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Sparks fly between a misunderstood New York socialite and a cynical divorce lawyer in this lively standalone rom-com from the USA Today bestselling author of *Blurred Lines* and *Love Story*.

Pampered heiress Georgianna Watkins has a party-girl image to maintain, but all the shopping and clubbing is starting to feel a little bit hollow—and a whole lot lonely. Though Georgie would never admit it, the highlights of her week are the mornings when she comes home at the same time as her uptight, workaholic neighbor is leaving to hit the gym and put in a long day at the office. Teasing him is the most fun Georgie's had in years—and the fuel for all her naughtiest daydreams.

Celebrity divorce attorney Andrew Mulroney doesn't have much time for women, especially spoiled tabloid princesses who spend more time on Page Six than at an actual job. Although Georgie's drop-dead gorgeous, she's also everything Andrew resents: the type of girl who inherited her penthouse instead of earning it. But after Andrew caps one of their predawn sparring sessions with a surprise kiss—a kiss that's caught on camera—all of Manhattan is gossiping about whether they're a real couple. And nobody's more surprised than Andrew to find that the answer just might be yes.

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Lana ❀❀Dirty Girl Romance❀❀ says

5 STARS

Despite the high temps of that swampy July morning, the encounter had been the start of an epic cold war. Me, the socialite in apartment 86A against the uptight esquire in apartment 79B. I'm not entirely sure I'm winning the war, but I'll never tell him...

Where has this book been all my life?!! Where?!! I don't have the words to describe all the love I had for this story! It was addictingly delicious and wickedly funny! Walk Of Shame is a book that will leave you with a full heart and a goofy smile on your face. It will make you swoon and make you laugh. It's a book that you'd be incapable of reading without smiling the entire time. It was, in a word, PERFECTION.

I'm a sucker for a good enemies to lovers and this was utterly delicious! Witty banter, snarky sarcasm, amazing characters, and enough chemistry to zap your finger with electricity each time you turn the page. So. Dang. Good.

I don't like games, Georgiana."

"Which is why you need to play them, Andy."

He blinks. "It's Andrew."

"Hmm. How about Drew?"

"No." The word is a growl. "Georgiana."

"Yes, Andy?"

He exhales. "I'm going to kill you."

I can't help the laugh. "See, I don't think so."

"Don't you?"

"Nope," I say, sucking sugar off my thumb. "You don't send flowers to someone you're going to kill."

Georgie is no stereotypical socialite. This is a heroine that's absolutely impossible not to love. She's warm-hearted, genuine, witty and sweet. There's no catty friendships and silly drama with her. Can I just say what a breath of fresh air that was for me? Because GAH! I loved that! Being the daughter to two moguls leaves her wanting for nothing, but she's not spoiled in the very least. She truly cares about people and I adored the easy friendships that she developed and drew people to her with her presence. Even the doormen to her building weren't immune to her easy charm. The one person that was, however, was the stuffy divorce attorney that seems to go out of his way to either ignore or insult her.

What exactly did you do for exercise, Georgiana?" he says, giving me a skeptical look.

"Twirl your hair?"

"If I do it vigorously, it counts as cardio."

Andrew Mulroney, boy genius, now successful and most sought after divorce attorney is the definition of routine. Up at 5 am, exchange snarky sarcastic barbs with Georgie, work, sleep, repeat. He was so adorably

awkward that you can't help but like him. He's not your stereotypical playboy hero. Yes, he's successful now, but he's not the life of the party. He's been on the fast track to success since high school, and he's not about to let a party girl distract him...even if the party girl is a lot more than first meets the eye.

I loved the banter between these two and the slow burn of sexual tension. Between every barb and insult these two exchanged, there's a crackle of attraction and I absolutely loved the pacing of their relationship developing. It goes from frenemies to a reluctant friendship to so much more.

The man whose head moves insistently between my legs is nothing like the buttoned-up lawyer who has spent the past few months ignoring me. This man is raw and primal, his touch sure and possessive, as though every part of me is his and he's always known it.

I adored every single page of this book. Every. Single. Page. The friendships between Georgie and her girlfriends, the witty banter between her and Andrew, the slow burn, the crackle of attraction, EVERYTHING. Everything just flowed effortlessly to make for one unputdownable read that left me with a goofy grin from beginning to finish. I can say with utmost certainty that this may have been my favorite book by this author to date. If you're looking for a witty rom com with a dash of enemies to lovers, you seriously can't go wrong with this book!

He palms my ass before his fingers explore, tracing the upper elastic of my underwear. "Georgiana. Are you wearing impractical undergarments?" "Yes. One might even call them . . . ridiculous." He pulls back, eyes gleaming. "I'll be the judge of that."

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◆ Anna's [?????g\\$](#) ◆ says

[(hide spoiler)]

Maria◆*Steamy Reads Blog*◆ says

➡Ok, I totally gave in and read this. One simply needs to know what all the hype is about. So today, while, washing the beast, I was happily indulging in an audiobook of this story.

➡And by "washing the beast" (there's really no innuendo here, people) I mean I was giving my 70 lb dog a bath. And even though that gif up top sure does look cozy it's nowhere near as relaxing. So anyhowooo,

followed by a couple of hours of grooming and BAM - I've finished this book! So I hereby certify it to be perfectly suitable for listening while trying to wash/groom/tame any sort of beast.

➡I suppose, in a nutshell, that's what the heroine of this enemies to lovers romance is trying to do - tame the beast! The hero is the best divorce attorney in town, an uptight and somewhat unfriendly suit, who lives in the same building. Every 5 am these two seem to be having run-ins in the lobby and they might or might not be deliberate.

➡So long story short, it's a pretty lighthearted romance with whole lot of witty banter and as far as romcoms go it's a very solid read. One thing worth mentioning, perhaps, is that the writing is very... um, chick lit? It's not a bad thing, by any means, but it's sort of all hearts and rainbows and you have to be in the mood for that too. Also, I, personally, find expressions like "evidence of his arousal" in a reference to a cock a bit cheesy. But that might be just me.

➡If you liked The Hating Game then you'll probably enjoy this book. So, if a humorous enemies to lovers read is what you're looking for, then go for it!

Wendy's Thoughts says

4 Love Unexpected Stars

* * * * *Spoiler Free*

The Love Institute brings to you today's Seminar:

Today we have the pleasure of observing an interesting coupling brought to you by the renowned author Lauren Layne. We have had many guests presenting their finding on the human condition know as Love...all of them revealing in their own way. Today's presentation is focused on two subjects who at first glance would have nothing in common. It is only after a more detailed look are we able to see how they connect.

Our first participant is Georgianna Watkins. At first observation she seems flighty, shallow, easily classified as a Trust Fund Baby who sleeps all day and parties all night. The most important things that fill her days are hair appointments, decisions of which night club to attend and whether she can make the right choice of Jimmy Choos to buy.

But with a more intense and revealing examination of Ms. Watkins, we see there is much more to this woman. She has an Economics degree from Brown and arranges the workings of many charity events. She is loyal, caring and sincere with her friends and makes the effort to listen when others are talking... no matter who it is. She goes out of her way to acknowledge those she is in contact with everyday...The doormen in her luxury building are not just doorman... they are like family... with daily donuts as she arrives home at 5AM. There is more to this pampered New Yorker....

Our other participant is Andrew Mulroney. Mr. Mulroney is serious. He is a highly sought after divorce attorney whose clientele is either famous, notorious or both. He also is one of the youngest men to reach partner in a prodigious firm. This would follow the path he has had... graduating high school as a young teen, doing college before most and finishing law school when others would be starting. At first glance, he seems collected, assured and confident. He can also come across as somewhat distant and abrasive.

However, with a more discerning eye, there are moments of insecurity, a sense of trying to keep up and the leftover feel of not belonging ... it is momentary but there. For if there would be one way to describe Mr. Mulroney, it is professional.

These two people become entangled due to their habitats. They both live in the same building. They both have habits which cause them to cross paths daily. However, the way and reasons for their crossing is unusual...

For when the clock strikes 5AM, Georgianna Watkins is coming in from a night of club hopping with her social set. She comes bearing Donuts for her doormen peeps and spends time chatting about soon to be had babies, wives and any other topics that happen.

At this same time, Andrew Mulroney is making his way out to do his run. He has his green drink in the stainless steel mug, his gym tote and dressed in black running gear. He will stop by and say hello to the doorman as a polite greeting and then the games begin....

Because Georgie, as everyone calls her, loves to push Andrew's buttons... and Andrew seemingly distant will retort something then say Georgianna is Ridiculous and leave. This has been happening for quite some time... and the both of them will never say it... but they look forward to these exchanges more then they want to admit.

They experience the classic confusion of *What Does That Mean...* they have to analyze comments said, blunders made while trying to have snappy responses...and it is enlightening to who these people truly are...Because both are lost...They both need each other and when the barriers fall and each is let in...They become better people.

This undertaking by Ms. Layne worked on many levels. It had all the feels, fun and intimate times to explore this search for Love.

The Love Institute would like to thank you for your participation in today's seminar.

~~~~~ Before Reading ~~~~~

*Ready to take my own walk... Here's hoping there is no shame in my game!*

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November 10, 2016

Lauren Layne gave us a new snippet of Walk of Shame...

I don't know about you... but I was thrilled to have an additional taste right about now....

Excerpt:

*"The server comes over to take our drink order.*

*"Champagne, please," I say with a smile.*

*"Iced tea for me," Andrew says. No smile.*

*"He'll have a glass of the champagne as well. We're celebrating," I say with such friendly self-assuredness that the waitress writes it down and walks away without confirming with Andrew.*

*He's giving me that half-amused, half-exasperated look that I'm getting to know quite well. "What are we celebrating?"*

*"My victory."*

*"Do I even want to know what you're talking about?"*

*I lean across the table with a triumphant smile. "You thought I wouldn't last a day in your world. I'd say I'm flourishing."*

*He leans forward as well. "In case you haven't noticed, we quit being in \*my\* world the second you dragged me out of my office for a boozy lunch, and gave my assistant the rest of the day off without telling me."*

*I smile. "Like I said. My victory."*

*The waitress reappears with two champagne flutes, and I lift one towards Andrew. "Cheers?"*  
*He rolls his eyes.*

11/4/2016

Lauren Layne gave us an itsy bitsy tease today...a quick reckoning of maybe these two have been confused about each other...

*"Georgiana-"*

*I shake my head and bend to pick up my bag. "Have fun at the gym, Mulroney. I hope you choke on your wheatgrass."*

*I'm still blinking back tears, but at least I manage to walk away with my head held high.*

*He catches up with me before I can make it to the elevator, his fingers wrapping firmly around my bicep and pulling me back around. "Georgiana."*

*"What?" I snap, turning around. "What can you possibly say that you haven't said a million times already with every scowl, with every eye roll, with every \*you're ridiculous\*. You think I'm stupid and worthless, I \*get\* it."*

*The guy's expression is one tangled knot of emotional constipation. "That's not what I think."*

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*Lauren Layne is at it again....*

*Who else could present this scenairo....*

*A Stunning, Trust-Fund, Society Gal...*

*Who is steady content of the notorious, gossipy Page Six with her exploits....*

*The highlight of her day....*

*Crossing paths in the AM with her Uptight, Workaholic Neighbor as he starts his day...and she ends hers...*

*He is The Celebrity Divorce Attorney...*

*The one all go to...to make ending their marriages go the way they want...*

*Causes this man to become resentful of "their spoiled" kind...*

*And She has been pushing All of his Buttons...*

*So much so that he does the unthinkable...*

*Now the spotlight is on the both of them TOGETHER...*

*Oh, this ought to be Delicious!*

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**Bibi says**

**Georgie and Andy, sitting on a tree.....! Swoon, I loved it.**

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**Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince  
Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says**

**\*\*\*\*\*4.5 STARS\*\*\*\*\***

{ARC Generously Provided by Author}

**I feel the breath knocked out of me, because there's no more denying it, no more denying my heart.  
This is it for me. This is what I want, not just for as long as I can have it, but for always.**

Now, this is the kind of story that I have come to expect from the talented Lauren Layne. It's why I will always read anything she writes. I will never grow tired of reading her books! She has a knack for the enemies-to-lovers RomComs and **WALK OF SHAME** is going on my favorites list!

At first, I was a little worried because the Heroine seemed to be a shallow Manhattan socialite whose only purpose in life was to party every night with her friends till dawn and to make it to her weekly hair salon appointments. But as the story progresses, we get to peel back Georgie Watkins' layers and she ends up being an endearing and whimsical character. The man that's been occupying most of her thoughts lately is



her gorgeous but utterly standoffish and cold neighbor, Andrew Mulroney. Andy is one of New York's top divorce attorneys and he's a no-nonsense kind of guy who lives a very structured life. These two meet up in their luxury apartment lobby every morning at around 5 am when Georgie is just making it home from her nights of partying and Andrew is on his way to the gym and then to the office. They share a bit of sarcastic banter each morning and you know from the start that there's some serious chemistry building between them.

Georgie is affected by Andrew's comments and perception of her. And Andrew can't deny that Georgie's vivacious personality is starting to be something he craves and can't live without. Ultimately the two become romantically involved and the steam is incredible between them!! They may be total opposites but their differences seem to complement each other nicely. Andrew's life seemed dull and monochromatic but now Georgie's presence is breathing gorgeous technicolor into it. Neither Georgie nor Andrew have ever experienced real soul changing love before. Andrew has not been a believer in love being that his profession deals with the ending of it. Georgie may not have ever been in a serious relationship prior to Andrew but she's always been a believer in "*fairy tales*" and "*happily ever afters*".

Just when they are starting to realize what's in their hearts, a devastating secret has the potential to put an end to what could be the greatest love Georgie and Andrew have ever encountered!

**WALK OF SHAME** goes live on April 18th!

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**Geri Reads says**

Perfect in every way. Just a total swoonfest. This book put me in HEA coma in the best way possible.

Full review to come...

*ARC provided by the publisher*

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## **Katerina says**

### **Heart vs Brain, Episode 4**

***Narrator:** Brain was suspiciously quiet upon finishing Walk of Shame. Heart knew she'd probably regret it, but with steely determination and the help of liquid courage, she asked the dreadful question.*

**Heart:**

**Brain:** Go away Heart, I need to put my cells in order.

**Heart:** Come on, tell me what's going on! You know I can be very persistent.

**Brain:** \*sighs\* That is sadly true. In fact, perhaps you'll be useful for a change.

**Heart:** Hey, I'm always useful! If it weren't for me, Katerina wouldn't even be alive.

**Brain:** Well legally speaking, a person is dead when *I* stop functioning, but that's not an issue at the moment, I'm healthy as a racing horse.

**Heart:** \*snorts\*

**Brain:** Anyway, I need to ask you a question.

**Heart:** Only if you promise you'll stop insulting/correcting/annoying me.

**Brain:** Sure, sure. How would you describe Walk of Shame?

**Heart:**

**Brain:** Um, what?

**Heart:** A flying unicorn with wings made of glitter. A cupcake with chocolate cream cheese frosting.

**Brain:** Still, what?

**Heart:** A Cutie McFluffy.

**Brain:** Ooook, I suppose what you truly mean is that this book was **delicious** and **utterly adorable**? Even though I must clarify that a flying horse is a Pegasus, not a unicorn.

**Heart:**

**Brain:** Right, sorry. Would you care to elaborate a little further?

**Heart:** It was hilarious. Have we read the enemies-to-lovers trope before? Sure. Lauren Layne's characters, though, were truly **endearing. Funny, messy and hot!**

**Brain:** Well that's the problem! For the first time ever, it was the female character, Georgie, the one I absolutely adored. She was not the typical shallow girl that came from a rich family, she was very caring, loyal, chatty, and her incoherent conversations and cupcake addiction made me love her so, so much. I just don't know what to make of Andrew.

**Heart:** Really? I thought you had a thing for successful, uptight and cold male characters who hide their vulnerable side because they're hurt or afraid of getting hurt! Plus, Andrew was **yummy**. I would *love* to lick him like the frosting of a cupcake, I would-

**Brain:** Heart, put yourself together! *I* am the one being vulnerable right now, there are some things I can't process and it's frustrating!

**Heart:**

**Brain:** ...

**Heart:** Alright, tell me your problems! (*I deserve the award of the most patient Heart after everything stupid Brain has put me through*)

**Brain:** I didn't find enough depth in Andrew and there were times I couldn't feel the connection between him and Georgie. Yes I admit they had some very heartwarming scenes-

**Heart:** How would you know? That's my area of expertise!

**Brain:** -and others which were rather steamy, but something was missing. So, we'll have to go for 3 stars I'm afraid.

**Heart:** Hold on a second! Did you like Andrew's big gesture in the end?

**Brain:** Of course I did.

**Heart:** Did the entire book **put a big smile on your face**?

**Brain:** Yes, but-

**Heart:** Listen to me, Brain. There are days you feel you're a badass and can conquer the world. And then there are days you feel like crap, like a walking and talking failure and disappointment that destroys everything in its path. When you face a day like the latter, you and I both know what lifts our spirits. Books like Walk of Shame. Authors like Lauren Layne, whose purpose is to show you the fun side of life, to soothe your soul and make everything okay with their witty characters and the sweet love stories, even though sometimes they seem unrealistic. We're not looking for realistic. We're searching for an escape. A cure. And I think that Georgie and Andrew offered us exactly what we needed: **Perfectly ridiculous**.

**Brain:** *Perfectly ridiculous*. You know Heart, I think you're right!

**Heart:** That's a first! What about the rating?

**Brain:** Four stars?

**Heart:** Four stars, baby!

***Narrator:** For the first time in forever, Brain realised that Heart was not that useless and pathetic after all. Sure, she was a source of trouble and pain, but in the end, so was Brain. They were such a bizarre duo, those too.*

You can read the previous episodes here:

? Episode 1

? Episode 2

? Episode 3

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## KAS says

**YEPPERS!!**. This was an entertaining read. I devoured in one sitting, unable to put it down. It checked many of my favorite boxes: A frenemies romance. Characters who held my interest from page one. Witty and bantering conversation. Lighthearted and humorous.

I thoroughly enjoyed how this "opposites attract" romance played out.

Georgie Watkins has a chatty, upbeat, stay out all night with friends persona which collides with the uptight, logical, always on a rigid schedule temperament of Andrew Mulroney. Night and day personalities, ring a bell? Smile vs. Scowl, come to mind? They have been butting heads since the day they met when both were moving into the same Manhattan apartment building and argued over who gets to use the utility elevator that was double-booked. Georgie is one of New York's most quintessential socialites and Andrew is New York's

most famous divorce attorney.

Georgie has her heart set on a 'fairy-tale ending,' while Andrew spends his days dividing the assets of 'fairy-tales that have ended. Their romance is a bumpy but fun ride.

I always look forward to a Lauren Layne read and if you are already a fan of hers, I think you will enjoy this one. If you haven't had the pleasure of reading a Ms. Layne book, but love a romance which is humorous and witty, give this one a try.

\*I received this book, via Netgalley, in exchange for an honest review\*

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## **Lisa Jayne says**

### **FIVE DIVORCE ATTORNEY AND PRINCESS STARS.**

*"Forget it. You're ridiculous."*

I love nothing more than an enemies to 'I can't stop thinking about you' story. The opposites attract theme was at its very best in the hands of Lauren Layne and she certainly pulled out all the stops with these characters. I can't stop loving this author's work and I hope that I'll never have to. Once again, Layne made me melt in the best way possible and I have to admit that I'm quite happy with my gooey romance reader status.

#### **What's it all about?**

This is an opposites attract/hate to love you story all rolled into one happy romance story. If you want swoon, sweet and funny then stop what you are doing and pick up the latest by my favourite, Lauren Layne. One moody, serious hero meets more than his match with this loveable, socialite heroine in what I've pegged as a favourite book of this author's to date.

#### **What did I love?**

This book was a big, long shout out to the happily ever after and that's just one of the reasons why I adore this author. Lauren Layne never apologises for her affirmation to the big romance she proudly displays in her books. There's not an iota of bad, sad or indifference in this book. Instead there's plenty of unapologetic swoon - the kind I can't get enough of. I loved ALL the characters in this book, including (and not dismissing) the wonderful secondary characters that made me smile. But there's no mistaking the spotlight on the stars of the show, these protagonists could not have been more to my taste. Wonderfully romantic and entertaining to boot - I fell crashing head first into love with everything about this novel. Once again, thank you to the lovely Lauren Layne for being my favourite, you never fail to hit the spot.

#### **Final thoughts ...**

If you want a book to escape into with nothing to think about other than fabulous characters and a sweet story line then you really will not go wrong reading this romance. Honest to goodness I have no idea what

the secret ingredient is that makes me love a Lauren Layne novel but I really can't get enough. Adorable to the end and packed full of fabulous banter I already wanted to flick right back to page one, once I'd reached the end. Readers, if you normally love a Lauren Layne novel then you'll be in absolute love with this book. Enjoy ... kisses.

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### **Shannon Moore says**

Love, love, LOVE! My favourite Lauren Layne book to date! I feel the need to go watch Disney movies and find a Prince Charming.

Wow, I feel in love with these two so quickly. Quick wit, a sharp tongue and a shining personality describe resident party girl Georgie, while she clashes with prim and proper, too smart for his own good, divorce attorney Andrew.

There two were sweet and fiery, trading barbs and stealing moments. I've been having a bad string of 3 star reads and became invested in these two so much more than I could have expected. It was so much fun to read!!!

Full review to come. <3

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### **Alba and Her Secrets..♥ says**

#### **5 'That's How You Know' Stars!**

My dear Lauren Layne, you magnificent woman, you've written another masterpiece! Actually, this book left me without words after finishing it that I did not write the review until now. I just re-read my favorite moments (basically the whole book lol) and I fell in love all over again with this outstanding enemies to lovers story!

*Walk of Shame* is the fourth installment in the *Love Unexpectedly* series but it can be read as a standalone. In fact, I haven't read the other three books in the series so I can assure you it can be read as said. Now, here is why you'll love this book: two actual opposites (in almost every aspect) fall in love. We have a sexy workaholic hero (Andrew) and a sassy heroine who likes to party and have fun (Georgie) and together they gave us the most wonderful frenemies love story.

***If I had even a lick of sense, I'd forget him and this weird game we're playing. Instead I keep coming back for more.***

Basically, Andrew and Georgie are neighbors and they've had this weird tension between them since the very first day they met. As you can imagine, they love to bug each other (especially Georgie) and, of course, it's is

clear this "tension" is not only about hating each others guts. The back and forth between the MCs is to die for! I loved the banter between these two and how that develops into an adorable, emotional and very sexy chemistry. Man, the sexual tension!

*“What exactly did you do for exercise, Georgiana?” he says, giving me a skeptical look. “Twirl your hair?”*

*“If I do it vigorously, it counts as cardio.”*

*Shit. He was screwed. How had this woman gone from being the aggravating menace of his early mornings to the center of everything?*

The consequences of these "perfectly ridiculous" situations is, obviously, inevitable! The mix of sassiness, light angst and sexual tension is mindblowing and when these two start actually falling for each other is even better. Their chemistry is HAWT AF, guys! *Walk of Shame* made me laugh, made me cry and made me swoon all over the place: that's why I loved it this much! Andrew and Georgie are such an amazing couple that you can't stop from falling in love with their love story.

*“Love me back,” he whispers. “Please love me back.”*  
*“You’re ridiculous,” I whisper. “Of course I love you back.”*

Therefore, my rating for *Walk of Shame* is 5 STARS because I can definitely assure this is one of the best works by Lauren Layne and you all know how much I love her! This woman never fails me when it comes to reading a light but still exceptional love story. Highly recommend checking this book out, especially if you enjoy the enemies to lovers trope!

**CHECK OUT MY BLOG HERE:**

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**Nissa | Of Pens and Pages Book Blog says**

**5 stars!**

Review at Of Pens and Pages.

**You know it's a 5-star read when you find yourself smiling stupidly after finishing the book.** But when you find yourself singing and dancing like you're in your own Disney musical number? *That's* a favorite. This was my first Lauren Layne book, and you can bet your a\*\* I'm going on a binge read this weekend! **This opposites attract, slow burn rom-com had me hooked from start to finish!**

*Despite the high temps of that swampy July morning, the encounter had been the start of an epic cold war. Me, the socialite in apartment 86A against the uptight esquire in apartment 79B. I'm not entirely sure I'm winning the war, but I'll never tell him..."*

**While the rest of socialite Georgiana Watkins' easy-going life has turned bland and lackluster, her daily 5 am run-in with her uptight neighbor Andrew Mulroney, Esquire never fails to lighten up her day.** She's generally well-liked by everyone except the celebrity divorce lawyer which makes it more fun to tease and rile him up.

Top divorce lawyer Andrew Mulroney has no time for spoiled rich girls who go home at 5 am after a night of partying, but between you and me, he secretly enjoys sparring with Georgiana. **When one of their arguments that end in a mind-blowing kiss gets caught on camera, he joins the world in wondering if what he and Georgiana have is more than that one kiss.**

*I'm going to kill you."*

*I can't help the laugh. "See, I don't think so."*

*"Don't you?"*

*"Nope," I say, sucking sugar off my thumb. "You don't send flowers to someone you're going to kill."*

**There's just something about stiff, grumpy men falling in love and turning into the sweetest teddy bears that tickle my fancy** (among other things). Andrew is a genius, skipping grades and graduating earlier than most people his age. Because of that, he's had a hard time making friends and interacting with other people. He stumbles and falls a few times when it comes to wooing and flirting with Georgiana, but what I love about him is he tries really hard to be better. **He uses his head more than his heart, so it was difficult for him to trust the heart when it was finally the one steering the ship.**

I was a bit weary when I first read about Georgie. She seemed like the typical socialite who spends her days shopping, partying, and eating brunch. That's what Andrew first saw when he met her. But **her sunny personality is hard not to like, and I found myself enjoying Georgie very much!** She's optimistic and is a total romantic who enjoys *Enchanted* and all things that end in a happily ever after. A little sheltered, but she has a kind heart and a fun disposition that lures in anybody.

**This well-written book made me laugh, cry, fan myself, and swoon.** I loved Georgie and Andrew's verbal sparring/foreplay, the sexual tension sizzling throughout the story, and the sex. My gawd. A freak in the sheets (and every surface possible), that Andrew!

*Walk of Shame* is a standalone rom-com **told in alternating POVs.** Romance readers and fans of *The Hating Game* will enjoy this light and fun read filled with witty banter, fantastic build up, sexual tension, and a happily ever after.

And if any of you are curious, I sang and danced to Barcelona by Ed Sheeran!

## **Jilly says**

Yes, I'm giving a rom-com, chick-lit, fluffy lite romance 5-stars! Shut up!

It was funny! You know what a sucker I am for any book that can make me laugh.  
It also had the enemies to lovers trope - another thing I'm a sucker for.  
It hit my weaknesses.

Some things are just irresistible.

So, our girl, Georgie, is hilarious. She reminds me of Elle Woods in the first Legally Blonde. Very shallow but entertainingly so. She is a party girl. She wears diamond cupcake earrings and likes sparkly things. Her favorite movie is Enchanted. She's nothing like me, but I would still like to hang out with her. Of course, she would end up in tears after spending time around me, but still. Fun for me.

Her enemy is Andrew, a divorce attorney. He lives in her building and is going out to the gym every morning at 5 am - just when she gets home from her nights of clubbing. Here are a few of her descriptions of him:

*.. has been known to utter the phrase "the body is a temple"..*  
*...the type that sneers at donuts....*

*In workout mode, picture this: Thor and Captain America somehow defeat biology and have a love child together...*

Wait a minute... did she find my dream board? It's MY idea for science to make a Captain Thorica!

hmmm. maybe with a dash of Loki?

Our couple are always exchanging little barbs and it's adorable. Of course, there is so much sexual tension between them that you might get pregnant from their fumes. But, worth it. With their chemistry, things are gonna get good.

Yeah. That good.

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## **Jen says**

**5 Sweet and Sassy Stars**



Let me start by saying I finished this book over two hours ago and I'm still grinning. You know those deranged looking people you see with the too big smiles and you're not quite sure if they're happy or bat shit crazy? That's me and I'm owning it, dammit!

Georgianna "Georgie" Watkins loves her life. Considered a rich party girl by most standards, Georgie does pretty much whatever she wants, whenever she wants. She's living the life of a fairytale princess with zero complaints.

Lately her favorite hobby is getting under the skin of her stodgy but hot neighbor every 5 a.m. as she's coming in for the night and he's starting his day. Their high rise lobby has become a battleground of sorts and as far as Georgie's concerned, it's game on.

***“What part of what I just said translated to attraction?”***

***“None of it,” Marley admits . “But I saw you guys talking when he first came in. It was a toss-up whether you were going to arm-wrestle or just start making out.”***

Andrew Mulroney, Esquire doesn't quite know what to make of his sparkly, shiny neighbor. Sure, he's attracted to her but surly their differing lifestyles negates any chance of a real relationship? Even if Andrew wanted more from the feisty woman, he has a habit of sticking his foot in his mouth and saying the wrong thing at the wrong time.

***What did a man do when he'd inadvertently called a woman an idiot simply because he'd wanted to hold her attention, to keep the conversation going so she didn't tire of him?  
It was schoolyard nonsense.***

I don't think I'm exaggerating when I say *Walk of Shame* truly reads like a Disney fairytale turned contemporary romance. And unapologetically so. It works as well as it does because despite the length, both Georgie and Andrew are given the layers needed to make them believable characters you actually want to root for.

Georgie's not the vapid, narcissistic Kardashian clone I feared she'd be. She's kind, caring and smart with just that little bit of edge I need from something like this. Don't want to be too saccharine, now do we? In turn, Andrew wasn't just an uptight lawyer suffering through his time with Georgie. When we get those glimpses inside Andrew, we find a caring, driven and often too smart for his own good man.

And the banter between these two? Yes, please and can I have some more? I'm a banter loving kind of gal by nature and I loved the way Lauren Layne did her thing with Georgie and Andrew.

Rainbows and unicorns, folks. That's what I'm feeling here. If sweet with a healthy dose of sassy isn't your thing, you may want to skip this. As far as I'm concerned, my cold black soul needs a little sweet every once in awhile.

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