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Leanne Michele says

What can I say here? This book is nothing short of beautiful. It is art. It just took my heart for one heck of a ride. And my stomach, heart, and mind are still reeling and soaring.

When I finished Love Nouveau I was seriously counting the months and stalking BL so I would know exactly when Love Abstract released. I had to know. Had. To.

While I know there were struggles with this book, you wouldn't know by reading it. It is beautiful. Ivy and Phoenix are quite possibly one of the best matched pairs in history. I love the artfully broken aspects.

The secondary characters are a crack up and bring in just the right amount of light-hearted relief in just the right moments. Brock. That's all I can say.

Phoenix once again, even through his epic mess ups, is such a solid, swoon-worthy BBF!!

I absolutely recommend this book... both books actually. Stunning. Just stunning.

Tarah Hodges-Wilkins says

"An erratic piece of dynamite."

When this beauty popped up on my kindle I couldn't wait to dive in and find out what Phoenix was hiding. I DEVoured this book!

It's suspenseful, heart stopping roller coaster of emotions.

When the big secret dropped, I was absolutely blown away.

I would have never imagined the secret it is what, I truly understand why Ivy was so hurt. I felt her pain and sadness but In this book you truly see how much Phoenix loves Ivy.

His love for Ivy brought me to my knees. His love was always fierce and loyal, he just didn't handle the situations properly.

Shakira says

3.5 stars

Bindi Boo says

4 stars

Secrets are finally revealed. You'll need to read the first book as this one continues a few months later as the couple start a new life together. I loved their relationship. As doubtful and fearful the heroine was, she gave

her heart away on a silver platter. Although the secret the hero kept away from her was mainly to protect their relationship, it was still an unforgivable one. I still forgave him though, especially after that last scene. A definite recommendation!

M.M. m Clem says

Taken from my book blog at <http://booknerd0116.blogspot.com/2015...>

I received an ARC of Love Abstract this past weekend for an honest review, and since it was released to the public today, I had to put in some overtime in reading to finish it quickly. That really wasn't a problem since I was so excited to read it.

This book picks up where the other one ends, right after Ivy and Phoenix move to New York together. They're in mushy, they're gushy, they're totally in love. In fact, the dialogue in some spots got a bit stale because it just kept repeating the same things over and over; they love each other, they were made for each other, he/she is "the one." As the story progresses though, we discover that although Phoenix has this desperate need for Ivy to trust him, he's not being entirely honest with her. He feels bad and guilty for not telling her what he's realized, and anguishes over it several times, yet still fails to tell her. One drunken night, when Ivy finds out the truth, we are catapulted into will she-won't she forgive him. Were they truly made for each other as they professed?

I was a bit bothered by the fact that these two main characters prattle on repeatedly about how they are just absolutely in love and nothing will stand between them and then when something gets tough, Ivy runs. I get that it's sort of one of her flaws as a character, she runs because she doesn't know what to do but it makes her seem sort of shallow and weak when I originally thought she was this strong character. On the flip side, I see WHY she was so hurt when Phoenix's "secret" is finally out. I never would've guessed that...well, until Hailey (Phoenix's ex) stopped by and alluded to something happening, that is. What a twist!

I LOVED the addition of the new character Blake. I'm still unsure if he's not maybe bisexual, but regardless he was a delight. Despite the fact that he's a bit flamboyant, and extremely outspoken he also has a lot of sage wisdom to give out. I really enjoyed him and his friendship with both Ivy and Phoenix.

Again, the cover is gorgeous. I like the pretty watercolor image used, much like on the cover of the first book.

I think that because I fell so in love with the first book, Love Nouveau, that my expectations for this second one might have been too high. I hate when that happens because it's not necessarily the author's fault; some of the blame goes straight to me because living up to what I expected in my head and heart was probably a near impossible, Herculean task. I honestly think Berry could've condensed this second novel into half of what it was and simply added it to the first one to make one complete story. That's just MY opinion though because I felt like this second novel just sort of went on and on a bit. Don't be mistaken, I still liked it a lot. I needed that closure and ending for the story. It was a beautiful love story with lots of surprises...even if it wasn't exactly what I expected.

Stephanie Rose says

5 beautifully written, heart in my throat for the last 30% stars!

We all knew Phoenix was hiding something, and BL Berry did a fantastic job building the tension all throughout the story, making us fall in love with Phoenix even more and dread when he'd break our heart. Ivy is still a great heroine, snarky but vulnerable, and you couldn't help but admire the hell out of her for being as strong as she was.

Like Love Nouveau, the writing flowed perfectly. BL Berry's writing style I can only define as classy - smooth as silk with beautiful words that illuminate every page. Also like the first book, she guts you and hits you out of nowhere. The twists and turns are very worth the ride - I miss these two already.

Angela says

BL Berry does it again! I had a love/hate relationship with the characters. There were times I wanted to scream at my kindle and ask them what the fork are you thinking?!?

But in the end, I'm sad that is the end of the road for Ivy and Phoenix (I'm still hoping for a novella;-). Also a new character was introduced and I think we could be BFFs. I found myself cracking up at some of that stuff coming out of this character's mouth!

I cannot wait to see what new characters BL has in store for us.

Danielle Sanchez says

Arc provided for an honest review.

Wow this one was a perfect ending to a duet I just devoured I loved it so much. I want my husband to read these books so he knows more about romance fro Phoenix, insight and forgiveness from Brock, and new artistic perspectives from Ivy.

While parts of this squeezed my heart with pain for this couple, the love outweighed the struggle. This was a powerful journey and very true to the ways couples struggle trying to understand themselves, compromise for someone else and admit when they were wrong. Watching this journey unfold was a beautiful thing. I can't wait to read more from this writer. I will have my highlighting tools ready, perhaps a Brock spinoff?

Felicia says

Ugh, I felt like throwing this book against a wall!

I didn't care for the characters to begin with, but can sometimes overlook that for the main story. The actions of the characters in this book were ridiculous. I didn't think I could hate a character more than Jack Carter from The Perfect Game, but damn did Phoenix come close! One of the most frustrating books I've read in a while.

Nancy's Romance Reads says

Oh wow, look at this GORGEOUS cover!! This is book two in The Art of Falling Duet series and it's coming out on 18 May. The story (which started in Love Nouveau) sounds amazing! :)

Blurb:

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Ramblings From Beneath The Sheets says

ARC was received for an honest review

She has done it again! My review will be up soon. I am still trying to find the right words to express what this book left me with!

"Just Because"

Edited FULL REVIEW -

First off....You MUST read book one Love Nouveau first!

" Just Because" - Fave quote

ARC provided for an honest review! This was one of my most anticipated books for the year. And can I just say ... another GREAT cover! Welcome back Phoenix and Ivy!

I am so happy the author chose to continue their story. We pick up basically where book one left us. They are living in New York and are "madly in love" with one another!

Secrets - When we left off in book one we knew Nix was harboring something huge! I will admit that I thought I knew the secret and every time I thought I knew the truth.... I was wrong!

This one, just like the first, was packed full of emotion. It made me laugh....it made me cry.... and it made my heart beat fast and pitter patter. I had butterflies in my stomach during certain parts. The two of them are desperately trying to find their HEA together. It's hard though, when you know one is holding onto things he won't share and one is holding on to the nightmare of what happened to her in book one.

We see a different side to Nix in this one. In book one, we fell in love with him as this Perfect boyfriend and in this one - we see more of his flaws and emotions.

When the truths are revealed it causes a strain on their relationship. Ivy is devastated. Nix broke my heart! He redeemed himself a little with the "make up" scene.

We are introduced to Brock..... he was Ivy's saving grace. To have a friend like Brock! He was so funny and truly a great friend to both Ivy and Nix.

With all that the two of them are struggling to overcome you can see just how much Nix loves Ivy. If I had anything negative to say it would be the almost rushed way the sister and father were in this one. I think both of those situations could have used a bit more attention. But - it didn't really take away from the story.

"Right now you just want me. I'm about to show you what it's like to truly need me" - Fave quote!

Is love enough? That is the burning question. Will these two find their HEA or are they destined to be just friends? A beautiful story with closure!

BL Berry has a way of writing words that draw you in. They wrap themselves around you and make you FEEL everything her characters are feeling. The little bits of Humor are Laugh out loud funny. I see a Big Bright Successful future for BL Berry! And I am glad I was along for the ride! Congrats my friend! You nailed this one too!

5 stars

"Life is too short not to eat cheeseburgers" - fave quote

Ashli says

Last year we reviewed the first book in this series Love Nouveau (make sure to read that book first!). This book picks up a few weeks after Phoenix and Ivy make their move to New York. They are living together and everything seems to be going okay. However, Phoenix is hiding something pretty major and Ivy knows it. Ivy starts learning bits and pieces along the way, but never from Phoenix himself. Ivy decides to trust him anyways. However, after a night of celebration the truth comes out and Ivy is devastated. I wish I could say

more, but it would give too much of the plot away. Just know that Ivy realizes she is stronger than she thinks she is and Phoenix is able to come to terms with his past.

I really enjoyed seeing some of the side characters from the first book featured in here. I also loved the character Brock. He was a trip. I think Berry does a great job of describing the art and the pieces in this book. I could picture it all in my head! When you read this book you will be coming to have a fondness for origami paper cranes too! I'm glad there was a second book in this series to find out what Phoenix is all about. I am also glad that Ivy is able to work through her previous baggage. I will miss Ivy and Phoenix, but am in way content to see them go. :)

Sgiova says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review. I really really enjoyed book one and couldn't wait to read this. I had high expectations and this author did not disappoint, although I have to say I loved book 1 just a tad more. The ridiculousness behind some characters' personalities and their reactions to situations will keep you thoroughly entertained throughout. Brock is my new favorite everything. His crazy wildness just kept everything moving along smoothly and in some cases (in my opinion anyway) saved the story for me. At some point I couldn't wrap my head around the turn of events and I can't decide if it was a personal dislike of the situation or if it was the intention of how it played out for the characters that I didn't like because I envisioned them otherwise. I had this picture in my mind of what the characters were like and how they were going to react and deal and then the story did a 180 on me. It was good but unexpected. It gave depth to each character and the complexity of the emotions they felt showing a vulnerability I didn't necessarily like or expect. I loved the complex dynamic of it all with the exception of some details wilting away unacknowledged such as the sister, the father, Haily... minor but I would have loved to see this wrapped up in more detail - Otherwise brilliant! Thank you so much for allowing me to read this!

Lori Otto says

My heart is still broken from this one. I must be heartless and unforgiving or something...

I loved Phoenix in Love Nouveau. Like, he could do no wrong. But after the first chapter of this one when he revealed he was withholding information from Ivy, I couldn't even let myself feel anything for him. I read the first half of the book distanced from them both, knowing something bad was going to happen... and for a person who loves to experience deep emotions when she reads, that's kind of a bummer. It wasn't until the secret was revealed that I actually started to feel things, but it wasn't love. When I understood how long he'd been hiding this secret, I was angry and resentful. I felt what Ivy felt... only I kept feeling it long after she stopped. Needless to say, I would have taken a completely different path.

The writing was, again, beautiful. My favorite parts were Ivy's birthday and the apology scene (even though I, personally, couldn't have accepted it). The thought that would have gone into planning such a gesture would have been utterly romantic and mind-boggling.

As for his secret... that, I could have forgiven. It was the fact that he wasn't up front about it when he had plenty of opportunities to be. I'd have to nix Phoenix, as much as it pains me to say it.

I've loved the journey, and I've loved how it's challenged me to consider what I would do in such a situation. It's been on my mind for the past few hours, and I imagine it will stick with me for much longer.

Kindling Micky says

I loved that Love Nouveau didn't end on a cliffhanger but this book lends so much more to Ivy and Phoenix's story.

Ivy and Phoenix are together in NY, finding out about each other in a tangible way this time by living together. Both in new jobs, life is tough with such a past of hurt haunting their relationship. Family is a swear word to both of them in different ways, so there is a lot of adversity to overcome. New twists present themselves and it made for a fairly fast paced read. I liked these characters and their love for one another.

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