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***Don't trust lust at first sight. One woman chooses reality over fantasy in this friends-to-lovers romance, a steamy standalone by "an author to keep your eye on" (Katee Robert).***

**Jacqueline:** As an adult woman--and the vice president of a marketing firm--I shouldn't be waiting by my office window to ogle the mystery man who jogs by every morning at 11:45. Sure, he's a gorgeous, perfect specimen of the human race, but I can't bring myself to hit on a total stranger. However, my best friend-slash-colleague Vince Carson thinks I should do more than talk to the guy. In fact, he's borderline obsessive about "getting me laid." (His words.) But the more time we spend together, the more it's clear: The one I'm falling for is Vince.

**Vince:** Jackie Butler's got it bad for some pompous, over-pumped A-hole who struts his stuff past her window. That doesn't bother me. I know she deserves nice things. What does bother me is that she friend-zoned me big-time last year, so I can't ask her out myself. But what if I set her up with Mr. Steroids? Then, when he breaks her heart, I can swoop in and save her like the nice guy I am. Everything's going according to plan . . . until we share a ridiculously epic kiss. And suddenly anything is possible.

## Eye Candy Details

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**Cristina | CristiinaReads says**

⇒ *A love story that is filled with second chances, doubts, and going from a friends to lovers relationship that will swoon you away through every word that Jessica has brought to the reader...*

⇒ Friends that have known each other and made each other comfortable in the most comforts of ways, decide to move on from their friend zone to an intimate zone. As the vice presidents from the same company, Jacqueline and Vince has been friends through the thick and thin. Both are attractive parties that unfortunately have not seen that aspect of themselves in a way to share towards each other. It came down to the final straw that Vince had to convince Jacqueline to go out with him, instead of that one guy whom Jacqueline has been googling over whenever he runs outside her window for his morning jogs. To her, Vince was the one divorcee friend whom she wanted to respect and keep as a friend, if not, sometimes wanting to be more. Unfortunately, her mind was all wrapped around the fact that she thinks it's too early for Vince to be out in the world and explore with other women. what she did not know is that Vince had already taken that set forward, he had been exploring the waters with other women, however, his interest never spiked above and beyond as his interest spikes with Jacqueline. To him though, Jacqueline is someone who he really cares for and does not want to hurt her, but he feel possessive of their friendship, but of her in general;

“She’s not the fucking type. She’s the main love type, and I’ve started wondering if Jackie might be a girl I’d like to make love to...”

⇒ After the first awkward attempt, and many other make out “sessions,” Vince and Jacqueline end up finding out they fit perfectly in everyday. They may have been friends that knew each other, but throughout time, and many other dates, they ended up knowing each other more and more. That is the sweet spot about this love story. The same message we hear all the time about not knowing someone as much as we think we do, and Jessica Lemmon has brought that message to above and beyond.

⇒ Overall I enjoyed this love story. The only factor that I did not like was the whole date me and date him as well scenario. I am not one who likes stories with the “sharing is fine” memo, so this was something that triggered a dislike from me. Though overall, the third party was needed in this love story to determine the passion Vince and Jacqueline actually have for each other.

⇒ Hero rating: 4.5

⇒ Heroine rating: 4.0

⇒ Sexual tension rating: 4.0

⇒ Sex scenes rating: 5.0

⇒ Sex scenes frequency: 4.0

⇒ Plot rating: 4.0

⇒ Dialogue rating: 4.0

⇒ Storytelling rating: 4.0

⇒ Story ending rating: 4.0

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## **Chris C - A Midlife Wife says**

I love a hot steamy romance and this one has all of the earmarks of a yummy read. Thankfully, I was not wrong!

Vince is a sweetheart who's good friend happens to be a girl. A girl he wants! But said girl happens to have the hot's for another. Stepping up to coach her sounds like a great idea.... until it's not.

With plenty of action, some back and forth antics, steamy scenes, and a delicious hunk of a man, Eye Candy is a fun read that is right up any chick lit lover's alley.

This is the first book I have read by Jessica Lemmon and I loved it! Amusing with the right amount of hot love to keep it all sweaty and interesting!

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## **Ashley says**

### **[1] There's this really hypocritical thing...**

Jackie starts dating the jogger guy ("J.T."). They haven't really defined what they are—they've just gone out on a few dates. Then Vince basically says, "*Hey, Jackie! Date me too! Like... for practice...*" And Jackie is like, "*Hmm well J.T. and I are still new and haven't said we're exclusive... so okay!!*" She starts dating both guys, but keeps Vince a secret from J.T. Then, a few days later, she catch

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## **Carol [Goodreads Addict] says**

Eye Candy is book one in the brand new series, Real Love, by Jessica Lemmon. This is a friends to lovers story, a story of two people that have been badly hurt in their previous relationships who came together as friends to support one another. But what happens when those friendly feelings start to change? When you realize that your best friend is the one you are supposed to be with? Do you risk your friendship and go for it? Or do you stay friends, ignoring your feelings, and possibly missing out on the best thing that ever happened to you.

Vince Carson is VP of a marketing firm in Columbus, Ohio. He shares the position with his best friend, Jacqueline (Jackie) Butler. Vince is divorced. His wife left him because she wanted more than what Vince could offer her. He was devastated. If it weren't for his best friends, Davis, and Jackie, he probably wouldn't have made it through. He and Jackie are pretty much inseparable. It's been awhile since Vince realized he thought of Jackie as more than just his best friend. But Jackie never did enter the dating world after her own divorce. Her husband had cheated on her. She's not ready for what Vince wants. So he will help her to date someone else first. Then when it doesn't work out, he'll be the one to help her through it. He'll be her knight in shining armor.

*“Our friendship is important. All I can hope is that I haven't ruined what we have for a stab at what we could be.”*

Jackie has a perfect view of the street from her office. And every day at the very same time what should be an illegally sexy, shirtless man jogs past. She has conjured up all sorts of fantasies about him. Her co-workers and Vince have been pushing her to go down and talk to him and ask him out. So she finally does it. Only you know what usually happens when you have someone you don't know built up in your mind. They rarely turn out as you imagined they would.

Vince puts his plan into motion. Jackie goes out with J.T. (the jogger or jaundice as he calls him) and Vince is ready and willing to coach her, or even practice with her. The first time their lips touch, the world stops spinning, and everything changes.

This was a cute, humorous, sexy story with plenty of steam. Vince and Jackie were obviously meant to be together. But their road was not an easy one. They both had trust issues and hearts that might not be completely healed from previous hurts. Vince definitely took the hard way around letting Jackie know that he had feelings for her. For a while there I was getting a little weary of his games. But I think Jackie might have suspected all along what was going on. Or maybe just hoped. Because when these two came together, it was a show stopper.

I really did enjoy this. You will meet Davis, Vince's best friend, who has some pretty serious issues of his own. The next book, Arm Candy, will be his story. This is a great start to this new series and I look forward to more.

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## Wendy's Thoughts says

### 4 Moving On to Real Love Stars

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**Finding Trust is Hard. Holding on to it, knowing it is there and you will always be safe in giving it... is even harder....And if you have been betrayed, your trust with another broken...then Serious Damage is done. It can take any number of ways to work through it... and it ain't easy.**

This is where both Jacqueline and Vince are in their lives. They both have come through losing trust with their past spouses... Jackie's cheated on her... and Vince's no longer believed in him when his business collapsed during the recession. Both went through their major pain periods at different times and Vince was lucky because Jackie was there for him as a good friend and co-worker.

Jackie's marriage ended when she was shocked to find out her husband was cheating on her. Cut her to the quick and she went through a very hard time. She felt insecure...thought there had been something wrong with her, when she was fantastic. Jackie came out of it and decided she was going to go it alone for a while- no dating or dealing with any of that stuff.

Instead, good friends and hard work.

Vince's divorce hit him equally as hard and since Jackie had been there, done that already.... she came to his house with Buckets of Fried Chicken, Beer and Movies to watch. Vince and Jackie had an easy relationship... a friendship.

Solid, nothing fake...  
Authentic...

We have these two smart people who have a bond of real friendship. Both have seen each other at their worst. Both know how hurt and insecure they were when their ex's did what they did. They also share the title of Co-VP where they work....each using their strengths on projects and working together.

So that is good, right...  
Well, sort of...

Because Vince has realized Jackie is someone he would really like to get to know...and get to know by kissing her and seeing where this could go.... because Vince has a thing for Jackie but she has stopped dating.

That is not good. How is Vince supposed to start kissing Jackie and having her like it if she won't even think about dating someone...

Which brings us to the daily *Eye Candy* which runs by Jackie's office everyday at 11:45 AM...He is this collective sigh all the women have when watching him... bare chested, muscles flexed and an ass hard as a rock. He has become this fantasy all of the women, especially Jackie, focus on...and he is in the way of Vince's plans...

Vince has decided he will figure out a way for Jackie to date this fantasy guy who can't really be anything but an asshole and then be there for Jackie when she needs him... Opening up the opportunity for him to get out of the friend zone and be in the place he really wants to be...the boyfriend zone????

This has all the makings of a friends to lovers hit. It has Vince as a really good guy who has crossed over and wants to have a real relationship with Jackie... build on the friendship but also knows he doesn't want to scare her off. I liked Vince for the most part. His intentions were good and he only had a few hiccups - overall he was a winner.

Jackie is a woman like many who have been done oh so wrong. Having an ex cheat on you can destroy one's self confidence... and be very hard to get over. Jackie was strong in many ways and very capable in work and friendship. These two together worked on many levels.

Jessica Lemmon knows how to hit all of the bases and she has already set up the next book. Vince's best

friend has a dark love past... lots of pain... and he has an interest in the opposite of what he has been drowning his sorrows in... lots of blondes. He is sure to be the next subject she tackles in **Arm Candy** in the Fall of 2017.

**Eye Candy (Real Love, #1)**

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## **Jessica Lemmon says**

Dear Reader,

Once upon a time . . . or, well, in June of 2016 . . . my husband and I were on a Tennessee vacation with a group of close friends. We'd just bellied up to the bar and ordered drinks when a man jogged by the huge glass windows. My husband pointed him out, watching me as I watched the runner—in his gorgeous, splendid, shirtless glory—dash by outside and disappear out of sight. My beloved wore a smirk when my eyes came back to his. Then he said, “You’re welcome,” because he knew he’d gifted me the mother of all plot bunnies.

I kept wondering what kind of heroine would be watching that golden god jog by. Who was she? Where did she work? At 4 AM that next morning, I jolted out of bed when I figured it out, and grabbed my laptop. The answer, as we now know, was Jacqueline Butler from her office window where she is Vice President of a marketing company. The even bigger surprise for me was when Vince, her coworker, uttered his first line mid-Chapter 1, and I realized that \*he\* was the hero, not the buff runner outside.

(Oh, and guess what else? I was only going to write \*one\* book... until Vince's best friend Davis hit the page and then I decided I had to know more about him, too.) Arm Candy

I hope you get swept off your feet by this book as much as I did while writing it. It's a lot of romantic fun, with that serious emotional punch you've come to expect from a Jessica Lemmon book.

Enjoy!

For more behind the scenes goodies, click [here](#)

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## **Zoe says**

Sweet, sexy, and fun!

This is a charming friends-to-more rom-com about moving on, learning to trust, taking some risks and remembering that games can often backfire and honesty is always the best policy.

The writing is humorous and light. The characters, including the supporting characters, are winsome, cautious, endearing, and real. And the plot is a romantic tale filled with heartache, friendship, introspection, exquisite chemistry, steamy tension, witty banter, and true love.

This is the first novel in the “Real Love” series and what a great start. It’s enjoyable, frisky, and highly entertaining and I can’t wait to read and review *Arm Candy* the second book in the series publishing in early September.

Thank you to NetGalley and Random House – Loveswept for providing me with a copy in exchange for an honest review.

All my reviews can be found on my blog at <http://whatsbetterthanbooks.com>

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## **Beth says**

Every once in a while, you run across one of those feel good stories with true friends falling in love. *Eye Candy* is the perfect example of best friends falling in love. Don't get me wrong, it isn't all roses and daisies and Lemmon added a couple of thorns in the way, but in the end *Eye Candy* was that HEA I crave.

Full review to come.

I received this ARC copy of *Eye Candy* from Random House Publishing Group - Loveswept. This is my honest and voluntary review. This book is set for publication July 25, 2017.

My Rating: 4 stars

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## **Beatrice Masaluña says**

*Thank you Loveswept for providing an ARC in exchange for an honest review*

*Eye Candy* is an enjoyable *friends-to-lovers* romance but the miscommunication between the lead protagonists was a let down. I wish Vince Carson could have been more honest to Jacqueline Butler about his feelings instead of sending her mixed signals and encouraging her to date the Jogger she ogle. I like Jacqueline except for one part she tries to make Vince jealous. It's quite immature. I understand the issues they have since they're both divorced from their partners and both are playing safe to preserve their friendship. If only they talk things out, these minor problems can be resolved earlier. Overall, it's not a bad start and I'm excited for the next book.

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## **Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says**

This book sounded SO CUTE when I read the blurb. Who doesn't like a lil workplace swirl story? Unfortunately, I think it peaked in the blurb. It turned out to be largely frustrating.

Jackie Butler has a crush on the Golden God who runs by her office everyday at the same time, but she just wants to look. You see, she's given up on men and love since her ex-husband cheated on her but her friends keep pushing her to ask him out and she caves.

Vince Carson is Jackie's best guy friend and they share the title of VP. Vince is also divorced, though not cheated upon and he's harboring a crush on Jackie.

### **Good love triangle thing happening here that I thought would be fruitful.**

Vince offers to "coach" Jackie in her efforts to ensnare J.T. a.k.a. Golden God. He makes a lot of assumptions about J.T. thinking he'll be their to reap the Jackie rewards when J.T. inevitably disappoints her and it comes with the added bonus of spending more time with her. For wooing presumably.

This actually was working for me until they had sex. Without a condom. I'll come back to this shortly. After they do the deed he's still perpetrating like he's "coaching" her.

Thus began this endless loop of them continuing to spend all this time together, him not wanting her anywhere near J.T. yet coaching her in all the ways that will have him coming back for more, Vince pushing her away, because baggage, Jackie pushing him away, because baggage leading up to big, contrived conflict that requires their friend's interventions.

Remember all those times when I said I didn't have a problem with non-communication? Well, I've found my limit. I'm not sure if Hallmark makes a card for this or not but if ever one was warranted... Now is the time. They make so many assumptions about each other rather than just talking that I had trouble believing they were ever "best friends". It was just asinine. Some game playing is cute and can add intrigue to a narrative, but this went on and on and on.

Jackie's thing with J.T. is casual and it turns out he's seeing others which she inexplicably equates to him cheating after like 2 dates?!?!? I appreciate sisterhood solidarity but what Bethany did to him is beyond comprehension.

Now the sex. It is relatively hot, but sex without a condom in MF reads unless the people have discussed beforehand that that's how it's going to be is beyond stupid. I can overlook one *in the heat of the moment* time, but these two just take each other at their word that they're clean, that she's "covered" and without any sort of commitment? No. Just no. Not when there's a 9 month bullet that doesn't deserve to be caught in the middle of these two nincompoops. Seriously, what sort of idiots just believe what someone tells them? You know how many crazy trains are out there? Crazy trains that'll lie to your face?

By the time the story was over I was more relieved to be rid of the juvenile games they played than happy they'd finally decided to be together forever-n-ever. However, I can't say that I hated the whole thing. There were cute moments and I am intrigued by Davis whose story is next in line, but I'm not sure I can take anymore statements like this:

She's not the fucking type. She's the making love type, and I've started wondering if Jackie might be a girl I'd like to make love to.

Is she gonna have to wear a girdle under her dress after she quits her job to stay at home and make sure dinner's on the table by 6 o'clock after a day of bridge and day drinking with the girls wondering what the hell happened to her life too? Just wondering.

Not recommended.

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## **Dali says**

*If you're looking for light, fun, sweet and sexy, Eye Candy is a great pick for your summer reading.*

Admiring beauty is part of human nature, right? Or at least that's how Jacqueline Butler is justifying her mid-morning ogling of the dazzling man who jogs by her office every day at precisely 11:45am. And that's all she intended to do until her best friend and coworker pushed her to ask the unidentified man to go out with her. The problem is that she hasn't dated since her divorce and she's out of practice. So while she dates the running man she's practicing and falling for her best friend.

*"Our friendship is important. All I can hope is that I haven't ruined what we have for a stab at what we could be."*

Vince Carson couldn't have survived his divorce if it weren't for his two best friends. His guy friend who he liked to go out for drinks with and his other friend who happened to be a girl and spent every Friday night

watching old movies with him. She happily shares the vice president title with him, but she's also happily slotted him in the dreaded friend zone. Which wasn't terrible at first, but now he desperately wants out and if everything goes according to his plans he'll soon be swooping. But you know what they say about the well laid out plans of mice and men...

Two friends surrender to their desire and fall in love in this fun and steamy friends-to-lovers office romance. I've read several books by Jessica Lemmon and with *Eye Candy* she delivers another entertaining book and a wonderful start to her new series *Real Love*. Every page is made to draw the reader deeper into Jackie and Vince's friendship, how good they are for each other, how they helped each other get through difficult moments in their lives and how for both of them, that friendship evolved into more. But for both of them the fear of being hurt again and losing that bond had them going through an unconventional courtship.

I loved the lightheartedness of the story. It was funny and sexy and easy to read. Both characters are very likeable. Jackie is smart and confident and yet a bit shy when it comes to the opposite sex, hence the practice dates with Vince who is easy going and playful. It's truly fun watching them stumble their way through their road from friends to lovers. I can't wait to read the next book in the series!

Eye Candy is book #1 in the Real Love series by Jessica Lemmon. It is a standalone contemporary romance. Told from both points of view and has a happy ending.

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## **~Mindy Lynn~ says**

*A sweet friends to lovers story.*

Jackie and Vince are co-VPs for the company they work for. They are also the best of friends. They found common ground from being divorced and have since grown extremely close. The problem is that recently Vince has noticed he's starting to have more sexual feelings for his BFF than one should. But Jackie is more focused on the shirtless hunk that jogs by her office everyday. Vince is convinced the man is a douche and comes up with a plan to get Jackie dating so he can date her. But of course this crazy plan doesn't work out the way he'd hoped. Now Jackie is dating Douche jogger and Vince is on the sidelines. But not for long because jogger messes up and Vince swoops in to save the day. But things get more complicated and past

fears and ghosts come out to play putting their "relationship" in a funk.

Jackie didn't want to date. She was happy living in her single world and watching her desires run by her office window everyday. But Vince convinced her to get out of her comfort zone and try again. But the hottie jogger was better to look at then to date. The fantasy was better and her bubble has been popped when he shows his true colors. She runs to Vince and they start something that she's unsure of what it is. Are they friends with benefits? Girlfriend and boyfriend? Lovers? She doesn't know because Vince continuously sends her mixed signals.

Things go up and down for these two and it lasts throughout the entirety of the book. I guess that is why I didn't enjoy it as much.

The humor was good and the book read like a funny rom-com that I could totally see my younger sister enjoying considering she loves those kinds of films. But I like mine with a bit more substance.

Good but not great.

Still I look forward to what is next. Davis sounds like a complicated character that I'd like to uncomplicated. And Jackie's sister Becca seems like a lot of fun. I can't wait for either book.

Happy reading dolls! xx

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**~Mandi~ says**

Eye Candy  
Real Love #1  
Jessica Lemmon

Such a cute romance between Jackie and Vince. A friends turned lovers story. I really enjoyed this one. Can't wait to read Book 2 Arm Candy. I'm hoping this one Davis will find love. I would recommend this one to my romance book friends.

Thanks NetGalley and Loveswept for the arc in exchange for my honest review.

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**Sabrina says**

**NOW LIVE!**  
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*Eye Candy* is a fantastically written friends-to-lovers romance that will have you smiling the entire time you're reading. Jackie and Vince are co-workers that became close when he divorced and Jackie, already a divorcee, helped him get through it. But now Vince is stuck firmly in the friends-zone and he wants out something fierce. He comes up with a plan to get Jackie back in the dating field and then swoop in to save her from the horrible dates he thinks she'll go on. He just wasn't expecting the insane jealousy that takes over the second Jackie goes out with someone.

I really liked the connection that Jackie and Vince had throughout their friendship and seeing how close they were. It was fun to see that they had so much trust in each other and when it turned to more and Vince acted on his true feelings it was even better.

I found Vince's plan of helping Jackie with her dating skills very interesting and it kept me intrigued the whole time. I was waiting for that moment that Vince couldn't keep his feelings to himself, and I was not disappointed when that scene came. Vince was just really likable and I wanted to see him finally get the girl he wanted to desperately.

I did have one issue near the end when I felt Jackie was being a little too hypocritical but it wasn't anything that made me hate the story. It frustrated me a little but once Jackie and Vince moved on from that I didn't let it bother me so I could finish the story on a happy note.

Overall, if you like friends-to-lovers romances than this is a book you definitely want to pick up. The characters are all very intriguing and I think anyone that reads this book will love them as much as I did.

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