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20-year-old Lilac York doesn't like to talk. She doesn't like to exist outside her books, and she certainly does not like to be involved with the most notorious playboy in uni. But when the gorgeous and arrogant billionaire Nick Christakos asks her to be his friend, she finds herself saying yes, no matter what "friend" could mean to a serial bed-hopper like Nick. There's just something about him that draws her, something that makes her think he wouldn't mind if he learned just how broken she was inside.

Nick Christakos is not used to denying himself. But for the sometimes-aloof, sometimes-naïve Lilac he strives to make an exception, doing his best to keep his hands off her even though just one blink of her doll-like eyes has him on fire. With Lilac, he's not afraid to show the ugliness in him. When she looks at him, Nick almost believes there's still hope for him to be the man that he used to be.

When another man threatens to take Lilac away, Nick is desperate and selfish enough to pretend he's fallen in love with Lilac...even though his heart still belongs to the girl who tore him apart.

Nick and Lilac Details

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Bianca says

Gah, I didn't expect to get so smiley about this book.

Nick Christakos is a *really* selfish and conceited guy and I hated him a lot. Many times I wanted to punch his face and call out on his alpha male bullshit, which is saying a lot because I usually buy that stuff.

But add **Lilac York** - cute, innocent, too-kind-for-her-own-good Lilac - and you get a pair of incompatible friends turned to best friends to friends with benefit and finally to lovers, all while painting a picture of a couple who's all smiles and rainbows and fluffy adorable kittens in a box. They're *THAT* cute to me. Although that's mostly because Lilac herself is the most adorable character I've ever seen. So I naturally get giddy seeing her interact with anyone, including alpha males and douchebags.

The writing can get annoying sometimes, especially with the abrupt changes in POV. And there isn't much of a plot too. But I easily saw past that because...did I say Nick and Lilac are so cute together?

And because I've never smiled so much while reading a book, **Nick and Lilac** get 4 stars for me. CUTE <3

Chrissie says

The story didn't work for me basically because I truly disliked the characters. I pretty much loathed Nick. I disliked his arrogance and selfishness. I disliked that he was adamant that Lilac was his yet every other other thought was of Karla and how much he loves her. It's hard to root for Nick and Lilac as a couple when you feel she's second best. I disliked his intrusion into Lilac's privacy like he had the right to know about her past without her telling him. I disliked him pressuring her to be intimate while maintaining they are just friends, while also stating he be her only friend.

Lilac was just too strange. She was made to seem so immature and innocent it felt like pedophilia anytime she and Nick had "a moment". Her lapses into daydreams were so annoying and boring I mostly skipped over them. I like quirky characters but she wasn't quirky. She was just plain odd and uncomfortable.

After reading some spoilers from an Amazon thread I decided to give up trying to find any redeeming quality in Nick and returned this book.

Jen O'grady says

I found this book whilst roaming around Amazon and decided to give a go, and I have to say once I started I couldn't stop reading it but I'm not sure why !

The leads Nick and Lilac have both been victims of sexual abuse and I guess that was the force for them to be together, but what made this book different was the fact that throughout the book Nick continuously declared his love for the girl Karla, who he claims saved him after his attack, even though he now seems to be falling in love with Lilac.

The thing that made me like this book was that Until the end I really wasn't sure which way it would go, but

the bigger question was, was Karla really in the wrong? it seemed to me that she had little choice in the actions she was forced to take.

Anyways I thought Jason was much better than Nick, Nick was just too possessive with a girl who had suffered from sexual abuse, and the sun glasses, well

C. Erani Kole says

I loved it! The beginning was very shocking at first and there were some errors, but that died down to a minimum and the flashbacks weren't so prominent in the chapters. This is the first of her work for me that has been the most 'serious'.

Not to be a spoiler, but if you're not into anything rape-related, this might not be the book for you. Otherwise, it's an interesting take on people with that kind of past mixed in with Marian Tee's special spice of ~~extremely hot and mind-blowing~~ sex and love.

There were just a few things that made me think twice: her actions like bowing (but I didn't realize that she was Violet's older sister in Park and Violet until after! T_T) or sucking him, when her trauma was having to suck her rapist every day. I think it was just because there were certain things that'd set her off into the past, and I assumed that sucking would be one of them, but that isn't always the case.

Overall, this was a great read. Entertaining, dramatic and romantic (and fucking **hot**) and- well, it's Marian! If you're a fan, you already know what I'm talking about. If not, I'll say this: Her work is of the highest drama, with just as intense sexual moments (and sexual acts ~_^) and heart-breaking times. :(You'll never get bored, that's for sure!

Karen says

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Nick and Lilac is a steamy romance with a unique writing style. The author switches back and forth between Lilac's fantasies and her life in the real world. Some might find this challenging to keep up with but it will make more sense as you read. I found as I continued, her fantasy world starting imitating her life in present day. Things she could only once dream of started playing out before her eyes. Her Duke was really her precious Nick.

This story contains strong sexual trauma stories that both Nick and Lilac are struggling to deal with. It just so happens this will be the force that binds the unlikely pair together. Nick is powerful with more money than most would dream of. Everyone on campus jumps to please this playboy. Not only does he play the part, he looks the part. None of his fellow classmates know the emotional baggage he keeps hidden deep inside.

Lilac is a scared little lamb who tries to hide behind baggy clothes as she tries to blend in with her surroundings. Her violet eyes, long lashes and beautiful hair make Nick able to spot the real beauty lurking beneath the facade. Her scars run deep and her dreams run wild. Nick has been the only male to reach her heart. Will he be able to hold onto it? Or will his past trample his future?

Nick is afraid to let go of the only woman he has ever loved. He needs Lilac in his life but is only able to

keep her as a friend until he reunites with his true love, Karla. Unfortunately, a friend with benefits is always complicated. Rules are tossed aside as lines become blurred. Can Lilac really be okay with being second best or will her need to love and be love take control? Lilac is afraid to realize the only man she has ever loved is incapable of loving her in return.

Both Nick and Lilac go back and forth in their quest to find happiness. Much like any book, there is always a hidden message somewhere in the pages of the story. This one had a profound message of loving and living. Author Marian Tee writes, “By loving another person, by opening yourself to all the joys and pains of love—that’s the only way you can become whole again, the only way you stop becoming a victim and start fighting back. You go beyond surviving. You start living.” If you take nothing else away from this book, remember those words. Let the past be the past and start living today!

Soub says

I got one from the author..

Story:

Lilac is a beauty who has no fashion sense but also the kind who likes to keep to herself mostly and who spend her time daydreaming, Nick is the guy which will make you turn and drool a bit, who doesn't have any problem with audience and none with us ladies.. Each lives in their own world surrounded by their own troubles until both are introduced..The attraction is immediate though both are from different worlds both of them have something in common... both are broken wishing to be whole.. Can they help each other to move forward?

Stars: 4.5

Why:

I may love Nick Hotness but he seriously made me wanna struggle him because he use to act like a stupid Donkey Specially when he keep looking for that stupid Karla but still i'm glad for the end..

The Speciality: The regency Mind of Lilac love it!!

I think if you know me by now, Marian Tee is one of my very favorite author.. Why? Because damn i love stories where there is a guy who makes me melt, a girl who is a bit naive and kickass and of course a scorching, burning attraction between the two of them and Marian Tee definitely have the talent to bring out the stories of of these people and i love it!!!

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Ooooooooooooooooooooo

But apart from that loved JASON... hopefully there is another book because he is what I call a leading man

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?Yasmine? says

Errr..... No.

At the beginning, i really liked the lead characters traits and they had both been sexually abused in their teens, which is different. Lilac doesn't really talk, is shy, a bookworm, dresses like a librarian but is incredibly pretty and sexy. Nick is a cocky Greek billionaire on campus who is fucking everything on sight to get over his ex.

Then it starts to get odd. Now I know Ms Tee is unconventional in her stories, there's never real happy happy moments or sweet romance, there's no down-right depressing moments either, there's usually some cheating, and the lead male wrongs the lead female in a bad way, there's crude descriptions and crazy ways of thinking, but that keeps it interesting and different. But this one, oh this one takes the biscuit. It all started about the 8% mark for me... When Lilac begins to have these these weird regency novel daydreams. Then their first meeting feels like it takes up 10 pages of them just looking at each other because, oddly enough, they can both communicate whole sentences with one look.

I'd really advise most of my GoodReads friends not to read this, not when Nick is still in love with his ex up until the very end, not when Nick is an ass throughout the whole book, not when Nick slams Lilac (and not in the good way, in the most unforgivable way) and breaks her heart at the very end, and not when Lilac allows him to watch another woman getting off over him.

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Annmarie says

Many spoilers:

ZWhat an asshole. The whole time he uses her until the woman he really loves takes him back. He admits this to himself and let's her know he still loves someone else. Meanwhile she can't have even male friends or he freaks out. She has to wear sunglasses all the time because other men will see her eyes but he will finger her on a balcony in front of another couple at a sex party? She's a virgin you asshole. Also, he's so cocky and arrogant and not in that alpha sexy way, in that future wife beater type way. Also, she is talking to his brother and he feels another woman's naked breast in front of her because he's jealous?? Omg, he's an asshole. I was hoping she would fall for his brother Jason. Nick was just worried about Nick. But the best part, the real Fuck You, was when on her birthday, she plans this big party for him for their week anniversary complete with costume and friends. Well, this asshole goes to see his ex who wants him back and tells her he doesn't love Lilac, he just lied to Lilac so she wouldn't leave him. Of course the ex is happy about this. Nick tells her he just has to go and tell Lilac goodbye. Well, he shows up at the surprise party and mistakes her hugging his friend (who is supporting her because he never showed and everyone knows who he was with) for something else. His own guilt fueling him. He tells her she's basically a gold digging whore and he never loved her and it was all a lie. She asks him "never?" And he firmly states "Never"! My God, my heart just broke for her because she could see he really meant it. Why didn't she go with Jason. This is at 92% of the book. This fucker was going to leave her for another woman at this stage of the book. He doesn't deserve her at all. He begs and all this at the VERY end, I'm talking the last 3% of the book. How can you trust anything he says.

He lied and said he loved her because she left him after he fondled another woman's naked breast at his friends party. I mean he'll say anything. He was still going to leave her for the OW, after the whole book of them together and all his possessiveness and obsessiveness. He still was going to leave for someone else at almost the very end. Come on now, I just would never trust him. Plus, HE'S AN ASSHOLE! Yes they both had sexual trauma as kids, but she's not an asshole. Nope, she's innocent and naive and he knows it and used her. He admits this in his inner monologue. Ugh. Asshole. I liked her but I thought she let herself get manipulated by him. This stemmed imho from her past submissive role in her victimization as a child by an older boy who gave her commands and belittled her. Maybe she was trying to heal Nick because she knew what the pain was like. Maybe she was falling into an old pattern. Either way, he knew better. God he's an idiot and an asshole. Anyway 3 starts for Jason and the writing and the details which are so important in keeping a story believable (even when we're reading about young billionaires ;))

Geri Reads says

Review to follow!!

Heather andrews says

This was the first book I've read by Marian and holy balls I was so not disappointed! Nick his thoughts are just to entertaining, "Nick watched Lilac's gaze dart around in response, as if there was a chance she'd find an excuse to avoid his touch. Eff if that didn't make his erection bulge painfully against the tight confines of his pants." He's possessive, "mine, those cold blue eyes said. Don't effing mess with what's mine." He gets jealous easily, "something primitive inside him burned and he bit out harshly, "don't ever do that in front of other men." Money, who cares how much he spends, "no price is too effing high to have you back in my life, Lilac." Did I mention possessive? "I won't share you with anyone," Nick said violently. "Not even with him." He forced air back into his lungs. "So let me talk to him, Lilac---while I'm still making an effort to be civilized about another man trying to steal what's mine." Good grief I can't wait for Jason's story and I'll totally have to go read about Park and Violet now.

Melanie♥ says

Baby billionaires abound in this university town!

I liked the premise and for the most part it worked for me.

What didn't work so well was Lilac's ability to be intimate with Nick so easily after the severe trauma she suffered. That did not ring true and took a star away from my rating.

Karla's betrayal was sort of swept under the carpet and I wanted to know what happened there.

I am curious about the other BBs (baby billionaires) and hope they will have stories of their own.

Alissa Evanson says

First I want to say after a few chapters I thought this book was going to be dumb. It just took me a while to get used to the writing style and wording but then it got pretty good. Nick.....What can I say?... definitely swoonworthy, Hott, controlling, possessive, selfish and broken. But that mouth...mmm...better turn up your a/c cause the words that come out of it are explosive and will leave you **NEEDING** to take a break (if you know what I mean). He was a good character filled with passion but there were times (a lot of them) that I wanted to punch him in his probably perfect set of teeth. The way he treated Lilac was messed up. He was both absolutely amazing and yet so incredibly selfish and hurtful. My heart broke for her. He was so blind and deceiving I could have cried for her after everything she had been thru. I wish there was a little more in the ending...like with the therapist-I'd be interested to see what she had to say...and with the friend Jilly...and even Karla. Anyway, I'm excited to read Jason's book. I was mad at him in parts of this book but overall he's a good guy. (One last note: the secret conversations w the eyes...dumb but kinda funny and the obsession with blinking drove me nuts yet kinda funny by the end).

Fab Fun & Tantalizing Reads says

Plain. Simple. Sad. Abused. Broken. Heroic. Magnificent. Heartbreaking. Shattered. Strong. All of this and so much more could describe Lilac. I could say she is mismatched and beautiful. She is scared and fierce. I wanted to be mad at her sometimes and I wanted to cry with her at others.

Sexy. Arrogant. Macho. Jealous. Spiteful. Wealthy. Broken. Powerful. All of this and so much more could describe Nick. I could say he is a player and sad. He is an attention whore and full of self doubt. I wanted to hate him at different times. I wanted to cry because he broke my heart.

This story in all of its sexy and in your face glory is so much more. Yes it's sexy as sin. Nick is a Greek God like man, who can make your panties drop. Plus he is a twin. Jason, his brother is equally hot in different ways. Add in wealthy, accomplished and the list goes on. You see my point?

The book scorched and caused my kindle to short circuit, or maybe that was just me? Haha.

Seriously though yes it's all of that but - its more. The story is raw, dirty and angry and reeks of pain.

It takes the ugliest parts of the human being and throws it out on the table and says 'Hey deal with me! If you don't deal with me, fuck you!' I loved it. I enjoyed the grit and grime of it all. The intense and sometimes wtf relationship. They were both two F'd up people who found one another. Need each other. But is it enough? Can love really work for the broken?

If you want a happy light read Nick and Lilac is not for you. If you want to chew on the bones a bit to get to the good stuff. Yes this is the one peeps. Fabulous and well done!

PS. I am ready for more...
