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The CEO Buys In: Wager Of Hearts, Book 1



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Synopsis

Self-made billionaire Nathan Trainor feels restless and disillusioned. His company may be thriving, but he can’t find a woman who sees him for more than his wealth. With his love life in the red, he meets two other billionaire bachelors at the ultra-exclusive Bellwether Club. The three of them make a wager of the heart: they must find women who love them for who they are, not their money. Savvy office temp Chloe Russell is trying to scrape together the money she needs to support her grandmother. So when a flu epidemic strikes Trainor Electronics and she’s promoted to Nathan Trainor’s assistant, she jumps at the lucrative opportunity. But then Nathan himself falls ill, and he and Chloe must work from his penthouse while he recuperates. Before long, it’s clear there’s genuine heat between them, and it’s more than just a fever spike. Will Nathan win Chloe’s heart - and the bet? Or will their differences destroy any chance for love?

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Customer Reviews

A CEO, a writer, and a star quarterback walked into a bar. Sounds like the opening line to a really good joke, and you keep waiting for the other shoe to drop. But this isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t a joke, this is one well-written hot and bothered novel. I love a good romance. I really love a well-written romance novel with a strong female protagonist who doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t let the leading man run over her. I hate lily-livered, simpering leading ladies, who sniff into their hankies and develop cases of the vapors (if only writers knew what vapors really were, LOL).Nancy Herkness delivered a complex storyline that kept my attention and entertained my mind as well as my libido on more than

one occasion. Her main characters were well developed with a lot of depth and complexity to their personalities that gave them believability and life that lifted them off the pages of the book. The brooding, but extremely intelligent hero is always a favorite in my book. I enjoyed watching this hero and the heroine matching wits as they sparred their way through the pages and sheets of the story. The surrounding characters were colorful and added to the story. The storyline itself was simple and straight forward, with a couple of small sub-plots that filled out the novel and gave some backstory to the characters.It has been a long time since I have sat down and read a simple, straight forward story, where girl and boy meet. Boy has no desire to fall in love. Girl has no time for boy in her life. But life throws them together and BAM!!!! Life happens, sparks fly. One problem, the boy is the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“king of the castleÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•. The girl hates ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“kingsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and all things ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“rich and corporateÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•. Oh, he is not without his own foibles. Even though he is CEO and successful in his own right, he feels that he is a failure in his familyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s eyes. Then the tables turn and she must come to his rescue and save him from himself. I laughed, I cried, I sweated, I loved reading this, my first Nancy Herkness book. It wonÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t be my last.A definite FIVE STAR rating.

An enjoyable love story by author Nancy Herkness. Combined with humor, tears, and romance, this is one book that will be impossible to put down.... (18+).....Angry that he was just lied to by another woman, billionaire and CEO of Trainor Electronics, Nathan Trainor sat by himself in the elite Bellwether Club, drinking away his scorn. Before long, he was joined by two other billionaires and together, they made a bet. They would auction off something very important and valuable to each of them, if they could find the woman of their dreams, who loved them strictly for themselves and not their money, but most importantly, it had to happen within a year. A wager of the heart? Why not? Only the next day, Nathan was regretting that decision, that is, until he met his new temp. While taking care of her grandmother at home, Chloe Russell was nervous and excited to be starting her new temp job at Trainor Electronics. She was only to be a receptionist at the lowest level, so, imagingine her surprise when she was asked to be the new temporary excutive assistant to Nathan Trainor himself? Gads! He was gorgeous and sinfully sexy, but Chloe also knew that she needed to hold back any thoughts or attractions she was feeling towards this man. However, when an epidemic flu breaks out, causing Nathan to become deathly ill, the last thing Chloe ever expected was to find herself at Nathan’s penthouse by his demanding request. Why her? She had responsibilities at home, but truth be told, she didn’t want to be any closer to Nathan Trainor than

she already was. Keeping his thoughts close to his heart, Nathan couldn’t admit to anyone that he had a strong attraction for Chloe Russell. To him, she was beautiful, sexy, smart, and caring, and not only that, he respected her to the highest level. Determined to keep her at all costs, he insisted that she still carry out her duties by working for him out of his penthouse until he was fully recuperated. Except some things can’t be extinguished, as their chemistry ignited into flames, causing them both to have a wild heated love affair. Chloe’s instincts were telling her to run, while her heart ruled against it but when she discovers the truth about the bet, nothing could prepare her for the outcome of her heart breaking in two. Will the bet bring them closer together? Or will this wager of the heart drive them further apart than they ever thought possible?.....thank you.....ÃƒÂ¢Ã â„¢Ã Â¡ÃƒÂ¢Ã â„¢Ã Â¡

It is a clever premise: super rich guys who want to find real love. There is a strong focus on the sex scenes, but there is enough plot & character development to make it an enjoyable story.Nathan is pretty adorable. He starts the book scorned by a women & falls in love with Chloe pretty quickly.Chloe’s motivation to stay away from love is a little murky: she wants to keep her grandmother living with her, even though grandma seems to want to move to a retirement community. But grandma is all she has left, so Chloe clings to her tightly.There is a fair amount of establishing why Nathan & Chloe are intellectually a match (and they have lots of "a-mah-zing" sex, as is required in a 2 week relationship). They do get to grow as people--Nathan has more of an arc than Chloe. I’m glad I read the book. The two other men who made the live bet seem different enough that I have hope that the following books won’t follow the exact formula if this book.

Very disappointing...a foolish girl’s fantasy of lust leading to true love. I won’t be reading the 2nd or 3rd books, just sorry I wasted time and money on the first.

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