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Mercurial and charming, Tate Larson is a rising author and playboy who has a different woman on his arm every night of the week. Focused on his work, Tate has no plans to settle down any time soon. That is until he meets his pretty new assistant, Piper Donovan.

Desperate to escape the promise of backwater living, Piper ditched her Alabama hometown and never looked back. That was almost two years ago. Now that she is out of a job and her bank account is running on fumes, she's desperate to find a job, fast. She finds the break she is searching for when she lands a position at Bookish Temptations. A little dancing and a lot of drinks with the girls seem the perfect way to celebrate. After a brief but explosive encounter with a man she was never supposed to see again turns out to be the same man she will be bending over backwards to please, her every instinct tells her to run. But when running means leaving the life she has struggled so hard to create, Piper decides her only option is to continue working for the devastatingly sexy Tate Larson...even if it kills her.

Unable to deny their growing attraction, they struggle to keep their distance in a relationship that requires anything but.

\*This book is intended for mature audiences.\*

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**Heather says**

**This book starts out with a serious BANG!**

Piper and Tate have a brief but explosive encounter in the ladies room at a night club. Piper and Tate are virtual strangers and neither ever plans to encounter the other again. Fate has another plan. Piper's new job leads her to her mystery man. She soon discovers the reason he has not been able to keep an assistant for more than a few weeks tops. He is a complete jackass.

Tate is a mercurial writer with a short temper. He is immediately irritated that Piper is his assistant. Piper can not believe her luck. Her BAD luck. Tate is incorrigible.

Piper is a girl trying to make her way in the city. She is a small town girl from humble beginnings and she is determined to make more of her life. She has been struggling to make ends meet when she lands the job working for Tate as his assistant.

**The sexual tension in this book is so freaking thick you could cut it with a knife.**

Piper finds herself being pulled in by all that is Tate Larson. He has moments where a softhearted and gentle man shine through and Piper is intrigued. But Tate is on an emotional roller coaster ride and he is all over the place.

Tate wants Piper, then he doesn't want Piper, then he doesn't want Piper with anyone else, then he doesn't want Piper, then he wants Piper, then....

Tate, make up your freaking mind what you want!

Tate seriously....

*"Would it be too much to ask for a blow to the head with a blunt object? She could use a bout of amnesia right now." -Piper*

He is lucky he is so damn hot! Tate, I love you. Piper, I am not sure why you put up with him.

This was a hot and steamy read. The first kiss is not as innocent as it sounds. It is dirty and yummy. This is a fast paced angst filled romance that will keep you on the edge of your seat waiting to see that Tate will pull next.

*"What he was feeling for Piper wasn't something he could stop. It wasn't something he could take back or cut out or burn to ashes. It was a poison that had entered his bloodstream and ripped its way through his body and he knew the exact moment that it happened: that first kiss." - Tate*

Four Gloriously Mercurial Stars

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## Sara says

### Rating: 4.5 stars

I am a person who gets on a genre kick. I find one that I fall in love with and immerse myself in it completely. It's hard to come out of with my OCD but when a book comes along that takes me out of that genre and has me up until the wee hours of the morning to finish it. I dare say it's a damn good book. I have said it before; I don't stay up that late for just any book, even though it's fun to tease my husband that I am up with another man. Anyway...

That First Kiss was a breath of fresh air. I had the privilege of reading *Stranded*, the novella before this. It's not needed to read it first but I would recommend it for the simple pleasure of knowing Felix and Poppy's story and getting to see them once again.

So, we meet Piper Donovan as she is being interviewed for a new position, a position that can seriously make or break her current living situation.

*"So would you say that you work well with others?"*

*Piper nodded enthusiastically. "Oh, yes. I haven't met a person yet that has been able to get me riled."*

Um, are you sure about that Piper? After landing a position with Bookish Temptations (that name was the only thing that bugged me about this book) Piper goes out with her girl friends to celebrate with one central goal, to get drunk and get laid. I adore that Piper is a *WOMAN*, she is not some little girl who is unaware or afraid of sex. Piper is an adult, living in a grown up world where she owns her sexuality and if a one night stand is what she wants it is what she is going to get and her friends will make damn sure about that. What else are best girlfriends for than to look after you wants and needs.

*"Seriously, if you don't go over there and scoop up that hottie one of us will." Sheila motioned to herself and the others. "Believe me, if you don't want him, one of us will be more than willing to take one for the team. Besides, you need to get laid."*

When Piper catches the eye of man across the dance floor she is instantly attracted but with a turn of her head he disappears, sigh, oh well the night must go on. The girls head out to burn off the drinks with a bit of dancing; Piper feels hands on her hips and gets into the bump and grind (come on...a little R. Kelly never hurt anyone, he is still trapped in the closet after all) and upon a spin she comes face to face with HIM!

*The man had two perfect dimples that she had the urge to lick. She didn't of course, because that would be creepy, but she could do whatever she wanted in her mind, and she was licking his face like it was the last creamsicle on the planet.*

Well now. I do declare! Our feisty Piper heads off for a bit of fun with Mr. Sexy Dimples and ends up with an altering kiss at the end of a little counter action...that first kiss. Oh boy.

As Piper heads into work for her first day she is ready to take on the ego inflated author who blows through assistants as fast as Charlie Sheen blows through brain cells. Oh no, say it ain't so...her new "second boss" the one she has to work side by side closely with is none other than Mr. Sexy Dimples himself, aka Tate Larson. Poor Piper, if it wasn't bad enough to see a one night stand in the broad daylight to have it be this man? Oh I felt for her, I did.

The relationship between Piper and Tate is strained to say the least. He is well, Tate and pretty much an ass and she is Piper just trying to do her best to keep her job and her head above water. What doesn't help is the sexual tension between these two. Piper wants Tate but won't give in. Tate wants Piper but won't give in...they drove me nuts most of the time but had some of the funniest scenes and goodness there were a few instances where I had to kick my foot out of the covers to cool off they got so damn hot. It's been a while since a standard romance could do that to me. Thank you Ms. Valentine for allowing me to have faith in this genre again, I had thought it long gone.

*The problem was – and if she was being completely honest with herself – as much as she detested Tate Larson, she was finding it more and more difficult every day to say no to him. Tate Larson was going to be the death of her, but oh what a way to die.*

Mr. Tate Larson, you are one head strong man with a tongue of gold. Some of the things that come out of your mouth make it justifiable to slap you silly but then you come out with these words, these oh so sexy words that had me melting.

*"What are you doing?" Piper flattened herself against the door as Tate tilted his head toward her.*

*"Thinking," he said distracted.*

*"About what?" Her heart pounded and she was finding it harder to breathe.*

*His lips whispered across hers. "Kissing you." He dragged his lips down the slope of her jaw to her neck. "Tasting you." When he reached the curve of her shoulder his hand dipped between her legs and cupped her. "Fucking you," he whispered...*

Um...yeah. What was I saying? Oh yes, Tate and that filthy, deletacable mouth of his. Yeah, that was just one of the reasons I fell for that man. This is one of the others, just one.

***Damn, but her smile was fucking gorgeous. Just seeing her smile caused his own to stretch across his face and his worries to disappear as if they had never existed.***

Watching these two fight their attraction, then give in, then fight it again only to give in AGAIN (*ahem - Las Vegas hotel room - just saying.*) was a great ride that I would gladly take again. Piper and Tate are a match made in frustrating heaven but seeing them grow in their relationship was so much fun. There really is a match out there for everyone even if they drive you nuts and no, I am not talking about stage five clinger nuts, Sheila.

*That First Kiss* was a fun read, a book you can curl up and get lost in, smile at, gush over, fawn over and route for the couple to finally get it together so they can **BE** together. I simply adored this story; this boy meets girl have a one night stand and are thrust together by fate. Sounds cliché but the author does a great job of telling a sweet and sexy love story of two stubborn as hell individuals who finally give into what they want.

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## **Sybil aka Lala says**

HOT DAMN! WHAT A RIDE!!

THIS BOOK WAS SO MUCH FUCKING FUN I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO WRITE THIS REVIEW IN ALL CAPS IN ORDER TO CONVEY MY EXCITEMENT! But I won't. Because that is annoying and since I will no doubt be annoying you with my incessant gushing over this book and its author, I'll let that one go.

Now, onto the gushing...

First gushing over the author. I have read books by this author before. Some I have loved and some I have loved a little less but one thing has always remained true: it is fucking hard to put her books down. She has a talent for sucking you in and keeping you there until the ending comes all too soon. Whether her books are darker or sexier there is always plenty of humour to be found. Her characters seem so real and their emotions are so well described that you cannot help but love them.

And so gushing over the characters. LOVED THEM!! Tate has a reputation for being a complete and utter jerk but Piper has desperation on her side so she is not about to take any of his shit. The banter and push and

pull between these two was intensely enjoyable. I lost count of the amount of times I was snorting at either of their quips or the times my toes curled over because the games they played with each other were just so satisfying. The attraction between them is undeniable, the angst delicious and the sexual tension was tangible.

Which brings us to gushing over the sexy times. Because holy wow, this book was HOT! All that fire and tension and constant back and forth translated into some intense sexy times. All the grabbing, clothes tearing, passionate kissing and wall banging you could ever want are inside these pages and not once does any of it become stale. In fact with the back and forth between these two each time just becomes more and intense.

And now, gushing over all of it. I cannot find a single thing to dislike about this book. It is hot and funny and sweet angsty and sexy and that ending... OMG that ending. Just read it!

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## **BBMoreB ~ says**

This author's writing style is descriptive, adventurous and enlightening. Her ability to create and portray characters with realistic reactions is unblemished. This well-paced story can change direction in an instant without leaving the reader feeling lost. She allows the characters emotions to naturally progress the story – often exposing their vulnerabilities.

Only now she was stuck in a darkened corner while her boss and former one-night stand tried to hook up with anything with a pussy.

“I just know I woke up half-dressed and in my boss's bed” – Piper to Sheila

She developed an all inclusive world with an incredible supporting cast that provides the perfect background to sustain the overall realism. Not to mention the smoking-hot sex scenes...this author has mastered the erotic romance. Everything is well-balanced! **Highly Recommended!**

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## **Anna says**

Piper Donovan is thrilled to land a job that will keep her living in the city she loves and prevent her from having to go back to a life she doesn't want in rural Alabama. While out celebrating her new job with friends she has a very intense encounter with a man she meets at the club. She starts her new job only to realize that the incredibly challenging frustrating man she is now the assistant to is the same man she hooked up with at the club.

Tate is an author who is very demanding and has caused a number of assistants to quit rather than work for someone like him. Piper is able to stand up to him and deal with his moods and demands- but both of them find it difficult to deal with the serious sexual chemistry between them. Both have been hurt in the past, and both struggle to decide how to handle their feelings about one another, which are growing ever more complicated.

Based on the author's description of the book, I expected to like it- but I didn't expect it to hook me so quickly or to like it as much as I did. There are elements of the storyline that are familiar to this genre, but the characters felt fresh and there were many elements of the relationships that were unique. I really liked Piper and her girlfriends right from the start. They seem like a lot of fun and obviously create a good support system for each other. Tate was frustrating and screwed up a lot, but it didn't take long for him to hook me too. Piper and Tate had a lot of challenges to face- both personal and professional. Even with the serious chemistry they shared, it wasn't clear how or whether they were going to be able to sort everything out. This was a book that I had a hard time putting down. I found myself thinking about the characters and their situation when I was away from the book. Also- it is funny in a great way. A lot of books I've read lately have seemed a little too aware of how funny they are, and sometimes it seems that the author is trying to hard to be constantly hilarious and it ends up feeling a little fake. The great thing about this book was that a lot of the funny stuff caught me off guard. I would just be reading along, and then all of a sudden one of the characters would totally crack me up. It felt great to experience.

This book is the second in a series, but I have not yet read the first. This book can easily be read as a stand-alone. The writing was good, and I will definitely be reading more from this author.

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## **Michelle says**

### **4.5 Shake. You. Until. You. Shut-up. And. Listen. To. Me. Stars!**

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Tate and Piper's story starts off with one hell of a **bang**.

Piper is in desperate need of a job in order to avoid having to move back home. But when she lands a job that could be the answers to all her prayers she suddenly realizes that it is the answer to all her nightmares and fantasies as well. Tate is the arrogant, pushy and down-right asshole that can't seem to keep an assistant for any length of time. A star author at Bookish Temptations in need of a new assistant who is tough enough to put him in his place and put up with his bullshit. But neither of them expected to be face to face in that coffee



shop after that explosive night in the club.

Tate is man that has disconnected the emotions from sex. He has seen first hand how love can break a person. Unwilling to accept that he needs both, he has created a life full of one night stands. And taking a page out of *Pretty Woman* doesn't turn sex into an intimate moment by allowing himself to expose himself with the act of kissing. But something about this girl makes him want to taste her lips - and that kiss is about to ruin him, he just doesn't realize it yet.

Piper seems to push all of the wrong buttons with Tate; but still able to somehow manage to retain her job lasting longer than the ones before him. But his excessive need for her to be at his beck and call at all hours might just be more about being possessive and less about her job. Their one night has not left their thoughts but this is strictly business. Piper has seen the man in action and although she is desperate to be under him again; she refuses to give in to the sexual chemistry. Tate is not sure why he let her get under his skin and the back and forth angst is frustrating as all hell. There were multiple times that I wanted to throw my Kindle across the room. Frustrating doesn't even begin to explain these two and their lack of ability to communicate. But I am a complete sucker for these angst filled stories that make you want to pull out your hair and put your fist through walls.

Sexual tension at points in this was off the charts but always seemed to leave you hanging - wanting more. Needing it to go one step further. Needing both of them to just shut up for a minute and let their bodies do the thinking for them.

Every time you think *this is it*, that finally someone is going to put on their big-girl panties and admit to what they are feeling the other person opens their big mouth or does something that causes the other to retreat back into their head. The inability to simply communicate and see beyond the fear of getting hurt was enough to drive you insane but completely sucked you into this story. Love - lust - hate all blended together in one fucked up mixing bowl that made you crave to stick your fingers in and lick up every last bit.

As the story was nearing the end I had one repeating thought playing through my head...

These two were so dysfunctional, they both were so frustrating. But I could not get enough. Romantic? No. Hot? Yes. These two created sparks easily but warm fuzzy feelings were not on the menu. They took the long way to get to the place we all knew they would end up. But it was the right path. Tate was far too complicated and screwed up for it to be easy. Piper to stubborn to take a moment and try to see what was in front of her - what his actions meant; why he did the things he did. Both so unwilling to just give in - both fighting every feeling...every emotion with everything they had.

I enjoyed the prior novella in this series, *Stranded*, and was not sure what to expect with the second in the series. I was pleasantly surprised. The feel of the way the story was told felt new - you could feel the difference in style that fit these two characters. Sometimes an author's style doesn't shift. The style remains the same in each book no matter what the situation is. *Stranded* fit Poppy and Felix's encounter and *That First Kiss* just fit the angst and frustration of Piper and Tate. An amazing job by J.C. Valentine to tell the story with such a way that fit the feel of the characters.

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## **Breezy \*Lover of all things Alpha Male\* says**

This book was crazy hot. Literally from the moment I started it, till the moment I finished it, I was primed and tuned completely into these two characters! Tate is a jackass, but the way he comes full circle is fascinating! Piper is a bit of a child at times, but she too seems to grow up and mature pretty quickly.

Piper needs to find a job fast, she is running out of money quickly and she gets an opportunity that pays well and has some killer perks. Only catch, her boss is a tyrant apparently. She overlooks this and decides to celebrate with her friends. Clubbing is on the agenda and apparently so is a handsome blonde God she meets there. Needless to say, things get hot and heavy and she ends up bumping and grinding with him on and off the dance floor.

Tate is a closed off, self absorbed ass who happens to be the man Piper got busy with in the club's bathroom. Things are immediately tense between them and Tate fires her. Literally fires her within minutes of her meeting him. Nice guy right? Turns out, he kinda is. He has had his heartbroken badly and he shuts out any human contact from the opposite sex. If it isn't about sex, he isn't interested in getting to know you. But Piper is under his skin.

This book has some funny moments and moments that make you want to cry. It was the first book in a long time where the ex in someone's life wasn't a complete nightmare who was out to break them up. She is actually super sweet and kinda funny. I really enjoyed seeing that, it was a refreshing take on it. We see Piper get close to another man named Tom, who is apparently dreamy as well, and yet she doesn't hurt him. She lets him go and he falls for her friend instead.

It was nice to read a book where the tension was based on love and a small misunderstanding vs lust and life and death situations. I enjoyed this book immensely! Did I mention this book was HOT? Because it was ridiculously hot....=)

I give it 4.5 lipsticks! You need to buy this one. It's a nice pallet cleanser for those of you who like Crossfire and 50 Shades kind of drama.

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## **Kate says**

this story has been done before. The heroine meets a hot guy in a bar right before she starts a new job and bangs him (this time in a bathroom and yes, the sex is hot!). When she goes to work, oops! The hot guy is her boss. It's not a new story, but JC Valentine did it really well!

Tate is an asshole with a capital A. Honestly, I was never really sure that I liked him. Especially the way he treated my lovely Thomas. I loved him! He redeemed himself in the end, but it was a rough ride!

Piper is the latest in a long line of assistants for Tate. He goes through them like beer in a frat house. He treats them all like crap and they all end up lasting for 15 minutes with him. Piper is different. She stands up

to his crap, gives it back and refuses to let him fire her. I love her spunk!

Let's discuss the tension in this book. It was THICK. There was a loooooong period of the book that was just buildup to an explosion. It was really well done. I was getting a bit hot under the collar myself for a while.

My favorite parts of this book were actually the girlfriend interactions. Piper has AMAZING friends and their banter was just awesome. I loved it!! I am hoping that Thomas gets a book with a certain friend of Piper's who I just adore!

Bottom line time: If you love a story about an jerk getting redemption, you will love this one. I personally did enjoy it, and in the end Tate and Piper made sense...but I still wanted to kick him in the family jewels a LOT.

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## **J says**

\* This is the second book in the Night Calls Series, however can be read alone. After reading *That First Kiss* I will definitely read Stranded book # 1 in the series.

Getting her life on track is Piper Donovan main focus, for the last 2 years she has avoided going home, and now with funds low she is desperate. When she lands herself a new job at Bookish Temptations, she heads out with the girls for a celebration.

When she comes face to face with one sexy as hell man she finds herself letting all her inhibitions go and shares one explosive encounter in the bathroom.

*The man had two perfect dimples that she had the urge to lick. She didn't , of course, because that would be creepy, but she could do whatever she wanted in her mind, and she was licking his face like it was the last creamsicle on the planet.*

When she starts her new job a few days later, she comes face to face with the man who had ripped her panties and had her bent over the bathroom counter.

She soon realises the man she shared that one time encounter with is vastly different to her new boss.

He fires her instantly, leaving Piper angry and desperate.  
She decides she doesn't accept her firing and refuses to allow him to fire her.

Tate is an up and rising writer with trust issues and does not believe in love, and after being burned by his ex does not do commitment.

His short temper, bad communication skills and total Alpha ways are just some traits that make you fall in love with him.

Piper is strong and feisty. She doesn't let Tate walk over her. She sticks it to him at every chance she gets.

Their sexual tension is off the charts, Tate would rile her up.

*"I could make you remember," he growled. "I could bend you over this table right now and take you from behind. Would you like that?"*

Then be a total D-bag..

*She was stuck in a darkened corner while her boss and former one-night stand tried to hook up with anything with a pussy.*

Piper is constatly frustrated.

Tate Larson inspires anger and irritation. He is rude and demanding and yet her body didn't get that memo. It just craved him.

When they do get together they are off the charts HOT

***"So fucking tight. You made me come so hard. Let me inside, baby. Say yes and I will make you feel so good."***

Tate has a dirty mouth, Oh god I love a dirty mouth....

***"I want to wrap your tits around my dick and fuck the shit out of them until I come on your chest."***

Ummm WOW that is a little hot!!!

But not everything is rosy and easy. There is a few miss understandings. Tate is reluctant. What Tate was feeling for Piper wasn't something he could stop.

***It was a poison that had entered his blood stream and ripped it's way through his body and he knew the exact moment that it happened: That first kiss.***

Will Tate get over his commitment and trust issues? Or will he push Piper away for good?

I really enjoyed this. It was fun and sexy. So many laugh out loud moments. It wasn't heavy but kept me totally invested in Tate and Piper.

I loved Tate's Mum. She was awesome.

I loved the scene at the start with Piper's friends.

Loved the way they talked about sex hahaha had a Sex and the City feel.

Sometimes when you read romance it can just get too serious. I loved how easy it was to love Tate and Piper.

Will definitely be checking out more from J.C. Valentine.

Buy it

Read it

Love it

*4 Stars*

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**figuranta♥️?addicted♥️?to♥️?books♥️? says**

4.5 stars

Wow wot an amazing book this was. I loved it. Thank you for giving me the chance to be one of teh first to read it.

Full review coming soon

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**Hazel \*Craves the Angst Reviews\* says**

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*I was kindly provided this eARC from the author in exchange for an honest review.*

***4.5 Sexy, Steamy, Salacious Stars!***

***Hold Onto Your Panties Ladies, Tate Is On The Prowl!***

***The Rundown:***

Tate is a capricious writer with a trust issues, whose past has taught him those who believe in love, commitment and monogamy are destined to fail. Those things are myths people tell themselves to trap them in a doomed relationship. He's a total alpha male who wants what he wants and makes no excuses for his temperamental and turbulent moods.

When we meet Tate for the first time, he is out clubbing, on the prowl, like most nights, looking for a quick hook up without complications. Seeing Piper across the dance floor, he's instantly attracted to the dark haired, curvy beauty with the big brown eyes. She's not his usual type but there's just something about her that pulls at something deep inside him. Taking his chances and approaching her on the pulsating dance floor, Tate can't get enough of her taste, her smell, her feel so without much preamble, he whisks her away to the ladies bathroom where they both have one of the most erotic encounters of their lives. Tate never kisses the girls he hooks up with because its too personal, but when the deed is done, Tate can't resist kissing Piper's soft, plump lips just once before leaving her. That one kiss is his undoing.

*Quote Spotlight...*

***What he was feeling for Piper wasn't something he could stop. It wasn't something he could take back or***

*cut out or burn to ashes. It was a poison that had entered his blood stream and ripped its way through his body and he knew the exact moment it happened: that first kiss.*

Out on the town with her girlfriends before she starts her new job, Piper can't believe she just lead herself on a mission of debauchery in the women's bathroom with a guy who's name she didn't even get. But rebounding from a bad breakup, hooking up is about all she can handle at the moment so she enjoyed the adventure for what it was. When Monday morning arrives and her new job starts, she's warned that she will be personal assistant to a moody writer who's run off all his other PA's. Determined to keep her job and a steady paycheck and not be forced to move back to her childhood home in Alabama, she sets out to find her new charge only to come face to face with her one night stand.

The first thing he does? Fire's her!

*Quote Spotlight...*

*Piper glared at him. Was this guy for real? This was exactly why she preferred one-night stands. When she banged someone in the back room she never has to see their asshole faces again!*

**The Review:**

That First Kiss (Night Calls #2) is a steamy Adult Contemporary Romance written by *J.C.Valentine* and though this is the second book in the series, its a stand alone, full length novel.

I read the first book in this series, *Stranded* which was a short/story novella and though I enjoyed it, **this book, Completely. Blew. Me. Away!** That First Kiss had me laughing, fretting and nervous for our would-be couple. And it had me completely seduced throughout the entire time I was immersed in this incredible read. In short, it was simply amazing!

Tate was sexy, steamy, charming, over confident, completely hilarious at times and a right royal ass at others but his moody temper and his impenetrable walled heart was no match for the irresistible Piper.

Piper was strong willed, confident and beautiful. She worked hard, had morals and though she'd been trampled on, she still had hope. I loved her character!

Their chemistry was off-the-charts hot and watching these two come together was sinful and fun.

*Quote Spotlight...*

*Tate smirked. "Honestly, you make me sound like some sort of caveman. Had that been the case, you would be unconscious and completely at my mercy right now. And trust me," he said, his voice growing husky as they fell off his tongue and he stepped forward, closing the distance between them. "I can think of so many things to do to you, and you wouldn't be complaining about any of them."*

This book has it all. Steam, fun, angst, fabulous characters and heartfelt emotions. And best of all, there's no cliffy and there's a HEA!

*Quote Spotlight...*

*"I know I'm an asshole, and I'm sure as hell not worthy of you, but if you give me a chance, I'll spend the rest of my life trying to be."*

And as an added bonus, we also get to see glimpses of the continuing, developing relationship of Felix and Poppy from the first book, *Stranded* as Piper and Tate interact with them.

### ***The Wrap Up:***

I love how *J.C. Valentine* writes the best confrontational scenes with entertaining dialogue and hilarious character interactions. I absolutely LOVED, and I do mean LOVED, Tate and Pipers first official meet. Sparks were flying, I was laughing and cringing at the same time, and their laughable and awkward encounter only cemented how much I would adore this crazy ride. And trust me, I wasn't disappointed. This author has a way with romance, crazy off the wall characters and intense and fun scenes that will captivate your heart and leave you wanting more each time! I can't wait to read the next book in this series.

### ***More Favorite Quotes and Passages...***

*Tate probably couldn't see it, but he was this close to being found stuffed in a roadside drainage ditch. - (Piper's POV)*

*He stayed two steps behind her all the way up to the house, afraid to get too close. It was like he was starring in his own horror movie and had just figured out who the killer was. He had to put on a mask of ignorance and remain calm. As with any psychopath, she could probably smell fear. - (Tate's POV)*

*His heart was pounding in his chest, a light sheen of sweat had his skin feeling clammy, and if the granny in the Gremlin didn't get the hell out of his way pronto, he was tempted to roll right over the top of her. - (Tate's POV)*

*"I need to be inside you," he growled. "I need to feel your naked curves beneath me." - Tate*

(Yowza! I need me a Tate ASAP please!)

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## **Cherry Lemonade says**

Oh my! This book almost immediately heats up. A great book written by one of my new favorite authors!

J.C Valentine tears up the sheets with this book! With the utterly charming, headstrong, determined Piper and the demanding, cold, sexy Tate the characters are a quite the match. It's interesting to see their characters develop a relationship no matter how hard they try fighting it. Well, Piper does anyway. Piper is determined not to screw up her new job, she doesn't want to land back in small town Alabama. But what can you do when your new boss is your one night stand you have been having fantasies about since that night?

I have to agree with some of the previous reviews that I have read online about *The First Kiss*, the bathroom scene is undoubtedly one of the best in the book. The author burned the pages with that one! But this book is so much more than that. A chance at true love when the odds and the past are stacked against you. Just how hard would you fight when you never wanted to put yourself in the position of caring for someone ever again? I think everyone can relate to the mindset, I think we have all been hurt that bad by someone we cared for.

If you have read the first book in the *Night Calls* series, *Stranded*, you will be happy to see Poppy and Felix make appearances in *That First Kiss*. Which thrilled me to pieces. Not only do I like the characters Poppy and Felix, Poppy by herself has a charismatic draw that readers will love. It is nice to see the 'after'. Felix



was a dynamic character in Stranded and it was awesome to see him cast as Tate Larson's boss and close friend in this book.

This book has been hotter than the weather in Cleveland and honestly burns the pages up! Get your copy NOW!

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## **Lillian ? Cloud 9 Books ? says**

**\*\*\*\*\* 3.5 Stars \*\*\*\*\***

*Can be read as a standalone*

The beginning of That First Kiss is so hot. Tate and Piper see each other at a busy club, and they finish their night in a public restroom. They don't exchange numbers or talk about anything personal. The entire night is just one sexy mystery.

Unfortunately, the mystery comes to an end when Piper starts her new job as Tate's assistant.

Tate is bossy, demanding, and sometimes irrational. They try to keep things professional, but their attraction is inevitable.

For me, the relationship between them went back and forth way too much. There was a lot of jealousy going both ways. The beginning and ending were spectacular, but I think some of the sections in the middle could have been cut out.

If you read the first book, you'll probably enjoy seeing Poppy and Felix again. If you haven't read it, this can easily be read as a standalone.

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## **Connie says**

I received a free copy from the author in exchange for an honest review. I gave this book 3 Stars. I enjoyed reading this book, however, I don't think this story is anything special. A writer, Tate Larson, met his assistant, Piper Donovan, and had sex with her in a bathroom of a club before she became his assistant. When she became his assistant, he was mean to her but she still fell for him. I like the fact that Piper is a strong character but she has blinders on when it comes to Tate. This frustrated me to no ends and it goes on the whole book.

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## **Fab Fun & Tantalizing Reads says**

This book was super fun. It wasn't overly angsty with bucket loads of emotional baggage. It had a great & delicious recipe and t'was exactly what the doctor ordered. I was hooked right from that instant attraction across the room & then heading in and getting down and dirty in the public bathroom.

The last thing Piper expects when she shows up for her new job on Monday is to come face to face with the guy who rocked her world in the club bathroom, and the new object of her fantasies. That meeting does not go well.

**Would it be too much to ask for a blow to the head with a blunt object? She could use a bout of amnesia right about now."**

Add Piper, a take no nonsense, in charge of her own destiny, emotionally strong & sexy girl to Tate. He's an author for Bookish Temptations. Playa, emotionally unavailable, and a total douchebag! He can't retain an assistant for any length of time. He's rude enough to scare off everyone that comes in contact with him, bar his family. Sparks fly, and not all good ones...

**"How could I possibly forget? I had to make my own coffee!" he roared.**

**"Well, call the newspapers! It's a wonder you're still alive," Piper yelled back.**

Piper is determined to make her new job work, no matter what the cost. There's no way she's heading back to Alabama. She takes what he dishes on the chin. She plays his DD when he's out playing manwhore, she comes when he calls and she accompanies him to family dinners. I could tell you they get on like a house on fire. But that would be lying. They fight and bicker, it's clear it's just their way of foreplay though. Those were the times I could not stop giggling.

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The sexual tension was oozing from the pages and I laughed all the way through. Their tenuous 'friendship' was so fun, funny and hot. The sexy times were off the chart and the miscommunications frustrating but so worth it. I laughed so hard when he kept turning up out of the blue to cockblock her.

How about the time he rocked up at her house to tell her he wanted to be with her, gave her an earth

shattering orgasm

then she kicked him out? I was hysterical. It got awkward.

Mix, stir and repeat. Can Piper ignore the lust she feels that was ignited their first meeting when he orders her around and demands her attention every moment? Can Tate scare off the only person that that puts his walls at risk? Can they ignore or will they surrender?

**“Remember what it felt like the first time? Do you remember how it felt to have me inside you? I do”...”You were so wet baby. So fucking tight. You made me come so hard. Let me inside, baby. Say yes and I will make you feel so good.”**

As I'm sure you can imagine, even after they get down and dirty things don't go as planned. Exes show up. Misunderstandings ensue, and poor communication strikes. Making up is all part of the fun :)

I adored the combination of Tate and Piper and LOVED that she was so strong willed. I would have given in a LONG time before she finally crumbled. The friendships (Sheila was FAB!) & family (Love-love-loved Cindi!) were wonderful. I found that the secondary characters really added to the story instead of just filling the pages. It made me want to know more and more about each of them.

Want to know if Tate and Piper can win each other over after everything? See if opposites really do attract or will they kill each other first? Don't miss That First Kiss! I thoroughly enjoyed it...

**“You can't choose who your heart loves.”**

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