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Not even a year after marrying the guy she'd thought was the love of her life, Cora Knowles is already requesting a divorce. To her recollection, philandering was not a part of her wedding vows, and she wasn't about to stand by while 'Sally from accounts' rolled about on her Egyptian cotton sheets.

While trying to soothe her broken heart with copious amounts of cake and liqueur chocolates, her best friend, Olivia suggests that the best way to get over someone, is to get under someone else. Problems arise when the one Cora 'gets under' turns out to be the son of the Director of Prosecution—her boss. Worse still, he's young. Younger than Cora originally thought, and younger than she's comfortable with.

But, when the attraction is undeniable, Cora needs to decide whether she'll turn her back on the enigmatic Brandon Sharp, or take a risk and follow her heart, even though she promised herself she'd never do that again...

## Never Again Details

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## From Reader Review Never Again for online ebook

### Iris says

Where do I start with this book? Let me begin by saying that normally, I avoid age gap books where the female is older simply because she's usually incredibly insecure about her age. Every second page is the heroine thinking (or talking) about being old and it becomes so freaking irritating!

And it pisses me off because in age gap romances where the male is the older character, authors don't have him whining over how "not pretty" he thinks he is or how "old" he is, nor does he constantly complain to the love interest about how there are "younger and prettier" boys for the heroine to date. I find it incredibly sexist that older women are written that way, but in men their age is seen as power and sex appeal. ?

Let it be noted that I'm in my early twenties so my opinion is not based on me being "triggered".

I am so damn happy this book is the exception!! So. Goddamn. Happy!

Our heroine knows she's older, but be she doesn't dwell on it at all and I fucking admire her for going after what she wants -- which is a sexy, twenty year old named Brandon.

The chemistry between these two characters is ELECTRIC. Actually, electric isn't even a strong enough word to describe it. Their chemistry is like lightning on crack. Honestly.

This book takes you back to those wonderful 2013 era romances that I miss. The indie publishing industry now is full of romances that have absolutely no substance. They're all about dirty sex and shock value. It's almost a competition to see who can write the naughtiest, dirtiest sex scene and then put it on a teaser that no one can "like" because they don't want it popping up on their relatives Newsfeeds. Romances from "newer" authors these days aren't even full length anymore. I mean, come on. Put some effort in!!

...okay, I got off topic a little.

This review is about Never Again.

Refreshing, lovely, Never Again.

I want to take a minute to praise Ms. Anderson for not following your typical formula. There were so many familiar paths she could have taken, but she didn't. Her heroine was strong and stuck to her plan. Not once did her personality waver and I admire her so fucking much.

The complication of this love story is in the ugly form of her ex-husband, Jack. I loathe Jack. I want to cut the crotch out of his pants and take his dick along with it. I absolutely cannot stand that selfish, narcissistic asshole!

Jack does everything he can to get Cora to take him back after she caught him banging another woman in her bed--even blackmail. I was going to end the book there, thinking I knew exactly what was going to happen. I've read so many of these tropes that I can usually tell you the end of the book by time I've finished reading the first chapter -- my husband hates me for it, lol. -- But this book didn't go how I expected it to and that's what made it so damn refreshing.

Our Hero is alpha as hell. There are no words that can describe how smooth and mature he is for his age. Toward the end of his book, we see his child-like vulnerability, but it's nothing you wouldn't expect given his age and his morals.

The secondary characters in Never Again compliment the story, and the main couple, nicely as well as help set the backdrop for this wonderful age-gap romance.

I can't say enough about Never Again. I can't give it enough praise. I can't express my gratitude to Lillian Anderson in words that are good enough.

I loved this book.

Wholeheartedly.

This is my first read by this author and I'm glad I took a chance on it.

Lilliana Anderson has a gained a fan for life!

P.s. Brandon has a dirty mouth and the sex is HOT!

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### **Nikki ? Navareus says**

#### **\*\*\*FIVE STARS\*\*\***

Omg, I freaking adored every single second of this lovely story. This baby totally brought me out of the book slump I've been in for the past few weeks!

Lately I've been craving any kind of story that would fill my endless angst fest, and this story about Cora, walking in on her husband screwing some other woman in her bed, leading to the destruction of her marriage, sounded like it would fit the bill.

It absolutely did. I was sucked in from the very first page and savored every word of this tale. After Cora met Bran and they had their first smoking hot animalistic sex together, I was totally over needing my angst fix. Every single sex scene between these two brought to life all the incredible feelings of a brand new relationship. Especially that crazy whirling stomach feelings brought up every time seeing one's new lover, as well as the intimate encounters that take a person's breath away. It was all yummy as hell.

Cora and Bran were smoking hot together and I could not get enough of them. Especially Bran. He was such a sweetheart. It was fun experiencing all of Cora's emotions; anger, loss, heartbreak, gutting devastation, and betrayal. Then it was fantastic experiencing Bran building back up Cora's self esteem once again after having it completely devastated by her cheating prick of a husband.

I truly adored this story and I even got a bit more of my angst fix towards the ending of this baby. This one is definitely one for my re-read shelf. How have I never heard of this author before? So happy she's got a plethora of other stories out there for me to dive into next.

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### **Beachreader says**

I was honored to be given an ARC copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

I have to start of by saying, I am a huge fan of Lilliana Anderson. I am so happy to have come upon her books on Amazon and have read every one. She definitely did not let me down with this one. As a young divorced woman, I was able to relate to Cora. Cora caught her husband cheating and is in the middle divorcing the only man she thought she would ever love. Her ex-husband is very manipulative and has not made things easy on her. To help relieve some stress her friend takes her out for a night of drinking and

dancing which ends in, what is supposed to be, a one night stand. Cora is not a girl that normally does such a thing and later finds out it may not have been the best idea. The young, hot, super steamy man ends up being her boss's son...and her intern! The temptation of him becomes all Cora can think about and the book gets even hotter. You'll have to read to find out if she gives in or lets the man who has rocked her world slip away.

It is a must read!

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### ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆Janeane ☆ says

ARC received for an honest review

Two words - LOVED IT!

Lilliana Anderson has done it again with Never Again. Cora and Brandon's story is one of inevitable love. No matter what they say or do, you just know that their story is going to be epic.

There is so much emotion, you just cannot help but feel right along with Cora.

Bran is just...

I really, really didn't like her cheating ar5e of a husband. Oh my goodness he is a piece of work. Not going to lie, some things she did to him - well, I might have really wanted to do too - but more.

Bran is the guy we all need in our lives. Young, hot, and completely enamoured with Cora, but there is so much more to him that I tripped and fell in love with him right from the start.

I freaking LOVE Cora's best friend Olivia. She is the kind of best friend every girl needs in her life. She made me laugh so hard at times.

I was completely swept away in this book. It is sweet, and sexy, and all kinds of complicated. And I couldn't put it down once I started.

Now I am off to find a Bran of my own. Wish me luck!

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### ♥?♥? Lanae ♥?♥? says

I have no idea WTF I just read.... **but the whole ride was fun..**

I laughed out loud way too many times (and made a lot of people think I was cray-cray on the train ride home).

Really enjoyed this.... Minus the parts where I wanted to slap some sense into the MC & go criminal-minds-level psycho mastermind on her POS husband, like SHE should have from Day 1. Embrace the crazy! Go batshit when warranted...But you can't have witnesses, girl! The term **woman** is supposed to synonymous with **Machiavellian**.

The Little Devil perched on every woman's shoulder agrees:

[MC's **LD** VOICE OVER: \***Channels Mufasa**\* It seems you have forgotten me...]

Umm...So despite this being a ROMANCE novel and me REALLY enjoying it overall.... I didn't buy the instant or even mid-book romantic (Read: ILYSM) connection... the love story seemed more lust than anything. And they didn't know much about each other AT ALL until the very end when shit hits the fan. I'm torn as to whether I ever want to meet a guy who can make me fall in love with him using only his d\*ck. (translation: I don't believe its possible, but if any one of my 100000000000 celeb BAES wanna give it a try.... #HollaATMe)

So yeah....this was very **entertaining**. I read it straight through, within a couple hours & I'll definitely be reading more Liliana Anderson.

Full Disclosure though: I almost never skip the 'sexy times' scenes in novels, but I skimmed straight through a few of the ones here because it felt a little like I was reading Erotica when there was barely any getting to know each other outside of giving each other the f\*ck me face, risky sex & then waxing poetic (read: moaning) about how wrong the situation is.

After.

(almost)

Every.

Time.

(I prefer more plot with my smut, thankyouverymuch... also the wash, rinse, repeat of "OMG What are we doing?!" every time made me think of that confession I read on College humor years ago about a chick who had to dump her religious boyfriend because he would cry and repent for his sins in the shower every time they had sex) .

Also, also (since i'm already rambling anyways) I've recently discovered a romance genre pet peeve that's been latent for a while now.... **THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT ON HOW MANY 'Whoah is me, my ex never did this, he always said that, i can't stop thinking about how he never this' TANGENTS I HAVE TO READ THROUGH** in between every damn interaction with the new guy/girl.

SIDEBAR: It's 10x worse when the book is only from one POV. At least if they're both comparing their exes to the new guy/girl its more balanced. I mean the guys POV comparisons usually irks me more since its always 'my ex is a gold-digging slut & so is every other horny female trying to put the moves on me EXCEPT this new girl because she's the star of the story so #enoughsaid but whatevz. Men are hardwired to

be dipsh\*ts, especially when you're no longer relevant to them or their penises. (Bet my exes won't SAY IT TO MY FACE though)

\*BACK TO MY COMPLAINT\* >>>>> I'm reading about the **lovebirds** , okay? And maybe its just my picky ass, but nothing puts the fire out on what should be a HOT as Hell scene, nothing takes the **OOON** out of my *Swooning* faster than every other sentence being, "oh God, that feels SOoOoO....OH!--me and my ex never had sex like this--omg that's so good----my ex's d\*ck was nothing compared to---OMG He said he loves--why didn't my ex love me like--oh yeah, that's it new guy...just like--my ex never did THAT, he, yadda yadda--OMG this new guys perfect--why couldn't my ex...."

Seriously?

Seriously!!

No, but like....*Seriously...*

**GURLLLL** I get it, okay? The new guy is smarter, kinder, better in bed, and (as always) he has a much bigger d\*ck.... \*Sheldon Cooper voice\* why are you STILL thinking about him during coitus? On page one-hunnit & three...?

This was definitely a treat though. All Romance lovers (who aren't weirdos like me) will love this one. Especially if you enjoy the sexy-times.

**Bonus\*** P.S (since I'm really on a roll here with this keyboard rambling shit): Question for all *Shameless* (US Version) fans.... were you annoyed by how persistent Jimmy was throughout most of his and Fiona's relationship when she kept telling him to beat his feet in the other direction? If you combined his persistent personality with the swagger/sex appeal of your favorite fictional alpha male would that be your ideal romance hero? (my alpha is the SADLY lesser known **Carlos Rivera** so I invite you to pick your own)

If the answers yes, You'll DEFINITELY love this one. If the answers NO,....Congrats. you're weird just like me (I lost count of the times I've told Jimmy-Steve to FUCK OFF)... **but I still say give it a try.**

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**Maria says**

GOODNESS GRACIOUS!!! This is definitely not something that I would have seen coming my way after reading the first couple of pages! It's hot, it's amazing, it's everything you weren't expecting at all. Olivia is the best friend we all want and Brandon is the man of our dreams but their story is one for the books. Y'all will absolutely love like no other!!

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**LisaReadsAloot says**

Lilliana, you are the bees knees. You never disappoint. You give me more and more with every book you write. This one. Never Again. I'm in awe. You take the words and make them a lottery ticket. I feel when I read one of your books, I win the lottery every time! You floor me. Keep writing. Keep letting me win the lotto.

Never Again was EVERYTHING!

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### **Lisa says**

Wowee!! I had the pleasure of reading an arc of Never Again and I went into this story completely blind, with no idea of the plot or characters....what an experience it was. I was captivated by the very first chapter and could literally feel the connection coming through the pages. This story is addicting, so much so that I didn't want to be an adult any longer, as I wanted to lock myself up to read every single word uninterrupted. This was such a captivating story and pretty damn hot, I'm sure you'll get all the feels. I wish it didn't have to end as I could easily read more of Cora and Brandon!!

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### **Bel says**

Brilliant writing, an epic love story with lots of emotion and so much realism that makes you get caught up in their drama. I got so sucked into Cora's world that I finished this in one sitting. Love is such a powerful emotion and it goes hand in hand with trust. Cora learns the hard way that when trust is broken by the person you thought you would spend the rest of your life with, nothing is what it seems.

Her best friend Olivia gives her some amazing advice, including a great tip about taking home a younger man for the night to forget her problems. Cora does exactly that when she meets Brandon at a nightclub. Only to later discover that her one night stand is the much younger son of her boss and her new intern!

I loved every minute of Cora and Bran's complicated and growing relationship dramas, they both came with baggage and uncovering truths and lies will be their biggest challenge in a world where we are judged daily by social media and what is acceptable in society's eyes. Fantastic read.

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### **Louise says**

Never Again is a really well written older woman, younger man contemporary romance. There is an excellent blend of steam, angst, humour and life baggage woven into a story that totally held my attention.

As well as the older woman, younger man issues, Cora has an almost ex-husband that you just know is going to be a source of trouble. Cora and Bran's first meeting was also meant to be their last, at least as far as Cora was concerned. Life and Bran have different plans, and boy some of those plans are a little kinky and a LOT steamy. Wowsers this pair have enough chemistry to melt your kindle.

They both keep secrets from each other which inevitably come and bite them on them on their 'arse'. I love that these books are set in Australia, with their almost British vocabulary. Although at times I wanted to shake Cora, I also totally got her reasoning. In fact this was one of the things I loved about the book,

actions/decisions that you *knew* were stupid (*"Oh that's so going to blow up in your face"* stuff) were well explained/reasoned away.

I can't put my finger on why I loved this story so much, or what exactly it was that captivated me. What I do know is that I totally LOVED this book, I virtually read it in one go, not wanting to put it down. I was just totally captured by Cora and Bran and am sad that I don't have the words to do their story justice. Whilst I've only read a few books by this author this is by far and away my favourite so far and I happily recommend it.

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### **Reckless Readers says**

Never Again is an older woman, younger man romance. Something that in the past has not been my favourite troup to read. I found myself enjoying reading Cora and Bran's story because it had such a twist of a storyline. The characters drew you in and you couldn't help but like them and want Cora to see that she and Bran belonged together.

Cora is a little scared, a bit jaded and hurt by her past. Bran is what book boyfriends are made of. Olivia kept things entertaining, she was a fun character, she's the character that reminds you of a close girlfriend that you can't help but smile at. It had the right mix of funny, sweet and sexy to confound the angst.

It was well written, this was the first book by Lilliana that I have read, a wonderful treasure was found within this the words of book.

\*\*\*Reviewed by Codie\*\*\*

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### **DJ Sakata says**

Favorite Quotes:

For me, social media was about sharing the best of my life and spying on other people's. That's why, when I found out my scumbag of a husband was cheating on me, I didn't share a single tidbit of information with the world. I quietly changed my relationship status from 'married' to 'it's complicated', then proceeded to cut the crotch out of every single pair of pants he owned.

There might be plenty of fish, but last night, I caught a shark. How am I supposed to go back to fish after I had shark?

"I'm not responsible enough to have a baby. I'm selfish and conceited and I don't love anything other than my own reflection." "That's not true at all. You love money too."

Addicted? You're blaming this on a disease, Jack? As far as I know there is no legitimate disease that causes accidental dick insertion.

My Review:

Doing a bit of damage to her philandering husband's head with her laptop after catching him bumping uglies

with a coworker caused Cora a heap of trouble on the job, it appears that prosecutors aren't supposed to be violent. Her wily cheat of a husband turned out to be full of shocking surprises for the oblivious Cora. But lucky for Cora, she was too distracted by her new intern to be as torn up over the death of her marriage as she could have been as despite her transitional age of twenty-nine, she had quickly turned into a sex-obsessed teenaged boy after one sampling of the dimpled and freshly minted twenty-year-old sex god. They scorched the sheets and many other flat surfaces. Oh my, this one was a sizzler. Packed with expletives, erotic and salacious sensual scenes, scintillating and naughty banter, this one would definitely straddle the line of adult contemporary and erotic romance, but there was a rather sweet romance occurring between all the smoking hot sex. Written from a first person POV, the storyline was entertaining and relevant while the writing was engaging, cleverly amusing, and while heavily sensual it was also emotive. The story featured a large and memorable cast of quirkily endearing, intriguing, deeply flawed and wounded characters.

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### **Alex ? says**

[The h was 10 years older. I had no problem with their age difference, but a bit with his age. He was 20. 25 to 35 would work better. Regardless he was a very mature man.

And again... \*sniff\* she was *of course* very inexperienced and was onl

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### **Margaret Neal says**

Never Again is the newest release from Lilliana Anderson and boy is it a doozie.

This book has it all.

Great storyline, likeable characters and UNBELIEVABLY hot sexy time scenes.

Cora is recently separated from her douchbag cheating husband, and Bran is the son of Cora's boss and soon to be training under Cora but when they meet for the first time it's not actually the first time. Bran is the gorgeous green eyed best lay of Cora's life.

They met at a club and had one night of incredibly hot sex before Cora crept out before Bran woke up, leaving him with no way of knowing how to contact her.

Cora and Bran are destined to be together, Now Cora just needs to realize this.

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### **Kassi says**

\*I was given an ARC in exchange for my honest review.

What can I say about Never Again, without giving away spoilers?!

I have been a long time reader of Lilliana's books and this one is one of my top favorites! I related to Cora a lot and I felt she was a real life representation of an almost 30 year old. What can I say about Brandon....he is everything! I can't say much without giving away the goods. Let's just say, I was shocked ;) I stayed up and finished this book in a day. I am wanting more!

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