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On a random night out with her girlfriends, Taya experiences something she hasn't before.

Instant attraction.

Between vodkas and dance moves she probably shouldn't be doing in public, never mind on a podium, she meets him.

She's never had a one night stand before, and to have one is on her list of things to experience in her life.

Not only that, but the chemistry is off the charts.

Decision made.

She's going home with this man, and she's not going to regret it when she leaves him in the morning.

Or at least that's what she thinks.

## **The List Details**

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### \*kawehi.reviews says

This was not exactly my cup of tea. Particularly because of the male lead. He was just, hmmm, let's just say if I was the female heroine I would have chosen to seek other options than him. He was not what I'd label boyfriend (or even book bf for that matter) material. "Why?," you may ask? I simply did not get nor like him. Period.

As for the female lead, I enjoyed her. She's the kind of heroine that wears her heart on the sleeve and when she loves she goes all in. That's something that I admire even if she did have her 'moments' where I wanted to strangle and put some sense into her.

I would go on but ultimately I think I would circle around my rant about the male lead's behavior and actions. I did not hate this book, but like many I just did not know what to take from it. So hence, three stars from me.

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### Michelle says

*ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review*

Chantal Fernando has been my staple source when it comes to MC Romance and so when I saw that she was writing a different romance genre, I was eager to get my hands on this book. How could I not when she held my attention with this line:

**I have a list. It's a list of things I want to experience in my life, a sexual list. Having a one night stand is on there."**

I adore Chantal Fernando but I gotta say **The List** is one of those reads that I have mixed feelings about. I like the premise of the story that is loosely based in truth and fiction of a one night stand that didn't end that night but became a string of complicated and unwarranted angst. While I should be intrigued with the storyline, I wasn't since I could not relate to the heroine and hero at all. They just couldn't pull me in as a reader.

Taya is one of those female leads who wears her heart on her sleeves. There are times you will like her and then there are those moments that you want to shake some sense into her. I understand that she is deeply attracted to Eli but when a man distances himself and you know that he is sleeping with other women, wouldn't you think Taya would wake up and see the light at the end of tunnel. Well unfortunately she was blinded by her lust and infatuation with Eli.

**This kiss is not a mistake. No, it's everything a kiss should be."**

Eli is one of those most closed off hero. It's not the mysterious vibe where you think is sexy but one of those heroes that you just couldn't relate at all. I wanted to like him but just couldn't. For goodness sake, you don't

even know his last name.

This book is not bad but oh my god, it is one of those reads that went back and forth too long. Taya was on this journey of self-discovery but she couldn't see right away how Eli should have been just a one night stand only. While this may not be my favorite Chantal book, I think there are some readers who might enjoy this crazy connection of Taya and Eli.

Chantal Fernando

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### ♥?Melanie says

Not sure how I'm feeling about this book. For one the main characters are very immature regarding communication and relationships. It was an interesting read that may contain cheating or may not. It depends how you see the characters relationship (if you want to call it that). The story moves fast and easy. There is an epilogue however not sure what to think about that either. A different/confusing read for me.

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### 2OCC Reviews says

Chantal Fernando has once again written a very entertaining story that I enjoyed from the moment that I started it to the very end of the story. I enjoyed the storyline of the book and found it had the perfect amount of drama within the story.

The heroine of the story I enjoyed a lot, Taya was a quiet Introvert that always let loose when she went dancing. I really enjoyed seeing her let loose and the way she knew what she wanted in life. Taya was a great character that I enjoyed reading about. She was passionate about the things that she wanted in life and the way she had an immediate attraction to Eli.

Eli was the gorgeous hero of the story that was tall and muscle. He was exactly the type of male character that I loved to read about and the way that he couldn't pull away from Taya.

The list is about the instant attraction that Taya experiences one night when she goes out expecting to have a one night stand. What she wasn't expecting was the chemistry that she experienced with Eli.

Chantal Fernando knows how to capture her audiences' attention in a story and the list is definitely another great book by the author. There were a lot of steamy moments within the story and I enjoyed the chemistry between the two characters. This is definitely a story that I would recommend for everyone that loves a good romance story.

## **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

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### **Michelle says**

Omg.... I don't know where to start in this review! This book certainly wasn't what I was expecting. And I'll just say it right now in the beginning of this book. I did not like it at all. What started out as a fun and sexy read turned into my worst nightmare in books! I hate how this book played out! And I feel so bad! Because I really enjoy this authors other books! (Wind Dragons MC series).

This is my first book I read outside of the Wind Dragons MC series. I loved that series! So, going into this book...I really didn't know what to expect. I went into this book kinda of scared/excited! Because I really like this author's MC books! But... this was a hard one to read!!! I wasn't feeling Eli at all! And Taye started out so strong... but by the end of the book... she totally settled for anything Eli was willing to give her! And I just couldn't see past all that!

Ok...

This book was certainly different. The writing... the way the story was told. Was night and day from her other books.

The main characters Eli and Taye. I was having a hard time connecting with them. I loved how they first met! The lust and attraction and chemistry they had for each other was through the roof!

But, as I read on. Eli character was not very open. He seemed standoffish. Taye for being a strong independent woman... Seemed to bend over backwards a lot for him. And he still was a man of very few words. It was his way or no way. And Taye... started to change who she was to be with him! She slowly in my opinion started to become a doormat.

I'm 43% into this book and I can feel the lust and want coming from Eli and Taye. But... still nothing. It all feels one sided.

Then the ball drops at the 62% mark. And I really didn't like Eli at all after that! You text someone for over a month. Thinking you are connecting with this person and getting to know them better. Then he just goes and just sh\*ts all over it!

Yes.. I know they are technically not together. But when you text someone like they way they were texting. I would be thrown off about what he did too!

Can you say mixed signals! Ughhh

And I have to be honest here... once Eli told Taye the answer to her her question. I stopped seeing them as sexy. I wanted to slap Taye and tell her to move on!

He was not offering her anything! So why was she so stuck on him. Yes the sex was good. But other than that... he wasn't giving her anything! Not even hope that he would go back to her!

He won't tell her his last name. He won't send her pictures. He sleeps with other women.

I just don't get it. I thought this book was a romance! This is far from it! The ending! Omg! What was that? Why end the book like that? I think Eli should have worked a little harder than he did. It was just so unbelievable. I hated it.

\*ARC provided for an honest review\*

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### **Eileen Robinson says**

I knew this book from this author was going to be different. And i can honestly say i loved it and i hated it at the same time. So let me try to explain why.

Taye is a strong independent young woman. She meets Eli at a night club and yes he's hot, sexy and totally edible so why wouldn't she contemplate an unforgettable one night stand, she isn't looking for more right? But what happens when feelings and emotions get involved?

Taye can't believe it when Eli wants to see her again. He makes her feel and want things she's never dreamed of before and she knows she is falling hard for him. Problem is he's never hid that he doesn't do relationships, he does sleep with women and he doesn't do commitments or being faithful and he won't be around for long because he goes where his job takes him.

So here comes my love hate relationship with the story. I loved Taye's independence, but yet when it came to Eli, she became one of those women that we all have known or been. The girl you want to tell to stop being his "go to" and "his doormat". But hey when your in love with someone you hang on, and that internal flame of hope just doesn't let you go. I didn't like Eli at times, and felt conflicted, and that Taye would be much better letting him go!!! I think in the process of reading this book i called him all the douche names i could think off. And that is why i also loved this book so much. Chantal has done a perfect job of writing a love story that just feels so real to life for so many of us and those we know, so your emotions definitely get caught up. He isn't MR PERFECT, he isn't the typical man of anyones dreams. He is hot and delicious, but you want to see her with someone who adores her. But love isn't always pretty roses and romance and men that are falling over their feet for you, it has many forms and i loved the fact that this book give us that messy love in all its unglorious form !!! Is Taye wasting her love and time on this guy? Well you have to read it, Well done Chantal Great Job!!!!

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### **FMR Book Grind says**

LEEANN'S REVIEW

5 STARS

This author never ceases to amaze me. With the list she has written characters that are flawed, imperfect and full of fault but brings them to life in a way that you can see when they begin to see the error of their ways and make you fall in love with them.

This book is about a woman named Taye. She is extremely complex, She has multiple layers and just when you think you have her personality pegged, you soon realise you got her wrong.

Taye's partner in crime in this story is so flawed it makes you crazy at times.

Eli is probably one of the strangest most irritating male lead character I have read about in along long time. In saying that it kept the story interesting and he brings out Taye's strengths really well. I actually think he is the only man that could have opened her eyes

to her own self-worth. And by the end, you see when he realises what he is prepared to give up how much it rocks him to face the thought of losing the love of his life.

Together these two are a perfect match in every way. Their sexual chemistry is off the charts and their personalities are well matched and make for some interesting playful banter.

I think at the end of the day, some people will love this book, some might not because the characters are not perfect or your typical knight in shining armour and the picture perfect, sassy oozing in self-confidence woman. It is a work of fiction with a heavy dose of reality and let's face it, sometimes it is nice and refreshing to read a story about characters that are not perfect and have flaws that make them easy to relate to for the everyday reader.

The fact that this story makes you feel different emotions towards the characters while empathizing with their varied situations is a true testament to the talent of Chantal Fernando. Not many authors have the talent to provoke multiple responses from their readers is one story.

Well worth taking time to have a read! By the end I actually could have read about this couple for another couple of hours!!

#### ERIN'S REVIEW

4 STARS

This was a great read! I love the storyline. It had everything you could possibly need. Emotion, laughter, drama, angst, and scorching hot sexy times. The concept of The List is addictive. I just might have to start one of my own! Taye and Eli are incredible engaging characters and had me locked into the story from the start. The chemistry between these two is explosive, but the emotional connection is what kept me interested. I love the direction the story went. I am excited to see what is in store next!

#### FLAVIA'S REVIEW

3.85 STARS

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But Eli makes no promises to her and tells her that he isn't there for long, and as soon as his job tells him he is gone again.

So she decides to just go with it and enjoy him while he is here. But she starts to have feelings for him and he is leaving.

What happens next is what I wasn't happy about. Taye is in love with him and when he leaves they still chat all the time and sexting and so much more. But Eli is sleeping with other women and she is stuck on being in love with a guy who doesn't consider her feelings.

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But because this book is based on a somewhat true story, I actually feel like the author did a good job. Because sometimes women can be like that. Holding onto something when you know you should move on.

So all in all a good story and a sort of good ending.

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## **Cheryl O'Harney (The Book Whisperer) says**

\*This book was reviewed for Summer's Eve Reads\*

Title: The List

Author: Chantal Fernando

Genre: Contemporary

Romance

Rating: 3/5

This follows the heroine Taye who after setting out to find herself a willing partner to participate in a one night stand with ends up developing feelings for him but they're not reciprocated, well at least not straight away. The man in question Eli does come in and out of Taye's life throughout the years offering her nothing more than just sex until it's almost too late.

This was my first read by Chantal Fernando and whilst I did like her style of writing I just couldn't fully connect with the characters it started out okay enough but Taye soon started grinding my gears I found her rather desperate verging on pathetic, I mean she pined after a guy who was only offering sex at sporadic intervals whilst sleeping with other woman in between those times it wouldn't have been me that's for sure as for Eli he was a jerk albeit a hot one for messing her around the way he did however they did eventually get together in the end. One thing I will say is this author certainly knows her way around a great sex scene or two there was definitely some heat under my collar.

As I said I liked the authors style of writing and it was a decent enough storyline it was just the timescale of things that let it down for me, it would have been better if Taye didn't put up with Eli's manwhorish ways for quite so long.

Overall it's a respectable 3 out of 5 from me.

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Reviewed on behalf of

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## **KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

What if you thought what was going to be just a one night stand turned out to be so much more?

**THE LIST:** by Chantal Fernando is a standalone fictional novel which is loosely based on a true story and features 'Twenty-nine year old 'Taye' & Twenty-six year old 'Eli'

We're introduced to Taye out nightclubbing with her bestie letting her hair down and losing all her inhibitions whilst out on the dance floor moving to the beat of the music, normally a shy introvert add alcohol to the mix dancing is where she feels free.

One guy in the club catches her attention straight away, tall, good-looking with the perfect amount of muscles, a thick head of short hair but it's his beard that makes her want to run her fingers through it.

There's just something about him that draws her to him, lust, attraction, chemistry she's unsure what she's actually feeling as she's never experienced it first hand before. But there's no denying that she wants him.

*I have a list*

*It's a list of things I want to experience in my life, a sexual list.*

*Having a one night stand is on there.*

Eli wants to work through that list with her.

Until him she was strong willed, he was her kryptonite, the one man who brought her to her knees, but loving a man who loves his freedom more broke a small piece inside of her, will she be the one that brings him to his knees or will he always put freedom above all else?

*The pull, the want, the need. There's something trying to tether us together.*

This is a really really hard review to write up because usually I have loved loved loved books from this author but this one I'm just really unsure about, and I can't pinpoint what it was about it that I didn't like.

There were aspects of this story that I did enjoy, both were strong willed characters that pushed each other's limits which I loved reading about, but then what I disliked was that part of her that never let go, he'd crawled under her skin so much that all we saw was her giving, caring nature pour off the pages.

I didn't like him, these two didn't seem like a match, she was giving, caring and he was standoffish, the man with no last name, I will give him props for always being honest and upfront.

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## Jess says

3.5

*"there is no winning this situation for me. There is no end game, no happily ever after. All I'm going to get is this, right here"*

I enjoyed this. This is a close to perfect angst read for me that I mostly liked from start to end. I liked the characters and the plot but I agree with other views that talk about lack of character development and detail. It's a lot of "just take my word for it as I'm the point of view" fodder but I don't know, it still worked for me.

This book isn't for everyone as some other reviews show. I don't see the harm in Eli as much as others do but that's me. The issue is his being with other women, although obviously it's never shown as we are in Taye's POV, and basically not being a commitment type of guy. But even so, I found I genuinely liked him. Taye (and the readers to be honest) knew what she was getting into and could've bowed out any time after realizing the situation... but I understand her angst in not wanting to let go. While the constant inner turmoil of "if he doesn't want me then I won't let him have me" vs "but I want him so much why doesn't he love me" is exhausting, it's what's real and even when I was annoyed by her I couldn't completely fault her.

There's a LOT of back and forth in this book and this is not a typical HEA sort of tale but I do think they reach some sort of closure...albeit very rushed and not well developed. oh, the one thing I didn't like about Eli? his tired reason for being the way he was, shaking my head: men and their ex hangups.

random gripes:

- the texting I just find it hard to believe they never voice called not even once maybe phone sex is outdated but come on relax those thumbs
  - I hate the book title. Yes there's a list and it's mentioned from time to time but....that's not really the story? Who makes these titles? Can a beta not beta a title? bet on betta titles, betas
  - Rushed ending. The way it was set up left me not really trusting it to be true. But hey, contemporary romance fiction.
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## **Caro Richard says**

Shy, introverted girl + alcohol & dancing + her 'list' + a male hotty = PARTY!!!!

Taye and Eli meet in a club and experience instalust, hey a girls got to get hers so, what she thinks is going to be a one stand ensues.

But when feelings getting added into the recipe, things get hard.

This book is fantastic, emotional and hot, writing was great and I would've loved to see the ending strung out a bit more.

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## **Erica says**

I have a list

It's a list of things I want to experience in my life, a sexual list.

Having a one night stand is on there.

Taye's not a one night stand kind of girl until she experiences insta-lust with Eli.

Eli's willing to work help her work through that list but it will have to be when he's available.

These two may have had instant attraction but when something more begins to develop Eli is gone. He's working wherever screwing whoever. Taye sort of drove me nuts with her incessant need to base her every move on what Eli's doing wherever he is.

I get that she fell for him and carried a torch forever but knowing he's sleeping his way through every country he visits would kinda numb me to that I believe.

Eli, I didn't really connect with him as much as I'd have liked to. Yes going in they both were looking for a one night stand, I fully understand the need to distance yourself when things get more involved, I also applaud him for trying to keep the distance in order to keep from hurting Taye but I also believe the man had a hand and didn't need to dip his stick in anything on two legs while pining away for the woman he supposedly loved (even though he hadn't admitted it to her) That mad it hard for me to love him as I think I should have.

I wanted to love this, I truly did but I feel like it dragged on more for me than anything. So much of the same back an forth and in the end it reminded me of the movie version of Dear John with all the right feelings, wrong time. Of course the characters are nothing alike but the feel of their coming together and separating, giving each other that one night etc. brought it to mind for me.

3.5 stars

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## **~Dawn~TUG says**

\*\*arc received from author in exchange for an honest review\*\*

I have read and enjoyed many Chantal Fernando books, which is why I signed up for an early read of The List, but this one and I..didn't connect. I felt nothing for either character, I'm not sure what they did, how they lived, why he left the club, where he went over and over. All I was privy to was they had great sex. For me a

book can not live on these facts alone. One of the ways I connect with a character is through banter, there was hardly any in this book. I felt like the inner thoughts of the female lead were all I was getting. I am one who usually connects easily with at least one lead, but on this outing I just didn't. Writing this review is hard for me, I have never negatively reviewed or starred a book, but this one fell completely flat for me.

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