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American college grad Kadija is as ambitious as she is creative, so when she learns of a friend's brother who owns an art gallery in Dubai, she leaps at the chance to jumpstart her career in the luxurious city. But her dream job quickly becomes a nightmare when she discovers her new boss is as unpleasant as he is handsome. Khalid Sharif may make her pulse race but not even his dark mystique, lithe muscles and ridiculous wealth are enough to make up for his rudeness. Kadi won't back down though, and she won't quit until Khalid realizes exactly what she has to offer.

Some say Sheikh Khalid Sharif has more love for art than for people, but he never concerns himself with the opinions of others. He's determined to expand his gallery into one of Dubai's greatest museums and nothing will get in his way—not even his fire-haired new gallery assistant. Khalid knew it was a mistake to hire the Western woman—the determination in her amber green eyes is a distraction, and her striking beauty practically makes his blood boil. Despite this, Khalid refuses to let Kadija alter his course.

As Kadija and Khalid continue to clash, their attraction simmers just beneath the surface. But is it enough to melt Khalid's icy exterior or will Kadija be left out in the cold??

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Debi Samuels says

2.5* to be honest, I don't hate it enough to give it 2 but I don't like it enough to give it 3. If you can get past the glaring inaccuracies in middle eastern culture it's not bad but I literally hate Khalid. He's self centered, selfish, and acts like a spoiled rotten toddler with a plaything. Asides from the names, if you put this book into NY instead of Dubai it would work for the culture but as far as middle eastern values and culture goes this book is a bust. It's not even good as a "billionaire" romance. Just all-round no from me.

Nancy D says

Another great book in the Sharif Sheikh series. Although this is the 3rd book in this series, they are all stand alone stories. The characters move in and out of each book but after reading one you will want to ready them all. Here we meet the youngest brother, Khalid, who is the most series and really only cares about his art gallery, he wants it to become Dubai's greatest museum. Katie is a young American who comes to work for her friend's brother's gallery and the fun begins. Katie challenges Khalid and Khalid regrets his decision to hire her. But there is fine line between love and hate and these two are having a hard time staying on the same side. Leslie North develops interesting characters that draw you into their world.

I volunteered to read this book

Alexandra says

This was a fun, easy read. I liked the dynamic of the relationship between Katie and Khalid.

Khalid had some questionable moments (the spanking really came out of nowhere), however, I loved Katie. First I thought she would be the type of heroine who falls for the guy and forgets about her dream (that would have sucked), but she pleasantly surprised me. She could see the toxic people in her life and chose to cut them off.

And while at the beginning, Khalid did not give the best impression as one of the main characters, by the end of the story he redeemed himself.

All in all, I recommend it.

Jocelyne says

Great Story and great narration! I love the Sheikh's stories written by Leslie North. This is the third book in the Sharif Sheikhs Series. I loved Khalid and Katie's story. This is a short and sweet love story. Katie is a strong and independent woman. Khalid is a handsome and strong character. They share a strong and hot chemistry. I love their HEA and the Epilogue. The characters in this Series are interconnected, so it's a pleasure to see again the characters from the first books. I also love supportive families. I received this free review copy audiobook at my request and I have voluntarily left this review.

Amanda says

I enjoyed this story again and I can't say why but even though most all of the sheikh stories I read follow the same line I always instantly enjoy them. Some of course more than others. I have read another by Leslie North in the same series which I preferred more but this one is still a great quick read. Sped through it in one sitting. Same plot line where they meet, some circumstance has them interacting more, they start a relationship of some sort depending on the plot, and there is some misunderstanding usually blown out of proportion due to miscommunication or jumping to conclusion. Then things work out and the characters come to the realization they should be together forever. Usually I really like this as a quick read and I did enjoy this one but it is not something that I would probably read again. The characters in this one just didn't hook me as much. Still would recommend for any who like the classic Sheikh romance story. I will say this and the other one makes me want to read the other story in this series I believe I missed two. We shall see.

I received an eARC through NetGalley

Isha Coleman says

A beautiful stranger looking to make her way in a foreign land. An aloof Sheikh that is as alluring as he is demanding. Two dominating personalities are headed for a fiery showdown in The Sheikh's Stubborn Assistant. Kadija is a beauty with exotic looks and a boatload of ambition. She carries a chip on her shoulder and confidence that will put any man on blast. Where as Kadija puts her emotions on full display, Khalid keeps his buried deep. Control is a trait he prides himself on. Until a firecracker with a smart mouth and a sexy body starts chiseling at his inner peace and leaving her mark on his heart. Strength is their greatest asset, but pride their biggest weakness. From heated battles and sensual entanglements to complicated people and saucy dialogue, Ms. North has created a romance as wild as the arid landscape that encompasses her characters .

Kendall Leininger says

* I was sent this book in exchange for an honest review*

This was a very well written book I enjoyed the characters and relationships throughout the book. It portrayed real life issues such as issues with money and loans and female/ male feminist relationships in the workplace. I enjoyed the strong women characters who loved themselves to counterattack the sexist men who were shown within the book. It wasn't a favorite of mine but was definitely a good book. I liked that at the end it showed a new outlook from the men's perspective of women and a new look at what Love truly means. Respect and trust and sovereignty once in awhile for women's sake.

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Maranda says

North writes romantic Sheikh tales. The Sheikh's Stubborn Assistant is the third in the Sharif Sheikhs books. The Sharif brothers are enlightened by feisty American women who have moved to Dubai. Katie is a talented Museum Curator looking for a job to showcase her talents. But all Katie seems to warrant is advances of a personal nature. When she takes a job as an assistant; she hopes that her true talents will be noticed by Sheikh Khalid. Bouts of romance, discovery and love abound with Leslie North talent. "A copy of this book was provided by Relay Publishing via Netgalley with no requirements for a review. Comments here are my honest opinion."

Mel Allen says

I really enjoyed this book so much.

Any book Leslie North writes is so good you are pulled into the story as if you were there.

Kadi is a strong independent woman who has come to Dubai to feel closer to her late mother who was from Dubai. Hoping to get a job in a museum or art gallery she finds it really difficult to get them to hire her, Dubai is a very male orientated world and she has to tread carefully not to come across as strong to them.

What she never expected was to meet great friends while there. When she finally gets hired by Sheikh Khalid Al Sharif he infuriates her he has the same beliefs about the art world she does but isn't doing anything to change the way he runs the Gallery. What starts out as an innocent working relationship turns into more. The sad thing is though Khalid doesn't want to be in a relationship so when things get more heated he starts to pull away from Kadi so when everything she thought was going to work out she makes the hardest decision.

Will Khalid come to his senses before it's too late or will he miss his chance at true love.

The Sharif Sheikhs Series has been amazing the three brothers all different but at heart the same.

Can't wait to see what is next.

Sheila Jenkins says

5 Star Review of The Sheikh's Stubborn Assistant by Leslie North

ARC from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

This book is the third in the Sharif Sheikhs Series. Sheikh romance is a guilty pleasure of mine & this one was my favorite of the three !! Loved Katie and Khalid's story. Katie has a Master's Degree in Art History and is looking for work. Hoping to find a job at Khalid's art gallery as a curator her pride takes a serious hit when the offer on the table is only for his assistant. At first these two do not like each other - but working in close proximity they start an affair they keep secret. Katie wants more and to be taken seriously on an intellectual basis. She ends the affair and quits working at the gallery. Khalid realizes how much he really messed up, misses her and how much he regrets how he treated her as more subservient than as his equal. Glad their story ended with them working out their differences & a HEA !! Quick enjoyable read!

Hsu Lee says

ARC - I voluntarily offered to review this book with no obligations and my opinions are honest!

Kadi had her own way of doing things.

Khalid had his own way of doing things.

When these 2 worlds collide, expect a lot of fireworks.

Kadi came to Dubai hoping to get a job at an art gallery.

She is hired to work w/ Khalid. (Brother to Asad + Rashid)

The attraction is there, and they gave it a chance.

When it started to get serious, Khalid started to get cold feet.

Will he really throw love away ?

Loved the storytelling + the characters!

Patty says

Book 3 of the Sharif Sheikh's gives us Katie and Khalid Different from his business minded brothers, Khalid is an artist and when forced to step into the role of art gallery owner is determined to make a success of it. Katie, a recent college graduate flies to Dubai with the intention of getting ahead in her career. When these two meet, the clash is loud and the attraction clear. There is much dissension in the work place as Katie tries to integrate some of her ideas to make the gallery successful. Khalid is blocking her at every turn, and this leads to high charged foreplay. Leslie North gives these two characters stubbornness and passion. Katie is smart and confident and will match Khalid with her candor. I love their chemistry, inability to keep their hands off each other, but get so frustrated with Khalid's attitude! Of course that just fuels my need to keep listening, as North has captured my attention and I need to see how this couple plays out. Another winning installment to this trilogy.

Nicole Blessing does an amazing job with the narration, including great accents and wonderful voices. I find her performances great and a joy to listen to.

Alexandra Phillips says

This story is about the third brother of Sharif Sheikhs. Khalid is not so much into business as his brothers. He is a talented painter, but after confronting his father he compromised to let it go and focus on running a gallery. Katie came to Dubai to find a connection to her mother's root and to make a fresh start. She has an impressive cv which at last she would like someone to get it notices. She wants to be a curator, an aim quite difficult to be achieved in a man ruled world. Their paths will cross and though Khalid will try to remain distant by keeping double life, being her boss during day and her lover at night, he will have to act when she will reach her limits and decide to return to the states.

I found this third book more appealing. A unique plot, fast-paced with interesting characters having depth and the appropriate emotional exposure. The alternation between storytelling and hot scenes was to the point. I strongly believe this was best of the three stories so far.

Now the only thing I suppose is for Amira's story to be told ;)

Wendy says

My relationship with Leslie's Sheikh's is a tough one... Some of the Sheikh's have great stories, but sometimes I just don't seem to connect with the character. Unfortunately, Sheikh Khalid is one of them. He is the third brother in the family and where I really liked Assad and Rashid, I couldn't say the same for Khalid.

Khalid is a cold hearted man, who treats his personnel not so very gracefully. Katie, hired as his assistant, can't stand the fact that Khalid doesn't take her comments and advice into consideration. So they fight over everything. Despite their fighting, there is a physical attraction between them. But since Katie is friends with his sister Amira, and his sisters-in-law Liyah and Mila, a relationship between them is not very convenient.

Khalid doesn't do relationships and Katie doesn't want to keep up with Khalid's hot-and-cold treatment. So, can Katie melt his heart? Or will hell freeze over before that happens?

Personally, I would have let Khalid freeze to death. If you don't want to commit and only use a woman for pleasure in the office, I'm not interested. As said, I just couldn't connect to either Katie or Khalid. The story felt a bit rushed.

So in all, three out of five stars from me. And maybe the next Sheikh will come along and capture my heart. With a special thank you to Netgalley for providing the arc.

Angel Hatfield says

Kadiya/Katie had such high hopes for the interview she had at the Abu Dhabi museum. But it is obvious if the man did call her it wouldn't be for the job. Katie hated it when men interrupted her. She quickly ended the interview if you could call it that and left. All of her life Katie's beauty had been more of a hindrance than a help. People checked out her looks and didn't take the time to know the woman herself. Katie had been in Dubai a month and although the interviews poured in the outcome was the same. The museums and private galleries were always more interested in her beauty over her brains. Sahaar had been her exchange host/mother and was warm and welcoming. The older woman had hovered at first and more or less pushed her toward Mila and Liyah who were the other two women she had formally hosted who had both ended up to Sheikhs who were brothers. Katie barely had time to figure out her professional life let alone her personal life. Katie needed money she was up to her eyes in student debt and her father wasn't keeping his promises when she had dropped out of business school and went on to pursue her art history degree. When she went on for her masters he stopped talking to her completely. Maybe she should take a gallery job and work her way up or an assistant instead of a curator. Mila was at Sahaar's when Katie returned and refused to take no for an answer as far as dinner at the palace went. Then Asad- the Sheikh married to Liyah- said that Khalid would be impressed as he swears we don't know beauty when it comes to art and sculptures in the Palace. Katie wanted to get a curator's position in Dubai because that is where her mother had been from. Most of her mother's family was gone now but the culture had called to Katie. Her mother had passed away four years ago. Katie wondered what she was lacking; she had done well in school, excelled in her internship, and gained prestige through her work. Amira- the Sheikh's sister had met Katie a couple of times and liked her. Amira decided to shoot Katie a party to meet some people of the art world and that is where Katie met Khalid- the younger brother who was also a Sheikh. Amira tells Katie Khalid owned an art gallery

in Dubai. Khalid had never been so dangerously attracted to a woman but never before did giving in come with so many consequences. Khalid had no responsibility to marry and no need. Khalid was fine with his flings. Make his sister in laws angry would cause more family drama then he was willing to face as his sister in laws would be furious if he ever hurt Katie which meant he couldn't even have a fling with the woman of his erotic dreams and haunted him. Katie went to work for Khalid but she was upset as she was nothing more than a glorified secretary and hostess. Khalid had to go away for a couple days and Katie had just told him he was all talk and no action when it came to the gallery. Then Khalid said he knew she would be there when he returned as she had too much integrity to slink away while he was gone. Khalid returned one evening and scared Katie when she was working late doing paperwork. They ended up having sex. But Khalid said during the day he was her boss at night her lover.

I loved this book. It was an enjoyable easy to read romance. I loved how Khalid didn't realize he loved Katie until he almost lost her for good. I loved that Katie became his muse to be the first subject of his first painting in a long time. I loved Khalid and Katie together she brought him back to life. I loved the plot and pace. I loved how easy Mla and Amira and Liyah became close to Katie and cared about her. I hated how Fatima tried to use Katie and hurt her. I couldn't find anything to criticize which I loved. I loved the characters and the ins and outs of this book and I highly recommend.
