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DARK ROMANTIC COMEDY. DARK ROMANTIC COMEDY. SECOND EDITION released in Sept 2016

How far would you go to protect the one you love?

The terrors of Colin's past are revealed and accepted by Natalie. Her doubts about letting him into her life are finally disbanded and replaced by a sense of security and commitment. But Natalie doesn't know that Colin's past hides more dark secrets unknown even to him.

When a delusional psychopath threatens Colin's life, things quickly become complicated. Natalie's stubborn character and desire to kick ass won't let her step aside and allow the authorities to handle the danger. She gets herself tangled up with street hoodlums, befriends a Russian mobster's high-maintenance girlfriend, and becomes expert at picking locks and hiding evidence.

***The books in the Almost Bad Boys series are best read in order. They are not stand-alone books, although these are three different stories/no cliffhangers:

Almost Matched (book 1)

Almost Broken Up (book 2)

Almost Too Far (book 3)***

Almost Broken Up Details

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From Reader Review Almost Broken Up for online ebook

Helena Ison says

Writing Style:

The same addictive writing as the first book, you will gobble Almost Broken Up in one sitting. You will curse your eyes for not being able to read quicker.

My Opinion:

Just when I thought Natalie has done it all, she goes and gets herself dragged into more crazy cahoots. This girl can get herself into some interesting and unbelievable pediments! I thought only insane situations happened to me and my best girlfriend, but it's safe to say Natalie and Ali have the same issue. It's like the crazy just follows them around and it makes for one hell of a hilarious read.

This book definitely takes on a more darkish tone. I found myself terrified for Natalie multiple times and seriously felt my heart stop due to the constant drama. Colin's story alone will grasp you in ways you could never imagine and shatter your heart into millions of tiny pieces. So not only will this book stop your damn heart it will give it a jump start too. (In various ways of course, hehe)

The steam factor in this book has also been jolted up a bit. You may want to have a portable fan nearby to help with the hot flashes. If no fan is available, read near open windows. If it's hot where you live and opening a window just won't help cool you down, opt for a squirt bottle filled with icy water. Or hell maybe read in the bathroom so you can be near the shower, because whew the sex scenes are sultry.

To read or not to read:

I SAY STOP WHATEVER YOUR DOING AND BUY THIS BOOK THE DAY IT RELEASES. WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, PICK UP A COPY OF ALMOST MATCHED RIGHT NOW, SO YOU WILL BE FULLY PREPARED.

Eskimo Princess Jenkins says

This was a very well written story. Got a little crazy and far-fetched for a bit, but it was all good. That far-fetched section made for great humor in the book and lightened up the story.

This book again features Natalie and Colin. Although, this book is most Natalie and little Colin. We only see Ali and a grimace of Jena, Natalie's friends, but we meet a new character Svetlana. I liked Svetlana, she was quite the character.

Ms. Peart had me very captured from Chapter one all the way through to the end. I didn't even realize I was at the end, until I read the words "The End" and my screen wouldn't move to the next page!!

This is the second book in the series, I have enjoyed both books; this is shaping up to be a great series! I was given this ARC in exchange for a honest review

sue says

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Crissy says

Almost Broken Up is a good read full of surprises. We get to see exactly what Colin went through and what led to Faith's death. Colin and Natalie are moving forward but there is someone who wants revenge for what happened to Faith. Natalie life is threatened and things get even crazier when she runs into Svetlana. Svetlana, Natalie and Ali will definitely make you laugh and when it comes to a night out, they sure know how to go all out. This book definitely has mystery, suspense and steamy sex scenes that will leave you wanting more.

Shay says

I just finished Almost Broken and I really liked it. If you have been following the series then you know that Almost Matched is the first one and its about Colin and Natalie. They have both experienced heartbreak and are trying to let things go when the unimaginable thing happens. You find out Colin's secret about Faith. This story picks up right after that and you see how they both are dealing with this revelation. This is at a point causing Natalie to doubt Colin's love and Colin keeps re-assuring her. Why does Natalie keep doubting herself? How does Colin convince her of his love? You will have to read and see.

I really enjoyed this story more this go around. Only because we were out of the who is what stage and was about to go forward with the story. Colin and Natalie are a perfect fit and the chemistry between them is hot and solid but insecurities and doubt start to plague them. I can see them getting out of this but it is going to take some time and trust.

I loved Natalie and Colin. I loved the secondary characters including the new ones. Caroline, Ali and Jenna are adorable and hilarious. Caroline wasn't in this one so can't wait to see more of her. I really like Svetlana. Russian girlfriend to the mob clearing has made the story for me better. Their antics had me cracking up.

It was really good and cannot wait to see what happens in the follow up. Trust me, get this one. It is seriously a good read.

Story 4

Sex 5

Overall 4

Reviewed by Shay for Crystal's Many Reviewers

Aubrey says

Colin's past is catching up to him and soon the secrets and pain he has tried to hide is revealed. Natalie is finding her way to where commitment and love no longer frighten her and accepting Colin's support and believing in their future. Now with the latest of developments her strength and their love are truly tested. Natalie- "I cannot believe you talked me into having sex in the airport garage", Colin "it didn't take much to convince you".

This is book two of Natalie and Colin's struggle to find happily ever after. Colin is ever the quite but sexy, charming dominant man and Natalie's fears that once wreaked havoc on the couple in the first book have seemed to have deteriorated and she has become to find peace and understanding of true love in her relationship with Colin. The humor within the secondary characters is just as prevalent if not more as the first book which offsets the dark demons and the harsh past circumstances Natalie and Colin face. A haunted past plagued with memories of his ex-girlfriend who died in a horrible car crash and a new threat on his life brings a new sense of determination for Natalie to make this relationship work. With this threat takes Natalie and her band of zany friends on some questionable and hilarity educated adventures. Adding Svetlana, a Russian mobster's girlfriend to the mix, who takes these friend's antics to whole other level of crazy and high entertainment. The sexy scenes are just as hot as the comic parts are funny.

This is a great follow up to Almost Matched and I am looking forward to book 3.

Valerie McQueen says

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Almost Broken Up by A. O. Peart

Rating 5*****

Natalie and Colin's story is just beginning. Finally admitting to each other that there is so much more than simple infatuation, it is time to enter the honeymoon period. Only this period is anything but smoother sailing. A leather bound stalker, the Russian mafia, and a past that won't leave sure has other ideas for the

couple.

Once again the humor in this book makes you seriously laugh out loud. The girls can get into just about anything just by walking down the street! Brash humor abounds, impromptu B&E, and all sorts of mischief just keeps you reading. Colin has to be the sweetest naughty man ever! You can't help but drool a little when he comes around.

I have to say that I have enjoyed this series so much. It has a great flow and within the first few pages you are simply hooked. So many series start off well and by the second book it seems you are simply rereading the first novel, this doesn't apply here. I laughed till I cried at parts! I read in mental pictures so it made it all the more hysterical for me. I will say that if off color humor offends you then this isn't the book for you, but it was a perfect fit for me lol.

Overall, a great read! I would recommend this series to mature readers 18+ who have a sense of humor, love steamy scenes, and are fascinated by the Russian mafia (lol) I can't wait to see which one of our meddlesome foursome has her story told next!

Michelle McQueen

Regan says

Almost Broken Up begins with a flashback on the worst night of Colin's life. Then we are thrust back into the events after Almost Matched. Natalie and Colin are doing well in their relationship yet Natalie can't help but to wonder if Colin will ever feel the way for her as he did Faith. A little morbid to be jealous of a dead girl- but I could understand Natalie's feelings.

When Natalie spies a leather clad man watching her at a club she begins to worry and the man warns her to tell Colin that "Razor is coming for him." Why is Razor after Colin? And is Colin hiding something from Natalie?

After this night a lot of action is set into place and Natalie dives into a few dangerous situations including a break in, befriending a Russian mobster's girlfriend, and taking care of business herself. With Ali as her sidekick the reader isn't deprived of witty language and the snarky attitudes of two twenty-something girls. I found the language and style of this book refreshing and unique in the New Adult genre. The author mixes heavy topics with humor and has a style all of her own.

I struggled with what to rate this book. On one hand I devoured it in one sitting and genuinely enjoyed it but on the other hand I had a hard time connecting to the characters. As a reader I just couldn't connect with Natalie and her friends- I don't understand their actions and can't realistically believe their choices in this book. The situations they were in were like a mother's worst nightmare of what her daughter should NOT do. However, I definitely connected with Colin and the prologue of this book took my breath away. It was beautiful, intriguing, and heart-breaking. The prologue alone I would rate 5 stars.

I also feel it necessary to add that I would LOVE a possible spin-off story of Svetlana's story!! She was such a character and I want to know more!!

Received an ARC for an honest review

Nadene (Totally Addicted to Reading) says

RATING 4.5

After reading Almost Matched I was eager to start Almost Broken Up as I wanted to see exactly which the direction the author was planning to take with this series. Before I go any further, I must admit that I found this to be a more entertaining read than Almost Matched. My judgement may be a bit biased in his instance due to my love of stories that have an element of suspense and drama.

Almost Broken Up started out with Collin's POV, which gives readers an insight as to the guilt that Collin has been living with since that fateful night when his former girlfriend was killed in a motor vehicle accident. It made Collin appear more human and it made it easier for me to connect with him.

Almost Broken Up does is not so much about the relationship between Natalie and Collin but more about the lengths that Natalie will go through to protect her man. Two new characters were introduced, one of whom will pose a threat to Natalie's relationship with Collin and one who will offer her help in dealing with this threat.

There were moments when I questioned Natalie's sanity, especially when she made the decision to face the person who had threatened Collin's life. I say this because it was clear that this person was absolutely crazy. But I guess when you are in love and you have faith in your partner's innocence, then you will be willing to face any situation no matter how dangerous to protect him. It also helps when you have the girlfriend of a mob boss helping you out.

There were several LOL moments. I found it to be rather hilarious, especially that scene where Natalie, Ali and her new found friend, Svetlana, engaged in a little B&E. I am not going to say much about this as I don't want to give the story away. To find out what I am speaking about you will have to get a copy for yourself. The sex scenes between Natalie and Collin was quite erotic. It's definitely not for the feint of heart.

The author's writing style is quite engaging as it pulls the reader in and makes them feel as if they are a part of the story.

Overall this was an enjoyable read. Recommended for readers 18+

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Samantha Woods (LSK Sweetheart Reviews) says

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Deanna (A Novel Glimpse) says

This past weekend I reviewed the first book in the Almost Bad Boys series, Almost Matched. For several reason, I only gave it 2 stars. I thought it had a lot of potential, but there were some major issues I had with it. I was happy to just leave Natalie and Colin's relationship where the first book ended. Then, author A.O. Peart contacted me on Twitter. She was very understanding of my review and asked if I would consider reading books 2 and 3. She thought I would like them better. I agreed and immediately downloaded Almost Broken Up.

I'm really happy I did. Almost Broken Up was hilarious! In a way, it reminded me of a female version of The Hangover movie -- minus the bachelor party and Vegas. Natalie found herself in several crazy situations with her friends. She was doing things she never imagined doing, with people who may have been a lot dangerous. It was so out there and made for a really fun story.

It wasn't all a crazy ride, though. It was also super steamy and sexy. Colin and Natalie spent a lot of time enjoying each other. I spent a lot of time fanning myself.

There was one little issue that continued from book 1 to book 2 for me, though. It was the switching of the tone of the story mid-book. Almost Broken Up started out with a look at Colin's past, which was very angsty. I absolutely loved his point of view, but it didn't fit well with the comedic tone of the rest of the story. It did set up a part of the story, though; so it was needed. The only way I could see to maybe remedy the issue would have been to give Colin his own novella in between books 1 and 2.

Almost Broken Up was an entertaining book to read. I'm so happy the author encouraged me to continue with the series. It was so worth it for all of the laughs.

Amy says

Actual Rating: 3.5 stars

Almost Broken Up starts off with a pretty good bang. The prologue is told from Colin's pov and you finally get to see what happened the last few moments that Faith was alive.....

I enjoyed this book a lot more. The steam factor definitely picked up and there was a lot more action. I feel as though I understand Colin a little better and I appreciated the lengths that Natalie went through just to protect him.

Overall, I found this book to be enjoyable. I was very happy that there was no cliffhanger this time. I'm definitely looking forward to the next book and to seeing what is in store for Colin and Natalie next!

Gladys Gonzales Atwell says

Gladys, #NerdGirlOriginal's Review

Almost Broken Up begins with a flashback of the fatal night that still haunts Colin. It takes you through his pain and paints a realistic picture of the anguish and hurt he went through. As morbid as this sounds, this part of the book pulled me in. It made Colin seem real to me. Tragedy seems to do that! Sigh... Natalie has her work cut out for her.

So... the rest of the book is comical with a lot of funny antics. Now if you like that kind of thing you will enjoy this book. Peart pulls stories from the weirdest directions and somehow makes it work in the end. It becomes an ah-ha moment, for me at least, which totally pulls EVERYTHING TOGETHER. But not how I would expect it to be. She introduces new characters, a blast from Colin's past and a Russian mobster's wife. The later introduction and story line didn't make much sense to me but it did tie in a little later on in the book.

With all of this said, Colin and Natalie goes through ups and downs... Ahem... Literally! The sex scenes are steaaaaammmmyyyyy!!! I did love them soooooo!! They were realistic and not too over the top!

Even though some of the story lines were going in weird directions the author did bring it together in the end (neatly I may add). Her writing style again is simplistic but entertaining. I give this book a 4.

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Amber says

Almost Broken Up is a fabulous and enjoyable story of protecting the ones you love no matter the cost. It is filled with the acceptance and confirmation of the beautiful progression of the healing and blossoming of two broken and lost souls. It is the ultimate expression of the level of relationship that Natalie and Colin have come to find themselves in. There are no longer any doubts or questions as to how they feel towards each other. They have reached the point where there is unconditional love and complete trust between them, and they are savoring and treasuring every aspect of it.

It's official! Natalie has fallen hard for Colin. She never intended to, but she just couldn't help herself. Colin swept her off her feet with his kindness, his honesty, and his passion. It's no secret how Colin feels about Natalie, and he tells her every chance he gets. Their relationship has grown into something that neither expected but that they both sincerely needed and wanted. They are taking great steps to try and continue the healing process for Colin. Natalie is doing everything she can to help him overcome the demons of his past. Together they are moving into a new world filled with promise and overflowing with love.

In this next part of their story, we see Natalie falling into a very comfortable rhythm with Colin and his life changing love and kindness. She is beginning to realize just how much he has changed her life, and she is determined to keep him in her life for as long as she can. His love has revived her lifeless and shattered heart and given her a reason to see everything around her in a different light. Nothing and no one will take him away from her if she has any say in it, so when a mysterious man threatens to kill Colin, she takes it upon herself to keep Colin safe.

Again, her zany and quirky friends help her out on this mission. Using their own version of cunning and stealth, they show their dedication and helpfulness in being the loyal friends they have sworn to be for Natalie. There is never a dull moment when they come to help. While Natalie may not completely agree with their methods, she can't deny their desire to please and their heart of pure gold. She wouldn't trade them for anything.

A.O. Peart has written a funny and enticing continuation to this fun and intriguing story of second chances. A word of caution to sensitive readers that this book contains detailed adult content, but otherwise, it is a wonderful story of how love can heal and bring to live two hurting people who have just about given up on happiness. I have enjoyed this journey immensely, and I look forward to the next chapter in Natalie and Colin's relationship. I cannot wait to see what is next in this series!
