

To Do List by Lauren Dane

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Annabelle Taylor works way too hard. She's close to reaching her career goals, but it has been at the expense of her personal life. What good is a corner office if you can't truly enjoy it? She has barely seen her family in a year, and she misses them dreadfully. Now she's home for the holidays, even though her smarmy boss gave her a bunch of crap about taking time off. She knew she was ready to take some time to wind down and relax, but what she didn't expect was the smoldering kiss beneath the mistletoe from long-time family friend, Rafe. She's known Rafe since they were kids, and has had a crush on him since she was twelve. Rafe had always thought of Belle as a little sister until five years ago at her law school graduation party, when he suddenly realized she had grown into a beautiful woman. Now he hopes there's room in Belle's life for him – forever.

To Do List starts out hot right out of the box, and then keeps getting hotter. Lauren Dane has a knack for making readers feel the passion and excitement of a new relationship. I love how Belle and Rafe are up front with each other about the attraction they've been feeling for a while. The dialog between them is inspired, as are the steamy fantasies they share with each other. Belle is organized and goal-oriented. She's struggling with the idea of setting aside her professional goal, even though her current job is making her life miserable. She knows what she wants to do but it's hard for her to make what feels like an impulsive decision and a big change in her life. I think a lot of people can relate to that.

Rafe is the sweetest guy ever, so patient and understanding you just want to eat him up. To Do List is a story full of warmth and holiday family traditions, and it's easy to see why Lauren Dane is such a well-loved author. You'll definitely want to read this one.