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How far will she go to get the life she's always wanted?

Dana's always had a clear vision of how her life would go and how she'd get there, but when her father dies during her final year of college, her whole world threatens to topple down. In desperate need of money, she takes a drastic step. She decides to auction off her virginity.

Mason is used to getting what he wants. The head of his own corporate empire, he has wealth, means, and no shortage of beautiful women ready to fulfill his every need. But despite having it all, Mason is bored. Until he comes face-to-face with a woman from his past. Unable to let Dana slip away again, Mason bids on the one thing he's always wanted, even if it is completely forbidden. He's fantasied about having her to himself for years, touching her smooth skin, tasting her sweet lips, but Dana is off-limits, or is she? What started out as a way for each of them to get what they've always wanted is about to turn into so much more...

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From Reader Review Stepbrother, Mine for online ebook

Jonel Boyko says

What a novel! Carew is off and running from page one with a captivating premise and a hot & bothered story. The solid narrative and vivid descriptions combine to create a seamless whole for readers to immerse themselves in.

I enjoyed the complexity of the relationship between the main characters. The conflict between desires, social pressures, and right & wrong all come into play. At the same time, what truly makes these characters who they are is the way that they interact with one another when no one else is around. I appreciated getting to know them on all these different levels. It really brought the whole story together for me, making it more than simply a racy tale.

Carew never fails to make me feel like I'm walking through the pages of her story, rather than simply reading it. Stepbrother, Mine was no exception.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Kelly (and the Book Boar) says

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The answer to the following age-old question?????

My pride.

And to think I begged the pornbrarian to buy this for me

Zara Lethallan says

Review Courtesy of Romance Junkies

Dana has spent years on her education, but when her mother cuts her off. Leaving her to do the last thing anyone would expect. In her desperate need of money she sets out to sell her virginity.

Mason is a popular business man, with a sexual desire that leans towards the dark side. As he grows bored with his subs, he looks at the site his friend sends him. Where he come to see the face of women from his past. The one person he has wanted, even if it might be a forbidden fruit.

Dana and Mason were family for a short time when their parents were married. In those two short years of

bonding, it left them desiring more than they should. We they meet again will they bare it all and give into their temptation?

If I said the idea of selling one's virginity was totally new to me, I would be lying. This is not the first book I have read on this topic. But this book had a different twist. The idea of being with one's stepbrother isn't even new to hear about either, that has been talked about in other books or on tv shows.

They way Opal Carew wrote this was tasteful and didn't breach the line that would make one uncomfortable. In fact, I found Dana's and Mason's relationship charming. You could see the way that Mason cared for her in the things he did, having his point of view went a long way with trying to figure out this character.

Ms. Carew had me on the edge of my seat, going crazy on trying to figure out what was going to happen next. I have this habit of talking out loud when things happened in books, and I have to say I was trying to talk to the characters. Making my fiance think I am crazy, but I was embarrassed for the characters when they said certain things or acted a certain way.

5-stars for this tasteful piece of work.

Angie says

I received a copy of this story through NetGalley from St. Martin's Press for an honest review. I'm not a fan of a story broken up into cliffhanger novellas, so I was very grateful I was given the opportunity to read all 3 at once. Together they flowed nicely and I enjoyed the story. All together it's an entertaining and fairly quick read that I read over a day.

Step-brother "taboo" books are all the rage now - sure. BUT the majority are hero/heroines who become step-siblings when their adults and their parents marry. This one skirts it a little that there's a about a 10 year age difference between Mason and Dana. They meet when she's 16-18 and he's about 26-28. Feelings build between the two - mostly her with a crush and him seeing her differently right after she turns 18 and struggling with those feelings. This story picks up about 8 years later.

This first book is a great establishment of the characters and premise of the story. It immediately starts with giving you a rough introduction to Mason's current lifestyle and character. I liked that it quickly got to his relationship (current and past) with Dana. Mason went from a cold and bored man in the present day to one when they first met where he was caring and protective. Given the neglect of their parents, he took (very appropriate) care of a lonely and sweet young woman. Through the flashbacks was the time I needed to get to know a different and more human Mason to see the real him.

Book 1 ends with a little "suspense" as to why he disappeared from her life overnight.

Book 2 in the 3 part series picks up immediately where book 1 left off and we get more flashbacks/background about Dana and Mason's relationship and why Mason walked away 8 years ago. Opal Carew did a great job building enough in the present to have me on the edge of my seat to find out what were the different scenes that created misunderstandings or complications. She doesn't make you wait long or drag it out, but seamless switches between past/present to keep you engaged in the story. I am most definitely not a fan of flashbacks, but this was done very well. I liked how honest Dana was about her past and current feelings for Mason when he asked her what she thought would happen between the two of them. I liked that he's different with her and is so caring.

Although this is not the cliffhanger or a catastrophic issue, but... Sylvie. Ouch. Dana handled it a lot better than I would.

Book 3 also picks up where 2 ends and is the last part of Mason and Dana's story. Where as I enjoyed and was caught up in Mason and Dana's relationship in books 1 and 2, this one took a turn. I found it hard to like or understand Mason and then wishing Dana had more self-respect no matter how strong she felt for him.

It's been about 3 weeks since the two reconnected and... well... Dana sure has had a big few weeks! She's quite experienced by the end and probably needs a good soaking or some ointment at minimum. This part of the series gets heavily into the BDSM angle. It's not really my thing, but I have read several books in this genre and this one made me super sad for Dana. If this was your first book reading a BDSM genre book, I'd suggest you give another a try as this threw it all in there at once (and literally into 2 days).

To protect Dana, Mason decides to run her off by showing her the most extreme and hardcore side of his lifestyle rather than kindly walking away. By the end of the first day of their new arrangement he's thrown everything at her without her knowing what's going on or what to expect. The D/s relationship is one way and I didn't feel was respectful of Dana's role. He's intentionally setting her up to fail and cruelly because he knows her feelings for him. He is back to those opening pages in book 1 as cold, indifferent and distant. I was sad for how confused she was and wanted to please him without having a clue as to what was going on and why. She did everything to please him and he took great lengths to push her away. I thought a scene with James would finally stop it, but nope. Although it was written well, I was sad for her and how far he pushes her almost up to the last chapter.

The 2nd book we saw a soft and giving side of Mason. In this one it's extreme and hard to find the redeeming qualities the author built for 2/3 of the series. Of course we get a HEA and he achieves a mutual balance of pleasure together, but this last part of their story fell short for me. The bad guy in the story finally makes his move and it felt rushed (view spoiler)

Overall, I did enjoy the book and I think it helped to read all 3 at once. If you do read them separately or as they're released, the "cliffhangers" aren't devastating (good grief Deborah Bladon is a master at that and drives me insane).

PS - CONDOMS!!!!

Rachel C. says

1.5 stars. I was admittedly hesitant to pick up this book, but was pleasantly surprised when the backstory began to be presented; I found it surprisingly intriguing and not at all unoriginal. But as the story went on, I found that the characters were, well, just characters. Dana, in particular, was overwhelmingly flat and I felt like this story was more about the plot and forgot completely that there were supposed to be *people* involved. It almost felt like simply an excuse to present detailed sex scenes there at the end. Only one side-plot had a resolution and all of the others just seemed to go *poof!* (view spoiler) While this explains why I felt the overall story was incomplete when it ended, there were many other elements that made this book something I can't recommend. (view spoiler) So, all in all, this was an almost, but not quite OK book (in my opinion).

Amy Jacobs says

Eh. Not my favorite book by this author and certainly won't be my last one either. Just didn't enjoy or feel invested in the plot as much as I have in other reads. It wasn't bad, but it wasn't great either.

Nicole says

~4,5~ Passionate stars from me!!

What a passionate story!! From page one this plot was extremely interesting...i mean virginity auction (!) and a sexy stepbrother who has also been her crush from young age?? As you see how can this story not suck you in from the beginning. Mason and Dana had a great sparkly chemistry and the author succeeded to make me feel this explosive intensity/attraction between them.

The plot was quite steady and the characters evolved as it was expected in the story, one of the good ingredients is definitely their hot scenes and the very enjoyable dialogues. I certainly recommend it and i'm looking forward to read more books from the author.

Fanniny Moreno Zavaleta says

DNF, don't remember if I got past chapter one (and it's only been four hours since I read it).

My review will be probably be longer than what I actually read, just saying.

The h has been cut off by mom. Apparently mom is a really terrible person because the h's roommate calls her (the mom) "that bitch", maybe without the "that", whatever, the point is the h isn't into defending her mom. The h was cut off because she wants to get her Masters instead of work and earn her own money. Aha, her mom is a bitch.

Anyway, h is hurt because she's always been there for bitch mom and now bitch mom doesn't want to give her money. But don't worry about the h, she's got it covered. She'll sell her virginity to a billionaire.

Then we open to the H having fun with his submissive maid. He's already tired of her but wants to cum once more so she'll do.

Do I need to say more? Maybe if the h is selling her virginity because she needs the money for a dying relative's surgery I'd take a chance on the book and I was spared the H's latest sexual adventures, but no thanks. Won't work for me ever.

Julie Zantopoulos says

Opal is a fave author of mine when I want something a little more BDSM related and intense, and this shorter story was on her "sweeter" side -if a girl auctioning off her virginity can be sweet. It's still dark and

there are triggers for kidnapping, sexual assault, and attempted rape but overall an enjoyable story by a naughty master writer.

Donna Sweeney says

Kindly provided with an ARC via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review....

I must be back in love with my "Stepbrother" genre as this is yet another story I have been able to give 5 Shiny Stars !! I was lucky enough to read all 3 parts so I didn't have to strangle my Kindle by any of the stories ending on a cliffy.....lucky me !!

This is Dana and Mason's story.....Dana cut off by her mum (good riddance !!) despite how many times Dana was there for her !!! Continuing..... Dana is really stressed over money and wondering how she is ever going to pay for college. Her friends come up with a plan.....sell her virginity. THIS BOOK HAD ME THERE !!

Enter Mason, a guy with shall we say particular tastes. He's bored with it all, so his friends signpost him to a website with particular experiences available for the right price. And YESSSSSSSS peeps, you have guessed it !! Mason buy's Dana's virginity.....they are no longer "step siblings" that ship sank 10 years prior.....hurrah ! for Dana and Mason. The only question lies.....just because Dana advertised her virginity will she go through with the sale ?.

This story is very well written.....a long friendship that changes to intense lovers. I really enjoyed the flash back's to the past. I found the stories pace perfect, the dialogue smooth and at times witty. The sex scenes HOT !!! Dana is just perfect in the end for Mason, she's everything he didn't really think he wanted or needed !!.

Well done Opal for this highly exciting read !!

Many thanks Netgalley for this opportunity.

Later peeps xx

Monique Pearson says

I'm pretty certain this is what's referred to as a "one-handed read." HOLY SMOKE For a bit I was thinking I'd need to put my e-reader in the freezer to cool it off! Absolutely one of the best taboo romance stories I've read!

Jessica Alcazar says

Stepbrother, Mine was first published as a three part serial back in July of this year. It is now packaged into one book but the book is broken into its three distinct parts. These are my thoughts as I read each serial:

Stepbrother, Mine #1:

I could not be more in love with both Dana and Mason. He is male perfection and she is the best virgin heroine EVER!

THIS is not your ordinary Stepbrother taboo story! It is WAY more! :)

When I said this was WAY more than a 'Stepbrother taboo' story, I meant it. This is a story of *friendship and love. A story of growth and trust. A story of second chances and happily ever afters* :)

Ten years ago, Dana's mother married Mason's father. They were only married for three years. Two of those, Mason did not live in the same home AND he was in his late 20s at the time. So in my opinion, the 'should we/should we not' because we are 'step siblings' is pretty much non-existent.

Today, Dana finds herself in a financial situation that may call for some desperate measures. She's being cut off by her mother and she's trying to finish her degree...so desperate measure wins! Let's sell our virginity!! And that's how we re-connect with Mason ... he buys her virginity :)

I'm going to tell you flat out, that I am in 'serious' love with Mason. He is kind, charming, warm-hearted and would do anything for Dana. Always would. Since the day they met ten years ago. Same goes for Dana. She is soft-heart and kind, a little on the naive side on a lot of things, but she's strong and self-sufficient at the same time. They make the perfect pair ... it is destined :)

Stepbrother, Mine #2:

The story of Mason and Dana continues exactly where *Stepbrother, Mine #1* left us ... With Dana asking the dreaded question. Pushing for answers for the past. Trying to breakdown walls for the future ...

One of the best and most romantic things that happens in this installment is the view *Opal Carew* gives us into the past. Not only is Dana seeking answers for things that took place in their past, but I as a reader am so invested in their growing relationship, that I crave those answers myself. The style in which this book is laid out for us is unlike any 'stepbrother' book I have ever read. This is a true romance story with feelings and growth and trust and love. Opal weaves the past into the present seamlessly. This story is perfection.

#TRUTH

Mason is a man who desires with all his being. And he desires Dana like no other. There has never been another. She's it. Always has been. But he's insecure and scared and running from his past and trying to protect Dana from an evil he's not sure he can fight ... And Dana .. well Dana just wants Mason <3 #LOVE I am still very much in 'serious' love with Mason. He is kind, charming, warm-hearted and would do anything for Dana. Always would. Since the day they met ten years ago. Same goes for Dana. She is soft-heart and kind, a little on the naive side on a lot of things, but she's strong and self-sufficient at the same time. They make the perfect pair ... it is destined :)

Stepbrother, Mine #3:

The begins seamlessly where Part #2 left off. THIS time, Dana is not looking for answers of their past, but of their future. Mason has been using the 'I have dark urges' excuse to himself for waaaay too long and Dana is about to call him out! Because Dana's love and desire for Mason far outweigh any fear she may have about what his sexual needs might be...and those feelings are reciprocated by Mason, he's just not willing to admit to it just yet ;)

I'm gonna be honest and tell you that at this point, as a reader, Mason was grating on my last nerve. I honestly thought we wouldn't see any more of Mason's idiotic refusal to see what is right in front of him. The mental game he continued to play with himself on whether he was good enough for Dana over-played itself and Dana's constant reference to him as 'stepbrother' bordered on ridiculous. Because at this point in the story, we have the whole picture of the past and they were siblings for a nano-second in time!!! lol So the story lost a little ground for me because of this...

Anyhooooo Dana sets out to prove she can fulfill Mason and it gets HOT HOT HOT :) The story takes a few little twist that shouldn't be too big a surprise to anyone paying attention, throws us a little suspense but

in the end our warm-hearted charming man gets his girl! As it should be :)

Stepbrother, Mine was a beautiful story of trust, growth, friendship and love. It was a beautiful twist on the usual taboo stepbrother trope and it should not be missed by any romance reader out there!

ARC provided by St Martin's Press via NetGalley

Paige Prince says

I want my money back

I pre-ordered this book ages ago (just getting to it due to my work schedule) because I've been on a stepbrother romance kick and I've heard this author's work is fabulous. I feel like I was lied to.

So, this girl gets cut off by her rich spoiled horrible mother. She's now broke and can't get her masters in poetry. Um...she has her bachelors. Not like she can't find *some* kind of work. Although, what on earth did she think she could do with a degree in poetry?? Ugh.

Anyway. Her dream is to study in France. Except, money. If mommy dearest is footing the bill, then she shouldn't have debt. Do what we all do and take out a student loan. But she listens to her (later very judgy) friend and auctions her v-card online.

I read a serial about a similar situation, but the guy was her friend not her stepbrother. So, I was willing to go with it since I liked the other book(s) so much.

Except it's a huge train wreck from there.

He took her virginity (okay, she sold/gave it to him, whatev) but he has certain "needs" so of course afterwards he tells her they can't be together. Then she begs/demands to prove to him that she can handle it. So he immediately collars her and demands that she NOT COME on his first command. I know I'm not an...active... participant in the lifestyle, but I'm pretty sure it takes a bit of training to learn O denial. He's thrown her into this with no idea what to do or expect. Doesn't do any after care and hasn't given her a safe word. Every red flag I have was waving so frantically, I wanted to give up.

Later, he leaves her alone in The Dark Room (FSOG, anyone?) for 2 hours because he forgot she was in there...he forgot. Seriously. Then he tried to push her away by bringing in someone else to be with her while he watches despite his just having taken her v-card. And now she's excited to do the new guy AND asking him to take her back door virginity. Almost an exact quote. I giggled like a maniac because WHO SAYS THAT? No mention of any kind of birth control throughout the book, and the stranger blows inside her. Guess stepbrother isn't as possessive of her as he claims.

At this point, I started skimming. I was doing to DNF it, but I wanted to see if the evil father (her former stepfather) actually does anything evil. Of course, he does. Sends a text to her supposedly from her stepbrother with instructions on how/where to meet. She goes and gets handcuffed and then the stepfather is there ready to take her (literally, figuratively, whatever). My eyes roles so far into the back of my head, I think I saw behind me. The new stepmother, the former maid who somehow introduced him to this lifestyle by making him take her forcefully, has conspired against the father and they get him arrested somehow. I didn't care so I didn't pay attention. He still sends stepsister away though, "for her own good."

She finds herself studying whatever she's going to school for in Paris and of course, he comes to her because he can't live without her. And then turns the tables and becomes her sub (FSOG again??) despite the fact that he's never been a sub before.

Ugh. Wish I would've DNF'd this one rather than spending hours of my life I'll never get back.

Kathryn says

This started off okay but soon turned into a disgusting mess. I will say that my opinion on the whole Dom/Sub nonsense has become increasingly negative, everyone wants to try to copy FSOG and very few succeed. Mason was just downright horrible and even though he didn't show an ounce of concern for Dana she continued to want to be with him no matter what. No thanks, I'd rather read a book about a REAL man who doesn't get off on beating and completely degrading women. You want a little spanking and hair pulling? Go for it! But what this guy did? And right after taking her virginity and knowing that she loved him? It was just horrific! I finished it just because I was so close and wanted to see how the train wreck ended but it really only got worse as it went along. Save your time and money for something better.

Book Loving Fairy-Blog says

I am giving Stepbrother, Mine by Opal Carew 5 stars. This book was gifted to me in an ARC in exchanged for an honest review. The Author did an magnificent job on unfolding the love that Manson and Dana shared. Yes there is so many bumps the have to get over before the can finally get what they have always wanted which is each other. And one of those big obstacles is not only are they related through marriage, but he when they first meet she only 16 teen and his 26 years old. Mason is everything Dana needs at that point in her life he fills a whole in her heart that her bi**h of a mother can't fill because she to wrapped up in her life you give a crap about her only child. And yes Dane had her dad but unfortunately she doesn't get to see him as much as she would love to. So her older stepbrother steps in and provides that parental guidance she needs. Manson ends up giving Dana that and much more but this doesn't happen in the beginning in fact he ends up leaving his stepsister without ever telling her goodbye. Until one day he ends up finding his innocent little stepsister on a website he never thought he would find her on. Of course fate would step in and bring them together in a way they both wanted but never thought they could have. Sadly Dana going to have to go through a lot with Mason to get what she wants, but for Dana she feels like its all worth it because in the end she get what she has always wanted the man she loves who finally tells her back that he loves her too so much. This is the second series I have read of Opal Carew, and omg I just love her books she is unbelievable writer who knows what her readers love. If you have not read this book or any of her books please read them. You will enjoy them so much I know I do every time.

~ Amanda
