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Erin Doyle can't stand manwhores, and she particularly can't stand Brendan Langstrom—the guy who avoids relationships like the plague and never sleeps with the same girl twice. She and Brendan have waged a war of mutual disdain for years, but when Brendan picks up the pieces after her world unravels, they'll be forced to admit that beneath their dislike is something else entirely—something they're not supposed to feel.

Because Brendan isn't just her nemesis...He's also her fiance's best friend.

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From Reader Review Drowning Erin for online ebook

Katie says

Another 5 star Elizabeth O’Roark book! (I have been waiting for this book for over a year, so last night I started it at bedtime. . . and finished it at 4:00am.) For all of you who loved Brendan in Waking Olivia - this is his story! While this is a stand alone book, WO readers will recognize Brendan and Olivia’s best friend, Erin. Erin and Brendan have a complicated past, and when Brendan returns from a trip abroad, Erin wants nothing to do with him. Unfortunately for her, she can’t avoid him because she is engaged to Rob, one of Brendan’s best friends.

These two are no longer the same people we got to know in WO. Brendan now has a past that haunts him, and Erin has secrets she is keeping from everyone. As Erin’s world begins to spin out of control, Brendan learns that Erin’s perfect life is far from. . .well. . .perfect. As he begins to show her that she can still have the wonderful life she had years ago, you realize that these two people clearly belong together.

There was amazing sexual tension between Brendan and Erin. While you would think Erin’s engagement to Rob is the reason they stay apart, that really is only half the story. Ultimately, both of these characters have to learn to face their fears and realize they deserve to be happy, before they can be together. It’s a great angsty romance with a HEA. Just the best. I received this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Carla Bulian says

Livro lindo! Gosto dessa autora. Ela me conquistou com o primeiro livro que li.
Não foi diferente com esse. História bem contada, personagens apaixonantes. Tudo perfeito.
Vale a leitura.

Claypot_Reads - Michelle says

4.5 stars for me

This was my first read from this author and WOW! Such a fantastic story. I loved the dual POV, the way the chapters moved between the past & present. It allows the reader to understand the history of the characters with each other and the reason they made certain decisions along the way.

There's plenty of angst but it's not gratuitous, it's the kind that has you biting your nails & hoping for the outcome you want. The chemistry is seriously hot and the supporting characters add a lot to the story. I will definitely be seeking out more books from this author. Highly recommend.

I received an ARC of this book

Dawn West says

****Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book.****

Is there a third brother? I need another brother!

Erin has it all, or at least that's what everyone thinks. Her handsome fiance, Rob, his well-paying job, and their giant house. She's grown comfortable in her predictable life, but is hesitant to set a date for the wedding. The nuptials that she knows she should go through with but doesn't really want. Because in order to be with Rob, she has had to give up parts of herself and hide the others.

Brendan knows who Erin really is. She might be engaged to his best friend, but he sees how much she's changed since he left for Italy. And he doesn't like what he sees when he returns. But even more, he hates that he missed his chance to make her his, having to watch her put on a facade to please her fiance. If he gets a chance to show her what she's missing, he can't help but dive in to save the girl of his dirty dreams.

This book played hell on my poor emotions. But that's nothing new considering every book I've read by this author has had a story with deliciously tormented characters. I just love her ability to write strife in such a way that I feel as if those emotions are my own and not just a character on the digital pages. It's impressive and painful, all at the same time.

In this story, we have Will's brother. You'll remember him from Olivia's book and boy did Brendan leave an impression in that story. It took me a minute to realize the connection but once I did, I smiled like a goofball. More of mischievous Brendan and sweet Erin. I just knew this was going to be a wild ride and I was right.

It was a roller coaster, that's for sure. I liked both of our characters and their chemistry was explosive. Their love-hate relationship was written with the perfect amount of sarcasm and angst. The plot was steadily paced and there were several twists thrown in. The entire thing with Christina made me gasp and slosh water out of the bath tub in surprise.

The love scenes were so hot that I'm glad I read this book alone. Brendan had a really naughty side but I was glad to see Erin's come out when she broke through her shell. The pair of them were also frustrating at times because their lack of communication caused me to want to pull my hair out. But it was worth it to watch these two find themselves and each other.

In closing...

I do recommend reading Will and Olivia's story first, just so you can appreciate this couple's hot-and-cold relationship. Either way, this was a fantastic book! Five stars!

Full review on blog: <https://uptildawnbookblog.blogspot.com/2017/11/review-blitz-drowning-erin-by-elizabeth.html>

Dora Ruiz Davalos Books and Tequila Blog says

5.5 amazing stars!!!

Have you ever started a book and after reading just a few pages thought "This is going to be an amazing story"? That's how I felt the entire time while reading Drowning Erin. It's told in dual POV that kept

alternating from the past to the present. Once I started I was riveted to my seat and finished it in one sitting. I felt the hairs on my arms stand up, and I had a strong sense of foreboding, almost from the start and I wasn't disappointed. I live for stories with substance, with meat on the bone so to speak, and this story delivers it by the pound.

Make no mistake about it; it's a romance, just not the hearts and flowers, easy breezy romance so many of us love to read. If that's the kind of story you're looking for, look elsewhere because, this book is not for you. If you can handle angst, this is what you're looking for; it's the kind of romance that's messy and emotionally draining but leaves you satisfied at the end. All the feels, as we like to say, in spades. It's going on my Top Ten of the Year list.

Erin Doyle's known and hated Brendan Langstrom, for years. He was, and probably still is, a manwhore as far as she's concerned. He was the original one and done man who didn't want, or believe in having, a relationship.

"Relationships were remarkably easy to avoid if you know what you're doing: don't take a girl out who isn't going to sleep with you, and don't sleep with girls who will expect a call the next day. It's that simple."

They met one summer working together and her best friend, Olivia, later married his brother, Will. To top it off Brendan was also Rob's, her fiancé, best friend. He's told Rob a thousand times he's making a mistake. It comes as a big surprise to find out he moved back to Colorado, after living in Italy the last four years, and Rob's offered to let him stay in their pool house while he looks for someplace to live, without consulting with her first. As upset as she is Erin should be used to Rob making decisions without informing, much less asking, her in advance. One thing he can't seem to make her do is set a date, or make plans, for their wedding.

When Rob goes on business trip to Europe, for an extended amount of time without consulting Erin yet again, she and Brendan begin to spend time together. Everyone's mentioned how much he's changed, something happened with a girl he met overseas, and that relationship damaged him. With Rob so distant, figuratively and literally, Erin starts to question her life, and choices, until now. Her coworker, and friend, Harper knows something's up and questions her relationship with Rob.

"I don't expect her to understand because she didn't grow up like I did. But I'm not looking for excitement. I simply aspire to the absence of pain. And therefore, I have exactly what I want."

Not every page is heavy and wrought with emotion; there are moments of levity, especially when Erin meets Brendan's "dates" and engages in conversation with them. I want to tell people who insist they don't "do" angst that is the book they need to read, to dip their toes into this particular pond, and get a taste of it. And yes, in case you're wondering, it's a true romance with a HEA ending!

Rejane says

This book has all ingredients for a shitty reading:

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Jennifer Kyle says

4 Stars!

Snow says

Fucking shit!!!!

This was such an excruciatingly annoying book.

I can't believe I actually read it til the end.

Annoying characters, cowards, weak, not being able to say what they mean and fucking mean what they say...

So they end up hurting each other by hating each other?!

Get the fuck out of here!!!

Fucking really?!

I dont even wanna go into the whole 'we were on a break' shit, I absolutely despise that sentence and the meaning behind it...fuck it all to hell...

And the mess, this isn't really a triangle complicating stuff, this is shit...pure fucking stupidity shit, just fucking say what you mean and own it...I actually hated each and every character in this book!!!!

I'm astounded, really, cause that has never happened to me before...like ever!!!

I at least like one character...usually

I m sorry, I m too impatient to go with the flow, angst is one thing altogether but i have stated before, stupidity is smth i can't and won't tolerate...

And I m most definitely sure that this is purely the case of 'It's me and not you', so, I'm backing off

Melanie (mells_view) says

Rollercoaster ride!

This was a rollercoaster enemies to lovers/ex's best friend or best friend's ex. However you want to look at it. Erin thinks she's happy, but someone comes back into her life and shows her a different kind of happy. Brendan is scared of commitment and knows Erin is a girl you commit to. There is a butt ton of angst in this one. The relationship is a twisty turn-y one, but I enjoyed it none the less.

Isha Coleman says

Drowning Erin by Elizabeth O'Roark

Drowning Erin is the read I've been searching for, but had no idea I was trying to find. Ms. O'Roark opened up Pandora's box with her tale of profound emotion that is realistically true to life. Erin is a woman caught between a mirage and her heart. She wants the perfect life, but is living in a world of make believe. Her heart is pulling her in one direction while her mind is going in another. Then Brendan enters her world and starts to upend everything she thought was important. He sees beyond the image and awakens her soul. Caught in the middle of the mess that has become her life, can she navigate the chaos and find her way to happiness with the man of dreams? Brendan and Erin touch emotions not often acknowledged, but in need of exploration. Ms. O'Roark takes aim at preconceived notions while breaking through the heart's barriers and making a home for her characters.

Sahitya says

I really wanted to like this book but after a point, I just couldn't. Though I could understand her need to be there for her family and ignore the problems, I couldn't get why she was so insecure that she wanted to be with the guy who was clearly so wrong for her and made her unhappy. Also, there is a whole lot of no or miscommunication going around in this book which is the reason for all the angst and I didn't enjoy that. The only parts of the book that seemed okay to me were the chapters of Brendan's past. And the only characters I liked are probably Olivia and Will though they hardly have any page time. Totally forgettable read for me.

Syndi says

I read many reviews about this book on Goodreads. Many of those reviews are about how immature the characters are. And I have to agree with those reviews..... at the beginning of the book. Yes I thought Erin and Branden are immature characters. They both too scared with commitment issue and loving the person they really loved.

But then, somehow along the story, I connect with Erin. See, I can understand what Erin's journey in life. She felt drowned. Drowned in life where everyone is depending on her. How she hates her job, her suck boss and her non existing supporting fiancée. She feels like she have to sacrifice herself to save everyone. But Branden... I feel he someone I do not understand. I can not help thinking that what happened to him in the past is because of his fault. He lies. And all of the mess in his life is because of his lies. And he is too coward to be honest.

Nevertheless, I give this 4 stars because of Erin.

ViolinVixen says

This book is an absolute tornado of emotions. My heart was absolutely broken during some parts of this gut-wrenching, emotionally charged enemies to lovers romance. The two main characters both experience so much heartache and hurt that I could only hope that somehow, someday they would go from sniping at each other to saving each other.

Erin is engaged to Rob, Brendan's long-time best friend, but things haven't been as fulfilling as she'd hoped. She hoped that once she settled down with someone stable, successful and caring, she'd be able to share some of the burdens in her life and feel secure for the first time in her life. Unfortunately, the man she chose to settle for has many priorities in his life, but Erin doesn't seem to be one of them.

Despite knowing about Erin and Brendan's extreme dislike for each other, Rob invites Brendan to stay at their home while Brendan gets his new business up and running. When Rob ends up leaving the country for business and leaves the two frenemies alone, nobody knows what to expect, least of all Erin. She starts to see a kinder, caring side of Brendan in addition to feeling that crazy spark and attraction that she's always felt around him. Unfortunately Brendan still has no plans to ever settle down, so for the sake of her sanity and her family, she's got to stick with the stable choice in Rob. Stomach butterflies be damned, her brother can be safe, her parents will be cared for and she won't have to worry about taking care of everyone else's dramas.

That fine line between love and hate? Brendan and Erin tightrope walk that line during this entire love story. And I do mean right until the end. There is so much back and forth between them that sometimes I felt like I was drowning and just gasping for a happy resolution to end their pain and suffering.

I have a hard time putting into words, just how intense, explosive and steamy the chemistry was between Brendan and Erin. It was some of the best sexual tension, build-up/foreplay in an enemies to lovers romance that I have ever read.

This book went between present time and the past (starting about 4 years before the present, going back and forth until past and present collided). Normally I find these books tough to stay involved in because I feel like the flashbacks take me out of the story, but in this case the past stories were so vital to getting to know the characters that I relished learning about each moment from their past.

Overall this was an extremely well thought-out, well-written book. I felt like it was crafted to keep the reader on the absolute edge of their seats until everything was resolved at the end. And it does get resolved, which was a huge relief for me after investing so many emotions into these characters and their pain, frustration, sorrow and hope. It has a finite conclusion and one that I was very happy with.

Grab a blanket and a box of kleenex and get ready for a long night. You won't want to put it down until you're done!

Hms says

Loved Loved Loved it! This author is quickly becoming a favorite.

I don't know how I found this author (probably one of my wonderful GR friends)but thank GOD!

I love angst and this woman can do it. Sweet baby Jesus I had all the angst I could take in a sitting.

At first I didn't like Erin at all. She presents herself as a bitter, just getting by kind of woman, engaged to a man she tolerates. She is stagnant and doesn't realize it. She hates her job, won't set a wedding date, never expresses her feelings when her fiancé "works late" blows her off, when he is too tired to have sex with her and just basically treats her like a doormat. Well chiquita, you're LETTING him treat you like a doormat. The thing is, Rob, her fiancé is safe. Too safe. Enter Rob's best friend, Brendan, the opposite of a boring guy and thus the exact opposite of Rob.

I love a good old love triangle when two guys pine for a girl and the wrong one wins. Woohoot. For those of you that have problems with fictional cheating, there isn't?????

Antonella says

This was one of those reads you are excited to read, then you struggle to finish it and then you ask yourself WHY THE HELL I read this in the first place?!

So if you can read about;

- ow/om
- triangles
- flashbacks(which strangely in this novel did not bother me much)
- idiotic and immature characters
- miscommunication

AND.....

- Have a thing for romance stories where hero and heroine have to overcome self issues

Well then this is a book for you.

Otherwise stay away....

I am still way too curious and stubborn and masochist

And I can NOT believe the difference between book one and two.

Soooooooo now

