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Sometimes $A + B = O$. Yes. Oh, yes. Just like that.

Gabriella Evans's life exists in terms of logic and definitions. She's holed up in Portland, Maine, for the summer to work on her PhD thesis, but something is screwing up her concentration: the rumble of a motorcycle every time the embodiment of her rough-and-tumble fantasies rides down her street.

When her best friend talks her into a blind date, she finds herself out with the opposite of her fantasy. He's polite and well-mannered, yet something behind his crisply tailored shirt doesn't add up—a rebellious gleam in his eye that piques her curiosity.

Orphaned at fifteen, Connor Starks has finally put the years of failing grades, breaking laws and breaking hearts behind him. The only holdover? His penchant for getting down and dirty in public places. But Gabriella makes him want to prove he's become a better man.

Nothing intrigues Gabriella more than a problem she can't solve. But the more Connor tries to bury his past, the more determined she is to uncover it. And what she finds makes all her trusty logic begin to fail her...

Warning: This book contains a summer romance, dirty talk, dockside kissing, motorcycles and tattoos. Features a rebellious nerdy girl with an appetite for outdoor sex and light spanking, and a bad boy who's turned good...or at least he's trying.

The Duality Principle Details


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Dunja *a chain reader* says

It is really great to see how mathematical theory gave an idea for a romance novel. I found that very fresh and original, but even more amazing is how the author incorporated the duality principle theory in the story.

Because of this, but not only this, "The Duality Principle" is a very enjoyable story...

Full review available on Night Owl Reviews

Paula Phillips says

One of my favourite things this year in books is that Smart and Geeky is the new "Sexy" and The Duality Principle by Rebecca Grace Allen is another book to back that up. In this book we meet Gabby Evans who is studying her PhD in Applied Mathematics with the theory of The Duality Principle, which states that no one single entity can represent two things e.g you can only be good not bad etc. After her grandmother died and things became rocky at home, Gabby needed time away and heads to her Grandmother's old house in Portland. Her best friend Jamie has set her up on a blind date, with an old school buddy of hers and after all her failed attempts at dating she has the idea that this is going to be another geeky disaster. Turns out though that Connor Starks is more than meets the eye as he is by day a Computer Programmer but it seems that he has that spunk side that Gabby has been searching for. So begins a fun romantic New Adult story with references to Geek and Maths Equations as well as some "sexy moments". Can Connor prove Gabby's theory about The Duality Principle wrong or will he re-affirm what she already hypothesizes ?

Find out in this fun read that everyone should read "The Duality Principle" by Rebecca Grace Allen and remember readers "Smart is the new Sexy".

WhiskeyintheJar/Kyraryker says

4.5 stars

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an unbiased and honest review

Gabby is a brilliant M.I.T. student spending the summer in her grandmother's house, the last summer it turns out as her parents have decided to sell it after the grandmother's death. Gabby was close to her grandmother as she accepted Gabby for who she was and wasn't forever disappointed in her choices the way her parents always seem to be, so she is greatly saddened by this decision. As Gabby walks about the town, she occasionally crosses paths with a leather wearing bike riding rebel. He not only catches Gabby's eye but causes her skin to heat up and send a spark down her spine. Gabby may be a geek on the outside but she craves the sex life of a happily satisfied dirty girl. After a string of dating guys who look at her like she is a freak for wanting more in the bedroom, she swears off wasting time on men who aren't able to give her what she wants. Her friend Jamie however swears she has the perfect guy for her and Gabby reluctantly goes on a blind date, showing up on this blind date is Connor who is a currently reforming bad boy extraordinaire. He

was a rebel rouser due to his lousy childhood but has spent the last couple years going to school and working to clean up his act. He has seen Gabby around town and is intrigued by her but battles not feeling good enough. When these two meet for coffee and strawberry shortcake, passions, feelings, and emotions swirl creating a summer where Gabby and Connor may just find themselves while they get lost in each other.

This is a New Adult story and I loved it, there was not a whiff of slut shaming or overly angry aggressive dudes coming out of the woodwork. The main characters are around 24 years old and for the most part are true to that. Gabby has been frustrated in the past because she was scared and unsure about articulating what she wanted, rather it be in life or the bedroom but now has garnered enough confidence to stick up for what she wants, even if her voice is a tad bit shaky. Connor is trying to escape the reputation he had as a teenager and come into his own. They exhibit wonderfully what it is like to be in your early mid-twenties and struggle to not only find who you want to be but becoming that person. The tie in with the title of the book representing the math formula (I consistently received Cs in math so not even going to try and fully explain it) Gabby is working on for her thesis and how it pertains to duality is brilliant; it mirrors how Gabby and Connor perceive each other, not realizing that someone can be one thing while also being another. Connor only sees Gabby as a smart successful woman on a pedestal who shouldn't be wasting her time with a loser like him and tries to smother his sexual and at times dominate nature. Gabby thinks Connor is just another guy who is turned off by her more adventurous sexual desires as he backs away from her every time things heat up. Its miscommunication brought on by fear of rejection of their true selves.

This is a novella so it is more along the lines of short and in this case, hotly sweet. The sexual tension between these two as they go on their dates is sizzling and you'll be just about as disappointed as Gabby when Connor backs off. It was after they surrendered to all that sexual tension that the story started to feel rushed; the last 30% or so was hurried and lacked the emotions which made the beginning and middle so remarkable. There are a couple threads left dangling, Connor was going to sell his bike but I guess he doesn't have to now?, which left the story feeling somewhat incomplete. The surrounding characters of Connor and Jamie's friends and Connor's grandparents were nicely regulated to the background but given enough life to add to the story and make me curious about just how good of friends Jamie and Dean are. I sailed through this story as Gabby and Connor made me smile like a school girl at her crush; it's a read in one sitting kind of book.

The bottom line is there are a couple cheesy moments and the ending wasn't as strong as I would have liked it to be but this is still a must read. Gabby and Connor's journey to accepting themselves and coming together is not to be missed. As a debut book this is especially strong and I will definitely be on the lookout for future books from this author. The Duality Principle is a highly enjoyable, engaging, and hot read, don't miss out on it!

Mugglemom08 says

I've been a huge fan of Rebecca Grace Allen's for years, and when she asked me if I'd like an eARC of her debut, the words HECK, YEAH left my mouth so fast they left skid marks. I did not promise a good review in exchange for the book, only an honest one. Fortunately, I can give both.

The Duality Principle is set in Portland, Maine--a city I never had any desire to visit until I read this book. Ms. Allen paints a lovely picture of this seaside town and does so without going overboard. Just enough detail is given to let the reader feel a part of the scene without bogging down the story.

Our heroine, Gabriella, is a girl I'd like to hang out and drink margaritas with. Except for the whole Ivy-League-math-degree thing, we're very much alike, Gabby and I. I'm all about the characters, and she clicked with me from the get-go.

Connor is my wet dream man come to life, in a manner of speaking. He's the perfect mix of good guy and bad boy wrapped in one gorgeous package, with a sprinkle of angst. (No lie, one of the notes I made on my Nook was simply UNF.) He was polite without being all Eddie Haskell-like, and flirty? Oh my stars, the boy gives good banter (and I do love me some banter).

And holy dirty, the sex scenes. My Nook almost went up in flames (and me with it).

In short, Ms. Allen handed me everything I look for in a book.

I tried to keep an eye out for punctuation mistakes, etc. since this is an ARC, but either there aren't any or the story was so engaging, I didn't notice. There was one word choice that I wouldn't have gone with, and a popped P that I could have done without, but other than that my only complaint is that the book is far too short.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Leigh's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

3.5 STARS

Review copy provided for an honest review

I'm not sure if I just read a kinky love letter to New England or sat through an advanced mathematical theory class...

Staying at her grandmother's house in Maine for the summer while working on her PhD thesis, Gabby has spent her time pondering how to disprove a mathematical certainty, lusting after the mysterious motorcycle guy that keeps driving by, and lamenting the fact that she will never find a guy that wants to explore a more kinky sex life with her. On a blind date, she meets Connor Starks and is immediately drawn to the quirky and handsome guy that looks like a cross between a geek and a rebel. Trying to hide his somewhat rowdy past, Connor is determined to be the good guy that he feels Gabby wants. But neither of these people are as innocent as they look.

My first impression of *The Duality Principle* was that, despite the hot sex, the romance was slightly juvenile. I'm not used to a hero that still lives at home and has friends that act as if they never left high school. Nevertheless, it was still a sweet love story, watching Gabby and Connor discover in one another exactly the kind of person they were seeking.

I did feel that the idea of the "duality principle" was overdone. The author would start getting into explanations of this theory and I would find myself skim over these parts. I understood how she was trying to tie the title theory regarding how, if you replace an element of an equation with its opposite it would still be the same, to the relationship between her characters. How they were both nerdy on the outside but truly rebels at heart. But once would have been enough. I felt that this theory kept getting pushed on the reader and referenced so as to beat it to death. Once I started skimming the math theory parts, I was able to enjoy the remainder of the story.

Had I realized from the start that this was in the New Adult genre, it probably would have changed my expectations of the book. I don't read much NA so I don't have an accurate measure against which to judge The Duality Principle. But on its own merits, it was an upbeat, sexy and quick read which I did enjoy.

AnnMarie says

What a fun story! A true *Tell Me A Story* kind of story.

Love when I am completely entertained from start to finish, no over the top drama or antics, just a good read.

Fantastic debut and am looking forward to more from this author!!

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Habiba Hasabo says

A sweet ride. I enjoyed this book. It was so simple and yet so full of terms and some sexy geeks. It was good combination.

Connor was sexy, hot and stubborn. He was just in his own head so much, thinking for Gabby and changing himself, which was no good. But I still loved how sweet he was, and how he was willing to try for her.

"She makes me want to be different too."

"So be different."~

I wanted this book to be longer. I wanted to live more with the characters and enjoy friendships/relationships between the characters.

"A rose represents promises and hope, but its beauty is bonded with thorns. It embodies pain and loss. Combined together, they are in perfect harmony, equal parts beautiful and strong."~

Gabby. Our talking-to-herself, sexy maths geek. Yup, I envy a character for being smart in maths. I need that.

She was straightforward, funny and confident. I loved Gabby.

“Since I met you, nothing has made sense,” she told him. “Nothing has been logical, ordered or defined. But at the same time, everything has made perfect sense. You can’t get more duality than that.” Her grin grew wide. “Maybe I should write a paper on how blind dates really can go well, despite the statistics.”~

This book doesn't wow you. Its no shock. Its normal, yet sweet, cute and lovely. Sit back, read it and enjoy the ride.

Christi Snow says

My Review:

This is a fun little story. Gabriella is a nerd and the guys she meets are complete duds. They don't understand her or her need to get a bit dirty when it comes to sex. They just don't expect or want that from this MIT student. She has a nerd exterior but the heart and libido of a bad girl.

Connor has the opposite problem. He's trying to shed his bad boy persona that's only brought him trouble. Now he's a computer programmer and is trying to make that who he is all the time so he can meet the right kind of girl.

Connor and Gabriella have a mutual friend who sees they are perfect for one another and sets them up on a blind date. But the issue is...both people are fighting both sides of their personas which constantly send mixed signal. Both are frustrated, aroused, and confused. Neither one tells the other exactly what they are feeling or want and it just ends up with both of them hurt and upset with this relationship that has moments of perfection until it all falls apart...every single date.

This is a fun book. I'll admit that I didn't get the idea of Gabby's thesis because it just doesn't work, but I enjoyed watching her and Connor fumble around. The scenes where they connect are seriously hot. And that final scene where everything finally comes together is literally scorching. It's a short book and if you enjoy books with nerd themes, like I do, you probably will enjoy this one, too.

I received a complimentary copy of this book in return for an honest review.

✿?az?? - th? ?ock C?ick ?airy✿ says

SHORT, HOT, PROFOUND.

Be yourself.

It's something that people say over and over again, and yet only a few dares to follow.

Gabby and Connor are two characters who can't help but hide their real selves for different reasons. All around Gabby, people have certain expectations of her that when she doesn't conform to it, she gets hurt by their actions or words. On the other hand, Connor had a wild streak before that earned him such a bad rep with everyone in town. This story is them finding the balance between what people want them to be and who they really are.

Frankly speaking, I was opposed to what Gabby was disproving from the start. I always, always think that people can do as many things as they can. She was so darn set on disproving it while her own thoughts betray her. I still like her though because in the end, she did what we women should do. We should just be honest with what we want. Men aren't really the fortune tellers we think they are. :) Sometimes they need a big push and Gabby is successful at that.

I liked how Connor behaved around Gabby. I like how he tries really hard to be what he thinks Gabby would like. It's a show of courage when a man changes his ways for a woman. Little did he know that he need not change at all. :)

The story is pretty straightforward. I wanted to go to the bottom of it already, but the author made me wait, which is not such a bad thing, really. It's the anticipation that makes it even better! :)

HOTNESS FACTOR: 87% and above! ^_^

All in all, this is a short, hot read that will probably apply to many people. It's an authorly reminder that people should just be themselves. It's just added stress when we try to hide. Don't you agree?

I was given an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

cosmogirl7481 says

Really enjoyed this one, y'all.

Full review to come. :)

Eleanor (The Book Hammock) says

With The Duality Principle her debut novel, Rebecca Grace Allen nailed it.

This story is about a geek who desperately wants to be a little naughty and bad, and about a bad boy who desperately wants to be a good, tame geek.

Gabriella (Gabby) and Connor definitely area match made in heaven, only it takes them a little time to realize it. During that time she sure have a blast, though. Damn, I forgot how dirty RGA's writing is sometimes.

While Gabby is pretty much the same – a brilliant student, sexy with a little rebel streak in her – throughout the story, Connor is more complex. He's grown up with poor role models as parents, and after losing them he got himself in all sorts of trouble. Constantly.

But meeting Gabby, he wants to be better, good. It's the first time he actually wants a relationship that's longer than a single date, and he sees himself as unfit for her.

What I loved about this story – except for the dirty talking, the dirty sex and the great writing – is how Connor’s character grows with the plot. He has help from his grandparents and Gabby, but he eventually gets himself together and starts seeing himself as better.

This isn’t a story where the protagonists’ journey makes you ache and emotional, but eff me if I didn’t shed a tear there at the very end. It was just so freakin’ sweet.

Moon Love says

This book was hot, sweet, and fast paced. I read it all in one go. I loved the premise behind the book. Smart is totally the new sexy. Gabby was hot and so was Connor. They both are brilliant and it was interesting watching the two of them get to know each other while trying to figure out how to get what they wanted.

I really found it interesting how they were both struggling to verbalize what they were looking for in prospective partners. The back and forth between Gabby and Connor fighting their desires was entertaining, but I was just as Sexually frustrated as they were about not dealing with it. The tension build up was great, but then I was ready for some release! I understood why Connor was fighting between what his head said he should do and what his soul wanted. However I felt like it was wrong he had to change who he was to be with the person he wanted to. It was really enlightening because how many of us have tried to change for someone else?

While this story wasn't very long, I felt like it was complete. There were no loose ends and no corners cut. I hope to see more of Grace and Connor in future books in this series. I would also love to read a book about Jamie or Dean, maybe even the two of them together. They're Gabby and Connor's friends. Rebecca Allen Grace has done a great job at including Gabby and Connor's profession. I loved the examples Gabby was using while trying to form a basis for rejecting the duality principle. If you're looking for something new adult to read that has smart, sexy characters with erotic undertones, this book is totally for you!

MBR says

I have somehow forgotten how I stumbled across this book, but I bet there is a good story behind it. The Duality Principle by Rebecca Grace Allen is a contemporary romance that is based on quite the “brainy” principle of duality. The heroine Gabriella Evans is doing her PhD in disproving the duality principle which states that “if a theorem is true, it remains true if each object and operation is replaced by its dual.” Gabriella is not just super intelligent, she is also someone who is tired of hiding her true nature from the men she had accepted into her life up till now. The fact that every single one of them had left her feeling like she is doing something wrong by wanting more from the physical aspect of their relationships had left its scar on her.

Gabriella comes to Portland, Maine to not only sort her thoughts out and work on her thesis, but to say goodbye to the home that had been her grandmother’s, a home that holds sentimental value to her and she is having a hard time letting go of. Her relationships with her parents is a tension filled one at best, and Gabriella comes seeking the solitude which she has always found at her grandmother’s place. When her best friend suggests that she go on a blind date with a friend of hers, Gabriella goes along with it, not thinking that anything much would come out of it. However, when Connor Starks shows up, there is something about him that makes her want to know more, that makes her senses go on red alert, and makes her want to climb,

lick, kiss and suck every single inch of him. The fact that Connor seems to present two very contrasting sides of his character to her confuses her more and makes her want to unravel what it is that Connor is “hiding”.

Connor is the bad boy who has worked hard to walk the right path. The fact that Gabriella interests him on a level that no other woman has ever interested him before makes Connor fidgety about the fact that being true to his seductive nature could spell out trouble for him where his long term plans with Gabriella are concerned. But then again, the best laid plans always have a tendency of going awry, and time and yet again, Connor finds himself literally being driven crazy by the desire that makes him feel absolutely primal with wanting when it comes to Gabriella.

What made this book a fun read is the scorching hot sexual tension that sizzles through the pages, practically making me melt, on the spot. Connor is someone who turns up the heat, just like that, and there is nothing anyone can do but go along for the ride. The fact that Connor is the one who holds back, trying to do what is right as per his twisted logic when it comes to Gabriella is what lends the story the interesting tangent of angst that made this worth reading.

While most romance writers tend to shy away from writing brainy heroines of Gabriel’s nature, I found Gabriel to be an interesting mix. The duality that lives within her character, that is constantly at war with one another until Connor comes along and proves to her that he is man enough to handle both was quite compelling. The fact that I learned of a completely new-to-me nerd fact was the icing on the cake when it came to this book.

Recommended for those who love stories featuring sexy as sin, reformed bad boys who just can’t help but be bad with the right woman!

Rating = 4/5

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namericanwordcat says

This book has lots of elements I like. A smart heroine who is nerdy. Love it. However, the opening didn't sit well with me. I just didn't like the tone. I didn't care for the voice of the heroine.

I admire the fact that the writer is working with the idea of empowering her heroine to get her sexual needs met. However, this pursuit felt strained to me-- unorganic to the character. Perhaps it was opening with those needs instead of the needs being intergrated into the development of the character as I got to know her.

I never settled into this book because of that slightly off feeling. It is a okay read but didn't work for me.

I was given this book for my honest review. So, there you have it.

I will try to next book by this writer.

Rhea Dsouza says

Where to start? I liked this book. It was short and cute and since I've been reading all violence and MC books this month, it was quite a buffer.

The Duality Principle is set in Portland, Maine, where Gabriella Evans is on vacation, staying at her deceased grandmother's house. She's a brilliant mathematician from M.I.T. and a complete rebel. She's tired of having to live up a prim and proper life thanks to her parents' expectations of her. So now that she's away from them for the time being, she wants a vacation filled with hot, uninhibited, wild, public sex.

And her fantasies all surround this biker, who has caught her eye. She's seen him around town, a lot, and she knows he notices her too. She just doesn't understand why he doesn't introduce himself.

Meanwhile, her neighbor and best friend Jamie, sets her up on a blind date with Connor Starks, bad-boy-turned-good and all Gabriella's thoughts about the biker go flying outta the window. Mostly.

There was definitely some chemistry between the two of them from day one. They were hesitant with each other, understandably, since it was the first time they'd seen each other, but I especially like Gabriella's inner monologue throughout the early stages of their relationship. The entire book is in a dual POV so that's good, but personally, Gabriella was the character I really liked "listening" to. She had a spine and refused to give in to drama even when they had a misunderstanding.

Although, in all honesty, Connor wasn't all that bad. And Jesus, the guy had a dirty, downright filthy mouth while they were schmexin' so that was real fun to read. And while I like my share of bad guys, Connor so badly wanted to be good for Gabriella—and for all the right reasons, not just to get lucky—I really appreciated this guy.

There was a bit excessive drama in the book. It was standard in any NA book but even then, Miss Grace handled it well, giving not too much attention to the drama itself but the resolution of it and the character's growth because of it. A really, really good novella, as far as debuts go, and really cute if you're looking for fluffy, spanking love :D

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