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Once again, 26-year-old Layla Carson has the attention of a man eager to satisfy her. Ben Montrose, the hot, confident cop who gets off on frustrating her, is eager to show her just how arresting he can be. But as a reforming sexaholic, Layla's sworn off casual hookups, and doesn't miss the days of her early 20s -much. Ben's caught off-guard when the sexy, outspoken attorney turns him on and then turns him down. But the confident former Marine knows he can handle the simple seduction of a beautiful woman. He finds Layla's weak spot - competition, which he happens to share - and challenges her to a game that could make them, or destroy them. As they compete to crown the master of seduction, Ben and Layla discover there's more to their game than power and foreplay. But as the stakes go up, they realize the game has changed, and they both stand to lose more than they bargained for.

## **Now and Again Details**

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# From Reader Review Now and Again for online ebook

## Anamarija says

### Cupcakes and sweet police detectives - 3 stars ???

This book can be read as standalone, let me tell you this first.

It has some characters from book 1 (Layla's sister Emma, and her boyfriend Cole), but this now it is all Layla story.

So, Layla was a **promiscuous girl, you already know...??**, then she decided it's enough of all that cr\*p or else, she won't ever get married and find a nice guy.

Then comes, the man of the hour, to save the day - **Ben!**

Police detective and a crafty handyman,  
big and hard as a rock, but with a soft side and respect for girls. He does seem sometimes like a Superman with all his abilities and talents :)

They flirt, go out and all that stuff...it's sweet. Nothing amazing, but sweet.

Naughty stuff were not that graphic [*thank you!!!*] and I wasn't in the mood, so I skimmed through some of it.

Layla has a dog and she's a **lawyer**, so, right on, girl power! I wouldn't mind if there was more stuff about her job, either! This way her characterisation seemed a bit superficial.

A little drama comes near the end, but won't tell you what it is,

you guys hate spoilers, right?;)

I wouldn't mind if this suspense part was a little longer or more dangerous.

Ending is **normal**, no babies, no marriage proposal! Love that! ♥

Anyways, writing is fine, it's sweet, sometimes even a bit funny. This book was even free for some time for Kindle download, now I think book 1 is free on Amazon.

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## Naomi says

4.5 stars

WOW, this book's steamy level was completely off the charts; I LOVED IT, I LOVED.

I received the book as an ARC and I was extremely excited seeing as I had read Now and Then a couple weeks before and couldn't wait to see how Layla's book would be. I wasn't one of those people who had

disliked her in the first book; yes she was bitch, but not enough to hate. Not to give away too much but the book starts with Layla being Slutty McSlut but she's so ashamed of herself that she decides to stop. What I really liked about the book is that the author really shows us that even the biggest bitch in world had insecurities and emotions. I actually liked Layla more than Emma. I happen to have a tad bit of an attitude myself and I tend to blurt out whatever I am thinking, so I felt like I could connect to Layla more.

Now let's get to my absolutely favourite part of the book: Ben. Ben you are sooo HOT. Every time he and Layla were in close proximity I started to fan myself because I knew something GOOD was about to go down. That man can dirty talk like no other. I loved the way the relationship developed though Ben's reluctance to be in a relationship kind of irked me. Overall though, this book was much better than the first one. There was just something about Layla and Ben together that Emma and Cole just didn't do for me. Looking forward to the next book.

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### **Tracy says**

The first page had me wanting to devour this book. I stormed through it and LOVED it!!

Layla was actually likable in this book, (complete bitch in Now And Then). She was a complete changed woman since she swore off one night stands, I was in hysteries at some of the things she came out with. I really came to like her, she was considerate (sometimes), witty and independant. She just needed someone to see HER for HER, not as a casual one night stand. She just needed to figure out she was worth more than that!

**Layla - "Because of my lifestyle change. I feel alot better about myself now that I've stopped screwing men for entertainment."**

Ok sorry Cole but I officially dump you as book boyfriend for.....BEN!! Omg I loved Ben from the point he first appeared in the book. Ben, sexy bad ass cop, tall, hot, some fit muscles, he was easy going, funny, but could be the alpha male when he needed to be. And 'boy' he knew what he was doing in the bedroom \*hot flushes\*.

**Ben - "Neither one of us is perfect, but is it possible we're perfect together, Cupcake?"**

It was great reading this book from Layla's and Ben's POV, the sexy banter between them was fantastic. I loved that Emma and Cole was in the book a little so I could see how they had progressed in their life/relationship. This book had me laughing, then crying, then smiling at the end. I am sooooo looking forward to the third book.... Now And Forever!!!!!! I would rate this book more than 5 stars if I could, thats how much I enjoyed the book :- ) Hats off to Brenda Rothert for writing an amazing book!!

I was sent this book in exchange for my honest review. (Making Connections Group - New Adult Edition)

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### **Michelle says**

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**\*\*4.5 stars\*\***

*Now and Again* by Brenda Rothert is the the second installment of the series *Now*. In the first book, we were introduced to Emma Carson's beautiful older and fiercely independent sister, Layla. She was basically portrayed as a slut and bitch in *Now and Then*. While most readers love to hate her in the first book, I was one of the minority of readers who actually liked her. I was intrigued by her spunky attitude and how she isn't afraid to speak her mind. But behind her strong personality, I know Layla is looking for what every girl hopes to find and that is love. And now we finally we get to hear Layla's story.

*Now and Again* picks up where it last left off in the previous book. Layla's relationship with her sister, Emma is still strained but its getting better. Layla is a young 26 corporate lawyer who decides that she needs to revamp her lifestyle. She decides that she's no longer going to have casual sex and make her career and herself number one priority.

While working on a case, Layla meets Chicago Investigator Ben Montrose. Ben is all man and isn't afraid of getting his hand dirty with manual labor. He is a former Marine who has worked his way up in the law enforcement ladder to become an investigator at the young age of 31.

The sexual chemistry between Layla and Ben are scorching HOT!! They perfectly balance and compliment one another. They are both fiercely independent, witty, strong and stubborn. I love the playful flirty banter they both exchange. Ben is intrigued that Layla is not like any other women he met. He was used to women throwing themselves at him but that was not in the case with Layla. As the two spent more time together, they decide to "date" each other for 4 weeks. Layla will get to be in control of the first 2 weeks and the last 2 weeks Ben would be in control.

Within the 4 weeks, feelings developed between them. Ben brings out Layla's fun and laid back personality. He accepts her past and always reminds her that he doesn't care of her past casual hookups and encounters. Their playful banters often include "dirty talks," which I found to be entertaining. What I love about Ben is that he protects and stands up for Layla's honor and doesn't let anyone disrespect or put her down. Also, he didn't jump at the chance to have "sex" with her right away. He waited till she was ready and knew for sure this is something she wanted.

***"Ben..he gets me. He knows how to handle me. I've never met a man who complements me, but he does. When we're together, I don't feel like an aggressive bitch. I just feel like a woman who knows what she wants. And when he looks at me...I feel beautiful. In more than a tits and ass way."***

Did I like this book than the first one? **THE ANSWER IS A BIG FAT YES!!!** I just like that the heroine isn't weak and afraid to speak her mind. Between the two sisters, I liked Layla the best. Her character was more lively and she isn't afraid to be a bitch. Ben's laid back alpha personality was just refreshing. I was never a Cole fan so I was so happy that the author finally gave us an alpha male who doesn't take bullshit. I think its cute that Ben calls Layla, **Cupcake**.

The only problem I had with this book was Emma. I'm sorry but if your boyfriend disrespects your sister and basically calls her a slut and whore... Ummm, I would slap and punch him in the face. I just didn't like that Emma would cover up for Cole's disrespectful behavior and justify it that he's moody because they haven't had sex in a week. Cole, where is Layla's apology???? In my opinion, Emma.. your sweet loving boyfriend was just simply an *asshole* in this book. Let me tell you, I loved that Ben didn't stand for Cole's harsh words for Layla and made sure to defend his woman's honor and character.

*"Layla..I love you, too. I do, I want to be with you. I want to share the ups and downs with you."*

**Overall I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and devoured it in one sitting. This book had romance, playfulness, love, passion, sexual chemistry, a little angst, "dirty talks" and suspense all wrapped up. And to top it off, a HEA ending!!**

For the final book of the series *Now and Forever* I'm hoping that Layla and Emma's relationship gets back on track to what it was before. In my bias opinion, I rather read more about Layla and Ben than Emma and Cole.

Brenda Rothert

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### **Nikki says**

Ok I will admit, I did warm up to Layla! I loved Ben, and sadly could only tolerate Cole and Emma. I don't know what happened to them in this book but they were not themselves! The story was good and even though I had to wait for freaking ever for the sex, the 'playtime' between Layla and Ben was pretty hot! I wish the 'suspense' aspect had been more draw out and played up because it was pretty interesting but other than that I have few no complaints! :D

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### **Sheri says**

After working hard and pushing others around to get what she has wanted her whole life, Layla comes to the point where she realizes some things can't be forced – like love. She decides she needs to take a step back and reevaluate her priorities, and when she does she realizes she doesn't like the person she has become. After taking a hiatus from her life, or at least her dating life, she starts to see things clearly for the first time.

I liked this story even more than Emma's, mostly I think because of the drastic change in Layla. In the beginning she was still the slutty bitch she had been in *Now and Then*, but over the course of the story we got to watch her grow as a person and watch as her personality morphed into someone she was comfortable with and eventually liked. I really hated her in the first book, hated the way she treated others, her sister, and herself. By the end of this book, she was my favorite sister. I also loved Ben. Super sexy, a successful career, and not afraid to go after what he wants...what's not to like?

The sexy banter between Layla and Ben was so much fun and had me laughing a few times. Additionally, the sexual tension in this book was off the charts.

The only thing that disappointed me about this book was Cole. I loved him in book one, but for some reason, though we didn't see a lot of him, he was pretty much a jerk in this book. I'm hoping that will be explained more in book three and he can come to terms with whatever his problem is with Ben. I am looking forward to reading the last book in this series.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## Pam says

This book was amazing. After reading Now and Then, the first book in the series, I wasn't a fan of Layla. After reading this book, I love her. Layla is trying to reform herself after trying to sleep her way through men trying to find a husband when she meets Ben. The chemistry between them is amazing, and the sexual tension...wow. Besides the romance, there was humor which I wasn't expecting. I found myself laughing out loud a few times. And of course there is drama. Yes, I had tears. I loved everything about this book. The characters, the story...I can not wait for book 3.

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## Alpha Possessive Heroes says

### 4.5 Bitches!

If you read the first book in this series, then you met Layla.. the bitch sister. Well, surprise surprise! This is her story. :)

*Layla is tired of mindless fuck with random guys and promised herself that she's done with casual sex...*

Gotta say that I love this bitch! Layla is the exact opposite of her sister Emma. She's edgy, strong independent woman that loves to sleep around with guys. I would say, she's a certified 100% WHORE. :)

But honestly, behind this tough independent is a woman who is so much more. Don't get me wrong, she's still a bitch here. lol. But You'll see a different side of her that by the end of the book you can't help but love the vulnerable-bitchy character. This kinda surprise me because helpless/doormat heroines are my thing but there's something about Layla that made me like her so much that I want to marry her myself!

*She was disgusted with herself as she hung up. Emma didn't have a mean bone in her body. Why did Layla resent her happiness? She was a strong, independent woman who had a full life of her own. She resolved to go to dinner at her parents' house and catch up with her sister. So she had a boyfriend, and so it was Cole Marlowe. Layla could be mature about it.*

I love her relationship with her sister. It was a little awkward at first but I enjoyed reading their interactions. It felt very realistic when she was trying not feel resentful and jealous towards Emma. I'm glad it was sorted out and wasn't the main focus of the story. :)

*“Please ... You're so cocky.”*  
*“Bet you can't wait to find out just how cocky I am,” he said, winking. Layla looked away and laughed, but felt her cheeks warming.*

*Ben met Layla and find her different. He's used to women falling all over him so he was caught off-guard when Layla turns him down. Both of them likes to be in control, in so Layla doesn't think a relationship will work but Ben wants and her... He finds Layla's weak spot – competition, which he happens to share – and challenges her to a game that could make them, or destroy them.*

I love love Ben! Omigahhh!

He's sooo adorable I just want to lick him like a popsicle! He's swoon worthy, sexy, alpha. I love that he's a pushover but not a jerk. *sigh*. I find it really cute that he's a little unsure when it comes to Layla.

***“I’d give you the best – cupcake – you’ve ever had,” he said, meeting her eyes. “You’d be begging for more. If you want an average cupcake, find someone else. I can only give you the best.”***

Both characters were strong-likeable personalities and that's refreshing for me. I thought everything won't work out and somehow they would clash but the author did a great job on balancing Ben and Layla.

***“You want a guy to be your wedding date. To take to your parents’ house. To show you affection. Love. To propose to you on a rooftop somewhere and cry when you accept. That’s not me.”***

I wanted to kill Ben when he said these words to Layla.. lol. It kinda broke my heart! One thing I learned after reading this book? Every bitches deserves a HEA! They just need to find the right one. :)

**Overall** this is way better than the first book!! The banter between these two was entertaining! So if your tired of reading whiny heroines then this one is for you! It's a light read that has the right amount of everything. A little drama, sexiness and suspense that had me on the edge!

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## Confessions of 2 Book Lovers Blog (Co2BL) says

**Lindsay:** Going into this book...I hated Layla. I wasn't looking forward to reading about her. After the crap she pulled and the way she acted in the previous book, I just didn't care about her story. Even as I started this book, my heart wasn't in it...Until I met Ben.

**Nikki:** OMG! I hated Layla too! (to see our rants, [click here](#)) And you practically had to twist my arm to get me to finally read it! But once I got into it, I fell in love with Ben!

**Lindsay:** Ben was a HUGE bright spot for me. He was everything you would expect in an alpha male. And with my dislike of Layla, everything I would want to see matched against her. All the typical alpha behaviors that would typically have me reaching for my Irritable gifs worked with Ben.

**Nikki:** I'm surprised you didn't use them on Layla! She had so many moments where she was irritating and I was embarrassed for her!

**Lindsay:** Yeah, I agree with that. I felt like as much as she'd changed, she didn't believe in that change herself and she kept putting herself down. I couldn't stand that. If you say it enough, other people are going



to start believing it.

**Nikki:** That annoyed me too. But at the same time, I was also calling her a Slutbag McGee for her actions! She was just unbelievable!

**Lindsay:** LOL. I can't say that I ever loved Layla (because I didn't), but I warmed up to her...some...but that's about it. The fact is, I hold grudges and I couldn't forgive her for her actions toward Emma in book 1. But, I enjoyed the little mystery/suspense story that was thrown in with the notes she received. I just wish there had been more to it. Because by time the end was nearing, I kept wondering if we would ever get a resolution of it.

**Nikki:** I also liked the suspense element! But we're both fans of romantic suspense, so we shouldn't be surprised by it. But I have to agree with you, I didn't like that there was such a big gap between occurrences of that story.

**Lindsay:** I can't believe I'm going to say this...but at one point, I actually felt sorry for Layla. Her "best friend" Lane was just awful. Layla walked away from the table for just a minute and Lane took advantage of that to hit on Ben. I was cheering for him when he turned her down but when he told Layla about it, she wasn't surprised and said as much. She accepted it as normal. And I don't care how awful Layla was, she deserved better friends than that. Melanie was a good friend. Melanie was what Layla should have realized she deserved in a friend. Not Lane. I wanted Layla to tell off Lane and end the friendship, but she didn't. So in that way, I think Emma was the stronger of the two sisters.

**Nikki:** Again, I agree with you! Emma has a great friend in Dani. I love her and their friendship. But Lane was awful! I was shocked that Layla just accepted Lane's actions with just a "that's how it is" attitude! What happened to the ball busting lawyer!?

**Lindsay:** I think she was so caught up in her own hype of being a "whore" and "mean girl" that she thought she deserved it.

**Nikki:** Yeah, I can see that. I really wanted Lane!

**Lindsay:** LOL. I was right there with you!

Well, overall...\*said grudgingly\* this was a good book. I loved Ben and had trouble putting this down.

**Nikki:** I was surprised at how much I like it. I laughed all the way through it...you know...even though I still don't like Layla.

**Lindsay:** Lol. So, what's your final rating? I hold grudges so I can't only give it a total score of a 3.5. Ben totally gets a 5 though.

**Nikki:** I would be willing to give it a 4. I enjoyed it more than I thought I would.

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## **Lindsay says**

3.5

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And speaking of Emma (and Cole by extension), I loved catching up with them. However. I didn't like what happened to Cole. For me, he went from a guy that was strong and secure in his relationship to an immature, insecure guy that got jealous if another guy so much as looked at Emma. It just didn't ring true for me. He wasn't acting like a guy that secure in his relationship and living with the woman he loved. He was acting like a territorial guy that didn't know where he stood with the woman he was dating and he wasn't even like that back when he and Emma first started dating.

Another issue I had was the way Layla kept calling herself a whore. While I had similar thoughts during book 1, (but never used that exact word) it wasn't true for this book. She had grown as a person and had stopped...seeing...so many men. So even if it had been true, it wasn't anymore. But she kept calling herself that and it bothered me...and it bothered Ben. It just seemed to go against the "strong-woman-alpha-mean-girl" personality she seemed to have throughout the book.

I can't say this book was awesome (aside from Ben) but it wasn't horrible. It's definitely worth reading.

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## **Eva says**

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We meet the sexy attorney Layla Carson again. This time Layla still angry over her baby sister snagging their hot sexy childhood neighbor, the object of Layla's list to the altar guy, she has decided to swear off of sex.

But what the reforming sexaholic is about to find out is her attraction to one uber hot Ben Montrose ex-marine turned sexy as hell detective will knock her off her game. But Ben is dealing with his own reasons for not wanting to be in a committed relationship.

Ben and Layla's non-relationship woes and antics kept me reading from start to finish. I liked that she finally woke up and realized that she is a prize. Continuing the characters from Now and Then kept the story intriguing. This could have been read separately and you would still have been able to follow why Layla was so distant with her sister Emma and her boyfriend Cole. I didn't like that Cole came off as an asshole but understood once we were given his reasoning.

These two sisters are everyday people. Their issues can be heard in any town where young people are single and trying to meet someone to fulfill their list of qualities.

Can't wait to read the third installment. These sister's have me hooked.

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## Vanessa says

I freaking love Brenda Rothert! Review to come with my tour post on 11/7...

### **\*\*FULL REVIEW\*\***

*“Writing her goals on a sheet of pink Hello Kitty paper as she started high school had seemed like a way to get everything she wanted, back then. As long as it was on the list, she believed it would happen. So far, she’d checked off “be valedictorian”, “become an attorney”, and “visit another country”. The list was tucked into a compartment of her wallet, and she hadn’t looked at it in a while. Since she was turning 27 soon, she knew there would be no check next to “get married by age 28”. But so what? Men were overrated anyway.”*

Layla Carson needs to figure things out. When life throws a curveball that leaves her envious and still alone, she decides to swear off men for a bit and just focus on her. Having the reputation she does is a hard rock to crawl out from under, but seven months and a busy schedule definitely helps. Even though her life list has come to a stand-still, Layla pushes forward with other aspects; her career, her family, her friends...until one day, she walks into the office of Sergeant Ben Montrose. Holy sexy man. Nope, not going to happen. She has a job to do and he is going to be the one to help her get it done. That is it...except, maybe it isn't. Layla doesn't know it yet, Ben might not be what she wants, but he may be just what she needs.

*“There was something about her that just sparkled. She was sharp and edgy, but he liked that about her. Women who fell all over him were a dime a dozen...I know, it seems weird. I’ve never in my life chased a woman until now. If they didn’t come to me, I always figured another one would. But there’s something about her. She’s got this façade of not caring, but I can tell that deep down she wants me to chase her. And damned if I don’t want to catch her.”*

Classic game of cat and mouse, except Ben plays dirty. He has never been turned down by a woman before and he only hopes that he can convince Layla to let her guard down just enough to where he can get in...but she's not so sure. The chemistry is there, and Ben makes her feel something she didn't think she needed; safety. Being a strong and independent woman, Layla is convinced she can take care of herself, until she starts receiving creepy letters, and even worse, a sense of being watched...\*shudders\*

Will Ben prove to her that he can be more than just a protector, or confidant? Or is he just after what every other guy is after when it comes to Layla Carsen? Four Weeks. Set Rules. Limits. What will happen if and

when both parties get what they want? And who is the creeper?

***“He can’t say no to you and you can’t say yes to him. This is an interesting relationship you guys have.”***

Brenda Rothert does it again in the second book of Now. I was so excited to read this book, I nearly jumped out of my seat when it landed in my inbox. I am forever fan and this book definitely did not disappoint! I am all for a sexy cop and a very strong female. What made me love this story even more is that Layla talks big, but she’s a girl. And at the end of the day, every girl wants the same.damn.thing...Love. Does she get it? Read and find out, you won’t be sorry!

Layla & Ben:

**\*\*5 Sluts Need Love Too Stars\*\***

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## **Carrie says**

Now and Again is book 2 in the Now series. It focuses on Layla Carson who is the sister of Emma from book 1. This is a different Layla then we read about in Now and Then. She's learned her lesson in this book. She is no longer trying to sleep her way to finding a husband. And just when she stops looking she managed to meet Ben.

Ben is a detective with the police department. He also wasn't looking to find anyone. But their chemistry is unmistakable. They have amazing banter. I love it when an author can write a witty conversation. I found myself laughing out loud like a weirdo a few times.

Besides being both steamy and funny we also get a mystery element in this book. Layla has a stalker. This brings a whole other dimension to the story. I don't want to go any further into this as I don't want to spoil anyone's fun.

Emma and Cole make a few guest appearances in this book so we get to see how they are doing. Plus, Emma and Layla's relationship is still strained ever since Layla lost Cole to her sister.

Ultimately, I loved getting into Layla's head. I actually found that I liked Layla better than Emma which I would have never guess after reading the first book.

I was very fortunate to get to beta read this awesome novel.

Bring on Book 3!!

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## **Lesley says**

I received a copy of Now and Again by Brenda Rothert in exchange for an honest review.

Now and Again is the second book in the Now series by Brenda Rothert. The first book, Now and Then, was

Emma's story and Now and Again is her sister Layla's story. While it's a series, Brenda Rothert gave enough back history on Emma and Cole, that you could read Now and Again as a standalone and be able to fully understand the story.

When I first met Layla in Now and Then, she wasn't easy to like. She was manipulative and superficial and just looking for a good time with whatever guy would give her a good time. But once she saw her little sister in a loving relationship, she decided it was time to stop her wild ways. She swore off casual encounters and concentrated on her law career. Somewhere in all of that, she became likeable and I found myself on her side, hoping that she'd be able to find what she was looking for in life.

Through one of her cases, she meets Ben Montrose, a detective with the Chicago Police Department. Sparks fly almost immediately between them. Neither Ben nor Layla feel that they are worthy of an exclusive, satisfactory relationship as they both feel that certain things in their past are not conducive to a relationship. Will they be able to overlook their own obstacles and be able to make it work together?

I really enjoyed Now and Again. It was a quick read, with plenty of steam and a little bit of suspense. Even though I went into the book without liking the Layla that I knew from Emma's story, Brenda Rothert did a great job in redeeming Layla's characters and made me want to root for her. Book 3, Now and Forever, should be out in a few more months and will be the continuation of both Emma and Layla's stories and I am going to be on pins and needles waiting for it to come out so that I can see how things work out for them.

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## Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

***I'll admit, I'm surprised how attracted I am to your combative nature. But you're under my skin now. I don't want a compliant woman - I want you.***

I knew just one thing going into this book; how much I absolutely **HATED** Layla in book 1. How do I even describe the way she came off in that book? Ahh yes!

Think I'm exaggerating here? Not even close. Then there was Layla's penchant of sleeping with pretty much every hot guy that crossed her path. Honestly!

She was selfish, arrogant, rude, and pretty much everything I should hate in a heroine. But see here's the thing, I have never anticipated a book more than with her. There's nothing more I love that a good story of redemption and imagine my surprise when I ended up liking Layla more than her sister Emma, from book 1.

After too much alcohol and a case of feeling sorry for herself lands her in the bed of yet another nameless man, Layla knows she's finished with that part of her life. She's done with meaningless sex and hookups. She's sworn off bad boys, but she knows that deep down she may not be the kind of woman that the 'nice guys' would go for.

But of course, life never quite works out the way you plan. So when Layla meets Ben, the super sexy cop that isn't shy about making his intentions known, she finds that resisting the bad boys is not as easy as it seems.

Ben was just...he was so....gah! \*dreamy sigh\* I frigging LOVED Ben. Did I happen to mention that along with being super sexy, a cop, the man also drive a motorcycle and has tattoos? Because let me just tell you, I about orgasmed from the sexy overload that was him.

When Ben first lays eyes on the outspoken and gorgeous attorney, he knows what he wants. He's not the type to settle down, but he wants Layla, even if it's only for a short while. But Layla is not at all what he thought her to be.

***You're the kind of girl who makes a list about her perfect man, and it has things like 'dreamy' and 'sweet' on it, and I bet every 'i' is dotted with a heart."***  
***Layla was only taken aback for a second. "How do you know my list doesn't have 'big cock' and 'filthy mouth' on it?" she said, raising her brows at Ben.***  
***His lips parted in surprise. "Does it?" he asked, his gaze darkening a shade.***  
***"Fuck yes."***

Knowing that the combustible attraction between them is going to be impossible to resist, Ben is determined to have Layla. So when he finds her weak spot with competition, he challenges her to a game that just might make them or destroy them.

This book was so much more than the synopsis. I didn't expect to enjoy it as much as I did. Layla and Ben were both such strong characters, yet both of them had their own hidden vulnerability that threatened to destroy them.

The two of them together burned up the pages

But beneath the sexy words and sexual tension, there was a fantastic story about 2 broken souls. I loved the relationship development between Layla and Ben. I am not a fan of insta anything, and I was so happy to see that didn't happen here. Even though I thought my ovaries might explode from all the sexual tension at times, it was well worth the wait. Because when these two finally get together...

I loved that Layla was a converted bitch. It was a refreshing change from all the mousy and introverted heroines I've been reading about lately. She was confident, outspoken, and yet she had this layer of vulnerability to her that you couldn't help but like.

If you enjoy steamy contemporary romances with dirty talking, sexy heroes and confident and outspoken heroines, that you really need to check this book out. A big rec from this girl!

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