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She's on the job...and out of his league.

Chicago socialite Veronica Jamison is determined to shake off her sheltered lifestyle and overbearing parents. She heads to her grandfather's small town of Kortville, ready to roll up her sleeves and work for the family construction business. She'll prove her worth, even if it means answering to the company's ruggedly handsome co-owner, Matt.

Matt Shaw just wants to run his business, spend time with the niece he's raising on his own, and give back to the townspeople who have stood by him. Managing a spoiled-rotten princess he knows he'll never be good enough for? Not part of his plan. But as he gets to know Veronica, he learns there's more to her than her beautiful looks and designer clothes. She's got a heart as rich as her background.

With the quirky townspeople rallying against Veronica inheriting her grandfather's business, it's up to Matt to try to drive her out of town. But how can he, when instead she's driving her way into his heart?

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Jennifer (random jendsmit) says

3.5 stars - nice story - sweet characters - easy read

This book is really sweet and really easy to read. The story is nice - it's set at a nice pace, and overall it was really nice. I didn't particularly connect with the characters, but I still enjoyed the book. There isn't a lot of action/drama or twists in the book, but it moves along nicely and I still had to know what happened to the characters. Anyone could read this book and not be offended - in my opinion. There are not really adult moments - however - it is classified as an adult book due to a few situations that arise between Matt & Veronica.

Veronica - was an ok lead female. She wasn't whiny or anything like that but she got on my nerves a little because she is inside her head so much... she never did anything that she thought - never said it either - which just bugged the hell out of me...

Matt - was ok as well. He was a lot like Veronica in the fact that he seemed to always be in his own head... I loved his story with his family and his niece.

Neither character wanted to take a chance on the other... that drove me bonkers!

Aside from that aspect, I enjoyed this book. Like I said above - it is a nice story with nice characters. The pace was good - I was never questioning what was going on. I did really like how everything in the story revolved around the two main characters but still included the entire town, Jenny, and Veronica's previous contacts. I would have like to see more of what happened after the Grand Opening - like maybe an Epilogue or something.

But, I did really think this book was well done.

Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says

I had a very difficult time connecting with any character other than Veronica. Everyone treated her like crap, especially her own family, and nobody gave her any credit for anything at all. This made for a very frustrating read. Though she wins everyone over by the end, I wondered why she bothered. Her grandfather set her up to fail and seemed to get a kick out of her discomfort. Supporting cast, you all came across as petty and mean, and I didn't much care for any of you.

Shelly says

Blond, beautiful, sheltered socialite Veronica Jamison has decided to give up city living including the pampered lifestyle and the business merger planned marriage that was her future. The twenty-seven year-old heiress has decided that the only way to show her parents and the world that she's worth more than what she's been groomed for is by proving herself.

Moving to Kortville where her mother's father still lives, she gets a job working as a construction worker for Kortville Construction and intends to work there for thirty days before moving on to greener pastures. Taking over his deceased brother's construction company and raising his eight year-old niece, Matt Shaw gave up his job, life and girlfriend in the city to return home.

I really enjoyed this story. Veronica is spunky, hardworking, smart and even though she's been raised in a bit of a societal bubble she's very good about figuring out the needs of the people and community around her. Initially, I thought the idea of her being a construction worker was a bit silly but it really works because it's told well. What I didn't like was that Veronica hadn't really done her homework (not just reading a book) on what she needs to know as a construction worker especially considering she wanted to be taken seriously.

Matt is a nice guy who's trying to do the right thing. His conscious regarding his brother's wishes plays a lot on his decision making for how he raises his niece and the way he runs his brother's business and unfortunately that can get a bit repetitive but I understood. This was a relatively fast read (single day) for me, I was so curious about how things were going to turn out for these two love birds. I was very pleased with the resolution and how they got there, not too outlandish or rushed.

There are a lot of secondary characters and they were all a delight, especially Barney who owns the local convenience store. He had one of my favorite lines. He says to Veronica after she asks him for cleaning supplies - "Nonsense. you're malnourished. you need doughnuts." Haha! Then there's Pauline, the diner owner who thinks the future is cherry-vanilla-squash and hazelnut parfait espresso and sushi, is an absolute hoot because of how she peddles that stuff.

Ron, Veronica's grandfather is about as crotchety and cranky as you can get and just full of piss and vinegar. Jenny, Matt's niece is that great blend of politeness and curiosity that's too adorable to not fall in love with. Becca who works at the local grocery store and raises her delinquent brother Toby. I wanted to get more of these two especially Becca's connection with Connor the cop.

Overall, this was a good story and I would definitely recommend it but be warned there's zero sex scenes.

Happy reading folks!

Rating: B

***Book provided by author for review

Review posted at www.RedHotBooks.com

Angie says

Veronica was a down to earth person and was trying to show her parents that she could put her college degree to use and not just be a socialite. Veronica e-mails her grandfather asking for his help and he has an ulterior motive for helping her. Veronica's grandfather tells his business partner that she will be helping him. Veronica's grandfather promised the town money when he sells his distribution plant and when Veronica shows up he tells her she is going to run the plant. Matt decides he is going to make Veronica work hard to see if she will give up and leave so the town will still get the money. Veronica realizes what her grandfather has done and tries to let the townspeople see that she isn't trying to take their money away. This was a really good story and I really enjoyed reading it.

Debbie says

Review Posted on Talk Supe

Does anyone else remember the old Nick at Night show Green Acres? I used to love the hell out of that show and **Construction Beauty Queen** sort of reminded me of that old classic comedy. This book isn't about city slickers moving to a small town to try their hands at farming but the quirky neighbors in that show really reminded me of some of the characters in this lovely little novel.

From the moment I started **Construction Beauty Queen**, I was immediately hooked. Although she might look every bit like the socialite, Veronica was the exact opposite of what your first impression might be. She was extremely kind, caring and rarely complained (even if she got calluses and scrapes from doing roof work). I really liked the fact that she was so determined to prove everyone wrong about her abilities and not wanting to settle being just another Stepford wife.

Matt Shaw is the construction company owner that Veronica must work for in order to prove to her Grandfather that she is ready to take over his business. As a former city folk, Matt has been living in Kortville for a few years and has really grown to love his new community. As much as he was against Veronica working for him, Matt wasn't callous towards her and ended up wanting to care for her when she could get a few bumps or scrapes. I really enjoyed watching Veronica drive her way into Matt's heart and prove to him that she was invested in Kortville and its community as much as he was.

What really made **Construction Beauty Queen** enjoyable were Kortville, IL quirky townspeople. Kortville is a very tight and close knit community, so when the new city slicker rolls in to town posing a threat to their community they band together and try to chase Veronica away. One scene that cracked me up was when Veronica tried to purchase cleaning supplies and the cashier found her fifty dollar bill suspicious and had almost every person on the main street inspect the new and colorful bill. Although their antics were a bit inconvenient, it was all very silly and not done with malicious intent.

I really enjoyed this book. Sara Daniel's has created a well written story with charming characters that you can easily breeze through. Daniel's could have easily made Veronica the spoiled rich girl but I'm glad that she was able to give us a female protagonist that goes against our pre-conceived notions. You follow Veronica on her drive to succeed and with her when she slowly starts to fall in love with sexy construction worker, charming small town and its delightful citizens. So, if you are looking for a fun, delightful, and wholesome romance read, then **Construction Beauty Queen** is definitely one book you'll need to add to your digital library.

I really liked **Construction Beauty Queen**. It hits the spot if you're looking for something light, fluffy and sappy. For those who like reading PG-13 romance, you definitely want to pick up some of the titles from Entangled Publishings Bliss imprint.

*Full Review to Come

Stella says

Loved it! Sara Daniel just made it on my favorite authors list. :)

Cocktails and Books says

This book was exactly what I needed today. It was sweet, funny and something to get completely lost in for a couple of hours.

Veronica Jamison is determined to prove to everyone that she is more than the wealthy parents think she is. Selling her graduation present, paying off her student loans and heading to the small town where her grandfather lives is where she's determined to make her mark. But Veronica finds out it isn't going to be as easy as she thinks it is...especially when they town is determined to drive her out.

Veronica was a woman with a plan, but it's hard to put that plan in place when everyone is against you. What no one counted on was Veronica's determination. She wanted to prove that she had a brain and that she was more than a Chicago society wife. She had to deal with prejudices from both side: those that thought she was slumming it in Kortville just for kicks and those that didn't think she had a brain in that pretty blonde head that could think past dinner parties and charity fundraisers. But most of all, Veronica had to believe in herself. When she finally decided to she could what she wanted and left everyone's opinion behind, she made her professional dreams come true.

Matt Shaw was trying to live in his brother's footsteps by running his brother's construction company and raising his niece in the home his brother had. Matt was one of the Kortville townspeople who had a less than stellar opinion of Veronica when she came to work with him, but he soon discovered she was a woman who's determination and grit he admired. But he also grouped her in with the one woman that broke his heart, putting Veronica smack it he middle of his own personal tug of war against what he had in the past and what he didn't dare dream of for the future.

Veronica and Matt both ended up having to take a good hard look at themselves and determine who's dreams they were going to go after: their own or those of their loved ones. It wasn't easy (and the townspeople of Kortville didn't help), but eventually they both found exactly what they wanted.

As I said, this was a sweet and funny story that captivated me for a couple of hours just when I needed to drift away for a little while. Sara Daniels created a wonderful small town with some very quirky, noisy townspeople, but a place I would like to visit again (say for Connor and Becca's story).

Yazmin says

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Mandi Schreiner says

Veronica leaves her wealthy parents and lifestyle behind and wants to go out into the world to use her college degree and prove something to herself. She writes her grandfather, who lives in the small town of Kortville and asks if she can help run his company. Her grandfather tells her she can work for his construction firm for thirty days, and if she is successful then she can take over his distribution company he owns.

But when Veronica gets to Kortville, it's not a friendly welcome by anyone. Her grandfather didn't expect her to actually show up and the small town takes an immediate dislike to her because her grandfather

promised the town funds and land and if Veronica takes over the business, those funds may not be available.

Matt Shaw lost his brother and sister in-law in an accident, and now cares for his niece. He took over Kortville Construction when his brother died, and has become a big part of this town. Veronica's grandfather has a 50% stake in the construction company and uses that to pressure Matt into letting Veronica work for him for the next month. Everyone assumes Veronica will fail, as she has never worked construction before.

This set-up is so silly to me. All of a sudden, Veronica is hammering down roofs and fixing fences in her fancy boots and cute clothes. Major eye roll. I just didn't get the connection of working manual construction in order to take over a distribution company. If the characters had been more funny, or if the book had a lighter tone, maybe this set-up would have worked. But they come across very flat. The whole premise didn't work for me.

This book also lacks chemistry between Matt and Veronica. It was hard to find a spark between them and there was no sexual tension. The first time they kiss, the scene abruptly changes and we don't know how Matt or Veronica really felt or reacted. And then the story just continues without addressing it in detail. The sex scenes are fade to black. This book is from their Bliss line, so maybe all the books are that way? I don't have to have sex in my stories but I do need some type of intimacy between the hero and heroine, and we don't get that here. Some moments, just between them that shows the depth of their physical feelings. I became frustrated with the relationship and the storyline. Not for me.

Rating: D

Angie says

Construction Beauty Queen was such a cute and delightful read! It's an opposites attract, don't judge a book by its cover, small town romance and I adored it! I was a bit concerned in the beginning, because the way the town treats Veronica when she first shows up is completely despicable and didn't feel believable. But once I got to know the townspeople better, it's exactly the kind of thing they'd do to someone that they don't like! And they certainly don't like the rich girl who's unknowingly ruining the plans for the town.

What I loved best about Construction Beauty Queen was Veronica's personal journey. It wasn't until about 60% in that I realized that the lovebirds hadn't had much screen time together yet, but I didn't care because I was so caught up in her story! She's just moved to Kortville to start living life how she wants. Her parents think it's her job to smile and look pretty rather than putting her MBA to use in the family business. Well, Veronica is having none of that! She left her car, credit cards, and fancy possessions behind and is now living in a run down trailer that she spiffed up herself and working construction for her grandfather. Matt, who owns half the company, isn't too happy that this Barbie is getting in his way, but she surprises him with her enthusiasm and eventually her business smarts when she starts working in the office instead of on site. Do not underestimate her!

Then there's the community aspect of Construction Beauty Queen. Kortville is a tiny town and everybody knows everybody and everybody looks out for everybody. They have grand plans for their little community, but funding is not easy to come by. Luckily, Veronica comes in with her business savvy, connections, and big heart and helps these people realize their goals. It was also funny later in the story, after Matt and Veronica have their fight, to see the tables turn and have Matt on the receiving end of the town's snubbing! Serves you right!

I just really enjoyed Construction Beauty Queen. I absolutely loved Veronica and her determination. She wants to use her brain rather than her looks to get by in life, and she wants to do things her way rather than her parents'. She also doesn't let anything keep her down! I also liked getting to know the quirky town residents, especially Pauline and her wacky culinary concoctions!

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Nicola says

This is a sweet romance with loveable realistic characters, a captivating storyline and it stirs your emotions. By the fourth chapter, my heart had absolutely gone out to our leading lady Veronica.

I loved her. She may have wealthy parents and look like the society princess, but she's not, she's an inspiration. Not afraid of hard work or getting her hands dirty, she's clumsy, gutsy, determined and has a heart of gold. Even when people treat her shamefully. As for our hero, Matt? One word. Yum. Like an M&M; tough on the outside, soft inside. He's outdoorsy, strong, thoughtless, yet thoughtful and is single-handedly raising his niece. All perfect traits in a man to lust after.

Sweet touching moments are perfectly balanced with humour, feistiness and banter and if you are after a romance that makes you smile and leaves all the extra-curricular activities to your imagination, then this is definitely one to read. I can't wait to visit Kortville and its quirky residents again.

Gaby says

I liked the story and, even more the characters. Veronica is a really cool heroine and, even though he was annoyingly whiny with his internal inferiority complex musings, I also liked the hero, Matt. The thing is, I still can't give it 4 stars like I wanted, because I couldn't connect with the story at several times or, really feel the chemistry the main characters were supposed to convey. Also, changes come rather too quickly, in my opinion for it to feel genuine. Not saying with this the book should have been longer, but more time could have gone down implicitly as a way to make things not so easy.

Overall, it is a nice, breezy and entertaining, rather than passionate, read.

Arlena says

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Review:

"Construction Beauty Queen" by Sara Daniel was a very good contemporary romantic read. This was another

good love story that evolved around Matt and Veronica that was sweet and funny read. All of the characters were colorful and well developed and some really having you to laughing out loud. This was a emotional story in that you find Veronica was just trying to 'fulfull her dreams against everyones will' especially those towns people who did like or appreciate her even being there. "Her grandfather tells her she can work for his construction firm for thirty days, and if she is successful then she can take over his distribution company he owns."

Then there was Matt who what the owner of the 'Kortville Construction Company'who wasn't happy that she was there and having her work for him. Now, what is this all about?...Poor Veronica would have to not only prove to herself, grandfather, whole town and Matt but she must win them all over. Will she be able to do that? This is the time that I say you must pick up the excellent read to see how Ms. Daniel will present it all to the reader.

We see from the read that Matt Shaw has lost his brother, sister in law in a accident. He has the care of his niece and has also taken over his brother's company and with that has become a big part of the town.

So, will this hero and heroine finally be able to get pass all that has been put in front of them come together and work out the real problem? You will have to pickup this read to find out. If you are looking for a good read I would recommend "Construction Beauty Queen" to you as a good read.

Paula Bothwell says

PG13

Not all 'Entangled Bliss' books are clean - this one has some pretty overt sexual moves (hand up the shirt and kept referencing "feel her up"). Yeah, don't really need that. Also, the "hero" was a caveman. There wasn't any bad language (that I remember), but that didn't save the book and the crazy segue ways and bad editing. This one is going back, and no more Sara Daniel for me.

Sara HarlequinJunkie says

Reviewed at: HarlequinJunkie.com

Construction Beauty Queen is an uplifting emotional read.

After the death of his brother and sister-in-law Matt is now in charge of his niece and his brother's construction business. All he wants is to help the town that helped him after the death of his family and to look after his niece.

Veronica is a Chicago socialite determined to make a life of her own. Her parents have always ruled her life and are now trying to force a marriage on her to help her father with a merger. But she doesn't want to marry Trevor, she wants to make use of her MBA.

After asking her grandfather for advise, Veronica moves to Kortville where her grandfather lives to work as a construction worker for a month and prove herself so she can then run his distribution warehouse.

Things are not always as they seem. People in town don't appreciate her being there, and Matt the owner of the construction company is not happy to have her work for him either. Now she has to win over a whole town and prove herself not only to her grandfather but also to Matt, who will do just about anything to get rid of her in the beginning.

I found this to be an emotional story where Veronica is trying to fulfill her dreams against everyone's will; if you're like me and get so into the character's feelings you might want to have a tissue or two handy. Construction Beauty Queen is definitely worth the read.
