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A GAME OF CAT AND MOUSE FILLED WITH DARK DESIRES AND DANGEROUS SECRETS...

Emily Wayborn has made a decision.

She might not fully trust handsome and deadly Reeve Sallis, but he is the one person that gives her what she needs. With Reeve she can finally be herself. Submitting to him is the only thing keeping her grounded as the rest of her life falls apart. But the hotelier is a master at keeping secrets and as she continues her quest for answers someone is making sure she doesn't find them.

Time is running out and she is questioning everything she thought she knew about friendship and love. She must now make an impossible choice that will determine if she will survive with her heart...or at all.

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SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★ 3/4! Last Kiss, book 2 of 2. The shocking conclusion & unraveling of Reeves Sallis & Emily's cat-and-mouse game of seduction!

"I put myself back together as best as I could, but I was sure that parts of me were broken permanently."

Books in First and Last series should be read in order:

Book 1: First Touch

Book 2: Last Kiss

In First Touch (book 1) actress and TV sitcom star Emily Wayborn aka Emily Barnes sought out heir and hotelier with rumored mafia ties, Reeve Sallis, in hopes of seducing the truth out of him regarding her friends disappearance.

But Emily quickly became entwined, in over her head, with Reeves' cat and mouse game of seduction falling for him while getting mixed signals and finding little proof of his innocence.

Last Kiss (book 2) opens up to book 1's jaw-dropping ending. Recent shocking developments has **Emily torn** between her past and her future; right and wrong; fear and courage; love and hurt; holding on or letting go....

It's a **roller-coaster** of mixed messages, danger, conflicted feelings, cover-ups, misunderstandings, addiction, manipulation, confusion, betrayal, deceit and **ultimately truths...**

Reeve Sallis has come a long way since book one. Emerging is a matured refined alpha ready to face his past and claim his future. Nine words to describe **Reeve: Larger-than-life, elusive, suspicious, commanding; intense, ruthless, moody, private and unyielding.**

Nine words to describe **Emily Wayborn aka Emily Barnes: Smart, determined, self-doubting, trusting, confused, wishy-washy, reflective, meek and resilient.**

Last Kiss, from Emily's POV, is the **suspenseful** unraveling of a mystery and the **final pieces in the puzzle**

of the enigma that has been Reeve Sallis.

It's **addicting, frustrating, shocking, angsty** and... **deceiving!** But above all it's living for the moments and **basking in the glory** of Reeve Sallis. The ending is **peace and healing** but I'd welcome an epilogue a few years into their future.

Jaded, devious, enigmatic and **panty-melting** Reeve Sallis! **Complex** and **suspenseful** plot! **Excellent** story-telling! I am sticking Reeve on my **top-10 hero shelf!**

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A kiss that could go on forever.
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Hero rating: 6 stars

Heroine rating: 3.5 stars

Sexual tension rating: 5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 5 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 5 stars

Plot rating: 4.5 stars

Dialogue rating: 4.5 stars

Storytelling rating: 5 stars

Story ending rating: 4

Overall rating: 4.75 stars

Would I recommend this series: Yes.

Would I re-read this series: Yes.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

ARC provided to me by author Laurelin Paige in exchange for an honest review.

Candace says

When I read 'First Touch', it blew me away. Thankfully, I waited to read it until the release of 'Last Kiss' was only weeks away. Otherwise, I'm not sure I could've survived the wait. Needless to say, when this book was released, I was all over it!

After the way the first book ended, I had to know how things would work out for Emily, Reeve and Amber. I can't say that I was surprised by the overall direction that the story went in. However, I was shocked by some of the details that came to light in the end.

As expected, Amber's reappearance has drastically changed the dynamics of Emily and Reeve's relationship.

There is plenty of guilt and regret to go around. Emotions run high and choices must be made.

I don't want to give too much away, but I will say that I spent a lot of time feeling conflicted while reading this book. There was plenty of angst and turmoil to keep my on the edge of my seat. Even when I knew where things were headed, I couldn't look away.

Many of Emily's choices were frustrating to me. I wanted to shake her/slap her/tell her to grow a spine. Similarly, Reeve's stupidity/blindness/insensitivity infuriated me. These two really needed to get a clue and pull it together this time around. I spent a lot of time shaking my head at them.

However, Amber was the character that really took the cake. I HATED her! Ms. Paige created quite the villain in Amber's character. Honestly, I couldn't see what Emily or Reeve ever saw in her. She was selfish, manipulative and a bitch to boot! While I felt sympathy for her rough start in life, and I understand how her past influenced her, I just couldn't bring myself to forgive her.

All in all, it was a fantastic book. I hated Amber, but I loved the complexity and conflict that her character added to the story. I did feel like the ending was a little rushed as well. After all the suspense and build-up surrounding Michelas, I had a hard time just accepting that a nice conversation fixed everything.

That being said, this series was still one of the best I've read this year. It continues to be a favorite of mine, even if I would have changed a few minor details. Ultimately, I was happy with the outcome.

Maya says

Another masterpiece from Laurelin Paige!!! After reading the first book, First touch, I just knew that something big was coming after that huge cliffhanger but the way the story actually unfolded, just blew my mind!

Last Kiss picks up right where the first book ended. SHE is BACK!!! The huge secret is revealed and I was so shocked about what happened next. We know that Emily and Reeve came quite close to each other and both had reasons to make their relationship work. True, at first those reasons were far from love but somehow these two wonderful people finally found each other. And now their love is being tested in a big way!!! Will they fail or win? That's the real question, people!

Those of you who read the first book already know who's back. And for those of you who don't...well...read First Touch and find out! And that person stirs up some mayor drama between Emily and Reese. But to be honest, as much as I hated that person I was also grateful for her to be back, since now both Reese and Emily can come to terms about their true feelings for each other.

But still, all I can say is the b***** sure deserved it!!! What happened to her at the end was tragic but you won't find any sympathy for it from me! Heck no!

You won't get any spoilers from me, so all I can say is that I loved both Reeve and Emily. They were soooo great together and despise what they had to go thru to get to where they are now, it sure was worth it! There is sadness, betrayal, fight and so much love, you simply have to love their story. I'm a bit sad that it's over but all good things must come to an end at some point, right? And for those of you who wonder (view spoiler) And to Laurelin, honey, job well done!!!

Can't wait to read this one but, please, for the love of God don't let it turn into a love triangle, PLEASE!!!

Shayna says

Sensual, chilling, suspenseful, and SCORCHING HOT!

I feel like I've just ran a marathon...I'm out of breath with no relief in sight. My heart is pounding, my pulse is erratic, and I'm flush all over. Is it possible for one single book to make you feel this way? Hell yeah it is! JESUS CHRIST! This book absolutely OBLITERATED my emotions, making me feel SO much in so little time. This toe-curling, pulse-pounding, ridiculously sexy and gritty romance blew my mind! A heavy and HOT masterpiece full of twists and turns and INTENSE PASSION! I was in an erotic trance the whole way through, and before you know it, I was 95% done and it didn't seem like there was enough pages left to give me the ending I CRAVED...the ending I NEEDED. But somehow, Laurelin Paige gave us an ending that satisfied every bone in my body, leaving me breathless, speechless, and absolutely overwhelmed. I LOVED every goddamn second of this book! This duet was one of THE BEST I've ever read, and Paige has certainly set the bar so damn HIGH that I'm not sure how anyone could top it in my book. Just when you think Paige's writing couldn't get any better, she tops even herself and gives her readers a gem they will never forget!

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Michelle says

Laurelin Paige has an exceptional knack for creating characters that are flawed, broken and that can make you want to do bodily harm to them, but you still can't help but love them. In the final part of the First & Last Duet: Last Kiss; I think I experienced every emotion one could feel. Sometimes all at once.

There is so much about this book that I want to talk about, but I can't.

Last Kiss was a suspenseful thrill ride from start to finish. This is my favorite Paige series to date and I don't know if she'll be able to create another character that was as charismatic as Reeve. I loved him from the first

encounter. I loved how he was dark and dangerous, but he was so much more than just a mysterious sexy guy. I loved that we got to see the real him throughout Last Kiss. That his walls came down and we got these glimpses of a vulnerable man. Emily, I admit had me wanting to throttle her. She was so unsure of herself, lacked confidence and was such a pushover, but in the end watching her grow was amazing. I had to keep reminding myself that she needed time to grow and that throwing her off a cliff wouldn't do me any good. She did grow on me and I found myself cheering her on.

I can't even talk about Amber. I'll break something if I do.

I did find myself craving more sexual moments between Reeve and Emily. The sex scenes were so well written, vivid and erotic and were paced perfectly throughout the story – but they were just that good, that I wanted more of them together. I swear, Laurelin could publish a hundred pages of just them having sex and I still wouldn't be satisfied.

Last Kiss easily will land on my top reads of 2016 and this duet series will rank high among my favorite series. There was just something about these characters, the storyline and the writing that struck a chord with me. I didn't want their story to end.

Dena says

Oh Laurelin, what have you done to me? You've completely wrecked me, my heart is crushed, I'm left devastated and a terrible mess! How we are left hanging in First Touch was absolutely horrible, talk about the worst cliffy on earth. I was left screaming "NOOOO" when I reached the end. I was so unbelievably worried of the outcome in Last Kiss, I didn't know what to expect but I just knew

I.DID.NOT.LIKE.AMBER! I am here to say she really does try to redeem herself in Last Kiss, but too little too late Bitch! I don't think I've ever hated a book character more than I hate Amber!

"I turned to the man who held her. Who moments ago was my man—now I wasn't so sure. His expression was hard and unreadable. But when his gaze caught mine, the room tilted. His eyes held a dark brew of emotion, so murky and filled that I couldn't determine what he was feeling, only that he was feeling."

Get ready for the roller coaster of the century because this book will drive you to drink, pull your hair out, scream at the top of your lungs and smash your kindle into the mother fuckin' wall! I may or may not have sent some threatening messages to Laurelin, I didn't threaten her but I threatened her damn characters with some knife and gun emojis, lmao! Ms. Paige successfully made me hate EVERY SINGLE character at one time or another throughout Last Kiss. Get ready to find yourself screaming with every turn of the page. Warning: Read this when nobody is around or they may just try to commit you to a mental facility! With that being said, I absolutely LOVED how brilliantly written this story was, there are some real surprises you never expected that just made this even more addicting and obsessive. Ms. Paige did an exceptional job creating characters we've connected with, fallen in love with and hated with a passion; she brought us a mind fuck of a story that will stay in our minds and hearts for years! Last Kiss is every bit a 5 star twisted story you won't see coming. Enjoy the ride and get ready to get rocked! Mind Blown! I may love but also hate for the journey Ms. Paige has taken us on. My heart is still hurting and crushed from this wicked but brilliant ride. Bravo Ms. Paige, Bravo for wrecking me to the very core!

Lo Bookfrantic says

4.5 Blue Eyes Stars~~~FULL REVIEW TO POST SOON~~~

THANK THE LAWD, I LOVED THIS ENDING. I was a bit frustrated (ok a lot) but glad it ended good. I really ENJOYED this conclusion.

~~~~~BLURB~~~~~

When Emily Wayborn goes home to visit her mom while on hiatus from her hit TV show, she receives a voicemail from her former best friend, Amber. Though the two were once notorious party girls, they haven't spoken in years. Although the message might sound benign to anyone else, Amber uses a safe word that Emily recognizes, a word they always used to get out of sticky situations during their wild days. And what's more chilling than the voicemail: it turns out that Amber has gone missing.

Now Emily is on the hunt to find out what happened to Amber, a hunt that leads her to sexy enigmatic billionaire Reeve Sallis, a hotelier known for his shady dealings and play boy reputation. Reeve might have had something to do with Amber's disappearance, but Emily can't help the way she reacts to him.

Time is running out and Emily must figure out who she can trust and if she can trust her feelings.

Laurelin Paige will be chatting LIVE with us on Shh... June 5-11: <https://goo.gl/2FtWZI>

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Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

5 BRILLIANT STARS

Absolutely fantastic, thrilling, dark and breathtaking!! Last Kiss is a mix of mystery, plot twists, suspense, angst and a super hot, intense and heavy romance!! I'm speechless, seriously I didn't expect this book to be as good as the first!

**"Yes I did belong to him.
But I belonged to Amber too."**

The truth is it's even better than the first! Emily and Reeve rocked my world!! First of all, Reeve has reached the top of my book boyfriends list! I loved him hard in the previous book and in this one, he completely stole my heart! This man...this mysterious, possessive, protective, dangerous and hot man has everything I want in an alpha male! Emily is strong and stubborn. I liked her a lot but she could be frustrating at times. But this didn't take away from the experience at all. Their romance is unique! When Emily and Reeve are together it's like an explosion!! They are so intense, passionate and erotic! And Amber..ugh, I hated her from the first moment..this girl isn't a friend at all..and my opinion never changed.

"He devoured me, and I consumed him. I inhaled him. I took him into my very self in deep gulps of tongue and lips, my hands wrapped so tightly around him, they were a vice-grip at his neck."

I could say so much more about the characters and the storyline but I don't want to give anything away. I will only say that you will not be disappointed.. This book is perfection. Be ready to devour it, because once you start, you will not want to put it down. I can't wait for you to read!

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Maria♦*Steamy Reads Blog*♦ says

*“A kiss that couldn’t fade.
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♥This is a conclusion to the two book installment of the **First and Last** series. My review to the first book is [HERE](#). If there is one thing I know for certain is that Laurelin Paige is an **exceptionally talented writer**. This novel **kept me glued** to the pages even more so than the first one of the series.

♥I loved the characters and the **relationship dynamics** between those characters. **Jealousy, love, desperation, lust, annoyance** - all of those emotions were jumping at me off the pages while I was reading this.

♥I think **Reeve** was, once again, the best thing going for this book. His character was so awesome. He never quite turned into a love sick puppy but you could feel the **depth of his emotions** through his actions.

✗The book, however, did leave me mildly **exhausted** and **unsatisfied**. I know a lot of people didn't like Emily because she is a **very naive heroine**, who is a true **submissive**. Well, there are a lot of different people on this earth and it was interesting to read about someone like her. She kind of **fascinated me**. The thing that I was annoyed at was her endless monologue, which did get **a bit repetitive**.

✗The **plot twist** at the very end I saw coming, by the time it happened it wasn't very satisfying... I really wanted some feelings of triumph or something. This is hard to review without giving spoilers, dammit! lol

►I recommend this series to anyone who likes **alpha heroes, submissive heroines, some mystery and angst, lots of angst**.

Books in this series:

Sabrina says

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This is going to be a super hard review to write since there are so many things I want to say but can't without

giving away some major spoilers. One of the things I can say, though, is how amazing the ride these characters took me on was. I was enthralled from the very beginning and even over weeks of waiting to get the conclusion I never once lost interest.

First Touch left off with me screaming "no way" and then hitting my Kindle, trying to get more of the story to magically appear. *Last Kiss* starts off right where that ended but still doesn't give us our answers. To get those you have to delve into the book and the even crazier world that Laurelin Paige creates. She made this story impossible to forget and I know it's one of the ones that will forever stay with me.

We got to find out more about Emily and Amber's past and how they became such close friends and also how they drifted apart. Honestly that part of the story had me just as intrigued as Reeve and Emily did. There were just so many questions that I had throughout the whole story and not all of the answers were predictable.

Reeve was somehow even sexier in the conclusion than when I first met him. He had this quietness to him, which made him mysterious and also drove me a little insane trying to figure out what was going on with him. I really enjoyed that I got so involved into his character. Even while I was questioning if he could be a killer, there was still a part of me that was in love with how hot and swoon worthy he was.

I knew one of the secrets about the ending and it actually made me a little sad that I could figure it out. But then the ending came and I was completely shocked to the point I even stopped reading, went back and re-read a few pages to make sure I had read that part correctly. I mean I was so sure I knew how the book would end, and then *bam*, that twist happened. I still knew the secret but I had no clue that it would turn out that way. That part right there is where I fell in love with, not only this book, but the author.

Bottom line, this series is definitely worth the read if you like mysteries that will drive you crazy at the same time making you fall in love. *Last Kiss* will hold you in suspense with the amount of confusion the story leads to. But by the end you'll realize you enjoyed every moment of this insane roller-coaster ride.

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Arianna♦*SteamyReadsBlog*♦ says

4 Stars!!

'Last Kiss', the conclusion of Emily and Reeve's story was intense, thrilling and kept me at the edge of my seat from the beginning until the end. Filled with angst and drama this second installment was (almost) as good as the first. It was intense, sexy, suspenseful and so very addictive and while I didn't fully love it, I

enjoyed it very much.

“And I pretended it was the kind of kiss that could make all that possible. The kind of kiss that could seal and bind and change and forgive. A kiss that couldn’t fade. A kiss that could go on forever. A kiss that could last.

Instead of what it really was – a last kiss.”

This installment picks up right where the previous installment ended. Emily and Reeve's lives are drastically changed when someone from their past, who "was supposed to be dead" makes an "appearance". Emily had been in a committed relationship with Reeve for more than two months. She is still drawn to him like a moth to a flame, he still consumes her like no other, but she still keeps him at a distance not being able to fully trust him.

“Pleasing him wasn’t just satisfying – it was necessary for my own happiness, just as his happiness depended on my obedience.”

When this someone comes into their lives, Emily doesn't know exactly how to feel. She is confused, she is relieved, but she's also scared.

Like I mentioned above this conclusion kept me at the edge of my seat the entire time for one reason or another. I loved the angst, the turmoil and even the drama. While the story was in some way predictable to me because I guessed how everything will unfold, I enjoyed it.

Once again, Reeve stole the show for me. His portrayal was fantastically done and I simply loved his intensity. He was captivating until the end and I have to say I loved his unpredictability. If in the previous installment we saw his darker side, in this installment we also get to see his softer side, which I loved. He proved that he can be sweet and caring as much as he can be domineering and possessive.

“My love for you is so ferocious, so dominating that I’m possessed by it. It changes who I am. It makes me someone different and yet I’m more who I’ve always believed I am than I ever have been.”

Emily was just an okay character for me...at last in this installment. She was frustrating, even annoying at some point and in my humble opinion a weak heroine who for a long while didn't know exactly what she wanted. It took a long time for her to figure out that and to understand who she is. I loved the fact that her background story was even more developed than in the previous installment. I found it to be interesting, intriguing and as the rest of the story well done.

As for the other important character in this installment? I didn't like (view spoiler)

The sex scenes were wonderfully written so damn hot. I loved the intensity between the two main characters

and even the fact that the heroine was a submissive.

Overall, this was a fantastic, intriguing conclusion to this two books series filled with steam, intrigue, mystery that for sure will keep you at the edge of your seat.

“I was tired of fighting it – no matter what I did or said, I belonged to him. I always would.”

Karen Mc says

A nail-biter of a twisty, thrilling, and touching tale, Last Kiss bleeds angst, pouring passion from the pages straight to your heart and soul. Like a kiss, this story is scorching, sensual, and seductive. Last Kiss is not just a book—it's the ultimate escape from reality where you are utterly immersed and intoxicated. You are folded into this story so deeply that Last Kiss bleeds into your world, haunts your head, and dances in your dreams. This book becomes you. You are Last Kiss.

From the very first page, I'm on edge. Anxious. Afraid. Enchanted. Energized. I dive in. I devour Last Kiss. Last Kiss devours me, eating me alive. I want to slow down and enjoy the ride. I want to race through this incredible and intoxicating read but, like a gravitational force, the pull is too strong to slow down. **Last Kiss quickly steals my breath, my thoughts, and my emotions. Pulse pounding. Brain bending. Tears tricking. Body burning. Soul soaring. I am drowning in feels.**

Last Kiss is a thriller. A suspense. A romance. So many things rolled into one amazing adventure. This adrenaline rush of a read has hypnotized me. Held me. Haunted me. Hurt me. Healed me. **The adventure is so raw and real that I feel that Last Kiss. I'm addicted. I'm awe-struck. I'm alive.**

Beautiful, blonde, blue-eyed, and curvy Emily Wayborn is a character I love yet hate. She is fearless but spineless. Endearing yet annoying. Such a contradiction. Co-dependent and clingy, Emily depends on others too much for her own happiness and it drives me crazy! Emily has faced tragedy after tragedy but is still a survivor, and I have to applaud her for being so strong.

Reeve Sallis is a gorgeous, tall, dark-haired and blue-eyed billionaire. Powerful. Passionate. Penetrating. Possessive. Predator. Reeve is a man of many layers. I love him. I loathe him. Reeve owns Emily. Reeve owns me.

Emily is reeling from Amber's return. The best friend who was supposed to be dead. The one who is now in the middle of whatever it is that's forming between Reeve and Emily. Emily is unsure where she stands and unnerved.

“I turned to the man who held her. Who moments ago was my man—now I wasn't so sure.”

Turmoil thrusts throughout the story like a dragon breathing fire. My heart breaks for Emily whose relationship with Reeve is now compromised and more complicated than ever. Reeve let her get close and now that slow building trust may be for nothing. Emily is bathing in a bath of betrayal as Reeve realizes he

was merely a pawn in her act of revenge.

“I’d let him in, let him consume me and yet I’d still kept him at a distance, even when I knew he’d tried to let me in.”

Truths unfold as Emily and Reeve confess, leaving both disappointed. Deceived. Devastated.

“He’d wanted me to trust him because he wanted me to love him.”

Emily doesn’t fully trust Reeve but she wants to. She wants to love and trust this man and give him everything she has. Everything she is. Everything she wants to be.

“You feel me. Right now you feel me, Emily. That’s where I am—inside you. All the time, I’m there. No matter whose bed you sleep in.”

Gah! These powerful and poignant words pull at my heartstrings. The feels flow HARD. Reeve is intense and incredible. I LOVE this complex but caring man. I can’t stop swooning. I don’t want to.

“I wish you could see this Emily. You’re so beautiful like this. Bent over and open for me.”

The chemistry burns hot like fire. So intense and intoxicating. I’m melting. My body is aflame. Reeve can just take me NOW.

“He loved me. He loved me enough to say it out loud. But he’d loved her too. Yes. I did belong to him. But I belonged to Amber too.”

Danger has pushed Reeve’s former and current loves under the same roof. While two is company, three is a crowd. Emily is ready to throw it all away. Concede and let Amber hold the cards....again.

“Amber’s presence changed everything. I made promises to her long before I’d thought about making promises to Reeve.”

I want to hug Emily yet hit her hard to knock some much-needed sense into her. She has let Amber control her too hard and too long. Emily is the puppet and Amber is the puppeteer pulling the strings. Emily puts Amber above Reeve. Above her. Above happiness and love. Above everything.

“Hell was cold and ice and emptiness. Hell was watching the one I’d grasped to so tightly slip through my fingers. Hell was realizing the one I’d come to love would never choose to love me.”

All is fair in love and war. This is war. A bloody battle for love where ashes are left after the heart is burned. One where there is no winner.

“I want to break you.”

“You do. You do break me. Every time.”

Last Kiss broke me. Bewildered me. Branded me. Breathed fire and life into me like a last kiss. I cried hopeless tears. Happy tears. Hopeful tears. Last Kiss captivated and crushed me ceaselessly. I was held prisoner by this heart-hitting story, hoping for a happily ever after to follow the broken trust and beautiful disaster that was Last Kiss.

In Laurelin Paige's most explosive and emotionally-wrenching romance yet, Last Kiss is a powerful and poignant tale that permeates straight to the soul. It's dark, dirty, and decadent like a kiss with heat and heart hidden in the core. It's lust, loathing, and love but so much more. Last Kiss leaves a longing that may never leave as it touches all the right spots. I fell in love with both First Touch and Last Kiss, and I'm not ready to let them go.

5 twisty, thrilling, and touching stars

Candi~Dirty Laundry Review says

I didn't think it was possible to have so much love for a book. Laurelin Paige has completely left me a jumbled mix of every damn emotion. I'm happy/sad...that Emily and Reeve's journey has come to end. But what an AMAZING ending it was!!!!

If you read First Touch, which I really hope you have, then you all know about that infamous ending!!! I think many readers are still suffering from that hangover!! With that ending, it's really hard to review this book without giving anything away. As I always say, I hate spoilers. One wrong thing can totally mess up everything. I don't want to rob you of that shock n awe feeling while reading it. So I will tell you briefly a few things without giving away any plot.

What I love about Last Kiss, EVERYTHING!!! Whereas FT was hardcore, dark, dirty, twisted, erotic....Last Kiss was a lot more gentler, softer, sexy, emotional, and good god angsty!!! And we all know how I love my angst!!!! Reeve Sallis seems to be a different man. A lot more sensitive and thoughtful. But still so damn sexy, dominant, and 100% alpha. And Emily, well...she's still kicks ass!! But lord, this poor girl. The shit that she has been dealt...she's an incredible woman.

Last Kiss was more of an emotional journey. We learned many new things. And this was also so suspenseful!!! It kept me on the edge the whole way through. Literally, heart racing, afraid to turn the page. I had so many theories. SO MANY! And yep, I was wrong. This book completely blew me away. Between the beautiful craft of Laurelin's writing, to the captivating storyline, to the adventure that you are taken on. And omfg. The eroticism in this book....I simply have no words. Last Kiss will leave you craving and wanting more, right up to the very last page.

Ok, I think I might of succeeded in not giving anything away of the plot! This series is seriously a MUST READ! Last Kiss is jam packed with all the things that make up an amazing story. If you have not met Laurelin's new man, Reeve Sallis...you are REALLY missing out!! GRAB. IT. NOW.

Angie - Angie's Dreamy Reads says

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Laurelin Paige is a **master of words**. When she writes she does it with such seamless precision, it hits you everywhere, in all the feels. Her storytelling is exceptional, impeccable. It rivals some of the best for me. Once again, I find myself in awe of her creative talent, consumed by the way she writes. I'm almost at a loss for words.

This duology is one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of reading. The execution... It all came together so flawlessly that words like brilliant, phenomenal, spectacular, just don't do it justice. There's nothing I could say that would live up to the magic that's buried deep inside these pages. I'm blown away by the intricate plot line, by the cataclysmic emotion that erupts inside the reader, by the depth of character development. It's a gritty ride like no other; utterly wild, infinitely frustrating, wholly intense. One that's more than memorable. One I'll be holding onto for a very long while.

First Touch was one of my Top Reads of last year. I loved it so much that a part of me dreaded reading *Last Kiss*. Sequels can be challenging and I've been let down in the past. However, with the cliffhanger ending that left me reeling, I was just as desperate to get my hands on this book. Those two emotions---dread and desperation---warred with in me when I finally sat down to read and I found myself obsessing over everything. I was scared that this might not go the way I wanted it to. The way I needed it to. My attachment to these characters ran deep. I was invested. My heart was on the line.

That said, if there was ever a sequel that trumped a first in a series, it would be this. **I was left breathless.** From dread, to despair, to anger, to frustration, to feeling hot and bothered all over, Laurelin delivered **BIG TIME**. She showed me--the reader--that once again she owns every line in her books, she's knows exactly what she's doing, and we can trust her to take us on a ride that's more than worth it.

Last Kiss picks up exactly where *First Touch* leaves off. I'm not getting into plot details. I don't want someone who hasn't read the first book to stumble on this review and have it all ruined. Just know you're in for a whirlwind that's simply unforgettable.

Emily has codependency issues. She's complex and infuriating. It's not an easy ride. The emotional attachment she has to her ex best friend is weaved into the strands of who she is. Those threads are thick and almost impossible to sever. And at the end of the day Emily doesn't trust herself to make good decisions. She's desperate for approval. And many a time, I broke for her. I love this woman. F***ked up, crazy, impulsive, submissive, reckless, lost, damaged, it didn't matter, I loved her with a passion. I understood the dark in her. I craved the same things she did. I found myself sick with the very same emotions she was experiencing. She's a complicated character. Her issues run deep. Yet her heart is pure goodness.

Reeve continues to be our brazen, dominant man in this series. He's **EVERYTHING** an alpha male should be. I absolutely **ADORE** the way he's as harsh as he is tender. His cruelty is a turn on. He ruins you and puts you back together. I fell head of heels in love with that possessive, controlling man. He's everything I want and once again, my love for him was cemented in ways I couldn't have ever imagined. No one comes close to his intensity, his protectiveness, his heart... But his moments of vulnerability really **DESTROY ME**. My God, I love him. His fierce loyalty is so sexy. He would do anything for the woman he loves.

This story is messy. It's multifaceted, dark, and gritty. There's nothing that the author shies away from. She writes with a ferocity that is visceral and palpable. *Last Kiss* is a tsunami of feels. The twists and turns will take you everywhere. I highly recommend this series. I'm completely blown away! And I can't say anything but amazing things. It's unforgettable.

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Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

4 Stars SPOILER FREE

Whoever had decided that damnation was fire and brimstone was wrong. Hell was cold and ice and emptiness. Hell was watching the one I'd grasped to so tightly slip through my fingers.

The heart stopping conclusion to the erotically charged story that began with First Touch is here and it's filled with enough twists and turns to leave your head reeling. There's one thing I can tell you after finishing this book and that's that Laurelin Paige can write. I mean the woman can **write**. Holy hell but the woman can write.

I'd let him in, let him consume me and yet I'd still kept him at a distance, even when I knew he'd tried to let me in.

I read First Touch when it first released and have been stewing in my misery since. Of all the cliffhangers I've read, that one had to be one of the most painful ones. I'm talking I wanting to throw a tantrum and cry sort of painful. Suffice it to say, I've been immensely looking forward to the conclusion.

You feel me...

Right now you feel me, Emily. That's where I am- inside you. All the time, I'm there. No matter whose bed you sleep in."

All of Emily's secrets seems to be unveiling. Just as she finally got to a relationship place with Reeve, the appearance of someone from her past shakes the foundation of it to the very core, leaving her questioning everything, including herself.

She may not have intended to fall for Reeve, but she barely had a choice in the matter. The man is everything she craves. His intensity calls for her submission and her submission is what he gets...

But, oh, how I craved any risk the man offered- including the danger of love.

Reeve is just as intense as ever. There's something about the man that's just so enigmatic, he practically crackles with the electric current of it. Reeve is easily one of the most memorable heroes I have read to date. This is not a man you would soon forget. He skates just on the edge of depravity but has no qualms diving right into the dark pits of it if that's what Emily needs. It's what he himself craves as well. If you thought First Touch was erotically charged, guard your ovaries with Last Kiss because DAMN. The fine line between dub con and D/s is certainly present but the book is entirely in the gray. I don't know how I would categorize it but I can tell you that it's hot as hell.

Then he was inside me- bruising me, breaking me. Tearing me into a hundred pieces that all belonged to him.

For those that read the first book and are afraid there may be a love triangle, don't be. At least not quite. But that's the most you'll get out of me because I don't want to ruin it for you.

What I can tell you, is that I read this book in practically one sitting. The anticipation of turning each page became an obsession. I was riveted. The story was intoxicating. I couldn't bring myself to put it down until the end.

I was so completely taken with the man in front of me. He was the master of my heart and body. Maybe even the master of my soul.

My one source of frustration through parts of the book was Emily. As much as I loved her in the first book, it didn't quite carry through to this one. Don't get me wrong, the author gave every character in the story quite a bit of depth. The character development was beyond amazing. I supposed I just hoped that while Emily craves to submit to Reeve, she'd take charge in other aspects of her life...primarily her friendship. While I can understand her thought process after so many years, there were times where she was just a little too forgiving. It wasn't until the very end when things truly come apart that she finally understood things that should have been somewhat obvious earlier. But at the same time, taking her past and what she needs/craves into consideration, you can also understand it as well.

**I'd never thought I was fit to glimpse heaven until I put my head between your thighs...
The taste of you should be forbidden. It's the fruit that causes gods to war."**

If you love a romance with a touch of taboo, your heroes intense enough to give you shivers, and a story captivating enough to leave you thinking about it weeks after finishing, this is definitely a must read. It's certainly not a book I'll be forgetting any time soon.

My love for you is so ferocious, so dominating that I'm possessed by it. It changes who I am. It makes me someone different and yet I'm more who I've always believed I am than I ever have been.

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