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India Powers is at the end of her rope. After dumping her cheating fiancé and having a falling out with her parents, she decides to take a much needed vacation. In route she meets two hunky fellow vacationers in the form of Rafe Santiago and Grant Thompson. Though she's not looking for love, India sees no harm in a little island flirtation.

Rafe and Grant have been friends since they were kids; both from broken homes, all they had were each other. Their closeness leads them to the discovery they enjoy sharing the same women. After surviving a stormy marriage that nearly destroys their friendship, Rafe vows to never let another woman come between them. To celebrate Rafe's divorce, he and Grant take a vacation in hopes of finding Miss Right along the way.

Tragedy strikes when their plane goes down. In a twist of fate, the only survivors are India, Grant and Rafe. Stranded for weeks, their daily fight for survival turns into something much deeper when India falls for both men and they for her. However, when they're rescued and returned to civilization, they fall under public scrutiny. Can their newfound love survive when outside forces step in to tear them apart?

## **Stranded Details**

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## From Reader Review Stranded for online ebook

### Latoya Wilson says

#### Tame but a good read still

I usually can't put an Eve Vaughn book down but when I thought I had to deal with more of India being walked all over, well, I had to take a little break. This story was tame for Eve, who supplies my spicy, twisted up in knots read with heroines that usually have a very soft backbone, caught in a bad situation, and need to be saved. India had NO backbone, which got frustrating concerning her family. However, she started defending herself faster than I thought she would and then she reached for her happiness with both hands, with a devil may care attitude. Bravo, Eve. You put me through some things but you got me there in the end.

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### Nisha says

a girl + 2 hot guys + a tropical island + tragic childhood = erotic love story

I wanted to read this because of the 'stranded on an island' theme. I started liking it because of India's family problems and how it shapes her decisions. The guys are cute, though dialogue is hardly the strong point of the story. They do say dumb things throughout the beginning. Still, their faults make them even more likable and pushes some realism in a very unrealistic story. There is an even mix between plot and sex, unlike most erotic books. Characters are given history and flaws and an actual obstacle.

This is an entertaining read, but it isn't perfect. I rated it a 5 because i want to read it again and i do like stories where the heroine gets the last word (against her terrible parents).

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### Cindy says

OK read - characters were pretty cardboard and it took the heroine until page 200 to figure out that even though your family is selling tickets for the guilt trip it doesn't mean you have to buy them... Obviously contains menage sex but even that managed to be only 'warm' not 'hot'. Best line [after plane crash lands them on a deserted island:] 'How do we know someone will rescue us? Haven't you ever seen Lost? Castaway? Gilligan's Island???'

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### jenjn79 says

Rating: 2.5 / 5

I decided to read this book solely because it was a menage HEA romance...and we all know how much I love those ;) Aside from the alternative romance, though, the book mostly fell flat for me. Not bad, exactly, just not all that engaging. The plot is rather ludicrous, and the romance was missing something. But I didn't hate it.

### Summary:

India Powers has spent her whole life being put down by her parents and after a particularly bad fight with them, she decides to take a vacation. Which is the same thing best friends Rafe Santiago and Grant Thompson are doing after Rafe finalizes a nasty divorce. The two are closer than friends, they're brothers of the heart...and they are hoping to find a woman they can share life with - together.

Everything goes awry, though, when the plane they are on crashed, leaving India, Grant and Rafe along on a deserted island. As they struggle to survive, India must deal with the advances of Rafe and Grant - who believe India is the woman they've been looking for. India gives in, but once they return to civilization, she'll have to face her family and the unconventional relationship Grant and Rafe want from her.

### Review:

Regular readers of my reviews know how much I tend to dislike "lost in the wilderness" stories. I think this book is the epitome of why I dislike that storyline because that part of the story was so unrealistic, so underplayed, and so ludicrous it was stupid. I mean, these three are stuck on an island for about two months and the whole thing comes off like a side story. There's some stuff about needing food, starting a fire and all that, but other than that, you get no sense of what a struggle it must have been. Their lives are in serious danger and Rafe and Grant can only think about how to get in India's pants. It was ridiculous. That whole part of the story just made me shake my head.

Along with that, Rafe, and to a lesser extent Grant, come off really brutish with India - pushing her, forcing her, and just being...well, brutes. Not a turn on at all.

I liked the characters...to a certain extent. It's easy to feel sorry for all three of them after all they've been through in their personal lives. But man, India really needed to develop a backbone where her parents were concerned. They treated her like crap and she just kept taking it. I woulda told them to fuck off long ago. I would have liked her to be more sassy.

The romance was...okay. It starts off kinda rough with the whole brute thing, but it picks up a lot in the second half of the book - which I thought was much better than the first half. But even so, there was just something a bit flat about the romance. Not sure what it was.

The writing could have also been a little better. I've by far read worse, but I didn't think it was the most readable, either. Verb tense was off sometimes, dialogue a bit stilted, etc.

But all in all, a so-so book. It wasn't what I'd hoped it would be for an alternative romance, but it also didn't suck.

**WARNING, this book contains: explicit sex and language, m/f/m hetero menage HEA (involving oral sex, anal sex), and an interracial relationship.**

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### Sassafrass says

this is my first Eve Vaughn book. I liked it, but I didn't love it. I thought that the chemistry between the main characters were there, but it didn't jump off the page. It wasn't sizzlin'. Some of that may have been the language used. I mean we are talking a menage relationship. I don't think we need to call a woman's private parts a "box". Everytime I read that, I just cringed.

I just feel if you are going to be smutty, you gotta own it. Don't go halfway. That's just my opinion. I liked the background challenges of all the characters and what brought them together. I feel like the book was almost a hit, but not quite.

I will give some her other books a try though.

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### **Melissa says**

India Powers has been beaten down her whole life and has always just accepted it but when she catches her fiancée cheating on her she has had enough. After publicly dumping her fiancée and "embarrassing" her parents she decides to take a vacation. While on the plane to Fuamatuu Island she meets Rafe and Grant. Rafe Santiago and Grant Thompson have been best friends since childhood when they bonded over their abusive household situations. When Rafe's ex-wife nearly came between them they discovered they liked sharing a woman. (they are not bi and do nothing to each other) Now after Rafe's divorce is finalized him and Grant are going on vacation with the intentions of having some "good times" until they find a woman they could both love.

After a plane crash leaves India, Rafe, and Grant stranded alone on a deserted island they struggle to survive while also falling in love. India could never have imagined she would want two guys at once but now she can't get enough. But will they be able to bring their relationship into the "real" world once they get home?

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### **Jooniebug says**

Didnt enjoy it but good storyline though....

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### **Theodora Taylor says**

Description: After Rafe's divorce, he and his best friend, Grant, decide to find a woman to share as a wife. Just a few weeks and one terrible plane crash later, they find themselves stranded on a deserted island with the vivacious and sexy, India Powers.

The Good: The sex was hot, hot, hot, and the threesome story gets fully explored, both politically and romantically. I also liked that both guys and the heroine were emotionally damaged, as it made me much more invested in the characters.

The Bad: Grant was, in my opinion, the most interesting character, but gets the least development. Also, the dialogue was a bit stilted and rough in a few places.

The Naughty: Menage a trois, anal, explicit language.

Editing issues: None

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Final Grade: B

Happy Reading,  
Theodora from IRbookreviews.com

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### **Nicky says**

Not great. More like a 2 1/2 rounded up to a 3. Pretty predictable.

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### **Shelby P says**

This book started out okay. I was very interested to see how the story would play out because this will be the third book I've read where people are stranded on an island, the first threesome, however. Grant and Rafe are very close friends and I think the story would have been more interesting if there were feelings between the two guys. I just don't see how a committed threesome could end up with the guys never touching each other and expressing their love for each other, but that's just me.

The second half of the story had some really over the top moments and it was a bit jarring from the first half. I didn't believe the hatred India's parents felt for her, it didn't ring true. Did we really need all that melodrama? Also Rafe's ex-wife was such a caricature, especially when he found her in bed with FOUR men. Really? Really, did she need to fuck FOUR men at once?

I wanted to experience more of their struggles on the island. I never felt like they were truly stranded.

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### **Shantia Shaver says**

#### **Good**

Good, not great. I enjoyed the story, but I did not look like how weak the heroine was. She took forever to grow a back bone. I liked the ending and how hot the males were.

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### **Amber Fueston says**

This was a good fun story. A great way to pass an afternoon. There were a few places that the story felt a little forced and some of the sex scenes felt a little off. It would be interesting to know if this was the authors first Menage novel. Overall I am pleased with the experience of this read.

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### **Linda says**

Twenty-eight year old India Powers had spent her life trying to please her parents but nothing she did had soften them yet as a child they never wanted any way, they showered all of their attention on their favorite son Jack and he could do no wrong in their eye's! It was only when she had started to date Steven Cartwright, the son of an ex-senator that they finally commend her. It was just her luck to find him in bed with another woman and as she called off the wedding in front of their parents, her mom and dad said that she was selfish, no wonder Steven wanted to wait until they were married--he was getting it else where!!

Rafe Santiago stared at the gorgeous black woman in the small airport and once he shook her hand he felt a tingling that went down to his toes. His best friend of twenty years was helping him celebrate the finalization of his divorce and they were headed to the small island of Famatuu that was off the coast of Australia and knowing this woman would be there as well he wanted to make her his but he needed to go slow.

Whew, does Ms. Vaughn set fire to the pages of her novel Stranded! This novel is a hot steamy read as India gets stranded on a deserted island with two hunks who rock her world in a threesome and once they tell each other of the horrendous childhood that they each had, India grows to love them both but she fights the sex with thoughts of it being dirty until she could not fight any more with not knowing if they would be rescued or not and she gave in to her desires. Stranded is a must read but readers need plenty of ice!

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### **Kesha says**

I like erotica, but did not like this. The writing was good, but the storyline was a little too far fetched. Now if the guys had been lovers, it would have been more interesting. In my opinion two guys having sex with one woman all the time seems tiring on the woman's end.

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### **Kathleen says**

I really liked the theme about the Hero's and Heroine being in a plane crash and also stranded on a Island. Don't think I'm weird but I enjoyed reading how they struggle to stay alive. Also I thought the reason these 3 had a great connection was well done. I could totally believe why they fell in love after what they all went through.

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