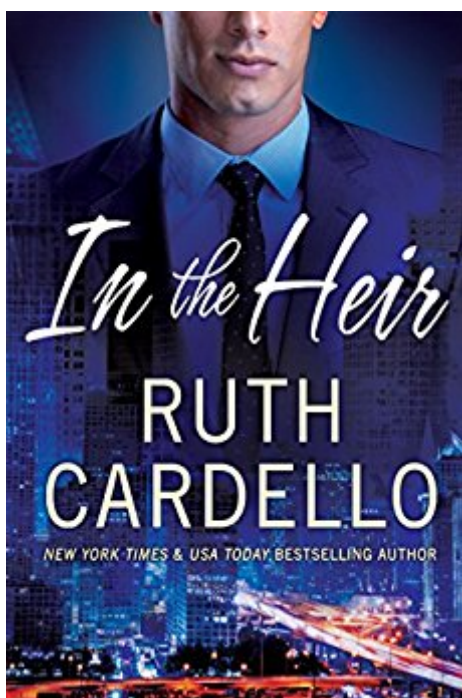


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Synopsis

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Ruth Cardello returns with an irresistible series about sexy billionaires and the strong-willed women who tame them. Brett Westerly is his father's golden child, but it comes at a cost. As head of the family corporation, he throws himself into his work—hiding in his office is easier than confronting the reality of his broken family. After a bitter divorce that split the family and divided loyalties, the wealthy Westerly matriarch offers an early inheritance to any grandchild who marries and invites the entire family to the wedding. Brett's brother Spencer rashly gets engaged, and Brett knows it's his duty to intervene. But he never imagined the unwelcome desire Spencer's fiery fiancée would spark in him. Now the man who's used to getting everything he could want has met the one woman he can't have. Ever since she was a girl, Alisha Coventry considered Spencer and his sister Rachelle the family she didn't have. When Spencer asks for her help, Alisha has no problem becoming his fake fiancée—until she meets Spencer's sexy older brother Brett. The chemistry between them is undeniable—Forbidden—but as their relationship deepens, Brett is determined to have her. Alisha only wanted to help the family make amends. Now she's falling for the wrong Westerly.

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A failed attempt to inject happiness into the lives of her grandchildren fails on one hand but results in the birth of love on the other

There are three lessons that my Grandmother taught me. A person is never too old to stop learning. It's not enough to crave or receive love, you must give love in return and lead by example. She was a wise woman, who was not afraid to practice what she preached. Until the day she died, she led by example in all she did. Including owning up to her mistakes. I still miss her, but carry all she taught me within my heart. The Westerly clan could have used some of her wisdom. With *In the Heir*, Ms. Cardello lays the groundwork for rebuilding a broken family. The Westerlys are far from perfect. Anger and pride has set to destroying a prominent dynasty. Can forgiveness, restore the foundation before it topples completely? *In The Heir* is a story of romance, friendships and family, that is written and rooted in the most powerful emotion in the world. LOVE.

Ruth Cardello - *In the Heir* - (Westerly Billionaire Series - Book 1) A new series by Ms. Cardello about a family that has been split apart for many years. When the parents, Dereck & Stephanie got a divorce, Brett & Eric, stayed with their father. Rachelle, Nicholette & Spencer went with their mother. As the story opens the grandmother, Delinda Westerly was celebrating her 80th birthday with a slew of people at her stately mansion. Not one of those attending are her family. Her son, Dereck nor the five grandchildren were in attendance. She had lost her beloved husband, Oliver 30 years ago and today she missed him more than ever. It was her longtime friends, Alessandro & Victor Andrade brothers, and their families who were there to celebrate with her. Delinda Westerly was not a kind woman and she always spoke her mind. Many times, at the expense of hurting others with her harsh insensitive words. When Delinda asked how Alessandro reunited with his brother he told her that his daughter Maddy played matchmaker and "love heals all wounds". Delinda's execution of this advice was to tell each grandchild that they would have to get married to get their inheritance. The reaction was not what Delinda was expecting, but, she would learn what forgiveness and unconditional love is all about. Brett Westerly, the oldest & the head of the Westerly Empire now. Brett is more like his father because he too was a workaholic. Spencer has decided that he needs his inheritance now to expand his business. He

asks Alisha Coventry to marry him and they can get it annulled later. Brett decides that he wants to be closer to his siblings and visits Spencer. When he meets Alisha, he is immediately drawn to her and feels guilty, after all she is Spencer's fiancée, or is she? As the story unfolds, there are many secrets that are revealed and a better understanding of why the family is so split. Don't miss this new series. It is complex with the family dynamics, but simple in the way Love is embraced. Best Quote: "if you want a rose garden, don't plant weeds."

I was intrigued by the synopsis of this book, as I adore reading books featuring siblings, matchmaking elders, and family dramas. Ruth Cardello is a new author to me and I wanted to try something different and "The Westerly Billionaires" was Very enjoyable. It reminded me of a Dallas soap opera style novel...so be warned there are a lot of sub plots and twists along the way, but nothing too hard going. What I liked most about it, was its heart. While there is drama, there is a sweetness to it and everyone is a grown up! There should be some pretty amazing stories coming from this divided family as secrets are revealed. In this first installment, the grandmother Delinda is pondering at her 80th (where none of her grandkids have shown up) that the only thing that heals is love, so she stipulates whoever marries first and gets the entire family attend the wedding receives their inheritance early. Desperate for the cash for his start-up, younger brother Spencer announces he will marry his long time friend Alisha. As the eldest of the Westerly siblings Brett fears this isn't a real marriage and wants to stop it before Spencer can do anything crazy. Never does he expect the wave of attraction he feels for the bride to be. This is the last thing he needs with the strain between himself and his brother already at a breaking point but standing by and watching this happen isn't an option either. Brett is the quintessential billionaire, trying to bridge the gap with his siblings as he is the peacemaker and the chosen one trying to run the legacy. Who would think his perfect complement is the feisty, loyal kindergarten teacher Alisha who is kind, honest and open minded. This is a Great start to a series, "In The Heir" is a wonderfully charming story of family, love and forgiveness. I particularly enjoyed how grown up and real Brett and Alisha were together and all the ensuing family hysterics. I am really looking forward to the next sibling to get hitched!! I am a verified purchaser in Australia

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