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In this third, stand-alone installment of Amanda Black's Apartment Novels series, sparks fly during a sexy party game.

When Eden Foster's parents tell her they're moving from Chicago to the Illinois suburb of Aledo, Eden is crushed. That is, until she runs crying to her jock boyfriend, who she finds on top of her so-called best friend. Moving's not looking so bad anymore.

Now a senior at Mercer County High, Eden is ready to re-enter the dating scene. Still burned over the betrayal of her ex, she's looking for someone sweet and innocent. With the help of her two new friends, Zoe and Amy, Eden makes a list of what she's looking for: an eager virgin, ready for training—and no jocks.

Eden thinks she's found what she's looking for in Logan Black, a shy and geeky classmate. But why are Zoe and Amy convinced that the answer to her search is a party game...with kissing?

Eden better get ready, because she's about to play the Single Game.

The Single Game is the latest addition to the erotic Apartment Novels series, which began with *Lily and Ethan* in *The Apartment* and *The Blank Canvas*.

The Single Game Details

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Mercedes says

This book was really sweet. It was a heart-warming first love story and I was grinning like a fool for 90% of the book.

Eden was the heroine of the story and she had just broken up with her boyfriend (who had cheated on her) before moving to a new town. She started out her senior year of high school in a bit of a funk from the betrayal of her ex-boyfriend but she quickly found new friends and eventually decided she was ready to try dating again. She ends up dating Logan and they share all of his firsts together. There was very little drama between the two and I really liked that.

Logan! He was amazing. I will be honest, I'm a bit jealous of Eden. He was sweet and kind and loving and really enjoyable to read. I liked that he was a virgin in the story. It's not often you read a story where the guy doesn't have loads of experience so this was quite refreshing. I felt like it was done really well, he still had those normal hormonal teenage boy urges, and he let Eden lead them in this department. After he became a bit more comfortable in their relationship he wasn't afraid to tell her about the things he wanted to try, and he was always eager to please. Their relationship was definitely on the fast-track but I felt like it worked for the two of them.

Oh! I wanted to say that scene when they're in Logan's room, exploring some of the things he has on his computer was insanely hot. It was probably one of my favorite scenes in the book!

I really enjoyed this book, and I would suggest it to anyone looking for something sweet and happy. I'm sure I'll end up checking out some other books from this author.

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SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

[No (hide spoiler)]

Ali says

I'm very conflicted over The Single Game. Admittedly, I almost DNF'd it after the prologue, which was immature and whiny. I think, because of that, I had a harder time warming up to Eden.

However, if you can get past the first 20% of this story, past the junior high type antics and the complete turn around from 'I never really noticed this boy before' to 'I really am attracted to this boy', you will find an adorable and sexy story.

Once Logan actually graced the pages of The Single Game, my attention was grabbed. Logan is shy, a

virgin, never been kissed, small town boy. He knows what he wants though, Eden. He just doesn't have any clue on how to get her.

Now, Eden. I said it took me some time to feel anything towards her. Eventually, I ended up loving how sexually free she is. Not in the manner of sleeping around, that isn't her at all. She is very responsible with sex but she isn't afraid or ashamed by the fact that she likes it and wants it. I love when authors write women like this. LOVE it. Eden is only eighteen and she's in high school so it was a bit to wrap my mind around, lets be honest, most high school girls aren't like that. I loved it no less though.

I also loved the way Eden handled Logan. You can take that statement any way you want, it will still be true. She knows he is new to relationships, he comes with no experience and taking first steps is hard for him. She guides him through it with care but Logan's ummm...eagerness to learn...was hot as hell.

Logan made this book. With his awkwardness, his nerdy glasses and cardigans, his raw need and his absolute knowledge in what he wants. It's getting a higher rating for him alone.

Regardless of the immature moments that were thrown in here and there throughout the story, I still really enjoyed The Single Game. Quite a lot. I think it could have used some thorough clean up and finesse and even a bit more conflict. However, it's a sweet story with some extremely, explicit and hot sex which left me thinking that Logan Black may just be a book boy I remember for quite some time to come.

Danica Page (One Page at a Time) says

My Rating: 3 out of 5 stars.

Disclaimers: I received a copy of this novel from the publisher in exchange for my honest opinion. I was not obligated to write a good review nor did I receive any compensation for writing this review.

Why did I decide to turn the pages? It was on Netgalley, so I thought why not.

My Overall Thoughts/Impressions: First off, I didn't realize this was the third in the series. Having said that, I wasn't lost in the novel. I really thought it could have been the first in the series.

I went into this one without high expectations. I figured it would be an average, fun, and cute read. That's what I got.

Eden was ticked when her parents told her that they were moving her senior year, but when she found her best friend had cheated on her with her boyfriend, suddenly she wasn't so upset about moving. She wrote off guys completely until she decided to give Logan a shot.

The plot is one we've all read about or seen in movies. I can think of about ten books/movies with this plot. About 7 of them I liked significantly more than this one.

However, having said that, I did enjoy the novel. It was fun and an easy read. The novel had unexpected humor at times.

It's definitely meant for an older audience. It's young adult in nature but new adult in content.

The Characters: I thought they could have been more complex. They seemed a little bit flat and fit into stereotypes. However, I did enjoy reading about them.

Major Strengths: Unexpected instances of humor.

Major Weaknesses: Same old plot we've read a million times.

So why 3 stars? It lacked the depth to make it really stand out from the pack.

Can I read the series out of order? Yes, see previous comments. It reads as a standalone novel.

Warnings/Side-notes: For more mature audiences, 17+ for strong language and sexual references.

The Wrap-up:

Love,

Danica Page

Maryna aka Ryna says

Advanced Reader Copy given by Netgalley for an honest review

This is going to be a short review.....This book I read this weekend but I don't know how I feel about this book. I didn't like the beginning so I nearly stopped reading but I hate not finishing books so I rallied on. Thankfully so because it got a bit better later in the book. Like most of us are use to the girl being a virgin and shy but in this book Logan is the virgin and shy and he never been kissed but he know what he wants. He wants Eden but he has no idea how to get her. Eden reminded me more of an college student than a high school girl being so sexually free. I loved how Eden guided Logan in what to do, it was hot as hell.... I would have loved more conflict. This book had strange character development I mean Logan was first a shy, kind of awkward virgin but in a matter of days he turned into a dirty-talking virgin. So basically the characters weren't portrayed right to me. This book was HOT. I will never deny that this book was a page turner but like I said before I would have liked more conflict or drama because I needed that. Anyway this book was okay, I did enjoy it but I needed more.

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Kay (⌚ ?⌚ ✨) BooksandMe says

“Marriage is a partnership, and partnership takes work.”

I had a hard time organizing my thoughts because really, I didn't know how to express everything that I'm feeling. I'm still so giddy and excited I can't contain it. But anyhow, here it is...

The story starts in a typical fashion, the popular girl in high school dating the popular guy. A bitch friend who backstabs you into sleeping with your boyfriend, being not yourself because your standing in school dictates it, and you have to accustom yourself to peer pressure. Like I said, typical.

But the excitement and fun starts at "**The Single Game**". Never heard of it? That's what I thought.

Eden transferred at the new school where her dad has found a new work that pays better and near to where he grew up. As I said, typical. But then in this new school, *nobody really gave a crap who you were or what you did, as long as you were true to yourself*. So, in the new school, she met **Amy**, a new friend, who was this tiny little thing with spiky red hair, freckles, and straight A's and who's boyfriend is **Owen**, a stoner. Cute couple. And the other friend, **Zoe**, the popular cheerleader who is caring, honest, and extremely loyal and who's boyfriend is **Devon**, who holds the most amazing party in his basement where The Single Game is supposed to happen.

The mission? Find *eager virgin ready for training*.

And then she notices **Logan Black**.

Nice meeting you again Professor Black. Oh right, it was a fantasy.

Logan Black, who's a nerd and sexy, and sweet and adorkable who always says the right thing, or wrong one. Whatever. I wished I met someone like him, too.

"Yeah, well... It's just a bunch of songs that make me think of you."

I stand corrected. He just blew way the hell past cute and was bordering on adorkable.

"I love you, too, Eden. I don't care if you believe this or not, but I intend to love you for the rest of my life. I know I'm knew to this and I know it's way too early to say this kind of stuff, but I can only tell you what's in my heart."

"Besides, I should thank you for helping me avoid dating. I've never wanted that. All the guessing and head games and drama, it's never been attractive to me. I think people who romanticize that stuff are full of shit, because every time they break up it's all crying and whining and even more drama before they start all over again on the next one. I can't stand wasting time on lost causes."

My thoughts exactly. Gad, Logan, you always say the right things to me.

All I can say is that this is a beautiful love story. With the right amount, or more, of smuttiness, and maybe too cheesy, but what the hell, I love it.

(view spoiler)

*****I received an ARC via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.**

AnnMarie says

My Super Star "Fangirling the Author" Review

Sweet, humorous, 1st love story bursting with teenage hormones!!!

Amanda Black writes with her heart. You can always feel the love she pours in to her characters and her words just wrap around you like an old comfy blanket.

This isn't going to be a long review, because it doesn't need to be.

The Single Game is YA at it's finest.

Eden is the new girl, recently located to Aledo from Chicago. She's devastated and let's her parents know this. But...not so devastated after learning her boyfriend cheated on her with her best friend.

Logan is shy, sweet, kind and just the epitome of what you want in a boyfriend.

They meet through their mutual friends and the sparks are there, but both are hesitant, until one night they all play the *single game*, a much more fun version of spin the bottle.

Naturally their friends make sure they have chosen each other, and soon after, they start dating.

Their relationship was sweet, slow moving, filled with sexual tension, and lots of romance.

What's not to like? No heavy drama. No crazy situations trying to force them apart.

Just an easy fun read filled with warmth, romance, love, and sexy smutty times.

Amanda Black hit's it out of the park again with her newest story leaving you with lasting smiles and fun times.

This is an author I will fangirl forever!!

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Megan says

This was a great little escape - super sweet, yet incredibly sexy. Logan was so adorkable - loved him! Like, seriously couldn't get enough of him! It was a refreshing change to have the male be the nervous and shy virgin of the book. I liked that the roles were reversed and Eden did the chasing.

It's a well written story, cute at times and so very, very hot for most. It was told with plenty of laugh out loud moments as well. I have to admit I did find it a bit predictable, and I found the beginning a little stilted and unnecessary to the story, but it didn't take away from the book. It's really worth the read!

I recommend you get on this one and become a Riley hater like me! I look forward to reading more from this author.

Tink Magoo is bad at reviews says

It was a nice read, but too sweet and cheesy for me. Yes it had lots of sex but really that's about it.

RJ says

This was so damn adorable! Just what I needed at the moment. I seriously could not put this book down! And I absolutely love me some shy, virgin heros!

Eden moves to a whole new city after her dad gets a promotion and she catches her jock boyfriend in bed with her best friend. She is ready to make a clean start and isn't too into dating anyone for a couple months. She finally realizes that she misses sex (although it was always mediocre with her ex) and the closeness that comes with it. Let me just say how refreshing it is to have a heroine for once interested in sex and it is not something that she discovers is wonderful with the hero.

She is definitely not the type to sleep around so isn't sure how to go about dating. She's not even interested in anyone, but makes a list with her friend about the ideal guy, which is: an eager virgin--ready for training. And boy is Logan ready for some training!

After that it's her realizing how perfect Logan is for her after being lab partners for months and them coming together and finding a forever kind of love.

My thoughts:

- Logan was "adorkable." He was shy and Eden had to take the lead early on but he turns into a little alpha boy quickly. Lol. The things they say could be very cheesy but I ate it all up! I swear I had a smile on my face the entire way through! Eden was Logan's first everything and I loved that. There was no ow or any pushing away from either of them.

- No angst at all!! I was waiting for some stupid breakup or cheating misunderstanding but they only had one small hiccup that was solved in a page. I loved that they communicated instead of running off. Some reviewers wanted more drama but I loved how drama-free it was. I don't always want to read books that put me through the wringer. Sometimes I just want to sit back and enjoy a cute little romance.

- Insta love!! Again, some reviewers complained about this, lol, but I don't mind insta-love. They were in love in weeks but it just worked for them.
- Thank god I didn't know this before going in but apparently this is Twilight fanfic? I did not get any Twilight vibes from this at all so I don't mind.
- Yes, there is a lot of sex. If you're not comfortable with 18-year-olds sneaking off in their parents house then this might not be for you. I loved it all. It was surprisingly hot as well!
- I loved the epilogue and the glimpse we got into their future.

Overall, I highly enjoyed this book! I know I'm loving a book when I'm highlighting like crazy on my Kindle and I have many passages highlighted from this book. If you're in the mood for a low-angst, adorable kind of book, then this is for you!

Kika says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Kristin says

Thank you to Netgalley for kindly providing this ARC in exchange for an honest review

I had high hopes for this book from the summary. It sounded like a fun, sexy read.

And then I read it.

This book was absolutely all over the place, never showing any sort of potential to become a well written story. The entire thing was poorly written, executed, and wrapped up.

The Dialogue:

Clunky and unrealistic. This story avoided conflicts like the plague, trying desperately at last minute to throw in a quick fight over Eden's ex-boyfriend that was instantly resolved on the next page and never mentioned again. Every conversation in this book went the exact same way. From parents that were far too easily agreeable to friends that always seemed to have the right answers, nothing really felt genuine here. Every conversation felt like the kind of conversation that you practice having with someone, where everything goes perfectly and you have all of the right words to say, before you have the real conversation where things are far more difficult.

The Characters:

One dimensional mysteries. Even after reading 33 chapters plus an epilogue, I still didn't feel like I knew these characters any better than the first time I met them in the book. They had no personalities, revealed nothing that made them truly tick, and because of that, the story suffered. I couldn't care less about their story

because I couldn't connect with any of them.

The Sex Scenes:

Cringeworthy. I don't think I've ever cringed so much reading a book, but this one taught me that it was possible. The sex scenes were borderline embarrassing to read. Between the cheesy dialogue, abuse of the exclamation point, and generally poorly written descriptors, these scenes were the opposite of sexy.

The Insta-Love:

Eye-roll Inducing and unbelievable. What *was* that? One day Eden decides she's ready to date and *literally* four days later she's struggling not to tell Logan (who she didn't even truly notice until less than a week earlier) that she was in love with him? I'm sorry, but no. I can read and enjoy stories with the insta-love concept if they're properly executed. This story, however, was not only executed badly, but also written horrifically. We do not get to meet Logan until the day Eden decides she's ready for a boyfriend. There's no initial introduction to him, or even a hint that there might be an attraction between the two of them, but suddenly with in a few days they're both insanely attracted to each other, dating, and in love. I couldn't buy it. Coupled with everything else wrong with the book this just pushed everything into even worse territory.

Overall, this book was just a train wreck. As much as I hate to say it, I think I have to -- this was the worst book I've ever read.

Habiba Hasabo says

Perfect.

Flawless.

This was a breath of fresh air. Too much love in one book. It had nothing wrong with it. You smile all along while reading and fall easily in love with the characters.

The shift in Logan's character was apparent. Thanks to the confident Eden.

Even their highschool wasn't horrible, sure that's a weird bonus.

I loved the cover and how simple it was.

I didn't think their marriage would work, but surprise surprise, it went on well and it would blossom from that point.

Logan is to die for. I think someone like him doesn't exist in real life, there has to be a catch.

Eden was confident, but not cocky. She needed Logan without knowing.

I love that it was emotional for them from the start.

Their parents were really nice, it was different.

No drama, no bullshit and no lies.

And if everybody who plays the single game , would end up with a future like Eden and Logan , please my turn would be next!

Samantha says

I do love high school romances and that's part of the reason I picked this book. The Single Game was what high school is all about with raging hormones, disappointing jock boyfriends, fast track love, and the sweet

promise of a future together. This novel gets 4.5 *I'd rather be some place private...studying your body and all the ways I can make it sing for me* stars!

Logan Black is a rare gem that must be treasured and adored. He was just such a sweet, gentle, witty, snarky, and amusing character that it was easy to fall in love with him. Logan is the shy type of guy that can be overlooked for not being an extrovert or the hottest but definitely is attractive and fabulous in his own way. Logan really comes out of his shell when with Eden and that is probably one of the best things about the story. Their relationship and love make each other better versions of themselves.

Eden transfer into Logan's high school as a senior when her father takes a new position. Eden had been cheated on at her old high school and decided to swear off boys until Logan Black turns her upside down. She's more experienced than he is but that doesn't matter when he's not only a quick learner, but also a darling human. Logan makes her feel things she didn't think she could and ensures she falls in love with him fast and hard.

I just all around liked the story. It wasn't laced with ridiculous amounts of drama but just enough to ensure a bit of real high school to come to life. There was love, passion, tenderness, and the sweetest happy ending. I will definitely be reading more by Amanda Black.

h says

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

What I liked: Eden is really confident and comfortable with her sexuality, which is something I found totally refreshing. She knows what she wants, she isn't ashamed of wanting to have sex or thinking about it. She's well rounded, and comes off as a real 18 year old. Logan is very sweet; he's an awkward nerdy virgin but nobody makes fun of him for it--I hate when characters are shamed about their sex lives or lack thereof. Amanda Black's writing is pleasant enough, even if she is a big fan of unnecessary exclamation points and describes everything as sexy.

What I didn't like: Insta-love, like less than two weeks insta-love. They get engaged after like two or three months of dating. They get MARRIED like a month after that--keep in mind that all of this happens before they go to college and within the span of less than six months. Some of the sex scenes were super cartoonish and far-fetched, especially considering they're meant to be in high school and of them was a virgin 5 minutes ago. I thought it was kind of weird that Eden and Logan started calling each other baby only after making out one time. Even though the characters sound like teens most of the time, there's also times where they said things no 18 year olds ever say--like Eden refers to her vagina as her "cooter" (???? what). The pacing of the story was really strange; there was no sense of where things were taking place in time. Eden doesn't know how to use Facebook (tbh the weirdest thing to me considering she's an 18 year old living in the now). Eden calls other female characters skanks for no reason, which is both embarrassing and offensive--I'm really tired of sexist language and internalized misogyny in NA books.

What I hated: This book is Twilight fanfiction. Don't get me wrong, I have no problem with fanfic. I love fanfic--the opportunities and communities and friendships fanfiction helps foster are incredible. I have absolutely zero problem with fanfic writers taking their stories and reworking them or expanding the worlds they've created into original novels, but that's not the case with 'The Single Game'.

I'm not super familiar with Twilight or its fandom; I read the first two books way back when and saw the first movie whenever it came out, but that's the extent of my knowledge of it. I had no idea this book was based on a fanfic until I googled "the single game" (the very first result takes you to where it's located is on fanfiction.net--it's still up there as of May 27th, 2015, less than a month and half until the book is published...like really...) but knowing that now, it's really, really obvious that these aren't original characters at all.

Amanda Black says that she reworked her story but like...she didn't? At all? This book is literally word-for-word identical to the fanfiction it's based on. I went through the fic and compared it to the book, and the text is verbatim (like the ENTIRE book, not just passages here and there) what it is on fanfiction.net, she just swapped out Edward for Logan and Bella for Eden. The way Logan and Eden meet is exactly the same as how they meet in the real Twilight too--Eden (Bella) is the new girl, Logan (Edward) is her science lab partner, he acts uncomfortable and weird around her because surprise surprise he really likes her. Their special place is a meadow, just like in actual Twilight. You're thrust into the setting basically instantly without much of an understanding where you're supposed to be because the original audience was already familiar with Forks (Aledo, Illinois in the book) which is disorienting. Character descriptions are identical to their corresponding Twilight character (example: the Jacob character is a mechanic, her dad's friend's son, never wears clothes, is in love with Bella/Eden, "runs hot". Logan's dad Douglas aka Carlisle is a blond haired blue eyed hot doctor, etc). Some of the character names haven't even been changed from whatever Stephenie Meyer named them (is that illegal? It feels illegal). The title of the book is exactly the same as the fanfic. Like????? Really???

Like I said, I don't have any problem with fic writers expanding on or reworking their stories to something original. But I honestly think that this book is insulting to those who actually put the time and effort in reworking their fanfic, in addition to the authors whose work theirs is based on. It feels lazy and cheap--this is literally just a money grab. There's no reason to buy this book, you can just go to fanfiction.net and read it there.

Even though some of the things that happen in this book are completely ridiculous, I wouldn't have hated it if it wasn't such a blatant ploy to make some \$\$\$/didn't feel like straight up plagiarism, but I don't think I'll be reading any more of Amanda Black/AwesomeSauce76's books anytime soon if they're all like this.
