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Emily Keane has her life all planned out. She's played by the rules and never stepped outside her box, and now she will finally be rewarded with everything she always dreamed of: a job promotion, a fiance, and a future she can count on. But when her perfectly planned world falls apart, Emily is plunged into the wildest year of her life.

From the beaches of California to Jamaica, New York, and Europe, Emily finds herself on a madcap race against time, running from an unscrupulous organ broker who wants her dead, all the while checking items off her unusual bucket list. On top of it all, she's falling in love with the most unlikely person, a man who can never return her feelings . . . but will his friendship be enough?

Confronting one hilarious misadventure after another, Emily finally learns who she really is and how to seize the day . . .

Note: Carpe DiEmily is a raunchy, fearless comedy in the same vein as the movie Bridesmaids, to which it has been favorably compared. Both female and male readers will enjoy this zany comedic adventure.

## **Carpe DiEmily (Parts 1 & 2): A Romantic Comedy Adventure Details**

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## **From Reader Review Carpe DiEmily (Parts 1 & 2): A Romantic Comedy Adventure for online ebook**

### **Paula says**

Lots of laughs at how we perceive ourselves sometimes and the way others truly see us. Wonderful story with laughing, crying, suspense, anger, love, and adventure.

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### **Bookish says**

I absolutely loved this book. Part 1 was a great setup for really getting to know the characters, and Book 2 knocked it out of the park. Hilarious situations, well-developed characters, and a unique storyline that kept me turning the pages. There were times I laughed so much I cried and hubby wondered what in the heck I was reading. I've recommended this book to all of my friends, and they love it, too. This author is definitely on my go-to list.

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### **Terri says**

These 2 books were absolutely hilarious and dramatic too. I wish there were more books to read!! The main character is very boring, plain and had her boring future all mapped out for her. One day she thought she was going to get promoted and engaged, neither one came true. She got so depressed that she decided that she would kill herself and sell her organs to important people to make the world better. She was given a huge amount of money to live her life for a year and then it was time to harvest her organs. That is when things go wrong and a cross country chase starts. You will laugh your butt off and maybe even cry.

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### **Arianne The Bookworm on the Loose says**

definitely had tons and tons of laughs while reading this ebook. While the first few chapters discussed protagonist Emily's organized life and love affair in general, I couldn't help but wince when her @sshole of a boyfriend had the nerve to break up with her. Damn Lenny's antics! He was one pathetic loser who didn't realize Emily's worth.

But then, I also found myself smiling and sometimes rolling my eyes at Emily Keane because she is sooo naive and ignorant. It seemed like she's so afraid of change and get out of her comfort zone. Especially after she resigned from her job. Her way of thinking kind of reminded me of myself some 10 years ago when I first had a job and I had my life organized. Then when one unexpected event happened, I was scared to move on. But eventually, I embraced change.

And so did Emily, although reluctantly. Thanks to a weird organ broker-slash-surgeon, Emily postponed her attempted suicide for a year in exchange of organ donation. After meeting the doctor and was given 1 million dollars as early payment for her vitals, Emily made a bucket list. And what a list it was! So far, she got a pet, a German Shepherd, actually, which was named Ass-Wipe. Crazy name, huh? Wait till you see what it does!

Hahaha! And then she got a flaming skull tattoo, got drunk and learned how to country dance and even almost went on skinny-dipping! What else were on her list? To go to a tropical island, watch the bulls in Pamplona and meet Woody Allen. Would she be able to do that in 1 year? And what if she decided to back out from her contract? And what if she found her one true love?

Questions, questions, questions.. I have more questions in mind.. But these would only be answered once I get my hands on the second part of Riley J. Ford's hilariously funny and insightful story, *Carpe DiEmily*. This is a highly recommended read specially to those who'd like to smile on a gloomy day. Seize the day, people :)

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### **Donna Hornsby says**

This book was really fun to read, a real pleasure. Enjoyed much.

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### **Jennifer Webber says**

The zany conclusion to a crazy, outspoken and very uptight main character that you end up rooting for and falling in love with! We should all write bucket lists like Emily and try hard to live them out!

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### **Deianira says**

*Carpe DiEmily* is like *Eat, Pray, Love...* but with a large dose of hilarious twists and turns, and a few witty (unsolicited) insights from Woody Allen.

What I love most about Emily Keane is how she has ongoing issue with her hair, which is sometimes as messed up as her life is turning out to be. I could relate to that because I have a love-hate relationship with my hair sometimes.

I knew from the start that her story would be funny and ridiculous because of a somewhat unbelievable plot. What on earth is she thinking, signing a contract... live her life to the fullest... and later on some stranger could just take control of her life? Emily may be an ordinary, boring, and organized person but she has a good heart. And why that sometimes, terrible things happen to a good person? Because one day, we know that she will redeem herself... but not before completing her outrageous set of a bucket list.

And yes, we're in for a heck of a hilarious journey or misadventures with Ms. Emily Keane. With the help of a (former) biatch of a colleague, Simone, who turns out to be a free-spirit and a good friend to Emily. There's also the gay hairstylist/friend, Tyler, who is dark, gorgeous and mysterious – and how we wish that he's straight so he could just sweep Emily off her feet.

The other characters are quite forgivable and endearing, as well, especially AW, who is a big fur of an adorable mess.

Riley has truly taken us to an exhilarating roller-coaster ride in this wonderful book! We find ourselves in

Emily's shoes and get to experience all the quirks and drama that come her way. This book has all the elements of a blockbuster movie. Romance, drama, comedy, suspense and non-stop action. At one point, she reminds me of Isla Fisher's character in *Confessions of a Shopaholic*, in the scenes wherein a mad man is hunting her down. Following her wherever she goes. But in Emily's case, she doesn't have an outstanding credit card bill.

Emily's story will teach us how to take risks, to forget about ourselves for a while and just have fun. Once in our lives, it would be liberating to not think of the consequences. It's also about losing yourself in the midst of all the adventures and eventually... find your true self and realize what you really want in life.

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### **Nikki Jefford says**

This has Hollywood written all over it.

I can't remember the last time a book made me laugh this much. *CARPE DIEMILY* is hysterical. It has everything I love: comedy, romance, travel, danger, a dog, hilarious mishaps, and a satisfying ending that rounded it all out beautifully.

I absolutely loved Emily's wit. "Carcass-carriage." "Shit-cake of a day."

The plot was fun, quirky, and all out fantastic.

How does Riley J Ford come up with this stuff?

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### **Sue says**

These two books were so funny..... I want another one - I need to know what happens with Tyler & Emily. They finally are together and now what? She has such horrible luck. Will they stay together, will they break up, will they have kids..... I need to know more.

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### **Reader of Books says**

This book is a gem. Very unique and funny. It has a bit of everything: laugh-out-loud humor, romance, action, and a sinister bad guy who you just love to hate! My favorite parts were all the adventures (or should I say misadventures?) that Emily had as she outran the organ broker. Each misadventure was funnier than the next and just kept me in stitches the whole time I was reading this book. After I finished this book, I had to go out and buy everything else by this author. Her other books are just as good (*Fifty Shades of Grey*--OMG, both hubby and I laughed ourselves silly!). I've recommended *Carpe DiEmily* to everyone I know. This book should be made into a movie. I'd be first in line!

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### **Tamara! aka AmyG.Dala says**

Note: I read part one as I got it separately, then the author was kind enough to gift me the double Kindle edition after my review of part 1, so this review is for part 2.

A fast paced, exhilarating, fun and funny read! Emily's mis-adventures are just so much fun! Once again, I'm looking forward to more as I NEED to know what happens to the dog, AW, and see what other mischief and mayhem Emily will get herself into next! Anxious to see if what happened in Pamplona will be the end of her fears or only another beginning while she's already on a new beginning with true love.

Thanks RJF for sharing your words. You've certainly been most entertaining and I truly appreciate the delightful escape into a genre I don't normally get into, proving change can be a good thing!

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### **Lisa says**

VERY funny book, there were times I was laughing so hard about Emily's actions I had a hard time reading the book. It was a hard book to put down and go do other things, it just kept drawing me in.

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### **Noree Cosper says**

This book was given to me in exchange for a fair review.

Ok, so I don't read romantic comedies, but after this one maybe I'll pick a few up. This had me laughing all the way through it.

I could really relate to Emily and her control issues. I have them too. As well as her fear to try new things. I could also relate to her depression when her life turned to crap and she felt she had nothing to offer the world. As I read, I found myself making a bucket list of my own. Hehe.

Bottom Line: Get this book. You'll laugh, maybe cry, and be creeped out by the villain. Very Dark and Sinister!

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### **Thomas Winship says**

Riley J Ford follows her impressive debut novel, "Into You," with another winner. "Carpe DiEmily" tells the tale of Emily Keane, an over-organized woman about to lose control over every aspect of her life.

Along the way, Emily adopts a neurotic dog that even confounds a dog whisperer, sells her organs to a madman, falls in love with a gay man, and treats a biker bar to a new round of tats. And that ain't even half the story. I mean, most of us have been there ... but it's a brave new world for dear Emily.

As is her wont, Ford mixes tons of humor into unpredictable situations to create a unique and rather

unforgettable story. I don't know how she does it, but I'm going to suggest that Ford donate her brain to science when her own story is over, so someone can get to the bottom of her madness.

The book's description includes the word "zany," and that's the perfect word to describe this tale. Emily's story is zany. It's also well written and quite enjoyable.

"Carpe DiEmily" is a wonderful read that I highly recommend to YA and humor fans. If you like Christopher Moore, check out Riley J Ford.

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### **Miranda says**

This is the best book I've read all year. It was filled with humor, romance (especially 2nd part), and wacky adventure. There were parts that made me laugh out loud, and other parts that brought me to tears. All in all, a very thoughtfully written book. One of my favorite characters in the book was the dog (yes, the dog!). He reminds me of my own--completely out of control in a hilarious way. I also loved the friendship that developed between the two female characters. And the hunky male lead--oh, wow! More, please. :) Emily is lovable, too, in that neurotic way of hers. She's a woman who takes life too seriously but learns to "seize the day." It was great to see her learn to live outside her too-controlled box. Very funny to see her reactions to the situations she found herself in. So many crazy misadventures that were written in such a funny way that I had to read them out loud to my husband. He cracked up, too, and recommended the book to his co-workers. Anyone who has a good sense of humor will like this book.

I truly think this book is soon to be a "breakout" novel where everyone will be talking about it. It has a very fresh, funny new voice. Completely different than anything I've read lately. I'll be looking for more books from this author in the future, and am hoping for a sequel to Carpe DiEmily.

P.S. Part 1 is currently offered free on Amazon, but you need to buy Part 2 to read the rest. I didn't mind because the price is very cheap for such good entertainment(\$3.99 for 400+ pages), and the book author.

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