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Wharf where celebrities who have had 'work' done can hole up until they have healed and which is about to see its most glamorous and scandalous Christmas yet. Staying there over the festive period is Melody Down, an actress whose career is in tatters after too much plastic surgery and who has fled LA to get her body and her boyfriend back. But is a 'well-meaning' friend about to sabotage all of Melody's Christmas wishes?

Meanwhile, Aniela Fatyga, the nurse in residence, finds herself falling for the unlikely Jon Jordan, an assassin for hire who is also convalescing there. Will her feelings be reciprocated or will their sizzling relationship remain purely physical? And who is he on the run from?

And then there's oligarch Grigor Khalofsky, the owner of Kensington football team, whose legendary Christmas party is about to get a whole lot more exciting when murder, blackmail and scandalous revelations decide to pay a visit along with Santa.

## **Bad Angels Details**

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## From Reader Review Bad Angels for online ebook

### Leslie Daze says

They should make a movie out of this.

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### Maria Matthews says

I happened upon this book in our work library and was surprised I had not read or heard of Rebecca Chance before now. The book didn't pull me in straight away. However a few chapters in and I found I loved plucky Aniela and was rooting for her. Melody was someone I had a little sympathy for, and Jon a total mystery. The other characters were a mixed bunch who a gutsy darker side to the plot. To my surprise I didn't turn from the odd glimpse of s & m or the gay love scenes. I didn't find much humour in the story but it worked as it flowed nicely from one character to another.

I enjoyed Rebecca's easy reading, style of writing and will happily read more of her work in the future.

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### Mona says

Not a bad read. This was my first Rebecca Chance book. I look forward to reading more from her

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### Fabulous Book Fiend says

A festive tale with a difference...

I was lucky enough to be given Rebecca Chance's new festive novel at the Simon and Schuster bloomer's event that I attended back in October, so when December rolled around I thought I would give it a go! Having not read any of Chance's other novels, I wasn't sure what to expect. I had been told that they were definitely on the racy side, and I was not let down on that front, but what I wasn't prepared for was the intricate storyline. The plot of this book could be compared to a Hollywood movie. The twists and turns that go on, and the seemingly unbelievable things that the characters get themselves into are just phenomenal. I have no idea where she got some of her ideas from, but it is definitely one of the most exciting and original storylines that I have encountered in a long time!

I do have to admit that I found the book a little slow to get started. It is a hefty 516 pages, and I didn't find myself gripped until around about page 200, however, once I got to grips with all the different storylines that were going on and warmed to some of the characters, I really began to enjoy the plot, and HAD to keep turning pages in order to find out what was going to happen. The descriptions of the events and the settings are really in-depth, and that is something I really enjoy as a reader, and as for the sex scenes, they too were well described, and didn't feel smutty or tasteless, but realistic and completely believable!

The book is written with each character getting their own chapter, and that chapter describing events that went on from that characters point of view, which, I think, always makes for a slightly quicker read as each

chapter is not overly long. I really enjoyed this aspect of the book, although I did find that there was one character I didn't like, so tended to skim their chapters occasionally to move on to one of the other residents of 'Limehouse Wharf'. Overall I would say that this book has something for everyone, crime, sex, plastic surgery and of course, a touch of romance! I would definitely consider reading more of Rebecca Chance's novels in the future.

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### **Colline Vinay Kook-Chun says**

I was a little disappointed with this read as it did not deliver a feel-good romance that I was expecting for the Christmas season. Three storylines crossed over in the novel and the one featuring the actress, Melody Down, was a little static and predictable. The storyline featuring Anelia and Jon was a little more interesting and my interest in them is what kept me reading. Bad Angels read a little like the novels written by Jackie Collins which feature a lot of sex, scandals, and extravagant behaviour. I was looking, instead, for a novel which focuses instead on the positive characteristics of people. This is not a story I would read again. The romance in the novel was okay, but the sex scenes appear too frequently for my taste.

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### **Book Addict Shaun says**

Having spent the last week and a bit reading all of Rebecca Chance's books before the release of Killer Queens, I can now say that Bad Angels is the most outrageous of the lot! And definitely my favourite. It had a fantastic cast of characters and some unbelievable storylines.

I loved the setting of this book. Limehouse Wharf is a huge skyscraper in London housing apartments which only the vulgarly rich can afford. Next to the apartment block is the Canary Clinic where rich people come to have work done before recuperating inside Limehouse Wharf in one of the two apartments that the clinic own. Inside apartment one is Melody Dale, an actress coming home from LA to get her former face and former boyfriend back. Melody was probably my least favourite character and the one I cared least about.

Inside the Canary Clinic's second apartment is Jon Jordan, a former hitman. Looking after these two characters is Aniela, a Polish nurse having troubles of her own and who is more than happy to spend Christmas and New Year alone looking after these two patients.

Also with an apartment in the Wharf is Grigor, a Russian oligarch who owns Kensington football club and is in town to throw a huge Christmas party for his football team. At the start of the book you find yourself wondering how all these characters are going to interact but it soon becomes clear with the introduction of Grigor's estranged wife who turns up at the door of Jon Jordan with a proposition. Other characters include Andy, the Wharf's concierge, Sergei, Grigor's right hand man and Wayne, England's most famous and best footballer. The book also features a gay storyline and I absolutely loved the (view spoiler)

Overall though the book was outrageous and immensely enjoyable which is all you want from books like this. It was a long read though and I did feel it could be shorter. I stand by what I said earlier though and this probably was my favourite Chance book so far, and finished just in time for the release of Killer Queens which promises to be another fantastic book.

One final thing I feel is worth mentioning is that whilst Chance's books are standalone reads, her characters appear to live in the same world. She likes mentioning previous characters in her books and this one gave away a bit part of Bad Sisters. So people new to Rebecca Chance should start with Divas and read the books in order to avoid potential spoilers of other books and because they are amazing!

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### **Megan Readinginthesunshine says**

Okay, I am going to admit something very shameful here – This is my first Rebecca Chance book. But less than ten pages in I was literally screaming at myself “Where have I been and how have I not tried this author before?!”

Rebecca Chance effortlessly writes a book that has the reader gripped from the first few pages. I was completely hooked to the story, nobody could drag me away from it! I even took to carrying the book everywhere with me in case I had a few moments to fit in a few pages of reading, and I was staying up late at night in bed glued to the words! Wow.

The characters are brilliantly written. Rebecca Chance writes each character with so much depth and personality that they all spring to life. The amount of detail given to every character was perfect as I could clearly see them all in my mind, and it made the story so much more enjoyable as I could picture every single scene and got lost in the story. I don't want to say too much about the characters or storyline as I don't want to give anything away, but the writing is fantastic, the story is fast-paced and at the end I felt like I had been on the most thrilling ride of my life.

Bad Angels has everything you could want in a bonkbuster. There's a lot of sex, and I mean loads! Drop your 50 Shades of Grey and pick up this book immediately, because the sex scenes in this book are a whole lot sexier and steamier, trust me! In Bad Angels we are also given lots of glamour, celebrities, a gripping storyline and scandal – Perfect for readers who want to sit down and escape into their books for many glorious hours! As for me, I'm now off to purchase Rebecca's other books! This book is fun, it is saucy, it is dangerous and it is steamy – a must-read.

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### **MaryG2E says**

A few days before Christmas several individuals are residing in a super-luxury London apartment building. Two of them have recently undergone plastic surgery, and have seriously disfigured faces, so are living in seclusion while their bruises and swellings go down. Melody is an ambitious actress, while Jon is a former CIA hit man, who has undergone facial surgery to disguise his identity permanently. The link between these two is the plain, pleasant, competent Polish nurse Aniela, who tends to their wounds daily and who befriends both of them.

In the glamorous penthouse at the top of the building resides the Russian tycoon Grigor, with his family, his band of goonish security guards and his bad-tempered PA Sergei. Grigor owns a UK football team, and he plans to celebrate the Festive Season with many of his players and their Wives And Girlfriends. Unbeknown to him, his estranged wife, the truly ghastly Dasha, has plans to bring about his downfall. Grigor recruits the building's gay concierge Andy into helping with the very lavish Christmas festivities in a major way.

Thus Rebecca Chance sets up the five main characters of her story, Melody, Aniela, Jon, Grigor and Andy, through whose eyes we experience the goings-on in the building from 22nd December to New Year's Eve in alternating chapters.

There is hot romance in the frosty air of wintry London, with Melody pining for her lost love, James, who is the current *Dr Who*, Aniela and Jon falling passionately in lust, and Andy getting his rocks off with one of Grigor's soccer players in a vacant apartment.

There is also a generous serving of sleaze, courtesy of Dasha and her toy boy, Grigor's stable of up-market call girls, and from the plastic surgeon Dr Nassri who puts in a brief cameo appearance. The many sex scenes are quite racy and titillating, thanks to the author's skill in writing these encounters very credibly.

As well as being a well-constructed romance novel, *Bad Angels* is a great comedy. There are many episodes that had me smiling, chuckling, then laughing out loud. In particular, scenes involving the Russians are hilarious, as Chance exploits with gusto that well-known stereotype of the Russian Mafia thugs and the sleazy Russian oligarchs. She is equally mischievous in her portrayals of the cliched professional football players and their WAGs, with their breast implants, tight tops and caked-on make-up.

This is quite a long book at 500+ pages, but it is an easy, entertaining read. If I had one criticism of Chance's writing it is that she goes on a bit too much at some points. There are very elaborate descriptions of Grigor's penthouse and his parties, which become a little tedious. I thought some of the characters' internal thoughts, 'will she, should I, but what about X,Y,Z?' are a bit too long and waffly. A tighter edit, resulting in the loss of 30-40 pages would have made the story a bit more gripping.

But that is a minor gripe. *Bad Angels* is a highly entertaining novel, full of interesting characters and lots of amusing scenes. 4★s

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### **Valerie Laws says**

This is an action-packed bonkbuster and the guys are fit and ripped, the sex is hot, heavy, frequent and varied, and yay for that! But *Bad Angels* is much more. It has the signature qualities of Rebecca Chance books like her previous *Killer Heels* which make it a bonkbuster with value added. I've never bothered with other writers of the genre before as the characters always seemed vacuous and boring. However Rebecca Chance creates a range of characters with many types of backstory and body shape, with wishes, dreams, fears and failings, so that we care about what happens to them and can identify with them, following them into outlandish experiences and settings, and either cheering them on, or desperate to see them get their comeuppance. We get bitchy crazy villainesses and larger than life bad guys, but we also get human stories amid the affluence - characters from all walks of life, sexual preferences, and levels of society. Chance isn't scared to go into territory from which the fashion world she seems to know so well would run screaming: as well as skinny celebs, both likeable and unspeakable, there are all sorts of taboos of the genre shattered far and wide. Read it and you'll see! As in *Killer Heels*, too, crime is part of the rich and sensuous mix. No spoilers here so I'll say no more about that... A fine balance of moneyed fantasy, crime, believable emotions, comedy and truly hectic action both sexual and otherwise is kept by quite simply good writing, pacy, tight, and well-constructed. There is a sharp intelligence observing this incredibly wealthy fantasy world, and a subtle underlying warmth and sense of ultimate values which shines through. Rather like Arnold Bennett, the author seems to love her characters, which makes it easy for us to engage with them, and makes this book with its bizarre Christmas setting a truly festive feast for the senses. And unlike Arnold Bennett, the sex is

hot, heavy, frequent and varied... oh I said that before, well it's worth saying twice!

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### **Best Crime Books & More says**

The only way I can describe Rebecca Chance books is that they are similar to her covers with the glitzy shoes on them. Imagine being online shopping and seeing a sexy new pair of shoes that you just HAVE to have, you go through the excitement of waiting for them to be delivered, and then the first time you wear them is sheer joy, sexiness and glamour all rolled into one! I feel the same way about a gorgeous pair of shoes as I do Rebecca Chance books. Sorry for that but I just HAD to describe them as there are sometimes no other words to get across the way a book makes the reader feel!

Her latest offering Bad Angels is by far her naughtiest and is certainly a brilliant read. The first thing I must point out is that this book DOES contain scenes of (very) graphic sex. It doesn't bother me in the slightest but if it's not your bag, then please don't buy it and then complain about it! Rebecca Chance is the Jackie Collins of the current book world in my eyes. She does it all, glamour, sex and celebrities. It's all complete and utter escapism and these sorts of books I just love.

This latest offering introduces us to the first two main characters. Melody Down is an actress who has slightly lost her way after falling for what Hollywood had to offer. After too much plastic surgery she comes back to England to have her original plastic surgery corrected and is recovering in Limehouse Wharf. Also in residence at Limehouse is Jon Jordan, an assassin for hire who is also convalescing. The glue that moulds these two together is the in-house nurse Aniela Fatyga. Melody was an easy character to get right into; slightly overwhelmed with the mistakes she has made you can't help but feel a little sorry for her as she tries to correct her past mistakes. Jon is another kettle of fish and is very cautious of all those around him. Rebecca Chance's very vivid description of Jon Jordan is something else though, and for anybody else who reads this book he will no doubt be a hunk of the highest kind (phew...as I wipe my brow).

The no-nonsense nurse Aniela is a funny character who is actually my favourite. She is a woman that isn't traditionally pretty but has that something about her. I loved the fact that we get to see how these three meet and get to know each other very early on. The other characters are Andy the concierge for the building who I loved from the get go and the Russian oligarch Grigor Khalofsky who lives in the building. So much happens in this storyline that I was alternating between blushing and laughing and found myself reading it in just under a day and a half. There are no hidden meanings to this story; it's just a brilliant 'Bonkbuster' at its best!

I can honestly say that this is one of my favourites from Rebecca Chance so far. It did have me hiding my book whilst I commuted on the train (for the incredibly raunchy scenes anyway), but it also had me hook line and sinker in terms of not wanting to put it down. It has everything I love in a book like this. Lots of glamour, lots of celebrities acting inappropriately and bucket loads of sex. What more can I say, the perfect Bonkbuster that I suggest you pick up from your nearest book shop ASAP.

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### **Bookevin says**

Review originally on I Heart.. Chick Lit.  
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Bad Angels and Killer Heels are completely different. Killer Heels is more on fashion, the bitch-boss from hell, the fast-paced city of Manhattan, whereas Bad Angels focuses on films, plays and celebrities, the not-so-peaceful tranquillity of Limehouse Reach. Both different plots and set of characters but the only thing that makes it a "Rebecca novel" is, undoubtedly the sex. Shhhh.

Honest to truth, Rebecca Chance is quickly become one of my favourite bonkbuster writers. She has a certain flair in writing through her characters and that's really something if you're writing from different points of view. Although she writes from various perspectives, she cleverly incorporates the storyline into the character's personal lives, as the characters' backgrounds are woven together to allow the plot to have more depth.

Bad Angels was a really enjoyable read for me as it was a perfect mix of sex, scandal, blackmail and of course, murder. Although it proved to be a saucy, scandalous Christmas-themed novel, it was totally worth staying up to finish it. I wouldn't want to give much away but every character has their own side of the story, which builds up to an epic finale. The suspense towards the end was palpable and utterly thrilling as I was so hoping for the ending I want, though it didn't end the way I wanted it to, only better.

I'll go through each character briefly to give you a feel of what to expect in this sizzling novel, though you'd be surprised. Melody; sweet and innocent but unfortunately naive. Serenaded by the siren song of LA and the glitz of Hollywood, gets a terrible makeover and has returned to London to fix the mistakes she had made. And also to win her boyfriend back. Aniela, Polish nurse, hardworking, caring but lives a sad, morbid life of taking care of rich, broken patients until she meets Jon, man of many mysteries. Grigor Khalofsky, host of legendary parties and very bad man, but has a good heart at the same time. And his wife, oh my. That cow, I hated her so much.

I do have a particular favourite part, sorry: parts. I have so many! From the sizzling hot gay sex scene to the wonderfully romantic part where Melody wins James's heart back. Sigh. Just like Killer Heels, which a part of it focuses on homosexuality, Bad Angels did have that particular element and it was so good. It really plays a part in today's society as more and more homosexuals are coming out. I did enjoy the last part, so much drama and what an action-thriller!

Bad Angels was THE bonkbuster for me this year. Sorry, Rebecca. I loved Killer Heels as it was so high fashion and glamorous but nothing can beat the sparkle of a delicious saucy Christmas read. Naughty, sexy and downright irresistible! And keep watch, guys. Rebecca Chance is one to look out for. Her next one will be about naughty Princes and their royal mess!

Rating : 5/5

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### **Kate's Book Spot says**

Firstly I'd like to thank Sophie at ed pr for sending me this paperback book to read and give an honest review. I was really looking forward to getting stuck in after reading and enjoying Bad Girls and Killer Heels by the same author. I love the distinctive covers on books by Rebecca Chance but this is my particular favourite as the heels are very similar to a pair I have in my own shoe collection.

Set over the Christmas period, I quickly fell into the storyline. The characters were all appealing which made me want to know more about them – Melody seemed very lost and lonely and after reading about her life I

instantly cared about her welfare, I just wanted things to go as she had planned. Aniela was fab, she was a straight-talker who ended up being one of my favourite characters, her reaction to Jon was very amusing and I found myself hooked on their relationship throughout the whole book. Grigor's obsession with Christmas was brilliant, he regularly made me smile with his festive singing and Christmassy decorating.

Something else I really enjoyed were the inner thoughts – I always like to know what a character is thinking and what isn't being said so this was a perfect addition for me. The book gave an interesting insight into the sleazier side of acting/football and the fascinating yet dangerous world of an assassin, the author successfully mixed all of these different scenes together and made it feel normal! The gathering on Christmas day was a good example of this, I loved seeing how everyone's lives began to intertwine.

The ending was really fast-paced and action-packed, it made my heart beat faster as I pictured the exciting scene unfolding before me and I wondered if it would finish in the way I hoped it would.

This bonkbuster is not for the faint-hearted, it contains in-depth sexual scenes of all kinds including gay sex, this is something that I haven't come across in many of the books that I've read but it was all well written and just added to the overall effect of the book. The author tackled many difficult subjects with ease and I was pulled into this dark yet glamorous world as though I had always been there.

This is an alternative Christmas read with a dark and sexual edge, perfect for fans of the increasingly popular erotica genre.

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### **Cathy says**

Loved it

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### **Shaz Goodwin says**

Bad Angels begins with Melody. It's the 22nd December. Last year she was voted the most beautiful AND sexiest woman in Britain but when we meet her, she's not only bruised and splintered but she's also very miserable. Trying to put right the mistakes she has made, as part of that, she's had reversals of the procedures she had to have done for a movie.

We find out more about Limehouse Wharf through nurse Aniela. As she checks Jon's wounds, she suspects he is hiding something. From Jon we find out about his background and the past he is hiding.

Grigor is full of bonhomie but underneath that lies an acute sense of survival. Dasha, his estranged wife, has knowledge about Dr Nassri which is a very powerful tool! Andy, the concierge, shares Grigor's love of Christmas and becomes instrumental in putting into place all the things that symbolise the season.

Once our characters are in place, we become involved in their lives. Narrated in the third person in alternating chapters, the reader identifies with them all. As the days pass, leading to Christmas and New Year, the plot and sub-plots build causing conflict and tension.

I really enjoy Chance's writing style... and once again, she has given me pure escapism! With Melody I had the opportunity to experience the acting world, Jon gave me a sense of espionage and Grigor into his luxurious world. I loved Aniela's character – the way she could read body language and how balanced and centred she was. I also loved that Devon from Bad Sisters (you can read my review here) is in a scene. Great to hear how she was getting on!

The sex was an interesting mix – an inexperienced male, gay sex (if this offends you be warned but it is very well written – including the emotions), a brief window into S & M and an orgy.

There is plenty of conflict to engage the reader. Not only with the leads but also with secondary characters. Even though the majority of the story takes place at Limehouse Wharf, there is so much happening there is no time to be bored. Alongside the action there's the party on Boxing Day and the magnificent climax on New Year's Eve where everyone got exactly what they deserved. What more could you want for an escape at this time of year?

I would like to thank the publishers for providing a copy in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Sam Rae says**

Easy reading. Utter chick lit.  
My first reading of a gay love scene.....

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