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What happens when a star-gazing professor falls for his hot young housekeeper? One heck of an earthy explosion...

Professor Marek Janos's genius at analyzing stellar explosions doesn't apply to his own disordered world. Forgetting to eat, sleep, and leave his lab has triggered some epic personal disasters. When his family insists he hire live-in help, he discovers home life has awesome benefits. His new housekeeper's smile sparks more energy than a supernova. And the way he moves? It rocks Marek's galaxy.

Pete Schulz took a tough fall from his high-flying life in Hollywood. But how does a guy whose best skill is getting dirty clean up his act? His new gig with Domesticated Inc seems like a great first step. Keeping house for a nerdy young astrophysics professor is exactly the low-key, no-chance-for-trouble job he needs, right?

Living together is surprisingly easy for both men. And fun. And more than a little hot. It's when they're faced with the idea of living apart that the truly messy work begins...

This is a 90,000 word stand-alone novel with two quirky heroes--one who actually likes to vacuum, and one who enjoys studying Weakly Compressible Homogeneous Isotropic Turbulences.

Professor Adorkable Details

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SoCalBookReviews says

4.5 Stars

This book is Adorkable.

Marek is an adorable, slightly scatterbrained, oblivious to life around him, klutzy and awkward college professor who needs help keeping his daily life in order. Pete is hired by Marek's uncle to be his housekeeper, to keep Marek's life running just a little smoother. These two characters are super cute together and I really liked this book a lot.

Besides the fact that I loved these characters, this book and storyline itself are pretty great. The writing was fun and flowed really well from start to finish, there were a lot of little quirky things that the author wrote into the characters personalities which keep you entertained and makes the story seem more realistic. I know it's a spin-off from a different series (which I have not read) and I "think" we meet some of those characters towards the ending of this book. But I really didn't feel like I was missing anything by not reading that series. Although, I've now added it to my ever growing to-read list since this one was so good. I'm interested to see what else this author has to offer us.

I love Marek, everything about him is awesome and endears you to him. He is just super likable as a character, you cannot help but fall head over heels for him. Sometimes Pete is an absolute idiot... I mean, he has this super cute and adorably awkward guy who is very obviously into him and he just pushes him away at every turn. No matter what Marek does, Pete rebukes him instead of being honest about the situation they're in, so that makes Pete an idiot in my opinion. Pete goes as far as trying to set Marek up with other guys, only for it to totally backfire on him. Which makes him seem just as clueless on how to make things work like Marek is. One thing I don't really fully understand in this book was Marek's uncle. Like, how can he even get away with the terms of the housekeeping contract, is that even legal if it were to go to court? What a jerk he was trying to control every aspect of Marek's life when he is a fully grown adult. Sure, Marek made some mistakes in the past but really... Who hasn't!?!? Overall, this book is cute and I would recommend it to anyone who likes geeky, nerdy, cute characters able to overcome their sometimes awkward and socially inept tendencies in order to find love in their books.

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Elsa Bravante says

DNF en el 15%, el libro comienza cuando los protagonistas ya se conocen y y tienes sentimientos el uno por el otro, precisamente esa es la parte que más me gusta a mí de un libro de romántica, ver cómo se enamoran. El hecho de perderme esa parte hace que me de la sensación de que falte algo. Además, los personajes no terminan de llamarme la atención.

Quizás vuelva a él en un futuro, pero ahora mismo no me interesa demasiado.

Ariana says

I have no idea what went wrong here - there is so much to like.

Marek is adorbs and Pete who has had quite a past (sorry, it has been ages since I read *Unraveling Josh* and I had no idea who Pete was), but it is clear he wants to better himself.

The elements for a great book are all there, and yet, something was not quite right.

I may have cringed a little too often, maybe?

It's mainly at how Pete acted. He is changing his mind what he wants and not wants, which rule stands and which ones fall so often, my head was spinning in confusion.

The whole plot was somewhat contrived, forced and unrealistic. (please read Todd's review to see what I mean.)

The questions why? and what? were continuously on my mind.

There is some excellent sizzle between Pete and Marek, and yes, the chemistry is there, but some things felt repetitive and too sweet for my liking.

I am sure those of you who like very cute guys will be very happy with this book. I really wanted to love it, but it didn't quite hit the mark for me.

.Lili. says

This is a hard one to rate. 3.5-4 Stars? First part of the book was 5 Stars all the way but the second half was... a bit much. *yells: talk to him, Pete!!* Overall enjoyable. RTC.

~◊~Doxi(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says

Those of you who haven't read Edie Danford's *Ellery College* series needn't worry. **This book, while a crossover from that series, can absolutely be read as a standalone.** Pete, one of the MCs of *Professor Adorkable*, was a secondary character in *Unraveling Josh*. I loved Josh and Nick's story but honestly didn't remember Pete.

In my review of that book, I wrote: "fucking Pete was the worst friend EVER; I wanted to kick his arse into next week." So obviously Pete did something. What, I can't recall. But I can imagine.

Now a housekeeper for Marek, a brilliant but socially awkward professor originally from the Czech Republic, Pete used to be a personal assistant to a Hollywood producer where he was expected to be gorgeous, snarky, and slutty. His boss used him as a personal sex toy, and Pete learned to manipulate and deceive.

But Pete is trying to do better, BE better. That's why he has rules in place: no getting sexually involved with the boss (that would be Marek) and no falling in love (even if Marek, with his quirky speech patterns and dorky shoes, is hard to resist).

The book begins in the middle. Marek and Pete are already friends, and the attraction between them is like a

live wire. I wish we'd gotten the meet-cute and seen the beginning of their relationship. I felt like I was missing a piece of the puzzle.

Even so, I really liked this story, and I absolutely ADORED Marek. Being in his head was a joy. He had a fondness for creative swear words and lists:

There weren't a lot of ways someone could interpret:

New Business: A) Sixty-nining (M & P together); B) Pete fucks Marek; C) Marek > vibrating dildo > Pete.

The book is told in a dual first-person POV, and each man's voice is distinct. Pete is lost and insecure; he now goes out in ratty sweats and doesn't manscape. But Marek doesn't care! He's fallen for Pete and doesn't want Pete to be just another part of a data set. The experiment is bound to fail when you've already arrived at the end result (and bought ALL the red balloons).

The interactions between Pete and Marek made this book. They bantered and talked about everything. They really worked so well together and had combustible chemistry.

Oh, yes, there's plenty of steam in this story, including a very erotic bathtub scene.

I loved watching Marek interact with Zoe, one of his students. They had such a genuinely supportive friendship going, even if Zoe desperately wanted to give Marek a makeover. Speaking of makeovers, the scene where Marek gets a haircut was SO funny. Jealous Pete was jealous.

In the end, Marek needed to stand up to his controlling uncle and take charge of his own life. I actually liked that Pete left; this was an important catalyst in their relationship. They were no longer forced together, no longer employer/employee, and could begin a relationship on their own terms.

Edie Danford has such an engaging writing style. Her dialogue feels true to life, and there's plenty of humour and warmth in her stories. **I am looking forward to more books in the *Domesticated Inc.* series.**

Jennifer?Pher? says

Ok, so first things first. This book is a spin-off to a series I have not read and I didn't know when I saw this was coming out and this makes me crazy!

Dani said it would be ok. I believe her but part of me wishes I never knew Pete had been in another book until after I read the book. It just was there inside my head the whole time, especially when Pete alluded to his past.

Enough of that for now, I'll probably bring this up again but right now I just have to state **OMG! How freaking cute and rough around the edges perfect was this story??** Very, that is how. I think I pretty

much enjoyed all of it. It was so much more than I anticipated but should not be surprised. This author can write a story, no doubt about it.

I loved, loved, loved Professor Adorkable and man, he was adorkable. He was so simple but so very complex and I loved his voice. I loved how the story felt like a new chance for Pete but truly was a new chance for both of them. Marek needed to find himself just as much as Pete did and watching the growth between the two of them and separately was just one of the best parts of the story and there were a lot of best parts.

I woke up this morning and was so sad when I realized I had finished it last night. It is just a story I didn't really want to end.

Oh! This would be freaking brilliant in audio, I want to hear Mar in my ear very much.

So personally, I had to overcome my *read books in order and know everything you can going in OCD* but I still wish I had read Pete's backstory first. It didn't make this book impossible to read, things were explained enough but, well, there was more to Pete, none of it sounds good, but there was more to him that maybe it would have been a little beneficial to know. Add to that the fact that cameos just don't work if you are out of the loop...

I kind of don't really want to know now though.

I'm just going to love him the way I do now. Second chances and all that jazz.

Good stuff, really good stuff.

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***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

Oh man, I loved Marek and all of his adorkableness. He stole the show for me.

This one grabbed me from the get-go and sucked me right in.

It made me laugh. It made me swoon (especially the end..the balloons). It made me hot and bothered.

I didn't remember Pete at all from Unraveling Josh *shrugs*. And he was a bit harder to like here but by the end I really liked him.

Overall a really enjoyable read.

Bookreader87(Amanda) says

Mar is a genius professor at a University who has so much going on in his life he needs a little help being taken care of. His Uncle Jakub has that covered by hiring him a PA who makes his house feel like a home.

Pete is at a stage in his life where he wants to pull back from his old ways and become a better person. His stint in California working for a Hollywood big shot really did a number on him. When Domesticated Inc. assigns him an adorkable professor he jumps at the chance.

The two work well with another and Pete does a great job of cleaning up all of Mar's messes. However, being in close proximity with someone everyday can cause feelings to build even if Pete has rules that try and prevent the relationship from going further. Mar and his analytical brain finds ways around the rules.

This book was an ok read. I didn't particularly like it nor did I hate it. I just didn't really care for it. I wasn't really invested in the characters are their story but I did make it through to the end. I think the problem for me started at the beginning where it feels as if we are thrown into a middle of a story. The two MC's have already known each other for 6 months and when we enter they are in love with each other already but just haven't told one another for reasons. We readers miss them meeting, going from employer and employee to friends and eventually moving onto more. We come into the part where they are moving onto more and feelings are ready to pop out all over the place. For me, I would have liked to witness the start of the relationship. Maybe then I would have been more invested in it all.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

4.5 stars

Ok, I'll admit that I fell for this book as soon as I saw the cover, and the fact that a geeky hero is one of my total catnips, I was really excited to pick up this story. I have to say, I totally loved it! Aside from absolutely adoring these characters, as well as finding the book the perfect mix of sexy and sweet, I also loved that the story went in directions I didn't expect. We know right from the start that both guys are hot for one another, as well as about the secret Pete is being forced to keep. I'll admit that having read many books with similar conflicts, I was expecting that the guys would go forever without revealing their feelings, and that the secret would blow up at the 11th hour. So I was more than pleasantly surprised that Danford takes this book in a different direction and really adds some nuance and creates a wonderfully developed story here.

[Read Jay's review in its entirety here.](#)

Jay says

Professor Adorkable, by Edie Danford is just that, adorkable. The combination of socially awkward Marek Janos and Hollywood Personal Assistant-turned housekeeper Pete Schulz, leads to some comical and heated interaction, with a dose of sorrow administered. I understand that Professor Adorkable is a crossover from Edie's Ellery College series, but as part of her new Domesticated Inc, it can definitely be read as a

standalone.

What to say about Marek Janos? Well, I absolutely love the super-intelligent yet bumbling idiot originally from the Czech Republic. His ability to love is deeply ingrained and overrules all of the discomfort wrought by his social ineptness.

Pete Shulz, oh Pete... This once superficial ass-hat finds his true self within the pages of Professor Adorkable. A slutty snarky user, he is ultimately destined to care for others and this realization settles Pete, evolving him into the man he's meant to be.

It all starts with rules, rules, rules... Pete has set boundaries for his professional life. For example: no sexual involvement – and absolutely no falling in love. When we as the reader are first introduced to Marek and Pete, it is clear they are friends on the precipice of breaking these rules. They are the Yin and Yang of one another, with each adoring the quirky qualities of the other.

I found myself a bit perturbed that at first these men could not seem to get out of their own way. For a while it seemed as if each was determined to sabotage their budding relationship. Between the combination of rules and social awkwardness, jiminy cricket guys. However, the way Marek approaches things, using his phenomenal analytical abilities, is both effective and humorous.

As time passes, both men realize that “resistance is futile”, so where does that leave them? Edie Danford reveals these details proficiently, with style and a bit of anguish. At the end of the day these two discover a path that works for them and follow it. Their interactions are truly adorable... or should I say adorkable?

Which leads us to the ending of Professor Adorkable. Marek may be socially awkward, but he remembers everything, knows what he wants and effectively uses this to unequivocally convey his feelings. It is one of the most beautifully enacted moments of all time; completely meant to convey heartfelt feelings without an ounce of manipulation.

Ele says

3.5 stars

I have mixed feelings about this one. Some parts I loved, some others fell flat, while some plot points just confused me. I'll go with 3.5 stars rounded down for the overall experience.

As readers, we never get to experience Marek and Pete's first meeting. We never get to see how they bonded or how they ended up having feelings for each other. When this book starts they already have a relationship that has moved on from strictly business. I think it's why I always felt that I was missng something, or why I couldn't connect with these two.

Professor adorkable is just....adorkable! He's awkward and all over the place but also cute, sexy and, of course, whip smart. Pete is the asshole from Unraveling Josh. I wouldn't have noticed, if a friend hadn't pointed it out to me. But don't worry; Danford managed to completely redeem him in my eyes.

I loved the interactions between the MCs and the sexy times were super awesome. Professor adorkable has a filthy mouth!

I adore this author's writing and this was no exception, although I would have preferred more dialogue than the MCs getting lost inside their head so much.

Pete's thoughts often confused me. He was all about rules and reasons why he couldn't act on his feelings about Marek, but his actions spoke differently. I understood his reasoning, but then he'd do something that made me go "*ah...what?*".

I love me some relationship angst so I loved that there was a moment of conflict here. The way it happened, though, left me scratching my head a little bit. I understand that it was important for Marek to become his own person without relying on Pete, but the way Pete acted felt somewhat forced and manufactured to me. But I rolled with it because, like I said, angst.

The ending was all kinds of awesome. Swoon worthy and sexy and sweet.

Obviously, the things that I liked are the things that also troubled me. It could be just me. I still recommend this book to the fans of the author, and I'll probably continue with the series.

namericanwordcat says

4.5 Stars.

This wonderful romance had me tearing up early and smiling. Oh, the ache here of vulnerability and love. Marek asks for what he wants. And Pete is on a path to redeem himself and work out boundaries acts with such kindness.

I loved this book as I have often loved Edie Danford's writing. The Ellery College series is wonderful. This book is the start of a connected series but you don't need to read the other to enjoy this book...but you should because it is great.

Pete was a bit of a villain and his self directed path to becoming a better person is a wonderful aspect of this book. Pete is carefully and amazingly rendered and you can see why Marek loves him.

Marek is everything. A genius with a sly sense of humor and a socially awkward direct nature that I find so fun to read.

I love every nuance of this romance. This character driven joy of this story is not to be missed.

I can't wait to see more in this series. I hope Ro gets a story.

So excellent.

~Kristin~ says

3 Stars

As much as I love odd creative characters, I struggled with finishing this book. I found so many other things

that were more interesting, from binging the entire Girls series to making several new dinners, that I forced myself to get back to this book. Usually it's the opposite, and I'm forcing myself to put the I'm reading down to feed my family. I guess it was a bit boring, I really hate to say that...but it was the case for me.

Renée says

Color me oblivious.

It took me until the **85%** mark to figure out that the Pete in this story was the douchenozzle Pete from *Unraveling Josh*.

In my defense, I didn't know these books were in the same universe. But, yeah, forehead slapping moment.

The blurb threw me! I mean.....it made me think that Danford had written something a little lighter. A little fluffier, perhaps? But no. Diving in, I figured pretty early on that this was just as heavy and angst as the others I've read. Not that I'm complaining. I love a good angst story any day of the week. It's just that I wasn't expecting it.

Pete and Marek have lived together for six months, Pete as his live-in housekeeper and overall life-organizer. They're pretty much in love with each other by the time the reader cracks chapter one, although neither of them realize it.

The writing was evocative and just amazing as always. There's a reason I jump on a new release by this author. She did a wonderful job conveying how much these MCs felt for each other. Even the sexy times had a sweetness to them more so than hawt-ness.

Marek was fumbling and adorkable, in the best way possible. Pete is old for his age and completely jaded by his past in Los Angeles.

My only niggle with this book: neither of these MCs would get out of their own way. Which was incredibly frustrating when all I did was yell (in my head) to just talk to each other and work it out together!

I still couldn't really put it down. Despite the lack of communication, especially by Pete, I was so engrossed in their story.

Danford managed to redeem Pete in my eyes. He did so much growing between *Unraveling Josh* and this story.

Even with all the quirks these two men bring to the relationship, they don't belong with anyone else.

? Todd says

Well, that was entirely unexpected.

Pete, one of this book's MC's turned out to be none other than the **main asshole character** from Danford's "*Unraveling Josh (Ellery College #3)*".

However, unlike **Nick and Josh's story**, which I absolutely adored, this story **fell a bit flat** for me.

While I did like both **Pete** and **Marek** as MC's, I also found myself **a bit disengaged** and left with **some disbelief** regarding a few turning points of the story.

Pete had a set of **hard and fast rules** by which he'd lived since moving away from Hollywood, where his "*looks and status above all else*" outlook had left his previously-shallow life in shambles.

So at first, the story was **rules, rules, rules**, but after one small fit of jealousy, those rules were (*mostly*) left in a burning pile of ash on the side of the highway. This felt a bit too convenient and not overly believable.

But the MC's became a couple and things were going well, with "*I love you's*" **exchanged and they both lived happily ever after**.

Except, umm... **NOT**. :- /

Because Marek's controlling uncle, **Jakub** had manipulated Pete's employment contract to include a clause that, upon termination of employment, **Pete would be forced to cut off all communication with Marek**.

When this came to light, the separation that followed felt anything but organic in my opinion. Adults **IN LOVE** in that situation would have **stayed and talked** through what legal options were available.

Instead, Pete decided that he ***must* immediately pack his bags and leave** -- without so much as a goodbye.

This felt **entirely contrived** to ramp up the drama, when such swift, drastic measures weren't really required. So yeah, **forced plotline felt forced**.

I did enjoy the interactions between the MC's, with Marek being a bumbling geek and Pete feeling fulfilled and needed in his relationship with Marek.

The humor was '*mostly*' funny, but at times **tiptoed dangerously close up to the "Mom Jokes" line**. Pete was 23 and Marek was 26, so I didn't find some of those completely corny jokes very realistic for guys that young.

There was **a decent amount of steam**, but not enough to where the reader would feel completely dicked to

death, for which I was glad.

I enjoyed the ending quite a bit, after Pete returned to Chicago, and was **happy with where their relationship was headed.**

But GURL, their new **peacock blue couch** has gots ta go! ;-)

#GayButNotTHATGay #TooFabulousForMe #MyEyesMyEyes

Overall, the story was okay, but nothing really earth-shattering, so I'd rate it at **around 3.25 stars** and hope that future books in the series stay far away from corny jokes and sudden, less-than-convincing separations.

My ARC copy of the book was provided by the author in exchange for a fair, unbiased review.

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