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The New York Times bestselling authors of the Masters of Ménage series present the third scintillating novel featuring the privileged, wealthy, wild men of Creighton Academy—the Perfect Gentlemen.

Years ago, Naval officer Dax Spencer and NCIS agent Holland Kirk indulged in a steamy affair—until she betrayed him in the wake of his father’s death. Dax tried to put her behind him with a payback of his own. But he never forgot Holland...

Now, as Dax and his fellow Perfect Gentlemen unravel a web of lies, he discovers his family’s tragedy is part of a much larger conspiracy. Soon, all clues point him back to New Orleans...where Holland waits, protecting her deadly secret and holding a torch for the only man she’s ever loved.

Once reunited, they can’t fight the passion flaring hot and wild. But something sinister lurks around every corner, from the elegance of the Garden district to the beauty of the bayou. Dax and Holland may find their way back to each other—if they survive...

## **Big Easy Temptation Details**

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## From Reader Review Big Easy Temptation for online ebook

### Geri Reads says

DNF @ 35%

I wanted to like this one so bad. Unfortunately, it was too slow for my liking. Add to it the lack of chemistry between Dax and Holland made the decision to DNF this an easier one.

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### Mg ♥ The Bookishmedialite says

3.5 STARS!

So, what happened?

The book was good, in a slowly kind of way, because it was not until the last 50% that it really picked up for me, so I got a little bored, and it frustrated the hell out of me because I LOVE these men, and I really was expecting more from Dax :(.

I missed the witty banter the authors have got me used to between the main characters, also, the lack of mystery and conspiracy that make this series so interesting for me, was a little disappointing. I just got a glimpse of that in the last chapters, so yeah, I'm a little gutted.

I have not lost faith in this series. I'm pretty sure Gus will give me a hell of a good time in the next book, she is the character that made this book for me. Sorry Dax, I still love you but your book... not so much.

Anyway, I will be here waiting for Gus. See you soon my Perfect Gentlemen.

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### Jennifer says

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*~ 4 Second Chance Stars ~*

Big Easy Temptation is the third book in the Perfect Gentleman Series by Shayla Black and Lexi Blake. These books are interconnected standalones. Each book is about a new couple but the storyline is a continuing story. I don't believe these books could be read out of order. I truly believe you would be very confused and lost if this series isn't started with the first book (Scandal Never Sleeps).

As with the previous books, I can't talk too much about the mystery storyline. Anything I say pertaining to the continuing plot would be a spoiler. I will say this....this book does answer some of the questions that the other books raise. Things start to make sense after reading this book. NO the mystery isn't completely solved in this book, but one aspect was. You will be left with more questions after reading this book, that I am sure will be answered in the next book. As with the other books, the authors set up the next book nicely in the last

chapter. I think Roman's book will be an interesting one. I feel a lot of angst coming!!!

Besides this book being an amazing romantic suspense story, this third book is actually also a second chance romance between Holland and Dax. This book is broken into 2 parts. Part 1 is Dax and Holland in the past and their relationship. Part 2 is told in the present time and takes off exactly where the second book ended. I will say that my only real complaint with this book was, I felt that it focused too much on the past between Holland and Dax. I didn't think half of the book needed to be taken up to explain everything. To me it took away from the mystery of the story and kind of slowed the pace down too much. With that said I still enjoyed this book, but just not as much as the first book in the series.

The mystery line of the plot is my favorite part of this series. These authors have me on the edge of my seat, just waiting to see how this will all work out in the end. I want all the answers to my questions!!!! The love story of each of the books is also good, but it wouldn't upset me if it wasn't as big of a part as the suspense aspect.

These authors do know how to create a steamy book though. The sex scenes in this book and the others are off the charts. I also love that they didn't overload the book with sex. These books are a great mix of romance, mystery, suspense and sex. Their writing styles mesh so well everything is just seamless!!

Again if you are a fan of the romantic suspense type love story, or just someone looking for something new and different to read, then I would definitely recommend this book/ series. This is also a great book for anyone who is a fan of the second chance romance. But don't forget...READ these books in order!!! If you love a storyline with a lot of twists and turns, then this is a series you don't want to miss. You won't see anything coming....these authors will keep you guessing ;)

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## Shayna says

Sexy...Addictive...Explosive...SENSATIONAL! This writing duo can DO NO WRONG! Shayla Black and Lexi Blake are two bright stars in my literary world! I count on them to build me up and to make my day brighter with their wonderful romance, suspense, and undeniable intrigue. They have never steered me wrong and I'm guaranteed a wonderful escape from reality when it comes to their work, separately and as co-writers. BIG EASY TEMPTATION has to be my FAVORITE of The Perfect Gentlemen series! From the beginning, I had a huge crush on Dax Spencer and I was thrilled to start his happily ever after. The woman these ladies picked for this gorgeous perfect gentlemen, is Holland Kirk. She is no weeping willow. She is strong, independent, and tells it like it is. The chemistry that they shared was intense and beautiful. Even years apart, couldn't extinguish the passion they have when they are together. These two strong-willed individuals clash and come together over and over and it just makes the flame burn brighter.

Betrayal, death, and tragedy will not keep these two away from each other . But an enemy threatens to tear apart everything they worked so hard to accomplish. There is no skimping on the sex, thrills, and suspense in book #3 of Black and Blake's stunning Perfect Gentlemen series. Whether it is the blush on my cheeks from the dirty talk, or the pit in my stomach from the heartbreak, the journey of Dax and Holland is not an easy one, but it's one that will captivate and amaze you. You will NOT be able to put this down once you start. There is adventure, passion, and angst around every corner! These incredibly talented ladies gives us an AWESOME romance with tons of heart and tons of passion. There is even a nice little surprise at that end that made me smile! Do yourself a favor and immerse yourself into the world of The Perfect Gentlemen. You will be so glad you did!

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## Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

*"Dex was the kind of man who loved with his whole heart."*

Well, the deeper I get into **The Perfect Gentlemen**, the less perfect they are, and the more I love them. **Big Easy Temptation** is the 3rd installment in this amazing series and it focuses on Dax. He's the **#MilitaryMan** who comes from money, and a father who's an Admiral in the Navy. He has big shoes to fill. But he enjoys the time with his *pack* at Creighton Academy before he begins his Naval career. The six PG's have kind of paired up, and each has a best friend, and then as a group, they are all brothers-by-choice. Dax's best friend is Connor. Yeah, the silent but deadly one. They both will develop skills during their careers that make them the perfect team to tackle anything or anyone that threatens them or theirs.

Holland is friends with Zack's wife and Dax's sister. They see each other at group events. They admire each other. They lust after each other. But she keeps Dax at arm's length, refusing every time Dax tries to hook up with her. It's not that she's not attracted to him, it's that she wants to focus on her career as a NCIS agent. She watched her mother's life as a military wife and she doesn't want that for herself. So, she sees no future for them. But he doesn't give up. And he's pretty damn irresistible when he sets his mind to seduce her. When they are in the same room together, their chemistry is intense. How long will she be able to hold out?

Dax has been in the tabloids, but that's mostly due to his two crazy friends Mad and Gabe. They were the manwhores who kept acting out and drawing attention. He & Connor were more discreet. But since Holland was part of their inner circle, she knew more than he wanted her to. How would he ever convince her that he'd settled down and was looking for something more than a fling? Well, apparently he did a good job, the only problem was that it was him that ended up being betrayed. She left him standing with his heart in his hand, in broken pieces. His brothers supported him and tried to take his mind off of his misery. But he never forgot her.

Holland broke his heart on purpose. She was hiding a secret that she couldn't share with him. She pushed him away, breaking her own heart in the process. And when he retaliated in the worst way, she suffered in silence. When he shows up in her office, making demands in his sexy southern drawl, she tries to push him away again. But he's honed his skills, and taking no for an answer is no longer a consideration. He's determined to get what he wants. *And he wants her.*

Their passion has been simmering for years, and once the two sparks get near each other, it ignites. There's no controlling the heat between them. She tells him it's just physical. But they both know better. Will they be able to solve the mystery, protect themselves and their families, and keep their clothes on?

This series just keeps getting better and better as the suspense deepens. Yes, each book gives me more answers, but then there are more questions with the revelations. It's driving me crazy because I'm making wild guesses and I want to know if I'm right. And I'm falling deeper and deeper in love with the characters. And as each of the gentlemen find their *one*, I enfold them into the ever-growing family and make room for more. And the authors tease me with glimpses and clues, hinting at a possible connection, and making me wait. The anticipation is frustrating and delicious at the same time. I'm loving every page. I can't wait to see what happens next. The line forms here...

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## 1-Click Addict Support Group says

And now, it's Dax's turn. If I wasn't already in love with him—one, because of his name and two, because he is a *Perfect Gentleman*—I would be after about five percent of this book! Holy smokes!! He could charm me right out of my panties.

Accent—check.

Dropdead good looks—check.

A bit mysterious—check.

Powerful—check.

The WHOLE package—check, check!

I don't think there is anything else I would want in a man. The chemistry between Holland Kirk and Dax Spencer is off the charts and burns white hot. From the streets of NOLA to the history of the two, and all the twists and turns that occurred in their relationship, we are headed full steam ahead towards disaster... or are we?

This winding road, which brings us one step closer to solving the puzzle of a much larger conspiracy involving all the men—Zach, Gabe, Connor and Dax—kept me turning pages at an insanely rapid rate. I was on a quest to figure out the whodunnit's and the why's of the mystery, but the extreme, integral relationships of all the characters kept me on my toes.

I'm so in love with the characters, the plot, the ever-evolving story line, I sit on the precipice of a cliff, constantly waiting for what happens next. As the words flow effortlessly, I'm able to visualize the scenes on a movie real in my brain. So, who will be your Dax? ~ Heather, *5 Page-Turning* stars

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Three years ago, in the wake of his father's scandalous affair and subsequent death, Dax Spencer found comfort in the arms of Holland Kirk. Holland and Dax had a quick, steamy affair that ended when Holland's betrayal came to light. After cutting all ties, Dax is thrust back into Holland's life when more details of the conspiracy surrounding the deaths of some of the Perfect Gentlemen's loved ones come to light.

Holland is an NCIS agent stationed in New Orleans, and all current clues point Dax in that direction. Dax doesn't realize Holland's been keeping a secret from him for all this time—one that could prove deadly. As Dax and Holland get reacquainted, they can't deny their feelings, but as more details of the conspiracy are revealed, will Dax and Holland survive long enough to truly reunite?

Man, oh man, I love this series. I cannot get enough of Dax, Zack, Connor, Roman and Gabe! And I adore strong-minded, determined female leads—Holland is amazing, and so is Dax. I love the two of them together and was heartbroken when circumstances split them apart. I found myself silently cheering for them to work it all out—I had to keep turning the pages to find out where things between them ended up, because it could have gone either way. Now I'm dying to read Roman and Gus' story! ~ Missy, 4.5 stars

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## Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says

If you haven't read this book yet, run to the nearest retailer and grab yourself a copy because this book is brimming with explosive passion, destructive secrets and gut-twisting emotions, and will take you on the ride of your life! As the story unfolds, you can see the wave of pain and heartbreak coming, but you know you'll

have no choice but to ride it to get to the beauty on the other side!

Dax Spencer thought his father's alleged suicide and the scandal preceding it were the lowest points of his life, until the woman he loved betrayed him and left him, but he got his payback in the cruelest way possible and put her behind him. Or tried to. Now, new information has surfaced that supports his belief that his father was framed and killed as part of a conspiracy bigger than they ever imagined, one that has already taken the lives of their loved ones and has the potential to do great damage to lives and legacies. Dax is determined to clear his father's name and then get to the bottom of this plot, but first he must face to woman who broke his heart years ago.

Caught in a sticky web, Holland Kirk gave up her chance for happiness with Dax to protect him and for that, he paid her back by breaking her trust in the worst way. Now he's back to re-open the investigation into his father's death and she has no choice but to work with him again.

I love Dax and Holland so much. Holland is confident and tough, except when it comes to Dax. Dax is alpha to the core, protective about his loved ones and really sweet, but I especially love that he didn't play games with his feelings for Holland and put himself out there, even after he hurt her so badly. They bring out the worst and best in each other and their tumultuous relationship was heartbreaking, especially because of the manipulation of external forces that led to stupid decisions that cost them their happiness.

I love everything about this book: the characters, the dialogue, the emotions, the bonds among them and the unending mystery. Just when you think that the authors have given you the best they have to offer, they top it with this. There are more questions than answers at the moment and I can't wait for the next book to see how Gus wreaks havoc on the emotions of an unprepared Perfect Gentleman!

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## **Jacqueline's Reads says**

### **4 Mr. Officer Dax Stars**

Big Easy Temptation is a standalone and is part of The Perfect Gentlemen series. I've been reading this series from the beginning, each book builds upon each other, so if you haven't started this series I would suggest you start with the first one, but you do not have to read the prior books.

This is Dax and Holland's story.

Out of all the books in the series, Big Easy Temptation was written a little different. The book is structured in two parts and the first half of the book we get a glimpse of how Holland and Dax meet, we also get a glimpse of the gang, prior to Mad's death. I have always been interested in Mad's character (and I secretly

want a book on him) so this was an interesting treat.

Also this book is a bit more mysterious and reads more crime thriller (in my opinion).

Dax and Holland have this unstoppable attraction for each other but the timing has never been right. Dax wants to be with Holland and has told her several times how much he wants it. Dax and Holland shared a kiss and that was it, but it was enough to leave an impression.

Now, Holland is working on her career and Dax needs a favor. Holland is strong, smart and loyal. Her career is her number one priority and as much as she wants to be with Dax, she doesn't want to be a doormat wife. I understood her needs, but I wanted her to just give it all up and be with Dax.

Dax's father commits suicide and Dax is determined to prove everyone wrong, no matter the cost. This is the focal point of the book and the mysterious aspect of it. Holland is assigned the case and Dax works with Holland to pursue the truth. He also pursues Holland at the same time.

I liked the mysterious element of the book and there's a slight angst and tension between Holland and Dax, since we know something happens (it's implied and foreshadowed in the book).

The second part of the book shifts and I really like this part. I really enjoyed reading Dax and I loved his determination for the truth and working out his issues towards Holland. The book has a lot of elements going on and you get the gang sprinkled throughout the read. Overall, a thrilling and mysterious read that keeps you on your toes.

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## **Bj says**

4 "Betrayal or Salvation" Stars for the story and narration!

If you're looking for romantic suspense with a good dose of spice, then The Perfect Gentleman Series may just be exactly what you're looking for. Though this was my first experience with this series, I had no trouble following the underlying suspense arc which does unfold over multiple books due to the attention with which Shayla Black and Lexi Ryan take to explain what had previously occurred; and the romance is fully contained in this book.

Kaleo Griffith does his usual great job with delivering the perfect pacing for a romantic suspense title. Moreover his voice is perfectly suited to playing the various "perfect gentlemen" who feature in this series. My only issue is that several of them sounded somewhat similar making it difficult to tell them apart without listening for dialogue tags--but as these dialogue scenes are not that frequent this was only a minor detractor. The two main characters, in turn, were easily distinguishable as he uses a slightly higher pitch for his females which made listening to the two main characters' dialogues seamless.

All in all, I enjoyed Big Easy Temptation, and I now look forward to starting with book one to delve deeper

into the suspense arc and to enjoy more of the romantic escapades of these alpha, political and sexy "perfect gentlemen" heroes.

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## Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

### 3.5-4 Stars

**It was so funny that he'd come to New Orleans thinking that he could get back at her. Now he only wanted to get her back.**

The perfect gentleman return in this sexy second chance romance and what a twisty ride it was! With the third installment of this thrilling series, more mysteries are being unveiled but with every question we get an answer to, it only forms countless more.

**She brought out the caveman in him. He wanted to mark her, to let everyone else know this one woman is his.**

This was an interesting change of pace for me. I envisioned Dax totally different from the previous book. While we don't know much about him, we do know that he's still hung up on the only woman that he's ever loved. It's been years since they spoke and there's enough betrayal and hurt brewing between them to guarantee no second chances, but sometimes fate has other plans.

Dax Spencer may be a too sexy for his own good Naval officer, but he's always known what he wanted; the tough as nails NCIS agent Holland Kirk. Their lives are interwoven together with mutual friends, but Holland always keeps Dax at arm's length. She's always envisioned herself with someone less...intense, someone that will allow her to be as driven in her career as she is. And she knows that if she gives in to Dax, his job as a Naval officer will not let her do that...no matter how much he tempts her. But it's not long before the chemistry between them burns too hot to deny, and Dax is nothing if not determined to win her heart.

Unfortunately their short lived affair ends in heartbreak when Holland betrays him and in a drunken bender, Dax married her best friend only to later divorce. It's been years since they spoke, but with new evidence that has now come to light about his father's death, Dax is determined to solve the mystery once and for all. And the one person that holds the answers he needs is the one woman that completely annihilated him when he gave her everything.

The story is told in two parts; past and present, and I really enjoyed that the authors split it that way as opposed to doing it with flashbacks. It truly allows the reader to get immersed in the budding romance between Dax and Holland. The first half is a bit slow building and at times almost teeth-rottingly sweet (at least for my particular tastes). Dax may come off as a playboy in the previous books, but he's definitely not one. I was very curious how he would redeem himself with the whole marriage to the best friend thing, and I'm happy to say he did that flawlessly.

The second half is a bit more angsty with the added element of second-chance romance at play, which I happen to love!

**You're the woman for me. I've never forgotten you, not once since the moment we met.**

There's a lot that happens in Big Easy Temptation, but even with the continuous story arc, the authors do a great job in allowing this to also be enjoyed as a standalone. Though I highly recommend reading in order to truly appreciate the complexity of the mystery surrounding everything.

I loved Holland and I really loved Dax. There was some odd phrases that I found myself rolling my eyes at, like "...she would welcome him as he planted his seed", but altogether I highly enjoyed this book. I found this to be slower paced than the predecessors, but I was still heavily involved in the story. The first half took me a bit to get through but luckily it really picked up in the second half.

**He unwound her polite facade, obliterated her protective walls, and reduced her to a trembling bundle of need.**

I also seriously loved getting those glimpses of Mad. Every time I finish a book in this series I keep hoping that his death is a conspiracy and he's really alive hiding somewhere. It just hurts my heart to think that he's really gone because you know I love me my irreverent manwhores.

All in all this was another fantastic installment in a great series. With Jordan and Gus's book next, I can't wait to see how the rest of the mystery unfolds.

If you like a second chance romance with a dash of mystery and suspense, a dirty talking hero that only has eyes for one woman, and a heroine that's as tough as she is smart, then you've found your next read.

**I want to kiss and lick and taste every inch of you, Holland. Do you know how long I've waited to be here? Years. Fuck, sweetheart, even before I met you, I dreamed about you. I've always known you're the one woman who could make me feel, make me want forever."**

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**Eva Millien says**

In the wake of his father's death, NCIS agent Holland Kirk betrayed him, so Naval officer Dax Spencer has tried to put her behind him but in unraveling a web of lies, the clues send him back to New Orleans where Holland waits in this commanding romance.

Holland is protecting a deadly secret and holding a torch for the only man she's ever loved and the readers can't help but get caught up in this powerful and gripping tale as the passion flares hot and wild between Dax and Holland once again. With the sizzling chemistry between these two the readers can't help but feel as if they belong together but this relationship is in quite a bit of trouble which grips readers by the heart with the potent emotional turmoil that flows from the pages. These strong characters are captivating and easily

engage readers which adds to the allure of the fast paced, smooth flowing plot full of suspense, excitement and romance.

This is one relationship that really speaks to readers because of the very long and hard road that it takes, which keeps anticipation building while something sinister lurks around every corner and keeps the adrenaline pumping excitement flowing which if you have kept up with the series so far you know that this intriguing conspiracy just keeps getting more compelling and deadly with lots of twists and turns that keep readers guessing, especially as it seems that the more the Perfect Gentlemen uncover, the more they realize just how deep the rabbit hole goes.

As usual the scenes are well written and full of great details that really made it easy for me to become caught up in all the intrigue and romance, so it didn't surprise me one bit when I realized that I forgot all about the real world (much to my family's annoyance) and I can't wait to find out what happens next.

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## **Bambi Unbridled says**

\*This review will contain spoilers for prior books in the series so read at your own risk!\*

The Perfect Gentlemen have turned me into a heroine hater. With each successive book, I think I have found my favorite member of the group... but that's a lie. I want them all. I'm being a selfish catty bitchface because no female heroine is going to be good enough for one of these men... unless she is me, of course. First we had Gabriel Bond, the corporate mogul. Then came Conner Sparks, secret aggeent man. Now we get the story of Dax Spencer, the handsome Naval Captain. Up next is Roman Calder, protector of POTUS. And then, we certainly can't forget Zach Hayes, leader of the free world! But there is one Perfect Gentlemen missing - Maddox. Mad cannot be dead! I mean, come on, his penis has its own Twitter account! There is just too much awesomeness and hilarity for him to be gone. I don't think Lexi and Shayla are cruel enough for him to really be dead, but they are being very close-mouthed about it. What say you? Do you think he's at work behind the scenes? Is he Deep Throat? Much like Freddy, I have my own theories!

So I am actually enjoying the suspense/mystery/conspiracy of this series as much as (maybe even a little more) than the romance. Gasp! I can't believe I said that... but it's because I've been a heroine hater from the beginning, so I'm just inserting myself into the role and the heroines can go play somewhere else. In the last book, we uncovered much more about the conspiracy against Zach by the Russian Bratva. We found (and lost) Natalia Kulikov. And now we have this key piece of evidence - a deadpool. A hit list so to speak that has some very important names on it... namely, Constance Hayes, Joy Hayes and Admiral Spencer (Dax's father).

Dax never believed his father committed suicide, so he is taking off to New Orleans (my city- yay!) with this new information to confront the woman who broke his heart, and briefly looked into his Dad's death. Dax was another yummy hero, worthy of the Perfect Gentlemen. Handsome and brawny, he fills out his Naval officer uniform quite nicely. While he was portrayed as a manwhore in Seduction in Session, he did not come across that way in this book. He came off a little more tragic, dealing with the death of his dad, a huge scandal, and then a horrible betrayal by the woman he loved. He's one of those heroes that you want to get your hands on and fix... and fill up that hole in his heart.

Holland Kirk is a special agent with Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) in New Orleans. She was also friends with Joy Hayes, Zach's deceased wife, which is how she met Dax and the rest of the Perfect Gentlemen. While Holland has always had an attraction to Dax, she is wary of the reputation of the PGs. But

not only that, she doesn't want to end up like her mother, who was a military wife always pining away for her husband. I kept looking for a reason not to like Holland because well, we already talked about me being a heroine hater. In all honesty, she was not an annoying heroine. She was fairly kickass in her role as NCIS agent and, when she wasn't betraying Dax, she was pretty even-keeled. Of course I hated her betrayal and the things she says to Dax... but I could not totally hate her even when that was happening.

I am usually not a big fan of the second chance romance because, well, the DRAMA. But Shayla and Lexi did it right in this story... they split into two parts - past and present. So we actually get the buildup of the first relationship when Dax and Bambi Holland fell in love. This always helps me get invested in the story and relationship because I like to start at the beginning. That way, when the couple does reconnect, I can deal better with the drama. That being said, Shayla and Lexi did not drag out the drama here, which made me very happy. So I enjoyed the relationship ups and downs, even knowing that I would be a much better match for Dax than Holland. I may even let her have him as long as I can keep Conner.

Because half of the story takes place in the past, we also get to see a little more of Maddox Crawford, playboy extraordinaire. Man, I love Mad. I really hope he isn't dead.

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## ♥Rachel♥ says

### 4.5 Stars

**Big Easy Temptation** is the third in **The Perfect Gentlemen** series, and it seems I'm a little more invested with each book! Shayla Black and Lexi Blake have created an addictive and intense series, and I just loved this installment! This is very much a second chance romance, one of my favorite kinds. The first half takes up back to the past where Dax and Holland fall hopelessly for each other. Their love is not the kind a person finds twice. Holland is the one for Dax, has been since the day he set eyes on her, and she feels the same for him, but things go *horribly* wrong, when a bigger conspiracy comes into play.

Now, present day, there's so much hurt from betrayal is between Holland and Dax. The passage of three years hasn't dulled the intensity of their feelings, even if hurt and anger is primarily between them when they meet up again. They're thrown together again when Dax returns to reopen his father's suicide scandal with new evidence.

This series opened with the murder of one of the "Perfect Gentlemen", Mad Crawford, in the first book and the conspiracy behind his death and how it's connected to Zack, the current President, and one of the "Gentlemen", is a continuing story arc throughout the series with each book taking us a little further into the mystery. But at the center of each book is a romance for one of the "Perfect Gentlemen" and this installment was Dax's turn to find his way back to his one and only true love. Boy, Dax really screwed up three years ago! That's not to say that I couldn't understand how he did what he did, but some first class groveling was in order! I was hurt and pissed for Holland's sake even though she had a hand in how thing played out, but she sacrificed everything for Dax! No worries because when we return to the present things are almost immediately cleared up and Dax realized what he did and how he felt was a *major* F-up on his part! Now Dax is determined to win Holland back and never let her go again.

I'm not into super angsty romances, but this didn't go over the top for me. Yes, my heart hurt for both of them, but this just made me yearn for them to work out even more! I loved the intensity of their emotions and passion for each other! Their intimate time together was desperate and so very HOT!

The danger from their investigation puts them Holland and Dax in harm's way and so there is much more going on than just the romance. They have the back up of the Gentlemen, and I was thrilled to see Connor and Lara again, along with crazy-conspiracy-theory-Freddy, as well. The mystery behind Dax's father's suicide is cleared up by the end, but the continuing mystery is still unfolding.

The end reunites all the "Gentlemen" and I wanted to smack Zack for what he's doing to "protect" Liz! I can't wait for Augustine, "Gus" to find out and kick him where it counts! But I think I'll have to wait for Zack and Liz's story because I think Roman and Augustine are up next. I can't wait!

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## **Take Me Away To A Great Read says**

Big Easy Temptation by Shayla Black and Lexi Blake  
Perfect Gentlemen, #3  
Berkley  
Release Date: May 3, 2016  
Rate: 5 Stars

I would like to thank the publisher for providing me with a copy of Big Easy Temptation in advance for an honest review.

I have loved this series so much but let me say that Big Easy Temptation is my favorite in the series so far! I thought that I was torn between Connor and Dax but not after reading this book. This couple by far has had the best chemistry and story-line for me. They managed to spread it out over 10 years, and give such an amazing build to what happened in their relationship to lead them to where they are at now. The suspense and the thread of the mystery from the first book, intensifies in this book. I love the whole addition of the conspiracy theories.

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## **Anna's Herding Cats says**

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup.

Aaaaaaaahhhh Dax! Gimme gimme! Big Easy Temptation... one hella sexy and intense read. Steamy and suspenseful. Plus a second chance romance? Gah! Yes, please! Blake and Black know how to write one seriously pulse pounding, can't-put-it-down romance. Loved it!

So the gist of it is that Dax and his friends have found themselves smack in the middle of a conspiracy and new info has him questioning an old family scandal that led to his father's suicide years earlier. Something

just doesn't add up and needing help he lands on the door step of a woman he loved years earlier and who betrayed him and his family in the worst way while they were dealing with their family tragedy.

So the set up for this one is done in two sections.

1] Three years ago as Dax and Holland were falling in love (gah it's good!) and then things going all to hell  
2] and then Present Day as he's shown up back in her life and they're dealing with seeing each other again, mending fences and trying to solve his father's case.

It's full of yummy sexy romantic goodness, heartbreak, thrilling suspense. All those fabulous things I look for in a romantic escape. So these two. Dax is a Naval officer and Holland an NCIS agent so that was pretty neat seeing them in such fields. I liked both of them as well. Holland is pretty badass and fierce (though I did hate her for just a little while over some things but we got past it lol) and Dax is just sexy and heartwrenching. Man I felt for him as he faced his family's darkest secrets. The man has determination and honor and is just a great guy (he can throw a mean barb though, whew!). I loved them together and ached for them when they were apart.

The suspense in this series is excellent. I wouldn't call it romantic suspense really but the mystery/conspiracy is exciting and keeps you guessing as this group of friends tries to figure out a danger threatening the President (one of the group members). Mobs, murders, cover ups. It's fascinating and horrible. Each book is a full HEA but the conspiracy itself unravels a bit at a time with each book so best to read these in order for best experience I think.

The one issue I had is something I've mentioned before that bothers me. The hero said something assy which thoroughly pissed off the heroine and...she struck him. Followed by him thinking how he'd deserved it and then another woman saying "she should have punched you. Maybe she could have broken your jaw. An open handed slap reminds me of all those bitchy housewives on TV and that handprint shows. Real women punch. Or kick. You deserve a good kick in the gnads." Really? Meh. I hate seeing that in romance. That took half a star off this one.

All in all, though, other than that one quibble Big Easy Temptation hit all my good spots and left me eager for more from this group of friends. Addictive and simply captivating. Black & Blake are a smashing team and deliver time and time again.

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