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**A sexy category romance from Entangled's Brazen imprint...**

*She craves what only he can give her. But he's not giving in without a fight...*

Veterinarian Sal Kennedy's lost her mojo and is desperate to get it back. In fact, as the anniversary of the tragedy that destroyed her life looms large, she'll do anything to erase the painful memories, including overdoing the tequila and making a pass at the most annoyingly inappropriate man on the planet. Fellow veterinarian Doyle Jackson is her flatmate and her employee and therefore strictly off-limits.

Unfortunately, Doyle knows how to bring the goods and make her mojo sit up and beg.

Doyle is only too happy to oblige Sal in her hour of need, but then she demands more, and she's perfectly happy playing dirty to get it. He wants more, too—more than just sex, that is, and it's something Sal's not willing to give. But Doyle is in this for the long haul now, and he's prepared to fight even dirtier to get what he wants. Even if that means they both keep losing all their clothes in the process...

## Ask Me Nicely Details

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## From Reader Review Ask Me Nicely for online ebook

Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

2.75 Stars

*Either kill each other or just get naked and do the wild thing already. You're scaring the animals."*

As much as I loved No More Mr. Nice Guy, I was really looking forward to Mack's sister and Josie's best friend getting her own book. She was such a fun and sassy secondary character in their book that she just HAD to be even better in her own one, right? Sadly that wasn't the case here

*There was something very broken about Sal Kennedy...*

I am all for a heroine that owns her sexuality and makes no bones about it. Unfortunately there is that very delicate line between owning it and being brash, and for me, Sal kind of crossed that line. She was just **too** much in her own book. Clearly she's hiding a deep rooted issue that causes her to be as detached as she is with men now.

*She kissed like the devil, she came like a nymphomaniac who'd been celibate for a decade, and she shattered like a little girl who'd lost her best friend.*

I think because the reader wasn't privy to what her issues are until the last 15% of the book it made it really difficult to connect to Sal. I spent most of the book frustrated with her constant back and forth with Doyle. Especially since Doyle was such a nice guy and extremely tolerant and understanding of Sal's behavior. While Sal has no problem sleeping around, Doyle doesn't want to be just another one-night stand. Living with Sal, he's come to know her routine and he's not enabling it. Of course he wants to have sex with her, but he just wants one thing first; a date.

Sal is having none of it. With over five years of using no strings sex as her form of therapy, she's not looking to get tied down. But ever since the sexy vet moved into her apartment, he's also seemed to have stolen her orgasms. Easy fix to that, right? Just have HIM give them to her. If only he didn't want that damn date...

*Fine. Let's do it your way, then. Let's go on a bloody date. Satisfied?"*

*"Ah...you want to try that again? NICELY?"*

*Sal almost chocked. "I beg your pardon?"*

*"Ask me nicely."*

*"You want me to ask you nicely?"*

*"Sure. A guy likes to feel like he's being romanced."*

While I get that the author wanted to leave the reason for Sal's detachment for the big reveal towards the end, unfortunately it had a backfiring effect for me. This could have been a great emotional and sexy read, and it

turned into an exercise in frustration. I never connected with Sal, and Doyle, no matter how sexy he was, just kind of fizzled out in the background of all her "issues". I'm still a fan of this author and look forward to her next installment of this series. Sadly this book just didn't quite do it for me.

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### **Rachel says**

I admit to being one of the readers who begged for Sally's book after reading No more Mr Nice Guy and with an opening sentence like this "Sally Kennedy needed more tequila. And an orgasm. Not necessarily in that order, of course." I knew I was going to be hooked and I was.

This book had lots of laugh out moments, hot sexy times and packs quite an emotional punch too. But that said, the author totally does Sally justice.

For Sal, who has lived through a horrific loss and has come out the other side a changed woman, and having a revolving door of one might stands suit her just fine. That is till Doyle, her employee and flat mate move in.

Mmmm Doyle. Vet, kitty whisperer, temporary and totally hot for his boss. But since she has made it clear she doesn't "do the crew" she's off limits. Or so he thought.....

After an incident in the kitchen between Sal and Doyle with his magic fingers crosses the line that Sal has erected things go from platonic to sizzle.

"Wear something sexy," he threw over his shoulder. Sal glared at his back. If she wasn't so damn horny she'd wear a sack and a chastity belt just to piss him off.

When after weeks of prolonged foreplay that line gets obliterated, can either of them go back to the way things used to be before hearts are broken or can Sal find a way to make her past, present and future blend to allow her to find happiness again with Doyle, the only man to make her happy in a long time?

This was a fun, flirty, sexy and at times emotional read. And after one scene in particular your will never look at fairy floss aka cotton candy the same way again or without fanning yourself.

Thank you Amy Andrews for one, giving Sal a story and two for giving her Doyle. There could be no better match for her. I'm so happy to see Sal get her HEA.

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### **Michelle says**

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I enjoyed reading Ask Me Nicely but didn't love it as much as I anticipated it would be. I was so looking forward to reading Sal's book after reading No More Mr. Nice Guy but I couldn't connect with Sal. Yes, Sal's past is heartbreaking but the way she kept pushing Doyle away was getting on my nerves since Doyle was an absolute sweetheart. He was sexy, kind, nurturing and your nice guy hero. Doyle was very tolerant and understanding in keeping up with Sal's indecisiveness. I just wished the author delved deeper in Sally's issues so readers could emotionally connect with her and not just tolerate her personality. Overall, Amy Andrews doesn't fail in delivering a sexy and steamy book but I just wished I could have connected to the heroine in order for me to really love the book.

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### **Janey says**

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2.75 Do me now, Doyle stars..

Sal Kennedy is keeping the family Vets practice running whilst her brother, Mack, and BF, Josie, are away in London. We were entertained with their story in No More Mr Nice Guy, and now we have the younger sister's turn.

Sal is sad, having experienced a life changing event, which she deals with by being an organised, forthright lady, even in the bedroom. Choosing one night stands, allows her to distance herself and therefore avoid readdressing the emotions of her past.

But Sal is finding it increasingly difficult to ignore the looming presence of Doyle Jackson, the temporary vet taken on to cover for Mack. Not only is he there in the workplace, but he is also living in the apartment above the practice, alongside Sal, which is severely testing her resolve.

Burying her guilt, or drowning it one night, she ignores her usual mantra “don’t screw with the crew” and makes a beeline for the obliging Doyle.

But Doyle doesn’t just want one night, and finds himself yearning for more, whilst trying to avoid the inevitable tumbling into bed these two have a habit of doing.

I really enjoyed Mack and Josie’s story, and was excited to get stuck into this. However, the insatiable appetite of the usually stroppy Sal, played the primary role. I also felt the humour ever present in the former story, was not as evident in this one. The sadder tone of the plot created a more sombre story towards the end, but I just felt it lacked the same energy, the same pull for me.

As a consequence, I lacked a connection with Sal, finding her a tad annoying. But I did like Doyle and his irrefutable, charming ability with animals, children and old ladies!

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### **Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says**

Reviewed by Kim  
for Read Your Writes Book Reviews

Is it possible to have more than one soulmate in a lifetime? If your soulmate died are you destined to be alone forever? Does your moving on and being happy in every way possible mean that you're disloyal to them? For Sal Kennedy, these are all questions she's had to face. Sally "Sal" Kennedy captured readers interest in her brother Mack and best friend Josie's story, *No More Mr. Nice Guy*. Sal is a twenty-six-year-old veterinarian living and working in Brisbane. After surviving a horrible tragedy, Sal is a party girl, who uses men and sex to escape her nightmares. She likes to pretend that she is happy and is a functioning member of the living world. But this isn't true.

Doyle Jackson is a twenty-eight-year-old freelance veterinarian. He's working with Sal at Kennedy Family Veterinary Practice while Sal's brother Mack is out of the country. Not only is Doyle working with Sal, he's living with her as well. But Sal has made it perfectly clear time and time again that there will never be anything between them. Unfortunately or maybe fortunately for Sal, Jose Cuervo has other plans. Since Doyle has started living with Sal, things for her in the bedroom department just haven't been the same. With some liquid courage, she attempts to get Doyle out of her system. Sal just isn't prepared for Doyle to be different from other men and not bow down to her will. Doyle wants more from Sal than just being a small distraction. He wants a true chance and plans on making Sal step out of her comfort zone to get it.

"You have no idea how dirty I can play" He laughed. "Bring. It. On."

A Brazen book should have me running to the shower to cool off. Not, grabbing a tissue because I'm crying. Well, this story actually did both. I will never look at fairy floss the same again, thank you Doyle.

*Ask Me Nicely* is simply a wow read and brings two wonderful characters together. Sal is broken but Doyle manages to see who she really is and not just the person she wants the world to see. He fights for himself and for them as a couple. He forces Sal to realize that anything is possible if you just ask nicely.

"Ask me nicely." Sal almost choked. "You want me to ask you nicely?" "Sure. A guy likes to feel like he's being romanced."

If you're looking for a book with real everyday characters who can bring heat, passion, and emotions, this is definitely a book to read.

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### **Carmen Rae says**

I really should have paid more attention to this book before I picked it up.

I wanted some fluff between books and normally that's exactly what these entangled books do. Just a quick story to change the pace of the books I have been reading.

However that wasn't exactly what I got with this one. I didn't realise we already had met the mc in her brothers book and I especially didn't know that her story was so heartbreakingly sad I would have been happier not knowing the more intimate details.

But then I guess that's entirely on me. And I can't say I didn't like the book or the characters cause I did and it did break up the pace like I wanted it just wasn't the light and fluffy I was hoping for.

That said there were a lot of hot steamy scenes that made me wish the mc wasn't the only one not wearing anything under her skirt. So over all it was a good read just not what I was chasing when I picked it up.

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## **Book Reading Gals says**

Thoughts:

First line of the book: "Sally Kennedy needed more tequila. And an orgasm. Not necessarily in that order of course." COME ON! From that line alone I was ready to read more!!

This story made me laugh out loud and cry and cheer. We met Sal when her big brother/vet partner and her BFF were finding their way to love in the 5 star read *No More Mr Nice Guy*. We were not told a lot about her back story but it was hinted that it was traumatic and whatever it was had kept Sal from loving again.

There are so many things I loved about this story one of the main things being that the author, Amy Andrews, didn't make us wait until the end of the book to find out the trauma that was torturing Sally. As a reader we found out relatively early in the story so we knew why her heart was so closed off from Doyle.

Sally Kennedy doesn't want to date or be woo'd and chased and made to feel that her worth is more than just a good time... she wants the physical and that's it. Doyle was relentless in his pursuit of her! And for a short time I wondered if he was going to get through to her... but there is a line in Chapter 16 that was so gut clenching and truly spoke to me - made me cry and hold my breath and... oh man! I want to share the line but it will give too much away! Read this book I think you will love it as much as I did!

Grade A

Review by: Jeananna

<http://www.thebookreadinggals.com>

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## **CL says**

**WARNING: You will never look at Candy Floss / Fairy Floss / Cotton Candy(\*) the same way again.**  
(\* delete as appropriate)

**ARC received from:** Netgalley

**Rating:** 5\*

**Cover:** Yay

**Trope:** Sexy times galore between two hot vets

**Chemistry:** Off the charts Scorchio

**POV:** 3rd Person

**One-Sentence Summary:** Sal, wounded veterinarian with a tragic past, has lost her mojo and ends up drunkenly hitting on her flatmate and fellow vet Doyle. Sexy times ensue.

**Review:** It's been awhile since I've read a book so completely hot and sizzling with UST from start to finish! I mean right from the opening scene the sparks between Doyle and Sal had me fanning myself.

And Doyle .... a sexy hot guy who loves animals and won't give up on a stubborn, scarred girl? What more could you want in a hero? If I send you a Self Addressed Envelope, do you think someone could send me one?!

I loved the whole book from start to finish so it would be too hard to choose a favourite scene but in terms of a memorable scene? I think the candy/fairy floss wins hands down!

**PS. This book gives a whole new meaning to Def Leppard's 'Pour Some Sugar On Me' .... ;)**

Full review with pictures @ Love's A State Of Mind

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**Elle the ClosetRomanceReader aka Leftie aka Shoebelle says**

*\*Complimentary copy received from publisher via Netgalley\**

**2.5 ★**

I'm not quite sure how I feel about this...

Let me just put it out there that seeing this is an Entangled Brazen, you'll get the heat, for sure!

As for the rest, please just take this for what it is, personal take...

Despite Sal's history, she didn't quite win me over. She's a well-formed character yet I forgot sometimes why I should care for her. I wasn't annoyed with her, but I found her a little too hard around the edges, so she just came off grating at certain points.

Doyle was a definite highlight for me. I thought he was quite delightful. There is an ease to him that I like. I get his thought process, and I certainly can't complain about his hotness! C'mon, for starter, he's a vet so he's good with animals, hello! I also love how he handled Sal. And how he saw Sal definitely helped soften her up in my head.

And for me, that last part how Sal moved their relationship forward helped in taking away some of her hard

edges. So in the end, this ended up being in the middle road for me. This is a first Amy Andrews read for me, and as it stands, there may or may not be any more. Not quite sure yet...

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### **Claire Robinson says**

#### **2.5 - "I'm battered and bruised and I'm tougher, but I'm still here." Stars.**

I am a huge fan of Amy Andrews, I loved the first book she released through the Brazen imprint *No More Mr. Nice Guy* and the synopsis for *Ask Me Nicely* offered up everything I am looking for in my next romantic read, so I happily turned the Kindle on and dived right in.

#### **"All good things come to those that wait."**

Sally Kennedy featured a little in *No More Mr. Nice Guy* in that she was Mack's sister and Josie's best friend. You were given a little insight into her life, the fact she had suffered a great loss previously. With that in mind I was expecting a sexy, yet emotional read, of a ballsy woman looking to move on from her past, but still very much dealing with the grief associated with it.

#### **"Either kill each other or just get naked and do the wild thing already. You're scaring the animals."**

The main issue I have with the book is the fact that the loss and grief you are expecting to go through with Sal, is pretty much overlooked until the last 15-20% off the story. I liked Doyle, he offered a little light relief but he was pretty much a secondary character to Sal's sexual appetite, and the fun and games that ensued because of it.

#### **"You stole my orgasms."**

I can wholly get onboard with a self-assured, confident woman enjoying uncomplicated, commitment-free sex, but it was essentially being used as an emotional crutch and as a way to block out the issues that Sal didn't want to face up to. If there had been more emphasis put on the emotional aspects of why she was behaving like she was it would have had a massive impact on my enjoyment of this couples story, the titillation, sexy-times and innuendo between them was really well written, but it was left sorely lacking due to no real emotional back-up until the last stages of the book.

Amy Andrews has a great writing style; the story and its direction unfortunately just didn't work for me on this occasion.

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### **Nicola says**

I loved the first book in this series and was so pleased when I found out Amy Andrews was writing Sal's story. The spark she brought between Mack and Josie in *No More Mr. Nice Guy* was amongst the *Brazen* imprints finest. Unfortunately, the spark between Sal and Doyle was underwhelming.

With her brother Mack and best friend Josie all loved up in London, Sal has hired Doyle Jackson to cover for him at her Veterinary practice. She may have declared a no sleeping with the staff policy, but her tequila induced self has other ideas and Doyle is only too happy to keep the boss happy.

***“I have needs. And you have magic fingers.”***

Sal was a great secondary character in NMMNG and brought some of the humorous moments. But this wasn't the case in *Ask Me Nicely*. Granted, she has a painful past and that plays a huge part as to why she is the way she is - strong, stubborn yet vulnerable, but it didn't play a huge part to the story which surprised me and was somewhat lost amongst the prolonged sexual teasing and game of cat and mouse between her and Doyle. Don't get me wrong, Doyle was lovely in that cheeky, confident and slightly cocky way and I have a soft spot for Aussie men, and whilst there were some nice moments between him and Sal, on the whole there was simply too much build up with a lack of depth, to the point where I found myself bored.

Amy Andrews does know how to create likeable characters, but on this occasion I needed more from this couple sooner. The last 20% of the book was more of what I was hoping for earlier on and yes, there was some emotion, but unfortunately this time it was a case of too little, too late. 2.5 stars.

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### **Blessie (Mischievous Reads) says**

**Review originally posted on:** Mischievous Reads

**\*ARC courtesy of Entangled Publishing in exchange for honest review**

#### **3.5 Stars**

Been waiting for Sal's story, glad she finally had her own.

With Sally having been introduced in the first book as the sassy, no shit taker veterinarian sister, I've already enjoyed her character then, thus I assumed I was going to enjoy her character more. I was right. She was fierier, sassier and took no more shit from anyone.

With Josie and Mack (The characters from the first book, *No More Mr. Nice Guy*, which I would definitely say was a smoking hot book) now living their couple life in London, Sally is left behind to man the veterinary clinic, along with a couple of employees, and the new temp vet, Doyle Jackson, who also turns out to be a total hottie with a magnificent set of muscles and washboard abs, and is currently lodging in Sal's apartment as part of his employee contract.

What I didn't expect when reading about Sal was her depressing past, which had led to her current broken self, and I also didn't expect her main reason for wanting to have sex with Doyle to be quite shallow -- not being able to reach an orgasm with her dates, but was successful with Doyle with a little humping action during her drunken state. But Doyle knows there's more to Sal than just her wanton self, and he wants more of her. However, Sal doesn't want more than being friends with benefits.

No matter how I enjoyed Sal's sassiness and her wanton self, she came off as quite annoying for constantly

pushing Doyle away due to her denial towards their attraction for each other, although that was only at the beginning because when she finally saw the light, I gradually felt ease. But the character I enjoyed more was Doyle. He was the perfect hero; handsome, sexy, smart and loves animals. Who doesn't want a guy like that? Sign me up for a Doyle Jackson!

And let me not get started with all the sexy scenes going on with this book because every turn of a page is absolutely explosive and definitely one of the hottest Brazens I've ever read. Amy Andrews has caught my attention with the steamy sex in the first book, *No More Mr. Nice Guy*, but this book is definitely chart topping hot!

I'm hoping to read more of Amy Andrews -- Gemma's book, perhaps, as she is one of my favorite side characters in this book -- and looking forward to another sexy novel by her.

If you're a Brazen addict, you definitely shouldn't miss out on this one, because this is jaw dropping hot with the right amount of romantic drama.

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### **Amanda Sheila says**

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I loved it!

Surprisingly this book is better than I expected it. At first, the story went kind of dragging to me, but slowly, bam! I'm in love.

Doyle's smitten with his boss, Sal. He's been watching her quietly, and to make it even worse, he also live under the same roof. But Sal refuse to "screw the crew", until one night. One night that changes everything. Sal's bothered by Doyle's existence around her, and by bothered it means horny. But she has this secret that she don't want to share, especially with Doyle. But what will happen when Doyle starts getting under her skin and she loves it?

I really adore Doyle. Plus, even after everything, he still "easily" go to Sal with no grudge, just deep affection. That's what I love about him, he's straightforward and sincere. And about Sal, I really get why she did what she *did*. She's scarred, inside and out. But I'm proud when she finally lets Doyle in.

This book is not the first Amy Andrews books I read and certainly not the last. Even though I don't give it 5 stars, but I'm up for "encouragement". LOL! Definitely going to read more!! :)

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### **Sheri (Tangled Up In Books) says**

Originally posted on my blog: Tangled Up In Books

*I received a copy of this book, from the publisher, in exchange for an honest review. In no way did this sway*

*either my review or my rating!*

This book has done such a number on my heart and soul. Both in very, very good ways and in ways that made my heart just ache. Have you ever finished a book and felt like you were wrapped up in this emotional bubble of happiness and bliss. You don't want anyone to talk to you, let alone touch you because you're afraid if anything like that were to penetrate these emotions and this feeling that the bubble would surely burst and you'd lose that bliss? That's kind of the state I'm in right now. I just want to go sit somewhere quiet, where nothing can touch me and just be.

I had already put in the request for *Ask Me Nicely* before I even read the blurb. Being written by Amy Andrews it was basically a no brainer. After talking to her briefly about it on Twitter I was over the moon to find out this was going to be Sal Kennedy's book. The first book I ever read by her was *No More Mr. Nice Guy*, which is all about Sal's older brother Mack. There was this broken and tragic beauty about Sal's character that had me desperately wanting to know more about her. Through her and not just second hand knowledge from her brother and best friend. The thing is I never really thought it would happen because like I said her story, her past, is beyond tragic and she was so much of a mess that I had to wonder if it could be possible to bring Sal to a point where she's not just existing but is actually happy and thriving? I wanted to see it more than anything, but how could it even begin to happen? Well, obviously, you'd need a pretty incredible guy to take on Sal's darkness for a start.

Enter Doyle Jackson...

The guy who takes on Sal and her baggage couldn't be just anyone. He had to be someone stubborn and willing to put up a fight. A guy who wouldn't start to have feelings and then freak out and put on the breaks or run. Someone willing to go the distance. Doyle was all of those things. Whenever Sal attempted to push him away, he'd dig in deeper. He never pushed her to open up on the deep personal stuff, he allowed it to come about in it's own time. He's good with kids and animals alike. I mean everything about this guy caused my ovaries to explode! Oh, yes. I have it bad.

And speaking of explosions...gah! The level of tension that built up between Sal and Doyle was absolutely insane! That's the thing I love the most about Amy Andrew's books though. She has this gift with building up all this steamy, heated sexual tension and a lot of the time it's in this flirtatious banter filled way. I don't know whether to laugh or go take a cold shower. I felt like *Ask Me Nicely* took that to a whole new level. I won't say much, but I will say this though, thanks to this book I will never, ever look at fairy floss (cotton candy) the same way again. I'm not sure I'll even be able to look at it without getting a hot flash...or five. And it's one of my absolute most favorite treats! \*Fans self\*

This book had everything you could possibly want in a really good romance. Lively characters, lots of humor, a darker, tragic side that puts your emotions through the wringer and this all consuming intensity and sexual chemistry that will leave you needing more. I read a lot of Brazen books, I mean *a lot* ...but both *Ask Me Nicely* and *No More Mr. Nice Guy* have been, to me, by far the best this line of books has had to offer that I've read so far. No exaggerations! Amy Andrews did what I feared would be impossible, gave Sal Kennedy the story and happily ever after she deserves and I couldn't find a single complaint to give you about it except maybe...it's over?

Geez! Could I have been more of a fangirl in this review? Sigh...

Thank you Entangled Publishing for allowing me to read and review this book!!

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### **Eve Dangerfield says**

Sal. Oh Sal. How I love Sal. She's hilarious for one thing; she's also smart, sharp and she doesn't pull her punches; something Doyle is man enough to love about her. They meet under hilarious but believable circumstances (it's a roommate to lovers situation) and their chemistry and banter is top shelf all the way through. I enjoyed seeing modern love and Australian culture explored within this blisteringly sexy romance.

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