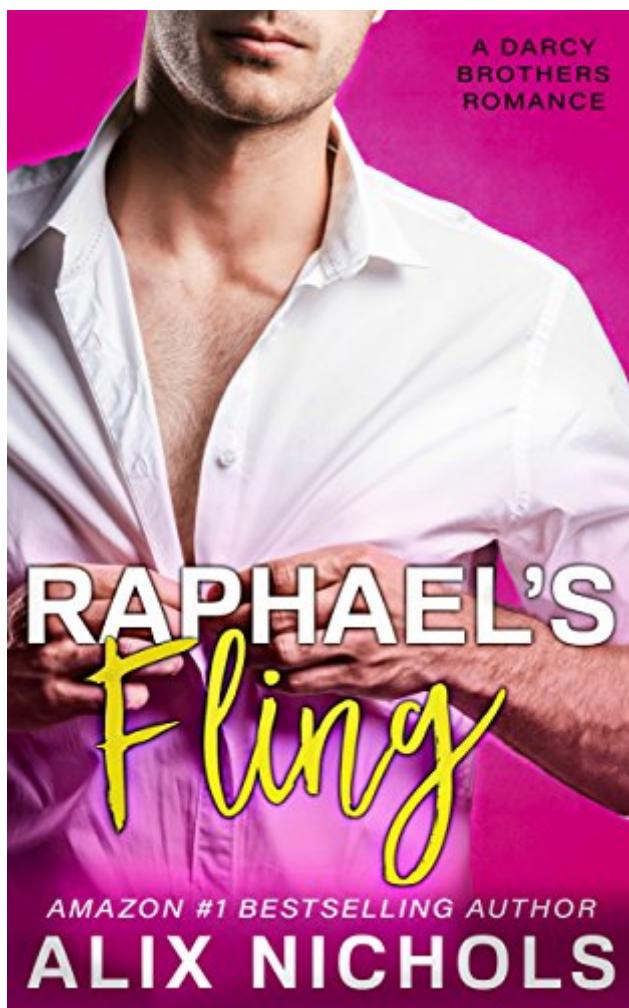


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# Raphael's Fling: A Bad-Boy Romance (The Darcy Brothers Book 2)



## Synopsis

A secretive nerdette gets a bad boy for Christmas...I'm Mia, a grad student and part-time assistant at D'Arcy Consulting and Audit. My company's CEO, Raphael d'Arcy, is young, funny, smart, and uber-rich. He's also smoking hot. That alone should have scared me away, were I not such a fool, my academic achievements notwithstanding. But there's more. Raphael is France's most notorious playboy who doesn't do relationships. He does one-night stands. If sufficiently intrigued, he might do a fling, which is the most we could ever have together -- a short-lived fling. So what, right? Worse things happen at sea...They do, indeed. As a matter of fact, getting my heart broken by Raphael d'Arcy is the least of my worries. Some very serious merde has been piling up in my life lately. And it's about to hit the fan. **RAPHAEL'S FLING** is a standalone lust-to-love romance within the Darcy Brothers series. Perfect for fans of Lauren Blakely, Julia Kent and Louise Bay.

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"Nichol's storytelling is emotional, witty and fun." Christi Fowler (Goodreads Reviewer)

"My newest book boyfriend is Raphael!" JanG (Reviewer)

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## Customer Reviews

A charming, heartfelt read told in first person that I couldn't put down once I picked it up. Mia is pursuing her doctorate degree in Paris, but she still works to pay the bills. She never intended to begin a relationship, actually that was the last thing she ever wanted to do, her studies took up most of her free time, but somehow she ended up deep in an affair with her boss. Well, not technically her boss, but the CEO of the company, so the big, big, BIG boss. Raphael d'Arcy himself. Not only has she broken her mother's rule to procreate before marriage (her mother is a pastor), okay to be honest Mia broke that rule years ago, but what I'm talking about is her own rule of sleeping with someone she works with. Mia promised she'd never have sex with someone from work. So what is she doing and more importantly why couldn't she stop? Why did Raphael have to be so sexy? So charming? So handsome? Just so Raphael? She is going to break it off. She really is. She knew it would never last. His so-called "relationships" never did. She hated being a dirty secret. Well maybe not the dirty part that was actually nice. So, maybe next week she'd have the willpower to call it quits. But right now with Raphael and all the dirty thoughts running around in her head next week sounded like a much better idea. Yeah. Raphael's Fling was a fun read. It had twists and turns which is why once I picked it up I couldn't put it down. Mia suffered from the same angst and insecurities every woman does, even if we weren't sleeping with the boss. Even Raphael was relatable. He wasn't over the top and didn't make grand gestures that were out of character. Actually I loved that they both moved at their own pace and never broke character to make outlandish gestures. To some their romance may have seemed subtle, but it was in the small things that Raphael did, that Mia didn't always notice at first herself, that made the story romantic. At one point, Mia sat in retrospect and realized that Raphael had ruined her for every other man because of those little things. He always seemed to know when she was unhappy or upset. He also knew the things that made her excited and what she liked. He took the time to take an interest in her dissertation, her interests. For in those small things he made grand gestures of love. That made my heart melt. This was the second book in this series and I didn't read the first, yet. I am hoping to pick it up in the new year. However, I didn't feel lost or like I'd missed anything. If you are like me and also haven't read the first book, but want to dive right into Raphael's Fling you shouldn't have any trouble.

I read this book several months ago and when it popped up in one of my emails today, I remembered it as a book I liked and read it again. That in, and of itself, speaks volumes since I have over 6,000 books in the cloud and download more each day than I can read. I thoroughly enjoyed this book both times I have read it. I loved the Mia and Raphael characters. The book grabs you from the beginning with Olaf and Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer meeting. It is sweet and has its share of smarmy characters too. I loved it enough to read it twice. You should try it at least once. Once I finished it, I read the book before it - "Find You in Paris" which was on my Kindle but had never read. It is about Raphael's brother, Sebastian and Diane who you will find in Raphael's Fling. I enjoyed both books and it didn't diminish my enjoyment of either one by reading them out of order.

This is the first book I've read from Alix Nichols. I rarely read rom-coms. Raphael is the CEO where Mia works. They meet at the Office Christmas party while in costume. They start to have a fling. Mia receives letters from a blackmailer who wants her to do what he wants because he has a recording of something she did in college. Mia finds out she's pregnant. Since she is being blackmailed and Raphael is a player who never plans on getting married or having children she decides to leave town. Mia returns after 18 months. Raphael like Mia couldn't get over one another. I recommend reading this book, it has ups and downs, life choices and is also heartwarming. I loved this book, I plan on reading more from Alix. I'm now a fan.

Alix Nichols has done it again! I love her writing and really love the Darcy brothers. Hot men and what's not to love about them. Sexy, brilliant men who make you go "awe". I highly recommend this book to everyone. It's hot and steamy but still lovable.

A fun romantic story. There are many twists and turns, blackmail threats and a secret baby. The characters are well thought out and the plot is interesting. I have read several of Alix Nichols books and have loved them all. I voluntarily read an advanced reader copy of this book.

It's so hard to find books that give you an original story with relatable characters. At first glance of the synopsis, I thought this would be another predictable read. Not at all! I was sucked in from the first chapter. Regrettably, I read it so fast that it was over too soon for me. Shame on the author for making this so awesome! I thought I hated Raphael because he seemed a little inconsiderate at first. And I thought Mia was going to be his pushover throughout the book. Not at all! And things developed in such a classy and tasteful way. Kudos, Alix Nichols! Now on to the next book by her :)

I read a lot of romances. In fact, I have one in my kindle at all times, so when I find a good author, I want to share her with people. I really, really liked this book and "Find me in Paris.." The writing was really good and the story kept my interest, which is rarely true for me nowadays. I loved the fact that the book took place in France, too. Some of the small moments took my breath away. For example, I don't know why, but I was struck when Mia said, "Goodbye, my favorite snowman." Ohh, that made my heart flutter with sadness.

Book 2 in The Darcy Brothers is now officially my favourite. Sebastian has been replaced as my new book boyfriend by his brother Raphael. Raphael on the surface was just a playboy, but as the story evolved, you realised he had many dimensions to him. Mia has had a very strict & religious upbringing that seems to affect her decisions even as an adult. The two together are just beautiful. So much chemistry and their dialogue at times is hilarious, but then also very heart warming. Looking forward to Noah's book.

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