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Kathleen says

This is the 2nd book in the Mafia Moguls series by Jules Bennett. We met Jenna and Mac at the end of book #1. I really enjoyed this second book in the series and read it in one day..

The story comes together in with Mac and Jenna story, where she has asked her best friend Mac to come down and be her fake fiancé during the week leading up to her sister's wedding. . When it's just the two of them there would be their usual friendship, nothing intimate or sexual. It would just be those public displays of affection, when they are around the ex-boyfriend, who Jenna, leading up to the wedding, found in him in bed with another woman, and Jenna's mom and sister. And that's the reason she needs Mac's help. It's only for a week, and what could happen on the beautiful tropical Paradise Island of Bora, Bora. Can Mac and Jenna really keep that attraction for one another that has been building between them over the years, at bay?

Mac O'Shea is part of an Irish Mafia family, and has done some things he would rather not share, family secrets, with Jenna. He wants to keep her safe. Jenna is a florist in Miami and she's knows Mac's family is not always dealing business with their Auction house on the up and up, but knows they want to go legit. But when this week is over, can they go back to being just "Friends". And what happens if they can't....And can Mac keep the "family" business out of their lives.. You will just have to read the book to find out more about this Friend's to Lover's story... Believe me you won't be disappointed!!!

Dorian de Jandreau says

A reading for reading. The actual story is "like-all-romance-books", nothing very interesting, nothing very extraordinary. A simple and easy book to read when you cannot concentrate on anything more serious, but still want to read something. The writing style is also very simple. Maybe way too simple for me....

When I started reading the book, it felt immediately a predictable storyline.... but as it always happens with these "saliva-romance" books, you read it because you still WANT TO KNOW how it will end up. I mostly wanted to reach parts where things turn hot... Gentle erotica and romance I must say. I'm used to hardcore erotica, so it was something different for me to read, such gentle type of erotica....

What else can I say? I like romantic stories no matter how banal they would be. They give me some emotions, inspiration and just help to relax.

Kristy says

I was looking forward to reading From Friend to Fake Fiancé by Jules Bennett. I had read the first in the series and it ended with a few open issues that were partially addressed in this book. Jenna and Mac turned out to be a great couple with amazing chemistry to add to their friendship. After denying it for so long, this setting in Bora Bora was enough to jolt them into addressing their feelings about each other. The search for the scrolls continues, and I assume that it will be resolved in the last book of the series. You would definitely benefit from reading the first book in the series first, so that you have all the background information.

ARC provided by NetGalley

Dj says

Two friends, one wedding and a little white lie... Pretend to be Jenna LeBlanc's lover? Heck, Mac O'Shea has dreamed about being the real thing for years. Yes, they share a deep attraction, but they've agreed to "just be friends." After all, Jenna wants forever, and Mac's questionable family business (he ordered a hit while on vacation) means he's not the settling down type. He would never bring an innocent like Jenna into his dark world. But the mafia playboy can't resist the chance to touch her, to taste her—even if it's only a ruse for her sister's tropical wedding. It's just a week...in paradise...with a woman he desperately wants. Nothing will change between them. Right?

Some predictability, but fun romance

Book Reading Gals says

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Thoughts: This was a great friends to lovers troupe – Mac had actually hit on Jenna years ago and she turned him down and they became best friends. Now, Jenna wants him to play the part of a lover to discourage an ex. While Mac doesn't want to lose the friendship, he sees this as the opportunity to have what he has wanted for so long before they go back to being just friends. While Mac might secretly want more, his family history makes a relationship with Jenna impossible. But as with all good plans, this one goes awry.....and they both wind up with more than they bargained for.

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Review by: Sarah

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Christina Reed says

From Friend to Fake Fiancee was a sweet friends to lovers story. Mac had his reasons for not wanting love, but Jenna broke through his barriers. It was amusing watching Mac try to justify being with her while trying not to fall in love. Jenna didn't want to fall for Mac either, but once she'd crossed that line, she wasn't quite as resistant as he was. The background story of the missing scrolls that was introduced in the first book and carried on into this book really intrigued me. I can't wait for the next book because I want to find out where the scrolls are. I'm hoping that Laney and Ryker get a book next. Overall, this was a good harlequin book and it kept me entertained. I give it 5 stars and look forward to more.

Susanna Henderson says

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"Pretend to be Jenna LeBlanc's lover? Heck, Mac O'Shea has dreamed about being the real thing for years. Yes, they share a deep attraction, but they've agreed to "just be friends." After all, Jenna wants forever, and Mac's questionable family business means he's not the settling down type. He would never bring an innocent like Jenna into his dark world. But the mafia playboy can't resist the chance to touch her, to taste her—even if it's only a ruse for her sister's tropical wedding. It's just a week...in paradise...with a woman he desperately wants. Nothing will change between them. Right?"

The novel, From Friend to Fake Fiance written by Jules Bennett is the second book of the "Mafia Moguls" like any other love story, extremely cheesy and romantic in it's own way. Yet this cheesy romantic has a twist to it, the man of the love story is a killer, an assassin, a part of a mafia and he has to keep it away from her. The two characters of the love story, Jenna LeBlanc and Mac O'Shea, two best friends who are secretly in love and not so secretly, hungry for each other.

The story starts with Jenna asking Mac, to be her date to her sister's wedding, all the way in Bora Bora for a week, in a hut, all alone, this leads to him being her fake boyfriend and then fake fiance to impress her mom and to make her ex jealous. As all of this turns into a REAL love story. The two can't keep each other of their minds and the fact that maybe they really do love each other and that maybe they want the word "fake" taken away from both "Boyfriend" and "Fiance". Yet, they both know that it could be dangerous or even deadly if they tried to pursue something; they both are too afraid to realize and confess the love between each other. Though with the two of them being in a fake relationship makes them grow fond of each other, hungry for each other and being alone together impacts the situation. Eventually of this leads to the two of them confessing how they really feel in the end. Are they going to be Best Friends to Boyfriend and Girlfriend or best friends to Engaged?

Laura says

4.5 Stars

There is nothing better than a well-written friends to lovers story. Well, maybe a well-written second chance, but just maybe...and that really isn't the point here.

Romance is a genre where the end is a foregone conclusion. You know the characters will get a HEA, and you actually want Mac and Jenna to get theirs. Their connection is obvious, their chemistry sizzles, and their affection for one another jumps from the page.

In romance, what you need to have a good story, other than the romance, is a skilled author who can take a story with a pre-determined destination and give you an enjoyable ride. Jules Bennett does this very, very well. Her writing is smooth, it flows cleanly and there are no "side eye" moments where you ponder why the hero is all of a sudden talking like Kermit the Frog. The dialog seemed like what real people would say and their actions what people would do in the situations. I always appreciate this, as awkward dialog just stops me cold and pulls me right out of the story. None of that here.

I love that both Mac and Jenna were not perfect, that they each brought pieces of themselves to the relationship that they were not sure the other could live with. This is real intimacy, and this is the fun of the friends to lovers, as they know the scars and imperfections of the other person and love them anyway. And, at the end, that is the foundation of real intimacy.

I thoroughly enjoy a fun, sexy romance where I feel what the characters are feeling. This one had it all.

Oh, and Bennett is totally right about the origin/inventors of swimwear. Just saying.

ARC Provided by the Author

Tigger says

3.5 stars

on to the next book in the series

Rachel says

Eh, it was all right. I like a little more angst and pining with my fake relationship tropes.

Danielle says

I LOVE best friends to lovers stories and this one wasn't any different although I did like the way Bennett spiced it up with sexy scenes and the mafia aspect. Before I read this book I had no idea it was book 2 in a series (thanks a lot goodreads) so don't make the same mistake I did by reading this one first. Although this could be read as a standalone this series is about siblings.

Okay so this story is about best friends who become lovers. Jenna is a florist and recently broke up with her

cheating boyfriend. Her sister is getting married in Bora Bora (so jealous) and her ex is the best man (jerk). She asks her best friend Mac to join her and pretend to be dating because her ex wants her back but after a few slow kisses and touches Jenna is wondering if they can remain friends.

Mac hit on Jenna when they first met but she turned him down and they became friends. Although Mac would like nothing more than to be with Jenna, he can't do to his families secrets. But now that he has her in Bora Bora he is going to try and show her how wild she drives him but what he didn't expect was to completely fall head over heels for his bestie.

Best friends stories are the best because normally they know everything about one another yet it's still awkward between them and this couple was no different. I did like how Jenna began to see after their first kiss that just maybe they could be together and go back to friends but the best part is when all their kisses and touches just became natural like they have been doing it as long as they could remember.

Also Jenna has an idea of what Mac's family is about since she has heard the rumors but I love knowing the respect she has for him and his family by not asking. She pretty much leaves it open that hey if you want to tell me the details you will but don't lie to me. Now that's trust and friendship! Bennett wrote these two characters perfect for one another.

The storyline was pretty good and I loved the little details that were thrown in that made it more interesting and mysterious. The sex scenes were detailed and drawn out (thank god because I hate when they are rushed) and you could see their romance building from the very beginning.

Already I'm ready to read about Mac's sister Laney and I hope she ends up with Ryker!

Wednesday Stanley says

From Friend to Fake Fiance is the second book in the Mafia Moguls series. I have to say that I do enjoy a good friend to lover story line. After reading the first book in this series that left me with a serious questions hangover. I was hoping that some of those questions would be answered in this book. In this book we get to follow Mac O'Shea and his friend Jenna LeBlanc, most of the time in Bora Bora for Jenna's sister's wedding. This book is as sweet as it is sassy.

I really liked Jenna's character. She finds herself recently broken up with her cheating ex, whom is going to be in her sister's and her fiance's wedding. So what does she do to fix that situation? Of course call in her best friend Mac to come to her rescue. Which Jenna quickly realizes on the beautiful island of Bora Bora might not have been the best idea. She knows what kind of guy that Mac is, but finds herself quickly falling for him. I found Jenna to be very likable, sweet, caring and funny.

I loved Mac. He's probably the more mysterious brother and he's a bit stubborn, and set in his ways. He's determined not to have a woman in his life. He is content with just having one night stands with woman and not letting anyone get close. He feels like with his family and their business its best to keep women at a distance. Though he doesn't count on Jenna being the one that finally grabs him.

I definitely enjoyed this book. I felt like it was much lighter than the first book in this series. Though in this book we find them still chasing after these elusive scrolls that were brought up in the first book. I have to say though although a few of my questions were answered, I still feel like there were some that are still wide

open. I'm hoping in the next book that they will be answered. We do get to see very briefly Braden and Zara, Laney, and Ryker.

I'm giving this book 4 Stars out of 5 and can't wait for the next one!!!!

I received a arc of this book from the author for my honest review

Deborah says

A great lazy morning read! Can't wait to what happens with the O'Shea family scrolls.

Marsha says

Some romance fictions surprise with their unpredictability. This isn't one of them. One person once likened romance novels to a novel where the answer to every question is "yes". This one certainly fits the bill. With an awkward title like this, you'd better set your hopes low.

The whole story stinks from the get-go because Jenna only calls on Mac to fend off the persistent attentions of her cheating ex-boyfriend Martin. So supposedly Jenna is feeling fragile because of this guy. And what's the worst thing you can do after a tragic breakup, ladies? That's right—rush into the arms of someone else.

And Mac O'Shea is possibly the worst choice for a rebound as you can get. He tells the emotionally vulnerable Jenna LeBlanc that a) he's going to seduce her (i.e., get her into the sack) and b) that he's not interested in anything beyond being "friends". It's extremely difficult for men and women to remain friends after sex with each other even if both of them are the love-'em-and-leave-'em types. When Jenna makes it clear that she's only interested in a long-term relationship that ends in marriage, you realize these two have diametrically opposed needs right from the start.

That's supposed to present a challenge, isn't it? We need to see how long Jenna will hold out against the throbbing ache in her loins produced by the sexy smile/hair/body/smell of playboy O'Shea before she'll say yes and start rolling in the hay with him. Oh, if only that were true.

Jenna comes off right away as being one of those shy, timid heroines, the kind that is nervous/inexperienced about sex because she's worried about her family name/reputation/chances on the marriage market/body/face/personality...take your pick. Mac is supposed to be a rakish roué who's vowed never to become attached to a woman because he's emotionally distant/no good/trouble/lazy/poor/easily bored/crippled, etc., etc., etc.

So the story has a boring plotline with an ending you can see coming a mile away. It isn't helped by Mac's dictatorial attitude and Jenna's ditzzy inability to say no. And Mac is a typical alpha male, constantly giving Jenna orders and riding roughshod over her protestations. He tells her to take off her top and she does it. He tells her to sit on a table and put her legs around his hips and she obeys. He commands her to strip and NEVER look away when they have sex and his wish is her command. She does everything he tells her short of rolling over and begging.

A minor side plot involving missing scrolls and a meddlesome rival who needs to get assassinated add almost nothing to this story. Mac is constantly on the phone or texting with his enforcer or family members to deal with these matters but that's all we see of these other people for most of the novel; it's nearly impossible to get emotionally wound up about them or see it as an excuse he has for leaving Jenna.

If you like your heroines jittery and weak-willed and your men brawny, take-charge and tyrannical, by all means dive into this novel...then again, maybe not. This novel is definitely at the shallow end of the romance pool.

Riet says

To have a friend like Mac...

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