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One family of five... One life-altering tragedy... Three survivors. Each of the Mason siblings takes the outcome of the devastation three completely different ways.

When you are born, you're born a blank canvas. Over time, sadness and heartbreak leave deep scars. Loss and sorrow carve irreparable cracks into that canvas. Love is like paint, it colors your heart and fills in every scar, every wound that life has left behind.

River Mason has never led an easy life. He and his younger sister were involved in a horrific car accident that tragically took the lives of both of their parents. Sadly, losing his parents wasn't the only thing he lost that day; with that came bitterness and anger toward himself, the world, and everyone in it.

His number one rule: Never let anyone in...

He's determined to keep his heart closed to the possibility of love because that would be weakness and for River weakness is never allowed.

Joss Meyer is perfectly happy in her existence. She and her best friend, Nina, have been each other's constant since the fifth grade, sharing every experience of their lives. After opening their own personal chef business together, the last thing on Joss' mind is a man. She stays focused on her career, and her carefree life.

But life doesn't always go as planned....

When Joss meets River, he turns her world upside down. She finds herself willing to sacrifice her heart to be with a man who only promises to hurt her in the end.

Sometimes the road less traveled is a chance worth taking....

Is it better to end up hurt, than to never have loved in the first place?

The decision is black and white, but how you feel isn't.

Can one truly see...love?

## I See...Love Details

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## From Reader Review I See...Love for online ebook

### D. Rivera says

loved this book. stayed up all night to finish this book. can't wait for the other books in the series

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### Libby Harrison says

<https://romanticcynicblog.wordpress.c...>

#### **Beware of Spoilers!**

##### **Star Ratings:**

Heroine (Joss): 5/5 - 25yrs old

Hero (River): 5/5 - 28yrs old – I wanted to give him a hug

Plot: 4/5

Grovel: none

Cheating: none

HEA: yes but no epilogue

Triggers: none

#### **Average score: 4.5/5**

Best Lines:h to H: “*You have a really good heart, River. You just need to learn how to use it*”

Worst Lines: H: “*I'm lucky I didn't splooge in my underwear before she even got them off.*” – what the fuck is ‘splooge’?!

#### **Personal Review:**

This was an emotional read between a hard, blind, vulnerable businessman and a determined, soft and stubborn chef.

I loved the whole story and I completely understood why River acted like a douche at times. I also very much enjoyed the secondary characters (apart from Sebastien).

#### **Random Ramblings:**

- The hero's blindness made for an interesting introduction to the heroine
- Loved Nina's and Joss's friendship

- This is going to sound strange but I wish they didn't quickly jump to sex when, instead, they could get to know each other more
- I loved the dads..."*Oh, and no pressure, but when one of them gets married, both Dan and I walk down the aisle with our girl*"
- That ending completely wrecked me

#### **Overall Feeling:**

River: "*If only I could see the stars*"

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#### **Iona Fincati says**

Very sweet read. Ending was a little too mushy but generally a good read

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#### **? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says**

What a remarkable book - Basically I grabbed this edition because the 3rd book that will be out soon caught my attention and when checking on the author I found this one. It was so well written that I now wonder what the next ones will be like.

River is a remarkable character that is so well written that he brought tears to my eyes. Yes he is hard at times but the reader always knows where his heart is at - nomatter what his mouth is saying.

Joss is great - not one on those fluffy heroines that are easy bend and broken ... she does not give in nomatter what ...

looking really forward to the next in that series

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#### **Jamie Leigh says**

#### **Great read**

This was a great read. The well written story had heart break, passion, betrayal but with with amazing strong characters.

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### **Kristine GPI Bookblog says**

I have been following Annalisa Nicole since she released her debut novel, with each story in the series I've watched her grow as a writer, I've watched as she has continued to deliver characters that effortlessly draw you in, a family you want to know, and I See...Love was no different, our hero River Mason is young and wildly successful, his life appears to be one of wealth and excess but beneath the flashy house and opulent home is a man who is governed by bitterness and hurt, the author takes us the reader on a journey where she aims a spotlight on the nature vs. nurture debate, was River always the same distant, abrasive man he is now or is he a product of his past, armed with only Josh as a confidante, friend and personal assistant River is used to being on his own, but meeting Joss is going to turn his world upside down.

Joss Meyer is young and successful, but that's where the similarities between her and River end, Joss has the perfect life, she's co-owner of a thriving business with her childhood best friend Nina, operating as a personal chef for a number of wealthy and elite clients, their business is going from strength to strength and Joss has everything she ever dreamt off, unconcerned with finding love or a man to share her life, she is content with building her brand and focusing on her career.

River is rude and arrogant on the surface, he is cold and distant, he often challenged me as the reader to see past the brash exterior to see deeper into him, to see the man he is hiding and trying to protect from the world, but the more I read and the more Nicole drew me into River's world and the more I could see him railing against his past and what he's come to believe as the truth, but what I found especially endearing was Joss's light, her ability to see the beauty in the world around her, even when she was scared, even when she felt like she might crumble, even when she was challenged and even when she wanted to break, there was an undeniable strength to Joss, a temerity that held my attention, one that both endeared her to me and intrigued me, there's so much here in I See...Love, Josh and Nina captured my heart and I hope to see more of them in the coming books in this series. The first book in the A Different Road series has definitely piqued my interest for more, if you're after something sweet, thoughtful and sexy, I See...Love is definitely the book for you.

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### **Bookish Addict says**

I liked reading this story. The writing isn't bad, just needs a bit more work. The book fast paced and emotional. I wish there's more character development. The relationship between River and Joss is really quick. Joss has an awesome best friend and business partner in Nina. Josh is River's right hand man and friend. There's a cute side story about Nina and Josh. Pretty good read.

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### **~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says**

Review to come

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### **Lani ?? the Destroyer ?? says**

More like 3.5 stars because the hero's inner monologue made him a bit of a douche for most of the book.

Otherwise I really enjoyed this one.

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### **Susan Gold says**

3.75 - 4

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### **NMmomof4 says**

#### **2.5 Stars**

**Overall Opinion:** I think I'm a minority on this one, but this wasn't that great for me. I felt like I was just told the surface of a story and never got down into the nitty gritty that made me connect and feel with the characters. I think I get what the author was going for with the characterizations, but sadly I think she missed the mark with the mysterious grey-like CEO and the "sassy" girl. At a few times it worked, but for the most part it felt like we were trying too hard to fit them into certain categories. It also had another one of my pet peeves -- the miscommunication. The big conflict would've not even happened if they would've had a simple conversation! Oh well...I guess we needed to have some type of conflict, right?!?

**Brief Summary of the Storyline:** This is Joss and River's story. Joss owns a personal chef company with her best friend and has to step in and work for one of their biggest clients, River. He is instantly intrigued by her because she reminds him of his mother, and he keeps on trying to have her around. They start a flirting game of sorts, but River is convinced he is too damaged for any type of normal relationship-- so the push and pull game starts. There are some issues with old family friends, some sexy times, and some friend drama....but they eventually get their HFN ending.

**POV:** This alternated between Joss and River's POV.

**Overall Pace of Story:** Ok. I don't know how to explain it other than it felt kind of choppy and unnatural in how it flowed to me. I didn't skim, and I did read it pretty fast though.

**Instalove:** Yes. They don't share "I love yous", but they do not have much in feeling development going on.

**H rating:** 3 stars. River. I think he was supposed to be this brooding mysterious rich guy, but it missed the mark IMO. I didn't get his damage or feel for him at all.

**h rating:** 3 stars. Joss. She was sassy at times and boring at others, so just kind of meh.

**Sadness level:** Low. No tissues needed.

**Heat level:** Mild/moderate. I felt underwhelmed with their chemistry and scenes.

**Descriptive sex:** Yes

**Safe sex:** Yes. Mentions of condoms being used.

**OW/OM drama:** Mild(view spoiler)

**Sex scene with OW or OM:** No

**Cheating:** No

**Possible Triggers:** Mild(view spoiler)

**Closure:** This didn't have enough closure for me, so I would call it a HFN ending.

**How I got it:** It was part of my kindle unlimited subscription.

**Safety:** Safe with exception  
(view spoiler)

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**Gi's Spot Reviews says**

3.25 Stars

Review to come...

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**Karoline says**

I know a lot of people raved about this book, but I just wasn't feeling it. I didn't like all the talk of him being with "prostitutes" and a chick he regularly slept with was still working for him? Definitely didn't like that. I don't know if I'll read the next book or not.

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**Leiera Monae says**

**Genre:** NA, Contemporary Romance

Here is a simple review of ***I See...Love*** by Annalisa Nicole, told in 3 parts:

What I liked/loved. . .Not so much, And all that other stuff in between.

**What I liked/loved:**

- Disabled hero

- Lead female protag, Joss
- Dual POVs, usually presented as half-and-half chapters

**... .Not so much:**

• So, River uses the services of prostitutes who are hired for him by his lawyer since River was 17 years old. I got that, and it didn't really bug me much as such activities took place pre-Joss and off the page. What bugged me was how strict River was with his rules about not getting involved with employees of the Mason Group, but then his secretary was one of the women that he had casual sex with. Not only that, but when he found out that his assistant Josh was involved with one of his personal chefs, he was ready to have a coronary, coming down hard on Josh! (WTF!) It was such hypocrisy on his part that it made me gag! River totally lost points because of that double standard.

**And all that other stuff in between:**

*OW drama:* Sebastien brings one of the prostitutes, Fawn, over to River's and Joss is in attendance. Joss finds out that another one of River's women, Autumn, actually works in his office as his secretary.

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**J.A. Fredericks says**

A beautiful, heart-warming love story with strong characters all around! Love the unique touch of River's situation and was deeply moved by his struggles. This was my first book by Annalisa and it definitely won't be my last.

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