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Spunky Italian coed Ivy Rossini likes to talk and push the boundaries. She gets to do both as she co-hosts Riordan College's radio program, The Truths about Dating and Mating, alongside her lifelong best friend, Ian Hollister.

Being the only girl who cares to see beyond Ian's bad boy reputation has its advantages, especially when he's scaring off the jerks who just want to nail the campus sex-guru. It's when he's "protecting" her from the advances she welcomes that she wants to lob him over the head and tell him to butt out. But Ivy feels like she's the one who's taken a hit when Ian almost kisses her at a party. She knows she should feel relieved when he pulls away, so why is she disappointed instead?

What's worse, Ivy's now getting aroused by Ian's slightest touch and can't stop entertaining thoughts of a romantic future. But Ian doesn't do relationships, and she's not interested in anything casual. In the end, Ivy decides it's best to keep her growing feelings a secret and hope they'll pass. However, when Ian begins hinting at wanting to take things to the next level, she's forced to decide if a chance at something more is worth risking everything they've built.

With their friendship and her heart hanging in the balance, can Ivy follow the advice she and Ian give their listeners - to communicate, be honest, and trust in themselves - or will insecurity, stubbornness, and pride ruin any chance of their relationship getting off the ground?

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From Reader Review The Truths about Dating and Mating for online ebook

Graylark says

4.5 stars.

Light, sweet and sexy comfort read. Some humor. The main characters brim with personality, their conversations are lively and fun, and their friends are quite likable as well. The element of the sex talk radio show is relatively unique and quite interesting. I also liked the mention of the prejudice against a woman who gives sexual advice, versus the reverence for a man who does so, although this issue isn't explored very deeply.

The sexual tension leading up to their switch from friends to lovers is satisfactorily thick and filled with heated moments. Their transition and attempts to come to terms with it is a realistically bumpy road, and Ian is quite an appealing leading man.

Very little space is wasted on external issues not relating directly to the two of them--this worked for me as the romance element was what I was after.

Some small issues I had were:

- A lot of Ivy and Ian's conflicts were based on suspicion and what seemed like extreme distrust of each other. Such distrust seemed quite out of character for a couple that had heretofore been best friends for 15 years.
- Ivy became somewhat annoying toward the end of the book. She acted like a rabid pitbull, constantly attacking people with little to no justification--particularly Ian. (view spoiler)
- (view spoiler)

However, these issues weren't hard to ignore. I found it quite an enjoyable and easy read.

Marianne McKinney says

OK, so the last time that I saw a quote in a book that struck me, I did not write it down and then could not find which book it was from. So with that, I am going to quote the author, Jaycee DeLorenzo here. It was a conversation between Ivy (main character) and Chelsea (her roommate). "Look, I'm not trying to upset you, but, lately, you have this really bad habit of going for the jugular the micro-second someone says anything you don't like. You're so focused on winning every battle that you don't even realize you're losing the war. I'm sure it feels good in the short-term but, Ivy, it's childish. You've got to start considering the consequences of your actions before going off half-cocked all the time, Otherwise, one day you're gonna look around and realize you've run everyone off who cares about you." That line hit home with me. We so often act without thinking about the affects of our actions. The honesty from one friend to another in that statement really meant something to me. This book was really good. Ivy was strong willed and her friendship with Ian was really cute. I loved the banter back and forth. This was a fun, somewhat frustrating book about love and friendship and the importance of communication. I definitely recommend it.

Brenda ?Delirious, Disjointed, Digressive, and (highly) Dramatic Rambles? says

Re-read 01/06/18

This is one of those books you really want to love, because the characters have such a palpable chemistry, you can touch it, feel it in the pages, and it's not easy to achieve.

That's why this one right here is one of my all-time-favorites: their story flows in your veins, every smile, every tease, just brings you a little bit higher. You just keep getting excited for their next conversation, their next game, stupid behaviours, their magic and fireworks.

It has flaws, God knows it does.

The drama is basically going to lead you to tear your hair off your head and wonder *"Why the fucking hell don't they just TALK"* .

It's frustrating, yes. But they have their stupid reasons to behave like ormonals teenagers and in the end you just let it go.

It's so damn well written you just dont care. You read through it and when you finish it you don't realize you've read more than 400 pages.

That's when I know a book is perfect, no matter the pages, it doesn't feel enough.

That's how beautiful this is.

Ivy has risked to have my fury thrown at her a couple of times, she's peculiar, but gets around.. most of the time.

Ian is the kind of man everyone deserves to have.

I want a Ian, I'm a goner for a boy in love jealous because he doesn't want to share *his* girl with possible candidates.

He's extremely insufferable but oh so beautiful and funny-idiot, I love him.

Re-read 17/08/16

BECAUSE, IAN.

First Read 26/07/15

so much drama, but so much fucking perfect.

K.D. Carrillo says

I read this book almost a year ago. Now every time I come across the cover I think "wow that one was really good." This book stuck with me. I can't say it was perfect, the most romantic, the best book boyfriend, but it just had that something. I can't explain it. You will just have to read it to understand.

Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says

Re-read: 30.05.14

Wow, shockingly the book was way better the second time around :D I love the characters so much, and i want more!! Fuck, i seriously hope we get another book with these two amazing people, though i know the second book in this series is about a friend of Ivy.. but still, I WANT MORE! :D

New rate: 4 stars.

Second re-read: 19.05.15

Still fucking awesome, but I wish we got more...

The Truths about Dating and Mating by Jaycee DeLorenzo

(Riordan College #1)

This book is about Ivy Rossini and her bestfriend, Ian Hollister. They have been bestfriends since they were little, and know each other inside out. Ivy co-hosts Riordan College's radio program, The Truths about Dating and Mating, alongside with Ian. Ivy is the only one who cares to see beyond Ian's bad boy reputation, and the fact that he has sex with every girl that looks good. Except Ivy. Ian's always been protective over her, but lately he has become over-protective. Scaring away those dates Ivy was going out with, threatening them. And then one night, at a party Ian almost kisses Ivy. And suddenly Ivy starts feeling things you really should feel about your best friend, and thinking about him. Like wondering how his hands would feel on her, Ian's sexy voice seducing her.. ect... But she's afraid to do anything about, doesn't want to destroy their friendship, so she starts dating others. Yet, she can't get past those feelings that have developed towards Ian. While Ian giving mixed signals, hinting he wants more, Ivy has to decide if it all is worth risking everything they have built.

The story is well filled with romance, humor, hormones and friendships. I think this book kinda has a message, that we have to take some risk at some point to really get anywhere, or to get what you want and i think that Ivy has a really big decision to explore her feelings for Ian, he could might be the love of her life, or continue being just friends and always wonder 'what if?'... The friendship between Ivy and Ian is great, and i would love to have that kind of love they had for each other, in my life.

Ivy is awesome! Stubborn as hell, waaaay to honest, big pride and spunky Italian. She has no trouble what she thinks and feels. (well she might have trouble telling Ian what she feels.) I believe under all the hardness, the snarky comments and acting like she doesn't care, she is just as insecure as any other woman. Ivy is really good at giving advice to dating and sex, but she doesn't really follow her own advice that she is giving her listeners. But lucky Ivy, she learns from her mistakes.. after a little time has gone... Though i loved Ivy, sometimes i got a bit tired of her.. Sometimes it became too much of her confidence and how she treated Ian at times.. i didn't like it.. But other than that, she was great :)

Ian's the bad-boy every girl/woman lust for.. He has the body, he has the brain and he has the moves. You cannot help but to lust for him. Even Ivy does. I know that deep down Ian's a really good man with manners and a good heart, and that he's just judged by his mistakes in his past. But being the bad-boy, nobody questions him about his past which he likes to keep private so it works for him. No need to get personal and to commitment when everyone knows that he sleeps with them, throw them out (in a good way) and jump to the next one. Just sex, that's all he needs. Except, not when he starts looking at Ivy as more, and suddenly he needs more. Being insecure and thinking nobody really wants to be with him, other than with sex, makes him appreciate Ivy a hell of a lot more, considering she's the only one who really cares about him.

Their friendship is admirable, and i love the passion they have for each other. The book was cute and was an easy read, and i really enjoyed it :) Though sometimes, it became to much back and forth for me so that made me lower the rate of the book.

Rate: 3-3.5 stars.

Pam says

2.5 Stars Soo bummed because I *really* wanted to like this one ...

Ivy and Ian have been best friends since they were little, and are the stars of a late night radio show '**The truth about dating and mating**', as the self-proclaimed experts in all things sex. Ian 'cockblocks' any male attention Ivy gets while whoring around the campus as being the "go-to" guy for a good time. Their friendship is almost couple-ish without the sex. A few awkward moments make them start to think of the bad things they can do to each other.

Book is written in Ivy's POV, she drove me freaking bananas, seriously I get that your 21 and in college but could you **grow the f' up?!**? most of the time it was like reading about a high school girl, it's almost as if she wanted to get slapped and loose all her friends!

Now Ian, typical-manwhore-hottie, but he had more depth to him and than anyone else ... Yes, he had his a\$\$hole moments that made you want to punch him, but out of the two he made the most sense, and actually apologized and tried to explain why he acted like an dick!

"I came to think of you as mine... I didn't want to share you with anyone else."

There was the one part in the book where he let off some steam and it sooo didn't end well... (view spoiler) It was all very high school drama-ish.

For two people who talk and dish out advise they sure as \$hit when it comes to dealing with eachother

Maybe I expected too much, and you'd think I learned my lesson by now, of going into a book with high hopes. The warning in the description wasn't needed IMO, not for us who are used to much more graphic "sex".P

Adrienne says

You know how with some books, once you start, you can't put it down until you're finished? This was an up-til-4AM read for me. Ivy is one of the more real heroines that I've read about in a while. Her situation is real, her dilemmas are believable, and her reactions (while thoroughly frustrating) are true to a 21 year old college student. I just loved the book and will definitely keep an eye out for future books by this new author!

Taryn says

4.5 Stars

Simply adorable.

This book could not get any cuter, and thankfully not in that "makes me want to puke my guts" way. Both of the main characters have obvious flaws but that's what makes them so endearing. I personally hate it when someone is implied to be perfect. Two best friends who fall in love but aren't sure whether it's worth the risk. Filled with uncertainty, witty banter and more mistakes than two people should be able to make, you can't help but fall in love with Ivy and Ian.

"Come on, Ian, dance! Move those hips." "I don't dance," he said in a monotone, refusing to budge. "Well, you know what they say: bad dancer, bad in bed." I gave him a saucy wink and pivoted away to grab my drink. I turned back to look at him, wanting to see his reaction, but stepped back in surprise when I realized he was directly behind me. "Whoa. Hello," I said with a laugh. With a wicked glint in his eyes, Ian took the drink from my hand and put it on the table. "Hey! What are you...?" He grabbed my hips and pulled me back against him, resting his chin against my cheekbone. Then he swayed us from one side to the other, winding us slowly and sinuously toward the ground and back up again in time to the music. Guh! "I said I don't dance," Ian whispered into my ear. His licorice-tinged breath tickled my cheek like a feather and his whiskers scratched my jaw. "Not that I can't."

JenRider says

When two best friends love each other and all of a sudden they find themselves attracted to one another, are they strong enough to express their feelings or are they going to lose what they value most??

A really nice book about people who learn about love for the first time..Nice and funny story..

Heather andrews says

Ian is a funny character and is protective when it comes to Ivy, "well, I can't remember the exact words, but I may have mentioned it wasn't illegal to dig a hole in the desert, and I had one dug out for anyone who mistreated you." Ivy is a saucy lil' thing that makes me laugh, "ooh, cheap beer, packed bodies, and more

drugs than a Tijuana pharmacy. Where do I sign up?" Ivy is getting the point in her relationship with Ian of where she gets jealous or she was just mad and let him have it either way I enjoyed the feistyness, "no, I don't want you to drive me home. I don't want anything from you." I poked his chest again. Chelsea's driving. You can stay here all night, for all I care, and kiss whoever you want or screw whoever you want, and you won't have to worry about little ole' drunk me. I didn't even want you to come in the first place." Ivy when that girl is pissed she is pissed, "dammit, Ian! You can't just ignore me for a week, and then expect me to roll over and thank God that you've deigned to talk to me. I'm done doing things on your time. Now, get out of my way."

ChelSEA says

Okay, so I have to admit, I initially judged this book based on it's cover and title... I hadn't even allowed myself to read the summary due to the fact that every time I saw the cover I thought that this novel was targeted for middle school aged girls. It wasn't until after I finally convinced myself to read the summary that I realized that this book was the exact opposite of what I had assumed. You know what they say about assuming...

I actually loved this book!!! It's about two childhood friends (Ian and Ivy)attending college and doing a "sex education" radio show together. Ian is a player, who sleeps his way through the girls on campus and Ivy is a free spirited, independent women, who doesn't take anyone's crap (especially Ian's). As expected, these two start to develop feeling for each other and don't know how to handle these feelings or whether to act on them.

This book was different than most other "friends turned lovers" novels because neither of the main characters had any hidden feelings for the other before we meet them in college. Their feelings were brand new and we were discovering them right along as they were discovering them themselves.

One of the reasons I decided to give this book a chance was because it was labeled for the "NEW ADULT" genre, which I am so into right now. This genre has the perfect amount of the young adult feel mixed with mature content. It's perfect for when you want to read a romance novel without too much unnecessary detail in the sex scenes. Sometimes those just get to be too much in my opinion.

While this isn't one of my ALL TIME FAVORITE reads, it definitely is high up on my list. A solid 4 stars!!!

So PLEASE don't be like me and judge this book based on it's bad cover and title. Give it a chance and you'll see what a great story and romance this novel has to offer.

Jessica says

O-M-G! This book is so incredibly good! The characters, the plot, the romance...LOVED IT! A perfect addition to the New Adult category. Will be stalking this author now :)

K.M. Galvin says

Ok Peeps, listen up!! I don't know if you are on the New Adult trend or not, but it has been something that

has been lacking in the literary world for a looooong time. Nadia and I have recently been astonished at the amount of new books being released in this new genre. Some bad, some worse, and then something comes along and you're like whoa, wait a tic, did I just stumble upon some talent? In this books case my friends, I just did.

Now, I certainly don't want to hype it too much because as any blogger, reader, and author knows tastes are wide and often times very weird and hard to understand (eh hem, Fifty Shades...). But here are the reasons you **SHOULD** read this book. First it's about two best friends who **NATURALLY** (and I emphasize this because oh so often this natural relationship progression is completely foregone) progress into a romantic relationship. We have Ivy, who in IMO is one kick ass chick. Yes she sometimes annoys the shit out of me, but you find yourself wanting to be best friends with her too. Then we have Ian, the other half of this best friend duo, who is a lovable Lothario with a tortured past. Be still our sucker hearts am I right? Not to mention, dude is **HAWT**. Seriously. Add in a awesome group of secondary characters and you have a recipe for success.

But here's where Ms. Delorenzo takes it even further. She adds a hilarious radio talk show that our besties host. It had me rolling a couple times, my friends. These two are too funny. Guys, they even talk about real issues and have intelligent responses. Not even gonna lie, I got educated as well as entertained.

Now the conflict. I won't go into too much detail because I don't want to spoil it. This may seem predictable, but lets be honest, if its done right who cares?! The miscommunication and assumptions drove me through the roof! I was seriously reading this and yelling, "Why can't you two just **TALK** to each other?" I got so pissed at our besties, but I kept reading because I **HAD** to know what was going to happen next. Of course, I knew that everything would work out (or at least, as I white knuckled my Kindle, that's what I hoped) but I still really wanted to see how it played out. And this, dear readers, is where talent is separated from just ok. When an author actually makes you **CARE** about the characters, they are talented. It is this reason I freaking **LOVE** self-pub, Indie, and all other alternative books.

Now here is what sets this book apart. A lot of writers are entering this genre and gearing it to a specific audience (hello fellow 18-24's!!), but a **LOT** of them either take the younger vernacular way too far that they have us rolling our eyes or they make it waaaay too formal. Cannot even tell you how many times I've read a book and one of the characters says "Shall I" or "Shall we" and I'm like WTH? I'm sorry, but no one I know ever uses this word unless they are being sarcastic. Speaking of sarcasm, there is plenty, but not so much that the characters become bitchy. Bravo, Jaycee, bravo! The banter was all believable too. Even the banter between parent and kid! Literally had a similar convo with my rents when I came home from college on the wknds!

So here is what I am suggesting: if you are looking for something to break up the paranormal, tortured, angst of the YA genre and you're looking for something filled with funnies, steamy moments to fog up your screen, and actual relatable issues of people our age then check it out! I can actually picture myself being friends with all these characters which is nice since I normally do not like people. (picture Nick from New Girl, except make him a blonde 23yr old and you got me!).

Check it out guys! If nothing else, it is a wonderful change of pace. I know I will be buying the next book this author puts out! :D

Sonja says

I have a really hard time giving this book a rating that fits because I don't know what to do with it. The parts of it that worked for me REALLY worked for me- best friends to lovers is still my absolute favorite trope, obviously, and Ivy and Ian were amazing -- for the most part. There was so much that bothered me about the way their story was written. JUST TALK TO EACH OTHER!!!!!! There was so much unnecessary drama in this, especially towards the end, that really took away from my enjoyment of the book. Until the last 30% or so of the book, I would have given this 5 stars, probably, but after that, it was less than three. It wasn't the ending I wasn't pleased with; it was how they got there.

And I really liked the concept. Life-long best friends go to college together and end up hosting a sex/dating advice show on college radio (thus the slightly awkward title- it's the title of their radio show). Their banter is amazing and suddenly they realize that something is changing between them, that they may be more than just friends. So, you know, everything I ever want in a book.

But then it kind of all fell apart a little bit. (view spoiler)

Because I've been complaining a lot at this point, here's what I thought was absolutely amazing- and there are quite a few things:

(view spoiler)

So yeah, overall, I'm probably a little generous with my four-star rating, it's probably more like 3.5 stars with another half star added for the best friends to lovers trope, but then again, the parts of the book that were good were FANTASTIC. It's just that I will be forever left wishing the last third of it had been more than it eventually was, because this book had so much potential it didn't live up to.

Ashley says

I cannot believe how much I LOVED this book. I bought it based on Amazon's recommendation and couldn't put it down! Ivy and Ian were the most perfect characters and even the supporting characters were fabulous! I know I'm gushing but this book is probably at the top of my Favorite Books list!
