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The Montgomery Ink series continues with the brother that deserves a second chance, and the woman who has always loved him.

Alex Montgomery lost his first love and then proceeded to leave himself in the bottle. Only he and his ex-wife truly know why he fell so hard and so fast down a path he never thought he'd take. Now he's clean, out of rehab, and learning how to be a Montgomery once again—a task that isn't quite as easy as some of his family assumes.

Tabby Collins is an honorary Montgomery and the organizational mastermind behind Montgomery Inc., the family's construction company. She loves her planners, friends, and a certain dark-haired man who's never given her a second glance.

Alex is slowly re-immersing himself back into the world, but the demons he faced before aren't out of the picture, and he'll have to learn to rely on others to make it out whole. When Alex discovers that Tabby's life is in danger, he not only finds a way to help her but also learns the true woman behind the soft smiles he's always seen. Their romance won't be an easy one, but nothing this passionate and heart-pounding ever is.

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IrishdaisylovesRomance says

Having read all the other Montgomery Books i was really excited about Alex's story. After seeing him hit rock bottom I was anxious to see what direction Author Carrie Ann Ryan would take him. I was sooo excited that Alex and Tabby both had crushes on each other!!! Their relationship was HOT sweet and special, they were totally made for each other. Tabby got Alex without him ever having to open his mouth, she knew what he wanted before he did.

I read this in one sitting, I could not put it down. I laughed, got teary and got made over the things that happened to them, it was an emotional read. The way this story was told was amazing and i would definitely recommend this book to everyone - it had HOT Bearded Inked Alpha Males and Sassy KickAss women!! I can't wait for the next book in this series!! A MUST READ :-)

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4.5 stars

I never know how I'm going to react to a book with an addict in it; sometimes the author does the subject justice and sometimes it is like they simply don't understand, but Carrie Ann Ryan totally got it. Ink Exposed features an alcoholic one year out of rehab and trying to reclaim his life and place in his family and a woman who understands not only his disease but how not to be an enabler. This is a story of healing and hope, of taking responsibility and repairing old relationships, and of learning to trust and build new ones, but most of all it is about family and love.

For years Alex Montgomery hid his addiction to alcohol well, but when he hit rock bottom and realized he was about to lose everyone in his life he went to rehab and began working on his problems so he could one day be the son, brother, and uncle his family deserved. A year has gone by since he got out and he works hard every day to stay healthy and sober.

Tabby Collins loves her job at Montgomery Inc., and she appreciates the way the Montgomery clan has made her an extended part of their family. For years she harbored a crush on Alex; then she watched him fall apart and she's watched him try to put his life back together and while the attraction is there she isn't sure she can be what he needs.

This wasn't an easy romance because Alex was fighting multiple demons and on top of that Tabby was hiding something very personal that made it even more difficult. I wasn't surprised Alex fought their attraction or that Tabby worried she was going down a road not good for her, but there was something special about the way they looked out for each other even in the simplest gestures. These two were a good match; Alex was protective of Tabby but also understood she needed to be in control of her life and Tabby understood that Alex was always going to be an alcoholic and his way of coping was what worked for him even if at times she questioned it she understood it.

What I appreciated so much about this book is that Ms. Ryan didn't pussy foot around with Alex's alcoholism, that she allowed him time to become strong on his own, that he took the time he needed to

reacquaint him "new" self with his family, and that he understood his triggers and knew what to do when he was fighting his demons. She also showed how sometimes family's forget that the person they are dealing with is an adult and that while they appreciate the concern; they most often don't appreciate the smothering or questioning looks. I've read far too many books where these things were either glossed over or left out, so I feel compelled to give this author credit where credit is due.

Despite the bumps in the relationship road, and a couple of intense moments of fear; Ink Exposed was low on angst, high on communication and problem solving, plus a heavy dose of dirty talk and sexiness which all together made it an outstanding romance.

ARC Provided with no expectations.

Readaddict says

I've been curious and waiting for Alex's story ever since Tempting Boundaries, because what demons could drive a man with the Montgomerys as a family to drink?

Hell did I get my answer. Those demons kinda scare me and I have no idea if I could have handled it like that, not that drinking is good, but that shit drives everyone off the handle. And not sharing any of it with his family, that must have been really difficult. What are his demons? I'm not telling you, read it for yourself. When I realized Tabby was the girl for Alex I was doubting it a bit, because honestly we did not know much about her. But it is a very good match.

This book is written great, the changing perspectives making it deeper and rises the anticipation of what's to come. Although some parts I would really have liked to read in another perspective but I guess you can't have everything;) As with the previous Montgomery Ink books the writing style is good and makes you able to fully concentrate on the story instead of the writing style. Big pro in my opinion.

And what a story it is. Alex the recovering addict, I mean reading a story like his is always intense but in combination with all the other things in this story I was almost unable to put my book away. That's why I finished in two days even though I'm crazy busy.

Tabby's story was just so surprising, we didn't know a lot about her and then you realise she has had her own struggles, that aren't just your everyday, normal struggles either but so much more. Combined with Alex's life, you would think that they would destroy each other, but still these two make each other stronger.

Okay, that's enough spoilers. So we know I like the story and the writing style, last thing I'll say is that again this book has the right balance of action moments and peace moment, something that Carrie Ann Ryan is just good at.

Thanks for reading the review and if you want my advise, read this book! But if you haven't read the whole series yet, start at the beginning!

Sofia Lazaridou says

Alex Montgomery has struggled with his addiction to alcohol, but now he is a sober man trying to get his life back and fix his relationship with his family. After all he almost ruined a wedding before he finally got help. Tabby is becoming an addiction for him and in the begging he is trying to avoid her because he doesn't realize that she is the best kind of addiction he will ever have. I was moved by Alex's speech to his family and I felt so my emotions when he told Tabby how he started drinking. If I were at his place I might have

also turned to the bottle or at least become very bitter and hateful. His addiction and his life after he became sober were handled in a way that showed (in some ways) how the life of a former addict is. At least Alex had a loving family to support him. Alex sees himself as the bad guy, but I don't think that's the case and Tabby is at his side helping him realize that. What I loved the most about Tabby's character is her organization skills. She likes to label everything and I could relate to that. I liked her brothers and I think the author might plan a new series about them. What I didn't like in this book was the Jillian-Storm- Everly thing. You see the next book is Everly and Storm's story, but Storm has a friends with benefits thing with Jillian in this book and I liked her, but disliked the whole thing. I didn't really need to see them going to Everly's place after they had spent a night together. This is so not my thing and it tainted the whole experience.

Marie says

I will admit I was a little nervous in this book because Alex had been so volatile in past books. Although once his story comes to light I certainly could understand why he went down the path he did. His ex wife is aitch with a capital B! Alex's drinking made me really nervous and there was a time when I was certain he was headed straight for the bottle but I must say that this was handled wonderfully. Just when I was certain he was going to fall off the wagon he showed just how strong the Montgomery's are when the chips are down. There were times when Alex felt lost and like he had let everyone down.

Tabby had a thing for Alex and the two of them seemed to have a really rough time of getting together but they fight hard to be together and for the love they not only want but need. I don't think any other woman would have worked for Alex. She is very soft spoken but has no problem putting Alex or any of his brothers for that matter in their place. She is the one person who has no preconceived notion of how Alex should be or not be. She loves him as he is...flaws and all.

Carrie Ann Ryan has done a wonderful job of making us fall in love with seriously flawed characters. Flaws which make them all the more relateable and lovable. Each one of the books in this series has been my favorite and each one gets better and better.

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A copy of the book was provided in exchange for my honest review. All opinions expressed are 100% my own.

Angel Payne says

There's a curious thing that goes on when you read a well-loved series. It's like going to a treasured friend's house for a great meal. You know that you are going to get amazing food and company that will warm your heart for a long time. Then there's that meal that you show up for, and that new dish that gets introduced to the table--and it wakes up your world. Then you're sitting there, wondering what to do with yourself, because you want to be polite and all, but secretly, all you want to do is devour that damn dish.

Get the forks and knives ready, because "Ink Exposed" is that kind of a dish.

I've absolutely loved Carrie Ann Ryan's Montgomery Ink series--every book is better than the last--but kids, this one is special. I mean...SPECIAL.

Here's where I struggle to put the rest of this into words...because, yes, this is a story that, on the surface, is a beautiful friends-to-lovers tale, with hot-hot-HOT love scenes and gorgeous revelations of emotion. Icing on the cake? You get to see all the Montgomeys from past books in the special way only Ms. Ryan can encompass.

But this story is so, so much more than that. It is a story full of incredible but subtle depth, tackling real issues like addiction, recovery, homelessness, and heartbreak in tender, meaningful, authentic, beautiful ways. The psychology behind all of this is layers deep, and permeated places in my heart and soul that made me smile and cry at once.

In the end, I knew this was going to be a book on my "forever keeper" shelf. It spoke to me in such profound ways, and I am thankful a writer had the guts and heart to put it all on paper. Brava.

Sabrina says

NOW LIVE!

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To be honest I was very nervous to read *Ink Exposed* book and I didn't think I would end up liking Alex's story as much as his siblings'. I don't usually like books where the main character has or had an addiction but I've loved this series so much that I wasn't willing to skip this book. And I'm happy to say that I ended up really enjoying it and fell in love with Alex, which I didn't think was possible.

This book had an undertone acceptance and moving on and I appreciated the message that the author was trying to convey through her story. Alex messed up a lot in his past and he turned to alcohol to get over the demons that were chasing him, but now he's attempting to move on the best way he knows how. He's scared that he's going to hurt someone again so he chooses to stay away, even from his family. But when his work brings him around Tabby he can't seem to keep himself from her and slowly she helps him realize that he's not the bad guy he's made himself in his head.

Alex and Tabby didn't have an easy time of getting to a good place in their relationship but they worked together to get their and I loved them for it. Tabby was a soft-spoken and kind woman but that doesn't mean she didn't kick Alex's ass to get him to see he wasn't evil. I liked seeing her stand up for him and it really showed the kind of connection that she and Alex had.

The thing I was most afraid of in this book, Alex's drinking, actually ended up being handled in the perfect way that this book needed and I was happy to see that there wasn't too much drama because of it. This is such a great series and I hope that everyone will give it a chance. I mean, it has hot tatted up guys so why wouldn't you? And Tabby's brothers make an appearance so if they get a series for themselves I wouldn't complain at all. Hint hint, Ms. Ryan.

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Kate's Corner says

5 Alexander & Tabitha Stars.

Now this is what I'm talking about. My favourite, huh who would have thought? This was the one I thought I was least likely to enjoy. Yet I was proven wrong and loved it. So. Much.

The Characters.

Alex Montgomery broke my heart. His fall was painful to watch. He nearly lost everything but with rehab his support system and his sponsor it was an uphill battle but one he successfully managed to face. He always got the help he needed. Alex never lived by routine but he is going to have to adjust. He never wanted to see Tabby but in the end he can't help it and just can't stay away.

I love Alex, he has a deep and hidden strength to him. He is vulnerable and isn't afraid to show it. He is finally opening up and he is on the path to being who he wants to be again. Out of all the brothers he is my favourite for all of those reasons, he is flawed and those flaws make him very appealing.

Tabby Collins is the administrative assistant to Montgomery Inc. she is the office Wonder Woman. She loves her planner and needs lists to keep her going with everything she has planned. Tabby is also very secretive especially about the past relationship she had with a man and his daughter. She has always had a crush on Alex but with them working together it becomes more.

Tabby is on par with Alex and that rarely happens for me that I love both MC characters equally. She is a riot and I love her addiction to planning.

The Chemistry.

There was so much chemistry here between the two that it was off the charts and they were naughty. The author got it just right here. Emotionally as well as physically they were on the same wave length.

The Writing & Plot.

The author balanced this book out perfectly with all the emotions and what a recovering alcoholic has to deal with day in and day out. They have my utmost respect for the strength and diligence that they have. They both deal with their demons together and are strong for one another. I liked how it was connected. And his ex-wife my God, good riddance.

The Verdict.

I loved it. Need I say more? It has everything I love sweet, sexy, emotions and two people who are amazing together.

Please tell me that the Collins brothers will also get books? Dare, Fox and Loch? Sign me up. I just found out they do. Happy days!

AC Squared Book Blog says

I cannot say enough how much I love this series and how much I love Carrie Ann's Ryan. This whole series has these handsome, bearded, inked and alpha men, and that is right up my alley! I was really excited to see where she took us with Alex and I was super excited to see him paired with Tabby! There has been so much that happened with him that we really didn't get to see, that we only got to get sneak peaks of throughout the other 5 books. It's about time he got his own story! BUT now I'm sooo curious about Storm and Wes! I really thought that Tabby would end up with one of them, but looking back I love that they are more the 'big brother' type to her.

Alex is someone who I always wondered about, he was the only Montgomery that you didn't see in the picture the whole time; It was almost as if he didn't want to be in the picture the whole time. Hearing his story and hearing everything that he went through prior to this book was so heart breaking. Having a family full of addicts in one form or another this story really hit my heart. Addiction is something that is hard to cope with and something that I've always made sure to keep certain things at arms length so it didn't become a problem for me. Knowing Alex's backstory now makes me respect him so much more! I can't spoil this at all with what happened, but jesus he had it rough. This family is so close knit, that I'm really surprised his entire family didn't know what was going on. I'm very thankful for him that he and Tabby got together when they did. He really need her in his life.

And Tabby, we have seen a decent bit of her up until now, we never truly got to know much about her. We found out throughout the previous stories that she, like Decker and Luc, was a sort of 'adopted' Montgomery, BUT we didn't really know how she fit this puzzle. One of the first things in this book was Alex thinking how much her mother wanted her to be a part of their family in a real sense. I find it so ironic that it didn't end the way he was thinking that it might, in fact it didn't end in the way that any of us thought it might. She was such a rock for Alex throughout this entire book, and he really helped her to grow too. I also find it super entertaining that they are the only ones that call each other by their full name, it seems to be so backward.

I CANNOT wait to see what she has in store for the Twins next!!!

My Girlfriend's Couch Blog says

5 With Recovery Comes a New Love Stars!!

Reviewed by Franci Neill

I have been waiting for Alex Montgomery's story since I started reading this series and boy was the wait worth it!!! Alex is out of rehab and rebuilding his life and learning to deal with problems that don't include drowning himself in a bottle of whiskey. While Tabby is almost like a member of his family as she keeps the family construction business running like a well oiled machine, she's had her eye on Alex, but never wanted to over-step with him because of his past.

I felt all the emotions I look for in a book that deals with a topic like addiction and recovery. Alex is trying to find his new normal and how he fits back into the Montgomery family sober. My heart broke on a couple of occasions because of his self doubt and what we find out are the events that lead to him finding comfort in the bottom of a bottle. Tabby on the other hand is a woman who has her own addictions. While hers aren't

the kind that will destroy your body, they can be a struggle nonetheless. You see, she's addicted to being organized and calendaring and making lists for everything she needs to do. This makes her indispensable in the office, but it also spills into her personal life that on occasion gets in the way of experiencing life.

As the book moves along, Alex continues to grow as a recovering alcoholic while re-harnessing his talent as a photographer while Tabby continues on a mission of her own. In between all of this, Alex takes it upon himself to teach Tabby basic self defense moves because he HAS to thanks to something that happens one night. During all of this the pull they have towards each other finally combusts and these two can burn it up!!!

This is not a story that is all touchy feely because of the two main characters and what they've both been through in their lives. Don't get me wrong, there is an abundance of love from all the people involved, but it's not an easy happily ever after that's found. It's work and hard work at that, but oh so worth it!

Julie says

Strong characters, a fun supporting secondary cast, a great storyline dealing with a heavy issue, and a deliciously hot romance..I was pleasantly surprised by this one!

ErinMickC says

Alex and Tabby's story is finally here!

For those of us immersed in the Montgomery Ink world created by Carrie Ann Ryan Alex's journey has presented some problems. His demons have clearly been plentiful but he's been presented in such a way that it's hard not to root for him. Alex has the backing of his family though and by the end of *Ink Enduring* it looked like Alex had conquered his addiction and was cautiously diving back into the real world.

Tabby has worked for Storm and Wes for quite some time and she's been worming her way into my heart since she first stepped on the page. She's loyal to the Montgomerys but she doesn't seem like a pushover. She's almost cautiously enamored with the crew (and I love that about her).

So, in the timeline of the Montgomery Ink world, it's been a year since *Ink Enduring* ended. Alex is back on track and he's finally beginning to trust himself again. He doesn't feel worthy of his family's love and devotion, but he's getting there. But when Tabby and Alex finally face up to the feelings that have been growing for quite some time things seem to shift all over again. She's the addiction he doesn't know if he'll recover from. Tabby, on the other hand, has loved Alex for a lot longer than she should. She knows him and she knows he's worthy of her love and her trust. And *sheesh*, when Alex finally proves to himself that he is gonna protect Tabby he does it **ALL THE WAY**.

This book did seem a bit more complicated than the previous Montgomery Ink books in terms of the baggage that Alex and Tabby brought to the page. Perhaps that's since we've watched both these characters grow and change and develop over the course of a few books. Before Alex and Tabby even took a good long look at one another we, the readers, know that this could end really really poorly for the entire Montgomery crew. Luckily it doesn't and the romance between Tabby and Alex is **spectacular**.

Also...

Tabby's brothers...swoon
Storm...OMG
Everly...OMG
Jillian...OMG

Side Note: I'm very, very, very nervous about Storm's book y'all. However, Carrie Ann Ryan has said there will be NO cheating and that Storm and his lady's journey will be hard. I'm hoping it proves worth it in the end since I have a pit in my stomach when I think about it. I almost put Ink Exposed down and DNF'd it since I began to think ahead and worry about Storm but I'm trusting in Ryan to make it all better. IT BETTER BE OK in the end!

4 stars for Alex and Tabby's romance and *INK EXPOSED*!

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

Good

ZETTER says

A Leap Worth Taking!!!

Alexander "Alex" Montgomery, a photographer and a photojournalist by trade was married to his high school sweetheart but their marriage didn't last. Alex found himself in an abyss when his relationship with his ex-wife Jessica fell apart. He went to rehab after an incident that nearly caused him his loved ones.

Fast forward one year later after Alex was released from rehab and Maya (*INK ENDURING*) picked him up.

Tabitha "Tabby" Collins, administrative assistant of Montgomery Inc and the glue that kept that company running smoothly. She'd always loved Alexander Montgomery but the sexy, broody man never looked her way.

Tabby was an honorary Montgomery and the only one that called Alex by his given name "Alexander". It did things to him knowing that she held him in a special place in her heart. Though Alex felt on some level that Tabby was special to him as well he never acted on his feelings.

When Tabby found herself in danger, Alex wasn't about to let anything ever happen to her again. He took it upon himself to keep her safe, come what may. Alex was still facing his demons but as he and Tabby spent more time together, he realized that he didn't have to face them alone.

He had some misconceptions about him not being good enough for Tabby. She made sure he knew that she

loved all sides of him...the GOOD, the BAD and the UGLY.

Storm being upset and feeling defeated regarding Alex's struggles was heart-wrenching. He felt guilty about what happened in the past and he wasn't about to let his brother fall back into the abyss. Storm was determined to make sure Alex stayed happy.

Tabby shared a part of her that noone knew about with Alex and vice versa. Just as they were in a good place, Alex's ex tried causing problems. Jessica underestimated the strength of Alex and Tabby's bond.

The Montgomery clan always have each other's backs, apart they a great but together they are stronger. It was a delighg to see Alex finally get his HEA.

INK EXPOSED , the sixth installment in Carrie Ann Ryan's **MONTGOMERY INK** series was ten times better than I'd expected it to be. It was steamy, emotional, breathtakingly gorgeous and oh so one of my favorite books.

Carrie Ann Ryan drew me in from the first sentence until the end of the book. She has a way of getting me to fall completely in love with the characters. She did a mind-blowing job. 5++++

Looking forward to what comes next!

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Suzi (Obsessive Reading Disorder) says

Carrie Ann always has the ability to bring the reader right to the heart of the matter and with INK EXPOSED, she has done it again. Fans of the series have followed along as Alex has struggled with his demons. Not only do we get to see a man on the mend, we get a greater understanding of what it means to be an addict. I applaud the author for her very real depiction of what it is like to live day to day fighting the urge to go back to the cause of the addiction. To take away the pain. To become oblivious to the concerns of the world.

For Alex, his day to day struggle may have met it's match. Tabby is well ingrained in the Montgomery family. She works for the family construction company. She also happens to be in love with Alex. When she finally lays her cards on the table, she has to convince Alex he is worthy of love again. Together they work toward healing.

As always, we catch up with the rest of the family. That large family dynamic of teasing and fighting and loving is what makes this series so special. As irritating as they can be, Alex finally gives in to their fussing and lets them love him for who he is.

Fantastic story of the healing power of love. Looking forward to at least two more books in the series. The twins are next to get their HEA. Great Job Carrie Ann!

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