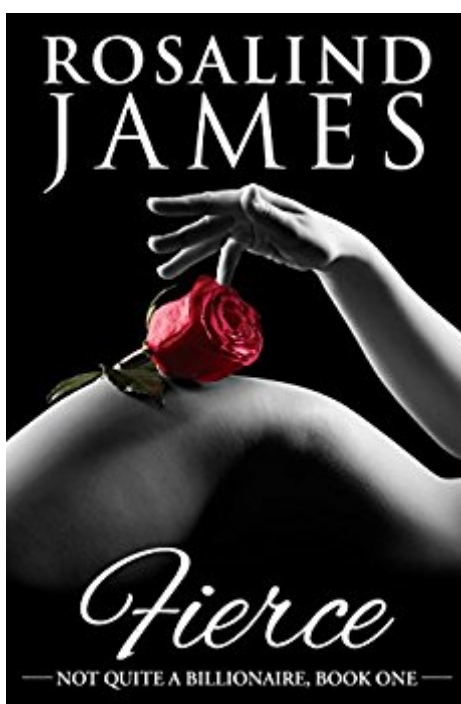


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Fierce (Not Quite A Billionaire Book 1)



Synopsis

The steamy new series by the bestselling author of *Escape to New Zealand* . . . I never asked Hemi Te Mana to rescue me. It was true that I had a lousy job. Not to mention a lousy apartment and too much responsibility, although it was a responsibility I wouldn't have given up for the world. That still didn't mean I needed rescuing, if that was what you'd call the situation I ended up in. And anyway, I knew that a multimillionaire Maori CEO with too many muscles, a tribal tattoo, and a take-no-prisoners attitude was way, way out of my league. So, no, I didn't ask him to, but he rescued me anyway. Because Hemi was fierce. But you know what I found out? So was I. Note: This is the "book within a book" that Faith is writing in *Just in Time: Escape to New Zealand*. And, yes, it has more steam than the "Escape" books. If you don't like strong, determined alpha men and very spicy (but fully consensual) sex, DON'T buy this book. Maybe head for New Zealand instead.

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Customer Reviews

You may think that this is just another one of those rich guy shows innocent girl "the ropes" books so common today. You would be wrong. Initially introduced to readers as the "book within the book"

in the latest installment of the Escape to New Zealand series, *Just in Time*, the story can be read as a stand alone and thoroughly enjoyed without knowing any background. However, for fans of the NZ series, it's like watching the heroine of *Just in Time* (Faith, the fictional "author" of *Fierce*) fall in love with Will all over again in this book as she works through her feelings by writing a love story. Once again, Rosalind James has given her readers with a little extra gift while crafting an engaging tale that also stands on its own. Leaving Will and Faith behind in their book, this story of Hemi, Maori multimillionaire who only has arrangements, and Hope, sweet yet strong, quickly moves from that common trope into a story with depth and many layers. The conflicts are not simple and the work and life situations are not simple. Although it is told in first person and has a lot sexual situations, I don't think this book could be characterized as erotic romance. In erotic romance, the sex typically moves the story forward. In this case (because this is what this author does so well), the emotional connection moves the story forward and the very hot sex scenes are the result of that. If you are a fan of erotic romance, I think you would find this a satisfying read because it delivers on the promise of that genre. The bonus is that it delivers so much more. I can't wait to see who is next in this series.

And Hope Sinclair isn't your average struggling, 4th-floor-walkup, career-gal-in-Manhattan either. She's that, all right, but she's something different. She's as heart-on-her-sleeve open and vulnerable as Hemi Te Mana is cool, closed and focused. But for all Hope's open heart, she somehow sees things every bit as clearly as Hemi, the supposedly emotionless CEO and swathe-cutter of the fashion industry. Yeah, Hope wants him, because, well, what woman in her right mind wouldn't want the globe-trotting multi-millionaire with the dark, smoldering good looks and the sculpted physique of a Maori warrior? But this is a Rosalind James novel, so some of the conventions are going to come bang up against reality. Hemi's unbroken record of insistence upon nothing more than a discreet, well-compensated, arms-length arrangement is only the first casualty of his finally encountering the one person he needs (and a gross understatement here) but whom he can't buy, bribe, smooth-talk, intimidate, impress, overawe, or anything else that's always worked in the past. I've never been insanely rich, but I do know psychologically true-to-life dialogue when I read it, and I just loved the interplay between Hope and Hemi. Frustrating for them sometimes, but enjoyable for me throughout, particularly in the heart-squeezing stuff leading up to the climax. (Lot of other climaxing in here too, so to speak. Neither of the principals has anything wrong with their sex drives or imaginations, that's for sure. The course of True Love doesn't run smooth, but it does run through the bedroom, the office, the

limo, the hotel suite, etc., all in pretty scorchy style). I'm tempted to describe particular scenes and lines, but instead I shall now clap my hand over my mouth and shut up. Excellent story, though.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I was not compensated for my review, and I was not required to write a positive review. The opinion expressed here is my own. Hemi Te Mana made his fortune being uncompromising and working hard. When it comes to women, he has arrangements, mutually satisfying arrangements that fit into his busy schedule. When he sees Faith Sinclair for the first time, he wants her and takes the necessary steps to ensure he can have her. Faith Sinclair needs to work even if she has to deal with a tyrant of a boss. When she gets a newer better paying one, she doesn't wonder how or why until it's too late. She can't afford a relationship that could jeopardize her livelihood, especially not when she has another mouth to feed. However, she's drawn to Hemi in a way she knows can't end well. Hemi doesn't do relationships and Faith doesn't do arrangements. Hang on for a bumpy ride. I have to say I really don't go for the billionaire boyfriend genre but I was hooked on this one in an unusual way. Fierce was originally a story within another book by Rosalind James, Just in Time (another excellent read by the way). I was teased by small scenes between Hemi as an intense self-made man and Faith as a feisty woman with too much to lose. So when I got the full-length version, I really wasn't expecting to get so emotionally invested, I was expecting lots of sexual tension but there I was sniffing at the tender parts. Ms. James makes you feel for Hemi and Faith, feel their struggles and feel their intense attraction. I do feel I need to warn you that this has some very adult content. If you are not a fan of sexy scenes, this may not be the book for you. This is what Ms. James does best, hot and steamy with a bit of Oh My! But if you are like me and the steamier the better, then make sure you have a cool drink on hand and several hours of uninterrupted time. Enjoy.

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