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In *Luxe Two: A LaLa Land Addiction* by *New York Times* bestselling author Ashley Antoinette, there is only one thing more powerful than anything...the love of the high...

Bleu is addicted...addicted to the luxe life and it has led her down a road of self-destruction. She knows what it feels like to be turned out by the game. With a crack cocaine addiction that she can't seem to escape, she is desperate for a savior. Her problem is she has two great loves that want to come to her rescue. When her best friend, Noah comes searching for her she is faced with a dilemma. Will she let him save her? Or will she stick with the kingpin, Iman, who has loved her since their first encounter? Or will both men lose her to a love she can't get rid of...one that abuses her...and one that will be the death of her...

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The Book Chick says

3.5

I'd been encouraged by several people to read this. The author did a lot of promo for this series and I was reluctant because I'd read several reviews saying it was melancholy. The author was interacting on her page one day and I told her I hadn't read it yet and she said that I really should. Many people had said that it was a change up on her writing style. Here are my thoughts:

I rocks with Ashley Antoinette okay. I felt as though Moth To a Flame was her best work by herself to date but then there's this series. While I still think that Moth to a Flame is really good and it'll be one of her classics for sure and I was one of the ones who'd wanted a sequel, which I think she's secretly working on. I think her writing in this series had more depth. I've come to expect certain things from her and the duo and I think she took it up a notch here BUT I HATED the end. My less than perfect score is not for the end although I seriously wanted to take off a star for it. I generally don't like to strike points based on how I would've written or preferred an ending. But I really wanted to.

So Bleu is automatically a great character. Ashley wrote this young girl with so much depth. She kept me rooting for her.

Iman was also a great character. He was dealing with a complex issue and I remember thinking Ashley really did make this guy different. She kept him alpha, yet showed his vulnerability.

Noah was an excellent character. He was likable, yet did things that were crazy leaving you wondering how you could even like him. He was irrational at times.

So here are my issues: Ashley is the writer in the duo that cannot leave the words opulent and massive alone. She over uses these to the point that they are a trademark. Not in a good way.

There are always details that are missing with the Colemans. The story isn't always tight. For instance, in this installment the very beginning didn't address Noah and Iman's initial introduction and it also has Iman showing up to a place directly after Noah leaves. Noah's presence there is understandable. How did Iman know? I guess you could use GPS to slide out of that but it's not tight enough. Then Iman never asks Bleu about Noah. Not once after the initial meeting.

So... Cinco's ethnicity is confusing. In installment one He is said to be Hispanic and black. But the problem is how???? Iman was Hispanic and black for sure and that is why Sandoza had a problem with him being with Tan originally. Did I miss that Sandoza had a black wife? Was Tan mixed like Cinco?

Sienna sacrificing herself was silly. It didn't have the impact that it was intended to have.

The loose ends are very ugly. The whole thing with Bleu and her friends robbing Cinco never came out. The fact Cinco raped Bleu never came out. The fact that Cinco supplied Bleu never came out. The fact that Cinco repeatedly took advantage of Bleu and Savior could be his child never comes out. The fact that Cinco killed Tan never came out. The fact that Naomi left Demarkis alive was never revealed to Noah.

Did Iman take over the Mexican empire?

The way this ended seemed as though there would be no part 3. If eventually there is, maybe some of the things above will be addressed. Did I mention I hated this ending? There can be no Luxe without Noah. Here

is the moment when I wish they do some of that tricky dream stuff or bringing back the dead type stuff that I rail them about should come into play.

Still with all of the missteps her storytelling ability is capturing. Don't ask me how. It's something I can't explain. I really think her character development is what holds everything together. I also noticed that by herself, the love scenes are more sweet and intimate than racy. Actually there is more content here that isn't sexually motivated and I found it refreshing but I still wanted Bleu and Noah to take it further.

If you know someone like I do that has a drug addiction this story will resonate. If you have a drug addiction and you want to kick it I wouldn't read this. The detail on the actual use is so palpable it's frightening.

Book Boyfriends Rock ♡? ♡? says

Freaking AAAAAA!!! this book was a roller coaster ride so get on and hold on tight. Man so many twist and turns, so many deceptive people whos loyal whos not omg!!! What do you do when you have two bosses and both are loyal to a falt and they both want whats best for you, how do you pick one omfg!!!!!! And Blue damit girl!!!! This ending i expected something so different ugh... I wanted Noah to have a ending like his dad!!!!Always a Boss!!

Valerie says

I AM NOT FREAKING HAPPY WITH THIS ENDING.....

Just tear my heart out why don't you.

Natasha says

I. Was. Not. Ready *insert crying emoji*

I will agree with many others and say I was not pleased with (part of) the ending. The author did what a good author would do and that's give the readers something that wouldn't expect/like lol. After everything I still was torn between Noah and Iman, if I had to choose, but the way Bleu broke it down made sense. And the way things were going you wouldn't think that girl (Bleu) was ever going to catch a break, sheesh! Either way I enjoyed this installment and if there's another I plan to read it as well. Well written urban fiction, definitely didn't disappoint (except that one part lol - still in my feelings).

Katie B says

3.5 stars

This was a tricky book for me to rate. It took about 100 pages or so for me to even care what was happening to the main character, Bleu. I won this book in a giveaway and jumped right into reading it without reading the 1st book and I thought that was part of the problem. While this book can be read as a standalone novel, I think starting with the 1st book of the series will help the reader understand Bleu's journey into crack addiction much better.

The author deserves credit for her raw and honest portrayal of a woman struggling with an addiction to crack cocaine. The descriptions of what Bleu was struggling with internally were the best parts of the book. While Luxe 2 was certainly not without flaws, overall I am glad I read it. Sometimes it is good to read a book that is a bit different from the ones you normally read.

D0LL says

Overall, I feel like it's a 3.5. There were chunks of the story that was missing. For example "Did Iman ever find out who killed his wife?", "What happened between Iman and his brother in law cinco?" "Who is Saviour's real father?" etc. This story was very dark in the begin, but I liked how at the end we saw the main character going on in a positive direction. I really liked how Bleu broke down why she choice to stay with one rather than the other. Honestly, it's still very hard to pick between Iman and Noah, but I do like both of their characters.

marla mcfarlane says

Not what i expected

Bleu's addiction was something serious. Noah was truly a selfless lover. His love for Bleu was pure and I was disappointed that I did not get to read about them having a happily ever after. Really to have him just killed like that was low and that was the main reason for my rating.

Yellagirlgc says

Bleu had a very addictive personality inherited from both parents. While Noah loves her unconditionally Iman has conditions with his love for her. The ending upset me but I won't spoil it for anyone else. A third book is highly anticipated. There are plenty of loose ends that could be tied up. I read this book quickly without wanting to put it down.

Cryssy says

BLANK STARES

Ashley Antoinette has written another page turning novel that I could not put down. If you read the first book to this series, then you know all of the troubles that Bleu Montclair was faced with. In this book, Bleu is battling against the same demons and a few new problems that come along. What I love about this book is that it is written so detailed and life like. A lot of the situations that happen can easily be imagined because we may all know someone who has been on one side of the fence or the other if not both. Bleu once again goes through heartbreak, heartache, and hard lessons learned. There were points in this book that left me in shock and awe. Other points in this book almost broke my heart. You know the author did a good job when you grow attached to some characters and develop a hate for the others. Lol What I did gather from this book is everything that glitters isn't gold and that old habits are hard to break. I recommend this book to readers

that enjoy good urban literature and also fan of this author.

Madlyn says

I was so disappointed in Lux book 2 as well. I like books that has substance, purpose, realistic drama, connection, thriller and intriguing follow on. This book had none of those things to offer. I don't think I will be reading any of the wife solo books anymore. I enjoy reading husband and wife because it's more exciting and has a great storyline I could follow.

Renee' Davila says

REALLY?

I wanted to read both books before writing my opinion. I felt like there was so much left open before ending. Iman's brother-in-law wanted him dead, so that he could have what he felt was rightly his. Did Iman find out who killed his wife? Why didn't Bleu tell Iman who was supplying her? She told Noah about his girlfriend. I know that Bleu was supposed to be "innocent", but she was too naive. Especially for her street background. Almost every page, she was crying about something. To the point that it was so annoying, I would stop reading for awhile. Ms. Ashley has always been one of my favorite authors, but I felt like she rushed this.

Serrena Keys says

So many emotions

This book was all that and more

I believe i found my favorite book of them all

Thank you Ashley for this phenomenal story line I now have a sense of hope that my love will overcome the obstacles she's facing right now

This book is it everyone you must read?

Djuana Lacey says

Excellent

I couldn't put this book down. It picked up where the other book left off. Bleu struggled so much in her life. This book really shows how strong addiction is and it's triggers. Bleu finally got her life together in the end. You can't help but to root for her. This is the best book of 2016.

Teresa in ohio says

This book is raw. It shows without sugarcoating how addiction will wreck your life and destroy everything around you. It shows without remorse how drugs corrupt men and actions that are deemed in society as punishable by death are accepted as norm in this world. Bleu has fallen to the very bottom of the hole and doesn't seem anything can save her. She settles for being second woman to Iman just to stay in his life. She doesn't seem this as addiction but rather overwhelming love. Iman's brother n law has ulterior motives and makes Bleu a pawn in her game. But if he wins the game she can lose everything. Back home Noah is becoming King of the streets of Flint. But at what price? After Bleu is dragged back home by law enforcement Noah learns how fall she has fallen from Grace. Will his overpowering love be enough to save her from herself or is she doomed to walk in her mother's footsteps. I hope we get a third book because i have some questions and want some more closure on other characters but if not this is a good duology.

KayBee's Bookshelf says

This is not the level of writing that I have come to expect from the husband and wife duo. I realize it was the wife solo on this project, but maybe her other half is what was missing. :(I felt like chunks of the story were missing. There was maybe a paragraph worth of "luxe" that was to be relied on for us to believe the lead had such a far fall from grace.

I see the reviews and feel like we listened to two different books.

Pros

- The sleepy narration made this book easy to listen to fall asleep while listening.

Cons

- The sleepy narration made this book easy to listen to fall asleep while listening. It took me 2 weeks to listen to his book
- Repetitive dialogue –Remove the repetitive passages and you would cut the book down by a 1/3 and had more “meat” or action

Inconsistent characters

Random

Naomi was a smart, intelligent, hustler in book 1 and was presented as a ghetto loud mouth in book 2.
Complete character change without explanation
