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This is the first in a series about Evan Lawson and Mia Galloway. Two brave survivors, one dominant and one innocent. Thrown together by circumstances beyond their control, neither of them looking or believing themselves capable of love. A white hot fire ignites and they begin to learn to fight against all odds for this unique, unexpected love. Can their love survive their past demons or will it separate them permanently?

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From Reader Review Dark Kiss for online ebook

Tanya Rae ~ TaSTy WordGasms says

OMG I have such a book hangover after reading Dark Kiss! I have a new book boyfriend. I love both Evan & Mia! I was hooked from the beginning of this book and didn't stop until I was finished! I dragged my Kindle with me everywhere I went and my hubby thought I was nuts because I wouldn't talk to him while I was reading! This book will give you happy moments and some sad. But, then I consider a book that brings out that kind of emotion a VERY good book and for a first book by Amy Lynn Garcia that is awesome. I can't wait for the second and may be bugging Amy until book 2 is finished! There is a cliffhanger so get ready but, so worth it! Warning: There is descriptive sex in this book so if that bothers you, you probably shouldn't read this book.

Kristin says

I wasn't sure what to expect when I chose to review this book, but I'm glad that I did because it was captivating. It has some darkness in it when it comes to Mia's past, but it also has the contrast of light to it as well. I'll be upfront now and tell you that it does end of a cliffhanger and I'm wondering how long I can go without stalking the author page on Amazon for the next book.

Let's talk about Mia. She's been through a trauma that nobody should ever have to endure at a young age. She's older in the book, but you will get some backstory about the violence she lived through. It's crippled her faith in romance and men, but she manages to make a life for herself as a nurse. Her independence is great, but I think she needs Evan to take the reigns from her and give her someone that she can lean on when she needs to. Mia has dealt with her nightmares and her fears on her own but now it's time to let someone take care of her. It's a hard thing to do, to let someone else have your fears but Mia learns that it can be okay to do just that. I loved watching her bloom throughout the book. There were, however, a few times where I felt that she rushed into things with Evan. Things that stood out as unclear for me are how she knew his name at the hospital without a reference to looking at his chart, and how she was all of a sudden able to let this man touch her.

Evan is not without his own issues. We don't learn much about Evan's past until Mia is living with him and he opens up to her. There is still a lot we don't know about him due to the accident he was in. I enjoyed Evan's character. He's a dominant alpha, there's no doubt about that, but it's the struggle he goes through to figure out just which life he wants that I found to be the most interesting. Does he really want to remember all of the things he did before the accident and before he met Mia? Or does he want to just be the man who woke up from the coma with Mia? You'll see him struggle with this, as well as Mia. She feels that he could turn the switch and go back to being the cold, ruthless man that his staff is used to.

The storyline was very captivating. It held my attention and it flowed well for the most part. There are two scenes in the book from Evan's point of view and I wasn't prepared for that. The story starts in Mia's point of view but then for those two scenes, it jumps to Evan. I had to go back and make sure that I hadn't missed something but figured out that it was Evan's voice and not Mia's speaking. The scenes were well done, but I do wish that there was more warning that the point of view would change and that there was more from Evan's voice. Maybe in the next book Evan will have more to say.

Overall I really enjoyed this book and I think you will too. One disclaimer I will put out there is that there is mention of rape. There's no description of the rape, just that Mia was raped violently and has nightmares resulting from her attack. I hope that if you can, you'll pick up a copy today and give Amy Garcia a chance to show you how talented she is.

***Review has been done in conjunction with Nerd Girl Official.

Bloggers From Down Under says

*** ARC provided on behalf of the author for an honest review ***

This book has been one of the hardest books to review.....And you wanna know why?
Because no written review can do this book justice.

Mia Galloway is an ICU nurse at a hospital in Seattle. Mia loves her job, caring for patients, consoling family members and watching patients mend.
But Mia is broken internally. After a horrific (and we mean horrific) trauma that she suffered at the age of 19, Mia painfully had to rebuild her life all over again.

While working one night a patient is brought in after being involved in a MVA. Mia is the patients nurse. Walking into the room what she discovers is breathtaking. He's broken, hurt, but he's breathtakingly beautiful, chiseled body, muscles galore, a god.

His name is Evan Lawson.

In a coma Mia cares for him daily, shaving him, bathing him, talking to him. She even brings in music for him to listen too. She feels a connection to Evan even though words have never passed between them. Evan after 8 days wakes from his coma frantic because the voice that he has been hearing each and every single day is no longer there. The voice that has kept him calm is no longer there. He's frantic, panicked, afraid.

Where is she?

Mia is called by work colleagues to inform her that Evan is awake and is asking for her. Leaving her girlfriends at a bar she races back to the hospital to console him.

This is where Mia and Evan's story truly begins.

Without giving anything at all away Dark Kiss is a HUGE DEFINITE MUST READ.

It takes you on a journey of such sorrow and pain, but on the flip side it shows how as humans we can mend, heal and learn to live again.

It takes you on a journey of trust, need and desire. It explores what can come from two very broken people who are joined together by such tragic circumstances.

Dark Kiss is one of the best ARCS we have been fortunate enough to receive and we rate this book 10 out of 10.

We cannot wait for the second installment.

Lisa says

How can a person be friends with an Author on Goodreads, Facebook and Instagram and not have read any of their work? That is a question I will be asking myself for weeks to come. THANK YOU, Amy Lynn Garcia – I look forward to reading more from you in the future, you are amazing – your characters, words, EVERY. SINGLE. SYLLABLE! How is this your first book? Where have you been all my life?

The heroine, Mia: she took my breath away, her past – such a dark awful past, yet she overcame and is such a strong woman. Mia is an ICU nurse – how could you not love her from the start? The hero, Evan: Oh my Evan! He also has a dark past – much different from Mia's, yet this makes him beyond swoon worthy. Mia "meets" Evan when he is her patient in ICU. You know that feeling you get when your heart sings and your tummy flutters? Mia had all that – here is the kicker, Evan was unconscious! You wouldn't think it is possible, yet it was and it was beautiful! Oddly, Evan while unconscious, was also feeling that same pull. When Evan wakes up he wants Mia and wants her NOW! Evan is a successful intense bossy business man with a heart larger than life. He gets what he wants when he wants it! Couple the two of them together and you have a spark that will light the darkest of nights. WOW, hello, tingly feelings *fans self*!!!

The twists and turns I did not see coming, they blew me away – I could not put this book down! There is a cliffhanger, and the great news is books TWO and THREE are already released - I cannot wait to start the second book and as a matter of a fact it is locked and loaded on my kindle!

4.5 well deserved Stars!

Erin Lewis says

4 Star Review Dark Kiss (The Two sides of me Book 1) by Amy Lynn Garcia

This is Book 1 of what is expected to be a trilogy by debut author Amy Lynn Garcia. The author was recommended to me by a good friend and I am so glad she did. I have to say I fell in love with Evan and Mia and their story.

Evan is in a car accident and is admitted to an upscale private hospital in a comatose condition and Mia is one of the nurses charged with his care. From the moment she sees Evan in his hospital bed, Mia is drawn to Evan and despite her horrific past she starts to have feelings for him. No one is more shocked than Mia herself. She has closed off from most people and particularly men. Mia constantly talks to Evan trying to bring him back, plays music and generally falls for him, all before he opens his eyes. When Evan finally awakens, he is frantic and all he wants is Mia, who is off duty and out for a girls night with her friends. Once Mia is told he is awake she rushes to the hospital to Evan. That's when the wild ride commences.

Both have tragic and horrific pasts and as such they are both haunted by re-occurring nightmares. It was wonderful to read a book that was so challenging. There are dark parts to this book, so be prepared. However that being said, their pasts are what have made them and it is so refreshing to read a book that not only has sizzling hot sex scenes but also challenges the reader. I spent half the book wanting to jump ahead into both Evan and Mia's minds, trying to guess where the author would lead me. Oh the suspense!

This story creates a roller - coaster of emotions in not only the reader but the characters' themselves. There are so many unanswered questions about Evan and Mia and I am really looking forward to seeing how the story continues in the 2nd instalment due out by the end of the year.

Evan and Mia have a deep connection, almost like two lost souls who have searched the world and finally found each other. It is truly beautiful to watch and at the same time heart breaking.

I commend Amy Lynn Garcia on an outstanding debut novel and look forward to reading many more books from this very talented author.

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Clara Harding says

Dark Kiss has it all; dark intrigue, sex, secrets, promises, lies, a life left forgotten, a dying sexy man who just happens to be so rich it hurts and although slightly obsessive is a whole different breed of man. Let's not forget LOVE, within Dark Kiss by Amy Lynn Garcia we have the epic story of a love so strong it manages to make you flourish fully but then in an instant it can turn and break you beyond compare! All of the characters, both main and supporting, all have their own "air" about them, their own secrets to tell, which has you asking your own questions about them, Amy Lynn Garcia has managed to give you enough information about them to keep you satisfied just enough but still hungry for answers as you will find out in this impressive novel that will grip you from the very first page and have you crying out for more by the end.

We begin by meeting Mia, a young woman who has suffered what can only be put into words as a horrific past, she was kidnapped and tortured by 3 men, 2 who are now in prison but the 3rd got away. The attack was so nasty that she required several surgeries, even some on her face which in effect changed how she looks now compare to how she did look when she was growing up and taken. Now emotionally stable, Mia works for an exclusive hospital that caters for the rich and famous, Seattle Trinity. As a nurse she finds that helping people in effect helps her, so she not only loves her job she needs it feel right within herself.

One of Mia's co-workers – Callie, has relentlessly tried to set Mia up with men from the hospital several times but Mia isn't interested in a relationship after what she went through, she is resigned to being on her own, that is until she walks in the room that Callie practically pushes her into. Mia is floored by the man she sees before her, never in her life has she felt physically attracted to a man, this man is a Greek Adonis, a true God and soon she finds that every waking moment is filled with thoughts of Evan, caring for Evan and even becoming possessive of him.

When he wakes she is not disappointed as the most beautiful Green eyes meet hers, although how those eyes meet hers is an unusual tale, that I will leave for the reader of the book as it is a very pointe part of the story as it sweeps from a one sided all-consuming need into a dramatic first clash of two souls as they truly meet. In that moment you need to read the words to savour it.

Their arrangement; for her to work for him as his nurse, as he requires homecare is not everything it seems. Both parties have ulterior motives at play for each other. Quickly Mia and Evan are not playing the traditional patient and nurse roles, and homecare is the last things on their minds..... Both stubborn and smart, Mia realises that many things are going unsaid and some of them need to come out into the open. Will she burst her new found happy bubble in order to find out the truth or will she continue to keep it filed away in her mind on the “Things to think about later shelf”?? Can she tell him about what happened when she was kidnapped and risk losing him?

Evan Lawson, after an accident finds him in a coma within Seattle Trinity’s, wakes up to find one woman on his mind and that woman is Mia! He has never met her, never spoken to her nor even set eyes upon her and yet after listening to her voice, the voice that helped him find his way back to life, he knows that his soul has recognised its other half and he needs to wake up to claim it!

Convincing Mia to become his homecare nurse turns out to be easier than he anticipated, but that’s how it is when you have money – doors not normally open to others pop right open for him. Bringing her into his home and convincing her to stay turns out to be more of a challenge. What starts as a night, turns into an agreement for a week, which turns into more but can he convince her to stay even longer? Can opening up to her about his own abused past help her to understand, or will she reject him? Evan’s staff act frightened around him, and as he soon begins to realise something more is amiss he begins to dig into who he was before the crash, before he became the Evan Mia loves, what he finds shakes him to his core.....who is this man he was? Should he tell her, will he lose her, will he lose himself?

With so many secrets and lies, their relationship changes - but I am not about to give away what potentially is one of the best Cliff-hanger endings I have read in a while!

Amy’s way with words and the way she seems to have devoted so much time to each individual character to make them “real” you could almost reach out and touch them, clearly hear their laughter and feel their pain as it punches you in your gut. Each exchange between characters that is written, brings such a deeper meaning to each individual part and there are connections that some may not see. By the end of the novel I was Gobsmacked and I can clearly say WOW, what a jaw dropping ending to the novel it is, the build-up has you thinking something else entirely and then, POW! You get kicked with this! It’s Excellent and if you don’t buy this and read it then you are missing out on THE BEST Novel of SUMMER 2014 – A Full 5 star Review! *****

Fathima says

3.5 stars !!!

Okay . so this was good ! Really good . Mia is a nurse who works at a very esteemed hospital for the rich and famous . Her new patient , Evan Lawson .. drop dead gorgeous , incredibly alpha and mysteriously broody (when he is not being playful and flirty) . Evan has been in a bad car accident and is in coma when the story begins . For the eight days that he is fighting for life amidst death , Mia becomes his harbour trying to pull him back to life . She takes care of him , talks to him , plays him music on her Ipod ... you see Mia isn't used to this . A survivor of a very horrendous and gruesome experience Mia has sworn off sex and men . She believes in her work and her family and friends . But meeting Evan changes all that for her . Evan Lawson on the other hand is a tough nut to Crack . Everybody around him calls him the beast . Why you ask ? Because Evan Lawson doesn't give a fuck ! He is mostly concerned about his chain of restaurants and clubs . A

typical Slavedriver , If I can say that :P .. But Mia changes him .. she brings out a side of him that nobody knows . Can these two tortured soul find solace in each other ?

Things I liked about this book :

- I loved how the author doesn't beat around the bush with Mia had gone through . Straight up in the first few chapters itself she gives a glimpse of what Mia has endured when she was a teenager and as the story progresses you get more and more of the damage that incident has left her with . Fucking heartbreaking !

- Emotions !!! Dark kiss is sooo pumped up on emotions I swear everything that was happening , be It good , bad or ugly had the desired impact on me . Especially where Mia and Evans relationship was concerned ! Good lord their chemistry was off the chart hot ! It did seem like a case of inst - love /lust ... but you know me I don't really give a shit about that . That's the kind of love you hope and pray for if you ask me !

Now on to the things I didn't like :

- The writing style : Usually , when two characters converse with each other , I prefer to read them in two different sentences . Not in one sentence with two open and close inverted coma's separating them. Maybe it's not that big of a deal but it was starting to get to me at some point .

- Mia's behaviour towards the end : Mia really started to fuck things up due to her insecurities . I've vocalize this time and again but I'll say It anyways .. I hate It when the main female characters in books tend to run like a bat from the hell caves every time shit starts to hit the fans in books ... Like , why the hell can't you woman up and face things head on ! Mia was doing exactly that and I was like , " girl I've been liking you all this long but now you are just acting like a daft twit ! " Just ugh ...

All in all , this was good . Except for aforementioned issues I enjoyed reading it The end is definitely a cliffy and I can't wait to see what's in store for Mia and Evan !

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

This is a really super debut novel. I had goosebumps reading this book and that only happens to me on rare occasions.

I love the main characters Evan and Mia. Mia finds herself nursing the delicious Evan after an accident leaves him in a coma. Told mostly from Mia's point of view I loved how the author allowed Evan to give us his point of view on a few occasions. Both Evan and Mia are broken characters and I was so hoping they would find happiness.

Beautiful and emotional story that had me gripped. Be warned there is a cliffhanger so go grab book two now.

Shannon says

Oh my holy hotness! I just finished Dark Kiss by Amy Lynn Garcia and I loved it!! I really enjoyed the

whole premise of this storyline...a nurse and patient falling for each other under such unusual circumstances. I thought the flow of the story was so smooth and I was drawn in immediately.

Mia is the nurse assigned to care for Evan while he's in a coma from a car accident. She feels an incredible draw to him and she just can't understand it. Evan feels it too (even while unconscious). Upon his awakening, there is no denying their attraction to each other and Evan wants to move their relationship out of the hospital. And what Evan wants, Evan gets. Their interactions are so steamy, I could almost see the smoke coming from my kindle.

I give this book 4.5 stars and I cannot wait to read what's next for Mia and Evan.

Maya says

[No. (hide spoiler)]

Nikki says

??BOOK REVIEW ~ Dark Kiss by Amy Lynn Garcia??

Book: Dark Kiss Series: The Two Sides of MeAuthor: Amy Lynn Garcia Release Date: Out NowGenre: Contemporary Romance Reviewer: Nikki KStars (Os): OOOOO

Nurses have all of the fun!

When Mia shows up to work and is handed over the Adonis patient, Evan Lawson, she finds her heart a flutter. The instant draw to him, even in his comatose state, has her vexed. How can this silent, unmoving man get under her skin so deeply? It must be only the physical desire, right?

Stuck in the darkness inside of himself, Evan fights his way back to the living. He is pulled out of the abyss by the voice of an angel. Hearing Mia whisper that she will be back, grabs hold of him and gives him the strength to break free.

Fighting her ethical dilemma of being attracted to her patient proves a futile attempt at righteousness. Evan will not be denied his desire for Mia. Knowing her struggle, he makes Mia a job offer she can't refuse. Accepting Evans terms, Mia only falls further into Evans world, his heart.

Enter the fear. Both Evan and Mia have darkness in their past. His is lifted by a medical anomaly. Can Mia trust the Evan she loves will be the Evan of her future, or will his past creep in and change the man she knows? Mia's fear however is 2 fold. Her traumatic past combines with the reality of her love, making Mia question all she knows, feels and wants.

Being a RN herself, Amy Lynn Garcia has done a great job of telling the story of a nurses struggle with ethical duty versus lustful desire.

As this is her first book, I find myself in awe of her raw talent to spin a story. Her follow up to Dark Kiss, Dark Thief, will not be out soon enough for me. I can't wait to discover what happens next in the lives of the sexy, smoldering couple of Evan and Mia!

**I was given an ARC for an honest review.

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ByoBook Club says

I need the next book NOW!

Sexy, suspenseful, loving, and protective – words to describe the story-line and the hero of this mesmerizing book. Evan Lawson is a rich, restaurateur who has survived a deadly car accident. Mia Galloway is the hospital nurse caring for the injured survivor. Mia has known violence and trauma in her young life and has kept herself busy and fulfilled despite avoiding all romantic entanglements. She is drawn to her patient in a way that crossed professional boundaries as well as the personal ones she has had in place for years. There was something about this man that called to her in every way, not only physically but on an emotional level

she had never experienced before. Evan could be everything she never knew she was missing. Medical issues, traumatic memories, and mysterious incidents were building towards an explosive climax. Would their relationship – would they – survive?

This full-length novel is the first in a trilogy from this debut author. Holy hotness is this book full of everything I love in a romance. The heroine is beautiful, loving and strong. She is dealing with traumatic events from her past with determination and resolve. Evan is dark, charismatic, mysterious and determined to use everything in his arsenal to win Mia over. He knows what has happened to her and is sensitive to what she continues to go through as she deals with her past and the present triggers that affect her so strongly. The story switches points of view as we see events through both of the main characters eyes and gives the reader incredible insight into their intimacy of both body and mind. I cannot wait to see where the author takes us next in their story!

Vickie says

Mia is assigned to Evan as his nurse after he has been in a car accident. He's in a coma. She knows she's immediately attracted to this handsome god before her. After a horrific event in her life when she was 19, Mia has never had a relationship with a man or the desire to have on. But after seeing Evan, something changed.

It's always been said that people in comas can possibly hear you when you talk to them so doctors encourage this. With the instant attraction Mia had toward Evan she couldn't help but talk to him when she was on shift. When she was off, she couldn't keep him off her mind. She even left instructions with his other nurses that if he regained consciousness for them to call her immediately.

She was out with her girlfriends one night when she got just that call. It just wasn't exactly as she expected though. Evan came to and was out of control, demanding to see her. How did he know her name? He's been in a coma ever since he got to the hospital...Oh yea, she told him everyday when talked to him while he was in a coma what her name was.

When Evan decided HE was ready to be released from the hospital he wanted Mia to go home with him to be his personal nurse. She would only agree if there was a contract that as soon as her services were no longer needed that she could return to the hospital in her same capacity.

Mia soon starts learning that Evan's employees are afraid of him but she can't figure out why they would be so afraid of the man she has fallen so in love with would cause anyone to be fearful. Something happens in his highly secured house one night that causes her to bolt for the hills but it isn't Evan that caused it.

Katie says

Well...i'm officially tapping out...

DNF at 26%...

What caused the DNF? Well, I'm only 26% of the way done with the book, and the term *magnetic pull* was used to describe her feelings towards Evan WAY too often for my taste. **SIX TIMES** to be exact. Of the NINE DAYS she's known him, eight have been spent with him in a coma. And yet, there is just this MAGNETIC PULL that makes her be creepy and stay with him. And shave him. And hold his hand. And whisper sweet nothings into his ear. All while he is catatonic. Yeah...idk...

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And when Evan FINALLY wakes up, he's a dick to her. Bosses her around. Makes her feel pretty worthless. And yet, that damn **magnetic pull** keeps her with him. So much so, that she even offers to come stay with him to be his at home nurse.

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And it's at this point, the kindle was shut off and I gave up.

I seem to be in the minority here about this, but I am just being honest...

Irene says

Dark read be prepared

4 Stars....Mia had a horrible experience when she was a teen. She hadn't let any man get to close to her.

When Evan showed up as her patient there was a pull she couldn't deny.

See Mia is a nurse. Evan was in an accident and was her patient. When Evan wakes he calls for her. He too felt a connection, a pull of sorts to Mia.

As his nurse she tends to his medical needs. However they make it personally. They fall for one another so fast it isn't funny. Yes there are triggers that set Mia off. If I was her I would have ran for the woods. It is like Evan can read her mind. There is bossy, then there is controlling. Evan takes those two to the max. With his messed up past, and her horrible encounter the some how work. With what Mia went through you would of thought she would of gone slower than what she did with Evan. Someone is out to get Evan, as some memories come back to him he doesn't know his whole life story. I could of used another ending. Now I am racking my brain thinking of who it could be. Have to thank a friend for the recommendation.
