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Wanting her isn't smart, seducing her is inevitable, but falling in love with her could be downright deadly for both of them.

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Harmless Book 7

Security expert Conner Dillon isn't a man who often takes a vacation. So when he is ordered to take a month off and his sister insists on a trip to Hawaii, he isn't very happy. But, after seeing his landlady Jillian Sawyer again, he might just find something—or someone—to occupy his time.

For years, Jillian has always had a crush on Conner. Now an erotic romance author with a thing for Doms, she finds herself beyond intrigued by the man. He is good to the core, but there is something else darker in him that calls to her.

After one night in bed, they both find themselves addicted. In Jillian, Conner has found the perfect sub...and in him she finds someone she can trust. Falling in love isn't what they expected, but walking away is impossible—especially when they realize someone wants Jillian dead.

WARNING this book contains the following: An uptight security expert who prefers schedules, a romance writer who does not, tattoos, a trip to the Aloha Swap Meet, two hunky neighbors who irritate our hero, Hawaiian scenes, and of course this would not be a Harmless book without a trip to Rough 'n Ready. Ice is recommended as any Harmless Addict will tell you, but the author takes no responsibility if a reader should become overheated. Read at your own risk.

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Sheri says

A Little Harmless Fascination is the seventh book in Harmless series by Melissa Schroeder and it's a strong showing in this delicious series. Conner Dillon is a Dom who doesn't realize how much he needs a sub, pair that with Jillian, a sub who doesn't know if she can handle a Dom and it's a delicious thrill ride. This book was hot and kept you guessing the whole time. If you haven't read any of the Harmless books, just dive in and fall in love. I can't wait for the next installment, each book just keeps getting better and better.

Noel says

Security expert and former FBI Agent Conner Dillon is in the hospital suffering from chest pains ~ the result of being a complete workaholic. Doctor's orders: A month of rest and relaxation away from the stresses of his job!! Connors' sister, Maura, nags him into going to Hawaii for that rest. Her best friend and former college roommate, Jillian, owns a home on Oahu and rents out the upper floor to tourists occasionally. Jillian is a writer of erotic books. She is free-spirited with tattoos and piercings ~ the polar opposite of Conner.

Conner rents the upper floor of Jillian's home and she resides on the floor below ~ close enough to get their imaginations running wild. Jillian has had a crush on Conner since college and knows he is a Dom. Even though interested in him, she is unsure if she could ever give complete control to anyone, as she has major trust issues and lots of family problems. Conner is afraid to approach her romantically knowing she is his sister's best friend and the last thing he wants to do is ruin that friendship if things go badly.

Hawaii is the perfect 'garden of Eden' for these two characters and you can just imagine the surrounding beauty as Melissa Schroeder writes out Conner and Jillian's story. Their story also has a bit of mystery, as Jillian's life is being threatened and Conner must find out who before he loses Jillian.

Melissa Schroeder has, once again, written a well thought out, hotly romantic, and suspenseful read. When you can read a book cover to cover in one sitting ~ that is a good book!!!

Kristina says

I've reviewed a few of Melissa Schroeders books on my blog and I am a huge fan of hers. My favorite series from her is the Harmless series, and A Little Harmless Fascination is no exception!

Conner, after being in the hospital suffering from chest pains goes to Hawaii after his younger sister forces him to take time off of work and relax. Former FBI agent turned security expert is a workaholic, so the last thing that he wants to do is relax. In Hawaii he stays with Jillian, his sisters best friend. Jillian comes from a screwed up family and is the complete opposite of Conner. Jillian always wanted to me a sub, but it is hard for her to trust a man enough to open herself up like that. Knowing Conner for over 10 years and knowing

the kind of guy he is, she knows that she can trust him 100%, thus begins their Dom/sub relationship, which leads to something neither of them were expecting.

I loved Conner! For those of you who are familiar with the Harmless series, I never thought a guy could come close to Evan, but Conner is definitely high up there! Jillian describes him as "quiet, domineering and gorgeous". What girl wouldn't be attracted to that? I also really liked Jillian's character. I felt bad for her because of all of her family drama, but she was a good person who deserved so much happiness.

A Little Harmless Fascination is just as hot and sexy as the other books in the series! It isn't as heavy in the BDSM as some of the other books, but it was still a very entertaining and enjoyable read!

Viper Spaulding says

Conner is forced by his sister to take a month's vacation from his high-stress job, and arranges for him to rent an apartment with her best friend, Jillian. Sparks fly instantly between these two, and as they get to know each other it becomes obvious they have a deeper connection than just friends. Jillian has never been able to trust a man before, but she soon realizes Conner isn't like any man she's ever known. As their relationship grows, so does a looming threat against Jillian, and it's all Conner can do to find out who's behind the threats and why. As with the previous books in this series, the writing is absolutely breathtaking and the story just pulls you in right from the start. I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book.

Shell says

Maura Dillon was tired of standing aside and watching her brother Conner work himself to death. Something was going to change when he got out of the hospital bed he was in now, before the pains in his chest escalated into a heart attack. He was going to take some time off and enjoy life.

Jillian Sawyer had got a taste of the Dillon's when she spent two years as Maura's roommate in university. Now the tattooed and pierced erotic author was landlady for Conner for the next month at her Hawaiian beach hideaway. She knew he didn't want to be here but the mandatory vacation her friend had sent her brother on was now in her hands. She might have fun with the man her hidden submissive side knew to be a Dom but even though he was probably more than she could handle but losing her best friend in the bargain would be too much to risk.

Conner Dillon was reluctant to go on this vacation but he could never say no to the sister he had practically raised and being in the company of her best friend for a month was not a bad thing either. Getting closer than he had ever imagined to the sexy cocoa skinned beauty was not on the agenda but catching her "researching" in his friend's BDSM club gave him the push to claim her like no other had before.

When their private time is invaded, Conner knows that it is a threat from the past but figuring out who's past might put them both in danger of losing everything.

This book is hot and I do not mean from the sand of the Hawaiian beach it is set on. I love this series and although, IMHO it is a bit lighter on the BDSM than other books in the series it still is a sizzling read. Jillian is smart, sassy and despite her upbringing values family and friends more than anything. Well with the exception of her privacy. Conner is the hard-nosed former FBI agent who is willing to pass up on the best thing that has ever happened to him if it means hurting his baby sister.... Thankfully Jillian cracks that last

shell of protectiveness and he teaches her just what it means to submit to a man and to give in to their hearts desire to find love.

Vikki ~ *squee* lite ~ says

I've loved all the rest of the books in this series, but I just wasn't feeling this one. I just didn't feel connected to the characters at all - and I didn't feel any connection between them. Boo.

Anya says

Lot of Unfulfilled Potential & Way Too Many Spelling Mistakes

The premise had some potential, but as I've noticed frequently with this author's style of writing, she doesn't really develop the relationship and growth between the characters; they just suddenly start having grandiose feelings and assumptions about each other in literally a few days without any substantive and incremental development and showcase of time and experiences and dialogue. Everything is forced and trite, and we're supposed to rely on brief mentioning of history between the characters to make their sudden relationship more meaningful.

Furthermore, the so-called BDSM is really lacking and extremely mild in the form of a few scarves, some spanking, and a little orgasm control, which is very limited and unimaginative and uninteresting, and there are so many things to include and explore within D/s. I do appreciate the author including a lot of detailed oral pleasure for the woman.

Additionally, the idea that certain characters who are supposed to be so intelligent and have worked in high level government positions figure out at the last minute what's going is equally eye rolling and annoying and just plain stupid.

Lastly, what further annoys me and distracts me from really getting in this story and her others are way too many obvious spelling and grammatical issues. Who is editing and checking for these things cuz this is just plain dumb and lazy, not to mention the amount is just appallingly unacceptable.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

4.75 Stars

Melissa Schroeder has once again written a fantastic story in the Harmless series. I admit I'm a little addicted to this series and eagerly await each installment. Not only because I can't wait for the "new" story but because I know Melissa will also "check in" with previous characters which makes the stories all the more fascinating to me!

This book opens with Conner Dillon (who we met previously in *A Little Harmless Lie*) lying in a hospital bed following some chest pains. His sister Maura, along with his business partner, and his doctor insist that he needs a vacation and some relaxation. Maura arranges for him to rent a place from her ex college roommate and best friend, Jillian Sawyer. Jillian has always been attracted to Conner but she knows she will never get involved with him because of her friendship with Maura.

Conner is an ex-FBI agent and part owner of a security business. He's a workaholic who doesn't take time for himself, relationships (other than with his sister), or any thing fun. He's strong, capable, and a Dom. He also knows he's going to have a hard time keeping his naughty thoughts about Jillian from becoming a reality.

Jillian.....I can't help but wonder if Melissa was channeling her own self here. Jillian is an erotic romance author who loves to write and enjoys the research aspect of her job. She's tattooed and pierced and wears dreads. (Okay, maybe that's not Melissa!) Her mixed heritage leads to her interesting good looks. She has distanced herself from what she refers to as her "crazy family". She lives a fairly antisocial life although she remains in contact with Maura and has immersed herself in the Hawaiian culture.

Jillian feels somewhat responsible for Conner since she has promised Maura that she will "look after" him. They spend quite a bit of time visiting the local sites and enjoying each others company. Conner also meets up with old friends at Rough & Ready (the local BDSM club) and while there discovers that Jillian is there "doing research". Conner doesn't like the attention Jillian has garnered at the club and his dominate and very bossy personality comes to light. Jillian pretty much tells Conner she knows he's a Dom. Things heat up and they fall into a relationship. While there are elements of BDSM in this book, it's not quite as heavy or as much as some of the other books and there is no "public" play. Everything they do is in private.

Soon Jillian finds herself receiving threats. Conner and his local buddies try to figure out where the threat is coming from and Conner finds himself caring way more than he intended to for Jillian. Jillian flat out tells Conner she loves him which of course freaks him out a bit. Eventually things come to a head and they stop being stubborn and work their way towards being happy together.

It's just so hard not to like these books. The great Hawaii setting, the wonderful cast of current and past characters whose lives all seem to overlap, the snappy dialog, and the hotter than hot sex scenes mixed with some BDSM elements makes this a must read offering from Melissa Schroeder. If you haven't read this series, I highly recommend it. Start from the beginning you won't be sorry and make sure you check out the "shorts" that Melissa regularly releases. I love the "shorts" as they give us even more insight into the characters we've grown to know and love!

Victoria says

3.5- this whole series should be considered a guilty pleasure and *A Little Harmless Fasination* is no different. BDSM-ultra lite, romantic suspense-lite, a heroine I liked, and a sexy hero. Perfect for a quick read.

I purchased this as part of: *A Little Harmless Six Pack* anthology

Gina says

Loved It!!!! I'm such a Harmless Addict! I love Jillian, she's brilliant and strong and goes after what she wants...and who could blame her for wanting Conner...Yum!

Donna says

We meet security expert Conner Dillon in a hospital suffering from chest pain. Conner is in his late 30's. He is a former FBI agent now building a security company with his best friend Zeke. He is a total workaholic. The doctor orders a month off and Connors' sister convinces him to go to Hawaii where he can learn to relax and stay in the apartment her former college roomie rents out. Jillian is an erotic author with family issues. With her braids, tattoos and piercings she looks like the opposite of uptight, bossy Connor. But in reality she has just as much stress in her life. Attitude is everything. Connor isn't happy to be on forced vacation but when he sees Jillian he thinks it might not be so bad after all. Jillian has had a crush on Connor since college. After scratching the itch they find once is not enough. Top it off with a threat to Jillian and Hawaii gets even hotter.

I get a kick out of this series. I was tickled to catch up with several of the characters of the previous books in this one. Connor is a Dom but he is also really bossy. It is done with a good heart but he is bossy anyway. It is going to take someone as well centered as Jillian to put up with and deal with him. I really liked Jillian. I think it would take someone with history, like Connor, to help her get over her trust issues. This is a well thought out, romantic, suspenseful, smoking hot read.

Tiss says

Another Harmless addition by Melissa.

Set in the beautiful state of Hawaii, our heroine has a weird family that doesn't like the fact that Jillian holds their purse strings in her hands.

Conner is a business man who doesn't know how to have fun, or take vacations until he is forced to because of his health.

They have known each other for several years, but now there is an attraction and a threat. Lots of Hot lovin, with a little suspense thrown in.

Be sure to read Melissa's newest "A little Harmless" Facination.

Linda says

Ex-FBI Agent, Connor Dillon, Suddenly Found Himself At The Hospital With Chest Pain, And Although He Didn't Have A Heart Attack The Doctor Said With Him Working A Seventy Hour Week It Was Only A

Matter Of Time. Just What His Younger Sister Needed To Hear! When Their Parents Died In A Car Accident He Was Thrust Into Caring For A Sister Tens Years Younger And Entering College While He Pursued A Career With The Bureau, Now Maura Was Babying Him And Sending Him To Hawaii To Rent From Her College Friend For A Month Of Forced Rest!

Jillian Sawyers Moved To Hawaii From Georgia To Get Far Away From Her Nutty Relatives. As The Only Sibling From An Interracial Marriage, The Stuffy Bentley's Didn't Want Her, But When Her Batty Grandmother Died SHE Was Named To Control The Bentley Industries Billions, Not That She Needed The Money As Her Famous Baseball Player Dad Left Her With Millions And She, As A New York Best Selling Romance Author Lived In A Simple Home That Fit Her Simple Needs. Now, The Brother Of Her Best Friend Needed Her Help. And She Knew She Was In For It As Connor Had Made Her Drool When He Came To Visit Maura!

Wow, Book Seven Continues The Rough And Ready Series With Connor Being A Dom And Jillian Dabbling Into Their Lifestyle. Jillian Had Trust Issues And Learned Early In Life That People Let You Down, But Once Connor Slipped Into Her Red Sheets, Things Heated Up Quite Nicely!!

Sassafrass says

A LITTLE HARMLESS FASCINATION is the latest installment of the Harmless series by Melissa Schroeder, and it's aptly named because I am completely fascinated with this series.

This book is about Conner Dillon. He's the ex-FBI agent from A LITTLE HARMLESS LIE who was supposed to protect Dee when she ran away. Well, he is forced into vacation by his sister, and he happens to land in Hawaii (imagine that). The plan is for him to relax for a month and rent a room from his sister's old college roommate Jillian, who just happens to really turn Conner's crank!

Jillian Sawyer has always had a crush on her good friend's older brother, Conner, but seeing him in out of his usual suit and tie apparel and demeanor really makes him sexier. She has issues with her family, so she's not really into relationships, but a fling with Conner may just be what she needs.

Then they sleep together. It's explosive and addictive, and neither one of them are satisfied with a one time thing. But the more they are together, the harder they fall for each other. Soon, the real fun begins because it becomes apparent that someone is out to get Jillian.

A LITTLE HARMLESS FASCINATION had it all: romance, snark, suspense, and total hotness between the sheets, on the table, on the floor, or wherever else Conner Dillon could think of! I completely devoured this pages of this book from beginning to end.

Conner and Jillian on the surface didn't seem like they would be right for each other: he appears conservative and all about the job, and Jillian was more of a carefree, bohemian personality. But beneath that surface, the two appealed to each other on a much deeper level--even more than they could have realized.

The plot has a great amount of mystery and suspense. I didn't figure out who was after Jillian until the end. The author definitely got me that time. I'm usually better at that!

One of my favorite things about this series is that I get to catch up with the Harmless gang. Characters from past books always make an appearance, and we get to see how their HEA's are going. This book was no different and I was happy to see some of my favorite couples. And I think we got some hints about some future books!

So, A LITTLE HARMLESS FASCINATION was another hit in this fantastic series. I loved everything about it, and I'm looking forward to future installments. This book is book seven in the series, and while it could be read as a standalone, I think you would be missing out on a great series if you don't start from book one.

Phuong says

I love this series so much and cannot get enough of it! Melissa Schroeder has written another great story with strong characters, great friendships and passionate sex scenes. Conner and Jillian complemented each other nicely. I enjoyed how she showed him to relax and have fun while he showed her he could be trusted by letting herself go and submitting to him in the bedroom. It was fun watching them fall in love and finding their happy ending.
