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Mika Walters is a normal-sized woman working in the not-so-normal world of New York fashion. As longtime assistant to uber-sexy photographer Alejandro Vega, she's tired of being the girl in the background. Just once she wants Alejandro to look at her with the same smoldering look he gives to his willowy models and now she has her chance.

Stranded.

After a travel mishap where the rest of the crew and the models can't make the remote island location shoot for another three days, Mika is taking her moment to catch Alejandro's eye and put herself in front of his camera and if all goes to plan, his bed . . . at least until the real world catches up with them. Alejandro doesn't know what's gotten into Mika. Maybe it's the sand, maybe it's the sun, but he doesn't really care. All he knows is that he's finally opened his eyes and is seeing her clearly for the first time as the smart, gorgeous, and incredibly irresistible woman she is. But why can't she realize that what he's feeling for her is not one of his usual one, well, three night stands. This is real. Real love, real passion. What's it going to take for him to prove to Mika that she's the woman he wants? Now and forever.

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Ally says

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Carey Heywood says

I was given a copy of this book by the author.

I love a strong female, sure Mika isn't always in complete control but she knows when to put her foot down. Ale, her boss is well....hot, and a bit of a control freak. Also, that island....um, sign me up! Sure the story was hot but what really appealed to me were all of the spaces between the romance. I get emotionally involved when a character is going after her dreams, someone I can root for. I like this writer's writing style. It was fun to read and felt honest.

Christine says

** 3.5 out of 5 stars **

Who wouldn't like to escape to a remote tropical island for a day? You can do just that by reading *Through the Lens* by debut author K.M. Jackson. This sweet and sexy contemporary romance is just the ticket to your escape.

Sexy, playboy fashion photographer Alejandro Vargas is on a remote tropical island with his assistant Mika Walters a couple of days ahead of the models and crew in order to scope out perfect shoot locations. Mika is an aspiring photographer herself and in fact, has an amazing job offer in the wings that she's planning to take as soon as this shoot is over. She hasn't quite gotten the nerve to tell her boss that she's leaving him yet, nor has she ever revealed to him that she's in love with him. Revealing that would be futile--she's not his fashion model type nor is she the kind of woman to have casual flings. Being alone with Alejandro for a few days in this wild and romantic setting and knowing she won't be working for him after this shoot, however, has Mika thinking this might be the one time she should just go for it. Little does she know that Alejandro doesn't see Mika as casual fling material, either.

Mika is the perfect assistant for Alejandro. She's smart, confident and knows how to call the shots when it comes to the business. Ale relies on her immensely--she's his second set of hands and eyes whenever they're on a shoot or working in the office. Ale has always respected and cared about his attractive assistant, he never thought Mika would be interested in anything more than a professional relationship with him. Being alone with her on this remote location without any outside distractions, and all of a sudden he's seeing her with new eyes and he likes what he sees and wants nothing more than to go for it with Mika.

I loved how Mika shined as a confident career woman throughout the book. When it comes to confidence in the relationship department, however, Mika falls short. Her lack of confidence is understandable given her parents' history, her failed relationship with her ex, and let's not forget being around young, gorgeous and sexy fashion models all the time--girls who so easily suck the attention away from any other woman in the room. Mika's fears about getting involved with Ale even for a casual fling is understandable, but once she

made up her mind to do it, her constant doubts and angst towards Ale felt a little over done. She constantly pulled away from Ale every time something sweet or sexy took place between them. Alejandro handled it well for a while there and I admired his persistence with Mika. Then the tables turned and he was the one who acted like a jerk in the second half of the story. Fortunately, he had a wake up moment and figured out what he needed to do. The last couple of scenes in this book were just perfect and I absolutely adored the ending.

Through the Lens is a sweet, sexy island romance and a great debut novel from Ms. Jackson. With a little more polish in the writing and a bit more scrutiny from the editors, this author is definitely one to keep in your radar for believable, sexy romance novels.

Micah Persell says

I absolutely loved this book! I connected with the hero and heroine right away and was rooting for them from the get-go. Alejandro and Mika's passion was scorching hot! And their passion for art definitely leaked into their passion for each other. But what I especially loved was Mika's spirit. She was a tough girl who knew what she wanted and knew what she needed and that they didn't mesh. She made the right decisions, and I was so happy to see her get the happily ever after she deserved. Can't wait to read more from this author.

Scandal (Scandalicious Book Reviews) says

I really enjoyed this love story. Mika is strong and complex and Ale is...well he's all alpha all the time and he's got the goods to back up the ego

Follow this link to my complete Scandalicious Book Review:

<http://www.scandaliciousbookreviews.c...>

Toni says

If you follow me on Goodreads, you'll see that I read a lot of romance books, specifically by African Americans. Sometimes you just want a happy ending. The majority of my favorite authors all publish with the same company and I tend to stick with what I know. I rarely venture to other commercial or independent publishers because I've had some bad luck in the past with editing and proofreading errors.

Through the Lens is the second book that I've read published by Crimson Romance and I'm quite happy with it. Workplace romances are always interesting and this one has an added bonus of being set on a tropical island. Mika Walters has finally decided to move on from her job as a photographer's assistant to strike out on her own, right after this last shoot. Her boss, Alejandro Vargas, is notoriously difficult to work with and Mika is the only one who has been able to put up with him for any length of time. Because of the anxiety she feels about telling Ale that she's quitting, Mika screws up their travel plans and they arrive at the photo shoot three days before anyone else. Those three days challenge the parameters of their working and personal relationship.

I'm very glad that I stepped out of my comfort zone and read this book. The expectations that Mika and Ale bring to their relationship, both professional and otherwise are some of the most realistic that I've read in a long time. I loved that Mika could be efficient, professional and also vulnerable without coming across as whiny or shrewish. I look forward to reading more from this author and publisher.

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

KM Jackson's Through The Lens is a delightfully sexy romance that takes us into the interesting world of fashion photography. Beautiful settings, luscious descriptions, and smoldering love scenes will have you laughing and sighing in pleasure as we watch the sparks fly between there two strong individuals.

Mika Walters, long time assistant to sexy photographer and playboy Alejandro Vega, has had enough. She wants more from him and her job but Alejandro seems to be clueless on both fronts. When they are stranded on a tropical island, Mika makes her move and Alejandro finally sees what has been in front of his eyes the whole time. But Mika is mistrustful of his sudden deepening feelings and feels it's time to set out on her own. Now, for the first time ever, Alejandro will have to bear his heart and soul if he wants her to stay with him forever.

Jody says

I enjoy romances set in the workplace and though this one wasn't perfect I found myself rooting for Mika every step of the way as I could see myself in her and found her easily relatable to all us "average" women. Mix in romantic scenery with beautiful sunsets and romance can't help but flourish between two people with similarly messed-up romantic pasts.

Mika is a capable woman, good at her job, who has always been there when Alejandro needs her. She's his right hand woman but would love to be more and with her time running out she decides to make a move. While Mika is capable when it comes to business she's a bit lost when it comes to relationships, especially after her recent break-up. She wants to be the vixen but her low self esteem eats away at her role of seductress. Luckily Alejandro is more than willing to keep their unexpected relationship going for as long as possible. Ale is a ladies man who's still rather charming. After a slew of superficial relationships with "perfect" women who only want him for what he can give them he's more than satisfied to be alone with Mika. Their alone time results in numerous sexual interludes early in the story which are even more romantic because of the picturesque surroundings. As Mika continues to distrust the feelings Ale shows her she must make the choice between continuing to live for the promise of love or the promise of a future career.

From the gorgeously depicted island scenery, to the world of high fashion, to the romance between two unlikely lovers yet likable people comes this satisfying story that ends up being an entertaining escapist read. For a debut novel it shows great promise and I look forward to what Ms. Jackson has planned next.

Anas Attic Book Blog says

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Through the Lens by K.M. Jackson was a unique tropical love story that satisfied till the end. The author sent

me this book upon my request in exchange for a fair review.

Alejandro Vargas is a hot, very well known high fashion photographer, and Mika (great name) has been his very competent assistant for the last 3 years. In fact, Alejandro can't function without her. But Mika is an extremely talented photographer in her own right, and has secured her own job at a top magazine. She just has to tell her boss and long time crush, Alejandro (Ale).

They arrive at an almost deserted tropical island for a photo shoot, and due to a scheduling snafu, the rest of the crew won't arrive for 3 days. Mika and Ale decide to scout out locations on the romantic, practically deserted island, and Ale begins to realize that Mika has some feelings for him. As he finally allows himself to open those doors and let his own feeling out, he finds he has an uphill battle with Mika.

Mika is a normal sized girl, (she is black, but that is only hinted at in descriptions of her beautiful skin), and she knows Ale is a playboy with his gorgeous high fashion models. In fact, she is the one who usually packs condoms in his bag for him. But being caught in such a romantic place, and knowing this is their last shoot together, Mika decides to let go and give into temptation.

And give in they do. Against a tree, in a cave behind a waterfall, and in one of those gorgeous stilt huts. Mika refuses to let her heart get involved (though it always has been) and decides to end it as soon as the skinny, perfect models (especially the one after Ale) show up. But Ale doesn't know how to convince her he wants more. He comes from a background of thinking all women just want him as a stepping stone, like his mom did to his dad.

From the beautiful descriptive island scenes, to the high fashion world in New York, this was a great romantic escapist read.

Likes:

- Beautiful descriptions of the tropical island made me feel like I was there.
- I love when co-workers turn to lovers.
- You knew Mika was black without it being shoved in your face.
- Alejandro's attempts to keep her around.
- Mika was a very strong capable character.

Dislikes:

- I didn't thoroughly connect for some reason, I think because it was told in third person.

Rating: 3.75 stars, 3.5 Heat

This was a great debut novel. It had romance, the world of high fashion, beautiful descriptions of the tropical location and a great end. I couldn't go up to 4 stars because I wasn't willing to neglect everything else to read it, but still enjoyed it. I would have liked to know a little more about the character's backgrounds, but I would absolutely read more from this author.

Falguni Kothari says

As soon as Ale grabs his camera bag instead of Mika's hand as she tips over the boat into the water, you know you're in for a splashy read. Through the Lens doesn't disappoint.

Lorice DeBlanc-Brim says

Looking forward to the next book

Loved the romance of the island in order for the tale to unfold between Mika and Alejandro. I like how she felt she needed to step out on her own to develop a name for herself. Loved the story.

Melvina says

I absolutely loved this book!!! I can't wait to read more from K.M. Jackson. :)

(Won on Goodreads)

Bookswithbenefits says

Through the Lens was a treat. I generally prefer longer books, but as the market trends to shorter fiction, I am always looking for the rare winner. Through the Lens is smart and sweet and emotionally engaging. I really cared about the characters, and I grew to like them a lot, too.

At 200 pages, this novel represents a special kind of triumph: a unique and sympathetic heroine; an Alpha hero who turns out to be so much more than that; emotionally rich back stories; interesting careers that generate a fun plot and exotic locales... and all in so small an artistic space! As a writer and blogger, I am often asked for reviews. This time, I couldn't help myself. I had to write a review and suggest it to my readers. I can't wait for her future installments. I just read on K. M. Jackson's blog that book 2 in her Creative Heart series is coming out soon. Can't wait until May 27th!

Terry Young says

Nice

This was my first read by this author and I truly enjoyed it. At times I wanted to just strangle Mika for her thoughts and actions. If only she would have just followed her heart their love would have happened earlier.

Lisa White says

With characters named Mika and Alejandro, this book had to be romantic. Through the Lens by K.M. Jackson is the epitome of an "escape read." A strong woman in a tropical setting, Mika is who every woman wants to be – young, professional, and stuck on an island with the man of her dreams. Jackson weaves a

wonderful story where Mika finds her true destiny and readers find their much needed escape. Note: I was provided an ARC for review as a professional courtesy. No monetary or other compensation was involved.
