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Shari Wilson would love nothing more than to have a wild night with her downstairs neighbor, Luke Lawson. When she accidentally discovers that he's bought a how-to manual on "pleasing" women, she knows a wild night is out of the question! But when Luke asks her for lovemaking lessons, Shari knows she must do her part for all women and make him the best lover ever—and she'll do it all by the book....

Embarrassed just doesn't describe how Luke feels when his sexy neighbor sees his first book, Sex for Total Morons. He knows he's a master in the bedroom, but judging by Shari's sudden pitying expression, she doesn't. Fortunately for him, Luke isn't about to let this opportunity pass by him. Shari's a teacher, so there's no way she'd refuse to teach him all the ins and outs of sex!

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Gail says

This is a fun and fast paced read. Luke write a book about sex under another name and gets his neighbor Shari to help him prove it works. So the adventure begins. Read the book to see how it all turns out!

Jim son of Jim (formerly PhotoJim) says

Completely ridiculous and over the top. But cheesy fun for sure. I almost enjoyed it four stars worth. But we'll round down on this one.

Neighbors harbor deep lust for each other. Then she thinks he needs some sexual tutelage. Turns out he wrote the book on it (literally).

Dawn ♥ romance says

Enjoyable book with good plot, plenty of action, humor, steamy scenes, and exciting ending. Teacher Shari accidentally gets her neighbor Luke's mail, a book called Sex for Total Morons.

Kimberly says

Bought this book on Saturday, finished it on Sunday. It was nicely written. The sex was hot and all the words meant what the author thought they did. The ending was rushed, but (as usual) I think it was the limitations of the publisher not the lack of story still to tell that forced the happily ever after in a hurry.

This book was a fun way to stay warm on a cold winter's weekend.

MBR says

4 Star Harlequin Blaze

28 year old Luke Lawson is a journalist who works from home and the only son from his parents 4 children. His father's lifestyle isn't one conducive of a committed man and he is about to get married for the 5th time when the story begins. The combination of Luke's charming smile, tall, rangy body and the twinkle in his green eyes with a hint of devilry in them makes Luke a definite hit with the ladies and he is quite comfortable with his happy and carefree lifestyle as the cynic inside of him believes that he is just like his father and would never have the potential to be in a committed relationship of any sort.

Shari Lawson is an English teacher for high school kids and lives above her totally hot neighbor Luke Lawson whom she has been eying for quite some time now. A dyslexic postal worker who keeps mixing up their mails lends both Luke and Shari the opportunity to drop in and see the other and all the while the sexual zing between them is hard to ignore for both of them. The night Shari decides to take matters into her own hands so to speak, she encounters Luke with a how-to-guide on sex, i.e. Sex for Total Morons – A How to Guide written by a Lance Flagstaff which makes Shari do a total 180 degree turn on acting upon her attraction towards Luke.

Luke doesn't know whether to fall at a heap at his feet in embarrassment about being caught with a book that he has authored and he has no clue as to why he doesn't own up to the fact that when it comes to women and hitting the sheets, he is quite the ladies man. Luke who has been hankering for Shari for quite sometime decides to hit 2 birds with one stone and make use of the opportunity to test out whether his philosophy published in the book works in real life and get Shari into his bed, and thus strikes up a deal with Shari to help him along from Chapter 1 – 4 in the book in return for his presence at the wedding ceremony of her ex-best friend and ex-boyfriend; all the while never owning up to the fact that the how-to-guide was authored by Luke himself.

What follows is funny, endearing and so very hot that I couldn't help but laugh out loud, sigh over every now and then and find myself unbearably flushed from one moment to the next as the story progressed. Both Shari and Luke who are reluctant to look for anything more with the other than just their attraction towards each other finds more than each of them bargained for as things heat up between them. Shari takes it upon herself to tutor the shy Luke in the art of pleasing a woman and finds herself totally overwhelmed when Luke hits all the right spots, in and out of bed. And the extremely commitment phobic Luke finds himself slowly and irrevocably falling in love with the wonderful woman he finds in Shari who changes his views about love, life and commitment once and for all.

Head onto <http://bit.ly/gDdBZv> to read the full review which contains the reasons why I liked this book and what if any are the changes that would have made this story a solid 5 star read.

Netanella says

Great quick read. There were several laugh-out-loud moments that really got me going.

KimberlyDawn says

Luke wrote this book about sex, and when it falls out of the packaging right in front of Shari, he is quick to pretend he ordered the book and asks Shari to help him become a better lover. Surprisingly, school teacher Shari agrees. As they practice, they start to fall for each other. What will happen when Shari finds out that Luke actually wrote the book? This book was full of humor, and I really enjoyed it. A must-read!

Delacey says

I found this book very funny, ranging from some out loud laughing to some snorts ?. Conflict resolved quickly and the story was well written and flowed nicely. It entertained me the whole way through. Overall,

a great Harlequin novel.

Judy says

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Shari Wilson loves her mailman who keeps mixing up her mail with her downstairs, hunky neighbor's mail. For a few months now she's been exchanging mail and heated looks with the man. His eyes say that he wants her, but his body is making no moves towards doing so. And then she delivers his package...and her fantasies about him are shattered.

Luke Lawson AKA Lance Flagstaff is rather embarrassed when the book he wrote falls out of the envelope and his sexy neighbor actually believes he needs it. And runs as fast as she can back to her apartment upstairs. Sex for Total Morons, the how-to guide he wrote has ruined everything. Or has it? If she believes him to be so inept, then maybe he can test out his book and see if it works.

Keeping secrets never ever ends up as a good thing. Things have been moving along so well with Luke and Shari that he just doesn't quite find the right moment to tell her he wrote the book. He figures he has plenty of time. Right. This book gets pretty heated as this couple go through the how-to sex guide.

**Sexual content

<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

Maria Sarah Koutrakos says

Funny!

Its funny that I can't stop chuckling at every situation. But overall, I see that great chemistry, love and humor that made the characters so endearing. I like the realization on Luke's part that he is not like his father and acceptance that they are in love. ?

Hilcia says

By the Book by Nancy Warren (Blaze #85). Now this one was fluffy, fun and just what I needed to read at the time. Shari decides she's going to have a hot date and maybe a night with the hunky downstairs neighbor, but when she sees that he sent for a book with the title "Sex for Total Morons" she changes her mind. Luke is not about to let her, so he asks her to help him get through part of the book, and hmm.. she becomes his tutor -- just for the first few chapters. Riiiiight! Of course, we all know who wrote the book, yes?

This one turned out to be a book where characters have lots of preconceived ideas on all sides, with lots of fun dialogue, funny situations and sexy circumstances. As I said above, fluffy, light and sexy category romance that turned into a fun, quick read read at just the right moment. Enjoyable.

Amber Garabrandt says

For me, there were a lot of pros and cons for this book. I loved the chemistry between Luke and Shari. The plot was often funny, and there were some really sweet parts. The cons? It was all things ridiculous- why didn't he just tell her he wrote the book? That he wanted to date her? Obviously she was interested. It drove me mad. Was Shari really supposed to be okay with being his Guinea pig? Some of her decisions ticked me off too, but in all honesty... mostly it was Luke. For me, this is a three star book. It was good, but I could not get over the cons.

Brenda says

2 hilarious moments.

Some hot scenes.

I liked it but I didn't love it.

Jennifer G. says

Great read! Perfect characters. Book flowed well, wish the end wasn't rushed, it needed an epilogue, lol
But other than that, it was a good read!

Bark says

Updating my "read" books. I reviewed this for All About Romance years ago. The review is archived [HERE](#).
