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“Love is an earthquake. It comes when you least expect it. It rips the ground clear away. Right out from under you.”

The day Lia Smart met Grayson Walker, eight years ago, was the day she fell helplessly in love with him. Coincidentally, it was the same day Grayson fell in love with someone else: Lia’s smarter, sexier, superior-in-every-way older sister, Alex.

Now, nearly a decade later, Alex and Grayson are long over and twenty-two-year-old Lia has finally managed to forget all those lonely nights she spent pining after her sister’s boyfriend. But when Grayson unexpectedly arrives back in town with Alex for Labor Day weekend and the two announce that they’re not only back together but *engaged*, all the feelings that Lia buried suddenly come bubbling back to the surface.

But Lia is no longer the awkward, gangly tomboy she was at fourteen. Far from it. And Grayson is conflicted by the lustful thoughts he’s now having for her. He knows he could never act on those thoughts, however. Grayson has always prided himself on being one of the “good guys.” But as the weekend wears on, he’s finding this new grown-up version of Lia more and more impossible to resist...

Heartbreaking and sexy with a dash of humor, Sophie Swift crafts a passionate, unforgettable tale about desire, growing up, and the kind of love that shakes us to the core.

***Contains adult situations and explicit content. Recommended for ages 17+**

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Geri Reads says

4 stars!

This was me attempting to clean my TBR folder on my Calibre/Kindle last night.

And this was me 3 hours later.

TBR pile still in shambles but...I was able to not only finish Out From Under You but enjoyed it immensely. I was surprised at how much I liked this book considering:

A. I hate when my hero and heroine cheat with each other.

B. I hate love triangles.

This book have both of those elements in heaps. Like massive, massive cheating with a giant obtuse triangle right in the middle of it.

But I loved it. Why?

The WRITING. Sophie Swift is a sword-smith.

"Every time his lips crushed against hers in the hallway of our high school. Every time I heard the moans of their teenage experimentation in the bedroom next to mine. Every time he promised to never leave her. It was like having to reread the same sad ending to a disappointing book over and over again."

I am drowning in my uncontrollable desire for him. Submerged in the quiet intensity of his eyes.

"What's your name?" I asked.

"Lia."

"Is that your real name? Or is it like your secret, undercover Clark Kent name?"

She rolled her eyes. "Superman is a douche."

I blinked at her brashness. "A douche? But he has the word 'super' in his name."

She shook her head ever so slightly. "Anyone who has to call himself super can't be very super."

I cocked an eyebrow. "I sense an epic debate in our near future."

The editing isn't spotless but this girl has talent. Period.

I was engaged from the get-go. I didn't stop until I reached the last page. I raged, I cried, I laughed with her characters.

But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Lia Smart has been in love with Grayson since she was a teenager. But then she started dating her older sister Alex. The relationship lasted all through college until it ended. Just when Lia thought she's free of her attraction to Grayson, he walked back into her life years later. As her sister's fiance. This sets off a chain of events that changed their lives. Grayson found himself physically drawn to Lia. She's definitely not just her girlfriend's kid sister anymore. She's grown into a beautiful woman, and Grayson can't seem to stay away.

I usually am very uncomfortable with cheating in my books, and Grayson and Lia cheated. But boy, oh boy, I just couldn't help but root for them. The author did such a phenomenal job with building each character that you just get sucked in. These are not perfect characters. They are all flawed. But what I loved about it is that the author made me see and feel the guilt that these characters are feeling. She made me feel their turmoil. I raged at some of the decisions they made. I didn't always agree with it but she laid out their motivations perfectly that I totally understood why those things happened.

All the places where he touched me—where his fingers grazed my skin, setting it ablaze with fire and curiosity—are starting to grow cold. Like a massive cloud drifting over me, blocking my heat source, casting my entire body in a wintry, lonely shadow.

**I go to her not because there's no place else to go.
But because she's the only place to be.**

The angst in this book almost killed me. I hated that Lia and Grayson cheated. (view spoiler) but Alex was her sister. Granted Alex was a bitch but cheating is still cheating. The only reason why I kinda understood and was rooting for them was the fact that Lia knew Grayson first and they had a connection prior to being physical with each other despite Grayson's thoughts on the matter.

And Grayson...

I get where he's coming from. I really do but he was just so wrong, not to mention blind and stupid when it comes to Alex. I wanted to hit him or strangle him for being so obtuse. But I appreciated that the author gave me his POV. It made his decisions understandable at least, knowing what he went through.

Despite the fact that I loved the writing and the characters, I couldn't give this 5 stars. The ending just felt rushed for me. A couple more chapters preferably with Jason groveling big time would have been great. Unfortunately, there was no grovel. I needed to hear from Grayson. I wanted to know how he can make it up to Lia. I really do.

Still a great read though.

I'm gonna get back to cleaning out my TBR folder. For real this time.

Laurie says

The reasons why you should not read this book:

- The MC, Lia, has sex with her sister's fiancé - Yes, it happens while they're still engaged.
- Lia is a HUGE hypocrite. She hates Superman because whenever he is around, Lois Lane transforms into Lois Lane. Huh Lia, meet Lia. And trust me, Grayson is no Superman, far from it, but I'm coming onto him soon. There was not one valuable discussion between Lia and Grayson. Everytime they found themselves alone in a room, they ended up making out.
- It was just too easy, for the author, to depict Alex, Lia's sister, as an awful, selfish creature. To create some originality in the plot, Alex should have been the nice woman everyone seemed to believe she was. Also, even though she was selfish, I still thought she did not entirely deserve what they did to her.

Now, onto Grayson! Ah ah, can you tell I'm about to roast him?

- Like I said, Grayson is no Superman. He is a coward, he is weak and he only notices Lia when she starts to wear different clothes.
- Alex supposedly have a spell on him. Cue the eye roll. She's so beautiful, whenever he looks into her blue eyes, he just can't resist her. WTF? Imagine if every men were like that, "we wouldn't be out of the woods yet". LOL I just tried translating a french expression and I'm not really confident about the result.
- Grayson is a cheater. From the moment he sees Lia in her cute little skirt, he has impure thoughts about someone who's not his fiancée. He can't resist her, whenever they're left alone, he has to kiss her, he has to have her, regardless of the fact he is still engaged to Lia's sister and staying under their father's roof. I've always been told that no good relationship is based on cheating, I know this is just a book, but I'm wishing them bad karma anyway lol
- Grayson is a coward. I've said this before? Well, I'm saying it again. When he met Alex, he wanted to attend a culinary school, but he chose to listen to someone he met in high school and with whom he'd been fighting more than half of their "relationship", and pursue a business or whatever else career. He is unhappy with her, he is aware of this, he said himself he basically feels like a robot when he is with her because he has no say in their relationship or their wedding and if ever he dares to speak, perfect Alex is going to start screaming. But, Alex has perfect, bright blue eyes he can't resist her.
- Grayson is stupid. (view spoiler)

I initially intended to say that I liked the author's way with words through most of the book, but truly, not even that is worth your time. By the way, the title of this serie is "Smart Girls Finish First" but don't fool yourself, Smart is only the girls' family name LOL

Kath says

I received an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review

4.5 stars

Would you fall for your sister's boyfriend? and what's worse is when that boyfriend became her fiancé. But you know what they say about love...

"Love is an earthquake. It comes when you least expect it. It shakes your foundation to the core. It rips the ground clear away. Right out from under you. "

Writing-5 stars

Sophie Swift did really great! Her words, some of it are epic! Epic lines to quote. The story is written in two point of views, Grayson Walker and Lia Smart. I love that you could understand both of them at the same hate them! Yes! I have to say it, there's time that I both hated them, and believe me when I say that is actually a good thing! Because my emotions were all into it. It's been played well. :) and that's how I realized Sophie did great because I felt her words into me. I felt like I'm one of those characters. Connected.

Story/Plot-4 stars

Well plotted, some scenes are totally unexpected. Some are just totally emotionally wrecking. (a roller-coaster ride for my emotions really) And of course shocking but reading those point of view of the characters will made you understand them. You'll totally have an idea why. :)

Suggestions-more! i need more! i know that i enjoyed reading this because i "awww" finding some scenes so sweet, i shouted (to the characters who's kind of stubborn sometimes) i cried to every pain Lia felt. yeah that's how connected i am to the story. :)

watch out! Sophie Swift is another great author to look forward. :)

Coozie says

YYYYYYYEEEEEEEESSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS!!!!

I fucking love me some forbidden romance. I loved everything about this.

The writing is sophisticated and almost poetic, yet completely down-to-earth. Realistic dialogue. Witty banter. Funny. Yet also.... Angsty. Steamy. So much steam.

Cheating.

I know I'm probably in the minority here but I freaking LOVE me some cheating in my romance novels. And I'm not sorry...

The more wrong, the more forbidden, the more taboo... the more intense and salacious it is. And I simply love when the hero and heroine feel so strongly about each other that it overpowers their sense of morality. I freaking enjoy the hell out of it when there's an affair involved: when the hero and heroine cheat with each other.

Do I condone cheating in real life? No. But this isn't real life. This is fiction, where the shackles of your inhibitions can break free and you can allow yourself to.... imagine and enjoy.

This book was simply awesome. The storyline and execution just meshed so well.

Just.... yes. So much yes.

nick says

I hated Grayson with a passion. The douche didn't deserve Lia's affections, not that she was any better than him. Sleeping with your sister's fiancée is quite low, no matter how bitchy the sister was.

Ria says

4.0 REALLY ENTERTAINING CRAZY MOMENTS

I was like OMG

Then I was like NO

Then I was like Oh.Hell.NO

Then I was like NOOO!!

Then I was like Dont do it!! DONT YOU FLIPPING DO IT!!

Then I was like SHE DID?!! She totally did!!

Then I was like SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

I couldn't stop... I just couldn't stop

WOW!!

Full review to follow!

Sara says

I freaking loved it! THIS is what i needed, a book with great writing, characters, story and angst.

This is the story of Lia, Grayson, and Alex. Two of them I LOVED, one of them sucked ass.

Lia was the younger sister, by 3 years, to Alex. She always felt that Alex was MORE of everything. More

popular, sexy, outgoing, smart... you get the picture. Lia was the dorky little sister, awkward and liked comic books. One night at a party, she meets Grayson and basically falls in lust. But who does Grayson meet and fall for....Alex. How horrible would it be to totally want the guy that wants your sister? Would you be tortured to see them touch? Kiss? Hear them having sex?

Lia is now only 22 and running the Italian restaurant that her mother HAD to have. The same restaurant that she left behind to run off with the bartender! What is it with Smart women and bartenders in this book?? Lia just needs a damn break. Alex and Grayson went off to college, broke up and Lia is just trying to keep the business alive.... Then a visit from her sister changes everything..

Enter Grayson, literally. He just walks into the restaurant. She hasn't seen him in years. The feeling is still there. He's still hot, even more so now.

Grayson, can't believe the girl, no the woman, standing there is Lia. All grown up and completely gorgeous. Then storms in Alex, commanding the room. At first Lia doesn't get it until Alex starts talking. They are back together.

And engaged....

So the angst is there pretty much from the beginning. Lia still loves Grayson. Grayson is confused about the feelings he now has for Lia.

Alex..

Alex only cares about Alex. She's such a vain bitch. I never liked her.

I felt that Alex had to have known her sister liked Grayson going back to the very beginning. I thought that Grayson wasn't really himself with Alex and I wasn't sure he even deserved Lia. But when Lia and Grayson were alone together... It was undeniable. It was honest. It was just RIGHT.

Grayson has always been wrapped up in hurricane Alex. Alex is the kind of woman who gets what she wants and he's always giving in to her. He's simply used to picking his battles with that awful selfish bitch.

Does he really want Lia? Will he really end it with Alex? True to form, he goes back and forth. He breaks her heart but I still wasn't pissed at him. I was pissed at Alex. She was such a conniving bitch! I never felt bad about what they did because in the back of my mind I knew that Alex was jealous of Lia on some way. I wanted Grayson and Lia together. I craved it.

You will totally enjoy the angst that goes along in this book. There were a couple of predictable things that happened, but I was happy about it. The good and the bad. You gotta love Danika, Lia's bff. A bitch with a camera phone can come in handy No???

I don't know how this book received low ratings?? I loved reading it. I didn't want to put it down. Especially when shit was starting to go down! And there is a HEA for someone.

Jen says

4 Angsty in a Good Way Stars

Turns out lying to hide your secret love for a man who will never love you back is a skill that simply stays with you. Lucky me.

What would you do if you found the love of your life at fourteen? You looked into his eyes and just *knew* you were destined to be together. What would you do if mere minutes later the love of your life met your older sister and found the love of *his* life? This is Lia and Grayson's story and it's not always pretty!

My heart broke for this poor girl. Too young to give up on her own dreams but saddled with the unnecessary responsibility of taking over a life her mother left behind. Knowing at twenty two she's already met the man she's destined to love. Luckily Grayson's no longer in her life and hopefully she can move on.

Enter the Man of Her Dreams, back in her life. And he's engaged to her older sister. Moving on is no longer a possibility.

When Grayson first catches a glimpse of the grown up version of Lia, he's immediately smitten. Or turned on, whatever works for you. His little Lia has grown up and done a good job of it! How can this be the same Lia that used to play rugby on the beach with him and argue about just how much of an asshole Superman is? Ultimately lust takes over and things happen.

My mind wants to slow down, take time to think about what is happening. Grayson Walker is kissing me. And not just kissing me. Kissing the fuck out of me.

I laughed, I cried a little and when it's all said and done, I really enjoyed this book. There are a few self-esteem issues to overcome, a whole lot of sibling rivalry and a man that needs to realize that "doing the right thing" doesn't always mean doing the so called right thing.

But that's the thing about earthquakes. Just when you think they're over, just when you start to feel safe again, that's when the aftershock hits. And the foundation you thought was finally stable enough to stand on is suddenly crumbling beneath your feet.

Jessirae says

Out from Under You by Sophie Swift was outrageously good! This book was an addiction in of itself and I ended up reading it faster than I intended to. I thought this book had a great amount of angst, romance, and moments where I wanted to flip tables and throw objects. It was a damn roller coaster ride I wanted and never wanted to get off of all at the same time.

I was really surprised that this book was spilt between the points of view between Lia and Grayson. I think it worked best this way because I got to see everything play out between these two through both of their eyes. I got a chance to understand both of their feelings and doubts. They filled the gaps for one another while I read and I really liked that. I felt like I wasn't missing anything between these two. The flashbacks placed in the story was also a great addition. It established the connection of their friendship and how they've known one another for so long. Swift did a really good job with the dual POVs. She made sure that they were separate and had their own voice while still tying them both back to each other. It solidified the easy flow of the story.

Lia and Grayson were a whirlwind. I loved and hated them during many times throughout the book because they nearly drove me crazy but also had me swooning too! Lia was super cool because she continued to run her mother's old Italian bistro even though she was gone, was an artist who loved comics, and dreamed of creating her own graphic novel. Lia was a perfectly flawed character who made mistakes and sometimes had

minor lapse in judgement, but she had a good heart and was one self less person. Grayson was also a nice guy with a big heart who was smart and knew how to cook! I liked that he cared for Lia, but sometimes he had some assholery moments here and there, especially when it came to his feelings for Alex. He probably drove me mad the most I wanted to pull my hair out, but I loved him all the same. ?

The tricky thing about this book was that it twisted up my morals and values when it came to love and relationships. I definitely wanted Lia and Grayson to be together, but their situation was delicate at best. I didn't agree with what they did so I was either sick to my stomach, ashamed at rooting them on, or squealing because they were just so good together. And when Lia and Grayson were together, it was like fireworks. Their sexy times were explosive. I think I was hot and bothered so much I needed to be in front of a fan or live in my freezer! But even though I didn't like their actions, the outcome was most satisfying. I especially loved that I was so affected by this book that I went through a range of emotions in matter of seconds. I thought some of the stuff that was thought, said, and done was difficult to read to the point I was cringing because of my knowledge of Lia's feelings and my dislike for Alex, but I loved the honesty even if it wasn't what I wanted to hear. This book was too good to stop reading, even when I thought I needed to because of the intensity Lia or Grayson's feelings. I felt like I was losing my mind while reading this book. It was insane and awesome all at once. The drama was just too entertaining to pass up, it was thrilling, it was smashing!

Overall, Sophie Swift created one heck of a novel! She definitely had my emotions running high, loving Lia and Grayson, despising Alex with a passion and had me going against what I knew was wrong but feeling it was exactly right. Out from Under You was sensational, I beyond loved it.?

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Joana says

****5 BIG and consuming stars ****

Love is an earthquake. It comes when you least expect it. It shakes your foundation to the core. It rips the ground clear away. Right out from under you.

Lia have loved Grayson, from the first moment she met him at the age of 14 years old. And she was there in the moment where Grayson met and fell in love, with her older sister Alex. Her perfect, beautiful, daring sister.

She was dare to witness they're turmoil relationship, trying to hide her feelings, trying to hide her longing.

It's true Grayson was never mine to lose. And yet, somehow I lost him every single day of my life. I lost the "hope" of him.

Every time his lips crushed against hers in the hallway of our high school.

Every time I heard the moans of their teenage experimentation in the bedroom next to mine.

Every time he promised to never leave her. It was like having to reread the same sad ending to a disappointing book over and over again.

When they broke up 4 years later, Lia thinks, that at least she doesn't have to see them together anymore. She doesn't have to witness, the love of her life, in love with her selfish sister.

Now 8 years since she first lay eyes on him, and 4 years since she last saw him...he is her restaurant, the one she is trying to save since her mother left.

The word destiny flits through my mind as I feel that small surge of hope start to dry my throat. If this were a movie, it would make perfect sense. My long-time secret crush comes fatefully waltzing back into my life to sweep me off my feet and confess that it's been me all along. Of course, if this were a movie, the first words out of my mouth wouldn't be 'What the fuck are you doing here?' But they are. Because it's me.

And the sad thing is, Grayson isn't there for her. He is there, with Alex, to announce their engagement. And Lia's feelings come all rushing in...near him, she still feels the awkward 14 year's old with the biggest crush on him.

But does Grayson see her the same way?

Oh you guys, SO MUCH ANGST!!!!

I was in angst heaven! I admit, this stories are so my cuppa of tea!

What is more angsty than an unrequited love? To witness the love of your life fall in love to someone else? To see how his eyes light up for her, to see them kiss and whisper promises, to hear they're passionate moments? To be always in the background?

And one of the unique things in this story is that it's told in a dual POV...even increasing the angst level if that was possible.

Now, this story does have cheating but I admit I couldn't care less. Because, you get who I was rooting for, right? ;)

I love Lia. She is strong, funny and just a good person.

The thing about her, is she lets her sister make her feel insecure. Oh yes, she have sister issues! And I don't blame her, I didn't like Alex at all.

Grayson...well, I was more torn up of what to think of him.

I loved him and I wanted to punch him several times...okay, maybe more like slaps, to not bruise is handsome face.

But this 2 together?

HOLLY BATMAN!!!

The scenes are scorching, are just to damn inflammable.

To try to describe sex with Lia is like trying to describe air. Water. Fire. You breathe it. You drink it. It burns you.

But above all, the story is about to be brave to seek our dreams and what will make us happy. Is to discover ourselves and open our eyes to what's really worthy in life!

So yeah, I LOVED THIS BOOK!

I started reading last night and ended up reading the whole things!!

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Tina says

1.5-2 Stars!

"No one ever tells you the truth about love. It's a massive conspiracy and the entire world is in on it."

A cynical view on love is our introduction in a romance novel? A tiny bit cliché, but I was into it. I liked roughly the first 30% of the book in the beginning, but from there I just started liking it less and less. What (or I guess who) contributed to my dislike for the book were practically every character in this novel except Grayson's mom, Jack (only because he's barley in there), and Danika. That being said, let's jump into character discussion shall we...

Lia

I liked you Lia. I was totally rooting for you in the beginning, but your obsession with Grayson was your downfall for me. WHY DID YOU HAVE TO BE THE GIRL THAT FALLS WAY TOO HEAD OVER HEELS FOR A GUY? Normally I'm more than happy to root for who the heroine is destined to end up with, but I found myself dreading it and being against it after reading 30% into the book. I know deep feelings die hard, but if a guy makes out with you and is weak against resisting blow jobs (from his fiancée who is her sister nonetheless) the next day, it's sort of an omen that heart aches will be inevitable. I don't want to say that Lia deserved the pain she continuously got from Grayson's empty promises since feelings are hard (if not impossible) to control, but I can say that I couldn't sympathize with her. The way I see it, the more chances you give a guy means that you're accepting the consequences of more possible heart ache whether you like it or not.

Grayson

I probably dislike Grayson more than I disliked Lia. I certainly hate both as much as Lia hates Superman and Lois Lane since both certainly fit Lia's profile of the two (Grayson = douche, Lia = damsel in distress). I didn't think about it until I started disliking the book that the first thing to describe the new Lia was hot. From there, the only affections he has for Lia are or are related to lust. I suppose you could count the qualities he admired about her when she was a teen as part of his love for her, but he reminisced about them more endearing in a sibling way rather than a guy all hung up on a girl (not to mention most of the qualities he talks about her were from past instead of present Grayson). I also hated when Grayson talked about his

love for Alex. I don't hate that he loves Alex; I hate that he spews out all this romantic spiel about being totally caught up in her the first time they met, during their relationship, and the first time they met again after 4 years when he's cheating on her with Lia. Don't pour your heart out about one woman when you have a dick in another bub. Doing that makes your words sound less genuine even if you do mean it.

"After all, I'm practically her brother.

The sound of that word in my head sends a wave of nausea rocketing through me.

A friend.

I would always be a friend to her."

You did not just say that... Boy, you have no right to say that when Lia has been pining for you as your friend for **8. freakin. years.** You probably didn't notice her crush because you're pretty oblivious, but I find it hard to be accepting of ignorant men like you. It especially didn't help the empty promise you made to Lia. That was definitely your lowest in the book for me. I also hate that he didn't go back to Lia because he realized he loved her more, but rather that he saw what his future would end up looking like and that was what snapped him out of the Alex haze (or at least that's how I saw it portrayed). Instead of, "No, Lia is the better sister for me" it's more of "Oh shit, I'm going to end up like Shane if I marry Alex." I was disappointed.

Alex

Do I really need to explain? Even though you find out where her anger and bitchiness comes from, I still can't like her. I know jealousy can make you a bitter person, but I can't accept it if the bad attitude goes from affecting the person you're jealous of to just everyone in general. Also...

"You get all the attention. You always have. Ever since you were a baby, stuck in that incubator and everyone thought you were going to die. Do you know what it's like to grow up in the shadow of little Natalia, the miracle baby? You got everything you always wanted!"

Really? It's one thing when you're bitter about a sibling being better and getting more attention, but being bitter about her getting more attention after surviving a life-threatening situation? SMH. Words can't explain my dislike for Miss Alex Smart.

As for characters I do like (which I will keep very brief), I enjoyed Grayson's mom and Danika because they were the ones to help Lia and Grayson find some common sense. Nothing makes me love a character more than one who spews out common sense with some comedy thrown in.

Overall, the book was between and "I didn't like it" to an "it was okay". I wanted to rate it 1 star, but since I did enjoy parts of it (mostly the beginning and epilogue, though the ending would've been more enjoyable for me if I actually liked most of the book) I gave it a 2. I recommend this story for those who enjoy romance novels with sex scenes and some predictable drama. Despite my critical review, I recommend giving the book a shot (especially if you don't agree with my opinion on the characters).

Fre06 Begum says

No no matter how horrible your sister is you do not sleep with her boyfriend! Lia was a selfish person and Grayson was an idiot I def did not feel his love for her but I felt it when he thought about Alex come on the guy said he and Alex were soul mates and had an intense connection where everything just faded away when he looked into Alex's eyes he was also really sexually attracted to her and then in the end we are all supposed to just forget all of that as he ends up with Lia the desperado! I will not be surprised if somewhere in the future Alex and Grayson end up together because as he put it he was always putty in her hands this guy seriously loved her and I honestly don't think he feels anything for Lia apart from lust and liking because she makes him feel like a man and not the pathetic wimp that he really is. I despised both the main leads and felt no sympathy or empathy for either of them.

Lana *Lifeinwordsandlyricscom* says

I did not enjoy this book as much as I was supposed to. My main problem was obviously Grayson, I just couldn't like him. I think he's an asshole. I get where Lia was coming from but with him it was way too ... I don't know, he's a jerk.

Everything else was good, but if I don't like the main character - the book is just wasted on me.

Over and out

Blushing Reader says

Star Rating: 4 out of 5

Heat Rating: HOT!

"Love is an earthquake. It comes when you least expect it. It shakes your foundation to the core. It rips the ground clear away. Right out from under you. "

This is not your typical love story, this is a story about how you don't get to choose who you love and sometimes you have to make tough choices. Can you be happy by not rocking the boat and ignoring your true feelings? Or do you grab onto love with both hands and let the chips fall where they may, because love is worth it? Out from Under You challenges your thinking on what you would sacrifice in the name of love, it is honest, brutal, uncomfortable but SO VERY good. (It is one of those stories you kind of dislike yourself for rooting for the main characters).

Written in the POV of both Grayson and Lia, which I love, you get to see inside these characters minds and hearts, really getting a chance to understand them (which was a crazy ride). Sophie Swift writes a powerful story where you will feel strongly about situations, characters and how things are handled, it is brilliant! The writing was excellent, great pacing, great use of flashbacks and POV's to let this story unfold, it was a joy to read, even if the subject was at time uncomfortable. This isn't your they meet, they fall in love story. This story will illicit strong emotions in you (good and bad) and will leave you thinking "wow, what would I risk to be with the one I love".

You know going into this story that you are going to get drama, angst and the possibility of a broken heart, but TRUST me, it is so very good. The characters are flawed and afraid to grab what they really want in life and you want to shake them, slap them and then hug them all at the same time. Out from Under You really delivers characters that you love, then hate, then love to hate, then you hate that you love them.

I don't want to say too much about the plot, but I will say I enjoyed how it all played out, nothing too predictable and nothing too devastating (thank goodness there was no agonizing cliffhanger!). I cannot wait for more to come from this series. I need more Lia and Grayson, one book won't ever be enough for these two. And even though you are primed to hate her I am excited to see what Sophie Swift writes for Alex, I think that will be a very interesting story, I hope we get to watch love knock her flat (but I have a bit of a mean streak).

If you can handle some drama with your love story I HIGHLY recommend Out from Under You! Sophie Swifts writes a beautifully tragic, angst filled love story that really stuck with me days after reading.

Pete says

I read Out from Under you by Sophie Swift because of a wonderful review by Ana Rita which generated a lot of funny comments making me want to pick it up and read it.

Those of us having sibling rivalry can quickly relate to this captivating story. Ana's review pointed out some of the funniest pieces, so I'll let you see those on her review.

Sophie Swift orchestrated this beautiful angst filled, unrequited love story with a master's touch. I really enjoy reading from principle character's points of view, exposing their emotions both good and bad, allowing me to like and dislike each of the characters in their struggles through romance. I felt like I was up and down like a roller-coaster or a yo-yo which makes the read all that more enjoyable. I was glad I was strapped in during this read, and no-one could hear me shouting at Grayson and Lia.

After **"This could be bad. Very. Very. Bad"** comment, Alex's gaze drifting to Grayson's crotch, **"Already?!"** she whispers. "I thought the bathroom on the train would have tided you over at **least** until tonight." Grayson exhales, feeling like **I just dodged a bullet drenched in Alex venom.**

I'm always in awe of authors who can describe household events so amazingly accurate, like listening to siblings in adjoining rooms with their evening interludes as if they were being amplified by a 7 speaker surround system at maximum. Moans, gasps, and sharp inhales have sent me to the garage basement for a cold shower. Poor Lia!! Having to endure that! Chills...

Shopping for a wedding dress: Lia is looking at Alex's buoyant breasts **looking like two perfect scoops of butter pecan ice cream....minus the pecans.** It seems like there are a lot of yummy food comparisons in this delicious tale.

"He did have a massive boner at the time."

"No excuse", Lia asserts.

"It's actually a pretty good excuse. You can't expect a man to think clearly when all their blood is...elsewhere."

"Oh my God, I'm Lois Lane!"

As has been said by many reviewers, the kitchen porn is riotously funny. Lia wants to force him up against the prep table to shove her tongue into Grayson's mouth, and letting him sauté her to a crisp. Then comes the food fight that turns into tasting interesting anatomy followed by Grayson introducing his blender resulting in exquisite moisture pooling. Phew, cold shower for me! *fanning myself, and glad I wasn't reading this at the gym!* I felt like I had to haul out a fire extinguisher to put out the flames.

The sauce... I wonder what was in the sauce at Table 12... Would the FDA approve? This was the table where the moisture pooling occurred.

Bodega? Wow, it's been a year or two since I spent time in NYC! I love getting caught up in little things like trips to the bodega to get groceries after dancing all night. ***"Nope, definitely not a robot"*** "Well", Grayson says, "if I had known ***that's*** what you wanted for breakfast, I could have saved a lot of time."

I've come to like Lia's thinking that clothes are pretty pointless things. Grayson's "I like this view." resonates well with me equally.

I so much enjoyed this book and am thankful to those who reviewed and commented on the reviews teasing me into reading this delightful very steamy story.

This is definitely an adult fun read for those who like angst and erotica in the same novel.
