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Award-winning author, Kimberly Llewellyn, introduces a sexy fun story about two people who discover they have a lot more to share between the sheets than they ever bargained for.

Ivy Hammond got dumped at the altar, all because she was too much of a good girl in the bedroom. So when a research study on sex appeal needs participants, she jumps at the chance to learn what it takes to be sexy.

Kip Lockhart owes his foster brother his life. He repays the debt by agreeing to participate in a new sex appeal study. From the first sizzling assignment, Kip is immediately intrigued by the lovely Ivy, who's innocently curious about what makes a woman sensual. Kip is more than happy to show her. But as each passionate assignment brings them closer, he fears they may break the study's number one rule?don't fall in love. But when he can't stop picturing Ivy as his bride, he sets out to convince her some rules were made to be broken.

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Karen says

I found myself skipping large portions of the story. I can suspend disbelief with the best of them but this book really stretched the boundaries!

Nikki McCarver says

This was a really cute funny story. Ivy's fiancée broke it off a month before their wedding. He told her in no uncertain terms that she wasn't adventurous enough in bed. Ivy has kept tight control of herself ever since her mother died and her brother has run away. She channeled all of her frustration into doing good deeds and helping her father prepare for running for mayor. But Ivy has loads of repressed sexuality and she always imagined that after she was in a secure relationship (i.e. married) she could finally let go. Travis breaking it off with her was the last straw. She needed to do something for herself in a safe controlled environment as to not hurt her father's career. When she comes across an article for a sex appeal study, she feels like she has found her chance.

Kip was done with relationship. His first relationship with which his "common-law" wife had taken half of everything and his freakin dog. Anyone that says they don't consider common-law an actual marriage anymore should tell that to her lawyer and the judge. His second relationship was equally disastrous. His VP and himself had started working late nights together and one thing had led to another. Then he found out that she had been embezzling from his company. He just has no luck with the women in his life, so he has sworn them off. When his brother calls him to ask him for favor about a sex appeal study he is running, Kip inwardly groans. He has to help him out because he is calling in a favor. But Kip doesn't count on his reaction to Ivy's picture or the amazing reaction to her physical presence.

Ivy does everything wrong in her innocence to basically corrupt and destroy the study. She makes several humorous mistakes that lead to some hot and steamy role-playing. The sex is off the charts and Ivy finally had an orgasm with a man. But Kip has a hardened heart and the study has some shady dealings that finally come to light. Can the two of them save what is budding between them or will their pasts and careers destroy them? Especially when the findings in the study are released? This was a really cute read with some humor sprinkled in.

Shirley says

Didn't care for it.

Lynnea says

Ivy gets dumped by her fiance just before the wedding because he said she was too much of a "good girl" in bed. She is horrified and decides to join a sex appeal research study to learn how to act "bad". She hasn't had all that much experience and so she lies on the application to guarantee her acceptance.

Kip's foster brother is the researcher for this study and begs him to participate. From the beginning he is interested in Ivy, not only her body but also her personality. She is nosy and upfront and a bit over her head.

This study has a set of situations that the two must do together and the number one rule is to not fall in love and don't have sex. Both Ivy and Kip are extremely attracted to each other and that rule is hard to keep.

I liked Ivy. She isn't as much of a "good girl" as expected originally. She has had a party past and has straightened up to help her father with his law practice and campaign office. She has always been more of a follower as far as in the bedroom and had never experienced real pleasure until she starts these assignments with Kip.

Kip was a really decent guy. He cared about those around him but there is a fear from his childhood (growing up in foster care) and some REALLY bad relationships that made him stay away from love. Everytime he is with Ivy there is an instant attraction and a deeper emotion that stirs.

I enjoyed watching this story unfold. I had an interest in both characters and I wanted everything to turn out good for both of them. There was a bit of a conflict built throughout the story that concluded a little too easily for me.

Heidi Craig says

Interesting twist on the traditional romance. I didn't realize that it was a "true" romance novel when I downloaded it, but fortunately it wasn't over the top with either explicitness or corniness. Overall, not a bad choice if you're in the mood for a nontraditional love story.

Julz says

loved it! funny, not bad story line.

Jeanette Hornby says

What an enjoyable, spicy read. I loved the development of characters and the unusual situation they found themselves in. To top it off the love scenes were spicy hot. I highly recommend this novel.

Gail says

This book was GREAT! I'll be the first to acknowledge that I am a fan of steamy stuff, and at first I wasn't sure about the book because it seemed to be using a lot of borderline-cheesy clean euphemisms during the

steamier parts. I soon realized that writing can be *way* steamy without using the f-word and the c-words. This story had some great sexual tension and situations in it

Jennifer Matwijec says

Another freebie and well worth the "purchase". At first I didn't think I'd be all that into it but once I started reading I started liking it more and more. There is only one thing I would change to make it a better book...having an epilogue

Becci says

Really good. Quirky, sexy, fun and really hot. I liked that there was no drawn out misunderstandings, the characters actually talked and didn't let lies drag out. Very fun read!

Deborah says

I have been bored with some of the chick-lit books I've picked up recently and thought this book was going to have the same tired plot. I was pleasantly surprised by the story-line and enjoyed the story from beginning to end.

Aislynn says

Before you sit down to read this book there are a few items you are going to need – 1) a fan, 2) something VERY cold to drink, 3) and a comfy spot to curl up. Why, you ask... this is one steamy steamy sexy read that you will want to devour in one sitting.

Ivy has been dumped by her fiancée only weeks before their wedding. He informed her that she's a prude and he needs more "excitement" in the bedroom to keep him happy. While she tries to come to terms with his comment and help her father with his campaign; she has to put her life back together, un-plan a wedding and decide what to do next.

When she stumbles on an ad for a new "Sex Appeal Study" she thinks she might have found the way step away from her 'good girl' ways and spice things up. She fudges her application, finds some new sexy clothes and is ready to make a change. And then she meets Kip – a sexy, confident, no strings attached kind of guy, who is doing the study as a favor for a friend. With so much sexual chemistry between these two I'm surprised my e-reader didn't start to smoke!

These two manage to get into all sorts of trouble – in and out of the bedroom! Can they finish the study without breaking ALL the rules? Will they be able to overcome all those obstacles that are thrown in their path along the way?

Will I recommend this to anyone? Why yes! Will I read anything by this author again? Most definitely! This

was a quick, fun, sexy read that kept me glued from start to finish. I'm looking forward to picking up more by Kimberly in the future!

Cupcakencorset says

This book, a freebie I downloaded when I got my Kindle a couple of years ago, was OK. A bit too turgid, the main characters were far too quick to jump in the sack, if the author's intent was to build tension or anticipation. A strong editor would have been helpful, as the author tended to overuse certain words (e.g., ravage) within a single scene and the whole novel. (And in that particular example, I'm fairly certain the author meant "ravish," given the contexts it kept appearing in.) YMMV, but I'm giving it a "Meh." Sometimes you do get what you pay for.

E.L. says

I loved this book! Totally awesome plot and the characters were amazing! Where can i find me a man like this one?! I loved that is was sexy and not just sex. Will definetly recommend!

Ana says

After Ivy's wedding is called off by her fiancée she decides to be more of a risk taker and joins a study about sex appeal to prove that she can be less Madonna and more whore. So she lies about her experience on the test and gets partnered up with Kip this sexy PR guy. But the rules are more than they can handle, the most important ones are don't get involved and don't fall in love. Each task from the study is about learning what pushes they're buttons sexually, and when things start getting hot and heavy and feelings start getting in the mix how can they not end up falling for each other?

The characters in this book really put themselves out there too much and they liked the challenge that came with the study, They were really strong characters also which i thought was really great. The book comes with with so many emotions that you feel with every turn of the page. I thought it was a great read Ivy was one of those confident women that I like reading about the kind that says "I am strong, i will get through this and i am going to prove everyone wrong about what they think of me. Its a risk I'm willing to take even if I get caught" I enjoyed this book so much it was funny, steamy, romantic and really sweet. When the author described Kip even i was like oh how can she not fall in love with that wow! Kip sounded so sexy, dreamy and perfect, although the ending is predictable it was definitely worth reading.
