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**Can you trust your heart when it's always led you down the wrong path?**

Mel Abelgard's life is in the dumps. Her job working for her demanding mother is a nightmare, her boyfriend of over a year has broken up with her, and her life is stuck on standstill.

When her best friend announces her engagement, Mel is happy to be the maid of honor. A wedding might just be the thing to help her out of her funk. What she doesn't expect is to be irresistibly drawn to the best man.

Ryan Marsden is back in New York for his best friend's wedding. He's a dashing, handsome self made billionaire with a well deserved reputation as a ladies' man. He has no plans to change his playboy ways, but that all changes when he meets Mel.

What started off as a light flirtation soon turns serious and has Ryan questioning his bachelor lifestyle and experiencing emotions he had long ago buried.

Mel's not looking for a rebound relationship. She's still smarting from her last breakup and is trying to pick up the pieces of her life, but Ryan's sexy charm might prove to be too hard to resist.

**Author's Note:** THE RISK is a standalone novel, but you may also enjoy reading the earlier books in the Wagered Hearts Series as well.

## **Wagered Hearts Series**

Book 1: The Wager

Book 2: The Risk

Book 3: The Game (Coming Soon!)

## **The Risk Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Risk for online ebook**

### **Sharon Dunn says**

If you like Kristen Proby and Sawyer Bennett books then you will love this series! I am hooked! Calista Kyle is an awesome writer and these stories just proves it! Love them!

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### **Heather andrews says**

Mel is a saucy little thing, "no thanks. I'm a real piece of work. You'd be wasting your time with me. Why don't you go back to your little fan club? I'm sure they'd appreciate your company more than I do." A drunk Mel is a really fun, naughty Mel, "God, Mel, you're a little firecracker," he said. I didn't respond, instead running one hand down his chest and down the ridged muscles of his abs. I heard him suck in a breath as I reached down between us further and ran my hand over the hard bulge in his pants." Ryan that boy doesn't have a bashful bone in his body, "even though I knew he was speaking to me, I had a hard time focusing on his words. Especially since he was standing naked in front of me in all his glory. He stood tall and proud with his legs spread shoulder width apart and his hands on his hips." This book was a fun read, and I liked Mel's snarkiness.

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### **Barbara "Cookie" Serfaty Williams says**

#### **The Risk: A Billionaire Romance ( Wagered Hearts Series Book 2)**

The love story of Ryan and Mel. Mel's world was turn upside down when her boyfriend of a year say he want out, so she to to work for her mother and her life became work. Ryan is Roman's best friend and at his and Lily's engagements party he meet Mal. Can two broken heart find love? You love it.

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### **April says**

there was little to no romance in this book. He didn't send flowers, candy, small gifts that would make her think of him when she looked at them, it was dull in that sense, there was not wooing or conversation that showed he was interested. There were a lot of gaps you needed to fill in and parts of this seemed to drag on and not much going on during different parts of the book. It was a cute story but it needed to have more content and romance. To bad, I really enjoyed the first book in the series I hope the third book is better...

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### **Holly Bargo says**

#### **Melodramatic**

Was I so melodramatic and prone to misunderstanding in my distant 20s? I hope not. Anyway, the story isn't terrible, but it's not all that original either.

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### **Kerri Blair says**

I didn't like this book. I liked the wager but there was something about this book that just didn't capture my attention. I didn't really feel like Ryan and Mel had chemistry and it felt like it dragged.

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### **Denise Smithson says**

#### **Loved it!**

This was a great second book for this series and I love the fact that each book can be a standalone. This book was about Mel and Ryan and let's just say I loved their story.

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### **Victoria says**

Is a great book to read

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### **Leena says**

I liked this better than the 1st in the series. Nice read with good character development.

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### **Dena says**

The reading was great, loved the plot of the story. I wished there was more to this story. I wanted complete closure. It's a whirlwind romance to read

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### **Deborah says**

I really liked this book it was very interesting and entertaining. It is cute and witty and a fun read. The storyline was easy to follow and the characters flowed well together.

Mel Abegard is 27yrs old and has been in a relationship with her boyfriend Chad for a year. One night, he tells her that he doesn't want to be tied down anymore and that he is moving across the country to Dubai. Mel is devastated and quits her job and goes to work for her mother as Junior Assistant at Chère, a fashion and lifestyle magazine. She needs the long hours that she can guarantee her mother will give her so she can keep her mind off of Chad. Cora, Mel's mother is ruthless and cutthroat and she rules with a iron fist in business

and her personal life and doesn't hesitate to tell Mel what a disappointment she is every chance she gets.

Ryan Marsden is a self made billionaire and has spent the last 2yrs in Asia but, now he has returned for his best friends wedding and to stay for good. Ryan is a notorious playboy who has never had a problem getting any woman that he wanted, whenever he wanted, that is until he met Mel. He knows that she is attracted to him and that she is fighting it, which only make him pursue her harder. Ryan's best friend Roman is against him starting anything with Mel, because not only does he not want Mel to be hurt by Ryan because she is his fiancée's best friend but, she also was responsible for Roman and his fiancée being together.

Mel must decide if she can put her past failed relationships behind her and take a chance on someone that just might be the one.

Ryan must decide if he is ready to leave his playboy lifestyle and put a real effort in trying to make a relationship work.

I recommend this book to anyone looking for a fun romantic read.

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### **Kaycee ♥? says**

I don't know what to say. Don't get me wrong, it was good and I think the story really has potential. I enjoyed Mel and Ryan's character. I enjoyed reading their story but not as much as I enjoyed the first book. There are times I felt that Ryan and Mel didn't have any chemistry. As if the author just forced them to be together just for the sake of giving Mel her own happy ending after helping Roman and Lily to have theirs.

And what I really don't like was the fact that there's no direct confession from both of the characters regarding their feelings.

*"I think I'm falling in love with you.. (...) You never said anything about your feelings for me.  
"But I did have feelings for you."*

**You think? You think?** Yikes, the man was not even sure of his feelings. It's a big No-No for me! Then the heroine answered like that! And then I saw the epilogue, I got really excited thinking there would a sweet declaration or something. But NADA!

There's even no "I love you's." **What the fvck happened?**

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I'm not even sure if I want to read book 3, but I guess I have to since I don't like to feel as if I abandoned something important. I just hope Rob and Emilia's story will be better than this one.

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