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The debut of an emotionally charged and highly erotic contemporary romance trilogy, in which love and trust are the most dangerous games of all...

With a dark past that would have shattered most people, Evelyn “Scout” Keats is doing what no one in her bleak world thinks possible—getting off the streets and leaving her impoverished life behind. She’s a new maid at the luxurious Patras Hotel, and aims to keep her job no matter what. But that doesn’t mean she’s going to sacrifice her dignity, or let anyone into her heart. The risk of losing either is just too great.

When hotel tycoon Lucian Patras discovers Evelyn in a compromising position, he uses everything at his disposal to seduce her—a proposition that both surprises and frightens her.

Ignorant to her true circumstances, Lucian relentlessly pursues Scout as a prize to be won. But he is soon given an unforgettable lesson in love and sacrifice when he learns how far Scout has gone to gain her independence and discovers that there are some things money can never buy.

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## Falling In Details

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## From Reader Review Falling In for online ebook

### Tahsin says

4+ stars

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### K says

I really enjoyed this story. However, I felt as though the end was a little rushed. I will most likely not read the next book because I dont want Scout to be with anyone else lol.

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### London says

[ .Not yet. (hide spoiler)]

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### ♦?Kelly?♦ says

2.5 stars

Well I was really drawn into this book. Until about 70% in. Then it was almost a dnf.

Scout is a homeless girl who gets a job as a maid in a fancy hotel. She cleans the suite of the owner, knocks over some papers on his desk and in walks said hotel asshole mogul. I really didn't warm to Lucian. He was a skeevy arrogant, self absorbed asshole.

I really liked Scout in the beginning and even half way through the book. I could understand the draw to take up with a billionaire to get out of her circumstance. Even when he punched her v card. She knew the price of admission. She paid it. But his reaction to that deed? Didn't ring true. He had a long standing menage with his bud Slade. He also let his bff watch. Then he was all like, I didn't know, and now I am freaked. Nope didn't buying it. Then Scout was after a painful first experience wanting to get it on with Lucian? What exactly was the draw to each other? Money? Someone to manipulate and boss?

I also didn't buy the love relationship of these two. I didn't understand Scouts insistence to keep her housekeeping job. People talk. Coworkers gossip. She is supposed to be so street smart and world weary but most of her actions spoke otherwise.

Then the sex marathon after she returned from being homeless again. So worn, after caring for a horrible mother who defecates and vomits all over the room. she hadn't slept nor eaten very very little in days? weeks? Lucian couldn't keep his hands off her? No that's not selfish and icky. Blah.

Ok also, Scout and the sushi thing? After coming off her homeless binge, I was thinking she would at least try the sushi. She annoyed me. Especially after her drunken bar scene.

Lucian draw to her was what exactly? Besides that she was beautifully hairy and hadn't bathed fully in forever? Yeah that is what was going through my mind. I don't care how well you wash up. You don't bath

regularly, you aren't gonna smell so fresh. It didn't seem like she washed her uniform either.

I was really invested into the book, but it really fell short two thirds the way in. I just didn't feel the love and I didn't really care for the rest of the way the book was going. The story started off great and then went some weird place with the story. The last third of the book was about sex. Skeevy Lucian telling/teaching gullible Scout all about kinky sex. Scout who used to not like to be touched, who was just a few weeks ago a homeless virgin, agreed readily with everything Lucian wanted. Of course Lucian "loved" Evelyn. Scout became Evelyn and just like every other socialite wanna be. When she did speak up it seemed almost in a manipulative pouty whiny way.

This was not the book for me. Lydia Michaels is a superb story teller. I just didn't care for the end direction of this story.

I really don't care what happens to any of these characters to read any more from this series.

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### **SissiReads says**

I love this book!!!!!!

1. A homeless girl and a billionaire fall in love? Oh yes that's my type of book!
2. They met while she was the maid cleaning his penthouse in his hotel, oh yes that's my day dreaming come true
3. His bedroom manners are one of the hottest I have ever read!!so hot I literally need to take a break from it! oh yes that's my type of book!

I love it! Can't wait to read book 2 and see how their story continues!

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### **Mallory says**

#### **3.5 stars**

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### **Irida says**

#### **5 Amazing Stars!! Awesome book!!!**

This is more than a Cinderella story, it's a story that will steal you completely. Two fantastic heroes, an amazing story plot and beautiful writing.

**Lucien Patras is a billionaire, coming from a family that made a fortune from generations to generations. He's like a "Hilton" heir, he owns a chain of more than 20 luxury hotels all around the world and other businesses. He's in his mid thirties, is dark, sexy as hell, a total alpha man, commanding, controlling, dominant and one of the most eligible bachelors.**

**Evelyn "Scout" Keats is a homeless 22 years old girl. She sleeps in a shelter, but that's the best she ever had. Her mother Pearl is a drug addicted sleeping in a mill, who sells herself just to get high. Evelyn cares deeply about her even though that woman is hateful. She never knew her dad who was murdered in a drug deal before she was born. She born into drugs and never had a home, never had a bed, never had a closet, never ate a proper meal, never went to a school, never left Folsom, never had a real bath, never saw the sea, never felt loved, never heard her mother said that she loved her, never had a family, never had a birth-date or an ID. She's beautiful, smart, a fighter but also so fragile, she has such a beautiful and rich soul, dark hair, blue-grey eyes, innocent looking. Her whole life she was always hungry for something more, she never left that horrible life drown her. She wanted to be a normal person, living in a home, sleeping in a bad, eating, having a job. She finally made her first step into that road beginning her work as a maid at Patras Hotel. Less she know her life will completely change in the Suite C of that hotel when she met Lucien Patras.**

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This is a beautiful story of love, of people who fight to survive and determination to never let the bad swallow you. I totally recommend it!!

### **Jacqueline's Reads says**

#### **3.5 Mildly Kinky and Very Steamy Stars**

Falling In is a great break-me-into-erotica novel. If you are looking for a damsel to be saved by a rich billionaire (because sometimes you just need that fix), then Falling In is for you.

#### **The Heroine**

Evelyn is poor. She lives in the streets and works odd jobs to help support her also homeless mother. Her mother is addicted to drugs and is off the wagon. Evelyn has never had a stable home life and she's doing the best she can do.

She just got a job as a maid and she's booked to clean the suites.

Lucian's suite who happens to own the hotel.

#### **The Hero**

Lucian is the rich billionaire who owns the hotel. He's a busy man and doesn't have the time to fuss with relationships. He also likes relationships a certain way, meaning, he's dominate. When he sees pretty Evelyn cleaning his room, he propositions her. He will pay for her life style, if she does everything he says.

#### **Overall**

I didn't dislike Falling In, but I had a few issues. I thought Evelyn was a little to damsel for me. What can I say, I like a little damsel, not too damsel. The poor girl is poor, living on the streets, tend to her drug addict mom and there's another slew of issues that come about. It was just all too much.

I get Lucian, he's the alpha hero we are suppose to swoon for and even though I didn't have too many issues

with him, there was just something off. I think it was the relationship between Lucian and Evelyn.

Everything happened so fast. One moment Evelyn is a maid and the next she's Lucian's play thing. What I did like is that Evelyn wasn't that stupid shy girl I dislike reading. There's some nice banter between Lucian and Evelyn and it kept me interested.

I liked the chase and I liked how Evelyn stood up for herself. There's plenty of drama with another person coming into the mix and Evelyn coming to terms with her feelings towards Lucian. Overall, Falling In was a pleasant read and I will continue with the series.

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### **Michelle [Helen Geek] says**

03/27/2014 --

**Overall Rating = 3.5 Stars**

**Book Cover / Book Blurb / Book Title = 3 / 3 /4 = 3.5 Stars**

**Writer's Voice = 4 Stars**

**Character Development = 4 Stars**

**Story Appreciation = 3 Stars**

**Ending = 3 Stars**

**Worth the Chili = 5 Stars -- [\$2.99 on Amazon]**

**Smexy [HEAT] Rating = Moderate to Heated**

**337 pages**

Okay, this is my second book by this author and I really like her. This is how Lydia Michaels does a twisted FSOG. In my opinion, she does it so much better. The twist is the characters. Scout or Evelyn is homeless and illiterate, but BEAUTIFUL. Lucia really does have a heart and you see it immediately. He's successful in everything but keeps his heart to himself until he bargains with Evelyn for her time. She sees him as a means to an end and agrees to his terms ... so it goes.

### **What did I like?**

1 -- The rich character development. I think this is the style of this author. She gives each character a rich back story and a depth of emotion you don't find often. I'm getting to where I really hate all the "surface" characters you find in so many books now. Where the author doesn't take the necessary time to build these people in your mind before proceeding with the story. Ms. Michaels takes the time. She really does this well.

2 -- The ending. This is a first in the series and you could stop with this first one and be satisfied. It doesn't have the dreaded "cliffhanging" ending. Kudo's! I did go on to read the second one and am trying to decide if I want to read the third, but I could have stopped here and that's nice to know. Why then didn't I give it 5 Stars? Because it is a series and the story really isn't complete, even though it is satisfying. It also doesn't

really "compel" me to read on. I could have stopped. Make sense? Maybe only to me -- which is completely okay because this is MY review!

3 -- The secondary characters are well developed and add to the story. They aren't just pictures on the wall, but actually add to your enjoyment of the story.

4 -- I love the title of this book. Lucia and Evelyn are Falling In ...

### **Now, what did I think could be better?**

1 -- Some of the story was predictable and lacked a pull for me. The whole thing became draggy at points and then clunky in others. Like she wasn't sure if she wanted to really do something, so she started and left it. Because I think this author is so good, it is noticeable when the polish is missing and the story lags. Not sure if this is laziness or something a really good editor could help with. Don't get me wrong, there are no real obvious editing issues, just places where the story clunks or drags.

2 -- Not a real fan of the book cover. I know what the author was trying to do, but not sure she pulls it off.

3 -- I have a love / hate thing going with the ending. Not sure I was pulled by the characters into the next one. I think I really just wanted to see what the author could do. I'm not a fan of the second [which could be influencing me now .. do I read #3 or not??] in the series, but more on that later.

Okay, so I'm not a fan of the FSOG thing with the Cinderella undertones. I'm not sure why, but there it is. Saying this, I do think, at least for the first book in either series, that this author does a better job. We definitely have a better Cinderella and I loved our Prince in this one. This author may not get kudo's because its been done before and we will make the comparisons, but she does it a bit better - my opinion only.

If you liked FSOG and are looking for another, similar book -- a better book, give this one a shot. I don't think you will be disappointed.

*My definition of better: The characters, not the BDSM components -- which are really non-existent in both books [again, my opinion only].*

Happy Reading!!

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### **?Tierra? says**

**Evelyn "Scout" Keats**

**Lucian Patras**

### **Mini Playlist**

Stronger - Kelly Clarkson

Love Me Like You Do - Ellie Goulding

First Love - Jennifer Lopez

You & Me - Disclosure

Titanium - David Guetta

This story is riveting. You start off with a girl named Scout who has only ever known life on the streets and who has a chance encounter with a charismatic and brooding Lucian Patras, CEO of internationally acclaimed Patras Hotels. And with that, my review begins :) Brace yourselves, because *it's about to go down.*

When Lucian and Evelyn first meet and he has his bitchy attitude I was all..

That proposition though \*fans self\*....

One word. *Pearl*.

The Hanky-Panky.....

Two words. *Motherfucking Slade*

Reading the book through Evelyn's perspective..

When Lucian goes to find Evelyn...

Another word. *Parker*.

THAT ENDING...

This isn't your average lovey-dovey woopie sorta love story. Evelyn has only ever known a world where people wanted something in return for a favor. With no roof over her head and the inability to do tasks that many of us often forsake, Evelyn's struggle to survive in and of itself was a battle that tore me apart throughout the book. Evelyn has got to be one of my most favorite/respected heroines in a series that I have **EVER** read. This girl isn't only a through and through survivor, but she is disciplined to the point of total incomprehensibility. I love, love, LOVE her strength throughout the book and there are so many parts where I cried in the book that she just shook off as if it were nothing. Her strength throughout her journey with Lucian intrigued me at the beginning and left me utterly speechless by the end. If you want yourself a KICK-ASS heroine, you go ahead and read this book. Like now. No scratch that, like yesterday.

Lucian struck me immediately as an unique character when the scene with Jamie, Evelyn, and him played out. I was intrigued by his exhibitionist ways and his need for even a slice of pleasure while going about his miserable and snobby life. When he decided to in a sense "share" intimacy with his voyeuristic friend and Evelyn (I mean, c'mon..don't be afraid to JUST LOVE HER.), I lost a great deal of my respect for him until

the moment he decided to bargain with Parker. After that, my respect amounted to the point where he is definitely a character I will not be forgetting anytime soon.

This man is broken. Ironic because he's the one in the story with a seemingly perfect life. Evelyn is beautifully made despite the tragedies that she has had to face. When they both come together.. they really had no choice. They're Falling In.

Until next time my lovely readers,

Tierra x

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### **Jh Port says**

#### **6 UNBELIEVABLY AWESOME STARS !!!**

WOW where do I start with this book of awesomeness?

Our heroine, Evelyn (Scout), had an absolutely awful sad disadvantaged upbringing. Not sure if the word upbringing is even appropriate for the cards this poor girl was dealt.

The writing was very good. I spent my two days off glued to my kindle, immersed in Scout's fucked up world. The book made me sad in parts but I was so rooting (pardon pun) for this girl.

The setting was just as good. Down-on-her-luck maid meets Mr Money Bags. All she wants is to be normal, and all Lucien wants is Scout. The sex was hot. The build-up intense. Lucien has "certain" exhibitionist (hope that's a word?) tastes and we saw some of them in this book.

Ms Michaels is a huge talent. Bloody brilliant.

I'm on a roll with good reads this year and I believe this to be one of my favourite books of 2014. I cannot wait to start the next one. Yes folks, there is a cliffhanger but thankfully all three books are out.

I would gladly recommend this book to all my GR friends.

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### **Stacey is Sassy says**

#### **Great start to the series**

Bought this book on the recommendation of friends. I'm really glad I bought all three of the books at the same time as I can see that I will be busy reading for the next couple of days.

This book has a sexy Alpha H and a sweet but strong h. This is a very sexy read.

The author shows depth and understanding of the struggle to be living on the streets and dealing with a loved one addicted to drugs.

Not sure if I'm a big fan of Parker, but we'll see how it all turns out.

On to the next one.

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### **Moon Love says**

I have a friend who couldn't stop raving about how good this series was a couple months ago. I came across the paperback while in a book store and bought the first book in the series. I started it last night and was hooked. I really liked Evelyn "Scout" Keats character. She's tough and determined to make something of herself. She's loyal to those she loves even if she's afraid and mistrusts love.

Lucian Paras grew on me. I wasn't much of a fan in the beginning, but by the time I got to the part of the book told from his perspective, I felt a lot differently. I certainly liked him a lot more and some of his behavior and past had been explained to me.

This is the first book in a trilogy and just so you know, it doesn't end on a cliffhanger, but it still has me really eager to read the next book and see what happens next. While the story mainly focuses on Scout and Lucian, I'm really intrigued by Parker and Slade and their plans.

I know a lot of people are over the billionaire and average girl trope, but there's something about Lydia Michael's way of telling Scout and Lucian's story that really pulled me in. It doesn't hurt that it's easy to like and understand Scout, or the fact the book is super hot, but it has some pizzaz that makes it all the more enjoyable.

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### **Michelle says**

i ve really enjoyed this book its reminds me of a few books al rolled into 1 which is good the overall story is great there is great sexy time strong men characters romantic part sad heartbrokin part and great arguments al these things i luvd but i luv the character will nearly al them except slade (arsehole would luv 2 punch him in the balls)but i totally luvd scout/evelyn she as been through a lot an is still havin a hard time even when she is with lucian but she is so strong sees everything in a positive way i really like her an then there is lucian patras what can i say ye he is gorgeous sexy as hell and loaded but he can b so annoyin an argumentative at times 2 but u just know that he luvs evelyn/scout toward the end of the book which i just luvd i m dyin 2 read the second book after the way its ended xxx

i need the second book like now haha xxx

i enjoyed my BR with me girlies luv ya xxxx

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**\*MariaA\* says**

"Evelyn", Girl,simply love your strength to endure that shit!!

Admire the way this author has brought out the issue of homelessness and created a beautiful heroine out of it!!

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