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Illusions — we all create them.

For some it's to project an impressive image to a prospective employer; for others it's to attract the eye of another.

My illusion is a bit more...complicated.

Years in the making, my secret has the potential to bite me in the ass. And not in the way I typically enjoy.

Sex.

As women, we're judged for reveling in the same carnal pleasures that men do, but I've never been shy about my voracious appetite.

Now, I'm under no illusions that I'll find love with any of my one night stands.

After all, I have one rule — no repeats — but it's a rule that's becoming harder to follow since Evan James came back into my life.

Did I say back into my life?

My name is Reagan Spencer, and you may think you know me, but...

How well do we really know anyone?

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Sharon ∞💎 is an emotional book junkie 💎∞ says

I was really looking forward to Evan's continuing story...and we do get that to an extent but this installment is all from Reagan's POV and it left me feeling a little unfulfilled.

Don't get me wrong, we get a lot of Evan but it's sweet Evan and flirty Evan...and extremely sexy Evan but none of the struggling Evan that I came to love in the first installment. And I really missed him!

The good part is that we get to know more about Reagan...and her secrets. And there's some good ones. But what I really liked learning was how much she wants Evan too...not that I'm surprised.

Evan gets Reagan to join him in a little friendly competition and the prize is a doozy. They are as steamy as ever.

But then we get the drama. My heart really went out to Reagan even if she jumped the gun...a little. It will be interesting to find out what's all behind what happened.

Thank goodness the next book is the last because this series is killing me! (in a good way) And please, please, please let it be in Evan's POV...or at least some of it!

Favorite quotes:

♥ "Sometimes we have no idea what we need until someone gives it to us."

♥ "I had the best f*cking dessert of my life."

♥ "Was any of this real?"

♦ BR w/Melissa!

Eda** # Dax Lahn's Golden Tigress # says

** 4-4,5 "coffee cups" STARS **

"Right then she knew that, regardless of what her mind was telling her, she'd continue to push those warnings aside to indulge in Evan James—her own GUILTY PLEASURE."

~ **REAGAN**

In VOLUME 1, we met **Evan James**, a very *desperate* man slave to his addiction to sex, while he was confronted by the biggest temptation of his life: Ms. **Reagan Spencer**. We got to know about **Evan's** self-derogation, his torturous journey with the addiction he crumbles under and his struggle to build his life back up from zero.

Now, in **Volume 2**, we get to see the world through **Reagen's** eyes and it is very interesting and eye-opening to say the least... You see, as I was already suspecting, **Reagen** has her own secrets, but for the life of me...*I didn't see ANY OF THAT coming!*

Drinking him in, she said, "I'm finding it hard to see something I DON'T like."

"Well, don't look TOO CLOSE."

"I've been looking at you for the past several weeks, and I hate to say, Mr. James, I MOST CERTAINLY like what I'm seeing."

It's been three weeks since *that night* at the office, and while **Evan** seems to be regaining some control in his life, **Reagan's** is fastly spiraling out of control. He is just supposed to be a professional association of hers. *MAYBE* a friend that she is helping out. But not **THIS**. Not someone **MORE**...

"One thing she knew deep down in her soul was that if she didn't keep a tight hold of her control around this man, she would likely get sucked inside the DARK VORTEX he seemed to spiral down into."

~ **REAGAN**

Reagan has always been a woman that keeps the upper hand when it comes to men, *but it's different this time*. **EVERYTHING** is different with this man. **Evan** is crawling under her skin with *each smirk on his lips* and *each inappropriate comeback* he throws at her way, and securing his place somewhere in her chest *more and more* everyday.

Who will win this war inside **Reagan**: Her mind...or her heart?

"Within the stirrings of LUST she felt every time even his name was mentioned, there was the twinge of something MORE ... something DANGEROUS, and the more she felt herself falling, the more she couldn't stop herself."

~ **REAGAN**

OVERALL: This series is a *MUST READ* and I seriously *CAN'T WAIT* for Volume 3!

1-Click Addict Support Group says

This part is from Reagan's point of view. We learn a lot about her, her wants, and her love of control in all things.

I did NOT expect the twist thrown in and was shocked (in a good way) by the flashbacks. And just when you think you have it figured out, you run into a brick wall face first while lust and hormones are shoved in your face.

I enjoyed this one even more than part one, but only because you get more of the picture being painted by the authors and you can start to see the bigger picture. That does not mean we won't get blindsided in part three, because the way the first two parts have gone, I am sure we will!

I am running to the store now to stock up on batteries before part three comes out! ~ Devlynn, 4.5 stars

Eliza says

[n/a (hide spoiler)]

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

A Desperate Man: Volume 2 by Ella Frank and Brooke Blaine
4.5 stars!!

"He was by leaps and bounds the most gorgeous man she'd ever seen...and he was damaged beyond repair."

And shit just got real!! OMG I need the next one now...like stat!! Serials are like crack for me, I love them because they are quick reads that you can fit in between reads and you know that the next instalment will be there before you know it. They build the anticipation and they have you salivating for your next fix and this instalment was no exception.

I love these characters, I have fallen hard for both Evan and Reagan. Evan is really coming full circle in this book, his therapy is going well and it seems that he has really turned a corner. He still however has one Achilles heel and that is Reagan. Despite everything, he cannot seem to stay away from her and it seems the attraction is mutual. Seeing Evan through Reagan's eyes also gave us a whole new insight into Evan. Gone are Evan's self deprecating comments and we begin to see the real man underneath and you will be surprised

just how beautiful and romantic this man can be, but we still get a good side helping of arrogant and cocky.

“Within the stirrings of lust she felt every time his name was mentioned, there was the twinge of something more...something dangerous, and the more she felt herself falling, the more she couldn't stop herself.”

This book is told from Reagan's POV and it was great to get an insight into her head. I always thought that Reagan was hiding something and it seems my hunch was correct. The trouble is with secrets is they always come to light and the repercussions can be devastating. I didn't see this one coming but when it did, everything I had read began to click into place. I have to say, this instalment also made me like Reagan that bit more. She always came across as a bit aloof in Evan's instalment but in this one we get to see the real Reagan and it is so different from her outward persona. Miss Perfect isn't so Perfect after all.

“Sometimes we have no idea what we need until someone gives it to us.”

I am loving this series and I seriously cannot wait for the next instalment, as far as I am concerned it cannot come quick enough.

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Michelle says

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Stacy says

This has quickly turned out to be one of my absolute favorite serial series I've read. Ella Frank and Brooke Blaine have merged their thoughts and words together so well it's scary! In the first book we get to meet Evan James and really get to know how he sees the world around him as well as himself. He's a man struggling with a very real sex addiction, and on top of that he has some hidden demons from his past which we learn a little bit more about in this book. It's so interesting going from book one to book two and then realizing how pertinent certain actions and feelings have evolved in such a short period of time. Evan is a complex man, and when Reagan Spencer is involved it's a whole different ball game.

Miss Reagan Spencer. Holy crap is this woman something else! I have very few woman characters that I swoon over (yes, I said swoon) but if anyone is worthy it's Reagan. In my opinion she is the most perfectly well rounded woman one can be. Some women are strong yet they are whiny, others are Independent yet not willing to become vulnerable. Reagan is strong, independent, fierce with conviction, NOT whiny and has a soft vulnerable side that is just right. And the stuff that comes out of Reagan's mouth is friggin GREAT! She's so witty and funny and sassy, I just love her! This book is told in Reagan's POV and it has such a different feel than the first book, obviously because she's not a dude. But just like book one needed to be told

by Evan, this story needed to be told through Reagan's eyes. Obviously the characters know each other better in this one, but the way the chemistry hits is so perfect and hot.

There are A LOT of unanswered questions that I've noticed while reading this series, and slowly bit by bit things are (sort of) becoming clear. I mean, that's why we read serials right? To make us question and think and crave more? Well guess what? That happens. You will be scratching your head wondering what is going to happen next. Reagan has a secret and Evan definitely has some stuff from his past that hasn't been completely revealed. You learn some things, and let me tell you I was not expecting what her secret was. It was a great twist to an already intriguing plot, so well thought out and it definitely categorizes this book as an angsty, hot, sexy page turner! This story has so many different dimensions and colors, and the characters just make it come to life.

Let's talk about sex... Holy crap can these women right the hell out of a sex scene!! What I loved about this particular scene is that it was anything but ordinary! The chemistry is so perfect, and ohhhhhh I almost forgot to mention the banter!! Oh my gosh the beginning of the book with these two! THAT is what's going to hook you right away; they are so funny together, seriously. I was cracking up at the smart ass flirty stuff that was going on between them. So classic. Ok back to the sex. It was hot, it was original and it was unforgettable. That to me is so important in a book. Anyone can read about V-cut abs and quivering loins, but THIS. This was some sexy erotic stuff going on! You will not be disappointed. And Evan James can dirty talk with the best of them, like he's really good at it. Really super good.

The biggest thing I took away from this book (Aside from the erotic party in my kindle) was the fact that the characters evolved SO much. As an avid reader that is truly a beautiful thing. When you have a preconceived notion about a character and then the layers unfold to show you a whole other side to them—that's great writing. I loved being told the story by both Evan and Reagan, and I can only hope to hear from both of them again in book 3. And I can't wait for it!! Pick up this series for sure, it's definitely worth it!

Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says

4.25 Stars!

A Desperate Man, Volume 2, packs more of an emotional punch from that of book one. We are gradually trickle fed details regarding Reagan's connection to Evan from their past. Evan almost seemed like a different guy from the first book to me. The first volume he suffered almost relentlessly with his sexual addictions. Here, we see a man not perfect but getting his carnal cravings under control with professional help. But instead, can Reagan withstand his pull now that he's showing signs of control over his Reagan sexual addiction?

I'll be honest and admit I'm not the biggest fan of serial novellas. Mainly because of lack of character development in such short installments. For that reason, I chose to forego reading these books until they're all out so at least now I'm gifted with essentially a full novel (between the three novellas). For that I'm thankful. I'm wholeheartedly invested in their story at this point and I anxiously await for a resolution to the events that took place in this installment. It's a cliffy and thank gawd for the recent release of book three.

A Desperate Man series is a fantastic serial novella series for fans of steam, a somewhat to tortured hero, and a plot that trickle feeds the reader, pushing us to read on for answers. The heroine, Reagan, is a strong person yet struggles with her crazy need for Evan. Couple that with being his boss, that makes the battle all the more important to fight. But will their battle to remain professional end in the way they hope? Well, here's a little spoiler teaser...

Moving on...

Advanced copy received by author in exchange for an honest review.

~ Stéphanie ~ Tied up in Romance ~ says

A desperate man part 2 caught me right away by surprise because it's told from Reagan's pov.

I was thrilled to be in the head of the girl who seems to hide secrets.
I wasn't disappointed because she did hide secrets and one that can change a lot of things between her and Evan.

"She was finding it imperative to keep a strong facade when it came to Evan James, because the man was charming enough to make you forget you didn't want to get involved."

I missed a little of Evan's dirty mouth but both authors manage to give me just enough to crave the last part.

***"I didn't hear you put on anything underneath that skirt.
"I told you. I pay attention."***

In this part, Evan and Reagan have a pleasant friendship that started to grow but trust these two to let the

sexual tension to quickly reach his maximum

"Evan James sure knew how to pack a punch when it came to a kiss. He wasn't timid or shy, he was a man who was confident in what he was doing—and there was nothing sexier than someone who knew he could have you orgasming from a look or kiss if he wanted you that way."

~ARC provided by authors for an honest review ~

Katy Loves Romance ♥? says

4.75 Coffee Cups and Sexting Stars

Ok this one was much more of a deeper journey than the first. I would say as well this is much more Reagan's side and what and how and when things happen. This was primarily about her and what she's going to do.

This starts up pretty much after part one finishes, where Evan starts to help himself. Find a way to tackle his 'Issue' and find some kind of peace in his place in his workplace.

Reagan is there to help.

No undergarments needed..

Saying that, she has secrets that are coming to surface. I found this to be much more about Reagan and her demons. Even though she is 'helping Evan' she is also tackling her own nightmares. I again devoured this one, but the further we go into it, the more I'm enjoying the ride and hoping to see MORE of them tackle what is going on underneath the surface!

What I loved though was the emails, the coffee and the banter between them. The added surprises and the extra personal sentiments.

I loved how Evan is started to take a hold of his addiction. Serials aren't usually my favourite but I will say I **LOVE** Ella Franks writing style so grabbed this because of that reason alone, we love our favourites right?. No disrespect to Brooke I just haven't read anything by her **yet..** But A Desperate Man is soon becoming a favourite series of mine and a highly recommended read. If you like to dab into the erotic/serial genre then this is for you. I will say though the plot is what is grabbing me more than anything else and I am gobbling this up..

Onwards...

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MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

4 Sexy Mr.James Stars!
(BR with Sharon)

In this 2nd installment Evan & Reagan are still working together at Kelman Corporations, & the sexual tension is still intense. They are trying to fight how much they want each other while building a great friendship, & attempting to balance that fine line between boss & employee.

Evan continues to push his boundaries with Reagan at the office, and I loved their flirty/dirty banter. Reagan finally gets to a point where she just can't resist him anymore, & she doesn't even want to. Evan is a gorgeous, confident, funny man who is slowly working his way into her heart & her bed. ;))

Things get pretty steamy quick, & we get some delicious Evan sexytime. But in this book we also get a new level to this couple. There are real feelings developing, & secrets that are revealed. I can't wait for the last installment in this series! :D

-Evan James sure knew how to pack a punch when it came to a kiss. He wasn't timid or shy, he was a man who was confident in what he was doing.

-"Sometimes we have no idea what we need until someone gives it to us."

Michelle says

4.5 Another Steamy Quickie!

The first book in this series was told in Evans POV this one is told in Reagan's POV. I didn't mind! I loved it!

Evan is now in therapy for his addiction. He's trying really hard and he seems to be doing better or is he? It was hard to tell because we didn't get his POV this time. But I felt like he was trying. Him and Reagan are

still working close together and becoming friends. They are both fighting what they want which is each other.

Her carefully guarded exterior crumbled with every smirk of his lips and every inappropriate message on her coffee cup. As much as her head knew what would happen now could only lead to disaster, she was selfish enough to ignore the warning. ~Reagan

But don't be fooled. When these two are in the same room the tension is thick. They don't even have to touch each other. I couldn't wait for them to crack! lol

When Evans therapist suggest that he go to a bar one night when they have speed dating going on Evan makes a bet with Reagan. If she goes with him and gets more phone numbers than him he will bring her coffee to work every morning for a week. If he gets more numbers she has to go on a date with him. Who wins? You will have to read this one to find out:)

Evan and Reagan are smoking hot together.

She shut him up then by pulling her finger from deep inside her and pushing it into his mouth. "In the spirit of this evening's meal of exquisite finger foods, I thought you might like your dessert the same way," she said.~Reagan

"I'm going to fuck you so hard, Ms. Spencer, that come Monday, you'll have no problem remembering that I gave it to you without any expectation of receiving in return."~Evan
Damn! Hot! Hot! Hot!

Of course we find out some of what Reagan is hiding and when it all comes to a head the book ends.

So I'm dying over here! I need more answered!! Im off to the next one!

If you like a quickie steamy read this series is for you:))

Jen says

So this series just keeps getting better and better. In this volume Reagan show more of her bolder and flirtatious side. Evan wins a date with Reagan and from there begins to turn up the heat with his little coffee messages each day.

During their date, Reagan turns the sex appeal on and begins to drive Evan wild.

She usually has a rule that she doesn't sleep with the same guy twice, but how can she turn down a chance to have more of Evan? And when she finally gives in...oh Wow!

But just because they have sex again doesn't mean that everything is right in the world. In this volume pieces

of the puzzle begin to fall into place and we learn more about Reagan and Evan's past, but there are still so many questions.

I love this duo's writing and I can't wait to see what they give us in the next volume.

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 Stars

Within the stirrings of lust she felt every time even his name was mentioned, there was the twinge of something more...something dangerous, and the more she felt herself falling, the more she couldn't stop herself.

A Desperate Man: Volume 1 introduced us to Evan James, a man deep in the throws of his addiction. A man that's hit his rock bottom and is now trying to find his way out. Ella and Brooke spared no detail in their introduction of Evan and you certainly get a taste of the man that he is, the man that was, and the man that he desperately wants to find again. A man that has a one night stand with a mysterious gorgeous blonde that turns out to be more. A man that soon realizes that his addiction has now twisted into something else, something different, something more to do with *her*.

In this book, you get to get to know *her*, Reagan Spencer, a woman with plenty of her own secrets. Volume 2 is told exclusively in Reagan's POV and many of the missing puzzle pieces that you may have had in Volume 1 will all begin to cleverly click together.

You do HAVE feelings, don't you, Evan?

"I'm having a very strong feeling right now."

"Well, you should make sure to tell that to the first young lady you sit down with."

"If she's a lady, I'm thinking she won't appreciate that particular feeling."

"The what does that make me?"

"That makes you fucking dangerous."

What I really appreciated about this book was the additional depth it added to the story of Evan and Reagan. If you thought that it was just a story of a man that has a sex addiction who meets a woman that tempts him to be something better, think again. It's so much *more* than that. The authors certainly add a few twists your way that has the plot thickening that much more. I can definitely tell you I did not see any of it coming, but it makes me only that much more anxious for the final installment of this series.

Right then she knew that, regardless of what her mind had been telling her, she'd continue to push those warnings aside to indulge in Evan James- her own guilty pleasure.

Reagan was a true mystery in the previous book. You really don't know much about her aside from the fact that her sexual appetite is almost as voracious as Evan's. She's no blushing ingenue and she owns her sexuality and makes no excuses about it. Here you'll get to know the reasoning behind a lot of her actions

and let me just tell you...you will not see any of it coming...or at least I didn't.

While the first 30% of the book was a bit slower paced, when the secrets began to unravel and be revealed, I was thoroughly sucked in. The continuing sexual chemistry between her and Evan certainly didn't hurt matters either.

I'm going to fuck you so hard, Ms. Spencer, that come Monday, you'll have no problem remembering that I have it to you WITHOUT any expectation of receiving in return.

I really enjoyed the banter between them here, and the exchanges with the coffee cups was so fun to read too.

If you were unsure of how you felt about Evan in the previous book, I can assure you that you will absolutely fall for him here.

I really can't wait to see where the final installment brings these two, especially with that ending.

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[them having grown up next door to each other and him not knowing
