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Chicago Billionaires: Contemporary Romance Series Boxed Set



Synopsis

Four Steamy Stand-alone Bestselling Romances - All Full-length Novels with HEAs!!! - Mature Content - 18+years. ã ã All four novels are set in the grand lakefront city of Chicago.ã ã From the US and UK Top 100 "Most Read" Kindle All-Star author Aria Hawthorne comes her highly-anticipated CHICAGO BILLIONAIRES Boxed Set. All four billionaire romance novels can be read and enjoyed in any order and have HEAs.ã ã CLOSERã ã - Famous Dutch architect, Sven van der Meer, has just completed the greatest achievement of his professional life--the design and construction of The Spire, Chicago's tallest, most controversial skyscraper. But a shameful secret threatens to destroy his prestigious career--he's losing his eyesight. Now, he's run out of time and the only woman qualified to help maintain his charade of invincibility is also the one woman who despises him and The Spire. Will the fiery, but enchanting Miss Sanchez be the right woman to play the role of his pretend girlfriend? Or will the temptation of getting too close, too fast jeopardize their business arrangement and the future of his entire career?EXESã ã - When Chicago real estate tycoon Harvey Zale pings a "friend of a friend" with a flirtatious text, he never expects to start an addictive sexting affair with a complete stranger. He's a billionaire who can get any woman he wants, but he can't have her--his mysterious, sultry Contessa who soothes the pain of his divorce from his ex-wife, Alma Castillo, the Lara Croft of antique hunters, who shows up on his land, claiming the existence of a priceless Tiffany stained-glass window and on a personal crusade to muck up his deal. The problem is...he still loves her; she still hates him. So who will win?PRICELESSã ã - On the night before Valentine's Day, everything changes when jewelry store clerk, Maribel Martinez, assists the building owner, Miles Braxton-Worth, with a luxury purchase. Was it just her imagination, or did he feel their mysterious connection, too? Will Maribel be willing to relinquish her mind, body, and soul to the enigmatic billionaire for the chance to be the woman--special enough in his eyes--to receive his priceless gift? Will he accept her love for free, or will she be the one to pay the price?DEVOTIONã ã - Isabel Alvarez has dedicated herself to her work, determined to prove her worth to her British billionaire boss, Phillip Spears, the only man willing to hire her--a pregnant, college dropout--when no one else would. So when she receives a mysterious bouquet of blush pink roses at the office, she assumes it must be a mistake until she reads her own name on the card's envelope and its enigmatic inscription: "This is only the beginning..." An alluring succession of seductive gifts follows, and soon, Isabel must decide whether or not to jeopardize the security of her professional career in order to submit herself to the forbidden fantasies of her persistent secret admirer.ã ã

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Customer Reviews

Having been born in Chicago, I really enjoyed this series of books! I read them this summer while recuperating from surgery!

CLOSER...Aria Hawthorne 5 Stars x 3! 1) Outstanding job of presenting a unique angle to the storytelling of "Billionaire employs "fake" girlfriend." Most usual is, "Billionaire needs a fake girlfriend (for self-serving means) to obtain or maintain acquisitions to bolster his monetary empire. Typical stories of this nature deal with self-serving men who believe more \$'s = more happiness and it matters not the means to achieving the end game. 2) Well developed and well grounded primary characters in addition to fully fleshed out secondary characters. 3) Aria wove together a beautiful story that impressed me with a flair reminiscent of Julia Kent (think Shopping for a Billionaire series). Not many people could or would develop each of the characters so fully, that you can envision a wonderful series each having their moment in the spotlight. _____ EXES...I savored this story like a morsel of fine chocolate, crafted from the hands of a renowned Master Chocolatier. Aria Hawthorne's creations are works of art that just happen to be that delectable. Now imagine the chocolates paired with a fine

wine that complements, balances, or pulls out certain notes in it's counterparts. The combination can only lead to enhanced enjoyment, a completing of the other. So correlates the love story between Harvey and Alma, our exes who Aria Hawthorne will bring together again. ~~~~~ Aria Hawthorne's done a masterful job showing us her two main characters, Harvey Zale and Alma Castillo as their business lives dictate they work as professionally, and as amicably is possible after a year being divorced. Personal and professional lives become intertwined as they navigate through solving a mystery of the creator of the stained glass windows in one of Harvey's properties. Harvey the billionaire real estate mogul and Alma the fine arts and antiques expert are lead to solve a series of clues that may prove the windows to be valuable Louis Comfort Tiffany creations. It would be well worth delaying the demolition. If not, he may lose the pending sale of the land and a substantial sum of money. Harvey's initially unhappy with being presented with paperwork that stops his demolition crew in it's tracks. Jacques has been a thorn in his side, and you get a sneaking suspicion that much of it has to do with the man himself as well. Jacques is intent on using this opportunity to pursue more than a professional relationship with Alma. While we see the other side of the coin when Alma is confronted with Harvey's real estate attorney. She's definitely trying to lay claim to Harvey and some of the things she works into conversation has Alma all out of sorts. Harvey and Alma have some jealousy going on. It makes things interesting when they are spending so much time together trying to find the elusive "Eternal Love" Tiffany window. The window that is only rumored to exist. Where there is jealousy, so is love. Harvey's jealous because he still loves Alma. A year of emptiness since she divorced him, and he really wants her forever, as he vowed when they were wed. Alma's jealousy is of love for Harvey, but has a hard time recognizing it because she harbors anger and resentment towards him as well. She divorced him when he changed to someone she didn't recognize. A heartless business mogul with more interest in destruction of the old without thought for it's historical significance, to build new and gaudy. She still lives in the first apartment they had bought and restored together, to it's original grandeur. ~~~~~ As all of this is happening, Alma has been texting with a gentleman. No names, no talking about their jobs, and above all no meeting in person. It's a great way to escape from the stress of her real life. Fantasy and reality have a way of colliding. Harvey saw Alma once again where he was to be meeting someone. He recognized an ankle bracelet she was wearing. You see, he told his mystery woman to wear the bracelet he had left for her. Unbelievable, Alma is the woman he's been sexting with. Alma... Just a fantasy... a fantasy... in person... blindfolded and satiated... sleepy... cuddled... awake... alone... a present... a promise... another time to come. Will Alma believe he had no idea who he was sexting with at the

start? Do they find the window "Eternal Love" or does Alma want to give up? Harvey's now the one coaxing her to see it through, never give up hope. 5 + Truly Outstanding

Stars _____ DEVOTION... Devotion: "A feeling of strong love or loyalty" Merriam-Webster Dictionary. Isabel the dedicated Executive Assistant to Phillip. Phillip the all business type of boss that took a chance on a pregnant Isabel and hired her when no one else would. Throw in an opponent (Eliot) that is ruthless in his quest to take on Phillip through business acquisitions of real estate and one indispensable Executive Assistant, Isabel. It was so easy to get caught up in the lives of the characters and the intrigue of both the business and Isabel's mystery pursuer. Aria Hawthorne had me from start to finish as I flew through some sections as I couldn't find out fast enough how Phillip's company was going to outwit Eliott, and who was to be revealed as Isabel's Mystery lover. The secondary characters were well fleshed out and some were a quite a hoot. I wouldn't mind seeing more of them in a future story or novella. You will absolutely love "Devotion" on so many levels. If you are like me you will need a second read to fully satisfy yourself. 5+ Stars and a definite top shelf spot on the "to be read again" section of my bookshelf. I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of the book. The opinions expressed are mine alone and freely given. -Aunt Bee

This is a collection of four full length novels that are loosely connected. Each does stand alone but it would be beneficial to read them in order as printed. Aria Hawthorne was a new author to me a few months ago when I read the second novel in the series. She soared to the top ten of my author list and will stay there if she continues to write novels as compelling and complex as these are. Well developed characters and accuracy in her location. Of course it helps that they are set in Chicago and I used to live there! Book one, Closer, features a foreign born architect, Sven van der Meer, who is going blind. He has to finish one last project before it becomes a well-known fact and he loses his entire career and fortune. Unemployed and desperate for a job, Inez Sanchez interviews with him and takes the job because he offers her a ridiculous amount of money to be his companion/date for four days. She's got a child and ailing grandmother to care for so there isn't any question but to take him up on the offer. In the interim, things get interesting and we get the HEA we all expect. Good writing all the way to the end. Exes is the second book and is about Harvey Zale and his ex-wife Alma Castillo. He is determined to revitalize the real estate market by demolishing old building and creating new ones. She is just as sure she can stop him from destroying artifacts in those buildings. They begin a texting relationship with strangers until Harvey figures out who he is texting. He changes his voice and creates complex

scenarios and *After the Date* is a HEA where she is unable to see him. She is the one who got away from him and he really wants her back. The secrecy is a bit of a stretch but it keeps the story flowing in the hot encounters between them. Another HEA with some mystery for the next book. Maribel Martinez works for Miles Braxton-Worth in the jewelry department of one of his holdings. He has had his eye on her for months but stays away because he knows that employer-employee relationships are bad for both of them. As Valentine's Day arrives and he finds out that she has no date, he begins his seduction with expensive gifts. A former lover who wants him back, finds out that he has taken a liking to Maribel. She loses her job because of it and the agent tries to make his life miserable for rejecting her. Miles is willing to give it all up for Maribel and tells her so. There are twists and turns that keep you reading past your bedtime. In the end, another HEA for all your effort! And finally, *Devotion* wraps up the series. In this final story, Phillip Spears is the billionaire employer of Isabel Alvarez, took her under his wing when she applied for a job with him. He has molded her into a sharp, capable executive assistant who is his right hand. As a Brit, he too has some things to learn about life in the US, but he simply can't ignore his attraction to her. When he does decide to cross that boundary, he finds that a rival business associate is challenging him with her as well. A few secrets are revealed and things take a dramatic turn for the worse. You get the HEA but it does take some work. Love how this author keeps things moving around so you aren't sure what will happen! I was provided an ARC by NetGalley for an honest and unbiased review. I was not promised nor did I receive any compensation for this.

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