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Kinsley Moore and Lucas Graham make great friends.

They make even better friends with benefits...

Kinsley Moore doesn't believe in love. As an independent, self-determined entrepreneur, she has other things to worry about. Besides, she knows guys are incapable of commitment, so there's no use getting close.

But when she meets Lucas Graham, her new landlord's flirty, sexy son, she's more than up for some casual fun.

Lucas is in no way looking for a relationship either, so when he's offered a no-strings, strictly friends-with-benefits hookup with a beautiful girl, the opportunity is too good to pass up. He's not able to give his heart away, so it's perfect Kinsley prefers to keep emotions out of their arrangement.

Except when Lucas and Kinsley start to feel something more, their complicated pasts threaten to overshadow any chance they might have at a future together.

Can Lucas prove he's capable of love?

Can Kinsley believe she is enough?

****This book is for readers over the age of 18 due to strong**

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From Reader Review Crazy Beautiful for online ebook

Erin says

This awesome romance book was recommended to be by a trusted friend and wow....

This story is about a young woman who has lost everything but still has managed to be her own boss of her little business Petal. Even after Kinsley loses all close to her she still has the strength to live. She then meets the son of her new landlord and instantly there is chemistry. Can you really just be friends with benefits for long before someone gets hurt?

Lucas is a successful business man and can't seem to find his way with love. After losing someone close to him, he has cruised through life with casual hookups. When his father asks him to look after the new tenant renting their family cottage, Lucas wonders if he has found his match.

"Already soaked for me I see. And to think we only just met."

Douchebag.

It's then that she slowly turns toward me, holds the wet jeans out and shrugs.

"Yeah, except you took so long I had to finish without you."

Best paragraph ever.

I will be following this new author for future books. I think Jessica writes scenes with real truth which sucks you into the story from beginning to end.

Susan says

I really enjoyed this book. It was a quick easy to read romantic comedy. Love the development of the relationship between the characters. A real page turner. I won this book through Goodreads.

Megan says

This was one hell of an addictive read! Super sexy, sweet and funny; I found it impossible to put down!

Lucas and Kinsley were instantly attracted to each other and while neither of them could deny that attraction, they weren't willing to admit to themselves (let alone anyone else) that they could see potential for more. So they settled for a 'friends with benefits' deal.

Their witty banter, budding friendship and hot, sexy times make for a beautiful story, but it was their vulnerabilities and reluctance to put themselves out there that made these characters believable and heart-breaking. Love was something they both thought they could never have and so they avoided being honest about their true feelings. It made for one angst-ridden ride.

This well-written sexy and fun debut left me wanting more! **4.5 sweet stars!**

Lydia H says

What an incredible Contemporary Romance debut for Jessica Serra Huizenga!! It's not very often that a new-to-me author manages to capture my complete, unwavering attention from the very first page, all the way through the end of the book. Ms. Huizenga has gained a new, loyal fan here. I 100% loved everything about this book! The wittiness, the steam factor, the characters, the plot – everything!

“You’re crazy,” she says playfully. “And you’re beautiful.”

So about this wonderful book...

Lucas and Kinsley were not looking for love or anything remotely close to it. They met and had an attraction to each other (I mean, both being attractive and all, who can blame them?) and became great friends.

Then...their heavy attraction lead to them becoming *friends with benefits*. With both on the same page of not expecting anything more, nothing could go wrong right?

WRONG.

Silly them for thinking that they could just stay friends...with benefits. Ha. You see, they had an undeniable connection and chemistry that quite frankly sizzled off the pages. I could feel it. They both had suffered some heartache in the past that kept them from moving forward, but the more they spent time together, the harder it became to stay just friends.

I genuinely loved reading about Lucas and Kinsley and learning about each one individually. They were truly great characters and I enjoyed seeing them both grow and connect even more as I turned (or, uh, swiped) the pages. Lucas is what I would consider swoon-worthy without an ounce of a doubt. And Kinsley? Well, I usually have issues with female lead characters in books, but not with her. She was funny, down to earth, witty, and a well-rounded character.

The ending had to be my most favorite part!! Being a hopeless romantic, I can't help but root for a HEA each and every time, and Lucas and Kinsley sure did deserve theirs! FIVE FANTASTIC STARS!! I cannot wait to read the next book in the series (standalone!).

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Michelle says

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If you are a fan of friends with benefits trope, **Crazy Beautiful** by Jessica Serra Huizenga might be the book for you. Since this book was a very quick read, readers might enjoy the banter and chemistry between heroine and hero. I enjoyed this book but however I felt it started off a bit slow for me in the beginning and so I didn't feel a connection to the heroine as I would have liked. Overall, a decent fun read.

Sybil aka Lala says

This book had me wanting to savour every single word and wanting to race to the finish to see how it all ended at the same time. I love the friends-to-lovers trope and this book was a particularly indulgent treat. With its easy flow, fantastic chemistry and witty banter it hit all the right spots and was impossible to put down.

Usually when reading a book there is one character I love more than the other but these two were so evenly matched in wit and quirk that I fell in love with both with them. Kinsley was fantastic. Independent and ambitious without being so hard that you couldn't see her softer bits. Lucas is successful and has an air of mystery without being dominating and his sweeter moments made all my squishy bits swoon. Together they seemed to jump off the pages.

Their chemistry was so hot, and though this book is relatively low on the angst-factor, there was still plenty of sexual tension to keep things exciting. I loved being inside Lucas' head as he explored his growing attraction towards Kinsley. The losing battle he fought against his feelings and the shakey grasp he had on his control around Kinsley made everything that much hotter. And trust me, this book was hot enough already.

There are a host of loveable characters and a couple occurrences that had me full-on belly laughing. There were moments so hot it had me biting my lip and others so sweet I was smiling through the happy tears. As I said in the beginning: this book is a pure indulgent treat! I have one big criticism of this book though. I was just too damn short. Not because I felt I missed anything, but just because I wished I could spend more time revelling in Kinsley and Lucas' romance.

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Kristine GPI Bookblog says

Have I mentioned before my love of the friends to lovers trope?? How about my obsession with friends with benefits?? How about romantic comedies?? I know you're all well aware of these tropes and genres being akin to my crack...Crazy, Beautiful was like hitting my trifecta and I'm not even a betting woman... The premise here is simple really, two strangers meet, witty banter ensues, cue sexy times and *BOOM* they might just have found something neither of them knew they wanted, and therein lies the beauty of this delightful debut, because while the friends with benefits plot has been done copious times before, Crazy, Beautiful, was fun, sexy and witty, with enough angst to draw you in, and keep you turning the pages, nothing about this book felt overdone, nothing felt tired, the dynamic between Kinsley and Lucas captured my attention, the chemistry between them felt real and raw, their friends hijinks kept me giggling and I.

COULD. NOT. PUT. IT .DOWN!!

Kinsley has her life together, she's started her own successful business as a floral designer for weddings, christenings, funerals and such, she's just moved into a place she can call her own, life is good, sure there's no men beating down her door, but she's content focusing on her career. Lucas is focused on his career too, after starting up a capital investment firm with his best friend, time is a commodity he doesn't seem to have much of, his company is going from strength to strength, he's played the field and sowed some oats but right now staying away from the fairer sex seems to be working for him. Their chemistry is undeniable and when the opportunity to explore the budding connection between them arises, a sure fire FWB deal seems like the way to go. As their physical relationship continues and their friendship grows stronger, soft touches, and sweet smiles come to mean more, until they can't deny that what they have is deeper than just sex.

"You're crazy"

"And you're beautiful."

Crazy, Beautiful was the perfect balance of sexy and sweet, it was funny and light while still tugging at your heart strings, everything about this book was enjoyable, I didn't want to put it down, and as I turned the last page, I couldn't help but hope that I hadn't heard the last of these characters, with their quirky and spirited friends. If you're looking for something light, fun and sexy, Crazy, Beautiful definitely won't steer you wrong.

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Jackie (Jackie's Book World) says

*****Review can also be found at Jackie's Book World. :)*****

What is not to like about a friends with benefits relationship? Especially one that is so full of chemistry that you can't literally put it down? From the stand out cover to the attention grabbing synopsis, *Crazy Beautiful* will leave you wanting for more. Not having read other works by the author before, I was intrigued with the overall story and it didn't disappoint at all. At the beginning we get to meet Kinsley Moore, a self-determined entrepreneur who just signed a lease to her new house, one that she is eager to make a proper home/work space. Being a workaholic herself, Kinsley doesn't date much but a chance encounter with Lucas Graham changes everything. Their undeniable chemistry that brought them closer as friends, but it was evident right away that both of them wanted something more without the commitment part. It's Lucas that comes up with the plan to take their friendship to another level, but neither of them expected to feel so much more for one another. Now they'll have face their pasts in order to create a new future together.

I really enjoyed Lucas and Kinsley's chemistry, they both fit so well as a couple that it's hard to stop reading their funny and romantic scenes. The author did a good job creating a strong woman that knows exactly what she wants in terms of her career. What Kinsley lacks is the ability to have a life outside of work that we get more information on throughout the book. She has really fought her way to becoming the woman that she is today and that made her a very likable character. Lucas is a total sweetheart and hilarious! He is also very flirtatious and a workaholic who happens to know how to have fun. The minute he saw Kinsley, he knew that

she was going to be his no matter what, and he made that happen. All in all, the story was sweet and full of steamy chemistry to keep you reading until the very end. I would highly recommend it! :)

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Tamara says

Crazy Beautiful is the story of Kinsley and Lucas, two lost souls who both claim to not believe in love, and kinda, maybe, accidentally find it with each other.

This wasn't your classic friends to lovers story, in fact it's probably more accurate to say Kinsley and Lucas were lovers before they became best friends.

"We established we're simply friends with benefits, but he seems to be just as enthusiastic about the friends part as the benefits part"

Kinsley is a successful entrepreneur, who runs her floristry business from her new home, and Lucas is the son of her the landlord, who has been tasked with looking out for Kinsley while his father is on holidays. Their first meeting doesn't go to plan, and let's just say that Lucas sees a whole lot more of Kinsley than she intended!

I really liked the dynamic between Kinsley and Lucas, and enjoyed the witty and flirtatious banter between the two of them. I also felt that both Kinsley and Lucas were characters I could connect with, and both were honest and upfront with their reasons for not wanting a relationship. It just goes to show even when you're not looking for it, and in fact maybe even actively avoiding it, love will find you!

If I have one complaint with the story, it's only that I felt like too much happened in the last 10-15% of the book. I feel like certain events that took place were not explored as fully as they could have been, had the story been a little longer.

"You, Kinsley Moore, make me insanely fucking happy."

"You changed me, Luc, and you make me want something I never thought I would again."

I'm really looking forward to seeing what's next in this series, and am hoping that maybe, just maybe it might be the story of Kelley and Ryan.

Jacquie says

5 Heart-Melting, Beautiful Stars!

Crazy Beautiful by Jessica Serra Huizenga, a new-to-me author, blew me out of the water with this book! I loved how the story flowed and the way the author develops the personalities of the two leads, making you fall totally in love with BOTH Kinsley and Lucas.

First, I love the friends to lovers storyline (though, it's probably more accurate to say friends-with-benefits) Kinsley doesn't believe in happily-ever-after love (with good reason) or that she will ever be "enough" for any man to want to spend the rest of his life with and Lucas has his own issues with relationships, not wanting to deal with what he saw his father go through after losing his mother, so after they meet and things progress, they enter into the "no strings attached, lasts as long as it lasts" arrangement...until they both start to have feelings!

"But this, right now, with Lucas? It's hard to describe, but it's as if he's holding me so close that all of my broken pieces are fitting perfectly back together."

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed this book! This is the first book I have read from this author, but definitely won't be the last!

Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says

CRAZY BEAUTIFUL
BY JESSICA SERRA HUIZENGA

An Arc was received for an honest review

“Stick to casual hookups if you’re lonely and you won’t get hurt”

This was a delight to read, A Friends to lovers Romantic Comedy about two souls not wanting Love but finding in it anyway.

Kinsley and Lucas chemistry jumped of the pages, that felt real and raw it drew me in and I could not stop reading. I loved that we watched them start this crazy yet beautiful friends with benefits relationship and fall in love.

“it’s just sex Lucas. As friends. No strings. I’m not looking for a relationship”

I enjoyed all characters, the banter and laugh I am really looking forward more from this author. Cray Beautiful is a fantastic Lazy Sunday read, with a great cup of coffee never leaving the bed till you finish.

“You’re crazy “

“And you’re beautiful”

This was a low-angst drama, very Sexy and I mean sexy!!

‘ I’m comfortable, he positions himself between my legs and pulls me to the edge of the desk by the backs of my knees. He moves his right hand back up to grip my hip, and uses his left to guide himself inside me.....’

Cute, funny a perfect “Ang Friendly” debut that I am glad I had the opportunity to read.

“Trust me with your whole heart”

4.5 Stars

Reviewed by Ang

PNR Book Lover Reviews

Nina says

Crazy Beautiful was a *friends with benefits* romantic comedy. It was a fun, steamy, sexy read. Kinsley and Lucas aren't looking for a relationship or anything too heavy. They agree to be friends who sleep together, that way no feelings get involved.

Kinsley has got her life together. She is a successful floral designer catering weddings, funerals, and christenings and has just moved into a cute cottage (owned by Lucas's dad). Lucas has just started up a capital investment company with his best friend Logan. He's only had one serious relationship and a handful of flings, but when he meets Kinsley, the attraction is obvious. The chemistry between them was off-the-charts steamy and they had an easy friendship full of banter.

Kinsley is scared having been burnt by her father and an ex-boyfriend. She doesn't trust easily or believe in love. But soon those pesky things called feelings start to develop between them.

Lucas and Kinsley were both great characters. The story isn't heavy on the angst and there isn't that much drama. This was my first book by this author and I look forward to reading other books in the series.

"You're crazy"

"And you're beautiful"

Nicole says

^4^ Friendly Sex stars from me!!!

A fun and enjoyable story with friends who became lovers. What is not to like?? Kinsley and Lucas started first as friends and their status next changed into lovers well a more complicated version of it cause rules say not to involve feelings. As you can see everything is pretty simple but what will happen when you can't

control your feelings which start to grow for the other person??

Questions will be answered after you finish reading it, cause i'm not saying anything..so get into it I highly recommend it plus it has very enjoyable dialogues and some really steamy scenes will definitely raise the temperature and i'm hoping you will adore it as much as I did and of course i'm looking forward to the next novel the author will create.

Konica says

Very funny and witty.

Jeananna says

full review to come on this amazing arc I received from the author!! she's an awesome storyteller! check her out!

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This story brings together two people who think they do not need love but in the end discover that love can sneak up on you when you least expect it and will not be ignored once the heart finds who it wants. Jessica Serra Huizenga's writing style flowed well and kept pace in this storyline. She writes with heart and humor and heat.

(Lucas) Now it's my turn to play dirty. "When's the last time you had sex?"

She looks up as if thinking about it before standing up straight. "I guess it's been awhile." She then looks me square in the eye before asking what turns out to be the game-ending question: "Want to help fix that for me, friend?"

And to think I didn't want to come tonight.

This was a quick read that drew me in with the chemistry between not only Kinsley and Lucas but ALL of the characters. The best friends and the supportive father and co-workers... I look forward to MORE! It may be wishful thinking but it seemed to me like JSH left openings for additional stories for Kinsley's BFF Kelley and Lucas's BFF Ryan.

Grade B+

- See more at: <http://thebookreadinggals.com/crazy-b...>
