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**The price of endless pleasure!**

Clients, women, money...ruthless CEO Sev Derzhavin is a master at getting whatever—and whomever!—he wants. Rejected as a child, Sev has never been refused since. So when his personal assistant resigns, Sev can't resist the challenge of enticing the beautiful brunette to stay...

Naomi Johnson has to walk away before she gives in to the chemistry with her infamous heartbreaker boss and opens her heart to yet more bruises. But on their last business trip to Dubai, Sev makes a shocking suggestion to relieve the tension between them: enjoy some overtime—in his bed!

## **The Cost of the Forbidden Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Cost of the Forbidden for online ebook**

### **Nazish Ahmed (Nazish Reads) says**

Adult romance novels are a guilty pleasure of mine. I know that there are problems with some of them and that most contain love at first sight (which I usually hate), but there's just something about these novels that is so addicting.

Overall, this book was enjoyable and a bit different than many of the other adult romance novels I've read.

I'm not sure if I will write more of my thoughts on the book later or if I'll just leave it like this.

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### **Se McGregor says**

Enjoyed this one but not nearly as much as the first in the series.

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### **Titania Remakes the World says**

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**Series:** Author: PLEASE Write More!!! I unexpectedly, really liked this series. Very emotional books. These guys were unwanted --the wrong coloring, very neglected, in a Russian orphanage in an extremely impoverished part of Russia. (In my personal experience, extreme poverty is soaked-in & becomes a vicious self-perpetuating cycle of anti-education, alcoholism, drugs, violence, suicide & early death. They would've had to do something extreme and extraordinary to break out of that area and the whole vicious cycle.) They would've been better off raised by wolves--at least they would've gotten some social skills or emotional skills in giving/receiving love. They really sacrificed their own love for each other, sometimes very heartbreakingly, to free each other to succeed.

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### **Lori Miller says**

excellent read

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### **Sissy's Romance Book Review says**

Sev Derzhavin is attracted to his new personal assistant that he hired. Naomi Johnson is that personal

assistant and she too has been fighting her desire for him. Naomi was engaged to someone else once they started this attraction and Sev didn't seem to slow down on his women. But three months into their business relationship. Naomi breaks off her engagement and decided to quit her job with Sev too. But she has to work out that two week notice....which seems to start their personal relationship.

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### **Biggaletta Day says**

I loved this because I thought it was so witty and funny with many touching sweet moments. I was very entertained reading it. The romance maybe was not as full or nor the sexual activities as compared to some other books. Still I won't change it because overall it was an excellent read, and I will be reading more of Caroline Marinelli! And yes, Sev was an ass but the humour was fab and tongue-in-cheek!

PS I read the UK version which has a difference cover

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

Carol Marinelli's Irresistible Russian Tycoons Series is about four Russian orphans, who lived together in an orphanage and how their lives are connected to each other.

I enjoyed the 1st book in the series, The Price of His Redemption,

[https://www.goodreads.com/review/show... ,](https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...) and I was looking forward to the next story.

The Cost of the Forbidden is the 2nd novel and tells the story of Sev Derhavin, one of the 4 orphans.

His life is now very different from the time he spent in the orphanage. He has become a very wealthy and successful businessman and ruthless to boot! He does not allow any emotions or feelings touch his heart. Having been rejected as a child and never having experienced love and family in his life, he allows nothing to stand in his way of getting anything or anyone.

Naomi Johnson is trying to reconnect with the father who had disappeared from her life when she was a small child. She has also lacked a loving family in her life.

Hired as Sev's PA, she soon realizes that her heart will be broken again by this man who shows no feelings whatsoever for any human being. But will she be able to walk away from him when she has such deep feelings for him.

I adored these two characters. They were so endearing and likeable.

There's a lot of passion and chemistry between them and I enjoyed the way their relationship developed. I liked that there wasn't all that OTT drama and darkness and angst....and the way they open up to each other. I also liked some of the quirks that these two had....Sev and his coffees!!!! Sugar one day, no sugar the next.....it's funny that in the beginning I thought...this guy is so just not for me....but as the story progressed...I actually found myself liking him a lot.

The epilogue left me with such a warm feeling.....

This is turning out to be a really enjoyable series and looking forward to Book #3.

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### **Annie Burrows says**

A great follow up to the first of the quartet about 4 Russians from the same orphanage. Can't wait for the final 2 in series!

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### **Penny Watson says**

2/27 Just did a reread. Wow. I adore this book. This is a one-of-a-kind HP.

Wow. This is the most unusual Harlequin Presents I've read. Really unique hero...in fact, one of the most interesting and unique heroes I've seen in forever. I don't remember the last time a book was so unexpected.

Loved it and can't wait to re-read.

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### **Elgyn says**

P?eklad tomu dal trochu na frak.

s. 11

„Promi?te,“ zopakoval znovu, ale tentokrát ho to nepopudilo.

Vzhledem k tomu, že slovo „promi?te“ používala neustále hrdinka, mohlo redaktora aspo? napadnout, že je n?co špatn?.

„Sorry,“ SHE said again, only this time it didn't irk him.

s. 12 vzkaz:

*Lhala jsem!!! Nenapsala jsem pravdu!!!* P?išlo mi to pon?kud nelogické. V originále je autorka výstižn?jší: *I FAKED IT!*

s. 60

„Vzali se, když moje matka zjistila, že je t?hotná. (...) Myslím, že ot?hotn?la v nad?ji, že tím zachrání manželství.“

„They got married when my mum found out she was having me (...) I think she got pregnant in the hope of forcing something between them.“

s. 42 na její útlou šíjí

s. 116 centrum po d?ti

s. 152 za?al vypráv?t, jako ho kluci nutili, aby ?etl

ji/jí - s. 76

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### **Elaine says**

Enjoyable follow on in a series of four book's

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### **Aracely says**

Esta serie de 4 rusos me esta gustando mucho . Vamos por el último para cerrar el año :)

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### **♥Sana♥ says**

This was an amazing book. The cost of the forbidden is book 2 in the Irresistible Russian Tycoons series. I really enjoyed the first book of the series but this one made me laugh aloud. I fell in love with both characters. Although Sev was ruthless in protecting his heart from emotions yet he was so understanding and caring. Naomi, The sexy, warm and loving PA was anything but emotion protecting. She was ready to give everything to have a family . I loved her way of caring about her sisters. Friendship was something of a great value in this series. I'm looking forward to seeing the four orphans back together.

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### **Nichole Moore says**

I enjoyed this book very much. The leading lady was the perfect mix of strong, vulnerable, sexy and smart....The leading man could be a jerk, but Carol Marinelli lets us see inside his mind and heart so that we -and Naomi- could understand him and love him- flaws and all...Great Job!

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### **Meetu says**

Absolutely heartwarming book. The hero did behave like a jerk and the heroine a wimp at times but I wouldn't change the characters. They made a great story of strength and weaknesses that everyone has. I loved how the story and romance developed. I loved the happy end as usual too :)

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