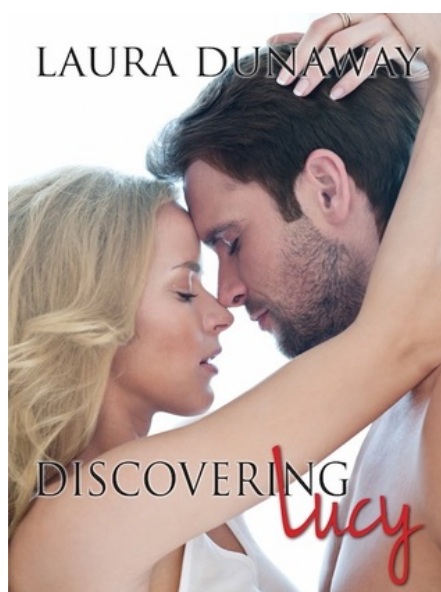




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After three long years of living in a hell she never could have imagined, Lucy Jane Simmons courageously escapes to New York City for a fresh start.

A new beginning...

When Lucy meets Knox Taylor, the intoxicating man in the business suit, everything she thought she knew about relationships changes. He is strong, seductive and makes her feel safe. But can she open up enough to let him in?

Will Lucy Jane escape the scars of her past? Can Knox give her the future she ultimately deserves?

A story of rediscovery...

Discovering Lucy Details

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Callixta says

Laura Dunaway est une jeune auteure prometteuse qui signe ici un roman qu'on peut qualifier de moyen. Tout est là pourtant mais voilà la mayonnaise ne prend pas vraiment et si certains passages sont très réussis, il manque parfois de petit plus qui vous fait plonger dans le roman et oublier tout le reste.

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Pourtant l'auteure avait fait ce qu'il fallait : elle ouvre le roman sur une pénible scène d'une femme enfermée dans une relation malsaine et abusive. Violentée moralement et physiquement, Lucy ne semble pas trouver de solution pour échapper à celui qu'elle pris peu de temps pour le prince charmant. Le ton est donc donné, nous aurons droit à la sortie du tunnel pour cette jeune femme. Mais Laura Dunaway va un peu accélérer les choses et nous voilà très vite avec une Lucy qui s'est sortie des griffes de son ex et a trouvé un charmant travail à New York, loin de chez elle. Elle dirige un stand de cosmétiques dans une grande boutique et un jour pour client, Knox Taylor, un conseiller financier des plus riches de la ville. Il va immédiatement tomber sous le charme et va être la seconde chance en amour et dans le bonheur de Lucy.

Et franchement, il est parfait. Knox sera patient, respectueux, exactement ce que Lucy a besoin. Il devrait nous émouvoir mais il a un côté léger et trop simple et direct qui l rend un peu transparent ; Dommage, cela aurait changé beaucoup de choses sans doute. Lucy tient son rôle vaillamment. Elle s'est sauvée elle-même mais elle a besoin d'aide pour continuer et vraiment tourner la page. Tout viendra de Knox. C'est un peu trop facile.

Les pages se suivent, c'est joyeux, sensuel, bien fait mais très prévisible et sans la réelle émotion que l'on attend de ce thème et d'une telle histoire.

Laura Dunaway a souvent ce défaut de manquer une partie de son roman, elle a du talent mais il manque définitivement ici quelque chose.

Mary Tatar says

Discovering Lucy becomes real the very first page. It has a shocking start. I had to ask my self did that really happen? It was the perfect start to a book. It grabbed you and kept you reading and wanting more. Laura Dunaway wrote a hard and compelling story. She struck love, fear, and hopefulness in the reader. This book knocked me a little off kilter. I enjoyed the characters and I loved the background of the story. It was very appealing to me and I'm happy I got the chance to truly let the entire book sink in and really feel what these characters were going through.

Lucy is in an abusive relationship. She is a strong yet gentle women. She moves to New York city where she works in a department store. She isn't a super flashy or materialistic women, but does enjoy having fun. She is still trying to get her life back on track after she uprooted herself. One day while working she helps a customer named Knox with a purchase. She is attracted to him. He is very friendly and so into her. She soon discovers that Knox is a rich CEO and on the board of the department store she works in. Knox continues to

come visit her while she's working. Lucy isn't sure if she can trust another man, But her feelings towards Knox feel real to her. He is sincere in his advances and once she decides to give into him is when she discovers the happiness she'd been missing. The problem is that when Lucy ran away she didn't realize that her past would eventually catch up to her. Will Lucy and Knox be able to have a future if her past is never very far behind?

I think that a reader who has some sort of experience with domestic abuse would really connect with the story. I sometimes felt like Lucy was afraid to show Knox the person she was. Her fear somehow affected her personality and made it hard for her to have a healthy and honest relationship. Knox was pretty perfect and so understanding with Lucy. He saw right through her and knew exactly what she needed. Who could ask for anything more.

This may not be your perfect romance, but pretty close to one. The subject matter is not entirely light and a little heavy at times. I think this was a pretty interesting story with some unexpected twists that will keep you wanting more.

Crystal Marie says

I think I have a new fictional boyfriend. Knox Taylor is the perfect man, rich, handsome, kind, and compassionate and a very sexy lover. Lucy is a young battered lady who comes to New York to escape an abusive boyfriend. Finding a roommate who will become her best friend, Lucy starts a job at the cosmetic counter in a high end department store. Lucy was trying to put her past behind her, but she would never allow another man to enter her life. She had been warned by her mom growing up, men were evil, and she tried once with Drake, that was enough.

Knox felt an instant connection to her from the first time he went in to buy aftershave. He wasn't willing to write her off, he would do what he needed to do so he could win her trust. First step, try for a friendship with Lucy. He shows her he can be trusted, that he won't force himself on her and finally he tears down her walls. Lucy allows him to love her tells him about her life with her Drake. It wasn't an easy story to listen to or tell, with descriptions of broken ribs, bruises, horrible names he called her, but it was her story and Knox needed to know it so he could understand why she was so protective of her heart.

Knox is furious and vows to protect her, which is good all of a sudden Lucy is attracting the attention of other men. Lucy tries very hard to let go of the past, but things keep happening to remind her, then text messages, gifts start arriving. It could only mean her ex found her, but how could that be, he doesn't know where she is.

The author did a great job at developing characters we can relate to and fall in love with. I instantly became a huge fan of Knox and I adored Lucy for her strength and willingness to not be a victim. She was learning to trust and fight back. I really enjoyed this story, it was an easy read, yet gave me enough drama and kept my interest the whole time. I really think the readers will enjoy Discovering Lucy and I look forward to reading more from this author.

Reviewed by Tbird for Crystal's Many Reviewers

Copy provided for honest review

Rachel says

*****5 stars! I just loved this story! Knox was so sweet and swoony. I loved how he never gave up. The ending was one of my favorites! Just the read I needed :)

For the Love of Books says

Ok... sometimes I can be just the biggest sucker for the sweet & sexy “damsel in distress” romances, when it’s done well. What that means, specifically for me... is if you’re gonna go the route of “broken heroine” with a total douche in her past that’s responsible for some of the broke and have “gallant hero” swoop in for the rescue... well, stay true to those characters. “Broken Heroine”, Lucy, put all the angst on display, have epiphany where....maybe I’m not so completely broken that I can’t remove myself from angst and start to heal and highlight inner strength that was there all along but needed acknowledgement from heroine to bring it to surface (check). “Total Douche” can have really no redeeming qualities... I mean just a nightmare of a human being, Drake, never shows remorse or an iota of compassion for their victim (check). “Gallant Hero”, Knox, waaaay at the other end of the spectrum from “douche”, completely perfect, handsome, and protector of all innocents (check).

I really am trying to be complimentary of “Discovering Lucy”, because I did enjoy it and the author, Laura Dunaway, realized and committed to the standard cast of characters personalities and she did it very well. You’re supposed to want to root for Lucy and Knox and want to totally take a blunt object upside the head of Drake, and I certainly did... on all accounts. So, “Discovering Lucy” and Laura Dunaway delivered on all levels... I ended the book a little happier that I had read it. And really, don’t we all have those times where we want just a nice sweet book to read where everyone gets exactly what they deserve in the end? The extra bonus is when we find that kind of book that also happens to be written extremely well too.

4 Stars ~Kathy

Michele says

*** 4.5 Stars ***

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

I really liked this book! It takes a very serious issue, and proves that once you’re able to break free, you can find love and trust again.

After 3 long years of being abused by her boyfriend Lucy has finally broken free and moves to NYC to live a better life. She’s able to get a job at a cosmetics counter in a department store and find a roommate to live with. Her only problem is, she doesn’t really trust her own judgment any more. She feels she has the worst judgment about men, she ended up with someone who abused her, how could she not see that? Then there is her mother, she isn’t any help with Lucy and her self-esteem, and she’s totally worthless. Lucy just wants to be happy again and finally be able to live her life, but what happens next isn’t what she expected at all.

Knox Taylor has definitely made a life for himself. He’s the CEO of his own business and New York’s most eligible bachelor. He’s also on the Board of Director’s at the department store Lucy works at. When he first sees Lucy, he can’t take his eyes off her. He has to get to know this beautiful girl that for some reason is so

cold towards him. Slowly but surely, Knox slowly starts to gain Lucy's trust by taking things slow with her. He knows that if he goes too fast, she'll run away. But will Knox be able to protect Lucy from what happens next?

Somehow Lucy's ex-boyfriend finds her and tries to take over her life again. What will happen to Lucy and Knox's relationship? Will Knox help Lucy fight this demon one more time so that they can have their happy ever after?

I really loved Lucy and Knox's story (it does help that Knox is drop-dead gorgeous ;))I would recommend this book to any of my friends that are looking for a quick read and some real life situations. I can't wait to read more from Laura Dunaway!

SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

UPDATE 27/12/15 - No longer free but still only 99p or available on Kindle Unlimited.

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Taryn Lee says

Find this Review at Taryn Lee's Book Blog

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This book was a quick read that I found to touch on the subject of abuse, but shows the readers how a powerful woman can rise above it and find happiness and love when she starts over. **Lucy Simmons** has been dealing with abuse from her boyfriend for three years. When she is finally able to escape she doesn't look back. Now working in a department store, she catches the eye of Knox Taylor. And Knox is willing to fight for Lucy no matter who is coming up from her past.

"You know, what? You are the most infuriating woman I have ever met. I honestly don't know whether to forget about you or kiss you." -Knox Taylor

This book was a good HEA read. I felt some parts it was a little slow. The time period of the book was a lot shorter, so I think that's why the book overall was a quick one. But Knox is hot as sin and he and Lucy are really good for each other.

"Keep looking at my mouth and you'll be feeling it on yours, Angel." -Knox Taylor

Overall, I'm giving this book **4 STARS out of 5 STARS** for the insanely gorgeous chemistry between our hero and heroine. The both worked for their FOREVER and in my opinion they completely deserved it. I'm excited to see what this author comes out with next.

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Read by Taryn Lee on February 26, 2014

Reviewed by Taryn Lee on March 12, 2014

Taryn Lee's Book Blog on Facebook

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## Tiffany Willams says

"When I see something I want, Lucy, I got for it...So, challenge accepted."

Can start off by saying where is this Knox Taylor and where can I find him?! Like seriously, where is he?! lol

This story was beautiful and emotional from start to finish. At the beginning, we meet Lucy. She is in a very abusive relationship and she's finding it harder and harder to get away from it. After dealing with emotional abuse from her mother, she is now dealing emotional, spiritual and physical abuse from the man she thought she loved. She finally found the strength and courage to get away and she headed to New York. She started her new life and found an amazing roommate named Megan (who is so adorable, btw). She worked the cosmetics counter in a high end department store and life was treating her well, but she was still scared.

"The physical scars had healed the best they were going to, but the emotional ones were with me for the long haul."

One day at work, her world was turned upside down. Enter Knox Taylor. He oozed wealth and sex appeal and he only had eyes for Lucy. She couldn't deny the feelings she was having towards him, but at the same time she felt she couldn't trust him. How can she ever trust any man again? Will every man hit her? Will every man degrade her?

She pushed him away for so long that they agreed to just be friends. Knox had other plans though. He wanted her to let him in. To show her how a woman should be treated.

"I don't know why you have so many walls up, or why my calling you beautiful makes you uncomfortable, but I'm going to break through them, Lucy. I promise you that."

She knew he was wearing her down, but her insecurities kept getting the best of her. After you have been in such a horrible relationship for so long, how would it be possible to feel adored and loved again?

"He could have any woman he wanted, yet here he was with me. He was the most intoxicating man I had ever met and deep down I knew he could do so much better."

But Knox was patient. He wasn't planing to ever leave her. He would wait forever if he had to.

"When you're ready, I'm here to listen, to be there for you, okay?"

Finally, Lucy let her guard down from around her heart and learned to trust Knox. She was falling fast for him and she knew it was too good to be true.

"My heart beat a little faster. The feelings inside of me were overwhelming. Knox was the real thing."

As her love of Knox grew so did the feeling that something wasn't right. Problems that she knew would come back to haunt her were making their way back towards her quickly. The one thing that changed this time was that she had someone by her side. She had Knox. She wasn't alone anymore. She wasn't that scared girl anymore. She had survived.

This story wasn't just a normal love story. It had a very serious subject inside of it. Abuse is nothing to take lightly. Whether you were a victim of it or a witness to it, it stays with you forever. Sometimes those feelings attack you at the least likely moment. This book shows you a side of that and it was very well done. I loved the way Knox handled everything with Lucy. He knew something was wrong and someone had hurt her, but he didn't know the whole truth. It makes you believe that anyone can love again after a bad relationship. I'm a hopeless romantic, so this pulled hard at my heartstrings:)

I recommend this book to anyone wanting a story of strength, courage, love and learning to live again. Great read!!

"I know my life had changed for the better, because of Knox."

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### **Dawn Smith says**

I was given an ARC of this book by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Knox Taylor is an amazing, sweet, thoughtful, sexy, protective, alpha man and I fell hard for him in Discovering Lucy. I would read this book over and over because of Knox. He is amazing. I can't even tell you how much I loved this book. It was sassy and charming. There was angst and drama, but there was also romance and sexiness. If you are looking for a charismatic, wonderfully written, addictive story then I suggest Discovering Lucy.

Let's start at the beginning. Lucy is in an abusive relationship with a major %^&^hole. He is rotten and violent. When it gets to the point where she can't take it anymore, Lucy, gets a restraining order and hightails it to New York City, where she works in a fancy department store. One day she meets the suave and sexy as sin , Knox Taylor. These two have immediate chemistry. Knox makes it his life mission to chip away at the walls that Lucy has erected around her heart, but the past always has a way of coming back.

Lucy and Knox are one of my favorite couples of all time. They are young and sexy and just plain fun. I loved Lucy. Even after being badly abused, she still had the strength and courage to pick up and leave a horrible situation. She was still loving, despite what she had been through. There was a sense of innocence about Lucy, that made Knox want to protect her, but this innocence was wrapped around a core of steel. Lucy was brave and smart. She told Knox what her previous situation was like- no holds barred.

Laura Dunaway has written a book that is full of amazing characters and with a storyline that will steal your heart. I definitely want more Knox.

5 out of 5 stars

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## Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says

\*\*\*I was given this book as an ARC for an honest review\*\*\*

Do you ever want to read a light book that is sweet, sexy, light, little angst, and flows quickly? If yes, then this is the book for you! :)

In the beginning, we meet Lucy Jane. Lucy is a young girl in an abusive relationship. She has been in this relationship for a while and wants to escape. When Lucy finally does, she gets a protection order and flees to New York City to restart her life. \*\*(I loved Lucy's roommate Megan. She was so sweet, kind, understanding, and really supported Lucy and pushed her when Lucy needed it.)\*\*

Lucy works at a high end department store and is just beginning to feel secure and independent when she meets the most eligible bachelor and sexy Knox. The sparks instantly fly between these two and the sexual tension is thick but Lucy is hesitant because of her violent past. Much to my liking, Knox doesn't retreat and actively pursues Lucy making you want to swoon!

When Knox finally breaks through Lucy's walls and Lucy allows him in, their passion and love is intense and fast. As the relationship grows and trust is formed between Lucy and Knox, Lucy breaks out of her shell and starts to grow as a woman. \*\*(I loved how Lucy was honest about her past with Knox when they started to get serious.)\*\*

As their story starts to unfold, prior outdoor and issues from their pasts start to emerge and problems arise. Now on to Knox, he was sweet, sexy, kind, possessive protective, smart and patient... something Lucy needed in a man. I was totally team Knox from the beginning There are a couple of twists and turns in the plot that surprised me and kept me guessing until the end.

What I loved about this book was the pursuit from Knox, his passion and understanding of Lucy, and much having a backbone to decide what she wants and web she wants it. I would definitely recommend this book and suggest snatching it up when it is released. Laura Dunaway has out done herself with this book and I look forward to future books from her!!

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## Lydia H says

I absolutely LOVE books that capture my attention right from the get-go with their Prologues. It is a huge plus for me when reading and that is precisely what happened with *Discovering Lucy*. Love it, love it, love it!! This book had a little bit of everything that makes up a great romance novel. It had angst, passion, drama, sexy scenes, and even heart-breaking events. You are in for a treat with this one!

***“This was my home, he was my home.”***

Lucy's past was anything but great. While her mother never abused her physically, she wasn't going to win "Mom of the Year" in this lifetime or the next, either. To top it all off, Lucy's boyfriend was a coward. Yes, the type of coward that hit her time and time again. Three years into her abusive relationship, Lucy finally found the courage to leave.

She was now living in New York with her new housemate and best friend, Megan (whom I loved, by the way). She was working at the cosmetics counter in a high-end department store and it seemed as if life was

good...finally. Nothing too exciting had happened and she was okay with living a low-key life. That is, until Knox Taylor walked into her life.

***“When I see something I want, Lucy, I go for it.”***

He was hot. Hands down, yummy...the epitome of swoon-worthy!!! He treated her like she deserved to be treated...like a princess, even though it wasn't exactly a walk in the park for Knox. You see, Lucy wasn't exactly open to the idea of dating and falling in love after what she had been through with her scumbag ex-boyfriend. The walls around her heart were mile-high. But Knox was a patient. It was only a matter of time until Lucy gave into his wonderful charms...

***“I don't know why you have so many walls up, or why my calling you beautiful makes you uncomfortable, but I'm going to break through them, Lucy, I promise you that.”***

Little by little, Lucy started to open up to Knox. She started to trust him and in turn, she allowed herself to really *live* again. He was just everything she needed and deserved. Knox was a true romantic, kind and gentle, but with an alpha (yummy) side. It was wonderful seeing Lucy come out of her shell, seeing her blossom with his help. Knox truly loved her and it was clear as day that he would do anything for her...even protect her from her ugly past. Because yes, as their relationship unfolded, so did the drama. But that only brought Lucy and Knox closer and made them stronger as a couple.

Towards the end, I probably had the biggest smile plastered across my face. I was blissfully happy with how Lucy and Knox's story came full circle. Honestly, this was overall a delightful read! *Discovering Lucy* is a book I truly enjoyed and would highly recommend to everyone that loves a great romance!

***“I had found my forever. I had found Knox.”***

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## **Anny hernandez says**

\*\*\*\*\* I received an ARC copy for an honest review \*\*\*\*\*

First let me just say that this is the first book that I read from this author.

Oh wow just finish reading this book an I love it, love the characters love the way this book turned out to be. I'm gone keep this short because I don't want to give anything away.

Lucy is a young woman that just moved to New York, she left her ex boyfriend that she being living with for the last three years, after he basically beat the crap out of her, for the last three years she's being in an abuse relationship, into she decide to move now she is living in NY and working in the mall in a store, she is

working as a sales person, one morning while she was working after helping a customer she heard his voice, that's when she met Knox Taylor. After she sold him an aftershave lotion her co-worker asked her do you know who was that she said no, after she found out who it was she was not interested, the last thing that was on her mind was to get involved with someone else. After that day Knox made it to become her friend, he knew that she has been through something and he is going to find out just what.

After a few weeks when by when she got out of work, Knox was outside of her job he offered her a ride home she accepted, what she was not expecting was that Knox was going to knock all the walls that she put up for herself.

I love reading about this two, love it how Knox shows her how a real man treats a woman, and love it how he shows her what true love is, I really enjoy and love reading this book, Author Laura Dunaway THANK YOU for introducing me to these amazing characters and this awesome book. Can't wait to read more of your books.

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### **Jennifer Diaz says**

I seriously enjoyed reading *Discovering Lucy* by Laura Dunaway. Lucy is the kind of girl that has always been in a bad situation. Her mother was worthless and her boyfriend who first appeared to be a prince charming turned out to be the biggest frog of the bunch. He was controlling and abusive and Lucy knew to get out before things went from bad to worse. She moves to the big city of NYC to start fresh.

She is able to find a roommate and starts a job at the cosmetics counter at a Department store. She quickly grabs the eye of the wealthy and dashing Knox Taylor. He is a CEO of his own business and on the board of Directors at the Department store Lucy works at. He is New York's most eligible bachelor and when he crosses paths with Lucy, he cannot stay away from her. Just being out of a relationship she is in no hurry to get into another. She is hesitant because of what she just came out of. Can she trust another man to not hurt her again?

"I closed my eyes and fought with those memories, propelling them back to the furthest part of my mind."- Lucy

But then we have Knox.... Sigh... love him! He is perfect! He never found the right one until Lucy. It never felt right. With her it does and there is no looking back for him and he is determined to make her see that not all men are monsters.

"Don't be scared," he whispered, "I won't ever hurt you. Let me show you just how good I can be to you, let me show you how a real man treats a woman." – Knox

See... what's not to love about that! The author did a great job doing flashbacks where Lucy takes us to those past memories she struggles to bury, not only with her Mother but with her past relationship. When things look like they will finally work out for Lucy and Knox, an appearance from Lucy's past threatens it all. Her ex is determined to get her back that she belongs to him. Literally. Will Lucy and Knox find their way or will they find their HEA?? You just need to read to find out! It's a great read that takes you from angst to melt your heart all in one setting.

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## Angela says

Where do I start with this book review....

It was beautifully written from start to finish.

It sucks you in from the very first to the very last sentence, page after page. I couldn't put this book down and ended up reading it in one day, with interruption of course (which I hated truth be told, but which I could do nothing about lol)

It follows the story of Lucy, a small time girl who suffered untold abuse at the hands of her boyfriend, Drake. After enduring yet another beating at his hands, she decides enough is enough and leaves town, finding herself in New York, where she starts a new life for herself. She's become very reserved and is wary of every male that shows an interest in her, definitely a case of once bitten twice shy.

She's working at the cosmetic's counter of a large departments store when she meets Knox.

Knox is a very prominent business man, whose face is known by almost everyone. He features regularly in the press and is one of those eligible bachelors that every lady seems to want. He's also a really nice guy.

He takes one look at Lucy and decides that she's the one for him and what follows is a love affair so intense (and at times infuriating) that it will take your breath away. Not that you can blame Lucy for it considering all she's gone through!

Knox is intense, but caring and a true gentleman, careful of Lucy's wants and needs and very protective of the girl who's captivated his heart.

The book will make you laugh, shed a few tears and utter more than your share of sighs. It really is a heartwarming story of love and a happy ever after despite the pain and tears that it took to get there. There are always silver linings on dark clouds, you just have to look for them

The brave and courageous woman in abusive relationships are those that walk away from abusive relationships, not the ones that stay and take the abuse.

\*\*\*\*\* out of 5 stars