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Emma's husband is a gorgeous, wealthy, former playboy who's left his bad ways behind. Or so she thought. When she sees Thomas' picture on the news, with his arms wrapped around another woman's waist, her heart shatters and her trust in him is destroyed. The incriminating photos of his infidelity have ruined her happily ever after.

Thomas denies the allegations and pleads with her to believe in him and fight for their marriage, but Emma is hesitant to put her faith in the man she so desperately loves. When the woman in the photo surfaces and makes it clear that she's willing to do anything to reclaim Thomas, Emma soon learns that they will have to fight for both their marriage and their lives.

This is book 1 of a 2 book sexy, sweet, and suspenseful series.

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From Reader Review Color Her Red for online ebook

Mafalda says

I would like to thank the author Crystal Shaw for sending me this book for an honest review.

So where do I start???

Overall I loved the book. I think it was very interesting the way the author introduces the characters to us, the prologue got my full attention and interest to see how this mysterious and sexy man was and what would happen to them.

I got a little confused at times, with the flashbacks but they were a great way for us to know their story, instead of following the typical chronology. It was a nice change.

Both characters were interesting. Tom is a sexy, confident billionaire that gets intrigued and fascinated by Emma. A simple girl yet very intelligent.

Tom was a womanizer before but once he meets Emma, things change and they fell deeply in love.

However, the past comes out to haunt him, a bit little it did to Grey on Fifty Shades and it will cause serious damage to their lives. Throughout the book we see the tension building till the finale encounter and that was WOW! Very scary!

Not only we get the romance and dominating male character we all love, we also jump in our beds once in awhile with the suspense the author successfully manage to put in her book!

Congrats! I recommend it to you all!

Julie says

I was asked by the author to read her book (she was sweet enough to send me a copy) and provide a review for Goodreads.

First things first. The meat of the story is amazing. GREAT idea. I never would have expected all of the twists and turns.

That being said ... I was so close to becoming emotionally involved but it fell a little short. I think that there might have been a bit of a disconnect for me because I just couldn't relate to the characters. I think that who the characters are down to their most basic level just wasn't explored enough. Why is Emma so emotional? I know that what she's going through in the book had to be emotionally taxing but at some points in the story it felt like she blew up very easily and then other times, she would put up with a lot of things and not get emotional when I expected her to. The same overly-emotional thing goes for Thomas ... he seems to have a

very short temper sometimes ... why? And why is he so controlling. I also would have liked to know more about Lillian ... where she came from, who she really was, why she was the way she was ... those types of things.

This isn't the first book from an author that I've read. Certainly not the first book I've read with typos ... but there were A LOT of typos. Some sentences weren't complete and there was no way to know what was meant or intended, some misspellings and a lot of wrong words used. Typos can be expected, but there were more than I had seen in a book before.

The incomplete characters and typos aside, it's a great book ... I'd read it again just because of the story line that Shaw came up with.

Shannon says

I dont know where to start with this book I am shocked and surprised with this little Gem and I want more now!!! Crytal, First off thank you for giving me a copy of this to read and review...

Now yes there are a few bumps and wrong words here and there... but honestly it did not make me not like the book.. The only thing I can say is that at 1st it was hard to follow until I understood the writers writing style and once I figured that out I thought the flow went wonderful..

This was a nice twist on a love story that had happy times and sad times and then the heartbreaking moment that changed everything... If you get a chance to read this please do,... I look forward to reading the next part of this book

Heather says

This book was offered to me in exchange for an honest review.

From the prologue, I was sure that I wanted to read more. The story grabbed me quickly, and I was eager to see how the story played out. It does have a little bit of a Fifty Shades feel when it comes to the personalities of Thomas and Emma, but their story is different enough to stand on its own. I do wish that there had been a little bit more of a back story, but maybe future novels could provide that?

The end of story takes a tragic turn, and leaves you feeling haunted and heartbroken. For me, it leaves me wanting a sequel. I want to see Thomas & Emma's love survive.

All in all, I feel like this is a good first effort by Crystal Shaw, and I look forward to seeing Thomas & Emma's story continue.

Season says

Okay first off I have to say that this book was given to me by the author.

I thought the book started just a bit slow for me but once I really got into it I didn't want to stop reading. I got

so wrapped up in Emma and Thomas' life/relationship that I wanted to know more.

I would have like to know more about Emma's mother, Thomas' parents, Michael and all the other secondary characters but otherwise I thought it was a really good story that left me with wanting more.

I have read a few reviews that compare this book to Fifty Shades but I didn't even think that until I read the review. Read it for yourself and make your own judgement but I don't think you will be disappointed.

Ok, so now that it has been about a day since I finished reading it, I felt that I needed to add some more of my thoughts/comments. Go into this story with a completely open mind because there are a lot of changes that take place. I personally would have liked to know a little more of Thomas' background. You learn late in the book that he didn't always have money, so I would have liked to know how he became what he became and also what his company actually did. You know that he works a lot, but it never really said what he did for a living.

Overall, good story and one that I will reread at some point in the possibly near future because I felt that I related at least to a point to Emma and kind felt for what she was going through.

Jessica *The Lovely Books* says

****Book was given to me by author for an honest review****

Boy, that was entertaining!

I knew I was going to like the book from the very beginning. The prologue we catch a glimpse into the males POV, Thomas. I think the prologue set the theme and the plot fairly well for the entire book and it really got my attention. I had to read the rest of the book and find out what happened next.

Color Her Red is a mix between romance and suspense/thriller. Even though the prologue is Thomas's POV, the rest of the book is done through Emma's POV.

I admit, I read it at night, not really expecting to get creeped out but I did! We first meet Emma when she finds out her husband has had an affair. (view spoiler)

Anyways, we found out he has had an affair and the world pretty much crushes poor Emma and Thomas. She starts doubting him, something she has never done before. Which I can understand, seeing a picture of husband with said girl locked in embrace can send any girl into a little doubt. I am glad Emma was able to trust in Thomas. He was a genuinely(sp check)good guy.

This also had a FSoG like feel. I love stories about billionaires falling for a somewhat normal girl and him changing his ways. This story is definitely one in its own.

I felt the ending was a little too predictable but I still shed some tears. It really got to me. And since I would hate me and you would hate me too if I gave away the ending, I am going to stop right here.

Recommended for those who like suspense and romance!

Ollie says

Review by Ollie for BittenByParanormalRomance

Right from the beginning at the Prologue up to the very the end, he story had me glued to the pages relishing the happenings between Thomas and Emma. There was definitely a thriller aspect to the story, but what really drew me to the story were the characters and the sweet tale of a kind-hearted, average girl who happened to catch the eye of a gorgeous multimillionaire and their love for each other which at times were put to extreme tests.

Right from the start the plot of the story is set from Thomas' POV with him reminiscing how he met Emma and his concern over how she will react to what he is going to tell her, unfortunately it becomes much bigger then he could have ever imagined. Not only does he have a ex-girlfriend who wants him back, but a woman who is unstable and capable of doing the unthinkable.

What happens next in the story and throughout is seen from Emma's POV as she deals with the news that her loving husband is having an affair and the length that the other woman will take to make him hers. Many times Emma's faith in herself, in her husband and in herself were put to the test as circumstances made it seem that her life with her gorgeous husband was all a lie. Many scenes were heartbreaking as she was forced to confront her worst fears and to tried to find in herself the truth.

Even though Thomas was a player before he met Emma he really didn't have any negative qualities about himself which made him a very likable character (ok I loved him). He may have a slight dominant and commanding aura about himself, but nothing arrogant or rude about him. Thomas just happened to be an extremely good-looking man and women would through themselves at him (even with Emma by his side), but he only had eyes for Emma which melted my heart for him.

In between the tense moments with Thomas' ex causing havoc with their lives I really enjoy the flashback scenes as Emma would remember how they were when the first met and the tender moments between the two of them. It was during those scenes that really warmed my heart and made me fall more in love with these characters. It showed the true deep of their feelings for each other and at one point allowed Emma to lose some of the insecurities that she still felt. Thomas is one very romantic guy and definitely knows how to make the woman he loves feel special. The sexy scenes between them were steaming hot and they way Thomas worshiped Emma's body, all I can say is she is one lucky woman. :)

Now there very quite a few tearjerker moments, but there was one significant point in the book that was particular heartbreaking that my heart ached for them and I really cared what was going to happen to them. So be prepared with some tissues as you find at times your heart bleeding for both Thomas and Emma. Now the way the book ends it left me wanting more and to know what was going to happen next. Therefore, I am happy to say that there is a sequel in the works and I can't wait to read. Even though there were a few grammatical and structural errors, I have such a vivid imagination it did not deter me. I have a tendency to actually put myself in the story and see it as if I am standing on the side watching everything unfold so it did not hinder the flow too much. Now it may bother some people, but don't let it. This was a wonderful debut book from this author and based on her ability to try and capture the emotional intensity of scenes she is on a great start as an author.

4 Stars

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

The Author emailed me and asked if I would be interested reading her book based my other book choices. After reading the prologue I was like HELL YEAH!!

THE STORY

This is about Emma and her gloriously handsome fabulous rich husband Thomas.

The whole book is in Emma POV except for the prologue which is in Thomas.

Thomas used to be a man whore. Not one to settle down he was rich young and treated women like shit. Until Emma.

She was his game changer, one chance meeting where she spilled coffee on him changed their lives. He pursued her and eventually won her heart, He is the kind of guy who always gets what he wants.

2 years into their marriage, a scandal that is worthy of the 6 oclock news rocks their worlds.

Thomas is having an affair.

The photos of Thomas and the other woman Lillian are splashed over every TV station and every magazine.

This is where we jump straight into the book with Emma dn her best friend Kate crying and drinking. Thomas is calling Emma non stop but she can't believe everything she believed is a lie that he is with someone else.

Thomas eventually finds her at Kate's and convinces her it is all a lie. Those photos are years old and SHE IS IT FOR HIM.

Turns out those photos are years old and the woman in the picture, Lillian is certifiable C.R.A.Z.Y! She believes Thomas is hers and will stop at nothing to get him back.

Hence she goes all Fatal Attraction on their asses.

MY HONEST OPINION

After the prologue this fell flat for me.

Thomas was trying to be a bit of a control freak. But it wasn't believable. Not in a Christian Grey, Gideon Cross, James Cavendish way where we FEEL that they are in control of every situation.

Also the "love" between Thomas and Emma wasn't felt either. I like to fall into a story and be a apart of it and feel the things they are feeling not just be on the sidelines and TOLD that they love each other. A bit more character development would of been better. also the word "nuzzle" was used waayyy to much.

Sex scenes were... Umm to borrow the term from someone that wrote it on here once. Like the steam on a cup of tea. Seemed it was going to be HAWT but really just blow it on it and insta cool...

As for the suspense part of it? Brilliant! I was on the edge of my seat wondering where she was going to pop up or what she was going to be doing next. I did however wonder why for example. A-she was let out in the first place and B- how she kept getting past all these ex military professionals and getting into state of the art homes with security.

One thing I realllllly didn't like though was the ending.
Anyone who knows me, know's I love

and with this I got an ending.. I completely understand why it was done, I just wish it wasn't = (

All in all.. Great debt novel! and look forward to reading others in the future.

✿ Brandy ✿ says

** Rating was 4.5 STARS, but changed to 5 stars. Explanation below

I received this book from the author to review & to be honest, I was a little apprehensive about reading it because its not the kind of book I usually read. However, I am soooo glad I was given the opportunity to read it... I liked it so much that I went ahead & purchased it on Amazon as well. I usually read the typical "boy meets girl" romance novels, but in this one, the H&h were already married. Both characters were extremely likable & easy to read, where in most books, I am usually annoyed by at least one of them throughout most of the book for one reason or another.

Thomas was a gorgeous, sexy, wealthy, playboy who never committed to one woman before he met Emma. They dated, fell in love, married & lived happily ever after until it was reported on the news he was seen with his mistress out on the town with incriminating photos as proof of his infidelity. As it turns out, a crazy ex-lover from his past resurfaced & made it her life's mission to do everything she possibly could to reclaim what she thought was hers & would stop at nothing until she had what she wanted. Thomas & Emma not only fought to keep their marriage together, but soon realized they're were also fighting for their lives.

This gripping story had me on the edge of my seat, biting my nails & obsessed with turning the pages to find out what was going to happen next. The romance was sweet, the sex was hot, & the suspense was pretty intense. The only reasons why I gave the book 4.5 stars instead of a full 5 is because there were a few typos, which really didn't bother me that much & I felt that the story ended too abruptly. Emma was going through an emotionally rough time at that point & it seemed that there should have been more at the end with her coming out of her depression. When it ended, I was shocked & I kept swiping my screen on my iPad thinking that this could NOT be the end, but low & behold, it was. lol

Great book - two thumbs up!

** I originally rated the book 4.5 stars because I thought the ending was too abrupt; however, the author informed me that there will be a sequel, so I changed it to 5 stars.

Lisa Tamura says

I had a hard time with this book. The plot was okay, a blatant FSoG knock-off, only taking place 2 years into the marriage, but oh oh the editing.

Lots of times I can overlook it, I am Kristen Ashley fan and her stories are so good I forget the mis-spellings and wrong punctuation because I am lost in the good story. However, in this case I had time because this author often uses words incorrectly, such as "graciously" when really she means to use "gracefully". Sometimes she uses words without have any idea what they mean such as "The elusive length of her skirt cut just below her knees flowed as she walked..." Well, elusive means "difficult to define, describe or capture." Since you just described the length of the skirt as to her knees the length of it wasn't very elusive. I actually have no idea what she was trying to say about the skirt with that adjective.

There are more examples, many more and each broke the narrative for me much worse than bad punctuation, because I had to figure what the author had been trying to say in the first place.

I borrowed the book on AmazonPrime and I am glad to see that the book is here on goodreads for free, but if I paid the 2.99 on Amazon Kindle or the 8.99 paperback price I would be livid.

Lynne weir says

I love how it starts in the beginning, this is a couple who are already happily married when you meet them and right from the beginning it has you hooked as it quickly jumps into some action. I did notice a few noticeable spelling mistakes though which distracted me slightly while reading.

For the male lead, on one hand I dislike him, he seems rude, selfish and somewhat stuck up but on the other hand its clear he loves Emma and is doing what he thinks is best so for that I also like him. For the female lead, Emma, once again I found myself both liking and disliking her, on one hand she clingy, seems weak willed and is happy to turn a blind eye to things and let her husband sort it out, or the other hand though she's funny and interesting and she totally shows she actually in fact does have a back bone in the ending so for that I like her and respect her.

I couldn't help but find many similarities between this story and Fifty Shades but saying that, this story has its own uniqueness and some big plot twists that I was not expecting. Basically throughout the story I was thinking "I know how this is going to end" only for the ending to be the opposite of what I expected. I was gapping like a fish, shocked and amazed and I confess a few tears were shed. So with that said I don't want to give too much away so I'm shutting up before I let something slip. All I'm going to say is read, it's a bit like Fifty Shades but SO MUCH BETTER!!!

Carrie (Badass, Alpha-male, Cowboy Connoisseur) says

This book was graciously provided by the author for an honest review.

This story will seem familiar to some, it has the FSoG theme like a lot of new books that have come out over the past year. And although it shares a similar theme, the author has also interjected her own brand of angst.

Thomas and Emma have been married for a little while when all of the sudden something ugly from Thomas' past is broadcast for the world to see. Emma seeks solace in her best friend Kate and that is when the story takes off.

There is a lot of crying and distrust in the beginning and there is even more crying in the end (for heart-wrenching reasons) and one of the people crying was me. I don't like to give away any of the plot in my reviews but, I will tell you that some ladies will find the last half of the book hard to take.

Thomas is a "use to be" Manwhore and our Emma learns first hand what a crazy ex can do to a relationship and also how vindictive jealous women can be. Finding their way back to each other is hard (especially for Emma) but, Thomas isn't letting go and eventually they find a way but, it may or may not be a lasting one (How's that for a teaser?).

While I liked the book there were times I felt like the story needed to slow down and unfold a little more, give us a little more insight to some of the characters so that I could connect more fully. (Thomas' relationship with his parents, the relationship with Michael etc..).

I am really hoping for a sequel since the ending is left wide open and emotionally raw. I would definitley read it.

With that being said I still give this book a solid 3 stars. This is the author's first book and she did a great job if you ask me.

I ♥ Bookie Nookie (bookienookiereviews.blogspot.com) says

COLOR HER RED is the first book by new author Crystal L. Shaw. I really liked the general basis of the book – I am a sucker for any storyline with a powerful and wealthy hero, then tack on the fact that he is a reformed playboy and I will snatch it up in a heartbeat!

Emma and Thomas have been married for about a year when rumors begin to fly all over the media about Thomas' supposed infidelity. Emma, understandably, is an emotional wreck and isn't quite sure what to believe. While dealing with the fallout and emotional aspects of the alleged infidelity, Emma finds herself in a terrifying predicament, as she becomes the target of one of Thomas' mentally unstable former ex-girlfriends. Yikes!

From the beginning, I was captured by the charming characters and the mystery surrounding them – I was anxiously rubbing my hands together in anticipation – excited about what would happen next. I kept waiting for some sort of twist or pivotal moment in the story that never really came to fruition. I had plenty of suspicions about how the story might wrap up, but I was very surprised to find that there was no twists or surprises at all. In my opinion, COLOR HER RED would benefit greatly if the author added something unexpected that would yank the reader out of the blissfully perfect world in which the characters live and shake them up a bit.

There was also a bit of a disconnect for me as a reader with the “other” woman, Lillian's role in the story – there were things about her activities that just didn't jive for me. (view spoiler)

I would like to see the plot in COLOR HER RED to be expanded a bit to include a few jaw-dropping moments. I also think the characters could use some more development and tension. As the story stands, it was a 2 star read for me – if the author were to revamp the book, I would definitely take another look because I think Ms. Shaw has a story that is worth telling, it just needs a little work.

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Tina says

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I enjoyed this read. The author did an excellent job with all the details of the story. I was made to feel like I was there in the flesh participating in the scenes along with the characters. I was swept up into the story right away. There was a lot of emotion spilling from each page. The big thing for me was the plot. I felt like I was reading in the middle of a story where events have transpired already and I'm one step behind. I think the main issue was that I didn't feel like I was invested in the relationship. I was reading about this intense relationship but I didn't feel the intensity between the characters. I wasn't able to build on their relationship because I wasn't witness to their journey. The ending was left open to a possible sequel and if one is written I would absolutely read it. Overall, a very good story.

Ellen W-S says

Arc provided by author

The prologue catches my interest, Thomas Grant, a young successful stunningly attractive is turning down buying a company then looks at photo and reminisces meeting his love. Are they married? Maybe but then the public relations executive lady comes in asking a startling question. Ok, there's a hook, I can be drawn in....unfortunately, the book shifts quickly and becomes a drama fest as Emma's life is unraveling at the publicity of Thomas' affair. Lots of drowning of sorrows with wine and tears take over the story. I should be a sympathetic reader by this point but I am not. Emma is reminiscing on Thomas and is in shock as to how she could have misread their marriage and the man she loves. Thomas, before Emma was a self-proclaimed dick, only looking for conquests and fun, not into having a relationship. At this point I am wondering what's so great about this guy. So clearly I am not connecting with the characters but the author does create clear air

of suspense which holds my interest when stalker ex-girlfriend appears. Great tension. Suspense was well written, the romance was not. The story reminds you of a combination of Fatal Attraction with snippets of FSoG. Too me the Fatal Attraction part of the story was more credible than the forced similarities between Christian Grey and Thomas Grant. in my opinion, the sex scenes were unimaginative and the dialogue trite, the author needs to stick with suspense not romances. It was a good first effort and I believe that the writing and drawing connections to the characters will improve in the future but in this book, I didn't care enough to cheer whether these two characters grew together or apart.
