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The companion to the highly emotional, scandalous and USA Today Bestselling love story—LOVE, IN ENGLISH—is finally here! Love, in Spanish is a Love, in English follow-up novel told from Mateo Casalles' POV. While Love, in Spanish touches on some events that happened in LIE (you know the ones!) it is a whole new story set a year later that continues with Vera and Mateo's "happily ever after."

Note: It should be read after Love, in English and it is mostly new material (aka not just rehash of LIE).

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"She sat beside me on the bus—and she changed my whole life."

Successful, wealthy and absurdly handsome—Spanish ex-football player Mateo Casalles seemed like he had it all. A high-society wife, an adorable little girl, and flashy apartments in Madrid and Barcelona only sweetened the deal. But there was more to Mateo than met the eye – a life of uncertainty and regret that colored his black and white world.

That was until Vera Miles came into his life like a shooting star. Tattooed, wild and young, Vera seemed like Mateo's polar opposite at first. But you can't choose who you fall in love with and the two lost souls did everything they could to be together, all while suffering the grave consequences.

Now with Mateo divorced and living in Madrid with Vera, there is a whole new set of challenges and setbacks facing the couple and rocking the foundation of their star-crossed relationship.

Unfortunately for them, the brighter the star, the faster they burn.

\*\*\*Love, in Spanish contains the first two chapters of Where Sea Meets Sky, a full-length Love, in English spin-off starring Vera's brother, Josh Miles, coming March 2015 from Atria Books\*\*\*

## **Love, in Spanish Details**

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**Jodi Bibliophile says**

~Love, in Spanish is you~

My review for Love, in Spanish by Karina Halle.

"I am in love with a villain. At least, she calls herself a villain. I'm not sure if the meaning is lost in translation— Vera does speak with a lot of English slang— or if she is being literal. But I do not see her as a villain. I see her as a girl, as a woman, as a friend, and as a lover. I see her as my star, one she thinks has burned too much for the both of us"

When Karina Halle wrote Love, in English she wrote my heart. That book captured me from start to finish and I knew once it ended I will never be the same again. I've read hundreds of books before but I've never read one that affected me more than this book. I felt everything the characters were feeling. The story is so powerful that it makes you struggle to catch your next breath, how someone can make you feel this just through words blows my mind. That's why when I fell in love with this book, these characters, I also feel in love with this author. I knew that once I finished this book I found my best friend, my book husband, my heart, my very own love story.

Suffering from a major book hangover for a good month or two, reading other books in between but always having Mateo and Vera on my mind. Mateo become my obsession, the way that man made me feel is like no other. His passion and his beautiful Spanish accent did things to me, I would go back and read a few of his quotes and get butterflies all over again. I just knew that there was more to Mateo and that the love he and Vera shared wasn't the end. I needed more.

\*cue me screaming for joy when I heard Karina was writing a second book in Mateo's POV\*

I remember I couldn't stop shaking, I felt sick with excitement. I couldn't believe not only was we getting a second book but I got to read it through Mateo's beautiful head. I got to read his words in his stunning accent. I couldn't wait. I was counting down the days till I was reunited with my man....

"She is mine, all mine; she is mine now and forever, this beautiful, soft, wet woman of my dreams and my heart, and I am going to fuck her until she's screaming my name." - Oh my Mateo.

As excited as I was to read this book, I knew that there was going to be some heartache. Love, in English ended happily, but I knew no matter what Mateo and Vera couldn't have their happily ever after with the doubts and the hate from others, I just knew that it wasn't going to be an easy ride for my favourite couple. Will the love these beautiful characters share be enough or will it blow up in their faces? It makes my heart hurt just thinking about it.

"And I am yours. I belong with you, and you belong with me. I don't care which country or where or under what stars but without you, I'm only me."

I had high expectations in Love, in Spanish, because hey it's Karina I am talking about and her words never fail to bring me to my knees. She went above and beyond with anything I could imagine in this book. I went through it all, happy one minute, crying from the beauty of it, crying through heartbreak, laughing, any emotion you can feel I felt it. I didn't expect to feel the way I did while reading Love, in English but ever single thing I felt, I felt it in Love, in Spanish. That's what Karina's writing does, it makes you feel everything.

I feel content, I feel that everything is the way it should be. My greatest love story has finally ended but it will always live through me. I will carry these books with me forever. I will never forget Mateo and Vera for as long as I live and will continue to support Karina's work. She gave me my heart and I will cherish it forever.

I will thank Karina till my dying days for not only writing these books, creating these two beautiful characters but for making me apart of it. Thank you Karina for giving Vera my tattoo and for mentioning me in your book. You have no idea what it means to me. You gave me the greatest gift of all.

“I follow every part of you, everywhere. You go before me, Vera. You always will.”

A million 'Estrella's' for Love, in Spanish by the beautiful and talented Karina Halle.

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## Alex is The Romance Fox says

Love, in Spanish continues a year later from the ending of Love, in English, one of my favorite books... I <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2...> and we now get a glimpse into Matteo Casalles and Vera lives told in his POV.

Their story is beautiful, emotional and poignant.

I liked Matteo so much in Love, in English, but now, I am absolutely in love with him. How he deals with his insecurities, doubts and how much he loves the people who are important in his life is such an incredible journey to go on with him.

Matteo and Vera's love story is beautiful and unforgettable.

**“You are my everything,” I say, lips moving against hers. “I’ve said it before and I will say it again, and I’ll go to my grave saying it. You are my star, my light, my love. And it doesn’t matter if you believe in it or not because it is the truth and the truth always finds a way to shine.”**

Karina Halle's writing is truly brilliant. She has a way with words that just blow me away. I love this quote.....

**“Our love is permanent and she is stardust in my hands.”**

These are two memorable characters and it's one of those books I will read again and again.

**Amy | Foxy Blogs says**

**LIVE** -> <http://amzn.to/1qqgHQ7>

**LOVE, in SPANISH** is a continuation of **Mateo** and **Vera's** unconventional love story. I know several of you are wondering why this book was written when the first one was a standalone? There is a good reason for it- **the fans demanded it**. The request for MORE of this couples story lead to another sexy, heartfelt love story for us who loved Mateo & Vera. Unlike in the first book, *Love, in English*, where Vera tells us the story this one is told from Mateo's pov. No fear, for those who don't like retellings of previous books because this one is NOT that but instead an extension of their story. For those who read book one you know this couple's struggle is a painful one with many challenges.

**“Do you think we will ever get a happily ever after?” -Vera**

I'm not going to lie, this book puts Vera and Mateo through the ringer. The scandal of their relationship, from book one, is still making headlines and messing up things in their personal and professional lives. Loneliness and, at times, isolation plagues this couple. Vera's stubbornness and free-spirit puts a damper on Mateo's life. Yet, Mateo remains passionate and devoted to her while managing the fires burning all around them as they battle to beat the odds.

I'm grateful that Mateo's letter to Vera was included in this book. His letter addressed one scene in particular from the previous book. When I read that scene in the first book I wanted to chuck my kindle through the window but now that I have his pov I've come to terms with what happened in the past.

Karina Halle flawlessly delivers for her fans with this angst filled love story. One of the many qualities I love about Karina Halle's writing style is she really knows how to pull out all kinds of "feels" from her readers. Another quality to her writing is the ability to make the reader feel like they are sitting in the movie theater watching the big screen.

**Alright, the story behind this picture. :)** When I read 'Love, in English' we made my daughter into the cover. → <http://bit.ly/PzJ7ej> So, when this book arrived in the mail today I didn't give my teen son a chance to say no. I did try to convince him to let me pencil in a beard and mustache for him but he refused. He did point out that he is blonde so he wouldn't work for the cover but never fear...black and white photos fix the hair color. LOL



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## **SERIES:**

Continuing story

## **Spinoff**

Vera's brother, Joshua

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**\*\*Complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.\*\***

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## **Kim Bailey says**

*You don't keep your eyes on the ground once you've seen the beauty of the stars.*

**5 Stars** for this beautiful, emotional companion novel to one of my favorite books of the year ... or should I say one of my favorite **ever**!

Love, in English introduced us to the forbidden love of Vera & Mateo. Love, in Spanish gives us a look at the struggles that come after the HEA.

I cannot express how thankful I am for this story. Having it told in Mateo's POV was such a gift. Karina Halle always manages to wrap me up in her world of unconventional characters (no matter the setting) and light my heart on fire with the beauty she creates. I don't think I will ever get enough of her writing. This book has simply fed my crazy KH addiction.

There are so many moments of deep feeling to this story. There is humor, happiness, heartache and fear. But most of all there is **love**.

*You are my star, my light, my love. And it doesn't matter if you believe in it or not because it is the truth and the truth always finds a way to shine.*

Release date is November 11, 2014. Join the buddy read with **KH's Dirty Angels** here.

*Thank you to the author for providing me a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.*

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## Lucia says

*"You are my star, my light, my love. And it doesn't matter if you believe in it or not because it is the truth and the truth always finds a way to shine."*

**Halle gives us a little bit of drama, a lot of heartbreak and plenty of passionate love. Perfection!**

\* This review contains possible spoilers from Love, in English \*

Halle created singular seductive atmosphere in this novel and I was enthralled by it. I lost myself in Mateo's beautiful heartwarming declarations as well as steamy passionate encounters. And I have to admit that even though I love all the heroes written by Karina Halle, Mateo is on the top of the list. I love his playful side, or how serious and responsible he can be when needed. But most of all I love the passionate man that he is!

Moreover, I loved the voice of this novel. It was mature, sensual and charming as the leading man himself. I fell for Mateo through Vera's eyes in Love, in English. And I fell for him all over again in this novel, this time seeing Mateo's love for Vera and Chloe Ann through his own eyes.

*"Love makes you do silly things."*

But do not fret, this isn't merely the retelling of events that happened in first book. So all of you who are hesitant to pick this book up, don't be! Love, in Spanish is completely new story plot-wise and it takes place after the end of Love, in English. We all knew that no matter how Love, in English ended, Vera and Mateo could not simply ride off into sunset and live happily ever after. This novel serves as insight into complicated life of Mateo and Vera once they decided to be together. Doubts, problems, haters... How will Mateo and Vera deal with them all? Will their love for each other be enough?

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## Kirsten says

**4 stars!**

Love in Spanish takes place a year after Love in English ended. This is not a stand alone, and LIE should be read first. Where the first book was in Vera's POV, this follow-up is all Mateo.

If you're familiar with the story, the couple has a lot of differences between them. They fell for one another



and are going to face all obstacles together. This is their continuation of what happened after their HEA. Unfortunately, things aren't as easy going for them.

This was a really beautiful and realistic follow up book. Not only did I love getting inside Mateo's head, but also getting a glimpse into their life after LIE ended was pretty surreal. The shit hit the fan with these two, and I am not sure a lot of other couples would have come through unscathed.

This was a pretty short read. So why did it take me forever to finish it? I think part of it was my mindset. As refreshing as the realistic nature was, it was a little bit of a downer for me. It seemed like they kept taking hit after hit. It worked well for me to just pick it up and then put it down for small periods. Don't get me wrong, I wasn't expecting nor needing a hearts and flowers read. I guess it didn't grab me, and I didn't feel like taking all the hits along with them. I should have known that it wasn't going to be easy street for the pair. Nonetheless, it was still heart aching and a great story.

As with all of Karina Halle's work, it was brilliantly written and flowed really well. I loved both characters in LIE, but felt a loss of connection to Vera in this one. Mateo is a great hero, and I am glad they were finally able to get the HEA they worked so hard for.

If you really loved LIE, I would recommend reading this. It was good to reunite with the story and the characters again. Overall, I did enjoy this.

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**Georgina ? 2greekgirlsreading says**

### **5 #HOLY FUCKING AMAZE-BALLS STARS**

I always liked love stories that feel real to me. Stories that are not sugar-coated, stories that teach us that only love isn't enough. That **finding love isn't enough**. You have to **fight for it**, willing to give up everything and anything to maybe, just maybe have a chance at happiness. Love isn't something that you can put inside a bubble and everything will be alright, love is hard, love is messy and happily ever afters don't come easy. Especially for **Mateo and Vera**. They're love was judged from the start. They didn't understand how something so wrong could feel so right at the same time. They're love was **unconventional** and I love that! I loved how they had to struggle with teeth and claws through it's day to just to be together. And we see how much they have to fight in this book, this great continuation of 'Love, in English'.

Mateo, I can't even express how many emotions I feel for this character, once again I fell inlove with him. After reading his letter at the beginning of the book, I instantly knew how heart wrenching this journey would be. And oh my god was I right. I balled my eyes out so many times throughout this book. Just reading how he was feeling all of this time made me want to go to him, hug him and tell him everything will be okay. I loved **LOVED** how in each page, in each word, we could feel the love he had for Vera bursting through. And I more so loved how he always showed it to her, in every damn way possible. Mateo was willing to do

everything to keep her, but is that truly enough?

I adore Vera's character. I know lots of you don't like her but I just can't help but love her. And now that I've been inside Mateo's mind I can see why he fell in love with her, he thinks she's his sunshine, his universe and she truly is. I love how she believes she is the villain of their story and even all the shit they went through she still tries to make it work. But will it work?

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**Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

### **5 MATEO + VERA STARS**

This book is amazing!!! I love every bit of this!!! What a passionate, emotional ride!! The first book blew me away and I was so excited to read the next book and see what Mateo had in his mind, as this book is from his POV. While I started reading the book I had to prepare myself for an emotional read.

I loved the way Karina Halle started off this book, with a letter he wrote for Vera.. It was so intense. However there were plenty sweet, passionate and hot moments where you can see how much in love Mateo and Vera truly are!!! I don't think there is a couple which I love so much as Vera and Mateo (except from Dex and Perry :) )!! For one more time Karina shows us what an amazing author she is!!! She managed to make me feel so many emotions... like all her books! Her writing is so unique that it evokes, lifelike situations within the reader's mind.

For these two, the road has never been easy... From the first book they have to deal with so many things... and now that Mateo is back to Atlético Madrid as a coach, he and everyone else from his family are constantly followed by paparazzi...

Is their love enough to keep them together?

I loved Mateo in the first book but in this one he managed to capture me more, with his passionate, protective, hot and intense soul. Vera is strong, sexy and smart. I loved the fact that she wanted to be independent. I loved their chemistry and how much they leaned on each other for support. They were just so perfect for one another!!!!

When I finished the book I was so sad that I had to say goodbye to such an amazing couple... I'm really going to miss them... Love, in Spanish is a story of two people in love who are fighting for the right to be in love! I loved this book because we see how the story of Mateo and Vera continued. I can't wait for Where Sea Meets Sky which is the story of Vera's brother... Maybe we can see more Mateo and Vera!!

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## LZ says

### WOW amazingly emotional!

After falling in love with Mateo (AKA my Book Husband) in *Love, in English*, I was beyond excited to hear about a novel in his POV. Generally, I find male POVs tricky - very hit or miss. There's always the fear that he won't turn out like what I imagined but, as always, Karina Halle does the male voice justice. I swear she must have a special connection to the male brain. Mateo was exactly as I imagined, so real for me that actually I started to hear an accent while reading. The best thing about this was that it's not a retelling, it's a continuation of their intense love story.

After the reading Mateo's letter in the Prologue *\*sigh\**, I could tell right away that this was going to be heart-bruising journey. I knew that Vera and Mateo would never have it easy but, getting the other side of their epic love story only made me feel deeper. These two have gone through and given up so much that they both wear scars and in *LiS*, we see those scars...deep insecurities and weak parts. I noticed Mateo's tenderness in *LiE* but here, we see his *vulnerability*. This charming and charismatic man is not without flaws and they only make him better.... more real.

This story isn't all heart break though. Mateo is still absolutely swoonworthy and their love still utterly beautiful to read. Halle has created two characters so real, so tangible that I ache, hope and *FEEL EVERYTHING* right along with them. For a reader like me, usually inclined to forgetting things almost immediately, having this kind of reaction and really loving the characters is like gold. This is truly a must read for anyone who's looking for a raw, honest and powerful love story.

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## Rachel Reads Ravenously says

### 4 "Oh Mateo" stars

*"“Our love is permanent and she is stardust in my hands.”"*

When I read **Love in English** I thought that it had ended perfectly. When I saw there was a book from Mateo's POV I thought it would be his perspective of *LIE*, until Ms. Halle assured the readers it wasn't a repeat but a separate story. And since I basically trust Ms. Halle because she's never let me down before I dived into this book, and boy was I glad I did.

Vera and Mateo are back together despite all the odds against them at the end of the previous book. But they don't have their happily ever after yet. Both Mateo and Vera have to face off against the paparazzi, the judgement of other people in their lives, angry ex-spouses, and possible deportation.

The thing I loved most about this book was that the love Vera and Mateo have for each other is **supportive**. Vera supports Mateo in his actions, encouraging him to take on a new challenge. Mateo supports Vera in her endeavors to discover who she is, whether it be a girl who works in an office, a student, or his future wife. Both Mateo and Vera want what's best for the other person, and that's what true love is folks. If someone loves you, they will support and guide you and not hinder your progress.

This was a thoughtful, sweet and insightful addition to the Love in English series (volumes?), and I highly encourage you to read this one if you are a fan of the first book.

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## **Brenna says**

*Love, in English* is one of my favorite reads of the year, so it goes without saying that I wanted more of Mateo and Vera's love story. Told in Mateo's POV, this is a beautiful continuation that definitely lived up to my expectations and showed a new side to both characters that I already had so much love for.

*Love, in Spanish* picks up a year after the end of *Love, in English* with Vera living in Spain with Mateo. They are still very much in love and devoted to each other but are struggling to find some normalcy in the chaos created by their affair. Mateo has been offered a new job that has him once again under public scrutiny. With the press and paparazzi dragging their names through the mud, a crazy ex wife, and their age difference, there is a lot of extra pressure on their already misunderstood relationship.

"Through it all we have each other, two exiled souls. We pay for our sins with each kiss, we feel our mistakes with each touch."

I felt like this was a very truthful continuation for Mateo and Vera. As much as we all want them to be happy and not deal with outside influences negatively affecting them, that wouldn't be realistic after how they came together. What I love is that through it all you can see them both truly fighting for each other and what they have. I never doubted their feelings for each other, this novel just reinforced for me how much these two were meant to be together. I knew they would find a way to get through the challenges they were facing.

"Our journey has never been easy. The only thing easy in all of this is my love for her. It is pure, it is simple, and it is true."

I really connected with Vera when I read *Love, in English* so I would have been happy to get this story from her POV, but I was really excited when I learned it would be told from Mateo's perspective. He is such a passionate man and it was amazing to see the different sides of him. From being this vulnerable, deep thinker to this raw just... *man*. He is the perfect mix of sexy and sweet.

I feel as if I am nailing her to some place –perhaps this world, this moment, and I want nothing more than to be so deep that I leave some permanent reminder of myself. She is mine, all mine; she is mine now and forever, this beautiful, soft, wet woman of my dreams and my heart, and I am going to fuck her until she's screaming my name.

This book broke my heart a few times, it's seriously heart wrenching to watch some of the things they have to overcome. Mateo's voice comes through so clear and his longing and desperation to make things work really got to me at times. The writing was poetic and had such an honest feeling about it. Mateo and Vera are two characters that really leave it all out there, blood, sweat, and tears and you just *feel* it... their love, desperation, hope, everything. I'm so glad we got the continuation of their story and I can't wait for Josh's book, *Where Sea Meets Sky* and to get some glimpses of them in the future.

"I've said it before and I will say it again and I'll go down in my grave saying it. You are my star, my light, my love. And it doesn't matter if you believe in it or not because it is the truth and the truth always finds a way to shine."

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**Sharon ∞👉 is an emotional book junkie 👈∞ says**

I was thrilled to get another story of Mateo and Vera who we came to know in *Love, in English*. I couldn't wait to find out what was going on with them and even though the first book ended well...I still wanted more!

Let me start by saying that I wasn't happy with the direction this story was going for the first sixty percent of the book. Mateo and Vera are slammed on almost every front and it's hard not to get a little frustrated. I don't think it helps that it's coming from Mateo's POV and he feels hugely responsible for every problem and just wants to fix it.

You can just feel the train wreck that's coming especially with Mateo constantly referring to it and it's hard to look away. And then it hits...and I just wasn't prepared for the emotional depths KH took you to. All those crazy feelings from both Vera and Mateo. All I have to say is thank goodness for Warren!

I did love all the romance and the steaminess especially with Mr. *"Slowly"* Casalles....~swoon~. He is just sooo yummy! I loved the depth of his feelings for Vera and how there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for her.

Naturally, there are a lot of problems with Isabel. I cannot stand her and I really wish she would've been

handled differently.

I was sad we didn't get more of Claudia and Ricardo. There was such a nice friendship built up but it was still wonderful at how supportive they were. I just missed everyone from Las Palabras getting together.

And then there's the ending...it was sooo good! And the second time was perfect and in the perfect spot. The only problem was it wasn't long enough. I wanted more happy!

The book information says the book is two hundred and ninety pages but it seems a lot shorter. And we also get the first chapter of Josh's book at the end, *Where Sea Meets Sky*, coming out in March 2015.

### **Favorite quotes:**

♥ "A true gentleman never stops a woman from doing what she desires."

♥ "Love, in Spanish is you."

♥ "I am not sure I like this cooch. It sounds like a cartoon character, a name far too silly for something as serious as your pussy."

♥ "There's nothing like a little bit of role playing," she jokes as she pulls away from me, her wig askew.

♥ "Look at me, my Estrella. Don't you know what that means? You're my star. How many people on this earth have their own star? And you shine just for me. How could anyone else ever compare to this?"

♥ "Pinching won't do."

♥ "You've conquered me, Vera, and I am forever yours."

♥ "Wherever you go, I follow."

♦ BR w/Melissa

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### **Natasha is a Book Junkie says**

***"I'll forever keep searching for you. I will look up to the sky and let it point me your way. I will not let you go, Vera. I will never let you go."***

For a self-proclaimed seeker of fairy-tale endings, I have an uncanny penchant for stories that feel particularly 'real' to me, stories that refuse to be sugar-coated or bubble-wrapped in forced imaginary

scenarios, stories that are so honest and raw that even the sweetest of happily-ever-afters often comes with a healthy and sobering dose of truth. They put your heart through the wringer, they jerk it around like their favourite toy, but the most satisfying thing about them is the way they colour the lenses through which you see your own life, the lives of those around you, and the way they expand your view on things you would have never considered otherwise. Love, in English will forever remain one of my most beloved books. It is not a love story with a big red bow on top—it is a love story born when it perhaps never should have been, a love story that has been scrutinized, dismissed, judged, attacked, and yet it remains alive because two people met on a bus in Spain and ended up falling for one another so deeply and so irreversibly that every hurdle before them pales in comparison. Mateo and Vera's relationship has never been easy—it is not *that* kind of love story—but their love for each other has never been in question. It shows us that some things in life are worth fighting for until our last breath, and that it is never too late to find oneself, to embrace the person one is born to be, to capture happiness, even when knowing that no gift in life comes without a sacrifice to pay.

*“Our journey has never been easy. The only thing easy in all of this is my love for her. It is pure, it is simple, and it is true.”*

We saw them meet, we saw them fall in love, we saw them fight that love, we saw them give in, and we saw them become one. But for Vera and Mateo, the road ahead was never meant to be simple, and it was always going to be marred by prejudice and opposition.

*“Through it all we have each other, two exiled souls. We pay for our sins with each kiss, we feel our mistakes with each touch.”*

Mateo Casalles has finally found the love of his life, a woman who has changed him and given him purpose, and when faced with having all his dreams come true as professional fulfillment is once again within his reach, he is suddenly reluctant to accept more change in his life, fearing it might cost him the one he loves the most. Being in the public eye brings its own set of challenges for their young relationship, their every public move now dissected and twisted around even more, but Mateo never stops putting Vera's needs first, her happiness being his key concern, knowing how heavily her role in the break-up of his marriage weighs upon her.

*“I see her as my star, one she thinks has burned too much for the both of us.”*

By hearing Mateo's every thought and every fear, we are faced with a very different man than the one we met in the first book. A better man. His every action is now seen in a different light, his every word now speaking volumes about the gentle-hearted, selfless, loving man that he is. His love for Vera is a sight to behold. The raw intensity of their every touch is only outmatched by how much her happiness means to him, and how much of himself he is willing to give to her.

*“I follow every part of you, everywhere. You go before me, Vera. You always will.”*

As they embark on the next chapter in their lives, the odds playing against them only keep multiplying, from scorned ex-spouses to meddling paparazzi, but through it all, Vera remains his constant, his own guiding

star, and Mateo is not a man who ever forgets how dark his life had been without her. Or would once again return to be.

*“You are my star, my light, my love. And it doesn’t matter if you believe in it or not because it is the truth and the truth always finds a way to shine.”*

I don’t remember the last time I enjoyed a book so thoroughly and so ardently as I have this one. I found myself constantly stopping, re-reading entire paragraphs, desperately trying to absorb the beauty of every single line in it. Karina Halle has a very unique talent for weaving words almost poetically, the sheer elegance of her writing style only outshone by her meticulous character development and the annihilating power of the notions behind her stunning words. And ‘meeting’ the real Mateo Casalles this way has been quite a treat in itself. A complex man, an intelligent man, a passionate man, a caring man—Mateo’s only ‘sin’ is to have fallen in love with someone whom society deems inappropriate for his social standing and reputation, but it is his relentless devotion to the woman he loves and his emotional vulnerability and honesty before her that makes us weak at the knees as readers. And utterly enchanted with him.

*“Just a man in love. Just a hero. Just a coward. Just me.”*

Karina Halle does not just give us heroes and heroines, she gives us real, tangible people for us to identify with, learn from, and she gives us stories to talk about for many moons to come. I know that a lot of people often dismiss these books because of the ‘cheating’ theme in the story, but it is my personal and humble opinion that this story is not about a cheating spouse or a homewrecker. It is about what happens when people fall out of love, or have never experienced true love before, and then they are given the unexpected gift of finding someone who suddenly lights up everything in their life, including the person they are but never got a chance to be. These are not reckless human beings, they are not driven by hormones or lust—they are fallible individuals who feel deeply the sting of every single consequence of their actions and who never forget what their happiness has cost them.

This novella only completes an already perfect story in my eyes, a story that might not be your traditional idea of a fairytale, but whose brutal honesty makes it *that* much more unforgettable.

*“We were worth every sacrifice, every burnt bridge.”*

**[6 STARS]**

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## Ana says

Vera and Mateo's story has taken a turn for the worse. I am not a happy camper.

I really really enjoyed Love in English. More than I should have. More than I thought I would. I don't condone cheating. However, human beings are not perfect. People make mistakes. As the old saying goes, you can't choose who you fall in love with. The heart wants what it wants. Despite having a few issues with the first book, the relationship between Vera and Mateo was handled in a very non-trashy sensible way. They didn't just jump into bed with each other. They became friends first. They fell in love long before they actually slept together. What they did was wrong but I couldn't help but root for them.

Sadly, Vera and Mateo's character development is ruined in this book. It seems Mateo has forgotten he cheated on his wife. He is completely dumbfounded as to why on earth she has such a massive grudge against him.

And I'm like, dude! She has every right to be a raging bitch.

She has every right to be pissed. She has the right to decide what's best for her daughter. Personally, I think she deserved more respect from Mateo, Vera, his family and friends. You could say that there are two big contrasts. Mateo's family and Vera's newfound Spanish friends are almost thrilled with their 'affair.' They don't understand that others are not as tolerant. Mateo seems genuinely perplexed whenever he hears comments about Vera being a homewrecker. Vera, on the other hand, doesn't. She accepts her guilt and I have to give her props for that.

Which brings me to my next point. Try as she might, Vera can't seem to grow up. I was annoyed by her behavior. This gif perfectly describes Vera in this book:

Vera likes food. Because she's a free spirit. Vera likes alcohol. Because she's a free spirit. Vera likes sex. Because she's a free spirit. Vera likes to party. Because she's a free spirit. Vera's going out to a club with her friends. Because she's a free spirit. Vera's going to get drunk and dance all night. Because she's a free spirit.

She's a free spirit and she's young. This is literally her excuse every time she does something stupid. She turned 24. She's young but she's not THAT young. At some point, she needs to start making smart choices.

Hey girl, you've already been labeled by the public as a homewrecker, maybe going clubbing and dancing with men who aren't your boyfriend isn't such a great idea after all. Just sayin'. And another thing... Vera and Mateo keep forgetting he's famous. You know how paparazzi like to take pictures of celebrities doing stupid things? Apparently they didn't get the memo. Mateo is not your average Joe. He's an ex-football star.

Football is huge in Spain. His ex wife is a member of the Spanish royalty. So, of course, the scandal would be public. Instead of laying low, Vera and Mateo do dumb shit and then they act all surprised when they're featured in the next issue of Whatever Magazine. For example- Vera sunbathes topless. The picture ends up in magazines. They're SHOCKED. Vera is out getting drunk and dancing with strange men. The picture ends up in magazines. They're SHOCKED. Well, Mateo is shocked. He's shocked she was dancing with a strange man and that the man had his hands on her body. Vera doesn't get what the big deal is. She's only 24, she wants to have fun!

The whole time I was reading it, I was dreading what she would do next.

In the real world, Vera and Mateo's relationship never would have worked. Their different personalities and the fifteen year age difference would prove too much of an obstacle. He wants to be a respectable football coach and have a loving family (should have thought of that earlier buddy) and she likes to go out partying and drinking.

This is why I hate sequels.

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**MELISSA \*Mel Reader\* says**

REVIEW TO COME

4 I Will Never Let You Go Stars!

(BR with Sharon)

-Life is full of hard choices.

-I chose you.

-"You are my everything."

-"You are my star, my light, my love. And it doesn't matter if you believe in it or not because it is the truth and the truth always finds a way to shine."

-You don't keep your eyes on the ground once you've seen the beauty of the stars.

-Hold your head up high like the star that you are.

-We have each other, and that is all we need. Our own little world in our own little solar system in our own little universe.

-"You belong with me."

-Sometimes dreams come true.

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