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Secrets are exposed, love is challenged, and the future is compromised, when Francesca and Ian face an inevitable decision that will change their lives forever as national bestselling author Beth Kery's Because You Are Mine comes to a spellbinding conclusion...

From the moment Ian and Francesca first met, the attraction was mutual—a purely, exquisitely physical charge that ignited between them. It couldn't be ignored—only indulged, evolving into a bond of pleasurable subjugation. But Francesca's open sensuality left her wanting more. Getting it from a man as mysterious and resolute as Ian was a challenge she never anticipated.

Francesca knows there's only one way for them to move forward—to follow Ian to London and show him that she doesn't want him to suffer alone. But when Ian's past and inner torment is revealed, he experiences a nearly unbearable volcanic mix of emotions for the woman who has dared to love him, despite his inner demons. After exposing Francesca to the limits of his anguish, he wonders if he's lost her forever. Can he bend enough to compromise to true intimacy...and something called love?

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Melanie♥ says

I rated and commented on the first two installments, but here are my final thoughts on this "book".

I don't believe you can fairly rate a book by the chapter, so I have modified my ratings on each part to reflect my feelings about the book as a whole now that I have read all 8 parts.

If this book had not been the selection of my book club, I would never have purchased more than the first part.

As mentioned in my previous reviews, the serialized release of a book two chapters at a time is totally off-putting for me. It is frustrating on many levels. I can't connect with characters when I have to read 2 chapters, pause, wait, wait and then read two more. I've lost the ability to be "in" the story by the time the next part is released. I got VERY tired of having to skim the former part when the new one was released. If this was the only book I had been reading during the 8 week time period, it might not have been as bad, but I read quickly and usually read 2 books a week.

As to the actual story, I felt a lack of depth in both characters and the rushed finish was extremely disappointing. Part 8, which could have added so much to the story, was the shortest of all the installments and left me wondering why I bothered to read this at all.

I have enjoyed many of Beth Kery's books in the past. I think she is a very good story teller and that is why I feel so strongly about the lack of quality in this book.

Jen says

Ian and Francesca

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If you have been following my mini-reviews you know that each week I grump a little when the latest installment ends. This week I think I will grump because my weekly visits with Ian and Francesca have finally come to an end with the conclusion of the serial books, *Because You Are Mine Part VIII: Because I Am Yours*.

Even at the end of the previous novella, *Because I Need To*, I wasn't sure how Ian and Francesca were going to come together. Francesca is hopeless in love with Ian but Ian refuses to let her into his darkest place. Ian has been carrying a secret that he is unwilling to share. The secret has him running off to London at all times of the day and night causing Francesca to get fed up with his leaving and finally follow him there.

Once she arrives in London, she has no idea where to go or what to do. She decides to wing it and travel to a place where she thinks Ian might be. It might sound like I am being purposefully vague with Ian's secret and that is because I am. I feel like the reader should learn the secret as Francesca does. It would take away from

most of the story if I told you outright what was happening.

Ian is floored to see Francesca in London. By being there she has witnessed him at his most vulnerable and he cannot stand that. He immediately calls for his plane to take them back to Chicago. On the plane he punishes her for daring to step inside his private world. I wasn't too happy with the punishment because it was clear his sole goal was to hurt her in response to her seeing him so exposed. This wasn't a sexual punishment but an emotional punishment.

"I want to possess you, Francesca. Dominate You. See that stubborn streak in you submit to pleasure...to me. That's what I offered. You insisted upon interfering in my world, so now you can stop deluding yourself with a girl's fantasies. That's all I can offer you," he said, pointing in the direction of the bedroom, "Now go in there, take off all of your clothes, and wait for me."

After arriving back in Chicago Francesca and Ian do not see each other for a week and a half. The last contact they had was Ian turning away, in disgust, from how he had treated Francesca on the flight back. Francesca's roommates convince her to go out and take her, without her knowledge, to Ian's building. Ian has arranged for all of Francesca's paintings to be framed and hung in his lobby with the main painting displayed for everyone to see.

I believe this was Ian's way of telling her how much he values her without coming outright and saying the words. Words with feelings attached are hard for Ian so he attempts to show her in the best way he knows possible. After the party they return to Ian's penthouse where he bares his soul to her.

His mouth twisted into a bitter expression. "I'm sorry, in general."

She started in surprise at his harsh declaration. "For which part?"

"For all of it. From the first thing that I said to you that was unappreciative and callous to the last selfish thing I've done. I'm sorry, Francesca."

And my one complaint would come here...it ended to soon!! Waaaaa! I wanted more. Yes, it is so cliché but I wanted an epilogue with babies and picket fences. I am a sucker for those things. Ok, so maybe picket fences don't match Ian but I really wanted to see further in the future for them. I have to believe they will make it but I really wanted Ms. Kery to TELL me they make it!

So overall this was a fantastic story. I am not sure how I feel about the serial part because it really was torture to wait each week. I am big on instant gratification! But because Beth Kery wrote it and I am big fan of her work, I suffered through! At the end of Ian and Francesca's story we get a sneak peek of another serial she is writing. It is starting January of 2013 and features one of the characters from this book. Final grade- A

Favorite Quote:

"What's wrong?" she whispered.

"I didn't give myself permission to fall in love with you."

Aure `Reading With The Dark` says

I'll give **4 Stars!** for this whole book :))

All 8 short stories from this series are actually one book cut in 8 pieces, so it to be released in different dates to drive fans crazy. At least that is what I think.

Hopefully authors wont do that again in the future. Cause it's frustrating, really.

Do you know the feeling when you can't read the book you're into because you have go to work or other matters to attend too? Basically don't have time for it? And through that time, while you can't read, you constantly living with the characters of that book in your head? Wondering what will happen next.. driving yourself crazy?

Yeah, I'm thinking this reading experience must have been just like this with this book for those who started reading it when it first came up. But it's not because they needed to work or attend to other matters that they couldn't finish at their own choosing time. It was thanks to the author!

Yup, she gives you few chapters, intrigues you and then BAM! No more read for you today! Go and be mad all day, make everyone around you miserable because you need another dose of dat book!

Luckily, I wasn't one of those people who started from when the first peace of the book was released. So my sanity is intact and everyone around me safe, all is well. Have no fear!

I was just wondering, what on earth! (probably not from earth I think) advised with this frustrating-publishing of one book? I think it was a Devil himself. **Cause may I just say *BRAVO* for the tactics!**

I was captured by this series from the chapter one! Although the story looked somewhat similar to 50 Shades of Gray. And I guess it was in some way. All stories like this one will always have something in common with E.L.James books.

Story 'bout wealthy man and a young girl with some dark secrets and kinky fuckery seems very appealing for readers these days. But who am I to judge right? I think I might be one of them LOL :)))

So if You haven't read this series yet, you should definitely start it right away. Cause it's nice story with lots of fun in the erotic sense of the word :))

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Monica says

Well written but a very predictable plot. I found Francesca to be a totally unbelievable character, and very annoying. Besides the gorgeous 20 something virgin scenario (yeah right). I mean what woman only ever

wears jeans and has only one Boho dress in her wardrobe, and when Ian a multi-millionaire wants to buy her some new clothes so that she can feel comfortable attending fancy dinners etc. she goes ballistic!!!!? Though she does let him buy her a leather bikers jacket (hello, hypocrite much!) And why on earth would she rush off overseas to snoop on Ian - I didn't buy her excuse of wanting to support Ian, it was none of her business... I'd be smacking the crap out of her too!

Ok besides that, I found the ending a bit rushed (over in about 20 pages) and oh so predictable. Beth Kery is such a talented writer I just wish she'd been a bit more creative with the ending of this series. A series which stretched on for 2 months in 2 chapter instalments, with such a lead up I was expecting a huge memorable ending or at least a good twist - but as soon as an 'Institute' (a couple of issues ago) was mentioned I just knew "someone" was still alive and Ian was paying for 'secret' treatments (envelope slipped to the brilliant, not to mention attractive, doctor in Paris).

Oh and why oh why do Australians have to pay \$2.99 for each instalment of about 30-40 pages, when there are no printing or transport costs. Plus our dollar is about equal, if not slightly higher, than US dollars!!! Would much rather a straight forward book rather than the weekly chapters. I gave it 3 stars because I enjoyed a few of the chapters and the steamy sex scenes where original.

Danielle says

This series frustrated me. I guess I have gotten spoiled with really good erotic contemporaries lately, but I expected well-rounded characters, a plot that makes sense, and tension that has a climatic moment. The most climactic moment in the book happens in the MANY many sex scenes. So many that I skipped them the last 3 or 4.

Francesca is so weak. And indecisive. And pretty much the child that Ian accuses her of being thought the book. Instead of taking a stand when she is being treated like trash, she sees how beautiful he is and she just can't help but submit to him and let him punish her with his spankings and enormous penis. Nope, she flips when he buys her stuff.

What is up with the romance genre that the girl must always turn into a pissed off harpy when The Billionaire Ex-Playboy Boyfriend/Sex Machine buys her presents? Really? The man has billions and that is how she has to prove she is with him for his a-hole personality and gigantic wiener? She must flip out at the present, make him feel bad, and show that she isn't interested in his money because, obviously, she's an ungrateful brat! How dare he?! Pfft.

I was missing the tension away from the d/s scenes. I wanted more plot line cohesion. I wanted the secondary characters to actually matter if we have to learn about them. I wanted more of a climax (like her finally telling him to eff off with this inappropriate demands during a sensitive moment). I wanted her to have a backbone. Or have a clue (her "detective skills" made her beyond tstl).

I didn't hate the story. I liked it enough to be disappointed in it. I got emotionally invested only to realize that she is not growing to grow and he is not going to finally be likable in the end.

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★1/2! Because You Are Mine series, book 1-8 of 8. Another whirlwind romance with a dominant & controlling, rich & sexy alpha male hero!

“Because You Are Mine” (Ian’s & Francesca’s story) is an 8-part series, released in the fall of 2012. Combined they make a 368-page read. Please note that the Omnibus will be released in March 2013. And there will be a sequel to this series, “When I’m With You” (Lucien’s & Elise’s story) to be released in 8 weekly installments starting March 3, 2013 (series complete by April 23, 2013).

Since I am a reader in need of a HEA, I made sure I waited to read this series until all installments had been released. I read it in one sitting, thus I will review as a set.

Hero: Ian Noble/British/30 years old/mogul-playboy/\$\$\$\$ /dark hair/blue eyes/dom

Heroine: Francesca Arno/American/23 years old/student-artist/red-gold hair/brown eyes/innocent

Francesca is a young artist, who entered her painting in a competition held by the billionaire, Ian Noble. She wins the competition and is commissioned to create the centerpiece painting for the lobby of Ian’s new Chicago Skyscraper. The book opens up at the reception held in her honor. Ian and Francesca are introduced and she feels in instant attraction (recognizing he is out of her league) while he is intrigued, but reserved. He knows she is too innocent for the likes of him. Francesca is a bohemian; she is naïve, sweet and kind. She has a strained relationship with her parents, never quite measuring up. She lives with her three male roommates who are very protective of her. Ian, on the other hand, is the rich and extremely successful business mogul; he is enigmatic, worldly, handsome, sexy and oh so dominant and too “corrupted” for her. But there is much more to it, because Ian is full of secrets. For starters: The reception was not their first encounter. Four years prior Francesca had painted “The Cat That Walks By Himself”. As it turns out Ian had been the inspiration for that painting. She had been sad to have to sell it. And Ian had bought and tracked her down...

Ian tries to fight his attraction to Francesca, but it’s a losing battle and so their whirlwind romance begins, taking us across the ocean while Ian and Francesca get to know each other and have lot of scorching hot sex. But as Ian’s secrets are revealed, his mysterious past continues to cast shadows over their relationship. Their love is challenged and their future threatened.

I thoroughly enjoyed Ian’s & Francesca’s story. And I very much look forward to Lucien’s & Elise’s story in “When I’m With You”.

Hero rating: 5 stars

Heroine rating: 4 stars

Sex scenes rating: 5 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 4.5 stars

Storyline concept rating: 4.5 stars

Storytelling skills rating: 5 stars

Story ending rating: 4.5 stars

Overall rating: 4.5 stars

Would I recommend this series: Yes.

Would I re-read this series: Maybe later.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

Kate F says

Weak, predictable ending. This "series" should've been a \$3.99 book...

Leticia says

How to start this? I am confused, very confused, to the point that I just went through my whole iBook collection to make sure I was not missing one of the books, out of the 8 and yes, I had them all, most shocking I read them all.

Some time ago a book called Wicked Burn came to my hands and I loved it! I love Beth Kery's style and how passionate the story was, I don't have to tell you how excited I was to see the "Because You Are Mine" Series coming out, to the point that I pre-ordered the 8 books on iBooks right away.

Well, my first problem was exactly that, why 8 books? And well, please consider that we are talking about 35-40 pages each, I mean, really? It was mood killer, by the 5th book I was tired and feeling like I was a victim of a marketing scheme and then we have the story, that is the main issue, I mean, where all these virgin-college educated-modern-professional girls are coming from? where they were hiding all this time? and let's not say virgins, that is fine but so naive, so insecure, so inexperience, I mean, who is this girl? I think is out of reality and I am getting tired of reading about her!

I finished the last book yesterday night and by the last page I just looked around my room waiting for Ashton Kuchter to come out of the bathroom screaming "You've being PUNKED!! That's how I was feeling, I think the story was rushed and there was not a lot of characters developed, not even Francheska and Ian.

I dont even want to keep writing.

:(

The BookChick says

I have forced myself to read each installment of this outrageously priced serial. My ratings went down with each successive installment. This was perhaps the most stolid installment in the series.

Francesca goes to London to find out about Ian's alive...but superbly schizophrenic mother... surprising and angering him with her presence. After willingly submitting to him, she allows him to punish her and then brutishly eff her as an additional punishment. *Please note that at this point, my Google Nexus was in peril of being thrown across the room because I cannot believe that a modern young woman would accept that behavior.* The scenario wasn't sexy at all and no amount of convincing could make me believe it was.

Then after they get back to Chicago, Ian pretty much ignores Francesca while she *tear...tear* suffers from his loss. Seriously?!?!? The man treated her like a trained puppy and she missed that?!? Ok, moving on...the

"surprise" party that Ian threw in her honor was a hackneyed attempt to prove that he still cared about her. Again...Ian calling the shots and Francesca followed right along after him. Trained. Puppy. The confession of love and the abrupt ending was probably among the worst that I have ever encountered in my fiction reading...especially after such an extended buildup. The story just ended! Not concluded....ENDED! After making readers wait since July, this was the best ending that Ms. Kery had to offer?!?!?

I am sorry...but I am one completely unhappy and unsatisfied reader. My suggestion is to go back to the drawing board. Rewrite this story into **one complete volume** and with a suitable ending or at least an epilogue so that readers don't feel cheated and gauged!

J.E. says

I really hated the ending. Each book contains 2 chapters. So by the time you buy 16 chapters you've spent \$16 for really a half a book. Yep I've been punked for sure! Whoever thought up this marketing scheme needs to be seriously fired. It gets in the way of being able to appreciate the story, frankly, which overall wasn't so bad, though I thought the ending was awful. The bad outweighs the good. I feel I got sucked out of paying \$1 a chapter so the story must have been halfway decent because I got hooked in to the hook. So there. I'm too disgusted to say anymore.

I won't buy anymore of this author's work, out of fear I'll get punked again. Other authors beware of this scheme. I'm on to you if you try to pull it on me.

Not sure why we call this series "books". ITS TWO CHAPTERS PEOPLE!!

Anna P says

Honestly...???

I dont know who actually came up with the idea of writting a book, which you divided in 8 chapters and baptised each of the chapters a book... Hands up I must say from the Sales department...

However, I will kill the b***h within me, because I have to say I was really pissed every time these so call books came to an end when the best part started.

As the story plot is concerned it wasn't s/th extraordinary..Take a pitch of the 50 shades, a dose of bared into you put them in a blenbder with a quarter of the really bad sex scenes (I mena come on, the sex scenes were put in it just to increase the sales...)and voila, there you have it.

Really disappointed....

Kimmy (Sinfully Snarky Reviews) says

Just finished the 8th installment of this series... First of all this review is on the whole series not the 2 chapters per books BS... This series had a lot of potential but toward the 5 & 6 books I just got tired of Ian walking all over Francesca, the poor virgin who gets corrupted by the Dom. This series was truly a knockoff of 50 shades, a really bad one at that!! This series actually came across as a poorly written Fanfic.

Mari (Smut Duchess) says

WTW???? 8 weeks, 16 bucks lighter and that's it???? Couldn't there have been a firmer ending? Maybe throw us a bone with a one chapter epilogue. Anything to help us feel that our time and money meant something. If I find out that this series continues I can guarantee I won't be bothering with it. Others have told me what a great author Beth Kery is, and that might be true but I can't bring myself to give her another dollar.

Publishers and authors are you taking note that many people dislike the 2 chapter format and being price gouged? I read books that were twice as long and 1/4 the cost that I enjoyed more.

Molly says

ended to abruptly :(

Kirsty says

This series was the biggest waste of time and money I have ever come across. For the first few weeks I was enjoying this story and was looking forward to Tuesday's to read the latest installment. But by the time I reached the fourth of fifth week I found myself losing interest and constantly forgetting what I had already written.

I also read from Beth Kery that the last few installments were going to be considerably longer so I began to look forward to them again but that wasn't the case. For £1.50 every week I expected so much more.

The story was near enough the exact same as FSOG only about four times the price.

I highly regret ordering these books and I only wish I had stopped when I first lost interest. I think the way this book was released was a huge mistake.
