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Fedora says

Katie Porter is the writing duo of Carrie Lofty and Lorelie Brown--this is the first in their new series, Vegas Top Guns.

Ryan "Fang" Haverty is a fighter pilot. Cassandra Whitman is the waitress at the steakhouse where he and his friends and fellow pilots have dinner. Deciding to cut loose for once, she accepts his offer to take her away from the drudgery of her life, if only for an evening. Or a weekend...

They enjoy several scorching hot days, and find that they both have an appetite for roleplaying. While Cass finds it a fun and exciting departure from her usual reserved ways, Ryan recalls how his penchant for "kink"

ruined a past relationship. He doesn't want to repeat that demoralizing time, ever.

Ryan's quite the tormented hero, and Cass is a good, bold foil to him. They are both smart, straight shooting people, and it was easy to see how they'd be so well matched. It does take a heroine as strong as Cass to bring Ryan out of the mire of his past.

I really enjoyed Double Down, and am eagerly looking forward to Inside Bet and Hold 'Em--the stories of Ryan's best friends, Jon and Leah.

05/06/12

Lyndi W. says

Two edits below - I DID FINISH IT!

This sounded pretty good. I got about 20% into it before I realized just how messed up in the head Ryan is. Yes, sex games make you a trashy, tasteless sicko that should be locked away with the pedophiles and rapists! Please note the sarcasm dripping from my previous statement.

I can't get into a character that is so ashamed of wanting his lover to wear a costume. A FUCKING COSTUME. It's not like he was fighting himself over his desire to see her whipped and caned while wearing a latex gimp suit and gas mask. He wanted her to wear stockings. STOCKINGS.

I feel like his 'personal obstacle' is something thought up by two 12 year olds that caught a little bit of softcore porn on Cinemax and decided to write a book about it.

Edit: God damn. Convince me to give it a second chance, why don't you? Fine. I'm giving it a second chance. And Ryan is still acting like the desire to see Cass in a school girl outfit is depraved and immoral. But he has referred to 'flight groupies', that apparently like it hard and fast, choking to death on a pilot's cock. Why is that 'totally normal', but dressing up is 'depraved and sick'? This doesn't make sense.

And the editing doesn't make sense. Who the fuck edited this:

"I dangerous, and there's the chance I'll be redeployed one day. But what I do is important." With a tenderness that left her breathless, he kissed her forehead. "I've been trusted with a responsibility that I never take lightly." am good. The best. I take every precaution." Her words, echoed in his voice, began to ease her tension. "Cassandra, I'm not going to lie. What I do is

That's an entire paragraph copied straight from the Kindle, no editing on my part except to put it all in italics. If any of you can make sense of that shit, I'll give you a dollar.

Second Edit: Okay, I finished it. I gotta say, I loved Cassandra. She was fierce and stood up for herself in a way I rarely see in these contemporary romance novels. But I still didn't like Ryan's self-hatred. Not only did it come across as naive, but stupidity as well. How can you be 29 yrs old and think that role play in the privacy of your own bedroom is disgusting and depraved? Even if he didn't have lovers that were into it, the fact that role play is a WIDELY KNOWN and COMMON fetish shouldn't have been lost on somebody that's seen the world and is obviously quite experienced in sex.

Gah, I'm repeating myself at this point. It's just so... OMG WTF R U SIRIUS? Anyway. I loved Cassandra - she's probably the reason I continued to read through Ryan's self-loathing - and the dirty talk. Ryan's one

redeeming value was his smexxy dirty talk. I rarely get to read such aggressive dirty talk and I liked it. Whore, bitch, dirty slut, etc. It was hot. *fans self*

So yeah... my attempt to read this book was a cluffersuck of frustration with Ryan, but I know for a fact that most of you horny bitches will love it. I think my personal experience got in the way of my "understanding" Ryan's problem.

Cyn Mistress Kitty says

I thought this was going to be your typical get down and dirty sexy story without much plot and I am happy to say that I am wrong. It actually was a really good story and I liked the characters. I hope to read more about them in the next story in the series.
This was a nice surprise.

Mandi Schreiner says

Katie Porter is the pen name for authors Carrie Lofty and Lorelei Brown. Because of that, and because the series name is Vegas Top Guns, featuring some hottie air force pilots, I wanted to read this one. Unfortunately, I was kind of disappointed.

Major Ryan Haverty is a pilot and instructor at a base in Las Vegas. One night out with some fellow pilots, he sets his eyes on a waitress named Cassandra. He sees her with her skirt and pantyhose with the seams up the back, and can barely drag his eyes away. Ryan grew up in a trailer park surrounded by people who openly talked about sex. Because of that (maybe?) he has convinced himself that he likes really dirty things in the bedroom (role play especially) and his previous fiancé left him because of this. He would never let this desire be known to the public because he is too shamed. As a reader, this annoyed me because I feel like we truly never dive into this issue/insecurity he has. So he likes his sex partners to dress up as a french maid. I don't think this is too out of line kinky. But for whatever reason, this shames him.

Cassandra works part-time in an art gallery, and is just waitressing until she has enough money, or a position available to move to the gallery full-time. She notices Ryan watching her in the restaurant, and after some big-time flirting, they head out on the town together. As Cass says:

After half a year of polite and frankly inadequate lovemaking, Cass wanted to go for it. She wanted to have sex with the man who'd hit on an eighteen (blackjack). Something hot and daring. A memory in the making.

"Tonight I like fast," she whispered.

They plan to have a weekend full of fun, adventurous, carefree sex, which turns into much more.

There is a lot of sex in this book, and it is dirty. I don't have a problem with the actual sex scenes. And I didn't necessarily mind how fast they start having a physical relationship. As I mentioned, there is a lot of role playing - french maid, high class hooker, that type of stuff. Ryan gets off on Cassandra wearing pigtailed and telling him what a naughty man he is. Cassandra gets off on it too, although they don't really communicate that well with each other.

Ryan is very screwed up over his big confession to his previous fiancé that he likes things a little more spicy

in the bedroom. Very shamed, always thinking Cassandra is going to come to her senses and treat him the same way once she realizes ‘who’ he really is. He brings this up to himself several times:

“Yes, sir,” she breathed.

Oh shit, did he like that or what? He was turning out to be more of a sicko than he’d though.

Or

Regular people shut the doors and turned down the lights. Good, regular men didn’t ask women to dress up and play stupid sex games. He wanted to at least make the attempt, no matter what turned him on.

After this one risky night, he’d go back to being sane. Normal.

Or

He was rapidly starting to suspect Cassandra was a woman worth knowing. That meant treating her with the respect she deserved.

No more weird stuff.

Besides, sex had been fantastic no matter what they did. He didn’t need seamed stockings and French accents. Wouldn’t let himself need them.

Dude – get a grip. First of all, from night one, they start with role play and never once does Cassandra object to it. It is actually her idea to go to an adult sex store and go into the dressing room to try things on. So why Ryan would think she isn’t into this type of sexual play, I have no idea. Plus, the extent of their role play is dressing up and maybe talking in an accent. Nothing kinky. Or maybe I’ve read too many erotic books lately, but this is all pretty vanilla stuff. I didn’t understand Ryan’s mind frame at all and got so tired of his constant worrying over it because he never stopped doing it. And Cassandra never complained once.

Outside of the sex scenes, I got bored and annoyed with the storyline. Nothing to keep me interested in reading. While Ryan obsessed over being such a dirty, sicko of a man, Cassandra fell kind of flat (although I did like her forwardness in the bedroom) and the story kind of fell apart for me.

Rating: C-

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Kimber's

4.5 Stars

WOW! This is definitely one of the HOTTEST books I’ve read this year. Who knew role playing would be so darn steamy? I’ve never been one to like dressing up and pretend to be someone else, but I’m rethinking that after reading Double Down by Katie Porter. Have you ever heard of Katie Porter? Well, maybe not, but take notice of this writing team, Carrie Lofty and Lorelie Brown, because they have the writing skills down to an art and the sex is so hot my Kinky Kindle almost melted. The character building of the H/h was multi-layered and once those layers were peeled away a chapter at a time, we were left with one amazing couple.

Ryan, our hero, falls into lust from the moment he first sets eyes on the cute waitress with those f*ck-me seamed stockings. He goes for it, she accepts, and for the next few hours they use the Vegas strip as foreplay. That was my guy version of what happened. Very few details, huh? But, take my word for it, I could not do it justice. You must read for yourself. Now, Ryan is a complex guy who knows what he wants out of his professional life, but personally, we find out he's a bit of a mess. Due to a past relationship he has good reason to think Cassandra would not be on board on a regular basis for his "needs." He's afraid to open up and talk about it, and it almost costs him the best thing that's ever happened to him.

Cassandra is even more complex than Ryan. Sexually, she's got it together. Though Ryan helps bring out her naughty side, she doesn't try to hide it. She is ready and willing to explore, and has no problems showing or voicing her feelings. But, professionally, she's at a standstill. Her fear of taking a chance with what she really wants keeps her at a job she hates. Then, she has to deal with letting her family take advantage of her at every turn. When does she get to do what makes her happy? Ryan challenges her to do something bold regarding her job, she accepts and it pays off big time. Now, if she can just get everything else in her life to go as easily as that did.

As masterfully hot as this book is, it was also an emotional ride that ended with me in love with these characters and this story. The next installment in the series cannot release soon enough for me. I truly loved it. In fact, I've read it twice already. Yeah, it's that good.

D.G. says

****3.5 stars****

I ended up liking Double Down more than I thought. The premise was very interesting: a man likes some kink in the bedroom but was ashamed of it. If only the author would have build the background story more to make me believe a guy like him would have so many issues accepting that part of himself, I would have enjoyed it more.

To be fair, Ryan had some reasons for his misgivings. His ex-fiancee broke up with him because of his penchant for roleplaying so I understood why he wouldn't be so open to bring it up with a woman he really liked. However, I don't know why he thought it was a 'perversion'. He didn't grow up in a very religious or conservative household and c'mon! Roleplaying is not that a big a deal these days even if he was seriously into it. If he had been a minister or a high school principal, I would have understood why he might think his tastes unseemly but he was a fighter pilot! I can only imagine the groupies he must have and the crazy offers of sex he must receive on a regular basis.

Cassandra was portrayed as 'shy' but I didn't see it. Her problems weren't that big a deal - I really didn't understand why she hadn't pursued her career before when she seemed to love it soo much - but at least she really gave Ryan a magnificent set down when she realized his issues.

I may continue the series but not right away.

Cornelia says

a little erotica with a scenario.

Two strangers meet in Vegas. He has a fetish for stockings she is up for it...and HEA

Natalie says

So, I don't read m/f romance very often, but this book had a couple of things going for it: it was free and it's about a fighter pilot. As it turns out, the heroine didn't make me throw things, I wanted to climb the hero like a tree, and the sex scenes were *really* excellent. I'm definitely reading more from these authors. Like, immediately.

Roxie says

So awkward moment when you realize there is no story to your sexy-fic. Well, sorta no story.

Lindsey says

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Francesca the Fierce (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

4.5 Stars

This review was posted at Under the Covers

Oh.My.God! This is one hot little story. Of course I have a thing for a man in uniform and an honest to God Air Force pilot can push my buttons. Add to that that he may have a kinky side and I'm all for it. But Ryan Haverty (aka "Fang") is not kinky in the way you are thinking. There's no tie me up and spank me in this book (well, there is but in a completely different context). This story is about role playing.

Ryan has always had fantasies of being with women and dressing them up. He's wanted the schoolgirl, the french maid, you get the picture. He also thinks he is a sick fuck for wanting that everytime he thinks of sex because of a bad experience with his ex. Now, I don't see the immediate problem with his likes or his way of thinking. What I did see a problem with and why this isn't a 5 star book was Ryan's disgust for his own wants. Constantly. That's all he thought about and talked about. How sick in the head he was for wanting to have sex with a girl while she was on her knees with pigtails and a sexy skirt. I say.... whatever floats your boat, get over it already. He was getting annoying at times with that.

That being said, this is one hot book. What starts out as a one night stand between Major Ryan Haverty from the Air Force and Cassandra Whitman, a waitress from Las Vegas, slowly turns into something else, something more. They are truly a perfect fit. She is just daring and carefree and funny enough to draw Ryan out and make him forget about his rules and live the life he wants.

I loved this quote:

"Fucked in a sex shop? Been there, done that. Bought the naughty Goth costume souvenir."

Even though this book might seem like a fantasy after another (you may want to take notes for future reference, just staying) it also developed the characters and their connection. They both had issues to overcome although Ryan's issue just made me want to punch his face.

I am so excited to read about the rest of the Vegas Top Guns. I see from the blurbs that Jon and Leah are not going to end up together. =(I was rooting for that! But I can see how their friendship and dynamic could work better with separate love interests. I'm excited to read about them, so bring on "Tin Tin".

*ARC provided by publisher

Jill says

3.5 stars

Dining out with two other US Air Force pilots, Major Ryan "Fang" Haverty is taken by the waitress in the seamed stockings. Cassandra Whitman, has an art history degree and is interning at a gallery. Waitressing supplements her income.

Double Down is the first book in *Vegas Top Guns* an erotic contemporary romance series, based around the lives of three friends who are Air Force fighter pilots. From their very first evening, Ryan and Cassandra get it on. They're compatible, attracted to each other and enjoy role-playing sex. But Ryan finds it difficult to reconcile his desires with what he considers perversions.

Having read and enjoyed individual works of both the authors (Carrie Lofty and Lorelie Brown) who make up the Katie Porter persona, I was expecting a little more in the way of plot and characterisations. The sex is well-written, imaginative and adventurous without too high a kink factor. They were also numerous and for me a little tedious. Though I doubt this will be a problem for most readers. One thing I really didn't like is some of the public sex acts. Ryan as an Air Force officer should have considered the serious consequences and reputation for not only himself but as a representative of the US military.

Where most readers will appreciate *Double Down* for the sex scenes, for me the most enjoyable aspect was the hero, Ryan. I would have loved to have seen a little more development of his character and his role as an instructor fighter pilot. He was a real gentleman and the few glimpses at, or references to, Ryan's job are where this book really worked for me.

If you're expecting a plot outside the bedroom or a deep look into the psyche and character of fighter pilots, I doubt this will satisfy. But if you're after a well-written, contemporary erotic romance that ticks all the boxes and that doesn't pretend to be anything more, then you'll enjoy this new series.

Double Down delivers what an erotic romance is expected to – plenty of sex scenes, plenty of varied, interesting situations for said sex scenes and a very hot Air Force fighter pilot.

Steam: 4

ARC courtesy of Katie Porter

Fatimama says

This was cute and hot with all the roleplaying. Wish the Hero grovelled more and showed more remorse.. heroine forgave him too easily methinks..

Beth says

Book Blurb

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Review

Two wounded people find love during a restaurant meal. One a patron one the server but in the end they have common ground, they both like to live out their fantasy. This was a hot one night stand with role playing the turns into so much more.

I found **Double Down** to be a fun and enjoyable read with smoking hot sexual encounters, character growth and a wonderfully romantic storyline. Definitely a great erotic romance and worth checking out.

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