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LILLA KING: 30-something married marketing exec

LILLA KING is a good wife. She cooks, cleans and has dinner waiting when her husband gets home. But there's something missing. Something Lilla desperately craves, needs. And the one man who's supposed to provide it is completely and utterly clueless. But Lilla knows it's just a matter of time before things change. Before she finds what she desires. The one thing standing in her way? Her marriage.

A trip to the grocery store leaves Lilla unable to keep her fantasies at bay. One look at the beautiful man working in the produce section has her sneaking out of the house and lying to her husband. One smile from him has her buying push-up bras and dancing stupidly in the aisles. One kiss makes her question what true love is. One night with CASH VALENTINE reveals she isn't the only one hiding secret desires.

What if the love you've always wanted, dreamed possible, and craved was right there for the taking? What if you could have everything you've always wanted, if only you didn't belong to another?

CASH VALENTINE: 24-year-old artist and grocery store clerk

"I want to knock her love out. I want to pull it from her chest while it's beating fervently and be slapped for doing so. To play. To rumble. Truth and lies. Ugly sin and the prettiest fucking thing I have ever seen." -- Cash

24-year-old CASH VALENTINE has always followed his heart. A free spirit and an artist, Cash passes the time working in his father's grocery store. When not goofing off with his friends at work, he's getting grief from his dad for being irresponsible. But Cash knows it's only a matter of time before something changes. And then one day, Cash's world shifts, and he can't get the woman he met in the check-out lane out of his head. What started as flirtatious conversation with a muse, turns quickly into stolen moments with the love of his life.

But what happens when the love of your life belongs to another man? And what if that man owns everything your family has worked for?

What would you risk for true love?

KNOCK LOVE OUT is a new adult crossover that will leave you wanting more. Told from both Lilla and Cash's points of view, readers will learn first-hand what it's like coming of age, falling madly in love and doing so with another man's wife, while watching the heartbreak erosion of Lilla's marriage as she runs into the arms of another.

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Derna says

*****4.5*****

I received this copy of ARC from Swoon Romance in exchange for an honest review.

I was a little unsure when I first started reading it as I had read something similar a few weeks earlier where the main character is unhappy in her marriage and starts an affair, so I was worried it was going to follow the same format, and I wouldn't enjoy it. I was so pleased that after reading the first few pages, I could see that I was going to prove wrong. I really enjoyed it, and I didn't want to put it down.

I have said before I don't condone adultery in any way, but I could see why Lilla is unhappy with husband Adam, and why she went out looking to find what is missing from her marriage. When she meets 24-year-old Warren Cash Valentine, simple flirting turns into something more when sparks fly between these two.

I enjoy the storyline, about self-discovery, love, loss, truth, choices, consequences. It had a bit of everything, drama, angst, twist, and turns that kept the story interesting love the humor I laugh so many times, music references, romance. The age difference between Lilla and Cash didn't bother me at all, mainly because it does happen, and one of my best friend is happily married to a man who is 12yrs younger than her. You know what they say, "age is just a number"

Lilla and Cash are great characters, and I like the bond that they share. I could definitely feel the connection that they had. These two were good together emotionally and physically. There weren't as many steamy scenes as I usually like, but I didn't mind as ultimately Lilla, and Cash's relationship was built on love, not lust, and I like that. Told from both points of views, which I was really pleased about, as it was the main reason I loved Cash.

So let talk about Warren 'Cash' Valentine at the start I didn't think I was going to like him as he came across as cocky and full of himself, but after reading his point of view you soon realizes its act, he is so not like that. I can tell you now if I had a Cash working at my local grocery (Tesco) shop. I would be very happy, and I too would change my weekly shopping to a daily shop. Wow I loved this man, his sprite, his humor, his passion, the way he thinks, the things he says, and most of all his love for Lilla.

"Love's greatest problem is the people who don't understand what it's all about. You want it all, you're going to fail at love. You want a piece of the pie love is going to taste fucking scrumptious. Love isn't your puppet. You can't pull love's strings. Love should pull you" ~ Cash

This book had great supporting characters loved them all well maybe not Adam, Cash's family and friends were what added to the humor of this book, crazy and very funny. Special mention goes to Cash's mum poppy she was a sweetheart, and I just loved her.

Overall I really enjoyed this debut novel from Pella Grace I like her writing style, I felt the story flowed well, and definitely pulled at my emotions. Best of all you know how I love my epilogues; well Pella knows how to write one that doesn't disappoint. Told from Cash's POV I loved it so much, so I had to read it twice, and it had me reaching for the tissues.

If you are looking for a contemporary romance book that is going to make you laugh, smile, and swoon then Knock Out Loved doesn't disappoint.

Favorite quotes:

“I wanted Lilla to look into my eyes and find a new world. See herself through my lens. Her own truth.
~ Cash

“How the hell did I end up in the kitchen of a produce clerk, watching him make me a turkey sandwich? A toasted turkey sandwich. Can the man get any better” ~ Lilla

The sadness in her bright eyes. The silence in her screaming mind. The enigma that is really quite simple? A complicated happiness” ~ Cash.

.Lili. says

[before she left her husband (hide spoiler)]

Katie(babs) says

Pulled to publish. Used to be a Twilight fanfic called Knock Love Out by danieller12.

Caroline Patti says

This book sang to me. A Mariah Carey tune, a happy ending, I loved it all. Congrats, Pella on a beautiful story.

Jill says

LOVE.....that's this book! just when I thought Cash couldn't swoon me anymore, he explains how to treat a woman to a newborn baby..wowza!

Shouldn't have surprised me I guess. after all, he is from the mother fucking seven-seven-two :)

Barb says

****I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review***

I would actually give this book 3.5 STARS. The first half of this book I couldn't put down, the second half not so much.

I loved the main characters. Lilla is a 30 something woman that is unhappy with the way that her life and marriage has become. That is until she meets Cash, a 20 something grocery store check-out clerk/artist. She finally decides to take her life back and acts upon her attraction to Cash. I am not a person that condones adultery, but sometimes there are circumstances that enough is enough in a loveless relationship. Cash is there to give her a life back.

What I didn't like about the second half was that Cash became extremely immature, he seemed so colorful and mature in the first half of the book. I hated their nicknames L-Child and C-Child and hers for him "Love Lump". He started to remind me of Jamie Kennedy in the movie "Malibu's Most Wanted" it didn't make much sense, nor did his obsession with Mariah Carey. Also, the end of the book was so rushed and jumbled that I thought I missed a chapter or two.

Overall, I loved the premises of the story. This book has the potential to be a 5-STAR book with some rewrites.

Jessica says

I was given this book for an honest review.

Lilla King is a thirty-something yr old who is in a loveless marriage. As much as she has tried to salvage what is left, she is emotionally abused by her husband.

Lilla decides she is going to have an affair...she goes to a town about 40 miles or so away so she can find someone and not get caught.

Cash (Warren) Valentine is a twenty-four yr old who works in his families grocery store and is a talented artist. Cash is suave with women and he knows how to give them what they want.

This is a story where Lilla and Cash meet...leading to one hot affair!

I didn't love this book but I didn't hate it! I in no way, support adultery no matter the circumstances. Everyone has a choice and I think what Lilla did was wrong, but ended up making the right choice.

I loved Cash 's neighbors...the friendship and back and forth banter made me continue to read on.

The first half of this book flowed well...it was easy to follow. The second half seemed to be dragged out, then rushed at the end.

Romancerwblog says

I received an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review...

30-something Lilla King finds herself frustrated with her marriage and with life in general. In her eyes it is the same every day. She takes care of the house, plans the meals, buys the groceries and then prepares those meals without any acknowledgement or appreciation from her husband. Every day he comes home from work and does his own thing like she doesn't exist and if he does comment on what she's done its always critical. She feels so alone, longing for some type of physical connection.

One day she finds herself in Valentine's Grocery contemplating the idea of an affair because she's so desperate to even feel noticed. This thought turns into a plan of action when she catches the eye of 20-something Warren "Cash" Valentine, the son of Valentine's Grocery's owner.

What starts out as innocent flirting quickly evolves into an affair. Cash not only gives her the physical connection she's been yearning for but also touches her emotionally, helping her find the way back "to herself" and eventually back into a life full of happiness.

This is the story of Lilla King's journey to independence, happiness and love.

Knock Out Love is told through the eyes of both Lilla and Cash, so for the entire story you are able to get a better understanding as to the circumstances in their lives and what's behind their reactions to those circumstances. This is an easy read and you will have no problem following the story.

It was hard for me to fully review without alluding to some spoilers so if you don't like spoilers then please don't read any further.

Unfortunately, for me, I had a hard time emotionally connecting to the story. I found Lilla to be a hard character to really even like. Don't get me wrong I can understand why she felt the way she did and even the driving forces behind those actions but I just didn't agree with them. I felt it took her too long to admit to Cash or even herself that she was as much of a reason as her husband was for the demise of their marriage. It would have been one thing if she had been honest with him about her unhappiness before engaging in an affair. I would have had more respect for her if she had chosen to talk to him and given themselves an opportunity as husband and wife to make things better before deciding to end things. I think it would have helped me to believe in the love between her and Cash.

I'm glad Lilla grew into an independent and happy woman but I was also frustrated with that growth because it felt extreme. When she was with Adam she wasn't happy and definitely wasn't independent and with Cash she was happy but maybe too independent, always hesitant to fully let him into her life and make the ultimate commitment to his love. Was she afraid she would lose herself again? If that was the case then maybe she didn't learn as much as she should have on her self discovery journey, because I believe you can have independence and still be in a fully committed relationship.

Cash on the other hand looks at life so simply...go after what you want, speak up for yourself and when he gives his love to another person whether it be a friend or girlfriend, he is all in holding nothing back. He had several redeeming qualities of a leading male character, but I had a hard time falling in love with him and Lilla together in any capacity. I never understood what made her his "Eden." It's like he was her life coach and had a relationship with her on the side. Why did he want to commit to her? What were the reasons he

didn't want to be with anyone else? What qualities did she possess that made him feel complete? Those were all questions I needed more answers to.

In conclusion, I will say Lilla and Cash do get their HEA with everything wrapped up nicely, which is definitely a bonus and Pella Grace does a great job with her writing, allowing readers to follow the easy flow of conversation between the characters. I still think you should read this book for yourself, just because I didn't "feel the love" of Cash and Lilla doesn't mean you won't.

<http://romancerewind.blogspot.com/201...>

Packy Pie says

Loved it. I feel as though its unlike a lot of the things I normally read. Its easy to get wrapped up on the characters.

First of all, in love with the character as well as their names.

Warren Cash Valentine is... really, where are the words to describe such a character. He is unconventional, not your everyday boy on the block. He is a different soul. Almost poetic. A special one. Sees life for everything that is and not at all for what its not. He's straight or not at all. Things are what they seem with him, nothing more or nothing less. He is honesty and he is light. Also an incredibly confident and cocky bastard, which makes you love him all the more.

Lilla King, unfortunately has been dealt the shitty hand of a wasteful marriage and decides she needs to have an affair. Her husband, Adam Downfall (again, aren't the names perfect?) is such a reclusive asshole who has done nothing but ignore and neglect the needs and desires of his marriage and his wife. She meets Cash at a grocery store, which funny enough happens to be outside of their own little city. She goes there however because Adam likes the brand of ice cream, that is sold there. How fitting, he he. Anyway, she meets Cash and my God, their initial meeting was the most hilarious of things. Cucumbers will never be the same to me again. From here on out, Lil decides that this is the boy she will take down. And neither one of the saw it coming then, but oh how they wrapped up in each other like it was the purpose for which they were born.

I loved their relationship, and I mean, this has nothing to do with my views on cheating or infidelity because I understand that this is a created, fictional world. But its plain as day to see how poisonous and deadly Lilla's union with Adam was. He was literally suffocating her. Neglect in every sense of the word... physically, emotionally, socially, mentally. In every way that a man is supposed to connect to his wife in matrimony, she was shunned and denied. Until, she couldn't take anymore. She had to seek comfort and shelter from elsewhere. And boy, was Cash ready for her. I swear from day one that he could see her. Straightway through. To the battered and darkly bruised bits of her freshly hurt soul. And he was determined to be the boy... the man to show her how to live again. To show her that she could breathe again even though Adam choked the life out of her (not figuratively). To show how how a man really loves. Not just by way of words... but by a look, a touch, a drive to the middle of nowhere, a run on the park, a dance on the roof, a mural of color in the sky. By a swirl of charcoal or paint along a canvas or a body. Love can be many things, and Cash helped Lilla see that and he gave her all that she truly deserved. He even helped her get back what Adam stole from her. Her sense of self, her worth, her mind, her gravity... her smile, her loving heart and soul. He just loved her, whole heart and made her everything... well Mariah aside, lol.

The other characters in the story was great also. Georgia is something else and created a huge part of the humor factor for me. Battle is a doll and I enjoyed her a lot as well. Poppy is the other everyone wants to have. Heath is the coolest book best friend ever. I wouldn't know what to do with him in real life though, lol. Claude is everyone's father to be honest. Strong willed and serious, no games allowed kinda guy. Didn't see as much of Mary but I think I laughed at Cash talking about her ass all through the book, lol. Very much appreciated everyone for the piece they had to contribute to the story, though. No doubt.

Wrapping up, it was funny, sweet, gentle and sexy. Cash is fresh and young with a soul like the clearest waterfall. Pouring out into the people around and about him. He's cautious with his heart but when he does, he loves and trusts HARD!!!! Very passionate and I love what he brought to the story to make it what it is. At the end of it all, I was just glad that Lilla found herself again.

Kudos to you, Miss Grace. You have a gorgeous relationship with words. They hit deep and I licked them up like a tub of Schweddy Balls. Heh! Thank you for writing this.

Heather says

I have 3 words for you- Warren "Cash" Valentine!! I so love you!!! You are my new book boyfriend!!!

I am writing this review as soon as I wipe the last tear from my face. I want this to be fresh. This book I thought would be a roll in the sake for a woman looking for something she was missing. Wrong!!! So so wrong! I have read a lot of books this year alone. This book what can I say stole my heart & if any book is capable of keeping a piece of my heart right within it's pages this book will forever have it.

Lilla King a 30-something unhappily married woman who falls for a 24 year old grocery clerk. She sets out to find the spark that is desperately missing from her marriage & life. Warren Cash Valentine is an average cocky smart ass young man or so she thought. He is highly gifted and not afraid to live life to the fullest. Their steamy romance which is just suppose to be a roll in the sake turns into one man's wife becoming another men's lover.

"I didn't say I was happy. I just said he wasn't a bad person. You can be two good people who just aren't good together. That's the part you don't get." Lilla

"Lettuce know if we can help you with anything" Cash

"Attention customers, we are featuring a special in the frozen food section. With every purchase you make today, Mariah Carey will dance for you." Cash

This book sings to your soul or at least it sure sang to mine. It took ahold of me right from the beginning & just when I thought I knew it goes & proves me wrong. I have laughed throughout books before but nothing like this. Maybe it's all the music references & slang used throughout this book. I felt like I was back in Cali living in my youth being wild & free. I can't even begin to say how much this book captured me & held me captive within its pages. I stayed a willing participant just to laugh, sing & be free again. I could feel it really feel it like the light was shining from the pages feeling the warmth on my cheeks. My face hurt from all the smiling & laughter. Warren "Cash" Valentine I am in awe of you and can honestly say I fell madly deeply in

love with you. You kicked Remington Tate to the curb. LOL I loved his bad mouth, his free spirit & how truly he loves. The relationship between Cash & his mom Poopy made me feel all squishy inside. It was really refreshing and love how he calls her Lady Bug. Too cute!!!! Cash's neighbors and friends were down right gut wrenching crazy fun. I have never highlighted so many parts in a book as I did with this one. I wanted to remember it all. I cried just knowing it was coming to an end and boy did I. It's over & already I want to read it again as if I had never even started. I highly highly recommend this book!!! It is so witty and down right hilarious. My favorite saying in this book is, "Ask me how many fucks I give." Cash PELLA GRACE I love you for writing this amazing book! I really seriously just can't say thank you enough. Your witty humor was nothing short of Fabulous!!! I could really be friends with all your characters well except for Adam. Adam he needs a straight swift kick in the balls. LOL =)

* Review copy given for an honest review* Reviewer for Book Bitches Blog www.bookbitchesblog.com <3

Carolamex says

I enjoyed this story tremendously! It is such a fun read even though we deal with heavy subjects like the end of a marriage and cheating. But the characters are great. Warren Cash Valentine is an artist that also works in the family business to help his father. Lilla King is a costumer from said family business who is very unhappy in a loveless marriage with an emotionally unavailable husband. She feels neglected, discarded, useless and unloved. Cash has a way with the ladies and his charms are irresistible (at least to me they are!). Little by little Cash helps Lilla see herself again and what she truly deserves. I looooved their exchanges. I love witty dialogue and great writing, and this book has loads of that. I truly enjoyed reading this story and think it's a perfect addition to anyone's summer read list.

Christa says

Received an ARC copy in exchange for an honest review.

I had a hard time deciding on how to rate Knock Love Out by Pella Grace. I really enjoyed the first half of this book. You meet Lilla King who is married to a man who doesn't see her anymore or appreciate all the things she does for him. Lilla is miserable, lonely, and barely has any self-esteem left. Enter Cash Valentine, the young man who helps Lilla live again and builds her back up. As much as I disagree with cheating you sympathize with Lilla and understand how she could have cheated.

I started to not enjoy this book as much once (view spoiler). I felt like it was almost a different author from the change. The characters became very immature and Cash's obsession with Mariah Carey was annoying. The epilogue was told in Cash's POV and was extremely confusing. It was very jumpy and hard to follow and I'm not all that sure (view spoiler).

*****?Yasmine?*** says**

Imagine a sillier Will from Renee Carlino's Sweet Thing meets a less confused and more fun version of Caroline from Jane Harvey-Berrick's book The Education of Sebastian.

Lilla is 38 years old, she works in Marketing. She's lost who she is and desperately seeks fun, passion and true love. She is in a loveless marriage with Adam, a man who she has come to loathe.

I want to strangle my husband and slam the door as I leave. I want to leave a box of pasta on the counter that says, “cook your own food and suck your own dick.” ~ Lilla

Cash is an artist moonlighting as a cashier in his family's failing grocery store. He's highly talented, passionate, romantic and kind. His father is clever and serious, his mother babies him and has a very hippy state of mind and he's a mix of the two.

You don't speak. You don't try to fix. You just cling. You just allow your clothes to become a snotty dirty place and you keep your thoughts to your fucking self. Steady and silent. Strong and just there. I'm here. I'm just the shoulder and arms ~ Cash

Lilla purposely seeks out Cash for an affair after an encounter with the beautiful man. He inspires her and she becomes his muse. Cash hates her husband and wants her for himself, but he is supportive and kind.

I loved this book, it would have been 5 stars if it was sexier, but I think the author wanted to put across the fact that the two were in love and not lust. There was also a lot of silly dialog towards the end.

The book is well written and poetic at times, especially Cash's POV, he's very poetic. It's a very pretty, fun, silly and romantic book.

Writing style: 9/10

Dialogue: 8/10

Characters: 9/10

Romance: 10/10

Hotness: 6/10

Uniqueness: 8/10

Ending: 8/10

My star ratings:

1 Complete trash*

2 Waste of time really, but I carried on for some reason*

3 Half decent, usually down to personal preferences*

4 Could read this again, only a little thing is missing, maybe more humour or romance etc...*

5 Would read this again and again, unique story, adore this author*

?ookish ?ne says

Thirty something Lilla King has been living a stagnant married life. She's married to Adam who does not acknowledge any of her efforts no matter how hard or how much she tries to bring the spark back into her marriage. She is only left frustrated, discouraged, and tired of his resentment.

Twenty something Warren “Cash” Valentine is working for his father in their family owned grocery store. The economy has affected the store’s financial status so Cash has been working for free. If he had his way, Cash would rather be doing what he loves the most, expressing himself through painting.

Lilla meets Cash when she walks in Valentine’s Grocery store. There’s some flirting, definitely an attraction and the some entertaining banter going on.

I so love love love Cash! He is self-assured, confident, charming, thoughtful and oh so sweet! He is mature for his age, but still knows how to have fun. Lilla is a selfless, strong willed, intelligent and passionate woman. I liked that she acted more her age, she was not whiny or without a backbone. Lilla and Cash were perfect for each other.

What I like most about this book is that Lilla’s predicament is so true to life. When someone can be in a relationship where they are just coexisting and eventually fallout of love. And the beauty of knowing, they can once again fall in, when the right person comes along. And age.....it’s just a number.

™From My Playlist: Maroon 5 – She Will Be Loved

Jacqueline's Reads says

Excerpt alert!!! Can be found - > [HERE](#)

So, I LOVE the cover...I mean, look at those abs. It's on my TBR list. Yes I'm shameless, you can shake your head at me, LOL

"I want to have an affair. Rolling across bed sheets. Pinned against the wall." --Lilla King

This Adult-New Adult mash-up is an extremely steamy contemporary romance that tells the story of Cash, a 24-year-old grocery clerk and Lilla, a 30-something unhappily married woman who fall for one another.

Warren Cash Valentine is an artist moonlighting as a cashier in his family's failing grocery store.

On the surface he appears to be your typical smart ass, cocky 24 year-old, but underneath lies a man who is highly gifted and passionate about embracing life to the fullest.

Lilla King is a woman stuck in the winter of her life.

At 39 years-old, her marriage and career are failing which leaves her desperate to find a spark that will jump-start her woeful heart and get her back on course to finding her passion for life.

One man's wife is another man's lover.

Can you keep a secret
