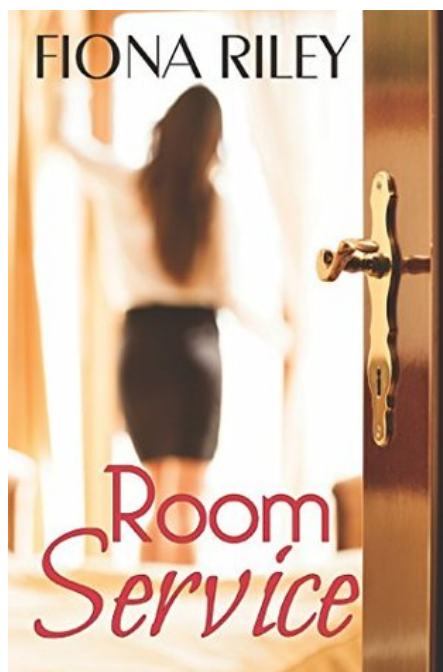




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Olivia Dawson is in a personal and creative rut when her interior design team nets a contract that could change everything. Olivia grabs the chance to reignite her passion, to step outside her comfort zone, and to achieve national exposure if she delivers everything the client expects.

Savannah Quinn fled a broken heart and started fresh in a new city, at a new job, without any of her past in the rearview. Her new position as corporate liaison to Olivia and her team is exactly the distraction she's looking for. She doesn't have to settle into her empty apartment if she's never there, right? And she can't be betrayed if she never asks for forever.

Long days in strange cities bring Olivia and Savannah closer, but keeping their growing attraction separate from their professional relationship feels impossible. When Savannah has to choose between Olivia and her career, she makes a choice that could change both their lives.

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Gaby says

This is an early work by Ms. Riley just published now after the three books of her 'Perfect match' series. This is an office romance between interior designer, Olivia Dawson, and Savannah Quinn, her client corporate liaison. As they travel around the country to tackle different projects, their mutual attraction grows making it impossible to ignore. Will their corporate association get in the way of their budding relationship?

'Room service' is a slow-burn romance written from the point of view of both main characters. Ms. Riley excels at building their chemistry that slowly grows to sizzling hot. Both characters are a bit too perfect but their relationship works fine. My only concern is that their public displays of affection seem too over the top to be realistic. Despite that, the intimate scenes are well written, specially the phone sex passage which, in my opinion, is one of the best ever written in lesfic. Some of the secondary characters are a bit blurry specially at the beginning but it doesn't interfere with the enjoyment of the main story.

Overall, a sweet office romance read. 4 stars.

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Netty says

A good solid sexy romance, with interesting likable characters, it did start to get a bit too frustrating at one point, I also thought the 4 page fallout was a over the top and bloody stupid, but apart from that it was full of chemistry, flirting and eventually great sex scenes, I do think this book could have been shorter, but it was an enjoyable romance so I'd totally recommend this to romance fans...

An ARC was given in exchange for an honest review

JF says

I really love this author. Mainly because she writes great sex scenes . My biggest pet peeve is when an author gets to the climax (no pun intended) of the MC's romance and then drops me off the cliff . Kiss, kiss, kiss and it's morning . I want to know what happens in between . That is why Fiona never disappoints me I can count on a good romance and well written sex scenes.

Agirlcandream says

I am a big fan of Fiona Riley. Her Miss Match series was entertaining, sexy and each book starred characters I fell in love with, quirks and all. The humour and sparks are present in Room Service but I didn't enjoy this read as much as I did her previous novels. The public displays of affection in the workplace and while

socializing with coworkers set off all my “inappropriate” bells and whistles. There are lots and lots of sex scenes to keep everyone entertained but they felt more like filler to cover a weak storyline.

I’m still a fan of Ms. Riley but this book did not work for me. Maybe it’s an age thing and my old codger side got the best of me with this read. The notes I made while reading this went along the lines of ‘flirting, flirting, flirting, inappropriate workplace flirting for professional women” and "PDA’s make me cringe. If I was one of their subordinates I’d be shouting “Get a room!”

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Rosi says

This has been a slow built romance, in which the two protagonists, both very femme, both inexplicably available, both with a past of unsatisfactory relationships, should meet and work together due to a project partnership between the two companies that they work for.

This partnership, leads them, along with the other members of the work team, to travel to several cities to develop the projects, so the relationship grows with the projects, both in and outside work.

As the two are afraid of having a relationship, each one for different reasons of their past and also their professional ethics makes them be careful not to compromise the project, the attraction they feel toward each other from the beginning, is restrained and repressed by the two women.

But how long can it last to suppress an irrepressible attraction? Fortunately for those of us who like hot and steaming romances, it does not last long, really. Because Olivia and Savannah are hot separately. But when they come together they form a really sexy couple. And the author has achieved some really stimulating scenes.

Very highly recommended romance for those who like sweet, spicy and without much drama.

An ARC was sent to me from Bold Strokes Books through NetGalley for an honest review

Corrie says

Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle. Oh my giddy aunt but there’s a lot of sexy-times in this story. Don’t worry, it’s none of the boring kind because if there’s one thing **Fiona Riley** can deliver it’s scorching scenes. The only thing that made me go *hmmm* where the times that **Savannah** and **Olivia** forget themselves and went at it like rabid weasels in public places. I can understand running the risk of getting caught increases the kink for the peeps involved but I would not like to get an eye-full of oral sex while I’m taking a ride on the ferris wheel (or having a drink at the piano bar.... or taking my kids (if I had any) for a spin on the carousel).

Other than the generous dollop of slap and tickle there is still a plot to enjoy. The ladies meet on the work floor, there is mutual attraction with lots of slow burn flirting and heated foreplay, things need to be on the down-low because of work ethics, plenty of internal struggle about commitment issues and bad experiences with partners in the past and of course the dreaded 80% mark drama-rama (oy gevalt!) where both parties involved take a stupid pill. That’s a star deduction right there.

Room Service is not as polished as Riley's later work (I hear this was something she wrote before the **Miss Match** series) but still a very enjoyable experience.

f/f explicit

Themes: work work work, I'm still not quite sure I understand what it is these people are building exactly, something with plants and projections and water features, but whatever it is they do they are good at it, but after work there is play... plenty of play.

4 stars

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vacatedboat says

I feel torn here, but I've given all of Riley's books a 4* rating, so I'm sticking with the trend here. Since I have been on GR for a good while, I've rated a lot of books. However, because I haven't left reviews until recently, I have to go off remembering how certain books made me feel and what I remember about them when looking over stars given. I really liked 'Miss Match' when it came out and was sincerely impressed that it was a debut novel. I still remember the characters and the storyline fairly well. The follow-ups didn't leave me with the same awe and I honestly don't remember them nearly as well, so I'm going out on a limb here to say that 'Miss Match' was a 4.25* for me, while 'Light A Match' and 'Perfect Match' were more in the realm of 3.75*...landing squarely at 4* even though they left different impressions on me. Why do I share this...? I suppose because I feel like it's relative to the way I'm going to review/rate this book.

I liked 'Room Service' *almost* as much as 'Miss Match,' but more than the two follow-ups to 'Miss Match.' I like chemistry, so chemistry can totally sell a book for me and these two had it in spades...for f'ing days. Riley, in all of her books, has proven that she knows how to use words to light a match and start a bon fire as if it's been doused in gasoline.

Olivia works for a design firm in NYC and Savannah's company, located in Chicago, has contracted them to design spaces at locations in three different US cities. Each of these projects require both to travel and spend long periods of time in said cities. Upon initial meeting, Olivia and Savannah are immediately attracted to one another and, honestly, do little to hide their attraction from one another, so there is a lot of flirting happening from the get go. As hesitant as these two are to start anything, because they work together, they don't waste much time before they start overtly flirting with words, glances, and innocuous touching. That much tension eventually needs a release...

So, what I didn't like about this book so much should probably go under some spoiler tags (view spoiler)

Whew, am I glad I got that out...

So, anyway, I liked this regardless. As I said, I'm a sucker for chemistry. Chemistry beats out reality sometimes because I'm easily manipulated by sparks. Anyone who has liked Riley's previous books will probably like this one, too.

Sprinkles says

? *The copy provided by NetGalley and Bold Strokes Books Inc. in exchange for an honest review.?*

My goodness, what a roller coaster of feelings.

To start off, two things are very special about reading 'Room Service'. One: Fiona Riley has become a bit of a staple for me; I flock to her releases. And, two: One can definitely see that Riley's storytelling has improved since the time this was originally written. While enjoyable, it proves that she's grown as writer. I respect this so much. Miss Match is still my #1 pick of hers. To this day, I reread my favorite bits.

But! Back to 'Room Service'. Great title; it has several meanings there. Our heroines are Olivia Dawson and Savannah Quinn, two gorgeous femmes with superb names. I love the girly heels, fashion, style fantasy of Riley's books. I'm a les who loves glamour, sue me.

Their profession, while not on-the-nose to my personal field, was somewhat adjacent in the way it operates. So, I was able to relate. I could've used less paragraphs going in depth for the projects--I think some people may get lost or glaze over. In instances like that, less can be more.

Speaking of more, the SEX. I felt giddy with how much Fiona Riley spoils us with sex scenes. Too much? I think not. Their romance itself had that sort of I-shouldn't-be-with-you-but-I-cannot-resist tension that's so hot once they get together. In fact, a certain steamy phone call is one of my favorite scenes ever. Just my taste.

I liked their romance. Savannah and Olivia suited one another. I didn't take well to Reagan's character. Corrine and Farrah actually seemed more adept at pushing the characters toward accepting their feelings while Reagan...meh.

If I may critique a thing, it'd be dialogue. Some of these characters' manner of speaking could be toned down a bit, with less prose-y speaking. Sometimes, what they said didn't come off naturally. Or, someone sounds overly smart, which isn't bad, but not realistic if too many characters sound that way.

All in all, it's a thumbs up for me. I'd give it a 3.5, leaning towards four stars because Riley manages to keep putting out quality work. I'm already anticipating her next one!

Joc says

I've read all of Riley's novels and I think this is my favourite. Olivia and Savannah meet when their respective companies engage in a joint venture to create some dynamic, green spaces in a few buildings in different cities. Spending large tracts of their time liaising and being in the same place, they find that not only do they work well together but that their attraction for each other is undeniable.

They are both really likeable characters and their chemistry is sizzling. This has been shelved as "slow-burn" by a couple of people but to me that means that the main characters circle around each other for months or years until 90% when they finally admit to being in love and have sex. *Room Service* is ridiculously hot and sexy throughout.

The story line is a good one. It's not thought-provoking or overly angsty but it is strong enough that it doesn't fall into the *PWP?* category. I think it is the most erotic novel I've read in a while and better than

those that were actually listed as erotica. Far too many climax (literally and figuratively) too soon, leaving fairly boring interactions for the last 40% of the novel and just as many keep you waiting until right near the end and then it's done, leaving you inadequate time to feel their love for each other.

This is a five star read for me in the romance genre because of the great characters, the emotional connection, the sustained eroticism, the sexy dialogue and a good story.

Book received from Netgalley and Bold Strokes Books for an honest review.

Diane Wallace says

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***'Storytelling trumps beautiful writing every time...'

Endearingly good story!

Smart and funny,insightful and romantic,impulsive and compelling,fascinating and steamy, ROOM SERVICE reveals that the most important journeys we make aren't measured in miles,but in the strength,wisdom and love found along the way. More than this,though,this book/storyline is both an examination & reflection of the stories we/readers tell ourselves,the ones that make our lives make sense even if they're misplaced or misguided or outright wrong sometimes because of certain decisions in life. Savannah who did cautiously rebuild her life and career plus even rebounded with a new romance. But when a fresh crisis strikes and an uncertain future looms,she must decide: How much will she risk to remain the woman she's just become or should she choose 'LOVE' Then there is Olivia who Savannah thinks has it all: perfect hair,a fantastic body and expensive clothes,not to mention a great job,is single,she also has a crush on her and both has to work together. Though each struggle with loneliness & fear,the times they spend together having these make out sessions do give Olivia hope for something brighter just on the horizon--if only they can learn to find healing & peace --and perhaps love--with each other. The emotions fueling the words are nonetheless real,and Ms.Riley do successfully captures the essence of what its like to muddle through any painful break-ups of past lovers. Above all,she has penned a well written,paged-turner full of wanderlust,forbidden romance,with mature & witty dialogue,some great secondary characters and plenty of intrigue. Readers will enjoy this book/story as much as i did. Recommended!

Starsandsun18 says

I think this one's my favorite from the author so far.

The pacing is just right. You can feel the sexual tension between Olivia and Savannah.

I also like their chemistry together.

Sexy scenes ??

Lot's of PDA I can't even imagine how they manage them. ?

I find Reagan annoying at first I was actually expecting her to have feelings for Olivia or maybe the protagonist here but I guess not. She's just the annoying childish best friend but supportive.

Nice supporting characters especially Savanna's brother and Olivia's sister. I wish more interactions with them.

Overall, nice read. :)

Tiff says

Room Service is a nice romance with a solid storyline, good dialogue and a lot of hot sexiness. I do not think this is Riley's best book though. Is it good? Yes, it is. In the acknowledgments portion of the book, the author writes that she wrote this book before Miss Match. From Miss Match through her Perfect Match Series you see each book get better and better. The writing goes from really good to freaking fantastic. With this book, I felt not quite there with the protagonists, the supporting characters add little to the story and were distracting. I felt like I was reading this story from afar rather than being in the moment. The ending dragged and seemed a bit overdramatic given the characters' actions in two-thirds of the book. This book is super hot though. Riley cranks up the tension and the sexiness sizzles off the page.

Alexis says

I'm having trouble reviewing this book because I loved the first 80%. The last 20% however **shudders**.. yikes!

Let me start with the positives. The author creates super sexy chemistry like nobody's business. For a quick second I thought Savannah was seducing me and not Olivia (not that I would mind). Knowing the person you're attracted to feels the same way but not being able to do anything about it creates crazy amounts of sexual tension. I really liked how they tried in vain to keep things professional between them before eventually giving up and just going for it.

The part where things went south for me has to do with Olivia's behavior in the final 20% of the book. I don't want to spoil anything but I just couldn't understand her reasoning for acting the way she did. I initially really liked her character but by the time I finished the book she had made it onto my list of books with characters that I can't stand. Even Savannah's character was going in that direction because I couldn't understand how she allowed Olivia to treat her the way she did.

I can't believe I'm giving this book 3* because I gave all three of her previously released books a 5* rating. Miss Match even made my all time favorites list. This book just didn't do it for me with the first 80% getting a 4.5 and the last 20% getting a 1*. Let's hope Miss Riley is working on her next novel so I can hopefully go back to dishing out 5* ratings.

Lex Kent says

3.5 Stars. While not as great as her Perfect Match Series, this was still a good read. This is actually the second book Riley has written. She put off releasing this until after her Perfect Match Series was completed. One thing all four books have in common is heat and chemistry. Riley is very good about writing chemistry in her romances. If that is something you enjoyed from her Perfect Match Series, chances are you will like this read too.

Olivia is an interior designer for companies. She is in charge of a team of really talented people. When her

firm is asked to remodel three locations for a big company, it could be the chance to really put their design firm on the map. What Olivia doesn't expect is to be attracted to the company's point person for the project. Savannah is smart, attractive and kind. She also can't take her eyes off of Olivia the person she has to spend the next few months working with. Can these two women have a chance at a relationship, or will the fairytale end when the job does?

As I mention above, the chemistry is off the charts. Riley is really excellent about writing great chemistry. You could almost feel the sparks jumping off the pages. I just loved all the flirting and just plain sexiness between the two women. It took a while to actually consummate their relationship so the heat just kept building and building and was a joy to read about.

While I really enjoyed both characters and their intense connection, I wasn't as big on the rest of the story. I found their jobs to be okay, but I wasn't really grabbed by any of the work scenes (except for when flirting was involved). In fact I found myself almost getting into boredom territory a few times. Luckily, all the times the characters spent together was great, I just wish I was enjoyed it more when they were not.

I also found the actual storyline to be pretty predictable unfortunately. There were no surprises and you could see what was coming a mile away. The romance was 4.5 Stars but the rest of the plot was more like 2.5 Stars, hence my 3.5 rating.

I loved the chemistry and connection as well as the characters. I think other readers will be happy with it too. I just wish the plot had more going for it because then I would have loved this book instead. I'm still recommending it to romances fans since I think the romance is worth it. I'm looking forward to what Riley writes next.

An ARC was given to me from BSB, for a honest review.

MJS says

ARC received via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

I enjoyed Riley's previous books very much and was looking forward to this one, it was good, but I didn't enjoy it as much as I did the three matchmaker books.

I enjoyed both leads, though I preferred Savannah, Olivia was a bit hit and miss in that she seemed to change personality towards the end, going from 'I have roots and want to settle down' to 'I'm commitment phobic' was annoying. I did enjoy the secondary characters, both Olivia's sister and Savannah's brother were fun additions and Reagan was also a great side character, especially since I thought the 'jealousy' trope was going to pop up and was relieved when it didn't.

For the most part this is an enjoyable, somewhat slow burn romance. I say 'somewhat' because even though the leads spend a lot of time together and get to know each other there are weird PDA scenes that pop up that I just couldn't get behind (see under the cut for more details). I liked that the leads did get to know each other, and their chemistry was great but the ending was a bit too filled with miscommunication or lack of communication issues that could have easily been avoided. Riley is a good author though, and this is filled with witty dialogue and interesting characters and is worth a read. 3 stars.

(view spoiler)

