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**Love isn't always NEAT...**

Bartender and all round bad boy, Eric Collins, has come to a crossroads. It's time to take life seriously and maybe even attempt to settle down. If only the person he was hoping to settle down with didn't turn out to be pregnant.

Starting over in a small town, Jean is determined to turn her wild lifestyle around and be the kind of mother she always wished she'd had. Since local bar owner and all round hottie, Eric, is now determined to steer clear of her pregnant self, it should be easy. When she goes into labor during a snowstorm and her car slides on some ice, however, it's Eric who comes to the rescue.

There seems to be a bond between them now, but is it enough? And can Eric give up his manwhore ways to be the man Jean needs?

## Chaser Details

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## From Reader Review Chaser for online ebook

### Wendy says

This was definitely my favorite out of the three, but it also frustrated me the most. Funny thing is, that it wasn't even the MC's that I wanted slap, but one of the sidecharacters.

Full review to come soon, but I did really enjoy this one and Eric is no my fav of the series....who would have thunk it :P

Oh and for those who want to know...yes Mal does make a very small appearance..as does Jimmy (my love)

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### Jennifer Kyle says

#### *4.5 Stars*

I adored Eric and Jean's story!!!

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### Sophie "Beware Of The Reader" says

This book has been gifted by the author but it had no influence on my willing and always honest review.

4 stars

This book was quick, easy and fun to read.

This review contains spoilers if you haven't read the other books of the series. It's best to be read in order even if you could read it as a standalone without being too lost.

### Characters:

**Eric. Bartender and part owner of The Dive bar and restaurant. Womanizer. Easy on the eyes and smooth talker** he has a way with women. He also has never committed to someone and had accidentally made his friend Nell pregnant while she was on a break with Pat.

She lost the baby in an accident and is back with Pat pregnant again.

To say she holds a grudge against Eric would be the understatement of the year!

She is on his back all the time berating him and telling Eric basically that he is useless and shying from his responsibilities.

**Jean. She just arrived heavily pregnant from a one-night stand.** Her parents have rejected her as she refused to have an abortion or give the baby away for adoption.

**Jean is young and a little bit lost.**

## **Relationship**

From the first time Eric laid his eyes on Jean she's occupied his thoughts.

Yes Eric is offended by Nell's comments about his inability to commit and be serious at work and outside of work. He is determined to prove them all wrong and is dead set on having a girlfriend. Or go on an abstinence journey.

**Soon enough Eric will hang out with Jean in a totally sexless relationship. She'll be his first real female friend.**

I'm not telling more about the plot.

**It's not a complicated story but I loved the family feel. We have a tight knit bunch of friends bickering and having each other's back.** Jean will find the support of great people with Eric's friends and family.

I also loved Kylie's kind of humor as Eric's inner dialogs were downright funny! Or the banter between the different characters. It volleyed back and forth between these friends and family and gave a warm cozy yet humorous feeling.

***“That’s right,” I said. “To even suggest that we would pout is an affront to our masculinity.” “Yeah.” I nodded. “What he said.” “Everyone knows brooding is very manly. Lots of testosterone involved.” “Especially when I do it,” I added. “The word you were looking for was probably ‘smoldering.’”***

**It was really pleasing to witness Eric's character development.** He may have been thirty he was still

immature chasing his pleasure consequences be damned.

Eric at the beginning of the story:

***“Your attention span makes a gnat look gargantuan.”***

But Jean's appearance and Nell's comments changed it all!

**It was fun, light, sweet with no dead moments.**

Have you read it? Or any other of her books.

Thanks for reading.

Sophie

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**Jenny••Steamy Reads Blog•• says**

This was a sweet and fun read. I'm new to the Dive Bar series so those of you that haven't read any of the other books in the series, like me, this is a complete standalone. Yes characters from previous books make an appearance, but it doesn't take away from the story of Eric & Jean.

Eric is a partner in the ownership of the Dive Bar. He's single and man does he like to mingle. He gets a lot of crap about it from everyone he knows and everyone he doesn't know. He always has but lately it's starting to bother him. He's a sexy man, he's got a lot going for him, and he's smart. But he likes the attention, so what. Eric is kind and willing to do anything to help you out. Maybe it's time for a break from the sex life for a bit, he's thinking. So when a new single woman comes to town, umm hello, Eric is there to welcome her.

Jean is moving from Florida to start a new life, escape from the claws and disappointment she's caused her family. She's met a friend online that has helped her overcome some things and invited her to move to Nell's town. Her first stop in town is the Dive Bar, where Nell works, and her first encounter is with the sexy as sin bartender Eric Collins. But she isn't here for love, she's starting over with a new life. So when she stands up to greet her friend Nell, Eric gets the first glimpse at her rocking 7 month pregnant belly. So will this deter

Eric's attraction to Jean or will he skip out and get back to mingling?

This story is about finding love when you at least expect it. It's finding your happiness, your soul, and it's a story about being yourself even when everyone else may be against you. It is predictable but I still liked it. The chemistry and sweetness was nice and overall I really enjoyed this book and enjoyed an all male POV ?

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### **Stacey is Sassy says**

**\*\*\*IT'S ALIVE!!!\*\*\***

#### **Finding the right one...**

I think love makes sense when you find the **right** one to share your heart with. Before the right one, you experiment. You test the waters, make mistakes, think it's love, decide it couldn't feel like this and decide it's just not worth it. Well, it's different when you're really in love. You **BOTH** do anything to make it work and it's never too hard. You're pushing and pulling to get it right. In my case, sometimes he pushes me out of my comfort zone (which I HATE), and other times I'll pull from him and take too much. But, in the end, I'll pull his cord and he'll push my buttons (OMG, I'm such a dirty bird) but it still comes back to the fact he lights my world and I turn him on...or so he tells me.

Eric hadn't met the right woman for him until she walked into his bar. Well, she was right looking (besides the baby in her belly), she was the right personality (besides the baby in her belly) and the right attitude (besides the baby in her belly). Eric found the right woman...who was a wee bit occupied with the baby in her belly.

I've got to say, *Kylie Scott* gets blokes. *Chaser* was completely seen through Eric's eyes. Sometimes, it can be hard having to gauge feelings and emotions from a hero. Eric, well, we know that he's dealing with a lot of emotions but he's completely manipulating things in his mind to lessen the blows.

This is how I see Eric and how he feels...

Guilt – "Well, I guess I shouldn't be trusted ever again"

Sorrow – "I don't deserve pity for my loss because it's my fault"

Affection – "I'm told I'm not a good bet in a relationship, so I should only offer friendship"

Eric keeps barriers up because he doesn't trust himself to be everything that Jean and Ada need.

Then, he just accepts that he wants Jean and Ada. Fullstop...the end...this is how it's going to be.

Yep, Kylie Scott really gets blokes.

Obviously, Eric takes a wee while to come to that conclusion. While he gets there, we are treated to a fabulous story about a recovering manwhore who meets and falls for a young woman who's pregnant and later becomes a mother to a beautiful baby girl.

I loved seeing the fun and games of having a newborn from the outside looking in. I could completely sympathise with the sleepless nights, worry about their health and wellbeing and stress over getting it right. There is no way in hell I'd go back and have more of those little hellions who scream blue murder if you DARE to have a shower. I do miss snuggles, cheeky, drooly grins and the beauty of looking down at your baby as they sleep peacefully in your arms. It was fun looking in but I'm happy to only observe.

I really enjoyed *Chaser*. It was funny, sweet and very believable. There is NO WAY a new mother wants to hook-up or start a relationship straight after childbirth. It takes time and a level of trust must be earned before things can move forward. Eric never rushes Jean and I loved him more for it. *Chaser* was paced extremely well. The heat doesn't come until later in the book but it was perfect timing.

If you're a *Kylie Scott* fan, you are going to love *Chaser*. She gets it right on so many fronts. I highly recommend.

*Stacey is Sassy, received a complimentary copy of this story. The copy provided is not the final copy and may be subject to edits and changes.*

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### **Jilly says**

This is definitely the best book in this series. I liked the first one, the second one pissed me off and I can't stand the couple from that book, but this one had a couple that I loved.

He is a reformed bad boy. Love that trope.

She is 7 months pregnant when they meet.

They end up neighbors and he ends up taking her to the hospital when she's in labor. He reacts in a completely reasonable way while he takes her into the emergency room:

**"Help," I yelled. "Her water's broke."**

(her): **"Eric, calm down."**

**"I'm perfectly calm." I was not even remotely calm. "Somebody help!"**

***A middle-aged woman over at reception gave us a patient smile. Obviously completely misunderstanding the situation. Or she was on drugs. I don't want to be judgey, but it could be either. Jean was about to***

*push out a kid, for god's sake. Maybe the woman needed some visuals.*

Did you even look at the pregnancy books I gave you? Dumbass!

Eric and Jean become best friends, and even better is that Eric becomes besties with the baby, Ada. That is fricken adorable!

*I lay on my back on the living room rug, a cushion beneath my head and Ada lying on my chest. The perfect way to chill when I had stuff on my mind....*

Oh, I'm sorry, did your ovaries just explode?

Mine were already heading for the scrap heap from oldness, so I won't really miss them, but you might have use for yours at some point.

So, now we get another of my favorite tropes - friends to lovers, and it is sooo sweet and adorable and feel-good that you may actually feel your ovaries come back to life again after the explosion.

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### **Kelly (and the Book Boar) says**

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2.5 Stars

When it comes to my enjoyment of ~~pornography~~ romance novels, there are only a few things required for me to have an okay time:

1. A good cover;
2. A tired trope I approve of; and
3. Non-squicky sex. You know what I'm talking about – stuff NOT like this . . . .

*Chaser* gets an average rating due to the following:

1. The thumbnail of the cover looks like James Franco in *Pineapple Express* . . . .

2. Trope yum yum for me includes things like enemies to lovers/falling for the brother's bestie/or the holy grail of them all – WOKE UP MARRIED TO A STRANGER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This one featured . . . .

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOPE. I am fully aware of how much reality I leave at the doorstep when I read smut (I mean, I **have** been waiting for a sex-werewolf to show up at my door for like 15 years, but since it still hasn't happened I'm starting to lose hope), but I just want to smack the already-pregnant-with-no-baby-daddy-in-the-picture broad who decides to start a new relationship. Not to mention the leading male in this third selection was introduced in the earlier books and simply put . . . .

And one with a whole lotta baggage I did not find smexy whatsoever to boot.

As for #3 – I read this one like a month ago so I don't remember all the deets, but I do know Kylie Scott writes the good sexuals so no complaints there. That's why I'll be first in line for whatever she releases next : )

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### **Amy (Foxy) says**

Another great opening scene by Ms. Scott. We know the hero, **Eric**, from the previous books as a manwhore who can be carefree when it comes to money and work. So, when he hits on **Jean** the new girl in town it's fun to watch his reaction when he discovers she's pregnant. \*gasp\*

His gal pal, Nell, is especially hard on him about how immature he is with his life choices. She has her reasons which we know from the 2 previous books. Even though she thinks she is protecting Jean from Eric it did annoy me that Nell was constantly rubbing his face in his past life choices.

#### **"You're just not boyfriend material."**

**Chaser** is told from Eric's pov and we get to take the journey with him as he becomes a better version of his himself. He realizes he has the power within himself to change even if his friends weren't quite sure he'd be able to do it. Jean was the one person who wasn't judging Eric on his past and gave him the benefit of doubt.

#### **"You're the whole package . . . funny, charming, handsome."**

I really enjoyed watching Eric and Jean's relationship grow from friendship to lovers. The addition of Ada, Jean's baby, was so sweet. Nothing is more adorable than a man playing with a baby. Those moments between Eric and Ada melted my heart. (view spoiler)

**CHASER** is set in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It's set in the same universe as Dive & Twist. **Fans of Kylie Scott are going to love continuing on in the Dive Bar series.** You even get to see the guys from the Stage Dive series. On a side note... there was a mention of a beer that is local to my town (**Ninaski beer**). That was fun to read in a book.

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4,5 stars

Chaser was fantastic, the story was brilliant and the characters unique! If you have read this series before, you have already met Eric! I was so excited to read his book and see what Kylie has for him. Chaser is a romantic, sweet and funny story!

Kylie Scott did an amazing job with this one and especially with Eric's POV since the book is all in his point of view! I loved that Eric in the end he isn't the manwhore that everyone think! I loved that he grows up through the story! We can see how sweet, funny and lovely hero he is! The only reason this isn't a 5 stars is because the heroine wasn't as strong as I like my heroines in books but still this didn't make me not to enjoy the book!

Overall, it was a heartwarming story with one of the best male POVs I have ever read! This series is a must read you should definitely read them!

## **Rachel Reads Ravenously says**

3 stars

I think this might be the end of Kylie Scott and me. I loved her early books, but the last few I haven't really connected with and I'm starting to feel like I'm picking on her when I don't enjoy a new book.

First things first, what I liked about this book and why it's a 3 star rating and not lower. Single mother trope, reformed bad boy trope, and the special appearance of Stage Dive. I liked that this book was from Eric's perspective because we got to see his growth, but I wish we had dual POV because Jean fell so flat as a character.

I didn't feel the connection between Jean and Eric, I felt more of a connection or bond that he had with her daughter. I really enjoyed his interactions with the baby. Nell ragging on him the whole book got on my nerves, but even more so when she suddenly changed her mind and was all Team Eric.

Also a pet peeve thing that probably doesn't bother other people but bugs the shit out of me, the author is writing American character but through this whole series has them referring to things with Australian or British terms. It takes me out of the book because people who grew up in the USA wouldn't say these terms unless raised with a strong British background. But, it's probably just me who is annoyed by that.

Anyways, this book was a great escape from reality, I think lots of readers will love it but it didn't really rock my world.

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**Berit??? says**

**5 Fab Stars ?????**

Kylie Scott is hands-down one of my absolute favorite romance authors.... she writes the most fabulous characters.... all with such amazing senses of humor and self awareness.... especially when it comes to her male characters... I think I've fallen in love with all of them and Eric is no exception.... this book was told entirely from the male point of view and I loved it.... I think the only thing I missed out on a little was getting to know Jean a bit better....

Eric is the player... he's never been in a committed relationship.... and he is definitely not getting involved with seven months pregnant Jean, babies kind of scare him.... Eric's inner dialogue throughout this entire book was quite hilarious.... I found his character development so wonderful and reel..... The friendship that develops between him and Jean was refreshing and his moments with baby Ada were quite adorable..... I love a good friends to lovers story and this one was perfection!

You can read this book as a standalone, although characters from the previous books are definitely involved... and bonus the StageDive boys make an appearance...and Mal was up to his same old shenanigans, loved that!

Strongly recommend to fans of romance, with fabulous characters, and a little fire?????

\*\*\* thank you to Kylie Scott, the publisher, and Net Galley for a copy of this book \*\*\*

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## **Jemima says**

**Title: Chaser ( Dive Bar, #3)**

**Author: Kylie Scott**

**Genre: Contemporary Romance**

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There is a reason why I love Kylie Scott's books. You never know what you're going to get when you read her books. If you've read the Dive Bar series before, you know the type of guy Eric is- A prime example of self-absorbed, fun loving, no commitment, seriously good looking (Not fair!) guy. I was a little apprehensive about reading Eric's story, I mean, he's fun for a secondary character but the lead? nah... well, A thousand apologies Kylie. You've made me shut my opinionated mouth hahaha. Remember that saying? Don't judge a book by its cover? Ladies, I'd like you to meet Eric Collins.

I have a very strong feeling you are going to love this man just as much as I did.

I absolutely enjoyed reading Chaser..I loved the pace of the book! It felt very realistic. I felt really bad for Eric because I really didn't like the way everyone jumped into conclusion and judged him for his past reputation without giving him a second chance. I especially despised Nell in this book (I know! Totally unexpected).

I will say this, This book isn't bombarded with angst and passion that's unrealistic... it's a slow pace- get to know me-Friends first, maybe? kind of book. There were some hilarious moment in this book like the first time Eric held the baby (I admit I cackled like a crazy person because that scene was so funny!).

I loved reading Eric and Jean's story unfurl right in front of my eyes- it was sweet, calming, supportive, witty and let's be honest, HOT!

I am going to put this out there and say it- I think Eric has become my favourite from this series. Why you ask? Because I loved his non-flashy way of loving and support Jean and her baby. Don't get me wrong, he was romantic AF but in the most unconventional way and I love him more for that.

I highly recommend Chaser to you, I know you will enjoy reading it.

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## **Jo - \*•★Reading Is My Bliss★•\*• says**

Remember Eric? He got up to all sorts of shenanigans in Twist that actually turned out okay in the end but he has a very mischevious side to him that is revealed more in this story.

Eric lives above the Dive Bar that he co owns with Lydia and Nell in his recently refurbished apartment. He has a bit of a love/hate thing with Nell and they often butt heads on just about everything. They have a bit of history together and as a result of this Nell has a very low opinion of Eric. To be honest, I think that she was really harsh on him and wanted to jump in and defend his honor, lol!

Eric does have a bit of a reputation with the ladies and it's hard to shake a lifetime habit that he actually enjoys – casual sex with beautiful girls. When a gorgeous babe comes into the bar one night he is on high alert. He is particularly attracted to her impressive rack and gorgeous curves.

***'It's like I always say: life is like taking off a girl's bra. You never know exactly what you're gonna get, but however it turns out, it's basically awesome.'***

Needless to say he is shocked to find out that not only is Jean a good friend of Nell's, she is also pregnant and about to move into the apartment next to his. Talk about a mind fuck. Putting all of that aside though, this is the first time that Eric has felt such a strong connection to a woman and he can't really stop thinking about her.

Thus begins a friendship of sorts which then gets more up close and personal when Eric is the one Jean leans on when she goes into labour. Eric finds himself in situations and doing things he never he imagined he would. He has this urge to help & protect both Jean and her new baby.

I loved watching this story unfold and how Eric emerged from manwhore to who he is when he is with Jean. This is a story that was filled lots of 'awww' moments and left me with warm fuzzy feelings in my heart.

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## **Aisling Zena says**

### **4 stars**

There are many more exceptional and more rounded reviews than mine so please check them out and don't let me stop you from picking up the book. This is mostly notes rather than actual review.

My rating for this would have been much higher if it wasn't for the secondary characters. Though some of them meant well, almost all of them were of no help to Eric. And one in specific drove me crazy. I wanted to read her book when reading book 2 but now I don't even want to read her name. It drives me up the wall. Nell was easily the worst character in this and probably the worst I've read in a while. Her bitterness towards Eric really colours the tone of the book and I did not enjoy it whenever she popped up. We have established from the previous books that Eric is an irresponsible manwhore. But I don't get it, why call him a manwhore when his partners knew the score? He was always upfront with them about wanting sex and no commitments. It's not like he lied to them to get sex. He neglected his responsibilities but that just makes him immature. Nell is constantly belittling him, putting him down and threatening him to make him stay away

from Jean. It just got on my nerves big time.

The actual romance between Eric and Jean was actually sweet. And slow. But it gave Eric time to grow and mature and generally become a better person. I would have loved it if we had more scenes between these two and the baby rather than all the secondary characters butting in, confusing Eric or trying to help him or scare him away. Eric and Jean might have been taking their own sweet time getting there but I enjoyed it.

All in all a great slow build romance with some really tooth-decaying sugar moments with Eric talking to baby Ada. Pure heartbreak.

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### **Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says**

I have a love affair with Kylie Scott's writing. Her characters have this humorous, self-deprecating voice that just chimes with me. In Chaser we finally get Eric's story, who is Joe's brother, male main character of Twist. Back when I read Joe's book I was curious how the author will make me love the immature, self-absorbed man-ho Eric was portrayed as. I'm happy to report that Kylie Scott passed with flying colors.

Eric's friends have been really hard on him lately, telling him that he is irresponsible, unreliable and doesn't have anything else but women on his mind. The one person who harps on about his devil-may-care attitude is Nell, the woman he almost had a baby with. Not being taken seriously gets to him and he starts to look for ways to change the image his closest friends seem to have of him and it doesn't only have to do with the young single and very pregnant woman who just moved to Coer d'Alene. Although Jean is really sweet he needs to take it slow.

In the beginning he goes about it the wrong way and his attempt at a serious relationship with his fuckbuddy was hilarious. He realizes fast that you can't force a connection which seems so effortless with Jean. When Jean goes into labor and nobody else but Eric is available to be her birth partner a deeper connection builds between him and Jean but also, completely unexpectedly, with her newborn daughter, Ada.

Eric's growth throughout the story is phenomenal and completely believable. He has a couple of hiccups along the way and sometimes needs to backtrack and readjust but it is obvious that he wants to change to become a better man. When Ada enters his life he falls head over heels in love with her. The way he was with her was adorable, funny and heartwarming. His love for his baby girl was so palpable. I fell in love with Eric, with his humor, his loyalty, his mellow, good-natured attitude and the way he stopped thinking about himself and started being considerate and thoughtful. His transformation from bad boy to dream man was beautiful.

**Hell, I loved being the person she asked for help. Being the person she relied on, someone she trusted, felt damn good.**

Jean was a likable heroine but - and this is my only quibble - we didn't get her thought process. I never could get a proper read on her so up to the end I didn't know Jean really well. I commend the author for doing a single male POV story but I had troubles warming up to Jean in a way that I wanted her as a friend. She just stayed a stranger to me. Maybe it was the author's intention that decisions Jean made were just as much a surprise for the reader as they were for Eric. I think it excludes the reader from Jean's own development and stopped me from falling in love with her along with Eric.

The person who really rubbed me the wrong way was Nell. Granted, she had a reason the way she was with Eric but, come on, give him a break! She said she loved her friend yet she never gave him a chance to prove that he meant that he wanted to change. When she insulted him for the umpteenth time I felt my head swell and get hot.

**“You’ll screw up eventually, Eric. You can’t help it.” The venom in her voice . . . hell. I rocked back on my heels.**

**“You actually hate me, don’t you?”**

**“No, of course not,” she said. “But I’m wary of you. I know you too well to be anything else. And I don’t want you hanging around my friend who is young, alone, and vulnerable.”**

This isn't the way somebody talks to a friend and as much as I felt sad for Nell in Twist I really hated her in Chaser.

This installment is pretty low in the angst department. I loved Eric's and Jean's friendship - trust had to be established first before it could lead to more so it's a slow burn. But I didn't mind at all - I loved their friendship so much! Eric's wise-cracks and quips are what make this story so incredibly enjoyable. He and Ada are the stars in Chaser. I loved to reconnect with Joe and Alex and we also get cameos from the Stage Dive series. Kylie Scott remains one of my favorites, I can't see that changing anytime soon.

**“You look great as Morticia, babe. Just one question,” he said. “How am I supposed to drink anything with all this hair in my face?”**

**“I’ll put a straw in your drink and lead you around all night so you don’t bump into things. Don’t worry. I’ve thought this all out.”**

**I chuckled. “Beer through a straw. Way to go, Cousin Itt.”**

**“Shut up, Wednesday,” Joe growled. Or, at least, I think he did.**

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