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What I Liked:

I love Tessa Bailey's books. I'm part of her fan group and I am always watching eagerly to see what she is writing next. I'd not heard of Eve Dangerfield before, but when I saw that Tessa was writing a book with Eve, I was 100% on board and couldn't wait to read the book. The duo seemed to have a lot of fun writing this book together. As it would turn out, Captivated was a funny, sweet, and very sexy novel. I didn't doubt that I would love it, and I'm glad I wasn't disappointed.

Autumn is having a rough couple of weeks; her boyfriend (who convinced her to move from Australia to New York with him, for his acting career) has been cheating on her with improv groupies, he abandoned her in their apartment in New York, and let's just say that she is unhappy. She has been spending her days at work at the vet, and at home, she's a mess, and constantly fantasizing about The Landlord. He's big and silent and rarely sets foot outside the apartment building. He fits her naughty fantasies perfectly... little does she know that Blake the landlord has been fantasizing about her as well. A trick of fate has them colliding, and it doesn't take long before they decide to do something about the chemistry between them.

I have to say, there are many great things about this book, but quite possibly my favorite is that it is a loose retelling of Beauty and the Beast! Beauty being Autumn, and the Beast being Blake. Autumn is sunshine and happiness, humor and sweetness, and she's a vet - she even brings injured pigeons home and nurses them back to health. Everyone loves her and is drawn to her. Including Blake, the big hulking landlord who lives in the building and rarely comes out in the daytime. Or at all. He walks with a limp and says very little.

Autumn has always been intrigued by him, and he has always been intrigued by her.

I liked Autumn immediately; she is a sweetheart with a dirty mind and some x-rated fantasies. Her ex-boyfriend was terrible for her self-consciousness (and just terrible in general), so she has some self-esteem issues, and she's embarrassed about the x-rated fantasies. Especially when Blake finds out that she has included him in her fantasies. But to her surprise, he isn't disgusted or freaked out. Rather, he wants in.

Blake is the best "Beast" I've seen in a romance novel. He is big and surly and really does not like people. He has a really sad past that made me want to hug him over and over. He has been hurt - physically, but also emotionally - and he didn't deserve any of the pain. He has always had an eye on Autumn, but knew that his tastes were too dirty for an angel like her. But he was wrong.

These two had great chemistry, especially with them being complete opposites. Autumn is light and sunshine to Blake's storm and darkness. Autumn is a chatterbox of opinions and ideas, whereas Blake is a quiet observer who communicates so much without saying a single word. The pair are perfect for each other on so many levels.

This book was hot! X-rated fantasies indeed. In all fairness, I actually expected more x-rated scenes, but that's okay. The book had plenty of sexy times and good buildup of tension. I like that the authors explored this kind of kink without making it seem non-feminist. You'll have to read the story to see what I mean. Consent was always there, and desire.

On top of this book being very hot, it was also really, really sweet. I was struck by how sweet this book was. It wasn't just sex 24/7. The relationship between Blake and Autumn was a thing to behold. They are so good for each other, and good to each other. I loved watching them fall for each other. Blake with his grumpy, silent self, and Autumn with her energetic, sweet self. Towards the climax of the book, I was less concerned with the sexy times, and more invested in the emotional aspect of the romance. It was so sweet!

The climax was a little angsty but in the best of ways. I love how the conflict was presented and I like how it was handled. Blake and Autumn had some things to work out on their own, and together. There is drama, both individually and between them, but it's not unnecessary drama.

The ending is a very nice HEA! I like the idea of this book being a standalone and I hope that it remains that way. It was a lovely story and I will definitely be rereading it again!

What I Did Not Like:

Nothing specific comes to mind! Perhaps more x-rated sexy times?

Would I Recommend It:

If you enjoy Tessa Bailey's books, this is one that you won't want to miss. The combination of Tessa and Eve is a good one. I've not read any of Eve's solo books but I can clearly see Tessa's writing, and the other half being Eve's writing. The humor of the story is so great, and the tension, and the romance. These two authors wrote a sexy, sweet, heartwarming retelling of Beauty and the Beast, and it is so worth the read.

Rating:

4.5 stars. I am curious to see if the pair will write more books together! It would be neat if they retold other

fairy tales, like Sleeping Beauty or Snow White. (Perhaps not in a problematic way, but hey, they did a great job with this book in making it not problematic, so I'm down for whatever!)

Ellen ♦ Book Bellas ♦ says

Not sure I've read a dirtier or funnier book! Loved it! This writing duo can't be beat.

I literally laughed my way through this fun, sweet, SEXXXY and warm-hearted story from beginning to end. Autumn is an Australian living in New York City. She followed her former boyfriend there as he tried to chase his dreams of becoming an improv comedian. They break up and she plans to move back home once her work visa expires.

Except that she has some serious fantasies about her big, silent, brooding beast of a landlord. Blake stays cooped up in his apartment and hates people. He is the complete opposite of Autumn: she is funny and outgoing and genuinely likes helping people while he is quiet and can't be bothered having a civil conversation with anyone. In other words, he is a swoony, sexy hero and he wants to do very bad things to Autumn! Oh, and did mention he also restores old books? Yep. The perfect hero.

Blake's limp, combined with his abnormal size, made navigating the cluttered apartment difficult. He'd watched in stunned silence, though, as Autumn moved gracefully in front of him, toeing items out of his path, silently making things easier for him. Caring for a stranger without thinking, or asking to be acknowledged. It had annoyed the living shit out of him. Where did this girl get off giving him the assistance he didn't ask for?

In one of the most awkward introductions ever, Autumn accidentally writes a note to Blake on the back of a porno drawing she created featuring herself and...Blake! The drawing illustrates her deepest fantasies and once Blake sees it, he cannot stop thinking about Autumn.

She turned to him, her eyes the size of hubcaps. "I'm having a Beauty and The Beast moment." "I suppose that makes me the beast."

"No." Autumn laid a hand on Blake's arm and he held his breath. "No, of course not," she said. "You're actually... that is to say... I don't just go drawing myself tied up for any old landlord, you know?"

Turns out they both share the same fantasy but before they begin their role play, Blake asks to take Autumn on three regular dates so they can get to know each other. He does not want to scare her - his size alone is intimidating! - and so begins the sexy times.

He pulled her flush against him and it was unlike anything she'd ever felt before. Ian was taller than her, pretty much everyone was taller than her, but Blake was enormous. Being held by him was like being held in a cage, a gentle, living cage. With another man it might have felt oppressive, but as Blake kissed her deeply, all she felt was warm and safe and turned the fuck on.

Everything in this book is 100% consensual. I loved the premise of this book and I ADORED Autumn! Funny, smart and exuberant, she was a true original. And Blake: damaged, smart and sexy, he is one of the sexiest heroes ever created by Ms. Tessa Bailey! These two authors together are pure gold.

As she drank her drink in that same companionable silence, she realized it didn't matter because what he said paled in contrast to what he did. He'd taken her to a five-star restaurant, asked her about comedy and come to her workplace to apologize for being a cocklord in person. Those things talked. They said he thought she was special, interesting and worthy of his time. Their sex spoke, too. The connection between their bodies was so fluent, it could have served as a UN interpreter.

'Captivated' is a totally kinky but very sweet book that was an absolute pleasure to read! If you aren't familiar with Eve Dangerfield, give her books a try. They are fantastic.

Love isn't just saying words, Autumn thought. What we feel is real.

Aisling Zena says

4.5 stars

Ever wondered what would happen if two of your favourite go-to authors decided to collaborate? Well, wonder no more. Tessa and Eve are like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, like marshmallows and fire, like salt and vinegar crisps or like cheese and onion crisps, or bacon on everything! Utter delightfulness.

I swear, I think I got sick so I could have a good book streak. It's either healthy and meh books or not breathing, constantly coughing and spectacular books. I hate, nay loathe being sick and yet if I get good books with it, I'm sort of willing to compromise.

Back to this book, Eve Dangerfield and Tessa Bailey are two of my regular go-to authors especially if I'm in the mood for dirty talkers and spicy rumpy pump. And these two combined just blew my mind. Not to mention my nether regions.

I unreservedly recommend both authors as I found both of them to have that special something in their words that always draws me in. Tessa Bailey has written some of the best dirty talkers I've ever read and Eve Dangerfield has this rare ability to make beautiful couples out of the most unexpected situations and people. And here, together they made something exceptional.

If you're looking for something that's off the scales hot, grazes the bdsm but doesn't actually venture deep in, then this is the book for you.

To my safety gang, possible triggers : (view spoiler)

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

<3 4,5-5 stars <3

Omg I loved it so much! I had a smile most of the time and it was super hot!! Autumn and Blake were so perfect for each other! I loved that they were awkward and cute and funny at times!! Their romance was unique and so different.

The plot was really good and I was intrigued from the first pages, but what made me fall in love even more with the story was the characters! I loved them so much, they have a great connection and they were super hot!

Captivated will leave you breathless and hot! If you are looking for a sexy, heartwarming and funny story this is perfect for you!! I need more books from these two together!

Melanie A. says

5 STARS!!

"You don't want to change the right person, you just want to be where they are."

Gah! AMAZING! Is there anything better than well-written smut with substance? Well, how about well-written *unique* smut with substance that's filled with laugh-out-loud moments? I swear, for me, it doesn't get much better than this!

Long story, short, Autumn hates NYC. And worst of all, after coming to the US from Australia to support her long-time boyfriend, he cheats on her. Her new reality: she's lonely and miserable; and she may or may not fill her spare time with fantasies about her hulking landlord.

Blake, aka The Landlord, is a surly bastard. He rarely leaves his apartment, but when he does, he couldn't care less if people are intimidated by his size or brusque manner. Keeping people at bay is exactly his intention. Except he has a bit of a 'thing' for the Aussie tenant upstairs - that may or may not border on stalkerish.

Honestly, I'm not sure where to start with this review.

The stellar writing?

She rarely paddled in the pools of her childhood memories, and for good reason. They were swampy with affection and confusion and resentment.

Or the sweet romance?

"I know there's more to you than just your fantasies, Autumn."

Or the SUPER-HOT kink?

"As soon as the stairwell door shuts, you're mine. No one will interrupt us. Nothing will happen that I haven't planned. Start to finish, it's what I want, you got that?"

Or with how wonderful these two vulnerable souls were together?

[...]he understood once and for all that this wasn't just Autumn's thing. Yeah, he'd fantasized about being rough with her, but her specific needs had sharpened his own. They were in this together. Deep.

I get that the premise of this book won't be for everyone. If you're concerned, check here ==> (view spoiler)

(hide spoiler)]. But if you're into kink that's explored - both physically and emotionally - in a surprisingly violence-free, yet RAGINGLY hot way, I can't recommend this one enough!

Here's some more of my favorite quotes - AHHHH! I hope this writing duo will continue to collaborate!

Emotions were things he could manage, like a teacup game, moving them around and hiding the prize until his adversaries gave up. But for the first time in his life, he'd lost track of the prize. Maybe because Autumn held it in her hands and didn't realize it.

Blake was excited by this as much as she was, and maybe he was afraid of it, too. Afraid of what it said about him as a man. The realization made her feel braver, less alone.

God, this lust-affection one-two punch was murder. He wasn't even sure he liked the damn feeling, but he would have ended anyone who tried to take it away.

SO FREAKING GOOD!

Paige says

5 "Gold Leaf" Stars

Can you see the steam coming off my Kindle? Hot damn. This book was sexy, hilarious and so sweet. I seriously loved this book. A little kink. A lot of steam. Two characters that were impossible not to love and this book is one of the best new releases I've read this summer.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book. A is for Alpha B is for Books.

?leskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

So there is steamy contemporary romance... and then there's Tessa Bailey and Eve Dangerfield level of... filth.

This book is HOT. So hot it'll certainly burn your grabby little hands.

I had to put it on hold at some point yesterday because... I couldn't read through a scene in a public place without physically giving clues about what was within my hands. Blushing, squirming, giving furtive glances around because I was sure everyone KNEW how dirty my book was!

Although I'm pretty sure I can be stealthy enough and read with my erotica with stone cold face, in reality reading this one felt a lot like this :

Camille (*The Angry Reader*) and I both read it and laughed our asses off. And the reason she didn't pull the book out at work was not because it was smoking hot but because she couldn't stop laughing. Out loud. Repeatedly.

The heroine is deliciously skittles and the irreverence tinting her POV made her my favorite thing in the book. I challenge you to read Autumn's POV and not die of laughter!

The hero is a perfect contrast to her sunny personality : stern, brooding, rough but with a sweet, caring side to him he's scarcely and unintentionally revealing through the simplest gestures and acts, even throughout their roleplay. He was really perceptive and aware of her needs, he was a pleasure to read. A legend!

He was doing this to her, he was giving this to her. What a fucking legend.

Autumn is a 20 something Aussie expat in New York who followed her boyfriend to support him in his endeavors to become a stand-up comedian. Turned out, he was a total cunt and cheated on her.

Autumn's work visa expiring soon, she needs to figure out if New York still holds reasons for her to stay... or go home.

The reason could well enough be **The Landlord** with a scowl of gold. An awkward incident led Autumn to give him a very graphic picture of him... starring her darkest taboo fantasies. Who could have known the young bubbly tenant from the third floor had the such inclinations? A deal is made between Blake The Landlord and Autumn to explore their kink together.

I don't want to say too much, but I simply adored the humor throughout the book, and even if sometimes for me, the sex could be little too much (the kink they're both exploring is considered taboo—I personally think it's hot AF— there was the matter of 'role play name calling' that through me off a little.)

I'm saying this but it's a really minor detail and didn't stop me to devour the book and wish for more.

There's a quote in the book about the heroine being all "dicked out", I guess what I felt was all sexed out!

Tessa Bailey + Eve Dangerfield are too powerful a combo for this romance reader!

For the fantastic banter, the perfect match between two opposites, and the intensity of their feelings, I can't recommend this book enough and it's releasing next month!

Her landlord couldn't talk a worth damn but god he could kiss.

This just landed on my kindle and let me tell you, I'm super excited to read it! It has mischief and steam written all over it!

*The Queen of Dirt Talk and the Queen of Sass are joining forces to bring us this opposites attract/neighbors to lovers tale. **Tessa Bailey** sketched a broody hermit with a mighty scowl and **Eve Dangerfield** outlined the sassy stand-up comedian with a heart of gold.*

Whatever will happen when he'll discover himself starring in her wicked sex comics?

I received an Advance Review Copy

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Mandi Schreiner says

I've loved Tessa Bailey since her first book - and I just discovered Eve Dangerfield last year and I really like her voice. So when I saw these two were pairing up to write a book, I squeaked.

And when I read this line:

"Unzip my pants and greet your new keeper."

I giggled!!! Oh dirty, dirty fun. I love the set-up in this one. Autumn is from Australia and moves to New York City so her boyfriend can fulfill his dream of improv comedy. She supports his dream by working as a vet and keeps her comedian dreams on the back burner. Then he crushes her dreams when he is caught cheating on her. After she throws him out of their apartment, Autumn turns to large t-shirts and ice cream to get her through her sorrow. Her work Visa is almost up, and she assumes she will go back to Australia. Then her landlord knocks on the door to collect her late rent payment.

Blake is a big, reclusive hero, that walks with a limp and hates people.

He was a big motherfucker with a distaste for people he didn't mind showing on his face. Par for the course in someone who didn't leave the confines of his building during the day. No, he'd been built for night and that suited him just fine.

I of course immediately swooned off my chair. Also - he repairs books! How sexy is that?! He is awkward and pretty much in love with Autumn since first glance, which makes him even grumpier. He reminded me of a Charlotte Stein hero, if you are familiar with her work. When he was first showing Autumn and her

boyfriend the apartment, she casually moved stuff out-of-the-way so he could walk easier due to his limp. This made a huge impression on him, and he has lusted after her from a far ever since.

Well, now she is single. And he is still awkward. He notices a drawing she did of him, a very dirty drawing of him - her on her knees with her hands tied behind her back. Autumn has fantasies of being stalked, and bound and controlled. She is also very outgoing and expresses these fantasies to Blake, who is INTO it, even though he is more awkward and shy.

"I really hope you won't be offended, but you're rather large and spectacularly intimidating and I've always had a-a...wish." Her chest rose and plummeted, her words puffing out like little gusts. "A fantasy, really. To be jailed. Kept prisoner. Your likeness is sort of reminiscent of someone who could - not would, just could - do that to me."

But - he doesn't want her to be scared of him, outside of the fantasy. And since she doesn't know him that well, and his size and attitude does intimidate her, he makes her go on three "regular" dates before they start the role play.

From here they get to know each other and they start playing with Blake stalking her out in public, and then barging his way into her apartment and "forcing" her to do sexual acts. This is all 100% consensual - it's a fantasy game and they both get off on it. It's not quite as hard-core as some of the other non-consensual fantasy acts I've read, but there is a lot of verbal shaming (again she wants that).

I will say, I did get a little bit tired of the role-playing sex after a while. There is a lot and it's dirty and fun, but I lost interest for a bit. I think part of it is that Blake goes from grumpy, shy bastard to a sex fiend so quick. I wanted him to be more awkward for a little longer.

I adored Autumn. She is feisty and funny and full of life. I liked her friends and her sexual awakening she has with Blake. She is embarrassed at first by her desires and I love that Blake is there to give her confidence as he also gives her pleasure.

Overall these two are sweet together. If Eve Dangerfield is a new voice to you, please check her out. She is a fun author!

Grade: B

Gi's Spot Reviews says

4.5 'Underwear Incinerating' Stars

BOOOOMMMM... I'm completely and utterly blown away by this pair: Blake and Autumn were the PERFECT match, and the same can be said by the duo Tessa Bailey and Eve Dangerfield: PERFECT COMBO!!!

Captivated is a sweet, hilarious, emotional and ULTRA SEXY – aka not for the faint of heart or public consumption ;P – love story with such charismatic and complex characters that no doubt will pull you in from the very first scene to the very end, just like they did to me. Totally hooked on Blake and Autumn at

first sight! <3

Scary and growly as The Landlord was, he was the perfect man to slot into her dark fantasies. Grizzled like a bear, big and mean.

He'd never been drawn to a woman to the point of suffering, but somehow this tiny girl managed to pack a wallop. One that left him dazed whenever they crossed paths.

I honestly love an odd pairing, so it's no wonder I fell in adoration with these two. Blake, the broody and giant landlord, with his 'stay-away' vibe, was completely captivated by the Australian little sweet and bubbly vet, and aspiring comedian, Autumn, from the very first time he set eyes on her, when he showed her and her asshole of a boyfriend their apartment six months prior.

Now, two weeks after Autumn breaks up after finding out her cheating ex's escapes with comedian groupies, she's been letting her depressive state allow herself to fantasize with her big and dark recluse landlord. He has no idea that he's been starring her dark fantasies, so when chance show him just how reciprocated that attraction that he never thought possible is -in one of the most hilarious scenes of the book! – he take that opportunity with both hands (and other appendages, lol) and they start one hell of a scorching HOT ride!

Because for all his and Autumn's differences—sunny versus dark, chatty versus voluntarily mute—they had something in common now.

OMG, this man!!!! He may be a broody, hermit, and even sometimes mean, but his internal thought regarding Autumn just made me melt and swoon! And their teasing pet naming of beauty and Beast was spot one in more ways than one! Blake practically worshipped this woman, he was so protective and loving, attentive to her every thought and desire it's no wonder she grew more and more infatuated by this man. I adore a good silent and grumpy hero, specially a PMB (a lot like Tessa Bailey's Duke, actually) add to it Blake swoon-worthy care and devotion towards her, and he absolutely reveals himself a unquestionable BEST BOOK BOYFRIEND material!

Watching her move among his things, possessions no one touched but him, Blake had the urge to pick things up and rub them on her skin.

He took a mental snapshot of her unimaginable beauty, the vulnerability and strength of her, before dropping to his own knees. Pain? What pain? He could be missing his fucking leg and he would have found a way to kneel in front of her. To join himself with this girl.

They were both in this together. Deep. Autumn needed to be a prisoner and his desire to give her everything made him crave the role.

It's mine.

She's fucking mine.

What made him even more perfect for Autumn was that he was also her perfect match in her secret sexual cravings – her abduction fantasies – and oh boy did he fit those fantasies to a T! This book was one of hottest I have ever read, and that is saying A LOT, and the role playing aspect added to a trademark Tessa Bailey's filthy talker in Blake, this was definitely an 'cold shower required', well endowed NC-17!

She would have to take back what she'd thought about Blake being bad at talking. Her insanely monosyllabic date was apparently some kind of filth wizard, taking nothing and spinning it into pure

gorgeous filth.

Knowing she'd been angry with him made Blake want to give her orgasms. Loud, scratching, sweaty ones.

Oh yeah. He definitely wanted to give her orgasms. And more apologies. The kind he'd issue inside her, grinding his cock against her G-spot.

"Might have to risk people noticing you're gone, though, won't I? Can't see me getting my fill anytime soon. I'm going to wear my cock out taking you."

I expected the filthy talking Blake – we are talking about Tessa Bailey, the QUEEN of dirty takers, after all – but the level of panty obliteration this man achieved with his magnetism, words and action was a thing of beauty, and in need of worship itself! Blake is now one of my all time favorite TB Heroes, and a hard one to beat! Sigh...

The connection between their bodies was so fluent, it could have served as a UN interpreter. She'd never felt so utterly wild, yet completely safe.

"I know there's more to you than just your fantasies, Autumn."

The chemistry was so palpable that practically jumped off the pages, and Autumn's sassy but sweet, innocent but absolutely hilarious lines and thoughts, were the perfect contra-balance for the emotionally charged scenes and OTT HOT sexy moments. This was my first time reading Ms. Dangerfield's work, and I can honestly say it won't be the last. Autumn was so adorably enrapturing, even though she never realized that herself, she really was the Sunshine and Fun-Sized that Blake to call her. She was just as refreshing as Blake was powerful, and together they really made the perfect couple!

God, this man. This man and his body and his words, it was more than a girl could take.

But words weren't enough for this girl he'd fallen in love with. She would get the world from him.

There were so many good lines, special and epic scenes, and feels it's very hard to be able to put in to words just how much these two made me feel. Captivated truly captivated me at first glimpse and made me crave for even more gems from these two ladies. Tessa Bailey with her filthy taking epic alphas and Eve Dangerfield with her sassy, funny and sweet heroines are most definitely a winning combination! Can't wait to see what more they bring us!!! <3 <3 <3 <3 <3

Unbelievable. His intention might have been to heal Autumn, but she'd been the one to heal him.

"You made me want to be in the sun again. You made me want to be the one who...gave you the sun."

"You've tamed a beast, beauty."

ARC kindly provided by the authors for an honest review

For full Review with Release Blitz, check out my blog post,
<http://gisspotreviews.com/index.php/2...>

Shayna says

“Enjoy using your hands now, little blonde girl. You won’t always have them. I’ve got a rope with your name on it.”

Super HOT! Super SEXY! Super ALPHA! I loved EVERY SINGLE SECOND OF IT! Autumn and Blake were EVERYTHING! The only thing on my mind after I finished absolutely DEVOURING this book was...I WANT MORE!

The wonderful Tessa Bailey and Eve Dangerfield have come together to bring us readers a scorching HOT read that is both steamy and absolutely hysterical! There are so many LAUGH OUT LOUD moments and so many MAKE ME BLUSH moments, there was no way in hell I was ever putting this book down. It became my bible for two nights in a row, and let me tell ya, there wasn’t anything heavenly going on between these two at all! HOT DAMN! Just thinking about a few scenes...it makes me want to experience it all over again!

I don’t believe these two have ever written together, but I hope they read all of these amazing reviews and then they absolutely MUST write together again VERY SOON! I’ve loved Tessa’s writing since she started and Eve Dangerfield is brand new to me, but put these two talented authors together and you get some amazing sexiness in CAPTIVATED!

Autumn will make you do a couple of spit-takes for sure! She’s bold, sassy, and says WHATEVER is on her mind. She is a rambler, but coming from her, it’s hella adorable...and Blake thinks so too! Blake on the other hand, is her exact opposite. His past has turned him into a gruff, growly, and sexy loner who almost never leaves his home. Autumn doesn’t like that all so she is determined to yank Blake out of his self-imposed shell and bring him into the light. Through that almost impossible process their connection and their adoration towards each other grows deeper by the day, until one day, they realize they never want to let go.

Happy reading, my friends! You are going to FALL SO HARD for Blake and Autumn!

Stacey is Sassy says

Kinky, but not too kinky...

I don’t know *Eve Dangerfield* at all but from her quirky writing and newsletters, I pictured Autumn is Eve but with different hair colour. I just picture Eve as a little firecracker with a funny and dirty mouth, who wants to save sick animals. I don’t *know* that for certain, but Autumn is little and Eve looks little from her profile pictures. Autumn is funny and Eve is an absolute crack up in her newsletters. Autumn swears and blabbers on about stuff, and if you’ve read Eve’s newsletters, you know where I’m heading with this...in the nicest possible way.

I'm probably completely off the mark and hopelessly wrong but I feel like Eve wrote the humour and Tessa wrote the sexy times. Not that I'm saying Eve's not sexy and Tessa's not funny...in their writing style. I'm sure they're both really funny and really sexy. Geez, I'm just going to pull my foot out of my mouth (not literally as I'm typing not speaking but you get my drift). What I was trying to say far from elegantly, is that I could see Eve's quirkiness in Autumn. And, in true *Tessa Bailey* fashion, the sexy times left my heart pumping and I was EXTREMELY fidgety.

What made this sexy story amazing for me is that I could look at the role-playing and sexy times without feeling a hint of uncomfortableness. I didn't feel guilty for being turned on by their kinky play time and it didn't ever feel wrong or bordering on abuse. Trust was established before boundaries were crossed. I was impressed with the way the authors convinced me that they were both comfortable and enjoying their play. Sometimes you read books and it almost feels like one person gets off on the play more than the other. I also find some reads are so close to abuse, that it becomes far from sexy for me. It was bleeding obvious both Autumn and Blake enjoyed themselves.

I loved our Aussie heroine and her big and beastly hero. The storyline was interesting, SEXY and very funny. The authors have done a fabulous job of creating original and quirky characters. Both Autumn and Blake have vulnerabilities and they need to establish trust outside their sexy times to strengthen their relationship.

I found myself a wee bit frustrated that their communication took so long to develop. Autumn took too long to share with her family what was really going on in the big city. Blake needed to share with Autumn where he'd come from and what made him turn into the beastly hermit.

I thoroughly enjoyed this SEXY read and think *Eve Dangerfield* and *Tessa Bailey* have created SEXY, comedy magic.

Coco.V says

3.5 stars!

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 STARS

What did he have? A cave on the first floor, heaps of books and an aversion to sunlight. No. He had one more thing. The ability to make her his captive.

Sweet mother of all ovaries. I can't even right now. This book...it was FILTHY. SO deliciously filthy. It was also quirky and fun, with a dose of feels. But it was soooooo filthy. Bailey and Dangerfield are a

powerhouse duo that have created an addict in me. I demand more of their dual writing magic. DEMAND IT. Can't live without it. It didn't even take me long to see their individual styles in this book. Eve is the queen of quirky heroines. They're always funny, unconventional, and female's you'd love for your BFF. They're a breath of fresh air. And Tessa Bailey? The woman is the QUEEN of PMBs, and she may have just created her pouiest man bear ever with Blake. GAH!

Autumn Reynolds is a vet, secretly aspiring comedian, and a woman that just found out her boyfriend of 7 years had cheated on her. Numerously. The man that she gave up everything for to come to America with is now gone and she's left all on her lonesome. Harboring injured pigeons in her bathroom and trying to hide it from her broody and grumpy landlord.

Firstly, let me tell you that the Beauty and the Beast tones in this story was fantastic. It was just the right touch of emotion that this dirty story needed. And boy was it dirty. Because sweet little Autumn has a secret fantasy. One where she's captured, bound, and taken by one bearded and mean landlord. And when said landlord finds out that the woman he's secretly been attracted to all this time wants him back? All bets are off.

Who's bigger, Autumn? In every goddamn way?"

"You."

"My fucking name, Blondie."

Who will drop a grand on your dinner and still fuck you like a slut? Say the name."

"Blake!"

Oh yeah. Eve and Tessa brought the big guns out for this story. No holds barred. And it was AWESOME.

But this book was so much more than just sweet filthy loving. I loved watching Autumn break Blake out of his grumpy shell. This is a man with some wounds from his past, and years later, he's still nursing them. Autumn was the light to his dark and they were so dynamic together, I simply couldn't get enough of them. I loved Blake break out of his broody shell and I loved watching Autumn come into her own. And the chemistry between them? Incendiary!!!

I'm all for the kinky taboo fantasies, and Captivated definitely had that. But it was also a story with fantastic banter, wonderful secondary characters, and plenty of emotional moments. It put a smile on my face even while it made my ovaries feel like they were about to combust. I hope that this will be the first of many books these two co-author together, because they're a dirty duo of pure awesome.

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DNF

Autumn Reynolds is a down on her luck, just been dumped, veterinarian who's not satisfied with her body image and hoards injured pigeons in her apartment. Blake Munroe is her bruited, hulk of a man landlord.

I gotta say, I questioned at times if this story was supposed to be taken seriously. Like, with the right comedic actors it might have been a pretty good parody of a romance. But as a real feel-the-chemistry and swoon romance—not so much. As a romcom—nah. I rolled my eyes more than I cracked a smile.

The characters came off too much as caricatures. Autumn is the rambling, bumbling, put her foot in her mouth heroine who holds a special place in her heart for captivity kink. So much so that she illustrates it. Now the comic might be kinda cool if she owned it, but Autie (whose name I kept seeing as Auntie) isn't badass. At all. She's just comes off desperate, needy, and insecure. Her latent desires to become a submissive would make Anastasia Grey proud.

““I-I think I want you to stalk me.””

Meanwhile, Blake harbors some angsty secret. It's made him a recluse. Physically, Blake is described as...well he's not your ordinary romantic hero. I had a hard time not picturing him as the love child between Disney's Beast and the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

““...he always looks like someone just punched his mum, but he's really quite sexy. Kind of broad and hairy and angry-looking.””

“Not that Blake had any room to judge someone's appearance—not with the pissed off Yeti aesthetic he had going on...”

Don't get me wrong, every romance hero doesn't have to be drop-dead gorgeous, but when he's described more animal-like than human, it's not exactly a turn-on.

My issues with connecting to the characters and the story weren't helped by the 3rd person POV. There's just something about a distant narrator in romance that makes it feel as if it's being told by a voice-over. I'd much rather have the characters tell me about themselves; otherwise, it feels detached and makes it difficult for me to connect with them.

By 35% it was just too much of a struggle to read on. I was tired of hearing about Autumn's ex from both characters, annoyed with Autumn's inability to form coherent sentences, bored with the side characters, and getting disturbing vibes from their “romance.” The lines between liberating role play and you-have-some-issues were getting too blurred for my enjoyment.

**I volunteered to review this ARC. All reviews written by Book-Bosomed Book Blog are honest opinions. In*

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Alba and Her Secrets..♥ says

4 'Beauty and the Beast' Stars!

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When I saw that Tessa Bailey and Eve Dangerfield were writing a book together, I knew. I just knew they would write one sexy love story. And if you have read both or one of these two ladies before, you know you are in for a filthy and oh-so-yummy treat because they know how to get down and dirty, if you know what I mean ;) You all know by now I am HUGE Tessa Bailey fan and actually this is my first time reading something by Eve Dangerfield and now I know it will not be the last one. I am captivated!

So, *Captivated* is a standalone contemporary romance and it is the story between a sassy Aussie called Autumn Reynolds and her grumpy and mysterious landlord Blake Munroe. Autumn has just broken up with her boyfriend of 7 years, the man has cheated and he definitely did a number on her. Autumn dropped her dreams for him and now she is in a city she does not like much, without friends and working in a job she does not fully love. However, she also has this secret.. A secret fantasy involving being captive of her moody and sexy as hell landlord. Well, imagine when said landlord discovers that fantasy (in a very curious way!), especially when he has been attracted to this Aussie lady for the longest time. Things are about to get steamy!

“Enjoy using your hands now, little blonde girl. You won’t always have them. I’ve got a rope with your name on it.”

Oh man.. OH MAN. Holy mother. This novel pours the heat on every level. This duo of authors surely knows how to burn our Kindles with all that filthiness! I mean, I knew this would be dirty. I love Tessa's writing to pieces and I've read many good things about Eve's too. But these two ladies together? EXPLOSIVE! As you can imagine, Tessa wrote that delicious and dirty hero and Eve wrote the funny and sassy heroine. This book is funny as hell, it's hotter than hell and it will grab your full attention from the very start. And yes, sometimes that kink got a little bit much to me but it was impossible not to melt with all that hotness and chemistry between this couple.

They were both in this together. Deep. Autumn needed to be a prisoner and his desire to give her everything made him crave the role.

It's mine.

She's fucking mine.

I also love a good pair of main characters and Autumn and Blake did not disappoint at all. Autumn is the funniest person, she actually wants to be a comedian and she definitely has the talent! She also is a smart and lovely woman who will make it impossible for Blake not to fall in love with her. And yes, let talk about Blake because.. Gah! I love Tessa's heroes and he is no exception. He is so dirty. He definitely is a big, bearded, protective alpha and I loved him from the very beginning. Who does not love a closed man who peels all his layers when his soul mate appears and turns his world upside down?

“You made me want to be in the sun again. You made me want to be the one who... gave you the sun.”

Therefore, I am rating *Captivated* with 4 STARS because it surely was a great first novel by this amazing duo of authors. I hope this is the start of many more releases by them because I loved this couple, this story, the emotions and the explosive chemistry between Blake and Autumn. If you are a fan of super hot contemporary romances or of either (or both!) of these ladies, be sure to check this book out!

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