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When Melanie Hawthorne sneaks into her new man's bed one very dark night, she gets quite a few surprises. Great sex—toe-curling in fact. Intense emotion and real feelings—even better. But it's all with the wrong man!

Waking up alone, Edgar Raymond can't believe the hot night he just had. Seduced by his fantasy woman and cubicle-mate, Melanie...how cool is that? She's overlooked his geekiness and bad haircut and has obviously fallen for the sweet guy below. He's totally in love—until he realizes she mistook him for his bad-boy brother!

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willaful says

Surprise Me surprised me! After DNFing the first book, I didn't expect to enjoy this one so much, but it had unexpected depth and brought a freshness to some standard tropes. (Nerdy guy helplessly in love with unattainable girl; bad girl with commitment issues; makovers.) There is some deceit that might make sensitive readers uncomfortable, but in the context of the book I thought it worked okay.

Ruthie Knox says

My favorite Isabel Sharpe, and one of my favorite Blazes of all time. I just can't resist a good nerd-turned-hero story, and Edgar's transformation -- combined with Melanie's realization that *she's* the one who should be surprised he sees anything in *her* is great fun.

Jennifer says

I don't usually dip into the romantic books, but every once in awhile I need something light and quick and so I will grab a Blaze book. I really liked this one a lot. I thought it was a quick, easy read that also interested me with the story-lines. And I really liked Edgar. It was a little annoying to me that sometimes while I was waiting to see what was going to happen with Melanie and Edgar, the next chapter would switch to Alana or Tricia, but overall I did enjoy it. I was anxious to finish it to see how it would end and I wasn't disappointed. I felt connected with the characters and thought Ms. Sharpe did a great job tying everything together. It does take me a long time to find a Blaze book to read. I don't want it to be the normal chiche characters and story line and that's what I loved about this book so much. The Fabio-like males really irritate me after awhile, which is why Edgar was such a breath of fresh air!

Kathleen says

2 stories - Mom Tricia with a friend from the past, and younger daughter Melanie with her coworker/friend. second book from the series

Jamie DeBree says

I couldn't put this book down. Literally. I stayed up until 3am finishing it, because I was just that engrossed in the angst and wanting the "good guy" to win the "bad girl" over. And I wasn't disappointed. Read it. You'll see what I mean.

As a bonus, a movie that hubby and I have been trying to remember the name of for *months* is mentioned, and now we can finally rent it! LOL Thanks Isabel...

Dawn ♥ romance says

Good steamy 'wrong bed' story that moved right along and even had secondary romance. A couple events stretched belief but I always enjoy a man in pursuit. Fun loving Melanie sneaks into bed with sweet but geeky co-worker Edgar thinking he is somebody else.

Mem says

B539 May 2010. Edgar and Melanie, series Wrong Bed Again and Again

Christina says

I enjoyed this book much more than the first & I LOVED Edgar. I have a thing for smart, sexy nerds though....not to mention muscled & blue eyed. Melanie irks me a little bit because of her promiscuity (she's just plain slutty), but taking in to account her mother's influence (or lack thereof which ever way you look at it) it is somewhat understandable. I'm glad her eyes were opened to how great it is to have a nice guy though. I wasn't too interested in Tricia's romance, but it was decent. The end probably bothered me the most. All 3 get proposed to on the same night? Just seems like a crappy epilogue & way of tying up the 3 storylines.

seton says

This is the companion book to the author's While She Was Sleeping... published last month. The two bks are connected by the heroines who are sisters and the wrong bed trope.

I read this because (1) I wanted to try a new-to-me Harlequin author and (2) this featured a nerd hero. I adore beta heroes, especially nerd heroes since they are as rare as hens teeth. I just wish this book was better written; this was a DNF. Flat story, flat characters, no chemistry, horrible dialogue, dull pacing, etc, etc.

Sara says

I started reading this and thought I'd already done so... turns out I read it's predecessor, which I didn't really think was all that open to a sequel. Ah, well. Entertaining.

Jim son of Jim (formerly PhotoJim) says

This is the slutty sister sequel to While She Was Sleeping.... Melanie has a thing for 'bad boys'. She just wants them to use her and throw her away as that is what she feels safe with. When she 'accidentally' sleeps

with a guy she actually likes instead of his worthless brother, the rules change for her. Amusing story with a couple hot sex scenes.

However, if you have a fairly low tolerance level for selfish bitches, you might want to give this one a pass. Fortunately for me, I liked it.

Harlequin Books says

" ... there were some really interesting and comical moments as well as some good heat when Edgar and Mel got together. The "don't judge a book by its cover" theme carried well through the whole story and if you are interested in seeing a woman that thinks she's all that get an awakening to find out that her geeky friend is more than she ever thought then this would be a good book for you." From an interview posted by an eHarlequin.com member, read more [Here](#).

Mnms says

A very sweet and charming story. The sequel to 'while she was sleeping'

Netanella says

The first chapter of this book was such a turn off for me - the cheezy dialogue (the sexpot rock guy sing-singing "Mel-a-nie" as a come-on line? really?), the slutty female lead focused on instant gratification - that I quickly decided this book was so much drivel and almost put it down.

However, I was intrigued enough by the nerd-status of Edgar to keep on trying with this book, and I was not disappointed. So, here's why this book actually rated a finish with a 3-star rating and not a dump in the delete pile:

- Edgar's make-over from nerd to hero at the hands of Melanie's mom
- Melanie's mom's story is great, and she really makes the characters and their motivations seem real
- Melanie's development from self-serving tramp to woman-with-a-heart, all because of a good man. Now how happy a story is that? And isn't it nice that sometimes the female leads in romances aren't always that nice either?

If you're wavering about this book because of the mixed reveiws, give it a shot - you might find it's worth it!

RLA says

This is the story of Melanie, she is the kind of girl that just cant help but fall for the wrong guys, the bad boys! She has been good friends with the male character Edgar for some time. Edgar has been in love with her for ages and really struggles watching her waste her time on the going nowhere liaisons she keeps having, but he is too shy to let her know how he feels.

Melanie's latest infatuation is for Edgar's bad boy musician brother, oddly nicknamed Stoner, she sneaks into his bed one night and they have great sex, only she doesn't realise that its actually Edgar's bed. The next day Edgar is over the moon at what he thinks is Melanie finally reaching out to him, only to be heartbroken when he realises that she thought she was making love with his brother. As the story progresses, Edgar convinces Melanie to give him a chance by taking her on dates with the plan to woo her and show her exactly what she is missing, all the while Melanie is trying to work through her issues with men and figure out just what she feels for Edgar.

The story is also mixed with Melanie's mother's tale of returning home after drug rehab trying to establish a relationship with her daughters, who she abandoned years ago, and also trying to figure out where to go with her life now. I really liked Melanie and Edgar's story, at first I found Edgar really dull, he didn't seem to have anything going for him, but over the course of the story Isabel Sharpe, very cleverly, revealed more and more interesting layers of Edgar and he was a much more like able character. He is by no means your Alpha-male and for him that really works. I did find myself getting annoyed with Melanie and her issues, yes we all know that sometimes the allure of the bad boy can be irresistible, but to keep falling for bad boy after bad boy, who she admits treat her like crap afterwards, is a little self degrading. I think their developing relationship was written very well and with a satisfying ending. Oh, by the way, the passion in the book is really hot!

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