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Author Stella Mills has writers' block. Her swashbuckling debut romance was a mega-hit—and the world is crying out for a sequel. Problem is, her sexy-as-sin hero was based on childhood friend Rick Granville, whose dangerously delicious eyes have never sparkled at her *that* way! So being forced to spend weeks on adventurer Rick's luxury yacht could be just the thing to trigger her imagination—forget Johnny Depp ...modern-day pirate Rick is pure physical perfection. Of course, spending night and day with the temptation that is Rick could be sailing too close to the wind—especially when her fictional fantasies start becoming red-hot reality!

The Devil and the Deep Details

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Charlie says

Already the cover vexes me the H's hair is nowhere near long enough to resemble flowing pirate locks. There was lots to like in this book as its pretty different to many modern presents books which have alpha billionaires smouldering through the boardrooms and penthouse offices of the world. This H is a marine salvage expert who was business partners with the h's dad (after his own dad died).

I really liked that they grew up together and seem to have a genuine affection for each other. I liked the setting, the fact they were both equal partners and both independently wealthy of each other without having to be the richest and most powerful billionaires in imaginary existence. I also liked that although she clearly lusted after him more than he her she hadn't waited around for all eternity and had in fact experimented with sex albeit with only one partner.

Things I didn't like in the book were the fact that he was clearly a total manho and the author liked to dress this up as flirting. He was literally a girl in every port kind of guy - which is fine he was single but still its not flirty its manhoey. He did in fact flirt with every woman he met and not all of them innocently. He clearly fancied the h's best mate for at least 5 mins and at this point he wasn't attracted to the h. I know they both toyed with the idea as teens but he had clearly moved on and some parts of the story intimated that he didn't always find the h sexually attractive (although at the end he says he did).

Its also refreshing to read a story where the h doesn't end up pregnant. However I'm surprised she didn't end up with an extra surprise of an STD as at no point was protection mentioned and if he took the same sexual attitude with all his port girls the guy is probably riddled. I do like my modern h's and H's to take some responsibility and I found it lacking here he didn't even fall back on the trope of "you're so special its the first time i've forgotten." I also found her references to her "toy" rather vulgar and out of character and it didn't add anything to the story. Again I'm all for personal choice and making stories realistic (ish) but its mention and stupid pet name served no purpose.

So while overall I actually really enjoyed this story. I deducted 1 star for the lack of protection 1/2 a star for the cover lying to me about the H's silky pirate locks and 1/2 a star for the h's tacky toy talk. Be happy the h doesn't have crabs of the non marine variety on this maritime adventure.

Sakie says

I really recommend this book. And true enough as mentioned by one of the reviewers not to start late at night, I didn't take the advise as I couldn't wait after seeing that it has such high reviews. I finished the book in one session and ended at 5:00 am.

This book has great humor and an interesting story line. It's also the first time I read a book by A. Andrews. I would try some of her other novels, too.

Fiona Marsden says

This book should come with a WARNING. Do NOT choose this book to read while sitting at the bedside of a dying relative. You will make enemies when you glare at the nursing staff for interrupting you. Because you will not want to put this book down. This book also has really sizzling love scenes, so it is not the book to read in the presence of your Mother-in-Law. Even if she is in a coma and will not notice your heavy breathing and hot flushes.

Seriously this book has some wow factor. I always loved those old musicals in which there was a story within a story. This book has a story within a story that will have you running to the fridge for an Icepack.

The heroine Stella Mills is a best selling author of a historical romance featuring a pirate so hot he would turn the seven seas into a steamy desert when he captures Lady Mary Bingham and seduces her. The funny thing is that Vasco Ramirez is based on Stella's real life childhood friend Rick Granville who would never be interested in doing any of those interesting things to Lady Mary's alter ego, the real life Stella Mills. Or would he?

The long time friendship between Stella and Rick is sorely tested when her father leaves them a treasure map in his will, sending them on a Treasure Hunt together. Or is it a Pleasure Hunt? Rick is a hero to die for, though early in the book when he displayed his flirty technique with OTHER women I was ready to clip him under the ear. But once he got going, he had me under his spell like the rest of those poor bemused women. I thought I knew better but apparently I'm a sucker for a gorgeous guy with a nice line in flirty charm.

Stella is a wonderful heroine. In spite of her denials, it's obvious that Rick was always the one for her from the time she was ten years old. Even her ex is so opposite to Rick you can see how hard she was running. But her book gives her away every time. So imagine what might happen if Rick should get hold of it. Lucky a macho seagoing treasure hunter isn't likely to read a romance novel.

If you've read Amy's recent books Taming the Tycoon and How to Mend a Broken Heart, you won't expect this. Just as they are entirely different, this is different again. It has the wit and humour of Taming the Tycoon but the added vibe of a rollicking sea going adventure and don't forget that sizzling hot historical pirate. Amy's heroes and heroines are so incredibly real you have this sneaking feeling you've met them somewhere. They aren't perfect but they are likeable as well as loveable. If you are after a feel good read that still packs a punch emotionally and with nicely graded sizzle on every page, this is the book for you.

Sheryl says

Ohhhh... I really LOVED this story; the sexual tension was so thick you could cut it with a knife and the laugh-out-loud lines, had me chortling!!!

Susan (susayq ~) says

This was my first book by Amy Andrews and I have to say, it won't be my last. I really enjoyed this.

Stella is a romance writer who is suffering from writer's block after the huge success of her first book. She begrudgingly goes on a treasure hunt with her long time friend Rick, who just happens to be who the hero of

her book was based on. When Rick realizes he was the basis for Stella's hero, he decides to have some fun with her by recreating some of the scenes from her book. (Both of them have been harboring crushes on each other for years) Well, needless to say, they end up with their HEA :)

Dalia says

3.5 - 4 stars

I like Stella and Rick's relationship. A childhood friendship fringed with sexual tension ignored on both sides most of the time. Rick is the star of Stella's fantasies and the inspiration for the hero of her historical romantic book.

Once Rick read the book and knew he was the hero, he can't take Stella out of his mind. It doesn't help that they have to spend many weeks on board of his boat in an adventurous trip in search of a pirate's treasure. Stella, who was suffering a writer's block for almost 18 months, finds her inspiration during their trip.

I like their friendly and witty banter. I like how Rick teases Stella by replaying the scenes of seduction in her book, in their real life, creating a lot of funny situations. And Stella can't help tease him back, transforming their trip into an exploration of her deepest fantasies.

My only complaint is that the end seems abrupt and the declaration of love kind of sudden, especially from Rick.

Sara HarlequinJunkie says

Reviewed at HarlequinJunkie.com

The Devil and the Deep by Amy Andrews is one sexy entertaining read, in this book we get a double dose of sexy with not one but two sexy heroes; a pirate and a treasure hunter and both are equally captivating ;)

Stella and Rick grew up sailing the high seas together searching for treasure with Stella's father. When Stella's father passes away he leaves Stella and Rick one half of a treasure map each as his legacy.

She glanced at Rick. 'You got the same?'

He nodded and she looked back at the documents, leafing through the rest. A hand-drawn map was at the very back.

Or half a map to be precise.

'What's this?' she asked, not quite comprehending her father's frenetic squiggles around the margins.

'The other half of this,' Rick said, pulling out a folded page from his back pocket, unfolding it and laying it on the coffee table.

Diana sat forward. 'Is that a...treasure map?'

Rick grinned. 'Sort of. It shows the potential resting places of Captain Inigo Alvarez's ship, La Sirena.'

Diana scrunched up her face, trying to remember her schoolgirl Spanish. 'The...?'

'The Mermaid,' Stella supplied.

Rick talks Stella into taking a trip on his luxury yacht in search of the treasure, Stella is conflicted as she has always secretly adored Rick, so much so that when she decided to write her debut novel she based her

fictional pirate hero Vasco Ramirez on Rick but considering she hasn't written a word since her debut bestseller and her second book is due to her editor she decides to accompany Rick aboard his yacht.

Six hours later, Rick read *The End* and knew he would never be the same again. Diana had been right. It was most illuminating. The hard-on he'd got in chapter two was still there and there was no way it was going away unless he did something about it.

Fortunately now he had plenty of images to help him in that department. Two things were crystal clear.

Number one—Dale was an idiot of the first order. Hell, if he had a woman that had this sort of stuff in her head—the sheer eroticism of the beautifully scripted love scenes still clung to his loins—he wouldn't let her out of his bed let alone his life.

Number two—the most shocking of all. She'd written the book about him.

He was Vasco Ramirez.

When Rick realizes he was the inspiration for Stella's hero Vasco Ramirez all bets are off and he decides to have some fun by turning fiction into reality....This is where the story gets truly entertaining ;)

I liked the lightness of this read, it was fun and flirty yet the sexual tension between Stella and Rick burned up the pages. When I pick an Amy Andrews book I know I am going to be one satisfied reader at the end of it and this book delivered on all counts. Humor. Passion. Romance.

If you are a fan of friends to lover's storyline you are going to love reading this one. A definite keeper and HJ Top pick!

Modesty_b says

scorching... If you want to read a story ,which is light, scorching, and has you wishing you were in the story... this is for you. I for one wanted to jump headlong into the story and experience first hand the sea, the reefs and the hero all for myself. It's just totally refreshing... and soothing and I felt as if I can smell and feel the sea breeze... had me longing for it... and I know that if ever I get the chance to cruise I'll definitely be thinking about this story . Just plain loved it :)

Saly says

Rating 3.5 stars

A good friends to lovers story. Heroine has a bad case of writer block, then comes the hero, her childhood friend and the man she used as a hero in her first book. The hero reads her book and enacts the sexy bits. I was enjoying the book when it ended suddenly with the obligatory ILU, starting with the hero.

Desere says

This book was everything I as reader could ask for but also so much more. It had the awesome factor, the romance, the heat and passion so hot that it not only left me breathless it left the pages burning, and the action adventure I so often seek!

I am a huge Matthew McConaughey fan and the author's hero of Rick was so like him in the movie Fools Gold! Yes, I kid you not ladies, the movie might have given me the treasure hunting and very sexy Matthew but the author of this book gave me the hero along with the insight and twists and turns of treasure hunting along with a heroine that much like Goldie Hawn kicks ass, that brought the characters to live in a far better way than any movie ever can!

The story was one of friends being reunited, and becoming lovers. And yes I know there are many books written about the very same line, but what this author did was to take the friends turning into lovers element and combine it with a fun, fresh and new exciting plot.

One that involved action, passion and a treasure hunt. Adding to that was the really awesome idea that I got to read about a author who hits a snag in the road with her next book, but finds the real life inspiration and the heat she needs to hammer out the next best seller.

The characters were amazing and so full of life, and I am not only talking about the main characters Rick and Stella but the characters from Stella's book too. The author took her real life characters of Stella and Rick and let their own "fantasy world" be played out in her book. But of course she also let the "real life" characters heat level rise to such a burning feverish pitch that as reader the only response I have is one of wonder. It also reminded me a little of Katheleen Turner and Michael Douglas 's Jewel of the Nile where she is typing away at her character of a pirate and a lady and the next she is in the real world with her own action hero.

The dialogue was so much fun to read, it really was something fun and fresh and aside from the author taking a old line of friends turning into lovers and making it the same old story she created a fabulous new and exciting read. A spellbinding, sensual, sexy and compelling read. The hidden message of the true treasure your seeking is right in front of you was so perfect and one that will forever stay with me.

I highly recommend this read to anyone seeking romance and adventure. Absolutely brilliant work Amy, you need to write more books like this one!

5/5 star review

" A author, a lady, a treasure hunter and a pirate all in one, what else could a reader ask for"

Nigelle-ann says

Wow what to say about this book. Came up on my face book page, and I asked for a link to the kobo site, Amy was worried that it had been price to high at \$6.00. Best \$6 bucks I have spent.

Stella and Rick are a wonderful couple who just needed a push in the right direction. The whole story within a story was a brilliant idea, I kinda want the other story now too LOL. I loved the pace and while a quickish read felt just the right length. Those steamy love scenes were perfect for the characters and in the right places for this book. I have to say I read it from start to finish, lucky for me I own my own business and could get away from it otherwise I might have needed to take a sick day.

I laughed out loud and snorted a few time. I totally recommend this to any lover of good solid fun romance

with a HEA. I would love more on these character as they were really to much fun to leave behind.

I will be reading more books by Amy Andrews.

Nas Dean says

THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP by author Amy Andrews is a Harlequin Presents release for January 2013.

After releasing her debut novel, author Stella Mills was blocked now as she had based her hero on her childhood friend, Rick Granville and can no longer write more.

She was on Rick's luxury yacht and it just might trigger her inspiration. But her fictional fantasies were turning into reality now.

Rick had always fantasized about her, but after reading her book realized that she had harboured feelings for her.

The scorching hot attraction between them was off the charts!

THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP was a hot sensual feast of two books in one! Readers are getting the bonus historical story of Lady Mary and her pirate, the story written by our heroine, Stella. The hero, Rick is absolutely gorgeous and you end up wanting to go on a treasure hunt with him. Author Amy Andrews always brought her readers good romances but The Devil and The Deep is a spectacularly amazing story. It is an exciting premise altogether and the story keeps you involved from the first page. I had to restrain myself from turning to the last pages to know the 'what' and 'how' Stella and Rick would end together. Highly recommended.

Victoria Parker says

Note to readers; Do NOT start this book at 10pm. Otherwise you'll be staring down the barrel of 3am before you even contemplate sleep and next day you'll look like hell! Or maybe that's just me. However, as always with Amy, it's worth every eye-watering yawn.

Here we have Rick and Stella, two dynamic awesome characters who you can't help but fall in love with. I loved the writing. I loved the setting. I loved the secondary Diana. Hell, I even loved the dead guy! I adored Rick with all my heart and I would happily share a glass of Vino with Stella any day. I was cheering for their happy-ever-after and my only complaint was that it ended far too quickly!

Not one to ramble on plot so there's no spoilers here but I will say this; Go BUY it and read for yourself! It's delicious.

Rakisha says

If I had to give someone a copy of what I considered to be the perfect romance novel, I would hand her a

copy of Amy Andrews *The Devil and the Deep*. It is a friends to lovers category romance that has emotional and sexual tension! Rick and Stella are the children of ocean salvage workers and spent most of their childhood growing up together playing on boats and waters dreaming of sunken treasure. Rick grows up to inherit Stella's dad's business, and Stella grows up to be an acclaimed romance novelist. When we meet Rick and Stella as adults, Stella is suffering from writer's block and Rick wants her help to fulfill her father's long held dream of uncovering a Spanish pirate's sunken boat. Believing that being on the open seas with her friend, muse and fantasy fodder will unlock her imagination, Stella agrees. This is where the fun begins!

The book flows along nicely. The sexual tension builds steadily without frustrating the reader. You're drawn into their passion and their concerns about taking their relationship to the next level. The best part of this book is that Stella and Rick acknowledge each other's concerns like modern day adults. In some romance novels, hesitance of the hero and the heroine to become lovers weighs the story down and can create annoying, whiny or sometimes just plain dumb characters. There is enough tension, however, to hold you in suspense until the HEA comes. The book is sexy without being smutty but it isn't coy either.

I'm an incredibly slow reader, so I really need a book that grips me and makes me want to finish it. In the two Amy Andrews books that I've read, she can do that. She might become the first romance author for whom I create a standing order.

StMargarets says

This is a friends to lovers story with a chick-lit feel.

The heroine is a romance novelist with writer's block. The hero is a friend from childhood who was the inspiration for the pirate hero of her romance novel. The story opens when the hero arrives at her door to take her on a treasure hunt for a lost ship, *The Mermaid*, because it had been her father's dying wish. Just seeing the hero and remembering all the games they played while they sailed all over the world, gives the heroine inspiration for her next novel. She agrees to go. Before they leave, heroine's friend slips the hero a copy of the romance novel.

(view spoiler)

I believed in their relationship. It was a sweet story. But there was no high drama or conflict, so it didn't feel like a HP to me. I was disappointed.
