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*He shattered my defenses and I was fragile to begin with...*

The first time I saw Adam Black, I was between the arms of a criminal, a gun to my throat and even then, I knew I was staring at the most dangerous man in the room.

Maybe it was his confident, cerulean eyes, or the sex appeal radiating from his pores like heat waves on a scorching day, but by proximity alone he made my vision blur and my heart stammer.

The day I was nearly killed in a bank hold-up, I began to live—because of him.

Now, I'm praying for the first time in years, hoping the scars of my past, the secrets I keep, don't interfere with my future...

## **Waking to Black Details**

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### Mariana says

Hot, sexy and packed with the unexpected...

I loved reading this book, it's good, hot, sexy and one very good read. I curled up with my hot tea, a warm blanket and couldn't put it down. It leaves me wanting to read more of what you wrote as I love a good book. Was a wonderful read throughout. The characters pull you in and make you want to read more. Keep it coming...

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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### Sharon says

Engrossing romance that begins with a bank robbery gone awry and ends with a cliffhanger!

The moment Adam Black, billionaire, rescues Evelyn Snowe from the masked gunman, he can't deny his attraction to the artist/art teacher. And what Adam wants, he gets.

Still, I'm glad that Evie doesn't make it easy. Sure, Adam is obviously rich and gorgeous, but even I found his conversational skills slightly archaic and almost too formal. Until, he talks about sex during off-the-charts sex!

Underlying their relationship is Evie's big secret. This is somewhat driving the story as almost every hurdle they have to overcome has to do with her past, her fears and her insecurities. At times she's able to stand up to Adam, and those are the scenes when she deserves a high five.

For me, #WakingtoBlack was a well crafted, sexy, romantic read with some predictable elements (wise bestie, relationship haters) and some good surprises as well. Evie's insights grow with each chapter and Adam also reveals flaws which makes him even more appealing. Definitely a book to curl up with and savor.

Grateful to #NetGalley and #WeapenryCo-Op for the ARC!

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### Kerri says

Wow. I just finished this book and I'm hooked. I need the sequel now...I mean right now. I usually read erotic romance expecting hot sex, not much plot, but pure entertainment. While the sex in this book was hot, it was almost inconsequential to the story and really only served to show the immediate and all-consuming attraction between the main characters, Adam and Evie. The character development is fantastic and the reader is given all the information they need to understand why Adam can be such an overbearing prick and why Evie doesn't want to bear her soul to someone she's known for such a short time, even if she is falling in love.

I found myself wanting to yell at both Adam and Evie at different times, for different reasons. I also wanted to help Evie explain herself better and then give her a hug. I wanted to sit Adam down and explain to him

why what he was doing made him an asshole...and then give him a hug. In other words, I adored both of these deeply flawed characters and I certainly hope that they both get their happy ending.

I received this as a Goodreads giveaway. There are some typos and word misuse in the kindle version, which usually really bothers me, but the story was strong enough that I barely noticed and was able to skip over with little effort.

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### **Cathy Geha says**

Waking to Black by V.H. Luis  
Uninhibited #1

Evie and Adam meet as she is held at gunpoint by a bank robber and he saves her life then talks her down from a panic attack. He is intrigued and puts immediate moves on her but both have secrets that neither is eager to share. Adam is a big time real estate entrepreneur from a wealthy family and Evie is an artist and art teacher who is/has been rather tormented.

This is the first in a series and does leave the couple hanging. I found their relationship rather unhealthy but can't put my finger on just one reason. He is a dominant alpha male who expects more than he is willing to give wanting to "take care of" her and yet unwilling to share as much as he feels he is entitled to hear from her. She is either depressed and apathetic or fully engaged/angry. In fact, they are both angry quite often.

It was a steamy read but it left me...wanting. It was told in first person from Evie's viewpoint and I think if I were her I would have been fed up, as she seemed at times, by the hovering of her friend Tina, her mother and Adam. I think that I wanted them to show more depth of feeling but being cut off as they were it probably was too much to expect unless they are willing to open up and trust and communicate.

Ah well, there is hope that as their story continues the couple will find their way to a HEA...eventually.

Thank you to the author who bestowed an ARC through NetGalley - This is my honest review.

3-4 Stars

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### **Sparkymom says**

I initially requested an ARC of this book simply because I liked the cover. The description held promise, but I was completely unfamiliar with the author and a bit skeptical since it appeared to be self published. While I've read some fantastic self published works, I think most people would agree it can be a bit of a toss up. I was certainly willing to at least give it a try. At first I admit I wasn't a fan of the writing style. It felt very abrupt, maybe too concise for fiction. I was kind of interested in the scene playing out and the characters, so I kept reading. Somewhere along the line either the choppiness resolved or I got too caught up in the characters to notice it. I really liked both Adam and Evie. I found their arguments to be repetitive at times, as though they were forever discussing the same issues without ever really finding resolution. It was part of their admitted flaws, his need for complete control and her need to run and hide when problems arise.

Honesty would solve their issues, but they are not there yet. Their chemistry was fantastic to read, and I loved all the ways Adam cared for her while pretending his feelings were neutral. I also enjoyed how Evie constantly challenged him. Their story definitely doesn't end here, and you will have to read book two to know how things end up, but the ending had a bit of resolution and a positive upturn that kept it from truly feeling like a cliffhanger. Overall, I enjoyed my first experience with this author and can't wait to get started on the ARC I was granted of book two tomorrow.

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### **Tammy says**

I really liked this amazing start to a new series. Evelyn and Adam are nothing alike but the chemistry between them is intense and steamy. They both have secrets to hide and have a penchant for drama. The story and the characters really drew me in, the sex is hot and the characters have lots of depth. I look forward to reading more of their story. A good read!

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### **Belinda says**

All I can say is wow. The emotions in this book are All over the place . The issues of depression and suicide are in the background and keep coming into the forefront. Evie and Adam are a good match of push and pull. They fight hard. They love hard. And I can't wait for the next part of their story.

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### **Melinda says**

Wow, quite the emotional roller coaster! Evelyn and Adam have a sizzling connection. I love the supporting characters. Both lead characters are learning to trust. I'm anxious for the next book.

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I received this book free from a Goodreads.com giveaway.

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### **Demetra says**

This was my first book from the author.

Evie is an art teacher. One day, after work, she goes to the bank and finds herself in a bank robbery. She's being threatened by the robber and a sexy stranger saves her. The stranger is Adam Black, a real estate mogul. There's an instant attraction between them. However, Evie is not ready to have a relationship. Something that happened to her life 3 years ago keeps her closed off. The same is with Adam, who has trust issues because of an ex. They both have their issues but they can't ignore their chemistry. Evie can't stay away, Adam is the first man that really see her. Adam and Evie are prisoners to their past. I was really frustrated with Adam. He demands to know everything about Evie while he's keeping things from her. Too many things and people come between them and their connection is not strong enough. Evie needs to find herself before she's ready to commit entirely.

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## **Kinky Minx says**

I'm just speechless after I'm done reading.

The whole feeling while reading this book is so real. People do get stress all the time. Especially when it comes to any matter involve with families. I don't pity Evie, I believe she is a very strong girl who always speaks with a witty mouth and stands up the most protective man in the world. Challenging in every way, beautiful deep within her heart but always afraid to take that small step ahead. Well, I understand that's a small step in our eyes...normal people, but it's always a big step for Evie. To love, to trust and to care. Poor little girl meet the knight of her life, hopefully everrything will work out in the end, because I seriously trust Adam Black will be the only one who will and can love Evie unconditionally. Can't wait till Fading in Black(may I ask for an advance copy again?), August seems too far away, I need the book right now! (Anything called book-panic-attack?)

Check out my blog:

<https://jesuisatoi551252728.wordpress...>

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## **Wilma says**

WOW, I enjoyed reading the story about Adam and Evelyn. Both character seem to have a 'dark' past. Evelyn's past is more described in this first book, how she coped with the loss of her father and how did this made her into the person she was before she met Adam. Evelyn's character is in detailed described by the author, while Adam is more of a mystery. I can only imagine that in the books to follow we will learn more about Adam as I am sure he has his own story to tell. I will definitely order and read the second book as I am curious how the story will unfold.

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## **Terri Lynn says**

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Fading to Black (Uninhibited Book 2) — \$2.99

Surrendering to Black (Uninhibited #3) — Not published yet.

I didn't feel emotions. For a bank robbery and to be as scared as the heroine claims she was, I didn't feel her fear. It didn't feel real.

**“No one,” he says softly, “should be alone after being in a bank holdup. Especially someone who reacted the way you did afterwards.”**

Hero and heroine bump into each other after the bank robbery incident. And he has a pretty blonde with him, who says.

**Baby, let's go already. There's not much worth seeing here," she purrs.**

What I liked was Adam's character. His character was intriguing, and I loved his bossiness. His character was appealing.

**Adam wants to possess me? To own me? My thoughts echo in my head. I think we've established he already does. May I remind you of the fitting room incident?**

**"It means everyone can be bought. Everyone has a price," he says angrily.**

**As always, he's overwhelming me, unsettling the fragile control I work hard to maintain.**

**"Of course I care. Your insecurities are clouding your judgment if you can't see that I care about you. But I won't be with someone I can't trust."**

I hated a few things, but I will start with this — the heroine She leaves him, so can't cry about it. Your lost is someone else's gain. But, it isn't what she thinks. Adam is a well-written Hero.

**He was going on a date! I hate that my body trembles with unhindered mortification.**

While reading this book, it made me think of Gideon and Eva from the crossfire series, except nowhere near as HOT. I disliked the heroine. She is annoying, appears to be weak, and entirely too insecure for my liking.

Although I liked the Hero, his perspective didn't exist. So, not one time was the reader inside his head, which really sucked! It sucked because I read twenty-two chapters told by an insecure heroine when Adam is what kept me reading.

The book was interesting, and the secrets the characters are hiding will most likely have readers curious. But, this is not my cup of tea.

I will not pay to read the next two books, because I didn't enjoy this one too much. It was not one of those books that when I stopped reading; I wanted to hurry up and pick it back up. Now, if they were enrolled in Kindle select, I might have continued with this series. But, I will not buy the next two books.

Mainly because I do not like books that are told by one person. I like getting in both main characters head.

Also, the bickering at the end between the main characters annoyed me. I am not a fan of back and forth, and with the heroine coming off as insecure I can only imagine how much push and pull will continue as this series moves forward. Then it's three books, and I will grow too agitated with it, and will not enjoy them.

The ending didn't leave me in the state of mind to where I am like, "Oh my God, I need more." I think that reason is because the heroine irked me and I grew bored with reading her point of view on everything.

If you are a fan of trilogy's, I would recommend. I am not a fan of drawing books out. I like drama but to an extent. And the bickering between the two at the end was uncalled for. All because she is insecure. I couldn't suffer through two more books of the heroine's insecurities because Adam, really was lovable, and I genuinely liked him.

I was a fan of back and forth between characters, and if it were told from both point of views, I think I would

have moved forward with this series.

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### ♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

This was such a dark and twisty read for me. Generally it's not the type of book I would actively seek out but every once in while (I'm told) that it's good to step outside your comfort zone and experience something outside the norm. Well, Waking to Black is definitely that for me. My feelings about this one are all over the place. It gets three stars because although I couldn't put it down and the story hooked me, I can't get over what an incredible a-hole Adam was. And although I currently have a love/hate relationship with Adam, I still want to read how this all ends. Curiosity killed the cat and all that jazz.

Eve and Adam were both so emotionally messed up but somehow manage to make me root for them. Adam was a complete jerk, unapologetic and arrogant beyond belief but towards the end he sheds his detached emotionless mask and I can't quiet give up all hope that he isn't the giant a-hole he so convincingly portrays. Much like Eve, he is a fascinating enigma. Right when I think there is no going back for him, he manages to turn the tables and share something or do something for Eve that shows he isn't such a prick after all.

Eve was such a contradiction - one minute she was hurting and vulnerable, the next she was throwing caution to the wind and diving head first into situations so reckless it was a bit frightening. Sometimes I wanted to shake her and slap some sense into her but the more I read the more complex she became. I don't condone her actions but for her character, her actions made crazy sense. I dont understand it myself but these two are like a train wreck I can't look away from.

The romance is not the cute adorable kind. It's more of a emotional roller coaster or a really intense and soul crushing game of truth or dare. There is a lot of Adam demanding and Eve submitting. With all the push/pull between them I felt like I got whiplash with every crazy encounter between the MCs. It was basically a yo-yo of ups and downs and no mellow in between.

Eve is a young girl scarred inside and out and her insecurities rear their ugly heads constantly. She meets Adam when they both get caught in a failed bank robbery and when she unknowingly catches Adams attention, she isn't prepared for the intense and all consuming feelings that Adam brings out in her. But after closing her self off emotionally for the last three years, the spark between them is too tempting for Eve to resist. I don't know yet if I admire her for her courage or feel uneasy that she gave in so quickly (and with no fight) to Adam. Because trust me, she takes a lot of crap from him and somehow manages to turn the other cheek. It is truly mind boggling.

*I've never been one to run from pain, in fact, I've chased it." ~ Evelyn*

As for Adam, he is a control freak that takes what he wants when he wants it and he's decided that Eve is it for him, for now. He was such a cold unfeeling bastard half the time and ran so hot and cold with Eve that I honestly thought of throwing in the towel because he was just so aggravating. But it speaks to the author's skills that she crafted such complicated and broken characters that I somehow came to care about, because I'm invested in Adam and Eve and I find myself wishing they will eventually be able to break down all their walls and let themselves fall in love and actually be happy about it.

*"When I'm around you I'm confused, and that's new to me. You throw me off balance and make me lose my focus. I haven't felt like that in years. What I said yesterday was a warning. I don't want to hurt you, and it's been a long time since I cared enough not to hurt someone."* ~ Adam

I might have flipped out a bit when I was at 80% and there was still so much left unresolved between them. Serena Welsh. Adam's mysterious brother and that flipping cliffy ending! Arg! This is way I don't do serial books (-\_-) Here's hoping Fading to Black will be out soon and I can only hope Adam doesn't do something stupid in the mean time! I'm happy Eve put herself first for a change but I'm beyond nervous that their separation will be riddled with OW and family drama. Two things we already see a lot of in part one. I'll choose to stay optimistic for now and I'm hoping Adam can prove to Eve that he can be trusted, that he does care for her and that he will be there when she's ready to come back to him (this time with no calculated conditions or emotional blackmail). Any other alternative and everything Eve has gone through will have been for nothing. Please V.H.Luis show me an Adam I can actually respect and fall for. I get the broken/damaged Hero thing but I've seen his villianous side and now I need to see him as Eve does. I need Adam the Hero this time. \*fingers crossed\* Here's to a redeemable Adam and an emotionally stronger Eve!

### **Would I recommend?**

This book is not for everyone. It deals with a lot of heavy issues and has a really dysfunctional couple, unrequited love, domination and an heroine that likes to be controlled by a Hero who runs hot and cold. This is a serial read so it does end unfinished. Things are left with both MCs going their separate way.

***\*\*\* ARC provided for an honest review \*\*\****

*I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.*

**SAFETY INFO:** (view spoiler)

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## **Sissy's Romance Book Review says**

Waking to Black by V.H. Luis is the first book in Uninhibited Series. This is the story of Evelyn 'Evie' and Adam.

Evie and Adam meet in a dangerous way...Evie is at gun point being help by a bank robber. Once she is free the real panic attack sets in and Adam helps her through that also.

There is a immediate attraction between the two but both have stuff from their past that make things hard moving forward. Where Adam expects Evie to give all of her self and her life he holds his personal past life back.

Overall I really enjoyed this book. I am looking forward to the next book to hopefully see their happy ending.

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## **Faith89 says**

This romance starts with an intense situation. The intensity continues throughout the book. Both characters are extremely complex. Evelyn has emotional and physical scars that make her a shadow of her previous self. She is mostly a hermit. Her best friend, Tina and her mother are pretty much the only people she has a relationship with. When Adam comes shows up, he takes over. He is domineering, stubbornly alpha and he takes what he wants. He wants Evelyn. They form a tenuous relationship that has both of them on edge. When the are alone everything is good. Family and friends are what causes strife. That and Adam's take no prisoners attitude suffocates their new romance. Adam must find a way to give Evelyn a chance to grow her independence . This is a very emotional book. I love Adam and Evelyn together. I look forward to seeing how they can form a relationship that helps them both to grow. Adam's secrets need to be aired also.

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