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Industrialist billionaire recluse Rane Kirk has all he wants—his plants and his privacy. That doesn't mean the media is willing to leave the Titan of Telluride alone—not when his past is shrouded in mystery and not when one particular journalist has something to prove.

As a young girl, Kinzey Vance first met Rane. She's never forgotten him. She's also never lived down her perceived failure as one of the Kirk Enterprise Grant's original scholarship recipients. She had planned to change the world, only life got in the way.

As an adopted orphan herself, she feels particularly responsible for her siblings, and gives up her dream, in order to care for them after the death of their mother. Years later and back in Colorado, Kinzey finally has something she must share with the elusive Rane Kirk.

Climbing the mountain to Kirk's compound, Kinzey is more determined than ever to tell her story. And to learn the truth of his. She doesn't know Kirk has never forgotten her and the moment she lands in his koi pond, their stars don't realign; they collide.

## **Lessons in Mountain Climbing Details**

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# **From Reader Review Lessons in Mountain Climbing for online ebook**

## **Michael Wolfe says**

Way too much gratuitous graphic sex. The proofreader was asleep at the wheel as there are grammatical errors on every page which distracts. I will not be reading anything else by this author.

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## **Eliza Lloyd says**

The first book in a new contemporary romance series, Far From Home.

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## **Jessica says**

Overall I enjoyed this book. I just cant bring myself to give it 5 stars. The story line in this book was really good. I enjoyed the story and the characters. Unfortunately it was difficult to get through at times due to the number of grammatical errors, and I noticed a weird timeline issue towards the middle.

Kinzey Vance is a strong and kind person who had strong values and is very determined to prove her worth to Rane Kirk.

Rane Kirk is a very private and damaged soul who comes off as jerk. Assuming that Kinzey Vance is just a failure that he can't get over on the list of his accomplishments.

Their story is filled with sweet moments that neither of fully appreciate and so many misunderstandings because of the secrets they keep from each other.

If you are looking for a book that has a huge plot twist....then look somewhere else. However, if you are looking for a good book that has a good story while being rather predictable...then this is definitely for you.

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## **Elizabeth Marie says**

Lovely, lovely, lovely and it was free too!

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## **Tasman Hair says**

**5 stars**

Loved it, great read and excellent story line. Was hooked from the get-go. Would recommend to anyone looking for a book which will capture your attention.

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## **FicCentral says**

Newspaper reporter Kinzey Vance is determined to get an interview with the reclusive Rane Kirk, the billionaire no one's seen in years, but for all her efforts, she keeps coming up empty. Well, not exactly empty. Time with Mr. Kirk's hot gardener is something, right?

Rane Kirk learned the hard way that the spotlight is not for him. He'd rather run his business, fund worthwhile causes, and spend his free time landscaping and gardening. It's made for a good cover, too. No one would expect the polished billionaire to be the guy with dirt on his hands, spending more time in the greenhouse than the boardroom. But the feisty little reporter that fell in his koi pond is getting closer to the truth and to his heart than he ever expected.

**But...** The lack of editing in this book is just glaring – typos galore, mixing up words that sound alike, no clue when apostrophes should NOT be used, splitting up compound words for no apparent reason, and screwy punctuation. Normally, I'd just feel bad for the author, since all this falls under editor and publisher failure. But there's no mention of an editor, and a check into the publisher listed on Goodreads shows they've only ever published books by Eliza Lloyd, so it sounds like a self-publishing situation. To be honest, I have to wonder why it even went to print. Serving up a story for publication, not to mention expecting people to actually pay for it, warrants at least a half-assed attempt at polishing it up. I can't really justify paying for something that reads more like a very rough draft. It's unfair to the readers who buy it, and it really undermines the efforts of independent authors.

**The Verdict:** The story was actually pretty great, assuming one has no idea what English should look like in its written form. It was an intriguingly complex story line that avoided a lot of the cliches one might expect. Kinzey was smart and funny, and Rane's alter ego allowed him to be interesting, more than just an angry, suspicious rich guy. I can't say the story was 100% believable, but I think that's probably true of all billionaire romances. Still, this one had enough interesting turns and sweet moments to keep me turning the pages, and I did love the way it all turned out. I probably won't be reading anything more from this author unless I see an editor's name attached, but I do think she's got talent when it comes to spinning a romantic tale. Unfortunately, I can't really give it more than one star due to the fact no one should be asked to pay for what's essentially little more than an unedited rough draft.

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## **Jen says**

Rane Kirk's company gives scholarships to aspiring world-changers. Kinzey Vance receives one of these scholarships but isn't able to completely follow through with her plans. Ten years later, she still wants to prove herself to Rane, the reclusive billionaire that she can't seem to get off her mind. She doesn't know that Rane once harbored a crush and has always wondered what became of her, too. Kinzey drives as far as she can up the mountain his estate is located, hikes the rest of the way and trespasses onto his property for a chance to meet him. This act is the catalyst that forces their paths together and takes the reader along for the

ride.

I enjoyed the characters, and parts of the story. It was a little forgettable, though. An easy summer read.

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### **Kim Brewing says**

3.5 stars

I liked it but I didn't love it.

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### **Deirdre says**

needs editing and proofreading. lots of too instead of to among countless other errors. and the drug is heroin. the female hero of a story is the heroine. story is okay but not very believable. did not love the characters. 2.5 stars

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### **Sue says**

I loved this story about a young woman and her dreams...and the man who fueled most of them! Lots of ups and downs, romance, angst (of course!), and an overall great experience. I want to know more, now...of course!

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### **Victoria says**

Is a great book to read

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### **Sydney says**

**Cliche but okay for a free book.**

Got this book for free. It was interesting enough. My only thing is that I got annoyed with how the male lead wouldn't hear the female lead out and was determined to figure out how she swindled him only to see she didn't.

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### **Gosia says**

**Liked it.**

Not sure what to say about this book. Story was beautifully written but there was a main question that I was

confused on. Why keep such a secret for so long. I understand where Rane/Bill are coming from but once you get involved with someone even though that person is a reporter wouldn't you want that person know the truth. Even after everything that happened between Bill and Kinzey you would think the truth would come out. That's the main thing that bothered me with the story. Other than that I am happy with everything that Kinzey accomplished with the money she received from Rane's Foundation.

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### **Holly says**

This was a pleasant surprise. I guess I had low expectations for a free book by an author I didn't know but I'm happy to acknowledge how wrong I was. I didn't want to put it down. Well done!

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