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The cattiness.

The fights.

The shaming.

I don't generally watch reality television, but I definitely don't watch reality dating shows. Besides the fact that it's completely staged, it's a horrible depiction of people -- women especially.

Women are pitted against each other to compete for the affection of a man they "fall in love" with after a week or two.

I call B.S.

It is complete crap.

So when my best friend, Koko, was hired as a makeup artist on the set of the most popular reality dating show, The One, I teased her mercilessly.

She told me that if I didn't stop teasing her, she would get me back.

And she did...

Which is how I ended up as a contestant on The One.

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Faith Andrews says

Danielle Allen, were you once a contestant on The Bachelor??? This author did an amazing job of making you feel like you're getting an up close and personal experience, behind the scenes of one of America's most notorious reality dating shows. From the mix of contestants, to the scripted scenarios, the rules, the cheesy sneaky host and the drool worthy bachelor, The One had it all.

It's easy to see why Julian was so interested in Zoe from early on. I absolutely loved her! Much like the author, Zoe is wise-but-sassy, kind, inspirational and just so easy to want to call your BFF...even in a room full of catty women vying for the same man.

I'm so happy I picked this up and popped my Danielle Allen cherry. Her writing is very inspiring and her characters jump off the page. This may be my first but it won't be my last :-)

J.B. McGee says

Zoe Jordan is going through a quarter-life crisis. She's not even told her mother, who happens to be an attorney, she's mastering her fight or flight reflex on monumental moments like taking the bar exam. Her life is a bit unrecognizable, even to her, when she unknowingly discovers her best friend, Koko, has signed her up to be a contestant on her least favorite television show, *The One*.

But unbeknownst to both of them, Zoe was actually chosen as one of the final twelve.

When Zoe finds out the bachelor is none other than Julian Winters, an attractive poet/singer-songwriter, she finds herself unable to resist the questions peaking her curiosity. She is determined to satisfy the craving of her mind while protecting her heart.

But Hollywood doesn't care about her heart or her mind, and neither do the mean girls who are there with the sole purpose to steal the man that captures Zoe's attention from the moment she first sees him.

Will she be able to withstand the cattiness, the manipulation, and open her heart to find out if Julian is *The One*?

Danielle Allen writes a strong, empowering female character that makes you want to fist pump while cheering and a hero that gives you an ending that is seriously swoonworthy in this reality romance.

P.S. I'm secretly hoping we get Koko and Bryce's story.

I received a complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.

Robin L says

This was not the one for me. It was well written, but just didn't feel compelling. The mc's were a little too perfect. I ended up skimming about 60% of it.

Danielle Allen says

This book is different...unlike anything I've ever read, unlike anything I've ever written. Focusing on a love story, the reality aspect of reality TV, and the way media tries to put us in a box, The One is one of my favorite books of all time. Am I biased because I wrote it? Absolutely! Haha!

Hope you enjoy! :)

Joha car says

I enjoy the read, the personality of Zoe was awesome, authentic, educated even when the girls were f... bitches. Reality shows are not what everybody thinks.

Rosie J. says

MY RATING: 4.5 STARS Review to follow soon ... the finale portion kicked my rating from 4 to 4.5. I love a man of his word!!!

Vaneesha says

A WOC POV!!!! I thoroughly enjoyed Zoe's narration, she was an incredibly socially aware, responsible, and independent woman. I also liked the "love interest (Julian)'s" character. I finished this in one sitting and I did really like it! However, I found the story itself felt a little short for me. I felt the dialogue didn't flow. I didn't begin writing this intending it to become a full-blown review, so I haven't really formulated a solid opinion. In short, I loved the characters, but not the whole reality-tv-show story-line; it just wasn't for me. I will be checking out some more Danielle Allen books this week! I look forward to reading some of her other pieces!

Tink Magoo is bad at reviews says

For the most part I enjoyed this. I've never watched The Bachelor, but I gather this book is exactly like that.

So while I loved the chemistry between Julian and Zoe, I hated that he kissed other women. Yes it's unavoidable on a show like that but I wanted him to step up and stand by how he felt.

Really liked the ending though.

Alexis *Reality Bites* says

Spoiler Free Review

4 STAR READ!

Genre: Romance (Interracial romance)

'His smile grew with each step I took and that smile was everything. He was officially the most attractive man I'd ever seen in my life.'

After completely freaking out and not taking the Bar exam as planned, Zoe Jordan flees sunny California going back home to the east coast for an extended visit with her parents. Zoe's best friend Koko scored a job as a makeup artist on a prime time reality dating show titled The One, to which Zoe teases her mercilessly about. Unknowingly, Zoe has no clue that she will soon regret teasing her best friend and roommate. While in Virginia Zoe opens up her mail. More specifically, she opens an acceptance letter letting her know she has been chosen to be a contestant on The One. Zoe is totally shocked and it doesn't help that Koko is just as shocked, LOL!

Needless to say, Zoe is none too happy about her entry into the show. It's only upon further inspection that Zoe sloooowly eases into the idea. Umm, further inspection being the fact she looked up the bachelor *wiggles eyebrows* Julian Winters and she becomes smitten with his poetic lyrics. You see, Julian Winters is a talented music producer for some of the most well known musical artist. He's gorgeous, talented and currently the most desired bachelor.

"Some of these women are already saying that they love him. They don't know him to love him." I shook my head. *"That's what I hate about these shows. Just complete bullshit. But I am intrigued by Julian Winters."*
-Zoe

An encounter just before filming the show sets both Zoe and Julian afire, with a chemistry that can't be denied. However once Zoe steps back in to the house full of women vying for Julian she doubts herself and the connection she briefly felt with him. After all, she's one of many with just about everyone having set their sights and heart on being The One.

Fave line

When Julian fixed his eyes on me, I felt it everywhere. I loved that he looked at me like he wanted to know me in every way possible. - Inner monologue of Zoe

Thoughts

Holy freaking WOW! Very well played by Ms. Allen. I've never watched nor been a fan of the show The Bachelor yet I could only imagine the hot mess some of the contestants can be. Having so many different personalities in one house..my goodness not only that but everyone also having their own agendas for signing up. I truly think Danielle Allen did an awesome job! At one point she had a scene where girls had to switch places because I think someone's dress color was bad in the lighting or something to that effect. I was

like DANG she is spot on. I've been on sets (talk show sets) and I have seen seat changes like that happen on multiple occasions. I mean just her overall creativity with the scenes for the show, the drama that ensues and then the behind the scenes drama as well. I find that she paid good attention to details in all of these things.

In addition the secondary characters kept the pot stirring with just about everything you can think of involving a group of women competing for one man. The love story was sweet, extremely heartfelt and romantic. Yes, the romance was definitely a 10! And just when you think it's going one way she throws a curve ball.

To buy or Not to buy? GO Buy!!

Series: Yes, this is book 1 in The One (a two book) Series.

Recommendation: I HIGHLY recommend to alllll romance lovers!

Plot/Storyline: SHE NAILED IT! The story was filled with colorful characters that played their parts very well.

Writing: Strong, Witty, Sensual even at times.

Steam factor: High. On a scale of 1-10 I say 8 Zoe and Julian's chemistry was FIRE

?Monica says

This book was really good! Could be the timing for me but I absolutely loved it. From start to finish it had my attention, I didn't want to put it down at all! This author is new to me but will def read more from her. The "bachelor" setting was intriguing and how the MCs handled it was great. I enjoyed some of the secondary characters, which you can imagine there were alot of crazy ladies in that type of setting, all around great reading experience.

Michelle Lynn says

Danielle has blessed me with another book boyfriend and his name is Julian Winters.

The One is packed with stomach-flipping tingles. Her writing is flawless and engaging leaving me swiping my kindle for more.

I've loved Danielle's brilliant storytelling since her debut novel, Back to Life, but The One is her greatest yet. Only causing me to crave more from her. She transported right in the middle of a dating reality show and I didn't want to leave.

Julian is a swoon-worthy hero to say the least and Zoe is a smart and strong heroine. The One is a must read.

Mspraise50 says

I read this book on Kindle Unlimited.

This is Zoe and Julian's story. I love romances that involve reality shows and this romance is based on such a

show.

I really enjoyed the story. I thought it was romantic, heartbreaking and tender.

This story is definitely worth a read!

Drue DePompei-Hoffman says

This book totally sucked me in. I'm a HUGE fan of this author. Even though I haven't read all of her books I've absolutely loved the ones I have. They are full of sass and inspirational messages for woman and their self esteem, worth and respect.

I'm not even a fan of reality TV but I was captivated with the behind the scenes of the whole thing. Zoe was a truly inspiring woman, who stayed true to herself while being immersed in a totally superficial environment. I can truly see how this type of situation could bring out the worst in a woman, but not Zoe.

This book spoke to something I have always believed in. To just be yourself, be a good person, support the ones you love and stand up for your beliefs, and when you do good things happen, great things happen to you and those around you.

While to me this book had many messages within its pages, don't take that to mean that it came across as a "self help" type of theme, not so. This book was extremely funny and witty, I found myself laughing a lot and loving Zoe's quick wit.

Just read it, you will not be sorry.

Brittainy Cherry says

Danielle Allen only gets better and better. Reading The One was like watching the best of the best reality television shows unfold in your mind. Except--her writing is a million moons better than the screenwriters on those television shows.

Danielle creates characters that you instantly love and cheer for. In The One you meet Zoe, an independent, no nonsense, driven female, who isn't afraid to speak her mind. She's smart and has a deep love for poetry *a girl after my own heart!* I might have a small girl crush on Zoe, and I'm not afraid to let the world know.

Then you meet Julian. My gosh. I loved him. He was the one that all of the girls on the reality show were pining after, but he wasn't sleazy or gross at any point. He was actually love at first sight. And second. And third...and I LOVE HIM. The chemistry between him and Zoe is to die for. The way they feel for one another is powerful and moving. And again, poetry. I love poetry.

Danielle only gets better, as I stated before. This was the best read I've come across from her, and I cannot wait for the next one.

And I WISH THIS WAS A REAL SHOW BECAUSE I WOULD TUNE IN WEEKLY! GAH! So.

Freaking. Perfect.

Kis says

3.5
