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Claire and Juliette have been best friends for twenty years. Together they own a successful PR agency in Paris, but their journey to success has come at a price. Juliette and her partner Nadia have drifted apart after ten years together while Claire hasn't been on a real date for as long as she can remember. Meanwhile, their happily single employee Steph is getting a bit too close to a new, high-profile client.

This is the first of six episodes of season one in the FRENCH KISSING serial.

Warning: This title contains sensual language, ladies making love and cliffhangers.

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Annabeth Leong says

It was the Steph storyline that got me hooked. I was a little slower on the other characters. That said, get hooked I did. This episode convinced me to go on to read everything currently available in this series, and I am so glad I did!

K.R. Steam says

Perfect!

This book reminds me a bit of the L Word or Lip Service. A small group of friends with drama, love, pain, heartache, triumphs, etc. All intertwined together.

As I read, I continued to get wrapped up in the story as well as every little detail of the characters. The author does an amazing job giving you just enough during each section where you have no choice but to keep reading. Forget whatever plans you had because you'll read all the way through. It's like a soap opera.

I don't know why I've waited so long to read this book. I'm surely glad I finally picked it up! Don't wait, read it now!

Kathy W says

I liked this one, but I am not a huge fan of serials. It is well written and the characters are diverse and interesting, but for me it was too much of a soap opera for my reading tastes, which is the reason for the 3 stars. Others may enjoy this story line more and rate it higher. I may at some point return to the rest of the series but too many other books I need to get to :)

Nikki "The Crazie Betty" V. says

I received an ARC of this story, courtesy of Harper Bliss.

I really enjoyed the first installment of Harper's new series, French Kissing. I love that it's set in Paris. I enjoy the Asian settings but France is totally different and I appreciate the different locations being experienced. Also, I found the characters to be set up very well, with obvious flaws and strengths, as well as a good helping of drama. I actually found myself thinking about the Showtime TV series, L Word while I was reading this, which is a good thing to me because I LOVED that series! The lesbian drama in Harper's story so far aren't as loony as TV show characters but I'm glad of that. It gives the story a little more realism. I'm definitely interested in what's to come and I feel like Harper set up her first installment in a way that leaves you feeling satisfied *somewhat* so that you aren't totally left on the edge of cliff waiting for the next installment. However, that being said, I am very excited to dive deeper into the drama. Specifically:

- * What's *really* going on with Dominique? And what will happen to Steph because of it?
- * What secret is Nadia hiding?
- * Will Margot continue to be a main character? I loved her! Strong on the outside but obviously has a sweet and squishy center :)
- * What other beautiful Paris locations will we get to read about?

In conclusion...**I'M SO FREAKING EXCITED FOR THE NEXT INSTALLMENT!**

***Thank you Harper for the ARC!**

Leisha says

Rating overview

Writing: ★★(★)

Story: ★★

Characters: ★★

Overall: ★★ (2.5)

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I'm not sure what to say about this book other than that it is tiny and, despite that, took me forever to read (which should tell you a lot). It recounts the story of four (plus two) women, from each of their perspective. Overall, I found it too short to really connect to either of them and too many characters so that it was quite confusing, especially in the beginning.

Nothing about this motivated me to pick it back up again so I won't be continuing this series.

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## **T.B. Markinson says**

For me this started off slow, but I'm glad she took the time to develop the characters and I'm curious to see how the rest of the series is.

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## **Sprinkles says**

Episode One down and I have a LOT more to go! Exciting!

Well, I don't think I've read a lesfic like this in ages. It's usually more common in fanfic land (depending on your fandom), so I found the 'cast' of dramatic lesbians very sexy and interesting.

My favorite relationship so far is what's going on between Steph and her client, the conservative politician Dominique. THAT. IS. SO. \*scrambles for words besides hot\* Like, I found myself reading quickly on other lovelines just to return to them. It's naughty and I love it.

To be honest, the mixed reviews I've stumbled upon made me hesitate to read, but it's Kindle Unlimited. Of course I'd try out a free book. Not disappointed at all. Can't wait to download the next installment.

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### **Odd Bin says**

Sadly, having read episode 1, it has become abundantly clear to me that I am not a fan of delayed gratification.

I want episode 2 and I want it now! In fact, I want them all. Right. Now.

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### **Dee says**

**\*\*sigh\*\*** That's a happy sigh and a oh my god, so many books so little time, sigh!

What a wonderful cast of characters, book 2 could go in so many directions. I'm not normally a fan of series or cliffhangers, but I just have to know what's next.

I can't believe after continuing stating Harper is my go to author Lesfic that I haven't pick up this series before now.

I also now get the connection of a few characters who made cameo appearances in Harper's Pink Bean Series.

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### **Jane Shambler says**

#### **Harper at her best**

Harper Bliss is an author I never tire of. Her. Stories are always complex. I like books you can become involved with and Harper creates characters that are not only realistic but people who you would probably meet in every day life. It's a great book and leaves you wanting more and very hard to put down.

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### **Bridget says**

French Kissing is a sexy novel about very successful women with plenty of action in the boardroom and bedroom. It centres around the owners and employees of a public relations firm called Barbier & Cyr that is located in Paris. One of the owners is in a long-term relationship with a woman who works at a hospital and is working long hours like her partner. The book is written in sections and is told from each one of the key characters' perspectives, making the story very easy to follow.

Juliette and Nadia have been partners for the past ten years. Juliette is a workaholic and very proud of the agency that she and Claire Cyr started. However, Juliette feels her long-term relationship with Nadia is in jeopardy and doesn't know what to do about it. The highs and lows of their relationship are one of the key

focal points in this book and the glorious undercurrents are very humorous, amazing, and touching. Juliette is in a state of turmoil and at a loss as to how to make things right with Nadia. How will things progress?

The two other main characters involved with Juliette and Nadia are Claire and Steph. Claire is single and Nadia has invited a doctor from her hospital to a dinner party happening at Juliette and Nadia's home as a date for Claire. These four women are all involved in each others' amazing love lives. This is a major part of the book, along with being a source of many delightful events and amusing situations. The author's wonderfully written highs and lows are incredibly enjoyable to read.

This is a truly remarkable novel!

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## **Mummy's Naughty Corner says**

Cover :- 4 stars

Sex/steamiiness :- 5 stars

Story line :- 5 stars

Characters :- 4 stars

Overall rating :- 4.5 stars

Personal rating :- 5 stars

Book Pairing:- F/F

Did it give me a book hangover :- Yes

Is this a review book or personal read :- Personal Read

Why I chose this book?

It's Harper Bliss. I love this author and will read anything she writes.

What I liked about this book.

- \* This installment sets the story very well.
- \* I want to continue the story.
- \* Margot, I really like her and want to know more about her.
- \* It sucked me right in.

What I didn't like about this book.

There is something I didn't like for once. Juliette. I found myself rolling my eyes on several occasions with this character.

Would I read more from this author?

Absolutely

Would I recommend this book?

Yes

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### **Justina Johnson says**

This opening episode of 'French Kissing' simply crackles with high powered women, super sexual innuendos, and action in the bedroom and the boardroom. The core group are primarily owners and employees of a public relations firm called Barbier & Cyr that has been in existence for fourteen years and is located in Paris, France. One of the owners of the firm is in a long-term relationship with a woman working at a major hospital who was recently promoted to administrator and is suddenly working almost as many hours as her partner. There are twenty-four segments in Episode One, each from one of the key character's perspective. Once I got the swing of how the story was unfolding, I liked this technique a good deal. There will be six separate episodes in Season One and from what I ascertained, Season Two is due out January of 2015. I feel this is going to be one helluva ride!

Juliette Barbier, also called Jules on occasion, is one of the co-owners of the public relations company previously mentioned. Juliette and Nadia have been partners for the past ten years and they co-own their flat which is located very close to Juliette's business. Juliette is unquestionably a workaholic and quite proud of the agency that she and Clair Cyr started. On the downside, Juliette feels her long-term relationship with Nadia is on the rocks and doesn't know what to do about it. However, the ups and downs...lefts and rights of their relationship is one of the key focal points in Episode One. Juliette is a bit of a prickly pear and as a long-term boss is used to getting her way. The glorious undercurrents for this soap opera-like beginning were just hilarious, amazing, and touching. Juliette is in pain and seemingly lost in her personal life and I am more than curious about how things will all progress. Break out another bottle of wine!

The two other characters who rotate along with Juliette and Nadia are Clair and Steph. Clair Cyr is Juliette's business partner and Steph is a real whiz at the company. Clair has been unattached for awhile and Nadia has invited a doctor from her hospital to a dinner party happening at Juliette and Nadia's home as a possible hookup for Clair. These four women all seem to know or want to know how each other's love life is shaking and will apparently jump in to assist at the drop of a hat. This becomes a major theme along with being a source of countless heartwarming incidents. It also provides an astonishing number of amusing situations. The threads and wonderfully scripted highs and lows are incredibly enjoyable to follow. I don't say this story is a soap opera as a demeaning designation, because the inter-involvement of these women in each other's lives is extraordinarily fascinating and not a cookie cutter rehash. Plus it is a multi-player lesbian drama placing the viewpoint in a delightfully engaging perception. Remarkable!

To partially re-quote Bette Davis, "It is going to be a bumpy ride!" I want in and I certainly recommend this opening episode. Magnificent!

NOTE: This book was provided by the author for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

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### **Kent says**

Harper graciously gave me an ARC of this story. It is hard to believe this is only the first episode of this new series. Harper develops all of the main characters very well and the action starts off with a bang. I am excited

to read the next episode as soon as it becomes available. My favorite character is Margot. I mean who wouldn't love an intelligent, beautiful woman who wears leather and rides a motorcycle? I hope Margot remains as an important character throughout the entire series.

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## **Regan says**

Juliette Barbier and Claire Cyr run the successful PR firm, Barbier & Cyr, with no difficulties but suffer from overworking in their love lives. Juliette's partner of ten years, Nadia, has decided enough is enough and comes close to leaving for good. Claire, however, hasn't had anything serious in some time until she meets Margot, the tight-lipped, leather-clad doctor. Steph, the intern-turned-professional scores her first big client but can she resist the temptation presented to her? All of the ladies have something to gain and something to lose- who will come out on top and who will fall down along the way?

After reading (and loving) The High Rise Series I was so excited to learn the author was writing a new contemporary series! Luckily I am just as intrigued in this series as I was The High Rise Series. This series takes place in France- a place where all words are horribly slaughtered in my head and I'm sure any French person would cringe at my pronunciation. From the Eiffel tower to small cafes the author takes us on many meetings and adventures in this new setting.

We are also introduced to a new cast of lovable characters: Juliette, the work-a-holic and emotionally avoidant type; Claire, the perpetually single and level-headed one; Steph, the rising businesswoman and serial heartbreaker; Margot, the bad-ass biker slash devoted doctor; and Nadia, the one on her own path of self-discovery.

Even though the author warns us of cliffhangers I can't help but to feel impatient for the next episode! Episode One was a fast-paced, intricate, and exciting start to this wonderful series. If you haven't already one-clicked it I HIGHLY recommend you waste no more time!

“If there’s one thing politics teaches you, it’s to give as good as you get.”

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