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*He's exquisitely hot. Exquisitely tousled. Exquisitely screwed in the head.*

Cammibelle Hicks just wants to survive her first year of college. Desperate to forget her troubled past, she throws herself into her degree and book review blog. So what if her life is one long tumblr page of grumpy cat GIFs? She doesn't need to get out more, and she definitely doesn't need a man.

Hunter von Styles approaches life like he's spoiling for a fight: with a tempting scowl. A cage-fighting, ex-rocker billionaire, it's unclear why Hunter's at college. Frankly, it makes no sense. Then Cammie falls into him—literally—at a party, and he's obsessed. He needs her more than a moist towelette at a barbecue.

Though Cammie's friends warn her against Hunter, she can't resist his charms; especially not when he buys her shoes. And GoodReads. And a unicorn. But when her handsome best friend, medieval reenactor Archer Riddick, makes a play for her heart—and challenges Hunter to a jousting match—it turns out that Hunter has demons of his own. Demons that aren't real ones, but metaphorical ones—which are MUCH WORSE, when you think about it...

Join Hunter and Cammie on an emotionally exhausting journey into love.

And co-dependence.

And probably therapy.

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**Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says**

**Book** - Tousle Me: A New Adult Parody (A Cliche Too Far #1)

**Author** - Lucy V. Morgan

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## **Reading Order**

Tousle Me (A Cliche Too Far #1) - Cammie and Hunter's Story

Quest for You (A Cliche Too Far #2) - Archer and Enid's Story

## **Review**

What a freakin hilarious book - I was laughing throughout 90% of this book.

If you loved the movies "Scary Movie" or "Airplane" and you are addicted to the New Adult genre along with Goodreads, then you will appreciate this book.

There was one (out of hundreds) funny saying that I can't just stop using now...."Vaj Mahal". This author takes the common similarities between the hottest NA books and exaggerates these from being a virgin to our hero's tousling hair.

Yeah, some parts were really stupid and didn't really fit into the story, but putting that aside with any parody whether it be a book or a movie - overall this story will have you at times spitting soda out your nose and mouth.

Hunter is your typical man-whore, cage-fighter, ex rock idol, billionaire tormented hero who has his sights set on our heroine Cammibelle Hicks - sweet, quiet, bloggin, GoodReads lovin, virgin. They both have secrets from their past that hinder them from having a relationship.....Cammi's best friend Archer is in love with her but she doesn't have a clue and Enid is a slut who is secretly in love with Archer.....is this all sounding familiar?

I loved being able to understand her problems with Goodreads and all the rules she had to endure and all the little innuendos that non-GR groupie wouldn't get. It was also fun trying to figure out which books the author decided to include in her parody.

## Wrap Up

All in all this was a fun loving book - if you have an afternoon where you are in need of a good laugh....this is definitely the book to have with you!

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## Cam \*tactile seeker\* says

If I weren't so cool, I'd be embarrassed by sharing the female protagonist's name.

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## Rose says

**Initial reaction:** How on earth am I supposed to write a review for this book? >.<

### Full review:

Normally when I sit down to write a review on a book, I usually have quite copious things to say in my reactions to the work on what it offers, but having finished "Tousle Me", Lucy V. Morgan's parody of the New Adult genre as a whole in series narrative, my mind is blown. This was just an insane ride and I think my brain's running to catch up from the end of it all.

I'll start this review with some general impressions, though. For one, I liked this book and thought it was very funny in places. It had me holding my sides laughing, in particular for how self-aware it is as a New Adult work and for the cliches the genre has. Lucy V. Morgan gets it; she really gets it and it shows in the sheer number of references I've recognized from very prominent titles in the genre. I respect her for even considering doing a parody because I think it shows far more imagination than this genre shows in turns (kind of saddens me to say that, because I'm one of the people who want college age featured/oriented literature to actually do well. But...there are more than considerable issues in New Adult as it stands now, and I've talked about those issues in many of my reviews. To Morgan's credit as well, she also shows parts of these issues in a humored way.)

For another, the humor in this book is like the love child of the Scary Movie franchise, Leslie Nielsen's Naked Gun series and Airplane, American Pie, Conker's Bad Fur Day, and You Don't Know Jack - The Ride. (The first three/four mentions are movies, the latter two are games.) It's absurdist, silly, snarky, self-aware humor (with some gross humor thrown in). Most definitely adult humor. Definitely not PC humor (\*blushes\*). And forget fourth-wall breaking, this book tore down the whole house with a sledgehammer.

That said, this is not the kind of work that's going to appeal to every person who picks it up. I understood that going in. I even understood that there was a possibility that this would not go well for me, because it's hit and miss.

I don't think it was the fact that this wasn't the kind of humor I could get behind, but rather I thought in some places of the narrative, it carried extremely well, and then kind of petered out after a time and struggled to keep itself going in the pacing of the narrative.

It features a very typical TSTL heroine, Cammie Hicks, who is an English major, a virgin, wants to get laid

and find a boy she can "fix." Lo and behold comes Hunter von Styles, a self-proclaimed bad boy, MMA fighter, former German rockstar, dated Taylor Swift, left his respective trade, then turned into a professor at a college dissecting Darren Hayes lyrics. Like Darren Hayes the singer - Savage Garden and solo. (Don't ask me how that worked out because I still have no idea.)

Hunter is just as much of a jerk as any hero from a typical New Adult novel, but he's British! He has a bromance with a token gay black male who's named Labron! That makes him legit likable, right? (It really doesn't. Especially when Labron gets the short end of the stick most of the time for having to do everything for the hero and heroine. I did mentally fist bump him over his emergency stash of Boyz II Men music, though.)

This is a journey with Cammie, Hunter, Labron, Enid (Connie's best friend and the narrative's referred "slut" if you will), and Archer (the potential complicated love interest that isn't). All of them are character stereotypes, but they don't pretend to be otherwise. All puppets dancing on the stage as led by the author (\*coughs\*) for entertainment. Mostly, each character has a hand in pointing out - in various degrees of humor, their own roles in the story and taking potshots at New Adult, book and media culture collectively. This has mixed results for the most part - some of it works, some of it - for me, was a little too drawn out or kind of overplayed for wear (i.e. the slut-shaming, which regardless of how much you draw attention, it still hits a sour nerve, and it really wasn't given a rounding out, really).

But it's all parody, sometimes subtle and sometimes intentionally over the top. Between the exploding weasels? The heroine fakes having a pet octopus and the hero turns around and gets her a unicorn called Sparkles Von Fancypants? The band that Hunter was supposed to be in is translated in German as "One Direction"? (And there are a few One Direction references to be had in here as well.) I mean...this is just silliness every which way but loose. The Goodreads references gave me life. I laughed with the bit portrayals.

But there were places where the humor didn't balance out as well as it could've. I could tell almost a point where it struggled to keep the momentum going. The places where it worked not only referenced very prominent titles, themes and plot details among popular NA titles, but also poked fun at the culture and had sharp commentary to follow it. Whether you are a part of that culture or not, whether you like or loathe it, I think this is a book that could strike well for the reference and taking it for what it is. But for what I felt was missing out of it, I wish it had more even handling. There were some aspects that poked fun, but weren't rounded past repetition, no definitive commentary that made it more meaningful. Sometimes it did, in ways I could identify, but it was spotty.

I think for the \$2 I spent on it, it was worth the read, but I wish it could've been a little more even in the presentation overall. Still, it's one I appreciated and think people could find humor in, but it is a very specific kind of humor, not as open as I probably would've even enjoyed more.

Overall score: 3/5 stars

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**Jill says**

**Warning: Not for tender-hearted readers who dislike seeing their beloved new adult reads mercilessly mocked.**

## **The Hero**

### ***Hunter von Styles***

*A cage-fighting, ex-rocker billionaire, it's unclear why Hunter's at college. Frankly, it makes no sense.*

He's every new adult reader's dream hero. Son of a British earl, fabulously wealthy, a sometimes underground cage fighter and former member (lead vocals and acoustic guitar) of German rock band, *Eine Richtung* (English translation = *One Direction*), currently a college student, man-ho, with ***unpredictably violent and possessive tendencies***, a troubled past and ***A Deep Dark Secret***, and a tattoo just above his waistband and his penis - ***Warning: choking hazard***

## **My Hunter**

**....complete with tailored black suit, skinny tie and tousled fudge sundae hair**

## **The Heroine**

### ***Cammibelle Hicks***

*Desperate to forget her troubled past, she throws herself into her degree and book review blog. So what if her life is one long tumblr page of grumpy cat GIFs?*

She's every new adult heroine you've ever read. The redheaded virgin who bites her lip and stumbles into the arms of the hero on their first meeting, who's always confused, has ***A Deep Dark Secret***, and who doesn't think she attractive, yet manages to snare the *hottest.guy.ever*.

## **My Cammie**

This is exactly like one of those ridiculous, OTT movie spoofs like *Scary Movie*, *The Naked Gun* or *Airplane!* I doubt there was a new adult cliché or trope, title or theme that missed out on being lampooned by the astute and very funny Ms Morgan.

Lots of fun!

## **Sparkles von Fancypants**

## **Memorable Quotes**

*"What's wrong?" I ask.*

*"It's just...this BDSM thing." He scowls. "Don't you think it's a bit 2012?"*

*"What's this?" I ask.*

*"The contract."*

*Oh. Oh superpoop. The Contract. I'm not sure I want to know what this says, except..."Are - are those GIFs?"*

*"Why yes. They are. Gosling...this is me signing over ownership of Goodreads to you. I put the whole thing into GIFs so your tiny brain could understand it."*

*I brandish my beautiful copy of **Half Hood** "I mean, sure, plenty of new adult authors have tackled inexperienced heroes. Even virgins. But Juniper Armenseabass is the only one brave enough to write about a hero with a botched partial circumcision."*

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## **Lucy Morgan says**

Cover reveal coming Nov 26th! :)

A little teaser...

"Don't worry," Hunter whispers. "I love that you're a virgin. It means I can tell you a bunch of stuff is normal when it's actually a grave cause for concern."

"I'm not a virgin!" I can't get the words out fast enough.

"I heard your virginity alarm going off right before you told me about the octopus."

I freeze. "You heard that? But-but it was in my head—"

"Actually, it's a very high-frequency sound wave that only bats and fucktards can hear," he says matter-of-factly. "Fortunately for you, there were no bats present. That would have involved some expensive reconstructive surgery."

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## **Ella Zegarra says**

Completamente ridículo y perfecto en su ridiculez, obviamente no apto para almas sensibles, de buen gusto o sentido del humor normal. ¿Si tienes un humor fastidioso como el mío? Lo amarás

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## Patrycja says

[ Yes (while I DNFed I still skimmed to the last page to check this (hide spoiler)]

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## Rachel the Book Harlot says

*“Don’t worry,” Hunter whispers. “I love that you’re a virgin. It means I can tell you a bunch of stuff is normal when it’s actually a grave cause for concern.”*

lol Definitely up for a parody of NA.

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## seton says

Genre: NA parody

IMO, the best parodies show both extensive knowledge and genuine affection of what they are skewering.

This book is not one of them.

Since humour is subjective, here are some examples:

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*The following morning, I wake to the sun pushing its way through my curtains like a fat chick at Burger King.*

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*Hunter [hero] —who has appeared from nowhere—drives a huge fist into the frat boy’s mouth. Crack! goes his jaw. Smack! goes Hunter’s other fist, right into the guy’s collar bone. Pop! goes the weasel. Before now, I hadn’t noticed the pet weasel in glasses guy’s manbag, but they sure do make a mess when they randomly explode.*

*“Hunter!” I squeal, my hands flying to my face. “What are you doing?”*  
*He snaps up and dusts a slither of weasel entrail off his shoulder. “He was looking at you!” . . . “You can’t go out dressed like that, gosling. You look positively obscene.”*  
*“But...but you dressed me like this,” I point out. “You even picked out my panties.”*

*He wraps the jacket around my shoulders hurriedly, his bottom lip trembling just a little. “God damn my unpredictably violent and possessive tendencies.” His voice cracks. “Damn them to hell.”*

*I glance back at the frat boy, who whimpers as he clasps his jaw. “Poor guy. You obliterated him.”*  
*Although...it does make me feel special, so I guess it’s worth it. No pain, no gain.*



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*“A word to the wise on how things work around here,” Fat Frat Boy goes on. “No bet rigging—we’ll find you out. Your mom will tell me in between sucking my dick and licking my balls. No distracting the competitors—you wouldn’t want to be on the wrong end of their big, swinging...fists.” He makes wild hand gestures to encourage more laughter for his very poor jokes.*

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The bolding above is on me. This is the pt where I stopped. What is there to add after that?

DNF.

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**JG says**

***If only I could find a guy just like him, but a little more...fucked in the head. Someone I could relate to. Someone I could heal.***

OH MY GOD! THANK YOU! Finally, someone who can understand my pain! Someone who is sick and tired of all those cliches that manages to sneak up on every all-sex romance books and manages to gather billions of die-hard fans.

I am getting tired of filthy rich, hot, playboy heroes who are either psychopaths or in need of serious therapy. I mean seriously? What is so attractive about a guy who sleeps with everything that walks? *Hygiene?* Anyone? Do you know who or where that mouth has been? And what *IS* with girl and seriously fucked-in-the-head guys? DON't forget the equally shitty ex-girlfriends cause you know, the world is full of blonde, bitchy, ex-girlfriends who just happen to pop here and then.

You'd think, with all the girls going crazy about Christian Grey and his minions, everyone is dying to be a psychologist. Of course- cause they are HOT, anyone can practically excuse their disgusting ways and lack of morale. Cause they all need love and healing. Yeah. Try that on someone who has double chin, balding head, and yellow teeth.

And *he* should be great in sex cause God forbid a hero who can't make a girl cum with his vibrator tongue.

***I mean, technically, I've read about 899999 sex scenes, so I know how it all works...but I can't recall any of them. Sure wish I'd read some memorable sex scenes right about now. God damn you, genre fiction.***

And he needs to be a jerk and treat females like shit, you just have to wonder how someone can fall in love with him. And the nice, decent, guys who actually deserves the girl ends up being the best friend cause they are not fucked up enough!

***I love it when Archer talks like Chaucer. It's so hot. If only he was less normal, and more emotionally damaged.***

*The romance genre is bursting* with cliches somebody please stop them!

*Bonus:*

*“Inside your room.” He chuckles. “You dumb bitch.”  
I whimper. “I love it when you talk dirty to me.”*

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## **Lisa says**

"God damn my unpredictably violent and possessive tendencies." His voice cracks. "Damn them to hell."

If you've ever found yourself yelling at a New Adult book like a deranged person before going on a Like spree amongst its snarkiest, most GIF-laden reviews, and if you generally spend far more time on Goodreads than is probably good for you, then *Tousle Me* may well be just up your street. It was right up mine.

Featuring all the things we know and love to hate (or just plain hate) about the genre - ridiculous names, virginal and constantly confused heroine with poor alcohol tolerance, cage-fighting, ex-rock star, billionaire, 100% a dick romantic hero with fudge sundae tousled hair, slightly less attractive and slut-shamed best friend, Dark Past, thriller subplots, misunderstandings that keep the sex from happening yet - this made me snort my appreciation rather often. And while it may have been juuust a smidge overlong, this didn't detract from my overall enjoyment.

So go on - you know you want it...

**\*\*Also posted at Randomly Reading and Ranting\*\***

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## **Jessica says**

I enjoy reading parodies and when the opportunity came to review Lucy V. Morgan's *TOUSLE ME*, I couldn't pass up the chance! I've read a handful of New Adult books and the plots can be clichéd and the characters carbon copies of each other.

We have good character development. I adored each of Morgan's characters in *TOUSLE ME*. Our main heroine is Cammibelle Hicks, who like most New Adult heroines is a virgin. She's also shy and doesn't think she's beautiful. Unlike our usual heroines, she has a unique hobby. She's a book blogger! That's right folks and I loved how Morgan incorporated this into her novel. Then we have Hunter von Styles who is your typical bad boy, but he's a jack of all trades. Finally we have a hero who is not only a billionaire, but an ex-rocker and an occasional cage fighter with his own secrets. Did I mention he's British? Talk about swoon worthy! We have a few secondary characters that play a vital role including Lebron, Hunter's personal assistant and friend. Of course we have to have a character who suffers from unrequited love and that's Archer who is friends with Cammi. Finally, we have Enid who sleeps around and is secretly in love with

Archer.

I won't go into detail regarding what Morgan's book is about since the synopsis pretty much sums it up. I really enjoyed TOUSLE ME! Readers of New Adult will easily recognize well known books published in the past year. Morgan cleverly uses various character names, book titles, and plot lines throughout TOUSLE ME that even a casual reader of New Adult will be able to identify. I loved how she inserted these titles. For example, there's a Gabriel's Wrapture for a restaurant instead of GABRIEL'S RAPTURE. There's a pet octopus named Rule. The list could go on and on, but I'll leave it up to you to find the hidden Easter eggs to enjoy.

If I can take a moment to talk about Morgan's mention of book blogging...I had fun reading this aspect! As a blogger, it's difficult at times for others to take what we do seriously and I think many of us have been in that situation where people can't quite understand why we blog about books. I really liked how Morgan inserted the situation regarding Goodreads deleting people's reviews and of course Hunter's solution was one of a kind.

Overall, TOUSLE ME is an enjoyable read. At times, I felt Morgan tries a little too hard to make certain situations funny, but despite this, I had fun reading it. There are a few Britishisms that sound a bit odd when you take into account that the story takes place in America. For some, it may throw you off, but I think it's slight that you won't notice right off the bat. Though, I have to say, I really enjoyed how unique Hunter's nickname for Cammi was. I can't wait to read the rest in the series and see what's in store in for Enid and Archer.

If you're a fan of New Adult, you'll enjoy Lucy V. Morgan's TOUSLE ME. If anything, you'll at least enjoy the unicorn.

This review and more are posted at Literary, etc.

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### **Teresa Mary Rose says**

DNF at 25%

As someone who actually loves New Adult, this is just not the book for me. It's a bit too ridiculous for my taste. Also it doesn't help that the book takes jabs at some of my favorites. It also jabs at bloggers and our little quirks with gifs and arcs and how invested we get in reviews and the community in general. I know there are a ton of people out there who will love this book and find it hysterical, sadly I am not one of them. The book is just not my thing.

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### **karen says**

wow. a lot of people on here did not like this book. but i did. what can account for this?

- 1) i have a rarefied sense of humor, and all the haters are just mouthbreathers who didn't get it.
- 2) i myself am the mouthbreather and all the haters have a collective rarified sense of humor, so i don't get

why this is garbage

3) the people who are critical of this are probably actually fans of the new adult genre, and it's hard for some people to see the things they love get made fun of.

i suspect it's a little bit of two and a little bit of three.

i've only read the one new adult book, Beautiful Disaster, for my book club, but i have read many many reviews of new adult titles, and i also read Fifty Shades of Grey, which is also addressed in this parody. so while i am not the new adult audience, and i don't have as much familiarity with the genre as some, i feel like i understand it. i get the appeal, and while it is not my kind of thing, i have read enough by people who love it and people who are critical of it to have a moderately well-informed opinion.

and my opinion?? this book is fucking hilarious.

any book with this many goodreads in-jokes about GR policy and review culture and GIF-overloads and also a live, purple sparkly unicorn has got my undivided attention.

does the humor get broad at times?? you bet your sweet smacked ass it does. this book is a complete range of comedic stylings from stupid slapstick lowbrow humor to pretty sly commentary on the stereotypical roles of gender and race in romance novels, celebrity culture and temper tantrums.

is the book kind of a mess, playing for laughs sometimes at the expense of a cohesive narrative? yeah, naturally. this is a parody, this is pastiche. and the object of its poking is a genre that is itself rife with continuity difficulties.

see, new adult is a genre in which authors publish books sometimes as often as every couple of months. this fever for new adult, like any trending genre, will die out quickly and irrevocably, but for now, the iron is hot, and the authors are striking, and that's fantastic for the fans - to have this much new material constantly at the ready. but it means that some attention to detail must necessarily be sacrificed. like, say, editing. and when you write a parody of something that is itself kind of a mess, the result is going to be a mess. it's longer than it needs to be, and loses momentum towards the end, and a lot of it is silly, and repetitive. but it does do a really good job of getting all meta- on itself, addressing its own lack of continuity, exposition shortcuts, character inconsistencies, genre tropes, as well as getting some good cheap laughs out of fanfic, social media addiction, and goodreads. so my five star rating isn't because it is some masterwork of great literature that everyone should read because it really speaks to the human condition and blah blah blah. i gave it five stars because it made me laugh. not an allie brosh lol-laugh, but a head-laugh. an appreciative laugh.

i might play with this review a little more in the coming days, but right now it is christmas eve, and i have some serious wrapping ahead of me. so for now, i will just leave you with a couple of my favorite quotes:

*-I may knock Enid, but I wish I had more of her confidence. I'd totally deploy it without looking like such a whore.*

*-I should probably tell you this now," I say apologetically. "I'm a complete grammar geek, even though my actions suggest that my intellect is severely questionable."*

*- "But he's nice to me," I point out. "It makes me feel...superior to other women. Which is, ultimately, what I think I really want."*

*- "God damn my unpredictably violent and possessive tendencies." His voice cracks. "Damn them to hell."*

*- One of the things I love most about Hunter is his ability to hint at his dark past without actually revealing what it is. It lulls me into a false sense of security about our future together.*

*- I love it when Archer talks like Chaucer. It's so hot. If only he was less normal, and more emotionally damaged.*

*- "Please tell me you've heard of Rabies Maddox."*

*"Er... should I have?"*

*"It would be really weird if you hadn't... The whole campus is unconvincingly preoccupied with his reputation."*

*- I'm slightly concerned that you're nineteen and you've never had an orgasm. If you were ugly or something, I'd get it, but you're at that convenient level of attractiveness between unthreatening and aspirational."*

*- "Don't worry," he whispers.*

*I love that you're a virgin. It means I can tell you a bunch of stuff is normal when it's actually a grave cause for concern."*

merry christmas!

come to my blog!

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\*\*\*❀?Yasmine?❀\*\*\* says

**Just for shits and giggles... A proper PARODY pisstake**

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**Yes, it's a parody, it does what it says on the tin. Don't read unless you know what you're getting into. EXPECT... sillier than silly scenarios, mocking of other books and don't expect a good plot or anything, it's a story that's exactly the same as all the *generic* New Adult books out there.**

**Think 'Scary Movie', 'Vampires Suck', 'Not Another Teen Movie'... But in a book format and about NA Romance.**

*'I've read about 899999 sex scenes, so I know how it all works... but I can't recall any of them. Sure wish I'd read some memorable sex scenes right about now. God damn you, genre fiction.'*

I think you should read this if you're like me: You like the New Adult genre, BUT... you've read sooooo many, they all blend into one, you're always trying to find something worth reading, and you're trying to fight off the generic stuff, the clichéd over-use of the same characters, plots, drama, dialogue, issues etc etc etc...

I love the things that the author made fun of...

The Eye Rolling.

Goodreads GIFs.

NA book name dropping.

The alpha anti hero who seems to have accomplished a ridiculous amount, who is a fighter who's been in a band, but is tormented and broken, but also managed to date Taylor Swift.

The slutty best friend that always wants to go to a party.

But mainly... the lead female who at 19 years old has never even thought about giving herself an O. Who is fortunately on the pill even though she's a virgin. Who has extreme breakdowns over cupboards. And always says no when she really means yes.

I think what reviewer Karen said about it's humour, in her review was just right:

*'This book is a complete range of comedic stylings from stupid slapstick lowbrow humor to pretty sly commentary on the stereotypical roles of gender and race in romance novels, celebrity culture and temper tantrums.'* ---> <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

**So Ms Morgan has written this to amuse people like me, she pokes fun at the bad and writes a book that in itself is bad in a kinda good way, she wrote a hot mess to mock the other hot messes. Who cares about the story? It's the ridicule that makes this book worth a read.**

## **FAVE QUOTES:**

'Goodreads. It's the taupe and chocolate G of promise, like the Bat-Signal but without all the corporate bullshit. Oh. Wait.'

""All right?" he says in a deep, creamy voice. Not like spunk creamy. More like custard.'

'I mean, was it me? Was it the other reviewers, who turn the GIF thing into some kind of battle to the death where only the strongest survive? Or is it Goodreads, who seem to have more control issues than Hunter?'

'He rolls his eyes, and both go in the same direction. Impressive.'

'When his thigh presses against mine, I go all shivery. Brr.'

""It isn't just me, is it? Do you... feel it, too?"

"Feel what?" I panic. Am I meant to be feeling anything? Is this sex!?

"Don't worry," he murmurs. "Soon, I'll show you."

He sounds like he's going to violate me in a dark alley. Good thing he's hot; that means he totally gets away with it.'

"You and I, we were getting so deep, so fast; a dramatic split has the comforting air of predictability that

readers love so much. We should have anticipated it.”

**Well done to Lucy V. for writing a big middle finger to the cash-in NA authors.**

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