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RENDELL

*"A smartly-written story that weaves sex, intelligence
and forbidden love together effortlessly." - Alex Lucas*



Synopsis

A sexy, funny, forbidden standalone romance...(Now includes the first three chapters of Confessed, also a standalone, at the end!)At a secret masked ball at Yale, Naomi Costa is literally swept off her stiletto-blistered feet by a man with a killer jawline, a perfect body, and an even-better kiss. They bust out of an emergency exit and have axis-shaking sex. He pours whiskey in her belly button and after they run out of condoms, they have to get creative. That kind of sex. The next day, she learns that he is none other than Dr. Benjamin Beck, a brand new member of the Yale faculty and the hottest thing to happen to academia since... well, ever. She has to take his damned junior seminar to graduate, but it gets worse. He's also her College Master: her boss, her advisor, her everything. And he's just moved in, right downstairs. They can't stay away from each other. They're either fusion or fission or both. They're making out in libraries, hiding notes between stones, and sneaking off to nautically themed AirBnbs. Hear that sound? It's the academic code of ethics going up in flames. If they're found out, he'll lose his job and his reputation. She'll lose her scholarship and be forced to return to the life of lobster fishing that she thought she'd escaped. And they will be found out, yes they will. So what the hell are they going to do?***To the reader: Things get damned dirty in this book. The characters curse, the sex gets explicit. It's an erotic love story with fury. Be advised. This is a stand-alone novel. Other tasters' notes: HEA. Sweet. Funny. Dirty. Muddy. Wet. Inspired by a real professor.

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Customer Reviews

When I was in college, there was this Econ professor on whom I nursed the hugest, most raging crush. I am not a math person, and, to me, Econ was nothing but math. I took two semesters of it, though, just so I could be with this guy. If I'd met him under the same circumstances as Naomi meets Ben in *Professed*, I might have been an Econ major. On the eve of her junior year at Yale, Naomi attends a masked party. Even though she can't see much of Ben's face, she immediately feels herself drawn to this stranger, and he to her. They spend the evening together, rocking that headboard straight into the stratosphere. A few days later, they realize that she is a student and he is her course Master, the man in charge of philosophy majors. What will they do? Every time they are near each other, their bodies react viscerally, as if they are addicted. If they have a relationship, though, Ben's job is at risk, as is Naomi's scholarship. The thing about addictions, though, is that they are mighty tough to break. At first glance, you may think this is another one of those teacher-student romances. But it is more than that. Nicola Rendell takes a close look at how easy it is to convince yourself that you don't need anyone. Ben is a nihilist, which essentially means that he is a skeptic. He doesn't believe that God exists, and he certainly doesn't believe that love exists. He's 38 and entrenched in those notions. When Naomi shows up in his life, he continues to believe that theirs can be a superficial, sexual relationship devoid of any emotional feelings. As they say here in the south, bless his heart. You know - Naomi knows - that when you connect this fundamentally with someone, feelings are ever present. Deny all you want, Ben.

Professed is a story about a forbidden love between a college student and her professor. It is also the first published book by author, which grabbed my attention from the very beginning. Right from the start we get to meet Naomi Costa, a college student from Yale, who gets a mysterious invitation to a secret masked ball. It was all meant to be fun, but little did she know that her life was about to change forever. While at the ball she meets a mysterious man whose intense stare and handsome looks completely win her over right off the bat. Their chemistry is instant and their undeniable attraction is what soon brings them closer. Yet one night together is not enough for the both of them, but it all comes crashing down the minute Naomi finds out that the mysterious stranger from the

previous night is non other than her college professor, Dr. Benjamin Beck. Now she has to decide if she can put what they've shared aside and pretend that it didn't happened or try to find a way to be together with the man that completely took her breath away at the masked ball. On the other hand, Ben wasn't expecting to be so attracted to someone at the ball, but he can't keep thinking about her. Soon he discovers who Naomi really is and he has to make a choice that could cost him his career. As the characters start to get to know each other secrets start to resurface and pasts began to get in the way that could damage any hope of being in a relationship. I very much liked the overall idea of the story, right from the beginning I was completely hooked with how things were going. Needless to say, the story started to become repetitive and I started to get bored with some of those scenes. The story does pick up towards the end, which helped the book a lot.

For lack of time and because I usually post my reviews on Goodreads already, I don't regularly post my reviews on , unless I absolutely have to OR want to. In this case , I really wanted to sing praises about this book. Naomi is a poor lobsterman's daughter who was accepted at the prestigious Yale University as a Philosophy major under a coveted scholarship program. She believes that she doesn't belong there, but she wanted to have a better life. Ben is a bestselling philosophy author, notoriously known for his nihilist perspective, who was offered by Yale to teach Philosophy and be the College's new Master. Both didn't know each other when they met at a masquerade party organized by a secret college society. It was lust at first sight and a one-night stand that both would never forget. But as their identities were revealed the next day, they could not deny their connection. When they met again, Ben, who believed in the beauty of Nothingness, now saw Naomi as his everything. Both knew that what they had was strictly prohibited. Both were also willing to sacrifice their place at the University for love. But Ben wanted her to stay. And Naomi wanted him to stay. But because of the truthfulness of their love, the sacrifices they were willing to make became worth it. Can I just say that this book's level of hotness is over the charts? Wow, Ben is so sexy and he has magical hands. This book is also funny. Dean Osgood is freaking hilarious! But he's a very essential character to this story. I hated him at first , but later on, I wanted to hug him and say, "Thank You!" Naomi's best friend, Lucy, was also sweet, amusing, and fantastic . And I'm happy that she's going to have her own story next.

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