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This couldn't be happening to her. A fall on the track where she runs every day, a chance meeting with the most handsome stranger she's ever seen, and Franchesca LaCasse, an accomplished biochemist, usually able to handle any situation, finds herself hungering for the stranger's touch, as he gently caresses her face to determine the extent of her injury. With each touch of his hand, he draws her like a moth to flame.

"Look at you," he whispered, his accent thick and gravelly, the thickest she'd ever heard it.

Damon Dumont comes to an abrupt stop to avoid running over the woman lying in his path on the track; he can't just walk away. She is not moving. He turns her over to check for a pulse and is not prepared for the unusual beauty of the woman. Everything about her fascinates him, her gorgeous eyes, and the pièce de résistance, her beautiful head of hair—flaming red, his weakness. He calls for the paramedics, and when they arrive decides to accompany her to the hospital. In this moment of near crisis, a spark has been struck and neither can escape the sensual fire that threatens to consume them as they surrender to passion's embrace.

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## Mz. Leebra Clark says

This is the first time for me reading a romance novel, not really my genre, but I must say I was pleasantly surprised. Noticing that this book was apart of a series, before I started I glanced at the other books, and looks like they are all about different LaCasse members. I wish I would have started this series from the beginning, but that didn't keep me from diving in to this book. Damon and Franchesca...they were perfect together, and i love the all of the passion and chemistry they had between them. This book was GREAT and I would definitely recommend. I am also going to purchase the other books in this series to get caught up. GREAT READ!

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## P.J. Fiala says

Great read.

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## Micki Peluso says

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Last of the LaCasse series of hot, passionate French men

Dr. Francesca, the new and youngest biochemist at her new job feels pressed each day to prove herself. This day her gut tells her will be a good one. Her four brothers had toughened her up. And her friend and coworker, Marcella, gave her support. They did have great jobs, finding drugs to treat rare medical conditions, which fills her with a sense of pride.

However, on this day, her gut is wrong; while sprinting on her company's outdoor track, she sprawls flat on her face, directly in the path of Damon, who is also out for a run. Damon sees her fall, and rushes over to offer his help. Francesca is out cold, she comes to and finds herself gazing into the unusual eyes of a gorgeous hunk of a man — he is huge. The hand touching her face covers it completely.

Still in a state of shock, she's surprised to hear him giving her orders to stay put, and even more surprised to find herself going along with him, as he takes charge and calls an ambulance. She keeps going in and out of consciousness from the excruciating pain she's experiencing in her foot. The only thing that makes the pain bearable is listening to his sexy English ascent and feeling his hand roaming over her as he checks her for broken bones. Her body reacts to him in a way she's never experienced before. Turns out Damon's feelings mirror hers, and he invites her to recuperate at one of his mansions close to the hospital where he had accompanied her.

After she is released from the hospital, and moves into his home, the spark between them turns into a flame as Damon and Francesca heat up the pages of this sizzling romance, leaving the reader reaching for a cool

drink.

Ju Ephraime has again written a romantic love story in the way only she can, never disappointing her fans. Readers who enjoy sizzling romantic novels will want to read this book quickly before the sexual passion bursts into flames.

Micki Peluso, author of *And the Whippoorwill Sang*

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### **James Chalk says**

#### **A Great Love Story!**

This exquisitely written romance is filled with rich descriptions and hot chemistry. The main characters, Franchesca and Damon, are both realistic and interesting. You will quickly grow to know and care about Franchesca and will feel compelled to keep reading right up to the end. I highly recommend this story. I intend to read more of her work.

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### **Suzanne Steele says**

I love a book where I can feel the chemistry between the Hero and heroine and boy could I ever feel it in this one.

The author did a phenomenal job of pulling me into the story line and making me feel what they were experiencing. It is true talent when an author makes you feel and Ju Ephraime did just that.

Bravo!

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### **Brenda Perlin says**

Rhapsody in Paris is the final book in the LaCasse series by Ju Ephraime. I enjoyed this book so much. Without reading the others I was able to get right into the story. The author does a flawless job taking you right in. Didn't feel like I was missing anything. Just made me want to go back from the beginning. The writing is done with an effortless style and I fell in love with Franchesca from the start. I could feel her emotional struggles and was right there with her. When there is passion there is often pain and in this case that is what our main character goes through.

It felt so nice to be taken to France. I could live vicariously through these characters. The authors ability to take you there was evident as I felt I could be walking the streets of Paris. It added to the romance and the charm. This was an easy escape to take. One that I would recommend. Highly.

Quote ~

"She had tried to be mad with Damon, but in truth, she had no one to blame but herself. She had run to his arms, to his be, blindly, eagerly, and, yes, shamelessly. She tried assuring herself that Damon would be able

to get his wife to sign the divorce papers and her would come to her, as he'd promised. But Damon did not come...."

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### **Autumn says**

I received this ARC copy to give an honest review.

This author's books are quick with romance and they are sizzling hot to read. It is like the male characters are way to hot to even be written.

With Rhapsody in Paris this is the little sister's story. Francesca, she is the sister to Wolfe, Foxx, Raymond and Brian. If you have read the other stories in the LaCasse series than you know who these characters are. Francesca is just as independent and hard headed like the others in her family. And I enjoyed that she was very independent. She didn't rely on others especially a man to do things for her. She is very successful in her job and is doing wonderful. That is until she meets the hot and sexy man they call Damon. He is oh so hot and is perfect for her. Now in all these books the romance is always right in ya face and of course there is always a happy ending and I like that. When he meets the family I didn't expect Wolfe one of the twins to accept him as quite as easily as he did. I expected more of a let me size you up and find out all about you since your want to date my sister type thing.

Even though I liked this book I felt as though Damon was a bit controlling, especially towards the end when he wanted to rush things. I felt as though just maybe they could have waited for his family, but he just couldn't be without her. Hence that is why I gave this book a 4 star rating. I do enjoy a bit of control from a character but it was too much for me with this one. I can understand his infatuation with his fiery red-head but it was a bit much.

Overall a good romance story that with the sex scene will leave you hot and bothered. I love the LaCasse family and their romance stories.

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### **Izzibella Beau says**

Just the name LaCasse and you know what to expect, high heat and lots of drama. In this turn of events, the last of this series focuses on Franchesca, a sister to the brothers we have grown to love and lust after. The story begins with a fall, and not necessarily a fall in love situation. Damon happened to be at the right place at the right time to meet the girl that would forever change his life.

Franchesca felt the instant attraction with the first touch between her and Damon, this was something that she needed and so heatedly desired, but was she willing to let him get close enough for that to happen.

Damon had baggage, ahem...in the names of Izzabella and Thorpe, would they be the obstacles that would forever keep Damon and Franchesca from finding a happily ever after ending. Ju Ephraime keeps the reader on the edge of their seat once again or in some parts of the book looking for the nearest cold shower. There is love, romance, tension, drama, the man that every girl waits her entire life for, and an ending that came way too soon. I will have to plead and beg for just one more encore book based on the Lacasse men. Ms.

Ephraime, take your time and think about ending this series, about all the hearts that are breaking out there, all the needs of love and romance that need to be filled. Maybe an online petition needs to be started..Haha, just kidding, but seriously sad to have such a well written series of love come to an end. Thank you for

allowing all of us to experience all the heartbreak, drama, love, and passion that the LaCasse family has shown us. Rhapsody in Paris proves to everyone that love will reign supreme and can overcome any obstacle that is placed in its way in finding forever lasting happiness.

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### **Linda Watkins says**

Rhapsody in Paris is the final chapter in the wonderful LaCasse series by Ju Ephraïme. I love this author's writing style. The other three books in the series, which I've read, were set in Martinique and the Caribbean and words of the author were so vivid, I almost felt like I was there!. This final episode took me to Paris, virtually.

The story is written from the perspective of the heroine, Franchesca and had me feeling her painful excitement, when she meets and falls in love with Damon. Damon is a real hot ticket so it's understandable that Franchesca couldn't resist him - not that she tried much! Ms. Ephraïme uses remarkable skill making the reader experience the emotional upheavals the characters go through as they struggle to come to grips with the intensity of their feelings for each other... extreme passion, pain, and finally, an unbridled display of love as it is triumphant.

Another great work by this author!

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### **C.P. Mandara says**

I love Ms. Ephraïme's books. She has a unique style and her bedroom scenes sizzle. The story of Damon and Franchesca is a perfect example of how true love can be found in the most unexpected places. They meet after Franchesca falls flat on her face in front of him, and when he stops to help her, just like that the love juices begin to flow. Damon is handsome and rich, and Franchesca is beautiful and smart. When these two strong personalities come together it's like the fourth of July, and like the fourth of July, the fireworks almost go out when Franchesca finds out Damon had a secret which he has been keeping from her. I was on pins and needles wondering what the secret was, then when it was revealed, I wondered if it could be true. The author keeps the heat and the suspense going almost to the very end. What a rush!

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### **Gale Stanley says**

Franchesca meets Damon quite by chance when she's injured while running. Her attraction to this stranger takes her by complete surprise. The spark between these two ignites and a wonderful and very hot, love story begins. Of course, not everything goes smoothly. These characters, and the intense emotional connection between them, completely drew me in, and I was rooting for their happily ever after. I didn't realize it was a series, when I bought it, now I want the others.

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## **Julie says**

Rhapsody in Paris by Ju Ephraime is a 2014 Envision publication. I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This is the story of a whirlwind romance of Franchesca and Damon. For Franchesca it's a literal meaning to falling in love. While jogging she falls and Damon comes to her rescue. A mix up at the hospital puts Franchesca in Damon's care until she recovers enough to get around on her own.

Damon is quite well off and had a full staff on hand to cater to Franchesca's every whim. But, Damon is fighting off a massive attraction to this woman he had only just met and the feeling is mutual. However, Damon has some baggage to unpack before he can embark on a relationship with someone and this could break the couple apart before they ever really got off the ground.

This story is like a fantasy we have all indulged in from time to time. A chance meeting, an instant attraction, Paris, and the security of living a comfortable and safe life with the man you have always dreamed of . .

While the couple had a few hurdles in their way, they are able to put the past behind them and forge a future together. Damon in particular deserves this as he has been treated very badly in the past.

There were a few plot issues here and there that should be tweaked unless there are some processes you don't have to go through in some countries that you do in most areas of America. But, it was as I said before, a glamorous fantasy that is simply dreamy. I enjoyed being carried away to the most romantic place you can imagine and living vicariously through Franchesca.

This is the last book in the LaCasse series, but this can be read as a stand alone. Ju Ephraime is known for her "high heat" romance. If you like deeply romantic and sensual/spicy novels this one is worth checking out. 3.5 stars- ( rounded to 4 stars for GR and Amazon)

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## **Abigail says**

As an avid reader of romance novels, I gave this book a shot keeping in mind that not every story or writing style is going to be as great as those of my favorite authors. That being said, this book was terrible. I had a difficult time getting into the book due to a disjointed and drawn-out account of the female lead's background, including details which did not seem relevant to the story. The writing style was immature and often changed, with the characters' dialogue changing style from page-to-page. Sentences were choppy and full of irrelevant details and word repetition. Perhaps if this book was given a good editing it would be more easily read.

In terms of the actual story, it was so unreal to me. How is it romantic for a man to stalk an injured woman to the hospital, pretend to be her husband, and practically kidnap her to his home while thinking "I have to have her"? This really creeped me out, but the nail in the coffin was him referring to his genitals as "the beast." I couldn't take anything else seriously after that.

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## **Hunter Jones says**

Rhapsody in Paris was recommended to me by a friend. It is a lovely romance, rich in character and sizzling

chemistry. The main characters, Franchesca and Damon, have a hot romance. Although I felt parts of the story weren't realistic, it is a romance and who doesn't love a hot, storybook romance? I recommend this book for your summer reading list!

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