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Carla Johnson thinks issuing orders to a lover will keep her heart safe and leave her in charge of her own destiny. Afraid for Carla's future, her best friend Heather implores her to change her self-centered ways, handing her a list of love life mistakes to steer clear of:

1. Casual Sex
2. Friends with Benefits
3. Avoidance of Intimacy

Carla ignores the list—unwilling to face she might have a commitment problem. Until she invites a co-worker to her place one night. She instantly regrets the hum-drum sexual encounter and discourages the accountant from pursuing her.

Andy Shea refuses to become another lover the feisty blonde dumps. It'll take a patient man with a strong hand to unlock Carla's sexual awareness and win her heart. He's up for the challenge to convince her he's the one—and eager to prove this number cruncher won't make a boring bedmate.

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Alexandrea says

I just want to say that I loved reading this story. In my opinion, this was even better than Vanilla on Top. The back story and chemistry between Carla and Andy made me wish that I had something or someone like that in my life. Through their struggles and their arguments as a couple or trying to figure out if they even belonged with one another, the story and detail of their affection and life just made me wish that I had something like this one day. I want to re-read this one more time because some chapters truly made me tear up, with the emotions and struggles that the both Andy and Carla went through.

Jessica Figueroa says

Carla is an independant women who as intimacy issues. She loves being single and finding a random guy to sleep with and leave them. One day she went from her usual spot to drink and a co-worker Andy helps her home. One thing led to another and they end up sleeping together. In the morning the makes it clear that he was ok, and that this was a one time only thing and will not happen. Even after some times she still can't get her mind off of Andy and their brief and surprising encounters.

Andy is a man who knows what he wants. For a while he'd been pining over Carla and managed to get close to her. He refused to just be a one night stand and wants to prove to her that he can be fun.

When I first gotten ahold of this book was was a little bit worried when I found out that this was book two to the Wild Side Series. Rest assured, if you get this book (And I encourage you to get this amazing book) that don't worry if you don't read the first book first because each book has its own little story with little connection to the first book.

I would say that this is a perfect summer read but its perfect to read at anytime. I really enjoyed this book it was fun, steamy and interesting to read. I loved that there was two point of views Carla and Andy. I loved that Carla was a strong, independant, and hardheaded. I loved that Andy is a hott, determined, Musician/Accountant who works for what he wants. The steamy sex scenes were great. The story was fun to read.

Overall I loved this book and I look forward to reading the first book being that I loved the second one so much. I'll be keeping an out out for the author and can't wait to check out her other books!

Highly Recommend.

Andrea says

Some readers might be familiar with the first book of this series, Vanilla on Top, and after reading this one might think Carla (Avoiding Mr. Right) isn't like Heather (Vanilla on Top). They'd be right. That's not a bad thing and in fact in my opinion its great. Great because author, C.J. Ellisson, has not done the cheap cop-out and recycled the previous book and just changed the names of the characters which I see much too often in

contemporary romance books.

Carla like all of us is unique and is written as such; not a blonde copy of Heather. It makes for a much richer book and overall series. Some readers might not like Carla when she's first introduced, but this book is all about a woman's spiritual and emotional growth as well as a sexy romance.

For those readers who only care if it is a sexy story, no fear there either. I personally loved the character Andy. He's strong and commanding along with an equal balance of manly and sensitive. *of course his name does mean "manly" ;)* Andy senses Carla's worth and deep need for a strong man in her life who can take charge without being abusively controlling. His demonstrations of dominance in and out of the bedroom atmosphere are HOT.

This book even though part of a series can stand on its own. However I think the reader will get much more out of the series if they also read Vanilla on Top.

Patricia says

Wow is all I can say. CJ has hit it out of the park again. Her second book Avoiding Mr Right is a home run. The main character Carla is into casual sex and avoiding relationships. Until one night she meets Andy, an accountant at the firm she works for. Their first encounter is left them both unsatisfied. As Carla tries to run. Andy's resolve to get her. leads them down a road that entices both of them. Andy's firmness and alpha male is exactly what Carla has been looking for her whole life. Not giving anything away but the supply closet scene was hot, hot. As they grow closer the wounds of Carla's past are brought forth and slowly healed. With the firm hand and the love from Andy

This book should be one everyone's summer reading list. CJ rocked it yet again. I recommend this to anyone who wants a good read so check it out . You wont be disappointed

Denice Lara says

Party Girl Carla just does not know what she wants until she meets Andrew....

This second book of the Wild Side series, shows us that we don't always know what we want even if our internal voice is yelling it at us, and that is the case for Carla, her just for fun attitude is her way of warding off any real interests and Andrew is just what she needs, this is a great book by a great author, great story line, steamy scenes but wonderfully written.

Thank you for another great book, looking forward to book 3...

MARQUETTA says

I wasn't a fan of Carla from the previous book. I thought she was a total bitch. My opinion of her didn't change much when I finished reading Avoiding Mr. Right.

Carla claims that the men she meets and sleeps with are dumb and boring in bed. She's tired of having bad sex. But I'm thinking she's the one who's bad in bed. After that "tolerable" encounter with Andy, with Carla barking out orders and then falling asleep, I firmly believe that she's the problem. Not the men. Carla has trust and commitment issues which stems from her dad leaving them when she was a teen and her being still being super bitter about it 15 years later.

Andy is a nice guy who has the hots for Carla. But because he's an accountant (gasp! the horror!), in Carla's warped mind, Andy can't possibly be exciting or good in bed. Uh okay Carla. Weird generalization you got going on there. But Andy is determined to prove Carla wrong even though Carla is being mean and bitchy to him.

For the most part, I enjoyed Avoiding Mr. Right despite not liking Carla. I still don't think I fully understood her motivation or her actions. I adore Andy and don't think Carla is good enough for him. Throughout the book, I wondered what he saw in her. I mean, it's not like Carla's the nicest person in the world or the most open.

There were a couple of things that happened in the book that confused me. Or made me feel that it was an unnecessary to the plot. The whole thing with Carla's dad felt abrupt and completely out of left field. I guess this was supposed to happen to help Carla and her mom move on but it didn't feel organic to the plot. The ending of Avoiding Mr. Right felt abrupt. I wasn't expecting it to end when it did.

An overall enjoyable story with a too nice hero with a naughty side in the bedroom, Avoiding Mr. Right was a fun read. Carla never won me over. She was too much work, played too many games and at times not a very nice person. But thankfully, Andy more than made up for it.

Katrina says

Avoiding Mr. Right is the second in the Walk on the Wild Side Series for C. J. Ellisson. It is an exemplary example of erotic romance that offers so much more than just a great summer beach read. Heather (from Vanilla on Top) shares her concerns with her friend's love 'em and leave 'em attitude. Carla's character stubbornly insists that she knows what she wants. She just doesn't realize how much she really does want a real, long lasting relationship.

Andy has his hands full, from the first chapter of the story. Carla doesn't want to cooperate. We follow his progress with Carla while learning more about his depth of character as an honorable man that any woman would love to have in their lives.

Every emotion one explores in starting a new relationship is examined through the lenses of Carla and Andy's past experiences. We learn of Carla's deep seeded fears, of Andy's desire to have a loving family experience like his folks. The excitement of the 'firsts', the realizations of growing desires, and deepening relationship are all explored with the delightful writing style of Ms. Ellisson. You feel like these characters become a part of your family. You feel yourself rooting for them, and wanting to pop them upside the head. I know this is one book that I'm going to read over and over. I laughed, I cried, and nodded thinking "Amen, Sister" as I read it. It really is one of my favorite books.

Kim Engstrom says

Avoiding Mr. Right is the 2nd contemporary romance in a series for C.J. Ellisson. The 1st book, Vanilla on Top, explored the romance between Heather and Tony. In this book, we get to see how things fair for Heather's best friend, Carla. Carla is a misguided woman when it comes to relationships due to events from her past. Andy may just be the man to snap her out of it. He wants to pull her out of her "love'em and leave'em" ways and convince her he is worth her time. He will do whatever it takes to get Carla to believe in him and in them. The lengths he will go to leave you breathless and panting for more.

If you're looking for a book that will grab you from the 1st page and keep you wanting more with every turn, this is DEFINITELY the book for you! I have already added it to my list to be read again :) C.J. is definitely talented no matter which genre she is choosing to write. I promise you won't regret reading her latest!!!!

Helena says

"Avoiding Mr. Right" is great installment in the series "Walk on the Wild Side." Getting to see into Carla's mind and past helps us figure out some of her puzzles represented by her from book one, "Vanilla on Top". She may not seem very likable at times from certain behaviors, but the depth of her character, makes it impossible to not like her and at times feel sympathy for her. Her struggle to come to terms with her past, and possibly start a lasting relationship with a hot guy, make the book hard to take food and drink breaks. The sex scenes left me hot and panting for more. Once a again CJ Ellisson does not disappointment me. She wrote a book with believable characters and storyline, humor, emotion and steamy sex. All the qualities I love it a great romance novel. Can't wait for the next installment!

Crystal Mugridge says

I absolutely loved Carla and Andy's story! I picked this book up and finished reading it in one day! It caught my interest from the beginning and didn't let go even at the end. The love scenes between Carla and Andy are titillating. Their verbal sparring very interactive and believable.. I must say I loved this story as much as Heather and Tony's (Vanilla On Top) if not more. All and all I must admit that I enjoy reading C.J Ellisson's work she is a very talented author and hope she continues with her amazing work!

Laura says

Yet again, C.J. Ellisson delivers a spicy, steamy, well-written piece, with a good amount of drama and characters that draw you in! Carla, Heather's friend, believes that she has to order a man around to get satisfaction, but is always lamenting to Heather how unsatisfying her encounters are! Heather worries about her friend's happiness and gives her a set of rules, which she ignores. Andy, someone she works with, ends up being one of the guys she quickly tries to discard, but he refuses to be dumped by her. He shows her just what she needs by pursuing her and taking charge, showing her that sometimes you have to let go and let someone else control your satisfaction, to be able to be in control. Andy doesn't give up and you get to see more development of both characters along the way, and learn why Carla has such commitment issues, and how Andy helps her overcome them... I loved this book and couldn't put it down!

Poison Rose says

CJ bumps the heat up a good 100 degrees in Avoiding Mr. Right. This is one of hers you don't want to miss!

Full review to come on the 17th both here and on the blog.

Thanks!

* ARC received from author in exchange for an honest review*

Grammy 1 says

C.J. Ellisson, New York Times bestselling author, has recently branched out from her fabulous vampire series of the VV Inn, and is taking a “Walk on the Wild Side” with a new non - paranormal series. The first was called Vanilla on Top, where we meet shy and lonely Heather Pierce. Heather, is, being conned into a speed dating night by her best friend Carla; that does change her life.

Heather worries about her best friend Carla as well, feeling Carla chooses a relationship that is “ all about me “ and hands her friend a list of don'ts.

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Enter Andy Shea “ accountant.” Andy has been trying to get Carla's attention, but the word accountant is too grey for Carla's tastes until one night the stars are aligned and Carla invites him home after the office Friday night bar ritual. Since Miss Priss has had too much to drink, their encounter in bed was not memorable for her and she wants nothing more than to discourage any further interaction between them; other than office related. But, Andy has something to prove, and the line in the sand has been drawn. Carla is the carrot dangling in front of his nose, and this accountant is no shade of grey when it comes to awakening a woman sexually.

I must admit that Ms Ellisson wrote a very short Novelette called More Than Tolerable a few years back that I had the pleasure of reading and reviewing. This now is the New Improved Economy Size and has been expanded into this charming new story for her new series.

Carla has been looking for something she has never found before, a man to compliment her, feed her sexual side that she has kept hidden, even from herself. Andy Shea is not the bleak, boring accountant she thought him to be....Fireworks.

Wow what a great story they make.

Review by Gloria Lakritz

Sr Reviewer and Review Chair for the Paranormal Romance Review Team

Vettech says

Walk on the Wild Side Series Book 2 is Carla & Andy's story. This one was such a joy to read!

Carla has a reputation for holding the men she dates at arms length. Never wanting to pursue a relationship. Enter Andy...he is nothing if not persistent when it comes to winning Carla's heart. You see an amazing transformation with Carla, from her tough as nails exterior she's maintained for so many years....to the hot sexy submissive that enjoys a good spanking!!

I loved how both Carla & Andy break out of their comfort zones....by exploring some new and exciting ways to spice up their sexual relationship. There are also some very sweet touching moments between the couple, it's not all about sex.

I recommend this lovely story to those who like a little bit of everything....humor, sadness and a hot steamy sexy ride too the finish!!

Dina says

When this book started I liked Carla, and then after she starts seeing Andrew I didn't like her for a bit, but once you find out why she is the way she is, she really grew on me. As she learned to trust Andy the story just kept getting better.

I loved how we got to see Andy's point of view, the book alternates on the chapters one from Carla's, one from Andy's. He is great, and I loved finding out how much attention he had paid to her over the course of time. While I struggled to figure out how come he liked her, he would lay out the reasons, and I would just melt a little. It was pretty sweet.

The romance part was solid - started slow, and got hotter from there. I would read more books from this author, but it is not a favorite. I don't have the burning desire to read the very next book, but I will definitely @ some point read more. Always glad when I can find a new author.

This book was provided to me by the author in exchange for an honest review.
