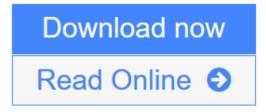


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Jennifer says

This book begins with a tragedy, and ends with an HEA! Talk about an emotional up and down! I just couldn't contain myself, there were lots of laughs, and even a few tears while reading this book. Just what I love about this author's books!

Jubilee lost two of the most important people in her life to tragedy at a young age, and in the process, almost lost her own life and that of the person that is the bane of her existence. Afterwards, she isn't quite the same person. And the one person that she had left in her young life to connect her to the ones she lost, treats her like a pariah, like he can't even stand the sight of her. Which is only fair, because she treats him the same way. Those two are like sand paper together!

Zee lost his twin brother, and his girlfriend in one fell swoop. And the one person he blames for it all, is the one person he feels obligated to watch out for. But they can't be near each other without words flying, and hate spewing. Until all of that animosity blows up and leaves them reeling!

I loved the interactions between Zee and Jubilee. Their arguments were hilarious at times, and brutal at others. But always there were sparks flying underneath the animosity. It was only a matter of time before it exploded! This book is full of everything I love in a romance. There is lots of family, lots of love, plenty of heat, and surprises around every corner!

Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

"It wouldn't do for him to know he didn't annoy me as much as he used to."

Zee & Jubilee grew up together, and even back then they fought incessantly. They might have just avoided each other if their siblings weren't dating each other. And then, after the accident, seeing each other only brought up painful memories. But the hate remained and they continued to hurl insults at each other. The strange thing is that only applies to each other, if someone else tried it, they'd get their ass handed to them. Hmmm...am I the only one that wonders if that means this is one of those cases where the hate might cross that fine line into love? Methinks they do protest too much and the sparks flying between them aren't just anger but passion. How fun it was to find out.

One — because there are many —of the things that I love about this author's writing is the witty banter between characters that makes me laugh. No matter how serious the topic she's tackling in a story she manages to integrate positive things. There are always amazing support characters and loving family, even if it's not their own. She always touches on things that bring awareness to her readers and makes us appreciate those that protect and keep us safe. I always know going in I'm gonna learn something that I will take away with me when it's over. I really enjoyed Zee & Jubilee's parents in this story as well. They are supportive but also entertaining. It's like they can see between the lines when their kids are still clueless. It wouldn't surprise me if they were making bets on the outcome. They are also very badass themselves and not someone you would want to land on the wrong side of.

The author tells the story in dual POV and let me tell you, being inside Jubilee's head is something else. "You know how on the fast food commercials that the burgers always look way better than when you get them in real life? That's what I always thought would happen when it came to seeing Ezekiel McGrew without his clothes on. I thought for sure he couldn't look as good out of them as he did in them. I was wrong. He looked better. So, so much better."

In case you couldn't tell, I floved *It Happens*. I think this is my favorite of her series so far, but don't hold me to it, because I'll probably think that about the next one too. ?

Johnaka says

It Happens by Lani Lynn Vale "Fine line between hate and love, 5 stars"

Once again Vale managed to drag me into the Bear Bottom MC. There was no denying that Zee and Jubilee belonged together. These two mastered the art of verbal foreplay. Toss in a little mystery and suspense and you have the makings of a solid book.

To say Zee and Jubilee have history would be an understatement. They have been through it all, verbal sparring, tragedy and loss, and love. Through all their differences and the dislike, they have for each other they managed to always be there when the other needed. Then one day the tides turned. What will the out come be when both Zee and Jubilee decide to take off the gloves and find a new way to release the tension together? Only one way to find out..

I loved how feisty Jubilee is. Zee took her exactly how she was and wasn't afraid to give it back when Jubilee was dishing stuff at him. Then tension between these two jumped off the page. If your looking for a quick read with a couple who didn't realize what was in front of them for a long time look no further. Plot-5/5

Characters-5/5 Heat-5/5 Writing style-5/5 Overall-5/5

Naadira Moodley (BookedMercy) says

The banter, the sexual chemistry, the hate. Ooh the hate. This book had it all in spades. The animosity was palpable, spanning over decades yet these characters were fiercely protective over each other. There's a thin line between love and hate and our MCs push at that boundary.

Jubilee and Zee did not get along from the first time they had the pleasure of meeting at the tender age of 6 to Zee's 9. There families were friends which made them constantly be around each other which later

developed to them dating each other's siblings but tragedy struck leaving them a bit fractured and fueling the flames of hatred between them. Their siblings died and they blamed each other. Fast forward 16 years and the hate is still as potent as ever but so is the attraction and awareness they feel whenever they are together.

I loved the way they always looked out for each other though they never stopped trading quips. This book was a quick read that did not have unnecessary drama that dragged on. I read it in one sitting because it was enthralling and the heroine did not act like a doe eyed mistress. She was outspoken and fierce and did not back down when it came to Zee. I was just confused as to how many jobs Zee actually had and where he got the time to do all of them.

Kodie Mackay says

I mean with a blurb like that it had my mind going a hundred miles a minute thinking about what was going to happen here.

Two sets of twins. Childhood sweethearts. A tragic moment that changed their lives irrevocably.

Fast forward a few years and at least one thing never changed between Jubilee and Ezekiel and that is their need to goad the ever loving shit out of one another. Since the moment they met it had always been fire meet gasoline. After that tragic day the words became harsher with the intention to hurt. It sucks to have a constant reminder of what's lost and for both of them that is exactly what they were.

I loved Jubilee hard. Her being uniquely herself was everything I live for. She's her own person living her life how she wants and I'm all about that life. My heart went out to her though because behind that fiesty give no fucks attitude was a women who has endured some real **shit** shit. Who shouldered blame that wasn't hers to take and lived with the guilt for so long it burnt deep.

Zee I love despite his grumpy. What you see is definitely NOT what you get because he keeps so much hidden under the surface. He much like Jubilee is angry at the past and filled with misplaced guilt. He just can't seem to stop running his mouth which is what lands him in trouble. I appreciate the brutal honesty even if at time is appears insensitive. Don't let his size fool you the man has a sweet so good it will give you a toothache.

These pair are so god damn alike it hurts. They clash like hell and fight the attraction, quite frankly they sabotage themselves from happiness. But and despite their constant bickering and bitching at eachother they have this slow boiling chemistry that feeds the fire.. it's explosive. I loved how their story unfolds! Unique to them their journey is different and their path is most definitely a rocky one but holy cow is it worth it. It's heart breaking and at times ugly. Filled with bitter grudges and sweet redemption but not the kind you may think. A story of growth! Lani peels back the layers allowing us to delve deep into all these crazy emotions making us **FEEL** it all.

Its seemlessly written filled to the brim with all kinds of crazy. Hilariously shenanigans and heartbreaking realities, sweet sweet moments and sinfully delicious goodness is just a little of what you can't find here. The side characters as always are such a special part of Lani's books. The chemistry between them all is like nothing else! You can feel the connection between them all and you can't help but fall in love with them. All of it seriously it just fits perfectly and I can't even with the greatness.

Also those sneaky name drops about characters and their future possibilities! Lani is a fucking tease mun. Would it be to much to have a book a week instead of monthly? I don't think that's an unreasonable request...

XxTainaxX says

Zee and Jubilee's story was one of my favorite LLV reads. The plot absolutely sucked me in. I found myself intrigued by the different personalities and how they complimented one another even as they manifested their contrast. I liked that the dynamics were unique and that it felt like something different from what I've read in the past.

Individually I loved Zee's protectiveness and care. He was serious and strong but he had a softer side that Jubilee brought forth though he wasn't seeing it. Jubilee was a great heroine. She was feisty and so secure in her identity. I love that. Their chemistry was utterly explosive ?.

The plot caused my imagination muscle to stretch a bit more than it's used to but I still found myself quite entertained despite that. The writing was true to a very specific "voice" that LLV has that, though informal, just makes sense with her stories. The pacing was great. The imagery on point. The supporting characters were used very well.

Can't wait for the next!!

Complimentary copy received and voluntarily reviewed.

Bookgasms Book Blog says

OMG! It Happens is THE BEST Lani Lynn Vale book I have ever read. I am completely blown away and so in love. It was full of snark, sex appeal and was absolutely phenomenal. I FLOVE Zee and Jubilee and their story. If you love enemies to lovers, banter for days and an amazing story, you haven't seen anything until you read this. It was absolutely brilliant!

Jubilee Cope and Ezekiel "Zee" McGrew have always had an acrimonious relationship. Sworn enemies since childhood, there is something about one another that makes the other crazy. But despite this, they have always had a connection that can not be denied. And when the lines get blurred and feelings develop, neither of them are prepared for the combustible fireworks between them!

GAH!! This story was just so damn addicting. I was consumed with Zee and Jubilee's spirited banter and fiery chemistry. Vale's masterful storytelling was evident in how she was able to perfectly encapsulate how Jubilee and Zee's relationship changed and matured over time, and yet some things stayed the same. They remained steadfast and loyal to one another in spite of the animosity between them. It was almost like they had a deep-seated connection that was imprinted on each other through childhood and tragedy, alike. I

particularly loved how they finally could neither run from nor deny their feelings for one another and one day when that flip was switched, they gave in to the inevitability that was "Jubilee and Zee". I truly loved them and their story and can not wait for more! Bravo! 5 stars! ~Ratula

Britt Franks Red Hatter Book Blog says

I can't even try to explain how perfect this enemies to lovers read is. Gripping right from the emotional beginning and sailing right in to epically hilarious sarcasm and banter. Zee and Jubilee have a story that is downright addictive. I think I laughed more and swooned more than any other Lani Lynn Vale book while reading this, and that's saying something because I have loved everything she's ever written. There is just something about these two that creates a whole new level of awesome and I couldn't get enough of it! The enemy aspect of Zee and Jubilee is alive and well right from the start. From childhood, through tragedy and into adulthood these two are constantly at each other's throats while simultaneously also always having each other had me laughing until I cried. I loved every second of it. Then as these two spend more and more time together instead of running in the opposite direction everything builds into some serious sweep you off your feet, fan yourself from the heat, happy sighing goodness that will 100% steal your heart.

MJ's Book Blog and Reviews says

Review by: Jennifer (5 stars)

Zee and Jubilee have history, bad history, it all starts from one mishap and from there it goes downhill. Throughout the years that hate never diminished and for the most part they try and stay away from each other, but if they are in the same place words are normally exchanged. Somehow they end up living in Bear Bottom, and as adults the hate is still there, maybe hate is the wrong word; loathe, detest, strong dislike. When the two wake up after a night of drinking.. together... in bed... naked... what happens to all that hate now? Is this just a drunken mistake or is it more?

So as I inhaled this story, a thought hit me, one of the reasons LLV's characters are so real is that she gives us the little details. It was all in the French fries, that Jubilee doesn't like them cold and who can eat them if they aren't hot... those little details that LLV puts into her stories, make the characters standout more as people and that is the difference between a good book and a great one. I loved everything about this story, you get all the feels. Some danger and suspense, some really hot naughty bits, and some laughs. I give this 5 stars.

Review by: Melanie (5 stars)

Zee and Jubilee have been each others nemesis' since they were little kids, always riling each other up and arguing the day away. As they got into their teens they started dating the others siblings, them both being one of a set of twins, until one fateful stormy day their other halves were killed. 16 years later they are still the

same squabbling pair, seeming to hate each other but they also look out for each other and when one of them needs help getting out of an awkward situation, it starts the journey of this lifelong fighting pair to realise that maybe that hate is actually love.

This was funny (omg the haunted house with Liner was freaking hilarious) and sweet but still drama filled with HOT bedroom action and yet another page turner from LLV. I loved it and can't wait for the next one. I give 5 stars for It Happens.

Danielle says

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Becca Stanfield Vernon says

A 4.5?? read! I really enjoyed this storyline. I was apprehensive about it, but I enjoyed it so much. The mouthy, snark of Jubilee was hilarious & fun. She has a strong, sweet personality & those characters are some of my favorite! Zee was such a good guy & the way he bickered with Jubilee made their chemistry easy to see. The saying of a thin line between love & hate is very apparent between these two. The painful tragedy these two suffer in their past is part of the story, but not overshadowing their story. I highly recommend this book. Told in dual POV.

Tammi says

This was a fun story!! Enemies to lovers, Zee and Jubilee (I LOVE HER NAME!!) walked a fine line between love and hate. A tragedy caused them to be enemies but long before that they had childhood battles constantly picking at one another. I know you are not supposed to say "They pick on you because they like you" but it was so true!! Underneath all their bickering and loathing she liked him, REALLY liked him and he protected her because she was his girl.

I laughed as the realized and fought their feelings. It warmed my heart as they still considered the feelings of siblings they lost. And I was on edge with worry as they faced great obstacles, psycho stalkers, crazy exes and dead bodies. There were a lot of dead bodies!! Lol

I always enjoy Lani Lynn Vale books they are fast paced, quick reads packed with so much story.

Melony Hobgood says

All I can think is that Zee flirts with Jubilee like a 10 year in a 30 year olds body. They are actually really fun to see together. It's like everyone could see that they belong together except them. They only think they hate each other. Zee is an amazing man and he's protective of Jubilee even if he doesn't realize it. Jubilee well I think she's my spirit animal. She is who she is, she eats what she wants when she wants, she like naps and let's not forget she has the coolest job ever. I may have a little crush on her myself.

Kristin ~ Book Lovers Obsession says

Lani Lynn Vale is one author that I will read anything she writes without question. Seriously - the woman could probably make a dinner menu interesting.

Zee and Jubilee have quite the history. Zee was to marry Jubilee's twin sister Annmarie and Jubilee was to marry Eitan, Zee's brother. Until one fateful day changed all of that. Now Zee and Jubilee can barely stand to look at each other, never mind interact without verbally attacking each other.

Maybe, just maybe, there is a little bit of love under all of that anger? What happens between Zee and Jubilee when someone is killing those around Jubilee? What about the feeling that Jubilee has had for many years that she is constantly being watched? One click now to find out more!!

PS- I couldn't agree more - label the freaking Pop-tart wrappers!! You'll understand this after you've read the book (or if you follow LLV)! :)

Julie says

A fun filled blast of a story, that has a heart rendering storyline, suspense, a little mystery, one really hot guy and a sassy hot gal to put him in his place and you have as whole lot of excellent reading. Zee and Jubilee have history, and it's not the kind you can just forget. Unfortunately they butt heads quite

often, they snap and growl, bicker and grunt at each other, also seen tragedy and lost loved ones. And although they dislike each and their differences seem huge, Zee and Jubilee always have each other's back. Then one day everything changes, what if they? why don't we find out? But things aren't as simple as they expected.

Jubilee was a terrific character, sassy and feisty, but Zee knew how to handle her and could put her exactly where she needed to be - Jubilee I suspect, secretly let him.

Tension and crazy bantering just jumped of the page as the chemistry between them is ignored but is blatantly obvious to everyone else.

An enjoyable read that made me grin, laugh, giggle, smirk and cry. I loved it!