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Grant Madsen's got issues. He's still battling his Mafia family and doing everything possible to keep his loved ones safe. With the cruising season coming to an end, he has to find another job soon or he'll rejoin his father in prison. And he's trying to convince his rebellious teenage nephew to stay away from their criminal relatives (you can imagine how that's going). But worst of all, Grant's parole officer has mandated that he attend therapy.

The only saving grace is that they're couples sessions with his girlfriend, Sophie Taylor, a fellow parolee who's struggling with a few issues of her own. Sophie desperately hopes her past with Grant's brother won't destroy her future with him. There's a sleazy professor at work who revels in sexually harassing women in the psychology department. And her father still hates Grant.

Their psychologist has his work cut out for him.

When Grant's ruthless father hints at a plot to get out of prison, Grant must use everything he's learned in therapy and beyond to try to stop him. It's a race against time -- and a race to rescue Sophie from the Mafia's clutches once again. But this time McSailor and Bonnie refuse to play victims. This time the cuffs are coming off.

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April says

At last! A romance that continues AFTER the couple “falls in” love. Placing value on a HEALTHY relationship, no less! So many heroines these days completely lose themselves when they meet their “other half” – want to die if they part – as if that were “romantic”.

I didn't realize how much I missed Grant, Sophie and the eclectic bunch of side characters until I delved into book number 2 of this series. Bad Behavior picks up where With Good Behavior left off and takes the reader on a journey / adventure of its own. The reader gains keener insights into the characters, in particular Grant, Sophie and Ben.

At times it was heartbreaking: the realities and effects of child abuse, long into the victim's adult years. Yet the story also shows that the past CAN be overcome (so scratch what I said before, it's the “survivor's” adult years!) With Good Behavior reveals WHY Grant and Sophie are the people, in the position, that they are today, while Bad Behavior realistically portrays HOW they can change their ‘fate’ / shape a better future for themselves. It isn't easy!

Bad Behavior is a highly entertaining novel. Unique storylines and a couple of intelligent twists kept my rapt attention. I love the very fluid way in which the story (and subplots) continue to unfold in this series. I am heavily invested in the characters. :)

~*~amandapanda~*~ says

I can't wait for this to be released!!!
Just one week!!! :D

...I bought it as soon as it came out and devoured it quickly. :)

Jacki says

This sequel to Good Behavior was amazing. This book takes the reader on the journey of two people (Sexy McSailor Grant and his Bonnie Lass who gets to ride the McSailor Ship Sophie) ended in the first book. They start off two people who have gone through so much and who are in love with each other but this book takes it that much farther. You get to examine, feel and experience what are the sum of the parts of these two people whose marks of the past taint their present and can destroy their future. They are required to go to therapy sessions as a condition of their parole which they make as couple therapy which Grant is not too thrilled about but with the threat of going back to prison there is no other option. But with the issues from the first book added to the scars that were inflicted from their pasts you share in their journey to self exploration and rediscovery in understanding what helped them get to the place that they are and the way they have dealt with things so far.

This book doesn't hold back on the intensity or heartache when these two people as they, with the aid of Dr. Hunter, find out more about themselves and their pasts which have some similarities but in other ways vastly

different. Their journey together starts off shakey and down right painful nearly destroying themselves from what they find and how they handle the pain but they are determined to stay the course. They have bumps in the road and nothing is ever simple with this couple but something worth it is never easy. This book is a fabulous, intricate, sexy and another suspenseful story with twists and turns that you never expect. You get to see what makes these people tick and how the sum of their battered parts lead them down their paths to probation and how it affected every part of their lives. You come to see the beauty of these characters and even though the Mafia never can ever leave these two alone you see why they should be together and you fight right along with them to stay together.

Long Live the McSalior Lovin Boat Tours!! I cant wait for book 3!!!!

Jamie says

UPDATE: I love this series! I'm sorry, that's all I can say for lack of better words. I just love this series. I have come back and given it five stars because I have not been able to stop thinking about it. Any book/series that can do that to me deserves all the gold!

Debra Anastasia says

Back again with Sophie and Grant! They continue the series with a surprising, wonderful tale. Your summer reading list should include this book series. It is fantastic! Jennifer Lane gives you a gripping, suspenseful love story in the unlikeliest of circumstances. Treat yourself to Jennifer's whole collection.

Teresa says

I have loved this book so much I am almost speechless, and I had to take a break to collect my thoughts about it before doing a review. It has so much excellent psychology in it, that it was a complete delight to read. I have been riveted and intrigued about the characters' journey from the first page and the conclusion was great.

I have read countless "case studies" books from prominent psychotherapists, and this is often a favourite way of expanding my understanding of a particular psychotherapeutic model that I may not necessarily have the chance of practising myself often. This is typically done by the author using "composites" of several different real clients in order to illustrate different therapeutic dilemmas, techniques, or universally relevant or interesting life struggles. But this is the very first time that I had the enormous pleasure to read about detailed therapy encounters in a fiction book, with a fictional therapist, and fictional clients. I think that the format of the book is specifically inspired and astute: every other chapter in the book happens in the therapy room with Grant and Sophie's talking to their therapist, Dr Hunter. This way, the other chapters allow us a glimpse of the couple's interaction with the world at large, which moves the story along, and the "therapy" chapters present the couple's increasing disclosure (and therefore increasing intimacy) with each other. The character growth is portrayed in this way beautifully -albeit often painfully.

There have been so many moments portraying difficult emotions in the book, and doing it so well, so skilfully and sympathetically, that I've found myself reading while holding my breath on occasion, and

completely overcome with empathy for the characters. This to me, is the yardstick of excellent fiction, and the author has gifted us with an excellent book.

I have loved Dr Hunter Hayes all throughout his therapy sessions with Grant and Sophie (and by the way, isn't that an awesome name or what? HH!). What a brilliant, insightful and kind man. He has been portrayed as self-reflective and compassionate, but also at times, struggling with his own issues, which did remind me of "The Myth of the Untroubled Therapist", by Marie Adams.

Hunter is not perfect by any means, and I found myself quite horrified when he makes a gross assumption about Grant and Sophie (as they appeared dishevelled on their last session and with Grant sporting bandaged wrists). I thought that was quite a careless remark, but it was also welcome and inspirational (not sure if it was intentionally done by the author or not). It showed that Hunter is no superman, which is reassuring. He is just a very good therapist, but still human, and therefore flawed, just like all of us. It is impossible to be on your 100% "best therapist ever" mode all the time. And the plot twist of having him experiencing a crush on Grant was priceless. Just priceless.

I always thought that the middle book in a trilogy must be really hard to write: suspense and interest have to be maintained, the character's journey must continue to be interesting to follow and we have to still care about them as fully formed human beings. In this way, Grant and Sophie don't disappoint. In fact, Jennifer Lane has made them even more likeable and complex. Oh, my! How they both struggle to become better people!

The author has also done a fantastic job portraying therapists's dilemmas. Even though this is not the theme of the book, and I am sure that many readers might have been oblivious to the significance of this aspect, reading about Dr. Hayes's concerns about ethical boundaries has exponentially increased my enjoyment of the book. A number of typical and serious dilemmas in therapy are presented: whether to take up a couple for therapy or not, if one of them had been seen previously in individual therapy; what to do to move on from the embarrassing situation of bumping into your clients in public; how to manage an unintentional breach of confidentiality (as when Sophie, through her previous knowledge of Logan knew a lot of things about Grant's childhood, and had told Hunter about it, but Grant might not have been ready to disclose); dealing with countertransference.....

All these issues have been discussed realistically and I have enjoyed reading about them tremendously. Grant and Sophie's interactions while sitting on Dr Hayes couch were beautifully written, hence a joy to read. Even at times, it feels like not only Hunter -but Sophie too!- are doing therapy on Grant (poor darling!) at the same time, which I imagine is unavoidable as once a therapist, always a therapist. But Sophie also had her own personal growth journey to travel, and she does accomplish this through her love of her BF.

Most enjoyable book. After so much intrigue and action, I wonder what the third book will add, but I am already quite intrigued and excited about therapy sessions with a cantankerous teenager. Dr Hayes is having his work cut out for him!

Darcia Helle says

Sophie and Grant are the perfectly imperfect couple. Or is it imperfectly perfect? Either way, they are captivating together. They both come into the relationship slightly damaged and with lots of baggage. As they work through their issues in couple therapy, we see their vulnerabilities and their strengths.

I loved the tidbits of psychology sprinkled throughout. There are scenes here that many people, single and married, will be able to relate to on various levels.

While the heart of this story is romance, there is plenty of suspense and intrigue to keep things interesting. Grant's criminal family isn't about to let him go too easily.

Bad Behavior is the second book in Lane's CONduct series and picks up where With Good Behavior left off. While this one could be read as a stand-alone, I'd suggest starting with the first book in order to get a full understanding of Sophie and Grant's relationship.

Smash says

Read this review at Smash Attack Reads! <http://www.smashattackreads.com/2011/...>

Smashtastic Synopsis: Grant and Sophie are back! In the second installment in The CONduct series by Jennifer Lane, Grant and Sophie face new perils as they fight to keep their love alive. Grant continues to battle his mafia family and inner demons, all the while fighting to stay out of prison. The end of cruise season is upon him, and if he doesn't find a new job soon, it's back to the slammer for him! Slammer = Papa Barberi = No good. All of this is threatening his sanity, and his parole officer knew just what Grant needed: therapy.

Thankfully, he's able to attend couple's therapy with his gorgeous girlfriend, Sophie, who is dealing with a few issues all her own. Sophie is struggling with her past mistakes and how they could affect her future with Grant. She has to deal with a sleaze ball at work, and her father still hates Grant.

Poor Dr. Hunter has his work cut out for him with these two!

When Grant picks up on a plot that his despicable father is planning, Grant must step up to the plate and use all his learned techniques and dig deep to stand up to his ruthless father. Sophie and Grant both find themselves in hellish scenarios, but this time, our loveable couple refuse to play victims.

Interest in the book: I really enjoyed With Good Behavior and have since become great internet friends with the author. This book is definitely outside the genre norm for me but there is something so fun and exciting about following the heroic and romantic adventures of the two main characters.

Characters: Sophie Taylor is back and more magnificent than ever. Picking up the pieces of her life after an ethical blunder, Sophie is steadily finding her place in the world again. She is a nurturer who isn't afraid of change and working on her own shit, and I love her for it. Grant is up against some serious odds in this book, but with a devoted Sophie by his side, this man can do anything! I cannot get enough of these two together. They are so relatable and likeable. I love their dedication to each other, and their ability to work through those tough pieces of life in therapy. They are rocksauce!

I am so pleased that Jen chose to elevate Ben's role in this book. Watching Grant's teenage nephew grow and mature throughout this book was beautiful and made me teary-eyed. He has gone through so much and Grant refuses to let their family or past bring Ben down. So much love!

And I can't forget about Dr. Hunter, who was really a stand out for me! We got to see a lot of Jen's expertise

through Dr. Hunter, who was a pretty fantastic psychologist. He brings up the issue that many psychologists / therapists / social workers deal with: how hard it is to remain unbiased and nonjudgmental when working with someone. It was so beneficial for me to see how even Dr. Hunter struggled with remaining neutral and unattached.

I must say I'm pretty impressed at Jen's ability to go back and forth between POVs with ease. It really allows the reader to know exactly how the characters feel and what they are thinking in the moment. Jen explains her choice to use third person omniscient in this post, and personally, I think it works.

Worldbuilding: Jennifer Lane is a practicing psychologist and it shows! I admit it is one of the biggest reasons I love this series. I get to put on my therapy hat and really dissect what is happening to the characters, and how their pasts have shaped them. Plus, Jen throws her brilliance onto the pages a la therapy, and you gain some really great insight into what makes the characters tick. You will no doubt understand the characters and their actions. I love it!

Lasting Impressions: This novel was full of suspense and romance, with a bit of sad and enlightening moments thrown in. Lots of family drama and some great action, plus some fantastic humor! I thoroughly enjoyed watching McSailor and Bonnie's love grow as they dealt with what they can never change and accepted who they were. And together, these two can do anything.

Smashtastic Entertainment Scale: Wicked Enjoyable!

GraceMyBookSnack says

My book journey takes me to Chicago again for more of my favorite ex-cons, Grant and Sophie! While the first book showed where the romance began for these two, *Bad Behavior* centers on our lovable couple working on their issues. Through couples counseling, the emotions fly high as old scars resurface. It's a good thing that their psychologist is so patient and caring. I gotta love Dr. Hunter Hayes as he helps them tackle their demons head on. Grant, especially, had a huge mountain to climb, since being the son of an abusive Mafioso boss left such deep scars.

Although the therapy sessions are good portion of this book, I think one of the highlights is the relationship Grant has with his teenage nephew. Ben is at an impressionable age, and Grant wants so much for him to not be pulled into the mafia life. He's confused and hurting after all that went down with his father, Logan. The decisions Ben makes all add to the tension. Really, he has become one of my favorites in this series.

This book has less suspense than the first book, but the suspense that goes down pretty much unfolds spectacularly!

Nix says

This sequel does NOT disappoint! *Bad Behavior* takes off right where *With Good Behavior* ended: Grant and Sophie are sharing an apartment and Sophie's big mouth has landed them in couple's counseling as a condition of their parole. It's the aftermath of the dramatic climax of *With Good Behavior* and Grant and Sophie still have a lot to learn about each other – and themselves.

We get to know them a little deeper (by being a fly on the wall during their therapy sessions); their strengths and weaknesses. Two essentially good people with (understandable) imperfections, determined to maintain a healthy relationship with each other despite the past and the effect that it's had on each of them. It's gratifying to watch the individuals, and couple, grow during the course of the book.

There are familiar faces (like Ben, Rog, Jerry, Marilyn, Joe, Will, Enzo, Angelo, "Tank", "Meat", Kirsten and Hunter); new jobs/careers; interesting new characters and storylinesand insidious people from the past who just won't let go!

Bad Behavior has some startling twists and turns that I did NOT see coming! (and I'm usually pretty good at predicting these things!) As in With Good Behavior, Jennifer Lane's perceptive and entertaining writing style morphs into some pulse-racing action as the book draws to a close.

I loved the ending! The storylines are satisfyingly resolved, yet it's also clear that Jennifer Lane has something clever up her sleeve for the third installment of The Conduct Series, "On Best Behavior". (see the extract of On Best Behavior at the end of this book :)

5 stars!

Megan (magan bagan) says

In this sequel to With Good Behavior, Jennifer Lane takes us on an emotional journey of discovery and strength with her two main characters that left me wanting more. She proved once again why I love her writing.

Picking up where WGB left off, Sophie and Grant continue their routines of going to work and parole meetings, only now they have to add couples counseling into the mix. This won't be an easy task for either of them, especially since they are still learning about each other.

Our favorite parolees both have to face things they never thought they'd have to again, including an old professor of Sophie's and Grant's incarcerated father, relying on each other to make it through. Even amidst the bad and difficult situations they have to face, good news is on the horizon, proving that they can make it together.

Jennifer Lane maintained a beautiful mixture of humor and angst as she delved deeper into Sophie and Grant's story. New nicknames, interesting twists, and difficult decisions are just a few of the things that Bonnie and McSailor have to face and that's not even the half of it.

I fell for the sweet and sensitive Grant in With Good Behavior, but in this continuation he is even more adorable and dream worthy. Who doesn't want a strong and sensitive former Navy Sailor?

There were a few sensitive scenes that took place, and this is not for younger readers, but it's a story that's intrigued me from the very beginning. And for one am already anxious for the conclusion to this series, On Best Behavior. Jen has done a fantastic job dealing with the complicated emotions one has to face when being released from prison and I looked forward to reading anything else from her in the future.

Rachel says

I don't know how Jennifer Lane got all that story line into this book I'll never understand, but she did it. I really like that we get to see into Sophie and Grant's therapy appointments like we get to see their parole appointments too. Not to mention how far Grant and Sophie both come in this book, it's amazing, and it doesn't seem contrived just to get the book moving. I can't wait to see what happens in book #3!

Angel says

It's official: I LOVE THIS SERIES! And the sequel is even better!

I loved so many things about this series-- particularly the characters! Aside from our Bonnie and McSailor ;p, I love Rog, Joe, Jerry and Benny! They're hilarious! And I love Hunter!

But the one thing I love the MOST about this series is that the author nailed ALL the psychological stuff! Which of course doesn't surprise me because Jennifer Lane is also a psychologist! The entire time I was reading this book, I can't remember how many times I told myself that psychologists in training (like myself), should read the series! I learned a lot from all the therapy scenes and from Sophie! This series gives a really good insight to the practice. Not to mention, a good review in theories of personality! As I've said in one of my status updates, the "discussion" about Carl Rogers was so spot on and that alone already deserves 5 stars! [Although, I'm kinda biased because I have always preferred the humanistic approach in psychotherapy 0;)] I would certainly recommend this series to my psych friends, and perhaps, --even though I don't think it's probable-- if ever I'd get to teach a Psychotherapy class, I would even recommend this to my students ;)

HOWEVER, let me assure you that even though you don't have a background in psychology, you will still enjoy this series! I found myself laughing so many times throughout the series and at times, I felt so moved that I found myself wiping my tears. Just read the other reviews if I'm not convincing enough.

I can't wait for the 3rd book! And, I'm glad that this one didn't end in a cliffhanger! Though I'm really looking forward to read more about Bonnie and McSailor 0=)

Lisette Brodey says

I'm simply having the best time reading Jennifer Lane's Conduct Series. My reading time is so limited and for me to commit to an entire series, it has got to be a great read.

I loved the first book in this series, *With Good Behavior*. The two main characters, Sophie Taylor (a psychologist) and Grant Madsen (a Navy man), are both paroled from prison. They're two good people who should have never been in prison, but for two very different reasons, both courtesy of the Barbieri crime family (Grant's family), they each served time. They meet in their parole officer's waiting room and the

story takes off from there.

Lane has done a terrific job in moving seamlessly from *With Good Behavior* to *Bad Behavior*. In this second novel, she writes just enough to remind the reader what they read in the first novel or to initiate a reader who hasn't read the first book. As in most series, they're better enjoyed if you read all books, but this book would be very readable on its own.

The characters are well defined, and the story is well paced and always on the move from one place to another. Something is always happening both with the emotional growth of the characters as well as the action. I'm quite interested in psychology, so I was not only pulled in by the story, but I learned more about the psychology via the two characters who are clinical practitioners.

And yes, I already have a copy of the last book in the series!

Lydia says

This was the perfect follow-up to a fantastic first book. I loved the idea of getting to see what happens after the "happily ever after". Plus, we get to see two adults in a mostly healthy relationship trying to figure it all out. I can't say enough about this book. All the things I loved about the first one are true about this one as well.

I loved that the reader gets to see how the relationships with each of the main character's families develop. I loved watching Sophie's dad slowly grow fond of Grant. It was just fun.

I can't wait for the next one!!! Come on, Jennifer! Hurry it up already!
