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Kat D'Angelo's bittersweet life is about to get decadent. Four years after the scandal of her young pregnancy, Kat has finally managed to come to terms with her otherwise lackluster life. Budgeted to the penny and scheduled to the minute, Kat's highest priority is her daughter, Mia. After being deserted by Mia's father, abandoned by her conservative family, and broke to the point of near starvation, Kat has grown into a woman incapable of trusting others with her happiness. She is determined, for the sake of her daughter, to maintain a simple, organized life, free of unnecessary pleasures. However, when Tyson Adams, a successful, African American entrepreneur, becomes her new neighbor, Kat learns that some pleasures are too sweet to resist.

A beautiful telling of the power of love, the fear of diversity and a mother's unconditional sacrifice that bursts with emotion, touches the heart, and erupts with passion. Unforgettable.

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From Reader Review First Comes Love for online ebook

maggieandteddy says

ROUNDING UP TO 4 STARS. Kat is very young in this book, 21 years old and a mom of an adorable (of course!) three yr old daughter, Mia. Normally 21 yrs old, and it would be a NA/YA book, but for the entire book, Kat is struggling to make a living & to support her daughter. So this seems more like a regular contemporary romance. At the beginning of the book, her affluent parents drop her off to live on her own. They provide financial support for a very short time & then cut her off. Her mother, when not ignoring her, constantly puts her down. The level of coldness, seems almost unbearable. I can't figure out where Kat gets her determination. Kat meets Tyson, who's several years older than her. He owns his own business and encourages Kat and let's her know that she is loved. Kat has a hard time believing it. She, of course thinks he will leave her too. Kat (tries to) resist the attraction to Ty. Their relationship grows slowly, due to Ty's encouragement. I thought that at 21 yrs old and no affection from her parents, she would have jumped into the next relationship. I liked Tyson a lot but I don't know if a 36 yr old man would be that patient with a young girl. I was happy, later in the book when Kat starts to take a more assertive role in her life. Kat's mother gets the prize for the biggest bitch that has ever been written. I loved the last 25%. Kat was very uptight and nervous at the beginning. At the end, she seemed a lot more grown up and seemed to realize what she wanted and needed. great HEA.

Cassi says

4Stars

This was a great read. It's 230 in the morning and I just finished reading it. I had to stay up to finish. I was that into it. I started it last night and read close to half before I fell asleep but tonight I was like I finishing this one. Can't wait for Jade story.

MelissaB says

I have mixed feelings about this book. The story was pretty good and the hero was such a nice guy. The big issue was the heroine. She was so immature and had no self esteem or backbone. She let her family treat her like crap and order her around and just kept coming back for more. She got a little better around half way through but then starting acting like an idiot again. If the heroine had been less annoying this story would have been good. I like the fact that it was an inter-racial romance that was thoughtful to differences between the leads. The hero was a saint to put up with this heroine at times, though she seems to have found some backbone by the end.

AJ's book-reMarks says

This story deals with all important issues from teenage pregnancy, dropping out of school, single mom, being shunned by those that are supposed to love you, to interracial relationships, deadbeat dads, etc. Lydia

Michaels' way of writing deals with everyday issues that affect us all. Lydia can enlighten your opinion of what you think you know. Is there anything Lydia can't write?

Karen says

Every time I read a book from Lydia Michaels I think, "Omg this was amazing! Definitely my favorite from this author!" How does that happen?!? ♥?

First Comes Love is about Kat and Tyson. Kat is a young single mother doing the best she can to raise her daughter on her own. Tyson is a successful albeit older man who owns his own business. They become neighbors and the sparks immediately fire up!

This was such a lovely and beautiful story. They face their share of problems but together they figure things out.

I'm definitely looking forward to book 2 in this series!

Lorena Garcia -- Brittany's Book Blog says

The struggles of being a single parent is no joke especially when you're young and have no one to lend a hand. Kat finds herself in this predicament. Her parents have obviously disowned her due to her getting pregnant at such a young age.

At her mere 17 years of age, she has to learn how to take care of a baby on her own with no support whatsoever from her parents. It sucks to not have any siblings either that could lend a helping hand when needed.

Tyson is a successful businessman. I loved the fact that he was of a different race and even though he was African-American, he was a very well educated, highly successful man who was seeking a woman to spend the rest of his life with. He wanted love and everything that comes with it.

When Kat comes into his life, he not only takes her under his wing, but he falls in love with her daughter as well.

This book was about the struggles in life being a single parents with no support and finding out that life isn't all what it seems to be when you don't have the stability, wealth and love.

But once Tyson and Kat got their groove on, things worked out for them in the end and that's all that mattered.

I've become fastly addicted to Lydia Michaels' books and her writing.

4.5 stars for this beautifully written book

****Received an ARC in exchange for an honest review****

Jolene says

Another great read from Lydia Michaels. You must come and meet Tyson!! I love this character. This is the story of a single mom named Kat who falls for her new new neighbor Tyson. Not that easy, I tell you. Nothing has been easy for Kat, and she doesn't allow love with Tyson to be easy. That is until Tyson helps her see things differently. This is a great story about love, friendship and family.

CC says

I really disliked Kat. TSTL is an understatement. Tyson was awesome. Just a really good man. Totally deserved better. She, however, was childish, stupid, unable to carry on a conversation, immature (there are not enough words to express how much), insecure, thoughtless,...the list goes on. How someone raises a child for 3 years and had zero common sense or social skills is beyond me.

I thought what she did with Dawson was cheating. Especially going on the second date. And I hated how she reacted to the money from Jeremy and how she let him off the hook for being a total d-bag for 4 years.

I had such high hopes. But feel very unhappy after finishing this book.

Michelle [Helen Geek] says

04/06/2014 --

Overall Rating = 3.5 Stars

Book Cover / Book Blurb / Book Title = 1 / 4 / 3 = 2.5 Stars

Writer's Voice = 4 Stars

Character Development = 4 Stars

Story Appreciation = 4 Stars

Ending = 4 Star

Worth the Chili = 4 Stars -- [\$3.99 on Amazon]

Smexy [HEAT] Rating = Moderate

422 pages

I can't seem to get enough of Lydia Michaels. I started to read another book/another author, but then I kept thinking about her stories and began looking through her back-list for another one to read. I LOVE a good bi-racial love story, so this one particularly appealed. I think the author did a decent job pulling it off.

What did I really like in this one?

1 -- The bi-racial angle was played really well. We had just enough of the cultural struggles to make the story believable without it being off-putting. Tyson's family was a joy to read about. I hope we get more of them in future books.

2 -- I loved Tyson. He had everything together. He didn't come into the relationship with tons of baggage. He knows how to treat the people he cares for. I think the only thing that gave him pause in his relationship with

Kat, was the significant age gap, but he was able to get past that really easily. Her life experiences gave her an age well beyond her mere 21. She is a beautiful white woman and he wanted her. He came to really care about her child. I really liked that this guy didn't play any games. None. This man could easily be the perfect Hero. There was not a single bad thing about him.

3 -- Kat, she could be a bit annoying with her insecurities [which, after reading several of this authors books -- know now this is a theme she likes to use]. Even so, you came to appreciate her. I understood why she felt she had to be so in control of things. Why she put up with so much from her parents. I liked her, but she was probably the weakest part of this story.

4 -- Lydia Michaels does a really nice job with secondary characters. They aren't just wallpaper. They really add to the story. In this one, Mia and Jade were remarkable. Jeremy too, at a later point. Mia, the little 3 year old, added so much to my liking for Tyson and Kat. She really made the story. Jade is a character and I'm looking forward to her story. Jeremy. I'm not sure I would have been as forgiving of this shit as Kat was, but she was and it worked out beautifully. Our returning Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans hold a special place in my heart. I enjoy seeing these adds to a story play out nicely. Jeremy matured and wanted, needed, to be part of his daughters life. He stepped up committed to making her a priority. I loved reading this. I have a bit of history with a father who saw his child for a hot second and has never been seen again. It is life hurdle that shouldn't be had on a young child. They have enough crosses to bear. Regardless of whether the parents are involved at any level. This should never be an obstacle for an innocent to deal with.

5 -- The beginning of this story is killer. She grabs you immediately. Kat is in the delivery room having Mia. We learn about Kat's circumstances in the first chapter. It is probably one of the best first chapters I've read in a while. She sucks you in and you want to see what is going on .. immediately. Nicely done.

6 -- I love a nice long story. This one was a bit over 400 pages. I'm not fond of short stories. I pause if a book is less than 200 pages. A huge selling point for me is the length of a book. I think 400 pages is a sweet spot for me. I get really excited when I know I'll be in a story for a while. Sometimes it doesn't work out, but I'm more inclined to try than a shorter one when deciding what to read. I'm a strange one .. I know it.

Okay, what were the things that bugged me?

1 - Mia was 3 years old. The behaviors given to her by the author, the language and the activities, the reason/logic were all of a child older than 3. There was no need for Mia to be 3. She could have very easily been 5 or 6. I had to put my logic aside and continue with the story. I've actually not finished a story before for this very reason. In that one it was a bit over the top. Here, I was able to put my issues aside and read on, but it BUGGED me big time.

2 -- Insecurity of the heroine is a theme for this author. Insecurities are okay, but she takes it to a place of character weakness. We all have some insecurity or another. You can demonstrate an insecurity for a character without it getting to the point of actual weakness of character. How am I supposed to really like someone I feel has a weak character. How do they / I ever get past feeling they are less than?

3 -- What the hell is on this cover. I've looked at it and can't figure it out. It has some pretty colors. I think it is supposed to be something with "white chocolate", but it misses the mark for me. Awful.

4 -- I think I've figured out that for a book, by this publisher, to be considered erotic, it has to have one episode of backyard play. First of all, this book wasn't erotic. It has some hot intimacy, but nothing particularly erotic. It had one small episode of anal play, but nothing too involved. I'm not sure what this added to this story? It seemed strange for these two.

This one isn't a 5 Star read for me. It was good and I did enjoy the characters. There is something about this author that pulls me to read another. Not sure what it is, because none of them have been off the charts. I still think she has a 5 star read in her somewhere. Maybe. I'm keeping the faith!

I'm moving onto Jade's story. She is an interesting one and can't wait to see what this author has in store for her.

An overall, enjoyable read.

Happy Reading!

Lynzi Nguyen says

Lydia Michaels never seems to disappoint. This one was another amazing one, and I couldn't get enough.

I can honestly say, I don't think I have ever read a book with an interracial relationship. Which is rather sad, and is something I need to change, asap. I absolutely loved this book. I absolutely loved seeing them overcome so much, including the people who are against them being together. Not only do they have personal things to overcome, but also a big hurdle to overcome because of their difference in race.

Kat has lived her life being abandoned, let down, defenseless, and knowing she wasn't good enough. Nor would she ever be. Having put her family through a 'horrible' scandal, they don't seem to take to well to it. Shutting her out, pushing her away is the only thing they do. They don't even help her through her 'situation'. Struggling to make a life on her own, she does what she has to do, even if it's to deal with her mother's craziness.

Tyson has to go through heartache and lose, to realize his life isn't as good as it could be. He worked hard to get where he is in life, but at the end of the day, when work is over, he wants more. He wants more out of life and for his life. He didn't think that more would come in the form of his neighbor and her strawberry blonde 3 year old little girl, who quickly wraps herself around his heart. He has never been so drawn to someone and unable to stay away, until the shy, uncertain woman next door, who seems to trip over her words when he's around.

Ty is a dream come true. If he was real, I would want to snatch him up in a quick hurry. His patience, his kindness, his understanding, is all so charming. And on the other hand, his protectiveness, his work ethic, his sculpted body, his no back down attitude, is down right sexy as all H-E-DOUBLE HOCKEY STICK!! I fell in love....quickly.

Kat is someone I wanted to slap upside the head and try to get her to wake up and see she was better than the people around her made her feel. She has so much to be happy about, and to celebrate for, but she let's other put her down and makes her doubt herself. She is so much better than the company she was forced to keep.

They are absolutely perfect for each other. This story rooted itself in my heart and I don't see it going anywhere any time soon. Which I am so totally OK with.

Now I definitely need Jade's story. I need to find out what all happened.

Moon Love says

4.5 stars!

Lydia Michaels never fails to stun me. Whether she's writing dramatic angsty love stories or those with a touch of laughter. There's something in her writing and characters that's real.

Kat D'angelo may be the mother of beautiful, precocious three year old Mia, but she's still a young girl at heart. I really liked Kat but I hated to see her struggle with the constant need to try and please her parents, who I frankly didn't think were worth the effort. I loved seeing her self-confidence grow. And that was mostly due to Tyson.

Tyson Adams is a successful, single man, who just happens to be Kat's new neighbor. I loved how he and Kat sort of danced around each other in the beginning. I really loved how patient he was with Kat and how open and loving he was with Mia.

Kat and Tyson have wonderful chemistry. I loved the slow build up between them that quickly turned super hot. I mean like melt your panties hot. I like how Lydia handled Tyson being black and the stereotypes that may come with that. It wasn't something she focused on, but it wasn't neglected or swept under the rug either.

The story started off slowly for me, but I quickly was hooked and then couldn't put the book down. There were also few loose ends that bothered me not just because I have unanswered questions but because I'm hoping they'll be addressed in the next book in the series.

If you're looking for something hot yet sweet and great read, I'd strongly recommend you pick this book up!

Amy ~ Love At 1st Read says

Lydia Michaels never ceases to amaze me with the brilliance of her books. I love second chances. And this one is a second chance romance with a twist. Not just a second chance at love, but a second chance at life, family, and healing.

Pregnant at 17, abandoned by her baby's father and her own parents, Kat D'Angelo had to grow up fast. She was struggling to get by but she was making a life for herself and her daughter, Mia. Kat thought she was content with her organized life until she met her new neighbor, Tyson Adams.

At 36, Tyson had made a success of his life. Ran his own business and bought his own home. But for all that success, his life still felt empty. When he meets his new neighbor and her daughter though, he realizes exactly what he needs in his life.

I loved the characters in this book. Kat was strong when it came to taking care of her daughter, but weak when it came to standing up to her parents. I got that. Everyone wants their parents' approval and Kat was trying to hold on to the only family she'd ever known. Tyson was a genuine and honest man. He came from a loving, supportive family so I think Kat's need to please her parents was hard for him to understand but he was willing to help her. Ty gave Kat the support she'd never experienced before. He was patient and

encouraging and gave her room to figure life out. Through Ty's support, Kat learned her own self-worth. She'd given everything to her daughter, her family. She knew how to love. Thanks to Ty, she learned how to be loved too. A sweet, steamy, and moving story.

Nancy says

Too long, there was a build up like something was going to happen and never did. Ended up skimming a little and still felt like it took forever to get to the ending.

Kayla says

This book is exactly what I needed. It was truly a beautiful and achingly realistic love story. I would just randomly notice I was smiling in the middle of reading. I literally saw the sun starting to rise I stayed up so late to finish this.

Kat is such a relatable character, even though my life is absolutely nothing like hers I felt her on a level I normally don't feel a character. I can't imagine living the life she had, she was so strong and such a great mom. She was insecure and didn't trust men, but when she finally opened herself up to love she was serious. She didn't play games and there was no silly or unnecessary drama. I adored her

And Tyson, oh god, what a man. He's loyal and unwavering and so totally willing to put himself out there with Kat. He's a total alpha male but without all the unnecessary angriness and drama that comes along with the tortured alpha male character (although I totally like them too). He was a breath of fresh air, the kind of guy you hope to find in real life but more than likely won't. I think I'm in love.

And Mia was a doll baby! Loved her and her relationship with her mom. And her relationship with Ty (I'm not going to get into though or this will just become an essay where I gush more about Tyson).

Overall a great read.

Teresasloveosbooks says

Absolutely loved it ❤️??❤️??❤️??❤️??
