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Leanne Langan says

Great book. enjoyed the story line that kept changing until the end.

Janine says

This is my first book by Linda Lael Miller, and I daresay my last.

The characters are inconsistent and the pacing is bad. We have Vanessa who tries to act tough but caves to everyone, including the ex-husband. She doesn't want to get to know Nick because he's an ex-pro athlete with a history of womanizing, but then she has a heated sexual encounter with him less than 24 hours after meeting him. He gets frustrated with her because she's pushing him away while admitting that they don't know each other well enough. And yet he continually tries to earn her trust by using the same tactics her ex-husband used on her and pressuring her for sex. Then he has the audacity to make her out to be the bad guy. There wasn't much about these characters that I liked.

This was not a new title by this author, but rather a reissue of something written in the 1980s, which explained the awful fashion choices of Vanessa and the sex scenes were almost laughably funny with the descriptions. Luckily I skimmed the rest. You're read one sex scene and you've read them all.

The writing wasn't terrible, but it certainly wasn't good enough to save this book from a dismal review.

Sharon Sherman says

Linda Lael Miller tells it like it is when she writes of love and fear that the new man might be like the old one. A good yarn.

Liz Mawhinney says

I really liked this book. I think the older books that Linda wrote are good to read because it gives you a sense of how her writing style changes etc. She is really awesome.

Loretta says

well, this was definitely a fun ride! The complications that any previous relationship does cast shadows over current and future relationships, even as we try to separate them. I was intrigued by the desire and patience shown by D'Angelo and thoroughly unsurprised by the sabotage by Parker. Very relatable and well written. What a solution to such a tumultuous beginning! And how brave that they decided to overcome the drama of

their pasts.

Christine (KizzieReads) says

This was not so good. Vanessa was always playing hot and cold to Nick, while he patiently waited for her to be on the hot side. She was constantly comparing him to her ex-husband, even though he was the complete opposite. Her ex was lying to her, and even though she admitted that he lied in the past, she believed him whole-heartedly when it came to lies about Nick. There was no character development, and no relationship development. There was lust, hot and cold actions, lust, hot and cold actions, then finally marriage. There was no substance between them. Vanessa hated when Nick took the reins so to speak and make plans, but it was okay when she did that. This one was very flat for me, too many problems. The bad far outweighed the good.

TinaMarie says

I really wanted to like this but the story was flat and characters and situations ranging from unbelieving to annoying

Barb says

As far as Vanessa Lawrence is concerned, jocks are bad news. Once married to one of baseball's superstars, she's coped with betrayal, divorce and the tabloids. She's worked hard to establish her career, and now her ex-husband's tell-all autobiography threatens to destroy everything she's achieved.

When ex-football hero Nick DeAngelo takes to the playing field that was once her heart, Vanessa's not about to let another sports-crazed womanizer ruin her life. But Nick's not prepared to let Vanessa get away. Instead, he tackles her stubborn pride, her obnoxious ex and the gossip columns head-on. Because the day he saw Vanessa, he knew he'd found his destiny....

The characters were real, believable and made you want to take sides. Written as someone who knew what this hurt was like. Once i started, i couldn't put it down. 5 stars.

CeCe says

It was okay. Too much fighting and not enough reconciliation. It just dragged on a little too much.

Shyann says

Really disappointed that this book gave me a headache and put me in a slump when I was gonna attempt the booktube challenge. I guess I'll be a day late

MsChris1161 says

I had read one other LLM short novel and was not impressed, but she gets so many good reviews I wanted to give her writing another try. Sadly, this book left a worse impression on me than the first and I had to force myself to finish it.

My biggest complaint is with Vanessa, the female protagonist. She was shallow, wishy-washy, did not know her own mind, basically, a drama queen with no backbone. Her back story is she was married to an arrogant, lying, cheating famous athlete and was too hurt by this to date or make any type of commitment because of it. However, she let's her friends manipulate her into a blind date (not the first time apparently), let's Nick bowl her over into accepting to spend the next day with him, let's him strip her down for everything but intercourse (while bragging he's not the type to pressure her for sex she isn't ready for). She also let's her ex-husband push her into several things she doesn't want and even her cousin who supposedly cares so much for her. Pretty much every person in her life, including herself, completely ignores what she says she wants and she caves EVERY TIME. Oh, and towards the end she admits she fell in love with Nick the night she met - mostly his good looks.

Nick fell for Vanessa watching her on the shopping channel, her beauty of course, and proceeded to pursue her because he was in love. Here's where I say, initial chemistry is one thing, but for me to believe it the writer has to sell it. I didn't see it or feel the connection between Nick and Vanessa beyond that of an attractive first date. There was never a scene I would consider a romantic moment between the two.

Parker, the self-centered, manipulative ex-husband was the most real and believable character in the story.

And speaking of believable, too many things that just would not go down as explained. But I'll narrow it to one, and yes it's a spoiler.:

Vanessa doesn't renew her contract with Midas network, accepts a talk show host contract at a station in San Francisco, sells her home, then decides days before her first day on the new job to back out and instead accepts a similar position with a station in Seattle. As if she wouldn't be legally bound to a contract.

Fiction is fiction, I know, but some things should be realistic. Most of this story was just so unrealistic in how it played out I could never buy into it. Very disappointing read. I give it 1-1/2 stars. Absolutely my last LLM read.

Nina says

But what happened to the cat?

Willow Brook says

I like Linda Lael Miller's work very much overall, but this 1989 reprint was very dated and the h cried a lot. I skimmed the last 1/3.

Luv says

Yikes! I own several LLM books but this is the first one I have read. Hopefully they aren't all as poorly written as this book. The plot is stale. The lead h character wavers constantly and has the backbone of a spaghetti noodle. I expected more from this author. As of today I've put a hold on purchasing any new LLM books until I can read a couple more I already own.

Annette Clements says

Really enjoyed reading this book. Could not put it down.
