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Each weekday from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Grace and Ashton cohost Battle of the Sexes, a radio program arguing the he-said/she-said issues of the day. Their fiery debates often have listeners wondering if there's more to their relationship than just talk, even though Grace has been dating Phillip, Mr. Tall, Dark, and Perfect, since long before she ever met Ashton Miller.

Yet when news comes that Battle of the Sexes is on the bubble for cancellation, Grace and Ashton need to step up their efforts to engage their audience to keep the show alive. When a charity organization approaches them and proposes that the two of them kiss for a fund raiser, Grace and Ash agree to kiss for a good cause. A kiss is just a kiss, right?

Or can one kiss really change everything?

## **The Kiss That Launched 1,000 Gifs Details**

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### Kathy says

Clean romance lovers --- Add this one to your to read shelf!!

I've been a Sheralyn Pratt fan for 5 years. I first read her book City of Angels back in 2010 and loved it. Her Rhea Jensen series soon became one of my absolute favorites. I loved the snarkiness and humor and have been waiting for the final book in that series to be released.

I had the chance to meet Sheralyn last year at a Conference in Provo, UT. At that time I begged her to finish the Rhea Jensen series. She's had valid reasons why she has not yet finished the series and may not do so for quite some time so I conceded that a clean romance would be an acceptable alternative.

I recently got an email asking if I wanted to read the unproofed copy of her new clean romance The Kiss That Launched 1,000 Gifs.

Heck yeah!!

Any guesses on whether I got anything done that day? Sure did. I read an amazing book! I spent an hour on an exercise bike reading the entire time. We had 4 dentist/ortho appointments that day and I read the entire time. When we got home I curled up on the couch and didn't get off until I was finished. No better way to spend my day.

This is the exact type of clean romance that I love to read and can recommend. Full of snark, bantering, and plenty of laughs, The Kiss That Launched 1,000 Gifs is a book sure to be loved by anyone who enjoys clean romance.

So do yourself a favor and add it to your To-Read Shelf!

Content: Clean (although there is talk of and implied sex)

Originally read June 2015 - Reread November 2016 - Just as good the 2nd time around. This is one of my all time favorites!!

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### Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I'm so excited I got to read this book! There was a bit of pre-buzz surrounding it in my book circles so of course it was on my radar. I was told when I signed up to review this book that I wouldn't have that long to review it. A week, I think. Ha. I didn't even need a day!

This is the kind of book that just makes you keep reading. There is no putting it down, there is no conceding to sleep or children or dinner making. So, pick up this book when you have plenty of time to read it through or you will be unhappy. Like me. Because I made dinner and the whole while I was cursing the fact that we have to eat. :)

There is build up and tension in this book. There is banter and sass. It's sparky (like sparklers) and I loved it

all. I just couldn't help myself. Now I want more. More I want now. I think I have a problem.

As far as content goes, this book is a clean romance. There are references to the MC's past sexual relationships with other people but nothing of detail. There is some sexual innuendo.

And, lucky for you, today is release day so you don't have to wait to read it! It's the perfect summer by the pool or the beach or enjoying your AC book. Happy Reading!

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### **Valerie Waters says**

Ugh. I LOVED this book until about 3/4 of the way. Maybe half way. I could not stand grace!!! Holy cow was she shallow!!! All she cares about was looks. Oh and wearing stilettos on a 3 mile hike?!?! Seriously!!! The chemistry was amazing but I think ash was selling himself short! He deserved someone who liked what he likes. Man. I really can't stand grace. She was annoyed he wore jeans all the time and wanted to change that?!?! Either accept him for what he is or walk away. Gah I think I will be annoyed about her for days. I absolutely loved Ashton!!! He was a great personality! But grace. Ugh. Phillip was perfect for her IMO. Ok maybe not. But I'm so annoyed right now. Oh and the overwhelming feminist. I should stop thinking about this book. It really just started to rub me the wrong way. I would have given it 5 stars if it ended at the middle with the last chapter and parts of the epilogue were on it. I mean seriously. Can you stop being so pushy and demanding all the time?!?!? Gahhh. Ok. Really have to go to bed. Maybe tomorrow I'll give it one more star. Maybe.

Ok. I'll give it 3-3.5 stars because the writing was good. Just need a different personality for Grace.

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### **Tiffany says**

I really enjoyed this one. Clever, fun, and a little bit of heat. The plot was clever and executed well. I adored the battles between grace and ash. Characters were well written, though I didn't care much for Grace. A few plot points bothered me. And I didn't care for the innuendo, discussions of sex, and infidelity. Knowing this is an lds author, I feel the story could have been stronger without worldly aspects. (Several times I was taken out of the story bc of this). That being said everything is in discussion, nothing explicit. Recommended. Clean.

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### **Katie W says**

Grace is a beautiful, sassy, Latina woman and Ashton is a laid back, outdoorsy, athlete and their differences are just enough to help them engage in an intriguing banter day after day on their radio program. I absolutely adored the banter! These two are quick thinkers and know just which buttons to push to keep things interesting, without going too far. The subtle attraction felt more like a sizzling chemistry at times and culminated in a kiss for charity. Only a boyfriend stands in the way.

These characters had personality galore and it really showed through the words on each page. I love strong characters who are perfectly imperfect. I really appreciated the supporting characters as well--especially Esme, Grace's best friend, and Megan, Ashton's niece. Both say it like it is and are total spitfires, especially Megan with her wise words and actions that go beyond her years. I felt completely immersed in the story and

felt like I was watching it unfold on social media, right along with the rest of the world.

I love a good, clean romance and this one had a dash of spice. I thought it was very cleverly written and I really can't stop thinking about the story, the characters, and what happened. This one is going on my favorites list!

Content: kissing (making out); mention of sleeping with someone in the past, but no details given; discussion about rape in general without details.

\*I received a copy in exchange for an honest review\*

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## Julie Carpenter says

~4.5 stars~

Ok, honestly....I stayed up waaaaaaay too late reading this one last night. Ha ha ha! But I couldn't sleep anyway since we've had the lovely tummy bug going around at my house, and I was tossing and turning from it. Soooooo instead of laying in bed wide awake staring at the ceiling(or walls) I put my awake-ness to good use ;-)

I was hooked from the get go! Grace and Ash were just so much fun to read about. Their banter on their radio show, Battle of the Sexes, was just too fun! I found myself holding in giggles, because I didn't want to wake anyone else of course. Oh my word! Can I just say I related so well to Ash too! He may be the guy character but heavens I totally understood him. He's the kind of person who doesn't have a clue about social media and has no accounts, yet his co-host Grace is queen of social media. When their show is being questioned with a possible replacement by a syndicated show his PR group tells him he needs to up his game. What does that include you might ask? Yep, you probably guessed it too....social media baby! #completelyclueless... ok that's not a real # but I couldn't resist. I guess I'm not as clueless as Ash about social media but pretty close. I don't do FB, twitter, instagram(are there any others I left out????). The first time I heard about a 'tweet' was months, months I tell you after twitter was all the rage. My sweet sister in law had to explain it to me. And honestly, I'm not THAT old! I do know how to use FB(I just browse through my mom and sister's when we visit). ^^ But it's just not my thing and I'm ok with that. But it sure endeared me to Ash to know that he was even more tech illiterate and social media illiterate than me! Hee Hee!

If you enjoy fun banter between characters, a hidden crush/love and lots of playful tweets, instagram posts(and even a couple pictures with captions actually making up a chapter) I think you'll have a great time with this book. Plus if you've read any of Power of the Matchmaker series, Sheralyn Pratt wrote one of the books in that series, King of the Friend Zone, and Esme the female MC makes several appearances in this book. And if you have read this one and not King of the Friend Zone, then I recommend going and reading Esme's story, I highly enjoyed it.

Seriously loved the chemistry between these characters and the actual kiss in the book that launched the 1,000 Gifs...yeah that was pretty fun. There's a whole story behind it and it's a fun part of the book. Cute fun read that overall I really enjoyed!

Content: Ok there were quite a few innuendos throughout that wasn't in the other book I read by this author. Most of them are very mild and, clean-if you can call an innuendo that- but there were a few that pushed it for what I usually am comfortable with(hence the 4.5 stars instead of 5 from me). Grace's boyfriend Phillip

gives her an ultimatum at one point in the story that they will break up if she doesn't spend the night with him.(spoiler-she doesn't) They do talk about the fact that they have sex, nothing graphic or detailed but enough that you know they sleep together occasionally. Phillip wants Grace to move in with her but she believes that won't help their relationship last into marriage, but probably just cause them to breakup. A couple sweet kisses, and a couple passionate kisses. I'm pretty sure that's everything within the book content wise that someone might be wondering about. Overall I would recommend for more mature readers, even though it wasn't anything graphic or detailed I would still recommend for mature readers.

I snagged a free copy from Amazon!

Happy Reading!!!

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## **Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says**

4.5

This book has been nominated for a 2015 Swoony Award, to vote click [here](#).

First off, isn't that cover gorgeous?? Love it!

Anyway, ever since I first found out about this one I couldn't wait to read it. I've enjoyed Sheralyn Pratt's suspense series and was curious to see what she could do with a contemporary romance. I was not disappointed. This was a fun read! Be prepared to get sucked in and unable to stop!

Grace and Ashton host a radio talk show, Battle of the Sexes. Every day they go head to head on a verity of topics, their chemistry is off the charts. Secretly Ashton has been crushing on Grace since they started working together two years ago. Problem is, she has a serious boyfriend.

I kind of wavered on what to rate this one. On one hand, it was a totally addicting read. It flowed well, had a fun plot and lots of interactions with our H/h (which is always a good thing). On the other hand, if I over analyze it, I kind of wanted to see more developed between Grace and Ashton. They are obviously physically attracted to each other, but I'd like to see them as a couple and see them really fall in love (its pointed out that they never spend any time together off-air, so aside from the couple hours debating every day, would they really get along in the real world? They are pretty opposite. They obviously connect physically, I just want to make sure there is more to them than that. But again, that's just me over thinking things probably.

Overall, I thought this was super cute! I look forward to reading more contemporaries by Ms. Pratt!

### Content

Romance: Clean. Mild innuendo and talk about previous relationships, hooking up pre-marriage. Pretty worldly view on relationships and sex.

Language: None that I remember

Other: Casual/social drinking

Violence: None

Religious: None

Similar Reads: Love on the Air

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## Mara says

4.5 stars. Sheralyn Pratt is a new author for me and I enjoyed this book so much I was either up late at night reading it or listening to it during the day so I could multitask. Radio show hosts Grace and Ashton have opposing views on almost every topic, which makes for witty banter and heated discussions on their afternoon show "Battle of the Sexes". Their listeners love the show, but even though it's been on for 2 yrs and it's the highest rated show in its time slot there's a good chance it's getting cancelled. The station's marketing department comes up with a "Hail Mary" billboard ad campaign--6 billboards for each of them (all of Ashton's just happen to use pictures of him shirtless) all around the city--but will that be enough to save their show?

Grace is hot blooded Latina with a penchant for only wearing dresses and heels at work (which Ashton really appreciates) while Ashton is more relaxed, athletic and really into the outdoors (hiking, fishing, camping). Grace has a boyfriend of 3 yrs (Phillip) while Ashton as a reputation for not keeping a girlfriend for very long. The reason for that is he's been secretly in love with Grace ever since their show started.

Grace stands up for herself and I was happy when she basically told Phillip where he could put his ultimatum. Ashton is a good guy who cares for his niece like she's his own and I loved the scene where Grace finally gets to see a more serious side of him. I felt for him when he was forced to I liked Grace's doesn't-beat-around-the-bush best friend, Esme, and Ashton's wise-beyond-her-years teenage niece, Megan, who see things Grace and Ashton either don't see or don't want to acknowledge.

This book has a lot of witty banter and definite chemistry between the main characters, and some steamy kisses. I thought the pictures of Grace and Ashton's Instagram posts were a great addition to the book, but I wish they had included at least one picture of one of Ashton's shirtless billboard ads. I plan to read Sheralyn Pratt's King of the Friend Zone (Power of the Matchmaker series) as it's all about Esme.

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## Melanie says

Grace and Ashton are co-hosts of a radio program, "Battle of the Sexes," where they discuss and/or argue about issues that come up between men and women. Grace has been dating Phillip, a chef who owns his own restaurant, for the past three years but there is chemistry between Grace and Ashton that keeps their fans guessing at their real relationship. Things just get more heated when they are approached to share a public kiss for charity.

I heard a lot of hype about this book before I started reading it so I made sure to start it on a day when I could finish it. I'm glad I did, because it delivered! If I had to choose a side between the two, I would pick Ashton. He's fantastic! There really wasn't anything about him not to like--he's a genuinely good guy. I didn't connect with Grace right away but she grew on me by the end. They played well off each other and had some great banter and chemistry.

I loved Ashton's 15-year-old niece, Megan. Ashton is technologically challenged but desperately needs to catch up quickly and she's the right person for the job. Her life has had some challenges and he proves to her that he will always be there for her. They have each other's best interests at heart and step in when needed.

This is a quick, fun read and once I started it, there was no putting it down until I finished! It's a clean read, but there is some sexual innuendo and references to past relationships. This is the first book I've read by this author but it won't be the last!

I received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Mel's Shelves

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### **Alisa says**

Ashton Miller is a jock who loves outdoors and avoids all social media; Grace Vasquez is a smart cultured Latina social media queen. They couldn't be more different, but together they host the radio show "Battle of the Sexes". People tune in to experience the chemistry and banter between them!

Grace is the other half of a power couple. She has been dating Phillip, a well-known chef who owns his own restaurant, for 3 years. Ashton is so much more than he appears to be on the show. I loved getting to know Ashton outside the studio. He is kind, thoughtful, sensitive, and a great mentor and role model for his 15-year-old niece.

Their show is on the bubble and they need a Hail Mary to save it! So they agree to kiss for charity - their kiss will last one second for every \$1,000 raised... and the longer the kiss, the harder it's going to be to hide and/or deny true feelings!

Sidebar: One of my favorite quotes in this book was when Grace is taking a picture of a sunset and Ash says, "...the point is to be in the moment, not miss the moment while trying to capture it." It just made me think how often do I get caught up in capturing the moment - only to miss it!

Content: Clean

Source: Review Copy (opinion is 100% my own)

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### **Gina \*loves sunshine\* says**

I've been reading this book for 5 full days...feels like longer, I got to 27% - but I made the decision to DNF. I have a really really good book up next that I'm itching to start, LOL! That may have played into it!!

This book is cute, story was interesting, I just got bored waiting for the "click" .....waiting for the characters to connect. I gave up! I started to ponder how this made it on to my kindle since I get like 85% of my books from friends reviews!!! One look at the cover it felt youthful to me - but it was actually quite chick lit, workplace, silly life drama. I imagine once the kiss actually happened maybe I would have been hooked. Where did my patience go?!?! :)

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### **Paula M. of Her Book Thoughts! says**

TOO MUCH CUTE.

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### **Lakisha Spletzer says**

I have so many words I want to use to describe this book: amazing, hilarious, touching, captivating. And even then, these four don't do it justice.

Ashton and Grace are my new favorite main characters. The humor, the emotions, the banter, it was everything you'd like to see in a romantic story. Neither character overpowered or outdid the other. They truly complemented one another.

I ranted, cheered, cried, and did a happy dance as I devoured this book in one sitting. I would strongly recommend this book to anyone looking for a feel-good, funny and relationship centered story.

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### **Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says**

I could not put this book down!!! Another 2:00 am finish for me :) Grace and Ashton are both strong, compelling characters that made me invest in the story from the get go. There is something about the attraction lurking beneath their emotionally-charged banter that takes the chemistry to a new level. They are both maddening at times, but what shines through is the compassion and caring they have not only for the friends and family they are close to, but for their listeners as well. They each take on the role of advocate for social issues in a way that is entertaining yet serious at times. Ashton's teenage niece is my favorite, wise beyond her years and the #1 supporter of an Ashton/Grace romance. The battle over social media is hilarious and there are several times I chuckled while reading. And the kiss... sigh. The lead up creates such anticipation and the description is perfection. From there the story takes a turn I didn't expect but made me desperate to find out what happens next. Highly recommend to fans of contemporary romance!!!

(Thank you to Ebooks For Review for a copy of the book in exchange for my honest review)

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### **Jacob Proffitt says**

This was a different kind of chaste romance than Jennifer Peel's work, mainly because the lack of sex was more of a timing thing than a trait of any of the characters. Indeed, Grace starts off the book in a relationship that was explicitly sexual—as in discussion with her eventual ex included talk about sex as a regular part of their relationship. So it's chaste because the book ends as the relationship solidifies into something the readers know will last.

And it was a solid read. Excellent characters and a decent plot. My favorite, and what pushed it to a solid four stars, was the banter between the two. We get glimpses of their radio show where banter is their job and Pratt managed to make it seem like it really could be. There was wit, but there was also really good byplay between the two with both coming off as strong and confident even as they argue and debate. I loved how well the dialogue played out and I'll be looking for more by Pratt for this alone.

Dragging it down a bit is some of the contrivance to drag the romantic tension out. It wasn't intrusive enough to drag it down even half a star, but there was a time or two where I had a flash of impatience because I was beyond ready for them to be together already. To be honest, I might have dropped down a star by the end, but have to admit the Epilogue ended that temptation flat. Best proposal ever, and perfectly fitting the characters to that point. I mean, it had banter and argument even as it layered that extra awareness of the underlying love they shared. It was a fantastic ending to a story I thoroughly enjoyed.

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