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Tired of being walked all over and ignored, Jamie decided that it was time to make something out of her life. She sold her company, signed a contract and was determined to live it up. Only problem, she was a bit of a recluse, painfully shy, kind of clumsy and didn't know the first thing about living it up. Thankfully she has a very sexy, very determined editor to help her along the way.

She was everything he could ever want, popular and in demand, but unfortunately for him the author that he needed to make a name for himself was also a little recluse who wasn't doing what he needed her to do. In order to get her to do what he wants he decides to help her in her little quest for a life and ends up with more than he bargained for.

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Gitte TotallyBookedBlog says

I started this book last night and pretty much HAD to read it straight through! Another FAB book from R.L Mathewson..who I picture wearing some sort of wonder woman outfit holding a chocolate bar in one hand and a chocolate shake in the other (am thinking after reading this one she may just have a wee bit of a sweet tooth LOL) because she just delivers every single time I start one of her books!!

This one is about Nick and Jamie. Nick is the bad boy from "A Humble Heart" and I was so happy to have his story because I've been crushing on him since then, yes he is a womanizing love 'em and leave 'em kind of guy but whatever, he had me hooked!! (oh and you get why he is like this..)!!

Jamie is a very shy, clumsy and frumpy girl (but if you've been knocked down as much as her you can't really blame her). She sells her company and goes to work for the same company as Nick who ends up being her editor. He is a frustrating RUDE boy thinking to use her to further his career and some of the stuff he says in front of her..well he deserves a good bitch slap! But..actually make that a BUT....he totally redeems himself...TOTALLY!!!!

The talented way this story is written makes the characters so REAL that you get completely drawn into the story and you FEEL the emotions. It had everything to make this a really fabulous read (including yummy bits)!!

Oh and let's not forget the humor...Jamie's lists are beyond funny!! The chocolate addiction... yep HILARIOUS!!! I actually cried with laughter through the scene (won't spoil it) where Nick says: "You're willing to whore me out for chocolate?"

This book has yet again proven to me that R.L Mathewson is absolutely one of my favorite authors!!!

Ta Ta Ta Tia says

I have officially fallen in love with this author's writing style. With that being said.... I was blown away by the number of errors in this kindle book written about book publishing editors! I really don't pick out these things normally, but it was kind of a disaster. Again, I love this author, the characters and stories. It was a great read, but a proof reader would have helped!

Katie(babs) says

I should stick with the Neighbors from Hell series. This book is a hot mess. The heroine alone makes me go WTF? No one is that naive and simple thinking. Also the heroine writes erotic romance and regardless if she has never had sex, she has never kissed a man, no joke. She knows how to write her love scenes by reading romances. That's her research.

Don't get me started on the the douche of hero who thinks he's god.

Um no. No no no.

I'm going to act like this book doesn't exist.

CC says

I really loved the Neighbor from Hell series but I did not like this book at all. Nick was/is a jerk. With basically no redeeming qualities. I know he tried to be a little better in the second half of the book, but he was still a mega jerk. Jessie is a total push over and she made no sense to me. I did not see any transformation. Most importantly, I felt no chemistry between them. And where was the humor? I loved laughing through the other series. Not much funny about a diabetic in the making...

Ana says

And yes, I am so emotionally overwhelmed I just used a Glee and High School Musical gif. I think that about sums up how amazing this book is.

Emily says

Jamie can't believe she has gotten the nerve to actually sign with Rerum publishing in two different capacities, one as editor to the clients she already had and the other as the next best selling author. The biggest hurdle for Jamie now is that although she signed, it didn't require her to leave the comfort of her home. A recluse who has always felt inferior in her family, Jamie doesn't even have a close friend to turn to during this new transition of her life.

Enter Nick, Nick playboy and flirt is amused by the baggy closed, bottle glasses, frizzy haired new hire at Rerum. If anything Jamie will be a source of entertainment for him to watch, until he realizes she is the author he wants to take under his wing. A makeover, a tour, and a revealed list of all the things Jamie want to do but has been to afraid to try. Nick's little recluse is full of surprises and the playboy is finding himself completely falling in love with her.

I thought this was adorable. Nick is a bit curt with Jamie in the beginning, but as you get to know him you realize that he is not able to relate to Jamie initially, but as she comes out of her shell a bit they find they have more in common than they think. Can't wait for more in this series.

****Better the second time around.**

Nicole says

Another hilarious book from R.L. I swear can not read these books in front of people because I end up being giddy and giggly, which does not help people thinking you're a nut. I liked this one as much or maybe more than the neighbor from hell series. Maybe because love bad boy/playboy Nick. He's just that good. *sigh* At first I hated him. I mean *really* hated him because he's such a jerk but he grew throughout the book thank god. AND JAMIE. She's just so darn adorable. Her chocolate addiction and innocent naivety were very enduring although her being a pushover was annoying to me at first. But I got over it.

Nikki says

Holy Hot Editor Batman! Jeez... I feel like kicking my own ass right now.

See, I have this friend. She is constantly trying to get me to read books that I just don't want to read. "But it's so good" she says. "You'll love it" she says. She happens to love books about musicians / actors / other famous types, but I've just never been interested so I'm always putting her off. Well, she finally won and I gave in. Now I get the pleasure of the "I told you so!" speech. :P

I've read every other book R.L. Mathewson has published except the two Hollywood Hearts novels. I knew they were about famous esq type characters so I've been putting them off for years now. Here's where the 'kicking my own ass' comment comes into play. I just finished *A Reclusive Heart*, and I freaking **loved** it! I am so mad at myself for waiting to read it and especially for not reading this series in order! I don't know why I thought I wouldn't love them as I've loved every other book she's written, but that is a mistake that will not happen again, I can assure you!

Jamie is an extremely shy and introverted woman. She didn't have the best home life growing up due to her mother (and I use that term loosely, she was a she bitch from hell) and sister (she bitch from hell part deux) always treating her like the epitome of The Ugly Duckling. To say Jamie had low self esteem would be the understatement of the year. However, she's made a life for herself as an author with a pen name and an online publishing company, even if she rarely leaves her house. She decides that it's time to step out of her comfort zone and begin to live her life, rather than watching it pass her by. So she sells her company and signs with a publishing house where she'll actually have to go in every day.

Nick is an editor at said publishing company and is looking forward to getting the great up and coming author J.L Lewis. With her, he'll be able to make a bigger name for himself. What he doesn't expect, is that the new frumpy editor, Jamie, is one in the same as his coveted author! After he shows what a grade A asshole he is by pretty much tearing Jamie to shreds, he sends her on a quest for a makeover in hopes it'll help her image with her fans. What he didn't expect was this ugly duckling to come out the beautiful swan. And she did.

As the two begin working together, they each see another side to the other and slowly develop a friendship of sorts. Nick coerces Jamie in staying on her book tour by offering to help her with her list of things she's

always wanted to try. This leads to more bonding and Nick proving to me he wasn't so bad after all. There were some bumps here and there with Jamie not fully accepting that she was nothing like what her family always led her to think about herself, but she finally comes to terms with their despicable behavior. I loved how Nick warms to her despite his own hellish upbringing and his resolve to never get entangled in a relationship. I love how Nick just flipped! He was a total ass at first but he's GONE for her now! He fell in love with Jamie despite trying his hardest not to. He grew possessive and wanted to protect her. It was hot. And sweet. And Jamie fell for Nick as well, even understanding (in her mind) that he would never want anything long term with her. These were two people who never knew the touch of real love and were unsure and weary of it when they found it in each other. Self doubts can seriously be a bitch. Luckily, they figured it out and were able to reach their hea! :-)

There was the ever present humor that I've come to expect from all R.L. Mathewson books that I love. Lots of sweet and sexy times. A great story with great characters (except the she bitches). There's also a side plot of a stalker that gave us a little intrigue. A little bit of everything that kept me glued to my kindle and not wanting the goodness to end! I am so glad that I finally read this one and I can't wait to read the first in the series, *A Humble Heart*, so that I can see more from Dana and Edward. (I forgot to mention that they had a few cameos and seem like great characters that I'm sure I'll love in their own book.)

Thanks Lindsay for bullying me into reading this one! ;)

Raine says

I liked this book so much better than the first book. I liked the ugly-duckling-to-swan theme. But I really thought that Nick was a bit of a jerk for most of the beginning of the book.

Dali says

I just love R.L. Mathewson's books, they're guaranteed to make you smile and *Reclusive Heart* is no exception.

This book reminds me a bit of the Bradfords, with hot, sexy, arrogant, asshole Nick who slowly but surely is convert to a sweet, caring and loveable man, all the while clueless and in denial during this charming story two souls needing the right combination to make their lives complete.

Where other woman had failed, his little recluse had not only succeeded in bringing him to his knees, but once he was down she dropped kicked him in the balls for good measure.

Tina says

Really great story and I loved the characters, also damn funny. My favourite part in This book is When Jaime (heroine) wants to learn about sex so she decides to watch porn on her computer but promptly downloads a virus and has to take her computer to Nick (hero) his responses is fricken priceless!! I nearly peed my pants laughing... My laughing woke up my husband because I couldn't get control of myself!! The good news is

that there are many other moments in this book that had me laughing just as hard. This is a well written book which I have come to expect from R.L., everything of hers I've read has been emotionally touching and very funny. Great book ;)

Michelle says

I had liked Nick in A Humble Heart, but fell in love with him in A Reclusive Heart. I had thought things could not get better than Edward, but they did. Nick was just edible. I loved his inner thoughts as he was just so certain he was not having any feelings for Jamie at all. Between his bad-boy going all mushy in love persona and Jamie's hilarious addiction to her junk food it I was laughing throughout this story.

This story takes off with Nick you you meet in A Humble Heart, the big flirt that is the man-whore friend of Dana's. He is getting a shot at a new client that is an up and coming author, but is shocked to find out that the frumpy Jamie is the same JL Lewis that can take his job to the next level. But Jamie has been beat down her whole life and has zero back bone or self-esteem. With Nick's guidance he is certain he can get her out of her shell. When he finds a list of things she wants to experience - he decides it is his way of getting his way. He will help check those items off one by one and she will commit to giving her all with the book engagement. But as she develops a more x-rated list to gain some sexual experience, Nick tries to hold off - knowing he can't give her the type of relationship she needs... But Nick can't help himself, Jamie has worked his way into his closed off heart and through some drama and extended travels on the book tours he may just not be able to resist his feelings for long.

The Hollywood Hearts series falls just short of my love for The Neighbor From Hell Series, but not too far behind. I wished I could get into paranormal type romance to read the Pyte series, but I just am not there yet.... But I just adore Mathewson's stories.

Lindsay says

I loved this book. After reading A Humble Heart, I couldn't wait to jump into this one. Nick started off as an overbearing, demanding, intimidating jerk but once he started to fall for Jamie, his temperament improved. He could still be a little ~~overbearing~~ demanding, but he quit being a jerk about it.

I have to admit, I love it when the hero of the book gets jealous that another guy is paying attention to the girl he likes...especially before he realizes he's interested in her for himself. Nick was that way. He fought really hard to stay away from Jamie while being jealous that she would even think of looking at another man.

Nick made a nice transformation from a complete jerk that was unable to commit, to a guy that wanted nothing more than to commit to the right woman. He had a sad (and heartbreaking) past that instantly made me forgive him for his irritatingly jerky ways. My heart also bled for Jamie. Her family was completely horrible. In the end, they got what they deserved and Nick did what I had wanted to do every time they made an appearance...hit them. Ok, he didn't hit all of them...just the father, but they all deserved it.

I also loved seeing Edward and Dana again. I love them as a couple and even though it wasn't their book, it wouldn't have been the same without seeing at least a hint of them.

I have to say, I love R.L. Mathewson's books. I have not been disappointed with any of them.

I can't wait to read more from this series.

(view spoiler)

Thank you JoJo for suggesting a buddy read for this series. I've really enjoyed it!

Kriti (Fantasybooklandreviews) says

POV-Dual

Narrative: Third person

This is a cute little love story between a shy writer with a low self esteem, Jaime and her editor, Nick.

Jaime is tired of being a pushover and generally boring. She decides to have new adventures but she doesn't have the courage to do so alone. Nick offers his help in exchange for her cooperation for all the book signings and other events.

I didn't like Nick's character at first coz he was, to be nicely put, an ass. And yes that's putting it nicely. He's a jerk to everyone but more so to Jaime. But he has a lot of character development and becomes a likeable character towards the end.

However I really like Jaime and her transformation. The story is really relatable. It has a makeover but it's still realistic. Jaime becomes much confident throughout the book but not so quickly and completely that it looks rushed or fake.

The story is actually pretty great with loveable characters. .

Hero- ???

Heroine- ????

Story- ????

Overall- ????

Norma says

Phew! I finished! I would say at the 50 - 60% mark this finally got better. Not good but better. I enjoyed it for a bit, but then I didn't really care what happened. The problem was the characters were so darn annoying! I didn't care what happened to them. Nick the H is a bad boy man whore. I get it. Shoving it down my throat every page and having him mentally justify it was just annoying. He's a man-whore. Ok. Big deal. Lots of characters are. But no. He's not just any man-whore. He needs to be the biggest, most disgusting, non-caring man whore around. Well then why try making him a good guy in the end when you've worked so hard to make him a bad boy. How irritating. And Jamie the h is no better. She's shy, awkward and unloved. And then that has to get shoved down my throat. There was almost no room for story what with all the descriptions of all the things wrong with the stupid main characters!

There were a few good pages in an otherwise unenjoyable book. I dont recommend this book or this author.
