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My name is Alix and I am addicted to sex.

Had been for years. I thought I learned how to live a normal life, but that's the thing about addiction, it creeps back up when you least expect it. There is no one there for me, no one I can turn to for help. Until I'm given a chance to explore a side of myself I'd always kept locked away. I was lost...until him. I can't tell you who he is, or why he does the things he's done. All I can say is I hope one day I behave well enough to take off the blindfold and see the man who controls my addiction. My Master.

My name is John and I am addicted to control.

I tried to deny the dominate side of my personality. I didn't want to admit how much I enjoyed the power, how much I enjoyed causing pain. That is until the woman I'd been secretly been stalking waltzed into a BDSM club right in front of me. All bets are off. She will be mine.

Together our addictions feed off each other, fueling the fire that burns within. Until suddenly the fire is too hot to handle, burning everything in its path. The pain and scars we'd both come into our fragile relationship with are split wide open, exposing more than either of us can handle, possibly leaving nothing behind to salvage from the ashes.

Warning: Intended for audiences 18+ due to explicit sex & vulgar language, mention of rape/abuse

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From Reader Review Addict for online ebook

Ruthie Taylor says

"I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads."

This follows on from a novella called Lost Cravings, which introduces us to the work life of the male lead here, John. It is not necessary to read it first, but it is a great little read, so I would recommend it to you.

Addict is a quick, intense and extremely hot story, which ends leaving one wanting more ... and more is promised! It is told by both the lead characters, which works well, and gives us insight into how things may develop, and certainly into some of their issues! The BDSM elements are used well, and some issues arise which I am sure will feature in later books. I am hopeful that Ms Orman is not celebrating Christmas too much and plans on getting the next installment out very soon ...

Ellen ♦ Book Bellas ♦ says

3.5 - 4 stars!!

This was the first book I read by this author and I was very pleasantly surprised! I did not know anything about this book going in and read this sexy and erotic story in one sitting. Alix has a sex addiction that has interfered with her personal and professional life. She knows she has a compulsion and she just cannot help herself. She has tried recovery and twelve-step programs to no avail. When she sees a handsome and sexy stranger at her hotel night after night, she knows she is heading down a dangerous path again.

But John notices her, too, and because of his profession, he is almost 100% sure that she has an addiction. He then begins a secret (well, on his part – she does not know who he is) relationship with her within the confines of a friend's BDSM club.

Addict is a highly erotic, very sexy and explicit story that actually has a lot of heart and soul and can be read in one sitting. John and Alix are incredible together and their scenes are highly charged. John is one sexy Dominant!! If you are not uncomfortable in reading about Alix's uncontrollable sexual urges, then by all means grab this erotic story and enjoy!!

Angie says

~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads Review Team~

This is the first book I have read by Rachael Orman but it will NOT be my last! Alix is a sex addict and has been for years, she has had it under control for several years now, until she sees John. John is a dominate and a control freak, he notices Alix and has for a while but she doesn't know that. A chance outing to a BDSM club with a co-worker Alix finds what she needs in Master J. When John sees Alix walk into the BDSM club he knows he has to have her. This is one seriously hot book and the story is good as well. This book brought

me out of my book slump and I can't wait for the next book, I only hope my wait isn't too long.

Characters: The characters were well written and believable.

Sex: yes and so flipping hot!!

Religious: no

Would I recommend to others: yes

More than one book in the series: yes

Genre: BDSM/Romance

Would I read more by this author: yes

~Wicked Reads Review Team~

Tabitha Schmer says

I have a love/hate relationship with John. Hiding his identity was wrong on so many levels however Alix would have never trusted him if she had known who he was. Overall I enjoyed this book and would recommend it.

Shelby says

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This is the first book I've read by Rachael Orman, and I was pleasantly surprised!

I really liked the blurb and couldn't wait to see how this was executed.

We meet Alix, a self-professed Sex-Addict, while she's at work (at an upscale hotel). She's seated at her desk, in her office, and watching an extremely sexy guest who's walking to his room. She's not only watching him, but "massaging" herself - and notices he's watching her! I just want to say that this scene right here TOTALLY sold me on this story. It's sexy, it's scintillating, and completely intriguing.

Upon Alix visiting a BDSM club, she's discovered by a secret Dominant and finds that she's excited by being "mastered". Not knowing who this man is leads to exhilarating scenes of submission, learning to trust, learning about herself and her true needs, and ultimately falling in love.

Overall, this story was exciting and sexy. I liked Alix, and found myself lusting for the Dom :) and I just couldn't put the book down. I did have some issues with the secrecy, but overall this was an entertaining read!

Jennifer says

I absolutely loved this book.

We first meet John in a prequel novella called Lost Desires, and I was immediately intrigued by him. When

Rachel told me she was writing his story, I couldn't wait.

John is a therapist. Not just any kind. He helps couple reconnect sexually. He's cool, calm and very good at his job. He's a sexy Brit who's addicted to control.

Alix is a sex addict. She is the events coordinator at a hotel, and one client that she sees weekly has her falling back into old ways.

A chance invite to a party introduces her to Master J, giving her a whole new way to explore her addiction without feeling like a deviant. The only problem is he won't let her see him.

This story is full of intrigue, chemistry and steamy sexual encounters. The unknown Master J lends to a forbidden fantasy type plot, which I found fun and different.

There IS a cliffhanger in this story, but I have no doubt that the second book will be worth the wait.

Mary Mooney says

I received a copy to read and review for Wicked Reads, so here is my review. Have you ever really thought about what addiction was? It could be drugs, gambling, even shopping but you rarely think of sex as an addiction. But that is what Alix is, a sex addict. She has been through treatment before but the compulsions her body has, she just has to get release. But when she is done, the guilt and embarrassment sets in. She sees the most gorgeous man she has even seen at work and she finds herself fantasizing about him. When she goes out with a coworker, they end up at a BDSM club. While the coworker is in shock, Alix feels almost at peace, like she is home. When she comes out of the restroom, she is grabbed but not in a threatening way. The man tells he to come back tomorrow night and to tell the front desk she is there for Master J. What will she do? She shows up because she wants what he seems to be offering. Can she handle it when she finds out who Master is? Master J is John the sex therapist we met in Lost Desires. Here he will get his chance and hopefully he can hang on to it. I hate the ending because I need more NOW. This is one of those stories that had me hooked from the very first page and I can't wait for more.

HeatherTX says

What a treat this freebie turned out to be! Still currently free (as of 4/18/15) so make sure to take advantage of it while it lasts. Now on to Fiend!

Mandie Foxylutely says

I wavered between a two and a three for this one. As much as I love dark, hardcore erotic reads this one just

didn't do it for me. I think it was the sex addict and the constant masturbation the fMC felt the need for (even at work at her desk!). I found myself skipping over bits which didn't goad for a good read to me. I did like Master J though!

It's one of those love it or hate it kind of reads, I was an inbeteener! I have read other books by this author though and loved them. Give it a whirl - it might just float your erotic sex boat :)

Sofia Galvez says

4 Platypires for Addict by Rachael Orman.

I need to start off by saying that the cover of the book is HOT. Seriously, that is what drew me to it. The author had sent a review request to the Platypire page and then informed us that it was free on Amazon. SWEET! I immediately downloaded it.

I literally couldn't get enough and really enjoyed this book. The book was hot, sexy and steamy. A really good page turner. I thought the writing style was really good too. My only complaint is that I thought there was a tad too many coincidence between John & Alix. He lived in the same hotel as her job. They were at the same sex club and then John was Alix online counselor. I think the counselor bit was too much but it didn't take away from the story. I get it. The characters have to interact. I still really enjoyed the whole story. I can't wait to read the sequel.

I would highly recommend this book for those who like erotic romance with a little kink.

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

This is the first book I've read by this author but it certainly won't be the last. I thoroughly enjoyed this hot and spicy read.

This is Alixs story. Alix is a sex addict. When an opportunity is proposed to her she goes for it. Then she meets Master J and her life changes.

I thought the storyline was great and the characters were well formed. Be warned there are plenty of sex scenes and bdsm in this story.

Although this book doesn't end in a kindle throwing cliffhanger it is 'to be continued'. Hopefully we don't have to wait too long for more of Alixs story.

Clara Harding says

WARNINGCONTAINS SPOILERS****

Addict by Rachael Orman was Amazing! Sensually Whipped Cream Twisted with Delectable Strawberries were the perfect accompaniment whilst reading this sex addict inspired BDSM Romance Novel..... The level of detail inspired a full motion picture that I was able to imagine from the words written on each page,

making the story of Alix and John one of epic and more than noteworthy proportions. Hooked from the first few pages you are lured into the plot and tempted by the mysterious and impeccably hot stranger that Alix sees every day in her job within the hotel that she works at. This man is the center of her sexual desires but also her sexual nightmare.....Alix is a sex addict who up until now has managed to place her temptations on hold, that is until she sees him, the man with no name, the man who suddenly ignites a burning flame within her that no amount of pleasuring herself can extinguish or even contain.....

After self destructing her life giving into her sexual addiction issues, Alix has manged to find a new job and jump start her life again after intense rehab. She no longer goes out and makes sure she keeps busy in her job and at home in order to keep a lid on her problem. Up until recently she has managed to stay "clean" for quite sometime but it all went to hell the moment she laid eyes on the man who would come to haunt her. She indulges herself the few minuets it takes for him to enter the hotel, talk to the front desk and then walk to the elevators. She then waits a short time until he comes back down and leaves. She thinks by not talking to him, not finding out who he is she is keeping a leash on her issues but she is in deeper than she will admit to. Seeing him on evening she finds herself pleasuring herself watching him, only just as she is about to come he looks straight at her, locked in each other's gazes she succumbs to the pleasure that washes over her. Scared he will tell her boss causing her to be fired again from another job for her indiscretions she panics, he doesn't seem to say anything but she doesn't want to take the chance and leaves early practically running.

John has been watching Alix for sometime, this game that they play is all he can allow himself, you see no one will understand him, or so he believes. You see as a job he is a sex therapist and her is also in his private life a Dom, a man who demands control, a man who he believe no woman can handle. Realising Alix is pleasuring herself looking right at him surprises him to say the least, this woman now intrigues him more than before, he needs to know her.

Alix returns to work, but the man with no name hasn't said anything.....why? Trying not to over analyze it and wanting to break her pattern of watching him now she knows how dangerous he is to her resolve she goes on a night out with the girl from the front desk but little do they know the invite is to visit an exclusive sex club. Arriving there Alix realizes she is in her element and after seeing so many people having sex she cannot help but go and pleasure herself in the bathroom.

John in the meantime has received a call from a friend asking if her can help him out by looking after the club he owns given that it is by invitation only night when they look for "new blood" to join. Whilst looking at the camera's he is stunned to realize that Alix is in the club, he watches her go to the bathroom knowing full well what she is going to do. Before he can talk himself out of it he runs down the back stairs only to grab Alix from behind keeping her back to him so she cannot see his face, he propositions her, inviting her to come back to the club for a one on one session whilst seducing her in such a way he leaves her knees weak. Before she can turn around he slips away.

Alix is floored by the sexy stranger with the smooth as silk British accented voice promising her pleasure beyond her wildest dreams. Knowing she needs to try and get over the man with no name from the hotel she accepts and returns to the club. What happens next is an astounding story of submission, addiction, secrets & lies but also sexual ecstasy at heights even making the pages of the kindle burn to the touch!

A 5 Star Novel better than any BDSM novel I have read this year! To say this novel inspired some real life thoughts and feelings is an understatement, if you like your sex, hard fast and full of pure desire twisted with some serious kink then this is a novel you WANT to read!!!

Dayreader Reviews says

I started reading Addict by Rachael Orman, early in the morning, it woke me right up! What a way to start a book, very "pleasurable"! So, I knew right then I was in for one toe curling day of reading.

Alix is addicted to sex, at first you think, so what! What's so wrong with a woman being addicted to sex, needing sex? I bet there isn't a man out there that would be bothered by that. This however, tends to get her in trouble, if she decides to self help her addiction at work, at her desk..... see what I'm getting at here.

John is addicted to control. This kind of conflicts with his job, too. He enjoys causing pain. These two together are like gasoline and fire. This fire burns hot, what happens when a fire catches fast and burns hot? One is keeping a secret, the other could be emotionally damaged- it could destroy both of them.

This book was hot, and almost all sex, but you know with a warning like that, I don't expect it to be Shakespeare. The author gave this warning for a reason: ****Warning: Intended for audiences 18+ due to explicit sex & vulgar language, mention of rape/abuse****

I give Addict 4 stars.

Lexxi Kitty says

My first book by this author.

I believe I originally got this book because it was mentioned as being free in that Dark Erotica group I'm in. So, if so, I'll mention that up front – this is not a Dark Erotica book (at least by my understanding of the terms). Though it is an erotic book. And a book filled with BDSM. There's bondage, a bondage club, spankings, whippings, domination, submission, a mix of sadism and masochism, some comments about 'pain slut', some bit of orgasm control/denial, the use of chains, the use of cuffs, and blindfolds, and a bit of forced exposure (inside a bondage club, while blindfolded and therefore uncertain how many might be there); and finally a bit of romance between two sex addicts. The kind of romance that can occur while one keeps their identity a secret (hence the use of a blindfold).

As the book description starts off (at the moment on GoodReads) "My name is Alix and I am addicted to sex." This isn't a pose or anything like that. She's gone to therapy. She's a sex addict. Not someone who thinks they might be or could be. The kind who can't stop herself from masturbating at the drop of need. Though, after the therapy, she's been able to fight her cravings. Until recently.

Alix works as a concierge at a hotel. While in her position she has a view of the hotel lobby. This is important because her ability to fight her cravings has collapsed under the assault of a hotel visitor, who she eventually learned is named John. John's crime? Existing. Something about him has caused Alix to lose her control. And by lose control, I don't mean that she day dreams about him, then in the safety of her own apartment . . . handles things. By 'lose control, I mean that she masturbates. There. At her desk. While looking at him. That kind of lose control.

Naturally, in a situation like this the thing to do is allow your coworker, the hotel receptionist (hmm, what is that position called again? Gah), to talk you into going to an exclusive club. Alix reluctantly agrees.

Whereupon it turns out that this exclusive club is a bondage club. The friend is both fascinated and horrified – some petrified like deer in headlights. Alix is some mixture of that, but mostly aroused. To the point of needing to use the restroom. To play with herself. Then stand in the hallway outside and continue (if I recall correctly, been a while since that part of the book). Not that night but eventually, she meets a man whole will

become her Master. That man happened to witness her actions. And had previously seen her at the hotel. That man is none other than . . . Santa Claus. Who is always watching you. Be naughty or nice. Wait, no, it's . . . John.

That guy who I mentioned above *waves vaguely upwards*, John? I've forgotten what his specific background is, but he has a distinctive British accent. Which I mention because, after a certain event, hell I'll just say it. After becoming Alix's master, he never attempts to talk to Alix while Alix knows him as John (that's awkwardly phrased, I know, while in the mode of Master, Alix wears a blindfold and the room is kept darkish when she isn't; when not in the mode of Master . . . John continues his never actually talking with Alix, now with the added risk that if he did, his distinctive accent would immediately give him away). So.

John keeps stopping by the hotel, not because he really likes hotel lobbies, flirty receptionists (desk attendants? Desk managers? Bloody hell, can't remember what they are called), nor specifically because of Alix. But because he lives there. And, occasionally, uses one of the hotel rooms for work. For he is a sex therapist. The kind who helps couples who are in need of help. With sex. He, no longer, allows himself to be involved directly – at least no more directly than being in the same room.

Alix doesn't believe she can have a real relationship (romantic or otherwise, i.e. friends) because of her sex addiction. John won't allow himself to have a relationship because of the nature of whom and what he is. He has had too much experience with those who freak out about his job; and/or turn out to be inadequate submissives (that was mentioned, I forget now how). Yet both are drawn to the other. They complement each other's needs and desires. The book follows this couple as they move from strangers to vaguely couple like status.

I must have hated this book, right? I mean, I started reading the book on the 20th. No, not 11 days ago. The 20th of November. And completed it on the 31st of December. Six weeks. 42 days. 1008 hours. 60,480 minutes. 11.51% of 2015. If you are familiar with my reading style then you might know why I am belaboring the amount of time taken to read this book. If not, then not. It's simple. I have on occasion read 3 books on the same day. Though that's stretching things and likely the first book had been started the night before, and all three are super short, but it's been done. Books not short stories. Toss in short stories and the numbers go up. It's a book of only 217 pages. It shouldn't have taken this long to read, right? Well, no not right. I always take longer with certain books. Nonfiction. Wordy fiction. Erotica that is book length. I read them, at least erotica, in short chunks. Meaning that I didn't read, or need 1008 hours to read the book. At least not in terms of amount of actual reading time.

Okay, that was a boring paragraph above. I only meant to note that it took me a while to read this but it was my own choice and not a reflection of the book itself. It was a clean well written book without anything that pushed me out, caused me issues, or otherwise 'deserved' to look like a 'problem book'.

I liked the book. I'm not 100% certain I like John, but he was 'livable'. I liked Alix though she was kind of down on herself. Straight forward BDSM novel. There's no non-consent or dubious consent moments. Heck, John kept up a steady stream of comments, dropping them here and there, to reassure Alix, and himself, that everything was okay (I'm making that specific aspect seem worse than I mean). Certain boundaries are pushed, but with great care. There are only, really, two negatives.

First negative (One) - after being so concerned with how Alix was reacting to everything, and wanting to make sure she didn't flee or anything like that, dragging her out into the bondage club, while blindfolded, and wearing only panties without first determining if that might or might not be an issue was vaguely confusing. In that he seemed determined to make sure everything else 'worked'. To just drag her out there

seemed out of character. Granted, I only thought of this specific negative after I started thinking about the book as a BDSM novel. At the time I probably thought of it, but it wasn't really much of an issue. She didn't panic, nor find herself in a situation she didn't know how to get out of or anything like that. So it was all good. And stuff.

Second negative (Two) – this is a much more important negative. I've mentioned before that John works as a sex therapist. I mentioned use of hotel rooms. Apparently he also has an office (not important), and also works as an online (anonymous) consultant. At some point, Alix begins to use the service (and will continue to do so throughout the book). I forget now how John knew immediately that it was Alix, but he knew immediately. Despite both using code names as online handles. This initial online consultation isn't the issue necessarily. He knew of her, had seen her, but had never interacted with her in any way before this initial online interaction. No, it was later, when she continued to use the service. And he continued 'handling' her. After they became an item. That's . . . unethical and super creepy. And that's not even considering the part where Alix didn't know who her online doctor was, nor that she actually knew him.

Despite those two negatives, which I noticed in passing but didn't actually and really get annoyed about, I enjoyed the book. I'm not exactly sure what could be in a second book. Though know that there's both a prequel and a sequel to this book here. I'll probably read another book by Rachael Orman but not sure I'll read the sequel.

In terms of ratings – somewhere along the way I had a system. At some point I broke the system and started thinking of ratings in terms of deducting $\frac{1}{2}$ or full stars for certain things. I'm sure I overrated (and/or underrated) books in the past during my brief run of insanity. Well, I was using a baseline of 5. 'There's nothing bad about it, so I'll give it a five'. I don't think any book actually crept into the five star slot because of that, but some probably got overrated because I'd fallen into that trap. No, I start with three, as 'average' and deduct or add as needed. In theory. Mostly I just wing it. Like now. I liked the book. Roughly 4.5 much. So . . . I deem this book 4.5 stars! Or something.

ETA: oh right, I just thought of something of a negative I forgot to mention. John kept calling Alix his Precious. And capitalized it. It was . . . giggle-worthy. In that John kept turning into Gollum in my mind.

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Linda says

Alix is living her life, coping with her addiction successfully, when the mysterious man comes along. Seeing that gorgeous specimen every week has her soon tumbling right back to a state of constant need.

John sees her, even if she doesn't know it, but resists the temptation. Until she comes to his domain, and now all bets are off. The Dominant in him wants her, and she's eager to submit.

Smutty fluff, BDSM and two persons giving in to addiction.

Can't wait for #2!
