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Daniel has been best friends with Rose since they were born. He's been in love with her for years. The only problem? She has no idea, and he's not about to tell her and ruin their friendship. The solution? Leave Chicago to travel the world, pursue his dream of becoming a photojournalist, and try to forget the red lips that he could kiss for hours. If only she'd let him...

Rose knows true love is out there somewhere; she just has to try hard enough to find it. That's become more complicated, though, since her best friend Daniel has moved in with her after being away for two years. Somehow thoughts of him keep getting in the way, making her morning showers a little too hot for comfort. If only he'd see...

In Helena Rac's second novel, best friends become roommates and discover through sloppy towel tucks, stargazing adventures, and a very sexy photo shoot that sometimes love can be found in the most unlikely place: right in front of you.

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From Reader Review Quiet Love for online ebook

Taylor says

After a much anticipated second release from Ms. Rac - it's finally here!! Quiet Love can be a stand alone but has intertwined characters from her debut novel, Sweet Bliss.

Now let me first tell you - I love Sweet Bliss but Quiet Love far surpassed SB for me. QL is well written, has character development, no unnecessary angst or unrealistic story plots. It's just REAL.

The most REAL thing about it is Daniel! He's not some scary muscled millionaire alpha - he's sweet and a little awkward and adorable as can be and what's better than anything is he pulls out the alpha in the boudoir - when and where it counts!! He's just the greatest. No pretenses, no drama, he's just everything and I lurve him something fierce lol

Rose is cool. Like the epitome of cool - kick ass attitude (even tho it may be masking some emotions) she's got drive and a good head on her shoulders! Again, not full of angst or drama... she's got her own issues but who doesn't?!

These two are ADULTS and act like them! What a refreshing thing to read - I was getting a little antsy because I wanted them to wrestle in the buff due to all the sexual tension lol but alas, it may have taken a while to get there but it was well worth it! Hashtag fireworks.

Just so happy for Helena and this release! Definitely worth the wait and I hope she doesn't make me wait that long again to read her next book haha (wink wink, nudge nudge)

LettyT says

What a sweet and charming book. I don't mean that in any condescending way either. I mean that in the best way possible! Daniel and Rose are life long friends. They grew up together and know each other better than anyone else. At 19 Daniel realizes he's in love with Rose but how does he tell her without ruining their friendship. Well, he doesn't, he decides for the greater good of love and friendship it's time for him to move on.. Fast forward a few years and Daniel is back in town and moves in with Rose. It's at this point Rose realizes Daniel might be the guy who gives her the happily ever after she is desperately seeking.

This is such a wonderfully, well written book. The author has a way with words that make you want to read more and more.

DJ Sakata says

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

Do you ever wonder if a person was meant to cross your path for a reason? I sometimes feel as if Rose wasn't just meant to cross mine; she was meant to be there when my path started.

It's funny how quickly perceptions can change. All of a sudden, things down there cool like it's the middle of winter and my furnace is broken. The sparkly blue eyes seem too blue, like he's got some weird fake contacts. They're kind of scary looking, to be honest. Those arms that I was swooning over a minute ago now look like bulky, juiced-up slabs of ham. The man bun looks too sleek, kind of oily. And the beer— I bet it's Bud Light.

I might have been a bit temperamental at times— or, as my mom liked to put it, 'determined' to get what I wanted. That had a nicer ring to it. Right now, I'm determined to put this guy in his place.

Rose, there are trillions of stars in our galaxy. There are even more planets. There are billions of people on Earth. And then there's you. You're my star. You're my whole universe. I love you the way I've never loved anyone in my life, and always will.

My Review:

Quiet Love was a sweet, angsty, humorous, and deliciously steamy friends to lovers romance. Packed with quirky and endearing characters, I enjoyed Ms. Rac's clever humor and witty writing style. The main characters of Daniel and Rose had been neighbors and friends from birth, although Daniel had been quietly besotted and longing for more than friendship for several years but too cowardly to confess his feelings. Rose was oblivious to his predicament and each time he finally worked up his courage, the timing was always wrong - I was ready to do them both bodily harm when at 65% into the book he was still dithering. Once they finally connected I worried about needing a new kindle, as I feared mine was melting – I gasped and clutched for libation to prevent dehydration. Snap, crackle, pop! This was my first experience on the Rac, but it certainly won't be my last, she has a new fangirl.

Angy Potter - Collector of Book Boyfriends says

Quiet Love was a beautiful and sweet story about two best friends who were destined to be together. Daniel and Rose were best friends literally forever, since they were in their hospital cribs. Daniel fell madly in love with Rose when they were teens but he had never enough courage to say a word about it, so he decided to move on, move away, live his dream of being a photojournalist. When he came back home, he moved in with his best friend, Rose and this is where their journey started.

I loved their relationship, when they were friends and when they finally became lovers. All of it was beautiful and sweet and romantic and sexy. There was a moment when I felt frustrated because Rose was so blind and Daniel was so quiet, but everything came in the right time, and when love was finally added to the equation, their story was perfect.

This is my first book by Helena Rac, I loved her writing style, it was fun and fluid and sexy. I loved all the characters, the main and secondary, and every plot twist was amazing. I LOL and screamed— *out of frustration but everything was fine, don't worry* —and I was left with a huge smile with how this book ended. It was amazing.

100% recommended. Now you go and fall in love with Daniel and Rose.

Jultri says

When we were born, she calmed me.

When we were five years old, she made me laugh.

At ten, she challenged me.

At sixteen, she intrigued me.

At nineteen, I fell in love with her.

At twenty-two, I thought she was my soul mate.

Until I realized I wasn't hers.

3.5/5. Unrequited love sucks. Daniel knows that better than anyone. He left town and country for 2.5 years to find himself and to escape his love and lust for best-friend-since-cradle, Rose. Though he couldn't outrun his love for her, he did manage to find greater self-confidence during his time abroad. Rose is a bit more flighty, less attentive as a friend to Daniel's unspoken cues. She is more concerned with satisfying her physical needs than her emotional needs. An enjoyable quick read.

This is an ARC provided by NetGalley.

Natalia Acuña says

I really love a book that makes me live the story that's being told. I enjoy the pent up till all the things u have yelled at like a maniac start taking form. Daniel and Rose will melt ur heart and wish u could push them together all the time...even want to smack some sense into them. But the ride from chapter to chapter will make u laugh, wipe a tear, fall in love. I can only share my side of this story as the way I lived it...so be my guest, get cozy and get the book to get all the feels...."till next time" *giggles*

Chele' says

Friends to lovers is my JAM and this was the ultimate friends to lovers story. Daniel. ***Deep melty sigh*** I love him, he's smart and funny, a little nerdy, hot and so, so talented with his photography skills but I think the thing he's best at is loving Rose.

Rose and Daniel have been best friends their entire lives. No....like legitimately their ENTIRE lives, since their births in the hospital so you can imagine their beautiful history, the memories.....inside jokes, traditions and the level of intimacy.

Rose is my kind of girl. A loyal friend, amazing daughter, independent, fun, sexy and a great sense of humor. She's a talented and succesful entrepreneur. The one thing she thinks she's lacking? That knock you on your butt, butterflies in your stomach, can't eat or sleep blinding kind of love. For all of her wonderful attributes let's just say being perceptive isn't one of them. Could it be issues from her upbringing that's making her miss what's right in front of her!??

I couldn't turn the pages quick enough! I had to know what they were doing and saying and how they were FEELING. Helena did an incredible job and had the perfect combination of emotion, humor, angst and sexy time.....QUICK PAUSE. Ummmmm Daniel REALLY surprised me, I mean there was NO shyness in the bedroom. ***wiggles eyebrows and fans self**** Quiet love has it all, you must read it!!

Livia says

'My love for him may have been quiet over the years, but even quiet love can become explosive.' ~Rose

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Writing style: Dual POVs

Cover design verdict: I love it! It's so indicative of what's in store for readers. I also love the color palette loads.

Lead Characters:

Rose Adams aka *The Queen of First Dates* – I admired her zest and enthusiasm for modern dating. I still haven't gotten on board with any of the latest methods to meet someone, so it was extra fun being in Rose's head while she bravely took the plunge again and again. Rose was also an important supporting character in Tessa's novel, *Sweet Bliss (Chapters of Love #1)*. The two novels overlap in time which worked really well.

Daniel Woodcock – quiet, loyal, sexy and a bit geekish. What was not to love about Daniel really? He was passionate about his nascent photojournalism career and his life-long friendship with Rose. I loved, loved that he realized that he and Rose were soul mates long before she did. I wished he'd laid his heart bare to Rose a lot sooner than he did, but doing something so monumental was understandably scary and not done as easily as either of us hoped. But boy did I love when confident, sexy, kinky Daniel came out to play and stayed for good! ?

Favorite Supporting Character:

Dr. Steven Woodcock – Daniel's dad was not only funny, but also quite wise. He gave the best advice to Daniel, and he helped Rose with her heart trouble as well. The best dad award is in the bag for him. And I loved when he swatted his wife on the bum as proof that he wasn't too old for some PDA in front of the youngsters, ha!

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Story rating: ★★★★★

Heart. Heat. Sprinkles of humor.

That's the tag line on Helena Rac's website, and *Quiet Love (Chapters of Love #2)* certainly delivered all of those elements in a beautifully angsty, charming and sexy way. Bravo!

For once, I actually had the attention span and time to read an e-book rather quickly for me. I've become

more of an audiobook reader these days. But I seriously enjoyed having the time to gush quite a bit on GoodReads about moments that had me laughing, on the edge, titillated and just plain smiling like the romantic sap that I am. I'm so happy that I picked Rose and Daniel's love story for my Memorial Day holiday weekend read.

And just maybe Rose's friend Liz might get her own stand-alone novel someday soon. Hint, hint...

Shelly says

Completely charming and absolutely original from start to finish. First, I can't remember when I read a story with a beta male character that wasn't written as the comic relief. Daniel is definitely not that! He is the female lead's best friend, but he is not a sideline comic who picks out her shoes. Daniel is shy, he is in his head, but he is all male and deeply developed. There is such a charm in the way he silently admits to what he is experiencing in his own head, the way he shows he cares, and the way he interacts with his friends and his parents that makes his quiet all that more special.

Rose is 100% herself, even when she is trying to play down her personality, who she is happens anyway (speed dating cocktails anyone) and she is unapologetic with awkward moments and flaws. When those flaws or awkward moments happen she is never mortified or ashamed, she just uses humor to make the other person more comfortable. I LOVE THIS ABOUT HER!!! Even when she admits that she hasn't seen what is in front of her, she is beautifully introspective without being ashamed or embarrassed. There is no need, she just owns it and decides what to do next!

This book is full of charm and the characters are authentic and real. There is also some definite spice and heat thrown in, so those who need that in a read will not be disappointed! (A photo session to make anyone blush!) Quiet Love is also full of quotes you will remember, original laugh inducing moments, and yes, I was even moved to tears. The moments are not just the two main characters alone, I loved Daniel's father and his being a "heart specialist", I want to be friends with Tessa, and I officially have a crush on Tom! These additional characters are just as lovely and Rose and Daniel, and truthfully, you would expect them to have these types of people in their lives, they help create who they are. Just perfect!

I loved this story! If you are a reader of the likes of Penny Reid or Daisy Prescott you will need to add this your TBR list, you will fall in love just like I did! Helena Rac I can't wait to read more!!

Michelle says

****You can see this full review and more at Book Briefs: <https://bookbriefs.net>****

Quiet Love is the second book in the Chapters of Love series by Helena Rac. I had no idea that the first book was going to be part of a series (or if I did, I didn't remember that part.) But I do remember that I absolutely loved Sweet Bliss (Which is currently on sale for 99cents!) Quiet Love totally had me swooning. I loved this friends to more story so much. I liked it even more than the first book!

Quiet Love is Rose and Daniel's story. I really really enjoyed these two characters. Rose is great and Daniel

is all mine. Seriously, I loved sweet quiet Daniel. He is Quiet Love. Rose and Daniel have been best friends forever. I loved that Rose and Daniel had no airs about them. They were who they were, and they totally loved that about each other. They make great friends and a great couple. I loved how genuine their story felt. It was mature and didn't have a whole lot of unnecessary drama for the sake of drama, which was a nice change of pace. (don't get me wrong, I like watching drama unfold on tv or in books, but I am so low key in real life that it was super refreshing to see level headed characters.) These are people I would totally be friends with in real life.

Quiet Love is a great, and really satisfying romance. Helena Rac has hit my sweet spot with romances twice in a row now. That is really great for me. I can't imagine anyone not swooning over Daniel. He is just someone I want to hug. I liked Rose too but Daniel was the star for me. I loved the whole thing. This romance was a great read for me. Check out Quiet Love and the Chapters of Love Series by Helena Rac. I think it will put a smile on your face.

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Gokce ~Muslin Myst~ says

As a huge fan of friends to lovers stories, after being sidetracked by the nice cover, I couldn't simply pass this up. And the story started off sweet enough with the hero Daniel's words giving us a timeline of his feelings so we knew what we were getting into and when.

Daniel and Rose had been friends ever since they were born. Literally. They were a few days apart and were placed next to each other at the hospital, their mothers became fast friends and voila, the two were almost inseparable their entire lives. At least until Daniel left for a two year long trip around the world to pursue his dream of photojournalism.

When we start the story we know Daniel's already fallen for Rose, but the fun part is seeing Rose struggling with her feelings for Daniel. After Daniel's been back from his trip-and this is around the time the story starts- they're two years more mature. Plus, they've been away from each other having built a life for themselves, not being college students anymore. So the timing was perfect. The trigger too, for Rose's feelings. I could see that she saw Daniel in a new light, especially after he transitioned from the shy best friend to the confident man.

The story's told from both their points of view so we know exactly what's going on and when. Even though I haven't been a fan of this kind of storytelling, I can see that sometimes it's the best choice. Besides, I did read my fair share of first person narration and enjoyed it when done right. Which was the case here also. I liked to listen to Daniel speak about his love for Rose, something that progressed slowly but firmly. And his dilemma over whether to tell Rose and take a chance or possibly ruin their friendship was realistic and, at times, painful. Rose here was the one who took the story a step forward though because without her struggle about seeing her best friend in a new light, I believe Daniel might not have taken that step.

This was a sweet story. It gives you exactly what it promises. A friends to lovers story that is nice and sexy. If you enjoy this theme like me I'm sure you'd enjoy this book too.

Irma says

4.5

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BEAUTIFUL

This is my first Helena's story. Although Quiet Love is Book 2 in a Chapters of Love series, I knew I could jump in without reading Sweet Bliss first. The blurb just "called my name".

First of all, I have to say that I fell in love with Helen's writing style. So smooth and captivating. I'm a big fan of friends to lovers stories and this book is definitely a good one. Characters were both so endearing, I really liked them. Everything about this story is just the way it should be.

I really liked this sweet romantic story with kindhearted main characters.

Annika says

I feel like I should have adored this book.

I'm such a huge sucker for the (best) friends-to-lovers trope, as well as roommates-to-lovers, so I should have enjoyed this way more than I did.

The thing is, there wasn't actually anything wrong with this book. The protagonists were likable, the story was cute, and there wasn't anything that annoyed or aggravated me. But, what sounds like a lot of pros, turns out to be the biggest issue I had with this.

I was bored. I wasn't invested, I didn't feel anything, and I didn't really care what happened between Daniel and Rose.

There were parts that I did enjoy and scenes that made me chuckle, but mostly I just had to fight the urge to skim - not always successfully.

I did not dislike this book, rather I felt indifferent towards it.

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Tina Lynne says

If ever a book had a perfect name, it was this one. Quiet Love by Helena Rac is a beautiful friends to lovers story. It is both endearing and frustrating. You smile at their growing attraction, finding the moments of love and realization to be sweet and earth shattering, and their hesitation to be oh so very frustrating. Rac does a fantastic job of sharing a slow burn story that consumes two people who have known each other since their first days on Earth. When their spark is realized, it becomes consuming, burning bright in a love that will not easily be doused. Love is quiet as it consumes them and changes everything.

This story is one of the best friends to lovers stories I have ever read. You see everything unfold in dual POVs, a glimpse that allows the reader to see the transition in feelings and the growing love that blooms between Rose and Daniel. It is perfect. The story takes a cautious step at the beginning, both characters terrified of what these romantic feelings might mean for their relationship, but when the moment comes and everything changes, they learn that friendship fueled by fire, lust, and love is the best the world has to offer. I loved the way they circle each other. We understand their deep friendship and connection, something the reader never doubts. You see Daniel's feelings that have been tested time and time again. As the story picks up momentum, things escalate in the best way, leaving the reader content and happy for Rose and Daniel.

Helena Rac has mastered the friends to lover story. Rose and Daniel are two brilliant characters, two people with so much to offer and a love to last a lifetime. I adored this book! It was well paced, beautifully written, and authentic to who Rose and Daniel are. It addresses the fear of lifelong friends who become more and shows the beauty that can happen when the choice is made. Do not miss this one!

2OCC Reviews says

I love friends to lover romance novels, so when I read the description of this it sounded fun and right up my alley. This is the first book I've read by this author and it won't be my last.

Oh Daniel!!! I loved him! He is what heroes are supposed to be! He was so smart and sexy in that nerdy type way. He was the best kind of awkward.

I wish rose would have seen Daniels love sooner. She had such bad luck with men but her perfect guy was right there in front of her. She was funny and quick witted.

This book was so sweet! Right from the start we know these characters are meant to be together, fate works in different ways and I loved it! The plot is a friends to lovers read but it was so much more than that. As stated above, they were always meant to be together they just had to work out all the kinks.

Overall I loved everything about this story it was sweet, it had some drama (light drama) and was a super feel good story! I hope to see more from the secondary characters in the future and maybe catch up with Rose and Daniel. I can't wait to read more from this author! 5 stars #2OCCJD
