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Jillian Grayson is a disillusioned divorcée and best-selling romance novelist who can't write a chapter without her hunky male heartthrob suffering ED, an STD, or even worse. Brian Nash is a tennis-obsessed, college senior who's unlucky in love and the roommate and best friend of Jillian's son, Rob. When Rob brings Brian home for spring break and he meets the surprisingly young and also tennis passionate Jillian, their shared interest quickly develops into an intense mutual attraction. After nearly giving in to their feelings, they hatch a plan, while under the influence (of something more than just the perfect Miami night), to be Friends With Partial Benefits complete with rules to define the boundaries. Will the lonely pair continue with this distinctive relationship, actually explore their desires or will they discover all of it is a really bad idea?

Filled with passion, longing, surprises and humor, the first book in Friends With... Series is hard to put down and will leave you laughing out loud and slightly sleep deprived.

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Miguel Gil says

You I'm always looking for something to read. This book came up in one of my searches on iBooks the small blurb sounded interesting, and it was free, so it wouldn't cost me anything if I didn't enjoy it. What was the worse that could happen, right? I downloaded the book and I have to admit at first I was not all into it I was going to delete it, but then something happened and I just could not put the book down. This book was a really fun read. I found myself laughing out loud at different parts of the book. I'm on iBooks now trying to download the rest of the series. I'd recommend this too anyone and everyone. This book is truly a good summer read. And I want to go on record as saying that Victoria was/is my favorite character in the book. Don't take this the wrong way, but she is like the Karen of the book (Karen from Will & Grace always stoked the scene) Victoria was the same. I found myself wanting to know where she was and what she was doing at times. Sometimes I'd read a scene and wonder what would Victoria think of the situation. I'm definitely going to get the rest of the series. I want to know 1. How will people react to Jillian and Brian's relationship? 2. Will Victoria and her neighbor really make it as a couple or was it a one night stand? And 3. Because I really liked this story and the freshness of the book , and it's characters. I give this book FIVE stars.

Jacqueline says

This was genuinely, laugh out loud funny.

A hot cougar has a secret affair with her son's best friend. Cougar woman is also a writer of erotic fiction so the affair provides plenty of inspiration.

The chemistry was great and the sex scenes were steamy, although I've read steamier.

This is a complete story but there are more in the series telling the stories of the other characters.

A funny, light read.

Mary Tatar says

This book was a pleasant surprise from other books in this genre. It was sweet, as well as spicy, and so comical. I just loved it. The characters in this book took you for one wild ride. I don't think I will ever forget it.

This is mainly Jillian's story. She is a romance writer and recently divorced. She caught her husband cheating. Her experience with men since has been a bit of a disaster. Jillian's son Rob and his best friend Brian end up coming home from college on their spring break. Brian and Jillian end up spending some time together during that time. There is a mutual attraction, yet they don't want to act on it. They have so much in common and are a really great match. She is his best friends mother. He is her son's best friend. Not the ideal situation for a romance. Brian is hung up on Natalie someone he had started a relationship with at college. Getting to know Jillian has given him more of a perspective into what he really wants out of a relationship. You can say that Jillian has really introduced him to what could be. The funny thing is the age difference between them is the last thing they worry about. It's Rob Jillian's son, he is so clueless to what has transpired between them. Rob is too caught up in his relationship with his girlfriend Laura to notice.

Through the entire book I was so rooting for Brian and Jillian. They were so humorous whenever they were together. Everyone wants to be with someone that you can laugh and joke around with. This was what they were just themselves. So comfortable and carefree. I just adored them and just about everything in the book. It was so refreshing to read a book that was far from the angst ridden tear jerker books I have been reading as of late. This book will definitely lift your spirits. Really you will be laughing out loud to these characters antics. I look forward to reading more in this series. This book was so great. If you want a light, humorous, and don't forget a sweet and spicy read, well this is so what you want to read. So go for it. I did and am so glad I did.

Thelma SITZES says

This book was a fun read for me, I am a senior (84) and those were the the fun days for me and my mate of 60 years plus. " you" have a great imagination which is good for the ones that are looking for new ways to DO IT. A NEW supporter

This book was a fun read for me. I'm a (80 plus) young at heart lady. Your book is a good read for these young people that just starting to experiment with sex, this will help. A NEW supporter

Sophia says

Sometimes, I wonder and ask my self, "Why I keep reading some books...." I will never learn my lesson...

Delores Gibbons says

Awesome book..I loved everything about this book! Great writing, It's been awhile since I've laughed so much reading a book. I loved all of the characters in the story. A must read book!!

Emily Mcnew says

I LOVED THIS BOOK! It was so good and pretty comical. I am so glad I took a chance on it. I am looking forward to other works by Luke Young...especially in this series.

Sophia says

The blurb of the book as well as the cover caught my eye when I was checking out the free reads on Amazon. I am so glad I got this one because it was so fun and reminded me a few times of my own college experiences and that of those around me at the time.

The story has two settings between the university campus in Georgia where Brian, Rob and Natalie attend and the Miami home of Jillian.

Jillian is a famous romance writer who finds herself divorced from her husband of many years because she caught him cheating on her with a young thing in her own pool. She has made enough from her books that she can live in some luxury with good friends nearby. All is not golden for her in that she has lost her writing muse since the divorce and she's never had a meaningful relationship.

Brian, Jillian's son Rob's friend, is in his final year of university and he's not happy, but at least content to hope for something good to come along with a girl. Until he sees Natalie and her dexterous abilities to pose her body with one leg straight up and one straight down. He begins fantasizing the possibilities instantly and takes up his courage to get a relationship up with her. Nat sends him mixed signals and tears the guy inside out so that Rob must do a rescue vacay for Brian to get it together and get over Natalie.

Rob brings Brian home to Miami and his mother Jillian determined that Brian will have a great time with the girls on the beach in Florida while Rob gets in some time with his girlfriend. All does not go according to plan, but Rob's mission is successful in ways he did not imagine. Jillian and Brian hit it off instantly over a shared love of John McEnroe and tennis. The attraction is there, but both realize that there were some pretty huge barriers to exploring their desires- namely Rob.

The story has another main character in Jillian's friend, Victoria who is a shocking little piece who has decided to live life to the fullest and has a sex drive that will make everyone envious. Victoria's story weaves in and out of Jillian's but is also separate.

I enjoyed the story and found myself laughing over lots of the goings-on, wowing over some of the steam and sorry for how things happen at other times. I was so worried about who Brian would choose at one point and groaned because as the reader I saw where it was headed depending on choices made. There was a moment where I really wanted to bop Rob. He totally broke the unwritten code. I'll stay hush hush so I don't spoil it for others. As to pace, it moves along slowly, but surely without being boring. It ended abruptly just at an interesting moment so I am looking forward to book two.

Fun read for those who enjoy older woman/younger man steamy stories.

Lindsay says

This was a freebie on amazon so I decided to give it a shot.
There were so many great reviews but I just couldn't get into it.

Brian and Rob are suitemates in college. Rob has been in a long term relationship with his high school girlfriend while Brian is a bit shy with the ladies. Brian falls for Natalie who does nothing but play games with him. He is head over heels for her and she just can't seem to commit and take the next step. To take his mind off Natalie, Rob drags Brian home with him for Spring Break. And that's where all hell breaks loose.

Now...this is where I have some issues with the book. There are spoilers below...

First I'll start with Rob. He seems like a good friend to Brian. Until you learn he is sleeping with Natalie. The author explains this as the first girl Brian has really liked. And Brian is actively pursuing this girl and talking to Rob about it. Not only is Rob betraying his best friend...he is also cheating on his long time girlfriend. So as much as I liked Rob in the beginning of this book, he really just isn't a good person.

Second is Brian. Now Brian is described as the nice guy. He likes tennis and is shy in front of girls. He is so nice to Natalie it's hard to hate him. Until he goes home with Rob. He immediately clicks with Rob's mom Jillian. Now...I get he is an adult, and at the end of the book you find out he is actually older than 18 - but this is his best friend's mom. Do you want your best friend sleeping with your mom? I don't think so. Luckily for Brian Rob is also a shitty friend.

Now....My biggest issue is with Jillian. She is divorced and starting her life over after catching her husband cheating on her. I wouldn't have minded her affair with Brian but the way she goes about it is just plain creepy. When she is in his room watching him sleep...and then moves his boxers to make his penis show. That's creepy. Although there was a spark between them, he is staying in her home as her son's guest. It is unacceptable to sneak a peak at his package. And it didn't stop there...After an intense tennis game between her and Brian she spied on him masturbating in the shower. It is clear that Jillian and Brian are drawn to each other. But then just go to it.

As for the plot it's really predictable. Obviously Brian and Jillian spend most of the novel trying to avoid their attraction...they even come up with a compromise "friends with partial benefits". This allows them to see each other naked as long as they don't touch. Obviously this will never work. And they decide not to pursue their relationship. As soon as Brian realizes that Natalie is not really the girl for him, he runs back to Miami to settle his unfinished business with Jillian.

Beth says

1st book I have read by Luke Young, loved the cover that is totally what pulled me in right off, at times this book is so hilarious!! loved it!! Couldn't put it down had to know the ending, such a great read. I love the friction (or banter if you will) between the 2 main characters. Must read. Check it out!! Can't wait to see what else Luke will read very very soon, I hope? (;

Brandie says

3.5 Stars

This was a fun, entertaining read that I enjoyed. I was sucked in immediately and unable to put it down, finishing it in one day (which is really hard for me to normally do). What interested me most about reading it was the fact that it's written by a man - and that always makes me curious. Luke Young can write romance well, I have to give him credit.

Rob and Brian are college roommates (seniors) and best friends. Rob's mom, Jillian is a smutty romance

novelist and divorcee - but she's hot and young (she got pregnant with Rob in high school). Brian (who's an older student at the age of 26) is struggling in his relationship with his current girlfriend (if you can call her that) and needs a break from her. So he goes home with Rob on Spring Break.

Staying at Rob's house (while Rob is constantly out with his girlfriend, Laura) - Brian spends a lot of time with Jillian. Both huge fans of tennis (and Jillian having a spectacular tennis court) - they find themselves with a lot in common. They play tennis together and talk a lot and start a friendship - while there are other underlying feelings rising to the surface. There is an attraction that can't be denied. I thought that the age difference would bother me - but I ended up being okay with it. Their connection and attraction meant so much more than the fact they are 12 years apart in age. I loved these two together. The sexual tension between the two was palpable and had me holding my breath at times. And Brian - what a sweetie. He cooks, he's athletic, he's sweet. SWOON.

One of my favorite parts of the book...

He leaned in close to her and put his hand on her neck. A shiver went through her body as he whispered, "If I don't get inside you soon, I'm going to die."

Swoon, right?

I shall only mention one gripe. (view spoiler)

Without giving much away - things go down with Rob, Laura, & Brian's girlfriend (Natalie) that make the story interesting. I really wanted to shake Brian and tell him to wake up at many points in the story. Things worked out how I hoped and Brian was just adorable.

This was a cute romance with some spice (not overly done) that I enjoyed and would recommend if you want a fun, quick read.

Althea Lenore says

Thank the gods of the old and new that this book, was FREE! If I had paid a cent for this book, I would've been super pissed off and demanding a refund. This was by far one of the worst "romance" books I've ever read. And I am a voracious reader, so that's saying a lot. What should've come off as a fun, flighty, sexually charged book about middle-aged women falling for the taboo younger guy(s), this book read like a manual on how desperate divorcees become lecherous, immoral and irresponsible single women/parents. The author objectified the male characters and devalued the female characters. I was holding out for one at least one character to have some moral compass and not be reduced to being solely driven by their sexual body parts, but to no avail. Given Book 2 was also FREE, I chanced reading the first few chapters to see if the characters would develop more and/or if the storyline would offer more substance, but it got worse as a younger man/brother was pulled into the nonsense. I am a total advocate for the uninhibited, sexually liberated, independent and strong female protagonist who learns to rise from the ashes, turn lemons into kick ass lemonade, but there's a fine line with being liberated and flat out loose, the latter of which falls on these characters.

Heidi 1820 says

Frustrated by writers block, romance novelist Jillian Grayson was looking forward to spending some much needed down time with her son Rob while he is home on spring break from college. Rob thought it would be a good idea to bring his best friend, Brian Nash, who is in desperate need of some space of his own from his baggage ridden girlfriend Natalie. Jillian and Brian share a love of tennis and soon learn they are also well matched competitors on the court as well. As they get to know each other better, an attraction develops between them that neither one could have ever imagined. Acknowledging that acting on their desire is going to complicate their lives even more, they put together guidelines that would keep them tied to specific sexual boundaries. As things heat up, it's going to take more than a few rules to make them stay in their separate rooms and keep their hands off of each other's bodies. Author Luke Young has written a story that focuses on common interests and chemistry more than an age difference and shreds the theory that every woman over thirty is a cougar and every college guy is only out for one thing. The story is laugh out loud funny with characters like Jillian's best friend, sex obsessed Victoria and hopeless blind dates that are worthy of immediate abandonment. The sex is hot,intense and well written. This is the first book in the series and I recommend this highly and will be looking for more from this author.

Tara says

This book hooked me from the start. Not only is it funny, hot and a great read, but it's funny, hot and a great read. Why aren't you reading it yet?! The best part is that the author is just as funny and awesome in person. And by in person I mean via email. I loved every single character in this book and the chemistry between Jillian and Brian was spot on and written perfectly. I didn't care at all about the age difference or the fact that Brian was friends with Jillian's son. I just cared about the two of them getting together. Loved every word.

A note for my friends who like the smut, there are spicier versions of this series written under the pen name Ian Dalton, which I will absolutely be reading. So if you like your stories with a higher x-rated factor, check them out!

I am a huge fan of Luke Young/Ian Dalton and will read everything he writes and so should you!

Shadow says

Not my cup of tea

My distaste for this novel has nothing to do with the plot. If I wasn't ok with it, I'd never have picked this up. It's the execution and personal preferences that annoyed me about this.

There are mild spoilers here, so be warned.

From a personal preference standpoint (and should have nothing to do with anyone else's point of view on this) I need to be able to suspend belief and well, real life when I read romance novels. So, in the first five pages or so, I don't even want a mention of real life sexual issues. Not even for humour. It makes it really hard to get lost in the story if I'm thinking, "ew, see this is why fantasy is better than real life!" Also, the novel is heavy on tennis talk which at first had me jumping up and down. Except that I didn't agree with that

POV on various opinions, not even a little bit, and so it left me rolling my eyes. Neither of these things matter so much for the story, but also made it hard for me to be objective. No matter how well written it was, I would have had a hard time enjoying it.

Now for the actual story... It's funny at points and the first two thirds is paced well enough and it's solidly written. I'll give it that. The rest? Bleh. The romance between Jillian and Brian was kind of cute and the best bit of the story (until the last third), but neither character worked for me. They were cliché and boring. They weren't full characters, but rather sort of stock characters who've dealt with stock problems. This is fine if you can make me care, but all I said was, so what? The pacing was weird. I was into the story for 2/3 of the way and then I skipped my way through the rest because it was boring and more suited for a five page epilogue. I didn't need it. And the reveal, which I won't give away, was stupid. It's not needed, it takes away from the story and made me once again, roll my eyes. I didn't buy Victoria character. Not so much in what she does, but that Jillian would just say the equivalent of, "aww shucks, that's just Victoria." No mother reacts that way when it can affect their children and/or her own love interest. And if she does, it only serves to make her pitiable, which kind of sucks in this kind of story. You want to cheer for Jillian, not find her weak. Overall, Victoria is supposed to be channeling her inner Sex and the City Samantha after a rough time in life, but she comes across as kind of low rent and gross. And a terrible friend. All of the supporting cast ticked me off. I didn't like any of them and they did nothing for the story besides manufacture needless conflict. The situation itself was conflict enough, no reason to add more.

This story just got under my skin. I thought this could be fun. A full novel and not a fantasy-fueler you usually get with a May-December romance story. Yay. Except I feel like I got doused with cold water. I couldn't get lost in the romance and while I liked the premise, I hated everything about the actual story.

It will probably work for a lot of people, so I don't not recommend it. It's written well enough, just not what does it for me.

Lee Rey says

The book has drama and some funny situations. Many unique characters and love story between an older woman and her son's best friend. I will say that some drama and a character or 2 can be very frustrating when they are in the story. But if you push the through you will enjoy this story and part 1 of 7 part series.

Danielle (is trying to escape reality) says

Well...that was different. Yet I just had to keep reading on.

Sometimes I wonder about myself lolllll.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

3.5 Stars

I'll admit I picked up this free book because there was some buzz about it on social media and because of some of the one star reviews on Amazon and yes, I read those because sometimes they point me in the direction of good books. Here are a few examples taken from those reviews: "I do not like erotic books and this was one."....ummm did you read the synopsis? "Too much sex no one has that much sex and talks about it."....ummm no such thing as too much sex and if you aren't talking about it what the hell is wrong with you and my favorite, "Raunchy at it's best right here folks!!" I love raunchy, I love sexy, and I love sweet romance so the buzz, the one star reviews, and the fact that this book was written by a male author all had me intrigued and I'm really glad I took a chance on it. Friends With Partial Benefits was hilarious, sweet, crazy, raunchy, frustrating, and sure a little unbelievable and not without some problems but what it boils down to is that it was a fun story and I did enjoy reading it.

A young divorced romance writer finds herself attracted to the young man her son brings home from college for spring break. Is it a little taboo? Sure, but that's kind of what makes this book fun. Jillian and Brian are attracted to each other and even though a few of their actions skirt the line, for the sake of her son and his best friend, Rob, they decide to not act on their attraction...well at least not completely...well at least not right away. The thing is I really enjoyed these two together despite the age difference which turns out not to be as big as they originally think; they had a lot in common, they enjoyed each other's company outside of the bedroom, there was attraction between them from the start, and they had a mutual respect for one another. Without going into a lot of detail, the time they spend together during Spring Break makes both of them realize how good they could be together if they were to act on their feelings. That week offered up some wild and crazy times which had me laughing out loud frequently.

While Friends With Partial Benefits might not be for everyone, I found it to be an amusing and entertaining story that was kind of a train wreck but one you couldn't help but watch. That's not really a bad thing; it just means that it wasn't perfect but there was enough there to make me keep reading, made me keep laughing, and yeah...there was a lot of sexy time which is never a bad thing. So if you don't mind a crazy, off the wall mixed up plot filled with laughter, sex, and sometimes really inappropriate situations then this book is right up your alley...if that's not your thing skip it, but I for one am glad I took a chance on it.

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

This was a quick easy, sometime crude romance.

Written by a man that instantly intrigued me.

Hence why I picked it up.

It made me LOL at times.. supporting characters are great.

It was OK... it did make me want to read the rest of their story, so I continued on with the series

Dezarai medina says

Surprisingly this book was really good I couldn't put it down I finished it in 2 days. I really enjoyed how the author wrote a book in a book by making the main character a author who uses her experiences in her

romantic novel. This book was a real hang off your seat grab on to your chair handles for me. I also enjoyed how the author use a lot of details in certain areas to express the character passion towards the subject. Overall this book isn't a book a college professor would recommend but its a funny and just plain fun book I enjoyed it.
