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Lisa is adrift—searching for connection on social media to compensate for the absence of love and attention in her marriage. But when a dominant married man entices her to become his online submissive, Lisa's world starts to collapse around her. Could giving up all control be the secret to finding the serenity she longs to have? Cerebral and erotic, *Entropy* explores the murky depths of an online affair and how upheaval of the status quo reverberates through a woman's life and sense of self.

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From Reader Review Entropy for online ebook

Jenny Prose says

This is book one in the Entropy series by Joshua Edward Smith.

This book introduces us to Sir and Kitty as they embark in to a BDSM love affair that takes place on-line while they are both still married. They are exploring BDMS together for the first times.

This book is really well written and draws you into the characters lives.

4 Stars

Snow says

4 the most complicated stars ever

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W A R N I N G : potential SPOILERS

This was truly the most perplexed, complicated, complexed, intriguing, pushing on boundaries story I haven't read in a long, long time...

It's actually hard to tell it in a few simple sentences cause there's nothing fuckin simple about the story - **it deals with the perception of an "affair" as we know it** - is it an affair if it's not physical, I think on one level it is, if it harms and affects others around you, if it's destructable, then yes, I don't care if you cheat with your mind, body or soul, you still cheat BUT here, the lines are "effin" blurred and it messed with the concept I kept in my head - **but the story pulls you into so much more intensity and chaos and messy and complicated stuff, emotional, sexual, mental...**

The story evolves around **Lisa** - a mother of two grown children, a housewife in a lovless marriage, her husband Roger cheated on her twice, well that she knew of, and she forgave him, and had occasional sex with him too, so it was all a charade, in my opinion, or the lack of her guts working...so why did she stay in such an union, you'd ask, I asked myself that too, more than once...and all I got as an answer is "out of social convinience", i guess, or maybe I am wrong *shrugs* IDK, anymore...

Anyway, I didn't like Lisa, I think I still don't like her BUT she actually gets to you towards the end- **she was almost fifty and she was still a shallow, superficial woman, obsessed with the outside features, her body, working out, fake boobs and of course the "attention", the "longing looks" from other men, she manipulated with her features and yet she was really not capable to set her life straight cause she has let her true inner self be shoved, pushed and stomped on. She's actually a very unhappy person and she doesn't even know it.** She's also a social media junkie - FB, Twitter, you name it, she's on it...a lot! And

one encounter leads from flirtation, into the crush, that enters another level of sinking into the D/s relationship on a pure emotional aspect and that eventually exceeds into the loving affair...

...she was flattered that he had interest in her.

This was a peculiar man, but he fascinated her. She wanted more. She wanted a lot more.

Sir was everything that her husband wasn't. And even more...

BUT the allure to that kind of connection was potent and high even if it had no prospect of ever becoming physical...well, at least we are lead to believe so....

Whether being sexually desired was important to her, or whether having someone just love her for her was more important. She wished she didn't have to choose.

She's in a constant mindwhirl of all this notions -**wright/wrong, true/false, sincerity/lies, imaginary/real** and **she's struggling to get a hold of it all, through emotional breaks, then build ups, shattering collapses, lift-ups** dealing with a huge span of emotions described through the **BDSM tactical action** where the power of the word takes her higher into the imaginary sexually exploit than she could ever feel on a physical basis...

their interaction is intense and highten to the unimaginable extent...it's all consuming, blinding and overpowering...it's disturbing and yet calming...they are "on and off", starting then ending it...caving in, breaking apart, staying away, searching...the neverending search

"It's like there is a hurricane of entropy around me. A circle of calm created by you. Order. Obedience. Appreciation. Validation. It's all there, driving away the entropy.

Her life takes a bad turn - disease, death, divorce - hit the fan shattering her to pieces...and helping her through out the process of gradually healing and salvaging what was always in her but never had the opportunity to fully being acknowledged and fulfilled - is the relationship that Sir holds her in, pulling her broken pieces into a submissive order so the compulsive desire and the painful need to be loved could be believable...

"Entropy is disorder. Randomness. Chaos.

Entropy doesn't go away on its own, but we can impart order.

The chaos is all around us, and it grows.

It can be very overwhelming.

It can deaden your senses to what's important.

But if we impart order on that chaos, everything changes.

You can find peace."

this book is very hard to present and stay on the right course, it had several triggers for me, personally and I really tried to look at it from a different angle, but to tell you the truth I don't think I would have done the same ordeal that Lisa has.

Actually i think I would have done just the opposite. I would have cut it all in the core and start again fresh... so, thankfully I am not her, cause otherwise there wouldn't be any basis for this kind of story...LOL

the third person narration actually made the pace in just the perfect tone for the tempo of developments in Lisa's life, you could easily stay back and watch it unravel... maybe if told in first person would have made a larger impact on a reader, hmmm, I could not say that with certainty...so I'll stick to the original feeling.

the only time the whole narrating process set a slower atmosphere was when all the "physics and math and smart stuff" were presented through Sir's words... that was just, well...not for me! LOL

All in all, tough, compelling, intriguing read...that makes you think

A Copy provided by the author in exchange for an honest review

PC says

How many of us have ethereal friends living just behind our Liquid Crystal Display that physically exist both in our mind and deep within our heart? Unimaginable to our ancestors. Yet there is no denying that even I am one of the many social media users to have had my virginal Liquid Crystal popped while sharing a byte or two. This review as well as Mr. Smith's 'Entropy' is for those of us that have indulged in just such a digital dalliance as well as those that wonder what it would be like to experience something so delightfully interactive. The author has done quite extensive research in an effort to fill out the experiences both mentally and physically of his leading character as well as her corporeal and ethereal partners. Not simply a flirtation, Mr. Smith addresses this prime-time issue thoroughly and takes it across a few borders that we have all wondered about. Told through a palpable sexual haze, an almost 50 years young and beautiful Lisa maneuvers through marriage, children, husband, illness and all that real-life throws at you while clinging to a thread of self and sanity via a consistent flow of text from an intelligent, intoxicating and excruciatingly untouchable hand. Lisa is set on a course of self discovery that leaves her shocked and much more aware of the shadowed corners of human nature, and I must admit that some of this discovery left me shocked and much more aware of my contentment to wallow in the brightly lit areas! Nonetheless, this book will draw you in and make you think. Sex is in the mind.. that is to say that nothing works unless the brain is involved and we are all nothing more than large children that have learned with time when, how and with whom to summon a façade when necessary. Suffice it to say that in my opinion you will truly enjoy this book even though there are points at which you would give your right nipple ring to slap Lisa with the serrated edge of your chastity belt for some of the things she puts up with! But.. perhaps that simply makes it even more interesting, hehe.

Thank you, Mr. Smith, for my download and the pleasure it brought me!

Aila Stephens says

Things are not always what they seem. We know this, we're told this. We experience it, we live it, but it is something that is very hard to accept for most people. We're designed to buy into all the social constructs that we are force-fed from childhood, and that deviating from these constructs is bad, immoral--and just shouldn't happen.

Lisa's marriage, to any outsider, was textbook perfect. Filthy rich, perfect kids, both in prime physical condition, both easy on the eyes. But that's just not their reality. Their reality of 25+ years of being incompatible on the most essential levels is what finally sets Lisa on a journey to discover who she is and what she needs. It fits no "normal" social construct, and some readers are going to find that a tough pill to swallow. But it is a fascinating journey that Mr. Smith so brilliantly leads the readers down, I guarantee it will be difficult to put down. (I certainly felt this way, seeing as how I started and could not fathom going to sleep until I'd read every last word.) The vast majority of us will not be able to draw perfect parallels in our own lives to those of the incredible characters Mr. Smith has created, but that's not the point.

The point is the discovery, and that it is okay to let go of things that are doing you an incredible disservice and to grasp onto things that allow you to be your best self. Things are rarely what they seem. There is no one way to love or to be loved, and this book showcases that flawlessly.

There is a smorgasbord of raw emotion, even rawer sexual tension, and it is so well-written and captured by the author, that when I read the last paragraph all I managed to do was say: "Yes, Sir."

Beyond The Covers Blog says

Wow! Entropy captivated me from the first page and sent me on an emotional rollercoaster ride. In our everyday lives, we have a tendency to create mental walls within ourselves by the choices we make and that determines our happiness or sadness which sometimes builds roadblocks. I loved the science explanations, such as entropy and quantum entanglement that affects our lives.

Lisa is a typical middle aged bored housewife. She enjoys her social media and finds the attention she desires, especially through twitter. There she meets 'Sir' and their online D/s friendship begins. Can you obey or fall inlove with someone you have never met?

Sir has his code that he will not go against. Or will he?

The emotions in this book will have you grabbing for tissues. I felt a close connection with the well developed characters.

The bdsm is unique due to the relationship a dom needs to provide for his sub. Yes, there are some hot erotica scenes as well! Phew, fans herself.

Entropy is also about self discovery, divorce, tragedy, healing and trust.

The ending had my heart racing craving more. There is a cliffhanger and so well worth it.

I would strongly recommend this series!

Robert Cohen says

This is, at least on the surface, an in-depth exploration of the world of BDSM, specifically something called TPE, which is Total Power Exchange (you'll have to look it up as I did). In truth, it's a love story, with

poignant digressions that are the sorts of tragic things that happen to you in life while you are busy making plans. And it is full of wise observations about those unexpected experiences.

Yes, there is graphic sex in the book, but it's not the focus, although there certainly is plenty of it. On occasion I actually found myself skipping a long sex passage so I could get back to the story (yeah, I'm just kinky that way). The real focus is the relationship between Sir (we never know his real name) and Lisa (known to Sir as Kitten). Lisa is an attractive 50 something woman in a dead, abusive marriage who seeks validation through her twitter connections, where she meets Sir. Add in the complex and dangerous husband Roger, and Thomas, a Dom friend at the gym, and her best friend Jean, and you have an authentic story that radiates love, hurt, sex, sadness, humor, and the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to.

I know very little about BDSM but the description of the novel intrigued me. I'm glad I listened to my intuition. Although he is not himself a participant in the world of BDSM, Smith did a lot of research for this book so I believe that what I am reading reflects that world realistically. TPE is nothing like what you would imagine BDSM to be. Sex is in fact a small part of it. It's about love, trust, kindness, and allowing oneself to be completely vulnerable. Without ever actually meeting, Sir and Lisa develop an intimacy that is rare in even the best marriages. I found myself in awe of the affection, courage, caring, and understanding between them. As Sir says at one point, "It's beauty and light and truth".

As for the sex (I guess I had to talk about it), i must admit that later in the book, the sex between _____ and _____ (no spoilers here, my friends) is damn hot, I repeat, damn hot. And the witty repartée between them is some of the funniest I've read in awhile. Smith's sense of humor is highly evolved.

We have here a cautionary tale about how much better healthy communication is than just talking at each other. This story is a modern romance with a twist. Don't be put off by the twist. Read it and you will be entranced by the realistic portrayal of the complexities of life, not to mention tantalized by the sex. And you will grow to love the characters, especially Sir and Lisa, just as I did.

It turns out that this is the first book in a trilogy. After you read the last sentence of this book, you will be unable to resist reading the next installment.

Joyffree says

Powerful Sexy and Engaging

This is one of those books that leaves me asking WTH did I just read - it borders the line on so many topics leaving me with more questions than answers

I received advanced readers copy for review consideration.

Ebru says

4-4,5 Entropic Stars

I have no idea how to review this book actually. There were lots of topic in the book, it's hard to focus on just one, beside from the main relationship between Sir and Lisa.

Lisa is a middle aged woman who has an unfunctional marriage with a cheating husband. They don't have anything in common but their two children maybe. In this marriage, Lisa finds the peace of her mind in social media, with the same minded people she's met there. And one day, she meets Sir.

Sir is at the same position as Lisa. He is a prisoner in an unhappy marriage, hiding his true self and searching for happiness.

A marriage takes work. You have to constantly put energy into it to keep it from falling apart. Going nowhere takes energy. Stability isn't what you get when you do nothing. It's what you can hope to achieve when you work hard.

Entropy has so many triggers for easily offended readers. There is cheating, cancer, death, a strange kind of polygamy (almost)...This book is really about entropy. When the things go well, something happens and turn the things into chaos.

Entropy was like a prologue to the real story. The epilogue of the book made me curious for the next one, Duality.

It took me so long to read this book because of "real life" obligations but, the good thing is no matter how many days you stay away from the book, when you turn back, you'll continue to read it without any problem.

Mr Smith's writing style is so different, almost unique in a way. He is balancing the non-fiction with a fiction as telling the story. It may be a little slow for some readers but it's the essence of the book.

You should really give this book a chance. It is more different than what's on the market recently and I enjoyed with this difference.

The copy is provided generously by the author, Joshua Smith.

Please click the image below to go to my blog

You can stalk me ;)

Pamela Greving says

Lisa is married and lonely. When her marriage is leaving her desiring more, she stumbles upon "Sir" via Twitter. As her and "Sir" develop a relationship from afar, Lisa has to decide if being a submissive is

something that she can handle. Entropy opens your eyes to the different aspects of the BDSM relationship that not only challenges the participants psychologically, but emotionally. I thought the author did a wonderful job with the story and portraying the BDSM world in a respectful way. It will be interesting to see what happens with Lisa and "Sir" in the next book! I am giving Entropy 4 stars!

Tracie Simister says

I gave this Book a rating of 4 ☆'s

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Summary Paragraph:

Lisa is unhappy in her affluent life and wants more. She meets SIR through an online chat, Twitter, and they begin an affair.

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What I liked/Didn't Like: I liked the book and would have given it 5 stars except for the pace of it was fairly slow yet well written. This book tackles some of the aspects of a BDSM online based affair between a married woman and a man not married to her but who is also married. While in days past an online affair would not be considered cheating it is considered cheating now and that is also another reason for the 4 stars I generally don't like books who have cheating in them but as it happens in real life it was pertinent to this series.

Carlene Inspired says

ARC provided in exchange for an honest review.

I've had Joshua Edward Smith's Entropy series on my to-read list for over a year and an opportunity to read all three in a row was something I couldn't pass up. I spent my weekend in the intriguing world of Lisa and Sir, a world of internet BDSM that becomes something so much more than just internet. The characters embark on affairs with one another, unsatisfied in their marriages and seeking something that lets them escape from the norm. Entropy deals with blurred lines and the difficulties that come with keeping secrets while still trying to live a previous life. It's complicated, it's fairly dramatic, it's at times sexy and sad, and it's ultimately a heavy read.

I knew what I was getting into with Entropy, I went into this reading from a very open perspective, knowing I was going to be reading about cheating and a different type of book when it came to BDSM. Entropy is written in third person, which is sort of a relief when it comes to the characters. I never got into their heads, I

never agreed with them at all actually, but I really enjoyed watching the entire book play out from an outside perspective. Lisa is a shallow, vain, mean character and more than anything, she's unhappy and she doesn't even know it. Sir is the man behind the screen, we don't know how he looks, we don't know his voice, but we know Lisa bends to him in every way. Smith takes Entropy a step farther than most books though, it's lengthy and tangled, especially as Lisa's life before Sir unravels. There's heartache, loss, health complications, and more. As complicated as real life is, Entropy wasn't really an escape from the norm, but rather a close up fictional study of how it works.

Smith's writing is different than the norm, when it comes to romance and BDSM novels readers aren't used to a more literary style. It's filled with words, descriptive, almost play-like. It's slow to read, but the pacing of the novel works, especially as it introduces you to the start of the next novel. Entropy is about a modern affair, one that maybe before wouldn't be called cheating, but absolutely is now. Smith takes on the subjects of human nature, self-discovery, death, and even psychology. Readers interested in a break from the norm of usual romance and erotica novels will find a nice escape with Entropy, but don't say I didn't warn you when you start to evaluate your own life and choices.

Mandi says

Mr. Smith gave me a copy of Entropy in exchange for an honest review.

Within the first few pages, I was immediately hooked, but as the story turned directions and the main character met a potential love interest, I wasn't sure I could keep reading. I'm not new to erotica and enjoy the genre from time to time; however, reading BDSM is out of my element a little. Because the writing was good, I continued. The pet names that they gave each other drove me crazy and the consistency in which the two main characters used them sometimes made me want to throw my phone. For somebody who is not well versed in BDSM, I assumed it was a normal "thing" in this type of relationship, and aside from that I really enjoyed the novel.

I found myself very invested in Lisa, the main character, and her journey to find her independence, and I appreciate the irony in the way it all played out. By the end, I found myself rooting for her and hoping that she would get what she wanted.

The story moves the reader effortlessly. It's well written and cleanly edited and a great first novel for Mr. Smith. Now if only I could get him to write me an epi-epilogue.

If you're into BDSM and unconventional relationships, or if you just want a good book that will educate you on some new *things*, you'll enjoy this book.

Dee Winston says

WOW!!! I didn't know what to expect with this book. But I found it to be enlightening, entertaining and emotional. Learning about Lisa and her awakening has been a learning experience. The jury is still out on Sir. I guess I'll have to finish the series to see.

Evie Heisskell says

This book is unlike almost every other romance novel I have ever read. These characters aren't doing everything right. They aren't living lives that are pretty and neat. They are struggling through a bunch of choices and circumstances, just trying to get to place where they are happy. The depth and personality of the characters are so masterfully developed that you can hear their voices, the tone of their words, and envision the expressions on their faces as they speak to each other. Just a complicated and beautiful story of a woman's struggle to find herself and to have a life that makes sense to her. Can't wait to dive into Duality to see where these characters go.

mk says

Upon reading the synopsis I guess I did not pay enough attention to the words “dominant” and “submissive” nor did I in any way connect it to BDSM, thinking that “social media” and “online affair” are the key words. Therefore, after reading a few pages, I was really surprised but also excited. The plot immediately caught my attention and I sank myself into the book.

From the very beginning I adored Lisa and I felt sorry for her many times, cursing the injustice and all the pains her life “endowed” her with. All I wished for was for her to be truly happy and content with her life. We both fell for Sir, with the slight difference that I also hated him for making Lisa so dependent despite knowing that this online affair was not likely to ever turn into something more.

The novel gives us an insight into a modern affair. It also demonstrates how people learn throughout life. We all should remember that we are never too old to learn something new and we should never stop our self-development. Joshua Edward Smith has an excellent writing style, characters are realistic and well-developed. Once I started reading, I could not put the book down. I definitely recommend it!

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