingly accepted Tristan, but, to be fair, he does man up and show Sydney that he's made of better stuff than what he's been giving her.

The epilogue was sweet and I enjoyed the obvious peace and contentment that closed out the series, ending it on high note.

Overall, this was not my favorite series, and does not compare to other series by this author, but it was okay. I had just hoped for a little more.

3 stars

Maria♦*Steamy Reads Blog*♦ says

➡I've been a big fan of this series ever since the first book came out and this third installment is my favorite one yet! Who doesn't want to read about hot builders, anyways? Tilers, carpenters, painters - bring it on!

➡The hero of THIS particular novel is a part of a construction company owned by three brothers. He, however, handles the business side of things and you know what that means, right? That's right. It means that when this guy goes to the construction site, he wears a suit.

➡But as much as I enjoyed him prancing around in a suit looking all broody, this is not the reason why I absolutely loved this novel. Being a second chance love story, this book hit me right in the feels. After reading the blurb I'm actually not so sure as to how much I'm allowed to reveal so to be on the safe side I won't be saying much about the plot.

➡It's a story about two people who grew up together and fell in love young. They get separated but get a chance at friendship again when they have to work on a work project together. I absolutely loved the writing style - the flashbacks to the past are my favorite, and they really helped me understand the depth of the characters.

➡This novel can be read as a standalone but I think I loved it this much partly because I got to read about the characters from the previous books as well. But do not worry - if you want to read this as a standalone, you will not be bored. Jennifer Probst doesn't do lengthy descriptions of unnecessary details. She skillfully makes you a part of this imaginary world and its characters.

➡If you enjoy second chance romances and "loved you since childhood tropes" do not hesitate to pick this one up! I hope you enjoy reading about Pierce brothers and their HEAs as much as I did!

Mysza says

**** 4,5 stars ****

Pure romance and sexy too! Loved it!

Stacee says

It breaks my heart to rate this book so low because this story has been the one I've been waiting for.

I have loved Sydney since the beginning of this series. I loved her snark and her hard work and how devoted she was to Becca. Tristan was always stand off-ish and maybe had a hint of cockiness, but I knew there was going to be something amazing between them. Yet, it was horrible.

Yes, it finally comes out that Becca is Tristan's daughter. Of course it happens after Sydney and Tristan have slept together and tentatively started a new relationship. And then it all goes to shit.

Tristan becomes cold and even more distant. He demands they get married or he'll take Sydney to court to get full custody. He demands they share a room and sleep together because Becca needs to see her parents "happy". It isn't until the very end of the book that he realizes that he's been an ass the entire time and apparently a fancy dress and formal dinner is all it takes to be forgiven.

I couldn't rally back from this one. I hated the way he treated her. I hated the way he thought about her as property and the constant thought of "taking what was his" and "claiming her." I get being angry and reacting, but he refused to talk things out with Sydney. She literally had to do what he said. There were no options.

The saving spots for me were that he was adorable with Becca and I loved seeing the other couples. If not for those parts, I would have DNF'd.

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