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PLEASE NOTE: This book was previously titled, The Davina Code

Disgraced cop Jack Miller inherits a house. He also inherits a tenant. She's sexy, mysterious and obviously up to no good. His cop instincts are in overdrive. He's trying to get his job back and no police force will employ him if there's illegal activity in his house. His only option is to solve the mystery of his crazy tenant's behaviour and kick her out - if he can keep his hands off her long enough to do it!

Davina Davenport is trying to make a movie with 'borrowed' equipment, in a house without permission and on a deadline. It's her last stab at an acting career and even she knows the plan is slightly insane. Her boss at the TV station is asking about the missing equipment. Jack Miller is nosing around her house - and her. And the creepy cameraman from work wants to blackmail her into trading sex for his filming skills.

It will be a miracle if the movie gets made before Davina ends up fired, in jail or in Jack's bed!

Here's what happens when Jack meets Davina for the first time:

"I don't usually do this sort of thing," she told him.

For a brief minute she wasn't sure what she was explaining exactly - the fact she'd knocked him out and tied him up, or the fact she was rooting around in his trousers.

"I mean, I don't usually hit people. Hardly ever. And not without provocation."

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Action Details

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Pontiki says

Wacky characters are par for the course with Henderson, and although I like

Roxy Alice says

In "The Davina Code," Janet Elizabeth Henderson mixes romance and laughs for a delightful, light-hearted read that entertains without being heavy or overly dramatic. Suspicious landlord and ex-cop Jack Miller inherits a house and a renter from his deceased aunt. Miller finds his newly acquired tenant, "Davina," both mystifying and aggravating. He throws down the proverbial gauntlet at the beginning of the story by demanding an inspection of his residential inheritance after a brief and rather unorthodox introduction to Davina. Miller senses Davina is not altogether what she seems and may be involved in criminal activity. Meanwhile Davina, an actress with a lifelong dream to make it big on stage or on film, is using "borrowed" equipment and temporarily storing it in the basement of said property. The actress only plans to use the professional camera equipment until she can produce a home-made movie to post on the Internet in hopes of boosting her non-existent acting career. The house doubles as Davina's residence AND the locale of her adventures in film-making. Consequently, the flighty actress refuses to allow Miller full access to the home for the period covered by law, a period of several days, in an effort to keep him from discovering her, er, unauthorized use of her employer's property. The strait-laced ex-lawman goes from depressed to endlessly entertained as Davina's subterfuge results in ongoing hilarity and mayhem. Christian-fiction fans: "The Davina Code" involves some morality issues, including pre-marital sex. On the plus side, however, Henderson makes Davina the daughter of a vicar and keeps the language mild.

LaVerne Clark says

If you're ever in need of cheering up, or just want to read a funny, smart and passionate love story, pick this book up.

I adored this author's voice from the very beginning and laughed out loud at the crazy predicaments she put her characters in. 'Crazy Davy' as Jack takes to calling her, is beautiful, strong, driven and slightly eccentric which gets her into all kinds of trouble. She is also vulnerable, making her easily relatable to most women. Jack is all too easy to love. Much more sensible, his world is turned on its head the moment he gets brained by Davina when she thinks he is trying to break into her home - and nothing is the same for him ever again. These two share a wonderful chemistry which doesn't let up from the very first meeting through to the final sigh-inducing last page.

Ms. Henderson, you've made yourself another fan of your writing. I can't wait to read your next offerings and just might have to bump up Laura's Big Break on my TBR list to the very top.

Highly recommend to all who enjoy romantic comedies in a contemporary setting.

Ellie says

This book was provided by the author in exchange of an honest review.

I really enjoyed the story of Jack and Davina. It was a cute romantic comedy. Davina was crazy funny and Jack, oh Jack, he was a scary, manly and just irresistible. I loved their almost surreal conversations and even crazier actions. They were complete opposites, yet they in the end they fitted each other perfectly. Their story was complemented by brilliant supporting characters - Marianne, Andy, the whole film crew.

I really enjoyed the dialogue in the novel, there more than one moments when I was laughing almost hysterically. I also very much liked the writing style - British colloquialisms and a quirky sense of humour.

My main concern was that the ending felt a bit rushed. Some lines in the plot were left unresolved ((view spoiler). Still, Davy and Jack got a very fitting happily ever after - funny and unexpected, still very sweet.

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Lauri Tribbey says

Hilarious

Damian wants to make a movie. The only poo problem is she's trying to make the movie at her home on stolen movie equipment or miss appropriate equipment, as Davina plans on returning it once she's done. The equipment is the least of her problems. Jack Miller shows up and tells her he's the new owner of the house and wants to inspect the inside. Damian doesn't want him in the house until she's done with her movie and has a change to return the movie equipment. This sets off crazy time as the two try everything in their power to keep each other from their goal. ?????

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★★★★★The Davina Code by Janet Elizabeth Henderson

I was given this book in exchange for my honest review

I l♥ved, l♥ved, l♥ved, this book. I did not realize it was a romance comedy, when I began reading. I was only aware that it was a romance. Within the first chapter, I was laughing so hard, I bit my lip. Then I was thinking okay, we've gotten a few funny lines in, and that would be all. Boy, was I wrong, I laughed through the entire book. By around 12:30am, I was getting pretty tired, but with only a hundred page to go, I had to stay up and finish it. There was no way, I was going to fall asleep, knowing the e-book was sitting beside me, waiting to be finished. And around 2:30am, I had to sit it down sadly, as I was finished. I want more!

(view spoiler)

This a great easy read, for anyone looking for a good laugh. The most unlikely pair, in awkward situations, just trying to make it through the next two weeks. I say "READ IT NOW," as my recommendation. A reread is sure to brighten my day, in the future.

Thank you to the author for letting me enjoy all the crazy, that is Jack and Crazy Dazy. I'm look forward to reading your other books, Mad Love, Laura's Big Break, and Lingerie Wars.

Kari says

This is a contemporary romantic comedy in full order. The plot is very straightforward; it is meant to be a light, fun read and that is exactly what you get out of this book.

Jack is an ex-cop who inherits a gothic-type house in southern England. Davina is the tenant currently living there. She wants to be a famous actress, so she is filming a clandestine home-made movie with the help of a wacky teenage crew, her steadfast accountant best friend, and a loony cameraman co-worker who wants her body. She doesn't want Jack to know what she's doing because she's using equipment temporarily "borrowed" from the TV station where she works. Jack senses she's doing something illegal, so he sets siege in the property's garden to investigate, giving her a two-week deadline until he can legally inspect the inside of the house. From testing her home-baked brownies for drugs to planting a listening device in her kitchen, Jack is all set to trap her. Davina is all set to lead him astray - while ensnaring him to act in a movie scene without his knowledge and acknowledging their mutual physical attraction.

The story is told from both their POVs and their conversations are full of wit, misunderstandings and silly humour. I absolutely loved both of them because you can clearly see they belong together. From their first meeting, the chemistry between them blazes and rages and it's mayhem and laughs. This is the kind of story where you just sit back, relax, and let yourself be entertained, a laugh-out-loud light romance with no obscure plots or intricate scenarios. We get great secondary characters and a wonderful HEA. This was my first book by this author and I look forward to reading her other stories. Complimentary copy received by author for review.

Corinne says

I had to laugh aloud repeatedly. Both main characters - Jack and Davinia - are very likable. Their behavior is not always sensible, at times a bit outlandish, but that is what makes this story so entertaining. For their help in her movie making, Davinia is paying teenage boys in brownies; of course, Jack - the former police officer and new owner of the house she lives in - must assume the worst, that some illegal substance has been included in the recipe. Supporting characters Andy and Marianne are best friends of H and h, respectively. They are a bit more sensible and yet add to the humor. Then there is the creepy Derek with nasty intent. Everything wraps up quite nicely at the end.

Geri Reads says

3.5 to 4 entertaining stars!

This turned out to be a surprising read for me. This book is actually a cross between chick-lit and romance with a healthy dose of humor thrown in. It actually read more like a romantic comedy, which I really liked.

I loved both Jack Miller and Davina Davenport. Jack Miller was an ex-cop who inherited his Aunt Millie's house. Unfortunately for Jack, he also inherited a tenant, Davina Davenport.

Jack Miller

Jack Miller is hot, rude, obnoxious, a little bit chauvinistic but totally funny. Haha! Some of the things that came out of his mouth were so appalling sometimes but still so funny. Seriously, this guy was a hoot. I wasn't sure about him at first but he grew on me and I found him to be a really endearing character.

Davina Davenport

Now his tenant, Davina is struggling, out-of-work actress (emphasis on struggling and out of work), who is trying to resurrect her acting career. Her "brilliant" plan of course was to shoot her own movie by "borrowing" some equipment from her work -- she works in a television show, by the way.

Of course, none goes according to plan especially when Mr. Ex-cop got it in his head that Davina might be doing something illegal, which she was. But the things that Jack did in order to catch his crazy tenant red-handed was downright hilarious. Add to the mix, Davina's straitlaced, accountant best friend, her under-aged crew, her creepy camera man with a penchant for bleach and tight pants, then you will get one heck of a crazy fun story.

This is by no means a perfect book in terms of editing and all that stuff, but I can forgive most of it because in the end I did have fun and I did enjoy the story. :D

Gisele says

Review in English e em Português

4.5 stars

Janet Elizabeth is already on my roll of auto-buys. This is my second book of hers and although is not as good as *The Lingerie Wars*, I had a wonderful time reading it! :D

Davina is an eccentric redhead who has a passion. Wait, not just only one 'cause she loves baking and making people happy, but her ultimate passion is acting. The problem is she can't stay on the jobs, you see, her personality is a bit strong and sometimes she's a bit impulsive.. just a bit... HAHAHA. And she will do anything, I said, **ANYTHING** to realize her dream of make a movie, even if she has to *borrow* equipments from the tv where she works.

She's living in Jack's house (actually, he inherited it from his Aunt), and when he goes there to meet his new tenant, she hits him in the head and ties him up in a chair. This is what I call a welcome!!!

Jack is an ex officer of Brighton Police. He was removed from it when he accused his chief of doing illegal

things but didn't have proofs. And the fact of hitting him didn't help Jack's case either.. hehehe.

When he sees himself at Davinas' mercy, he realizes that she's hiding something. She doesn't allow him to inspect the house, and by the law she has the 2 weeks' notice on her side. But Jack is not one to be bossed around, and he does everything in his power to discover what she's doing.

It was so much fun!! Their banter was great and the author created an awesome sexual tension since the first time they met – and no, THIS IS NOT an insta-love case!! Let me give you a taste..

When they first met. He's tied up and she's all over him:

“Sweetheart, you have your cleavage in my face and your hand down my trousers. There is nothing about this I understand.”

A little time later..

“So now we're formal? He leaned towards her and whispered so only she could hear. We weren't so formal when you had your tongue down my throat and were wriggling against Mr. Big.”

4.5 estrelas

Janet Elizabeth já está no meu roll de autoras favoritas. Esse é o segundo livro dela que leio e embora ele não seja tão bom quando The Lingerie Wars, eu me diverti horrores lendo ele! :D

Davina é uma ruiva excêntrica que tem uma paixão. Mas pera, ela não tem só uma paixão, porque ela ama cozinhar e fazer as pessoas felizes, mas acima de tudo isso, ela ama atuar. O problema é que ela não consegue ficar nos empregos, veja você, ela tem uma personalidade um pouquinho forte e às vezes ela também é um pouquinho impulsiva.. mas só um pouquinho.. HAHHAHA. E ela vai fazer qualquer coisa, eu disse **QUALQUER COISA** para realizar o seu sonho de fazer um filme, nem que ela tenha que pegar *emprestado* alguns equipamentos da tv onde ela trabalha.

Ela vive na casa de Jack (na verdade ele herdou a casa da tia dele) e quando ele vai lá para conhecer a sua nova inquilina, ela bate nele na cabeça e o amarra numa cadeira. Isso é o que eu chamo de boas-vindas, minha gente!

Jack é um ex oficial da Policia de Brighton. Ele foi dispensado quando acusou seu chefe de fazer coisas ilícitas mas não tinha provas, e o fato de ele ter batido no chefe também não ajudou na sua causa... hehehe

Quando ele se vê à mercê de Davina, ele percebe que ela está escondendo alguma coisa, mas ela não deixa ele entrar na casa e ela usa a lei que diz que ele tem que avisar ela com 2 semanas de antecedência a seu favor. Mas Jack não é uma pessoa que gosta de ser mandada e ele faz tudo o que pode para descobrir o que ela está aprontando.

Eu me diverti tanto! As brigas deles são ótimas e autora criou uma ótima tensão sexual entre eles desde o começo – e não, este **NÃO É** um caso de amor instantâneo! Deixa eu dar pra vocês um gostinho..

Logo quando eles se conhecem. Ele tá amarrado e ela toda em cima dele:

“Sweetheart, you have your cleavage in my face and your hand down my trousers. There is nothing about this I understand.”

Um pouquinho depois:

“So now we’re formal? He leaned towards her and whispered so only she could hear. We weren’t so formal when you had your tongue down my throat and were wriggling against Mr. Big.”

Charlene says

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

If you are looking for a break from reality, and (quite) a few giggles along the way...may I suggest The Davina Code? I was enchanted by this book from Janet Elizabeth Henderson!

Out of work, slightly disgraced ex-police officer Jack has inherited a house from his aunt, and visits in order to inspect it. Davina is the crazy tenant who is bound and determined to prevent him from entering until her 2 week notice period has expired. With nothing better to do, Jack dreams up a wild scenario of what she is trying to hide from him and decides to stick to her like glue in order to discover her secret. Of course, mayhem ensues...and eventually the secret he discovers is that they are meant to be together. The journey which takes them to this point is at times laugh-out-loud funny. Honestly, my family was looking at me like I was the crazy one as I sat giggling to myself while reading! The final scene with Ken-doll was absolutely priceless...you'll have to read it to see what I mean - I'm not going to give away anything else!

In addition to the humour, Ms. Henderson also manages to create some great romantic tension, and the heat when Jack and Davina finally connect is definitely sizzling. I'll even excuse the (somewhat) fade-to-black sex scenes - there was enough there to keep me satisfied, and the scenes really fit the tone of the book. I have to commend the author for creating the heat without feeling the need to get too explicit. I don't have a problem with explicit sex (I'm a fan of it, actually), but I found I didn't miss it here.

All in all, a highly satisfying read and a nice break from all of the angsty romances out there. This is the first book I've read by Ms. Henderson, but I'm quite sure it won't be the last! Highly recommend.

Ornella (Nyx) says

I'm always in search of good RomComs, the crazier the better. This one didn't disappoint.

Davina was definitely crazy, or at least her actions were. I really liked her. She was a bit impulsive, ok a lot impulsive, but she knew what she wanted and she was going to make it happen one way or another. Sure her plans were a bit out there and mostly on the illegal side, but she was trying to make her dream come true!

Probably not a good enough excuse to steal a bunch of filming equipment but that's what makes Davina, Davina and this book so great. But we can't have all this craziness without Jack. I loved their interactions! I

loved how they both had totally different ideas of each other's lives. I mean Jack thought she was selling hash brownies for god's sake! They were really meant for each other and it was so much fun reading their story.

The one thing keeping this from 5 stars was the ending. It was all a bit too rushed. I would have liked it better if they had just left it at the making plans stage and then maybe written an epilogue taking place a couple of months later. But if you are looking for a good laugh The Davina code is sure to deliver.

Jane Stewart says

Cute. Fun. Silly. I enjoyed it.

Jack is a cop currently on leave. He kind of loses his mind and does stupid things when he's around Davina. He makes inaccurate assumptions and it's funny.

I often times don't like inaccurate assumptions because they are not done well (example: i.e. a character says something they don't mean and the other is offended or hurt. A normal conversation would clear the air but that doesn't happen.)

But in this story the inaccurate assumptions were believable, and I enjoyed the silly conflict. Example: Jack knows Davina is hiding something from him in her house. When Jack sees Davina using a large amount of light in the basement, he assumes she is growing marijuana. She was not, but that was a reasonable "inaccurate assumption" especially since he dealt with drug dealers as a cop.

The book was formerly titled "The Davina Code."

DATA:

Narrative mode: 3rd person. Story length: 197 pages. Swearing language: mild plus the s*** word used once or twice. Sexual language: pe*** used once. Number of sex scenes: one occurrence no details shown.

Setting: current day England. Copyright: 2012. Genre: humorous contemporary romance.

*****?Yasmine?*** says**

Great little book with a love/hate story which is full of banter, smiling to yourself moments and the occasional LOL. I enjoyed it, it's an easy, fun and crazy read.

In Brighton UK, PC Jack, has been suspended for wrongfully accusing his Chief of dodgy goings-on. Jack is tall, hairy and hot as well as arrogant and determined. After his aunt passes away he inherits her Gothic eccentric house. Only problem is, it's tenant, Davina, is a total loon. She's changed the locks, he can't get in, she thinks she is a burglar and ends up tying him to the front porch.

Jack is suspicious of Davina, she's totally crazy, but she won't let him in his house, she forces him to abide by the law and the tenant agreement, to come back in two weeks for an official inspection. Jack's instincts tell him that she is up to no good and plans to spy on her. He comes to the conclusion that she's selling drugs after he sees people coming and going, though he just can't prove it... Yet. But... he just can't keep his hands off her either.

Davina is trying to make a movie with 'borrowed' equipment from the TV station that she works at as an assistant... in a house without permission, in order to resurrect her acting career. Jack is nosing around her house, trying to convince her to own up to what she is doing, Davina doesn't know what's worst, getting fired, in jail or in Jack's bed!

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Writing style: 9/10

Characters: 8/10

Romance: 7/10

Fun: 9/10

Ending: 8/10

My star ratings:

1* Complete trash

2* Waste of time really, but I carried on for some reason

3* Half decent, usually down to personal preferences

4* Could read this again, only a little thing is missing, maybe more humour or romance etc...

5* Would read this again and again, unique story, adore this author

Susan says

Another fun read

Ms Henderson's books always brings a smile to my face and this is no exception. Jack knows Davina has something to hide and he knows it's illegal. This "disgraced" cop still has the skills and he is her landlord. He wants to discover what she is hiding and out of his inherited home. Davila has waited long enough to be discovered. She's going to become a famous actress or die trying.

The first chapter had me laughing til tears were running down my face. From tied up former cop to magical brownies and "borrowed" movie equipment these two didn't know what hit them.

If you like your romance with belly laughs this is the author for you. All of her books are great.
