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The continuing adventures of Emma!

After a steamy affair with her young neighbour, Emma Benson flees to her friend Sally's beach house to recharge her emotional batteries. Her marriage to David has been going through a testing time, but now she's determined to be the wife he would like her to be.

If only it was that easy.

How do you tame a woman who's brimming with uninhibited sensual desires, a woman for whom pleasure is the ultimate goal in life?

Sally's beach house is the perfect place to relax and reconnect with a secret relationship Emma had thought had ended years before.

But then the arrival of David at the beach house reignites her fantasies – and offers her a temptation she can't help acting upon.

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Kylie says

I give her one thing, she sure knows how to end a book, so you have to buy the next one!

Lynette says

This was even better than the first book

Lily says

A great read. Couldn't put it down.

Simone says

This is the second book in the Secret Lives of Emma series and another compelling read from author Natasha Walker.

Repenting her brief, rash affair with her 18-year-old neighbor Jason, Emma Benson escapes to a holiday house on the beach with her best friend Sally. Over the course of a week she reawakens Sally's sensuality and passion – things she has buried in the pursuit of a conventional upper-middle-class life. But when Emma's husband David arrives at the house, and Emma tries to initiate a threesome, she sets in motion forces that she may not be able to control. Emma resolves to settle down and be a good wife – but is it already too late?

Having loved the first book in this series (The Secret Lives of Emma: Beginnings), I thought it would be pretty hard to match. But that isn't the case - if anything this book is steamier, more complex and even more realistic than the first, and it benefits from an alpha-male lead in the form of Emma's husband David rather than the teenage Jason of book one. These books may have been marketed to take advantage of the 50 Shades of Grey phenomenon, but I think that does them a disservice. The writing is accomplished and witty (I laughed out loud a few times), the characters are diverse and the insight the novel contains into the way real people think is astonishing.

This book deals with the sexual exploits and moral dilemmas of a group of 30-something suburbanites. Yes, it contains infidelity (though it is mostly alluded to rather than shown, except for the scenes between the two women), so if you prefer an idealized or romantic form of erotica, this might not be your cup of tea. But whatever your take on the morality of the characters depicted in this novel, it's the flawed but endearing Emma who makes this series special – her thirst for life, her generosity and her desire to be honest with herself redeem to some extent her more morally questionable activities.

This series has been selling like hotcakes in Australia (the books are set in Mosman, an exclusive harborside suburb of Sydney) but it seems to have flown under the radar in the US. That's a shame, because this is one of the most refreshing series I've read in ages. So if you are open-minded and like books that contain realistic situations (plus some truly erotic sex scenes) you are sure to enjoy The Secret Lives of Emma: Distractions.

Jay says

loved it!!

the more Emma I get, the more I want, lol

more insight into what both Emma & David want this time, & a better view at who Emma really is. but still plenty of hot steamy scenes ;)

Jessica `~Blahyze~` says

I don't know if it is the way it is written that is throwing me off with these books, but they still don't meet up to my expectations however this one was slightly better than the first. I did find the storyline in some parts to drag but we did get more insight into the characters and somewhat deplorable that they are. It was nice to see Emma grow somewhat towards to end of the read, turning down Paul though David's turn was shocking.

In the first book we didn't get much of David or know much about him, but in this read we got introduced to him fully. Starting off me seemed to be so moral and upstanding, it made me dislike Emma so much for what she has been down behind his back but it all came tumbling down rather quickly and his true colours were shown. He and Emma are truly perfect for each other, each self-destructive and making bad choices.

I was sure that when this second installment was finished I wasn't going to continue on with this series, but with such a cliff-hanger ending and all the lies and secrets stating to unravel, I am tempted to buy the next book. I am curious to know how this will all work out. I am torn was to whether to go a full three stars with this or a two and a half, so I will settle with a borderline three stars.

Traci Holland says

Didn't like this as much as the first book

Chapter 35 says

Is it odd that even though some sex scenes were good, I didn't REALLY start to get invested in this book till the last few chapters? The story line seemed to really pick up towards the end of the book, it become more

real, involved and interesting. And then the cliff hanger ending! Oh dam! Glad I have book 3 to get into straight away!

Natasha Walker, you devil! that ending!

Natasha says

Well I have rated this poorly not so much for the writing but for the fact that I hated the infidelity in it. That many times I had to put the book down and walk away and many times I nearly didn't finish reading it. I'm aware that Emma probably got what she deserved in the end but I hated the lead up to her so called best friend becoming David's mistress. It made me loath both Sally and David and then for her to finally find out what was going on and to still believe that she would stay with him and have his baby is absurd. And then to finish the book like that....I'm wondering is there going to be another book. If so I'm not sure if I really want to read it.

Bert Zee says

Natasha Walker you bitch you! That is what I call a cliffhanger...

This is another sexy read featuring one of my new favourite literary bad girls, Emma. She could teach us all a thing or two about sex I think, she's obsessed with it and in this book you see just how open to all kinds of sex she is. In the first book the story revolved around an affair with a much younger man, and in this book you get the ménage and spouse swapping scenario. This book was very sexy just like the first one but for some reason I didn't find it AS sexy, when you take the whole affair with a younger man aspect out of it and replace it with more adventurous and kinkier sex with your actual husband it loses the excitement a little. That makes me sound like a person that's pro-cheating, which I'm not, but in book and movie form I think it's ok to be a little bit (or in Emma's case VERY) naughty.

I really enjoyed it and am definitely going to read the third and final book but I must say that I liked book 1 more. 3.5 stars.

Jessica Polanco says

I enjoyed this better than the first one. Although I am not a huge fan of her writing style I find myself enthralled with these books. Perhaps it is because Emma is so opposite to me, I like the progression of the story. The sex is well written. Good read, cannot wait for the next one!

Sarah says

I am so disappointed with this book. I quite enjoyed the first book & the naughty trysts with the young boy next door, Jason. But with bk 2, the story has shifted to one that is only hurting Emma & all that she wants.

I'm not sure if I would have offered my husband up to my best friend as she did. But it seems to have back

fired on her. Rather than be a dangerous threesome, her friend & her husband have left her out. What was she thinking, she had to know this would be the case as they don't think the same as her, she has always been the one to create all the sex play & now its been taken from her.

I can't believe the way it's been left at the end of the book. Oh my god better not take too long for the next installment. I can't believe the way David has changed so much, his moral compass is way off kilter. Him being more provocative than Emma, is ok but he's not cut out for it & now he's taken it with Sally too far.

I so hope Emma is pregnant & she leaves her husband & I hope the baby will belong to the neighbour Jason. She doesn't have to run off with anyone in particular, but she should step away & leave him with that Sally tart. Also I'm hoping Sally can't have kids & that will really show them.

In all Emma has done, she has not actually set up another life with a lover as David has. That is going way too far, so let them be together, they are cut from the same cloth. If Sally really did love Emma as her best friend she would have done it the way Emma wanted it. But she is one of those sly ones who can't be honest & open so she sneaks behind her back. She didn't join in with them at the beach house, because she was acting like a spoilt brat who didn't get it her way.

You can't in all honesty say to your wife that you love her while setting up house with your wifes best friend. So for him to obviously not know his wife at all, he deserves to lose her. Then she can go off & write her book that will sell & make her rich. Then she can support her child & have all the wonderful sex she wants.

I realise that there should be some objection to the whole affair things that have gone on, but Emma has never shacked up in a secret house with anyone, it's all just been a dangerous game. Her so called friend Sally has feelings for Emma's husband & has turned away from her own husband, that's where the difference is. It wouldn't be erotic & naughty without Emma's trysts. But the direction of Sally in love with David, that's gonna change it all.

I was quite enjoying the ride with Emma, until this David doing Sally thing. The threesome would have been ok but now there are feelings involved. It changes from erotic & naughty & dangerous to romanceless & heartache, there's enough heartache in my daily life.

I want Emma to win in this story, not Sally. So if that includes David then so be it. But if he stay's in her life then she must go, she is not to be trusted in their life. That way the sucky romance that her bleeding heart was oozing while they were at the beach house, can be gone & we can get down to the nitty gritty of the erotic dreams coming true.

I am reading another book series at the moment which can almost make The Secret Lives of Emma, seem soppy. So be careful how the 3rd book goes. As the author you have stated this story is so much better than 50 shades, which I think you referred to as SUCKED.

Just be warned. The SIREN series is the actual bench mark at the moment for Erotic fiction & you don't want to fall behind.

Jennifer says

Whilst I enjoyed the first book for its erotic theme this book left me somewhat disappointed.

I found myself a little perplexed at the lounge room scenario between the main character, her husband and her best friend. I almost saw a bit of a spoiled child in her and the way she acted.

Yes, there were erotic scenes and undertones throughout the book (between the main character and her best friend) but I found myself a little disappointed in the whole story.

Hoping that book 3 will be better.

Callixta says

<http://www.blue-moon.fr/spip.php?arti...>

Natasha Walker semble manquer terriblement de talent, lorsqu'on lit son second livre sur les aventures sexuelles d'une femme libre (je suppose que c'est ce qu'elle pense de son héroïne). Nous avons laissé Emma, qui venait de s'extirper des bras musclés d'un jeune éphèbe de dix-huit ans qu'elle a initié. Malheureusement, il est retourné auprès de sa petite amie de son âge. Qu'à cela ne tienne, Emma ne se laisse pas abattre et va filer au bord de la mer en compagnie d'une amie, Sally, avant que leur mari respectif les rejoignent.

Sally et Emma se connaissent depuis longtemps, ont déjà partagé de tendres moments et vous devinez immédiatement qu'Emma va se laisser tenter une nouvelle fois par les plaisirs féminins. La suite est...incohérente. Je suis dans l'incapacité de vous dire réellement ce qui motive Emma. Elle fantasme immédiatement sur la possibilité d'organiser un plan à trois ou à quatre avec leurs hommes qui vont finir par débarquer. Mais voilà, elle veut, puis ne veut plus, veut offrir son mari à son amie mais soudain est jalouse et puis plus du tout. Tout ce petit monde se tourne autour, cède souvent à ses envies et quand il ne le fait pas, on se demande vraiment pourquoi ; la seule raison étant que cela permet d'ajouter quelques pages de plus au livre. Jamais, ce que veut Emma ne sera clair, les réactions de chacun sont incompréhensibles.

L'immense problème est qu'il n'y a pas vraiment d'histoire. Tout s'organise autour de ce séjour à la plage. Au final, il ne se sera rien passer de sensationnel ni d'innovant sinon des parties de jambes en l'air avec un nombre variable de participants et qui jouent beaucoup sur l'exhibitionnisme, le bonheur de s'exposer. Même dans la vie personnelle d'Emma, l'évolution est minime et tout aussi difficile à suivre. Ajoutons à ce naufrage, un style vraiment minimaliste, des dialogues plats qui font presque sourire parfois tellement ils sont peu percutants, des phrases courtes, descriptives. Nous ne saurons rien non plus des motivations profondes d'Emma ni des autres, de ce qui a pu conduire la jeune femme à vivre sa sexualité de cette façon, de s'interroger sur sa volonté de faire un enfant ou pas. Cela manque terriblement.

La mauvaise nouvelle est que la fin laisse supposer une suite. Peut-être l'attitude d'Emma prendra un sens. Dernier point, celui des scènes érotiques puisque nous sommes dans ce genre. Elles sont clairement osées mais certains romans sont allés plus loin dernièrement et de façon bien plus talentueuse. Et puis, pour vraiment toucher avec ce genre de scènes, il faut sentir de l'empathie avec les personnages, comprendre leurs motivations, qu'ils nous émeuvent. Nous en sommes fort loin. Une série qu'on peut donc s'éviter de lire.

Jules says

Do yourself a favour and introduce yourself to Emma. She will teach you so much on how to be a bad girl.
LOVE HER! :)
