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Addison Wade, granddaughter of the most powerful man in the country and heir to his fortune, has hid a dirty secret her entire life—she is Conditioned. No one can know, especially not her family. But when her nephew goes missing she will risk her own safety to save him from a fate worse than death.

Spencer Lewis has spent his life behind the walls of the Institute, coming out only to serve those wealthy enough to pay for him. His curse? He can find anyone, anytime. One look at Addison tells him she is not to be trusted—but that doesn't mean he wants her any less.

Trapped in a game that was started long before either of them was born, they will risk everything for a child counting on them—and maybe find love in the process. Enemies to lovers...if they can survive.

## **Eye Contact Details**

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## From Reader Review Eye Contact for online ebook

### Kathi Kelley says

Since others have provided a lot of detail about the story I will forego doing so. Overall I really liked this book, although it initially started out very slowly. The story line is intriguing and original. Character development is quite good and the interactions between characters interesting. Ms. Royce did a goo job of believable world building, but some of the details tended to slow the story down and took the focus off of the two principle characters. In this world nothing is as it seems and just about everybody has their own agendas, hard to know who could be trusted.

Ms. Royce is a very creative writer who has developed a very good concept. While I felt connected to the two principles, the romance between them was not as well developed as it could have been( and I would have liked). There is good sexual tension between Addy and Spenser but the sex scenes were lacking. I rated the story over all at 4 and gave the book a sexy rating of 3. I am anxious to read the next book and hope that we will spend more time with Spence and Addy. The author is someone to watch, with a lot of promise!

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### Jessica says

Going into this book, all I knew was that it was a paranormal romance and not much else. So as I got into it, I was surprised how good it was! It's not the cliche paranormal with vampires and werewolves, but one where people have special powers and are hated by society. It reminded me so much of x-men, but with more romance and less fighting (which is awesome because I love x-men and romance). The thing I loved most about this book, though, was Spencer. He was viewed as "the bad boy" on the outside, but he was so sweet and really gentle on the inside. He never really was a bad boy and you could really see that by how he treated Addison. Some parts of the book were kind of predictable, but i still wanted to keep reading anyways to see what happened next because the story was so good. It was nice reading something that was so unique in it's story and characters while still maintaining a really interesting story. I highly recommend this book to anyone who's a paranormal fan but in the mood for something not so cliche. You'll really enjoy this one!

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### April ♥"LOS" ♥ says

This was an excellent book! I'm not really a big fan of sci-fy or dystopian books but this one was written so well and in a way where it didn't really feel like either of those things.

This book takes place in a future where having special abilities labels you as Conditioned and forces you to be institutionalized. The Conditioned aren't given any rights and are treated like dangerous criminals not suited to mix with normal society. But when the grandchild of one of the richest and most influential men in the country is kidnapped, only one of the Conditioned can help.

Spencer Lewis has the ability to travel through "dark space" and follow someone's energy making him the only person who can find the little boy. But can he be trusted outside the walls of the institution and what will happen when he realized there's something he wants more than the life he's been living?

I really enjoyed this book and I would highly recommend giving it a try, even if this isn't your typical genre.

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### **Lauri J Owen says**

In Eye Contact, Rebecca Royce takes us on a thrilling ride filled in equal parts with heart-pounding intrigue and the softness of a growing, Cinderella-style love. Here, in Royce's rendition of Earth, those whose genetics grant them extrasensory powers are termed "Conditioned" and confined to compounds, and are only allowed outside to help those who can pay for their special abilities. Enter heiress Addison Wade, a young woman who defies her family to seek the special assistance of the Conditioned's most powerful finder, Spencer Lewis, to help locate her kidnapped nephew. Sparks fly as the two wend their way through a complicated mystery, and as they walk the dangerous paths together, both discover that success will mean learning to look beneath the surface of all things they have ever believed. My highest recommendation.

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### **iliana G says**

I was given an ARC by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Wow!!!!

Thirty years ago, after the breakdown of an oil negotiation, the President of the United States decided that all people born with unusual abilities, which he would now refer to as "the condition", would be locked away from the general public where they couldn't harm others. Parents and loved ones of these people, most of whom were children, were forced to turn them in upon penalty of death. Formed to keep the institutions secure, the Committee for the Protection of a Free Society now rules these institutions with an iron fist.

The granddaughter of one the Committee members, Addison Wade has lived her life wary of the institutions and all they represent. A woman of secrets, she is forced to turn to Safe Dawn, one of the facilities designed to hold conditioned people, when her nephew is kidnapped and, despite her best efforts, cannot be recovered. She knows the last thing anyone in 'Safe Dawn' will want to do is to help a Wade with any problems, but she is desperate and out of options.

Spencer Lewis is famous for being the premier conditioned 'locator.' There's no one he can't find and he has a soft spot for missing children. But, Spencer has been through a trauma and locating Jeremy Wade may be dangerous both to himself and to those around him. In addition, he takes one look at ice cold Addison Wade and wants nothing more than to knock her down a peg. Never having turned down an opportunity to help a child, he reluctantly agrees to help recover Jeremy.

In a world where nothing is as it seems and every person they encounter has his own agenda, Addison and Spencer will find that the only people they can trust are each other. But how can anyone fall in love living in a world that wants you dead just for being born?

This is the first book in a new Series by Rebecca Royce and i have to admit that this author has never ever disappointed me!!!

Once again she has managed to take us in an amazing and thrilling ride with lots of twists and turns in her

story and with some really interesting and complex characters.

The chemistry between the two is over the charts and the stories of each character that we meet is heartbreaking.

Suspense and an amazing plot that will keep you glued to the pages of the book!

The general feeling reminds something of X-Men yet this is so different!

Really surprised by how good this book was and how sucked into the story I was!

I really can't wait for the next one to come!

Highly recommended!!!

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### **Hannah says**

Eye Contact was an awesome novel. I really enjoyed this book because it was a very creative and new twist on a supernatural romance story. The characters were fantastic and written with great detail. It was a very original story that has a lot of emotional twists and turns. I highly recommend this book as well as all of Rebecca Royce's books. I can't wait to read more!

Addison Wade has hidden her "Condition" from the world and people like her grandfather all her life. She has learned to keep her abilities at bay and not let her temper get the best of her for fear of being locked up with all the other conditioned people in Safe Dawn. When her nephew is kidnapped, she is forced to turn to one of the conditioned inside Safe Dawn, though she knows no one will want to help a Wade because of her grandfather.

Spencer is a famous conditioned locator. He can mentally go into the dark zone and find the essence that a person leaves behind and track them when most people can't. When he goes through a trauma of losing someone close to him, he doesn't know if he can do his job without endangering himself in the process. He doesn't know why, but he is drawn to Addison, and has a soft spot for children so he can't say no to this task. When he takes this task though, he takes on way more than he bargained for.

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### **Michelle says**

Eye Contact was gripping and totally addictive. I loved the chemistry between Addison and Spencer is awesome. I loved them! This book reminds me of X-men, which I also loved. My favorite part is learning about all the different "conditions" or powers that the various people have. The more unique, the better! People with powers are called the conditioned in Eye Contact and they are treated like a mixture of slaves and lepers. It's awful! But the ending really sets up the plot for the next book. And boy oh boy does book 2 look like it's going to be awesome! I can't wait.

At first glance it seems like Addison is uptight and controlling but she really isn't. She is so kind and caring and determined. I really admired her drive. She never gave up. And it was really admirable how much she fought for the conditioned. It was really refreshing.

The conditioned all had such cool powers! They were really complex and some of them were super unique! Those were my favorites. I love when writers come up with talents and powers that have not been overdone.

Eye contact is pretty fast paced and jam packed with all sorts of plot twists. I enjoyed every second of the

search and mystery. It was so well written and thought out! I liked that it was a complete story on its own and also sets up for a sequel really well. And speaking of the sequel- it is going to be a doozy. I can already tell!

I can't wait to see more of Spencer. ;) He is so awesome, as soon as he admitted his feelings for Addison he was extra swoon worthy. I just loved him. I want more more more of him. Great book! I can't wait for the next one.

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### **Jessica Subject says**

Addison Wade was born into a rich, influential family and one day she will take her grandfather's place in running the family company and take his seat on a committee that keeps the 'Conditioned' locked away from society. Spencer Lewis is one of the 'Conditioned' who has the ability to travel into dark spaces in his mind to locate missing people. His abilities though are less threatening than many of the people locked away with him in the institution.

When Addison's nephew goes missing, she is forced to ask for Spencer's help to locate him. But Addison has a secret of her own and while working with Spencer, she does everything she can to keep her secret hidden, even if it could help them to locate her nephew.

Eye Contact is a great paranormal romance, but it also has an X-Men feel about it, making it appeal to an even wider audience. With well developed characters, tons of action and of course, romance, Eye Contact is sure to leave you wanting more. I will be reading more from Rebecca Royce, including the next in the series, Embraced.

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### **Erin says**

\*\*4.5 stars\*\*\*

This book was a really neat twist on the concept of a romance novel, because it brought in a supernatural element that made the story around the steaminess really captivating. It felt like X-Men turned into an NC-17 movie,

Addison has hidden her Condition her entire life. Born into an incredibly wealthy and powerful family, she knows her life depends on no one finding out what she is. Her father taught her how to keep it under control so that no one would find out she was one of "them", the freaks that her own grandfather has locked away to protect the public. But when the beloved nephew she promised her dying sister she'd protect is kidnapped, Addison is desperate enough to risk exposing herself in order to find him. She enters Safe Dawn, one of the institutions where people like her are held, in the hopes that infamous locator Spencer Lewis will use his powers to help her. What she didn't expect was the hard-bodied gorgeous blonde specimen that walked into the room, and right away she knows working with him is going to be a problem. Spencer, a resident of the institution for most of his life, doesn't know what to make of the beautiful and mysterious Addison Wade, but he knows he wants to find out. Part of him wants to hate her for what her family has done to his kind, but he can't help but be drawn to the surprisingly charismatic woman. Addison and Spencer set out to find out what happened to Jeremy, but when Addison's secret is revealed things take an unexpected turn. Those she

thought she could trust have betrayed her, and her own abilities may be the difference between finding Jeremy and finding herself locked up with the others like her.

First off, Addison was an awesome character!! She was strong, confident, and not willing to be pushed around by her grandfather's warped morals. As the story went along and Addison spent more time with Spencer, I just loved how bad-ass she became as her powers came to light. She is more powerful than she ever believed, and I just loved seeing her unleash her abilities on their enemies!! She has this air of assuredness about her once she really grasped and harnessed the power within, and I got goosebumps in several of the scenes as I pictured her busting out a can of whoop-ass!! =)

Spencer was such a sexy beast, playing the bad boy but really just a sweet temptation for Addison. His ability to enter the dark place and find the sensations of missing people intrigued Addison, and he's strong and gorgeous to boot!! He realizes that his initial assumptions about Addison b/c of her family were unfair and not at all accurate. He's having trouble keeping his mind off of her and her alluring body, but he knows he's got a job; that's the only reason he's with Addison, right? I just loved the push-and-pull between these two that leads to them giving into their passion. Spencer is just HOT HOT HOT, and when he has Addison up against the wall, my heart didn't stop racing until theirs did!!!

The plot twists that play out in Eye Contact kept me hooked on my iPad, as did the great secondary characters. From the snarky Tara to Spencer's brother Roman who's on the opposite side of the fight, these characters each had that little something that gave so much more dimension to the way the story played out. And to see Addison go from being hated by this band of Conditioned residents to suddenly just being one of them, that was just awesome! She finally found a home with them, and I couldn't help wishing they could somehow find Jeremy without Addison losing her newfound friends.

I was happy with the way this story wrapped up, but I'm wondering what will happen to this plot in the rest of the series. It seems like an open ending, one you usually find when the sequel will be picking up right where the first book left off. But the second in this series looks to be about a different story entirely, so I'm not sure what to make of that. I really want to see more of what happens with Addison and Spencer, but I'm not sure I'll get my wish. In the meantime, this was a really fun, sexy read, and I'm glad I picked it up!

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## **R.B. Austin says**

"Eye Contact" received THREE stars.

The novel gained \*stars\* for these items:

\* gained for: "The book caught my interest in first five pages."

\* gained for: "I was sad when the book ended. I wanted more!"

\* gained for: "There were no info dumps, poor writing, or copy edit mistakes that jerked me out of the story."

The novel failed to gain stars for these items:

NO STAR gained for: "I thought about the book when I was forced to set it down and re-enter society."

NO STAR gained for: "That's it. I'm hooked on this author. I will automatically buy anything s/he writes."

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### **Mei says**

A really great book!!! I didn't expect it to be so good - what a great surprise!!! I cannot wait for the second!!!

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### **Sherill says**

#### **EYE CONTACT-SUSPENSE-DANGER-MYSTERY & STEAMY ROMANCE**

This story focuses on; ADDISON WADE a sexy, intelligent, blond blue-eyed beauty; SPENCER LEWIS, a traffic-stopping gorgeous, muscular build, and conditioned locator.

What you'll find in this story; a cast of remarkably impressive and engaging characters, fascinating storyline, picturesque and powerful vivid scene descriptions, phenomenal banter, camaraderie, family love, unjust prejudice, betrayal, abduction, secrets revealed, gut-wrenching moments, action packed, gripping suspense, horrific danger, life-threatening incidents, pent-up-rage, heart-pounding sensual romance, and a melt your heart unexpected conclusion leaving you wanting more.

Addison is the granddaughter of the wealthy owner of Wade Corporation, her parents now gone and her sister too. She is the guardian to her adorable nephew Jeremy who was mysteriously abducted from his bedroom. After finding no clues and not being able to go to the authorities for help per her grandfather's orders she reaches out to Safe Dawn, the Institution that holds the conditioned. The conditioned are ones who have abilities, some abilities if not controlled can cause harm unsuspecting citizens. Spencer is a well-trained locator; his special abilities can reach well beyond the natural planes of the mind. When Spencer and Addison meet there is an unspoken heated attraction between the two. Having suffered a most harrowing experience Spencer is unsure if he is working at full capacity but accepts the case due to his soft spot for missing children.

ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE-a well written imaginative read by a truly gifted author. Piqued my interest from the start and I relished every second, a most gratifying read. The author does not disappoint by giving readers an enthralling read that is mixed with a bit of reality and fantasy. The cast of characters are certainly praise-worthy and spring to life with the engaging dialogue, fascinating plot, humor, and action. The quest for Jeremy is heartfelt. Spencer and Addison blend well together and their romance is filled with much passion and undying devotion. If you treasure fantasy romance this is a terrific book for your library. {I was gifted a copy of this book and this is my honest review}. In the world of fantasy romance, the possibilities are endless and always fascinating. Without reservations. I recommend this book.

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### **Whispers From says**

Addison is the heir to Wade Corporation and is raising her four year old nephew. Her grandfather is on the council that started the institution for people with special powers. If you had a power, they put you in the institution to keep the public safe. When her nephew goes missing, she goes to SAFE DAWN, one of the places where they are kept. Her grandfather wants to keep the matter private so the stocks won't go down. Spencer is a dark space walker. He can find missing people by the colors they leave behind, in a dark alternate plane. The people who stay at SAFE DAWN can't leave the premises. Spencer is allowed so he can help Addison. He doesn't like her because of who she is but the more he is with her, he realizes she's not like her grandfather. It's a race against time to find her nephew and keep her own secrets safe.

I honestly didn't think it would be a good story but boy was I wrong. It's fast paced, action packed, and sexy. Secrets are revealed. Great characters and several surprises.

\* Voluntarily read and reviewed this for publisher\*

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### **Kaila says**

The beginning was a bit slow.. but it picked up pretty fast and made up for that.. The storyline was interesting and kept you wondering what was next. there is suspense..betrayal.. love.. etc.. so much going on.. so many things that kept you going and curious. I really enjoyed it and glad i got to review it

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### **Kari says**

I really enjoyed Eye Contact. Ms. Royce has created an interesting world where people who are born with special abilities are called Conditioned. It reminded me of the X-Men, except the Conditioned have been kept away from society. They aren't even thought of as human. They have no rights at all. Spencer Lewis is one of the special Conditioned who is let out occasionally to use his special ability to find lost people. Addison Wade hires him to find her kidnapped nephew.

I expected a paranormal romance, but what I got was so much more. The story is well written with intriguing characters. The mystery was well thought out and had a nice twist at the end. I loved Spencer and Addison together. I think my favorite scene was the one where Spencer gets to drive for the first time. It is such an endearing scene that made me fall in love with both of them! I look forward to reading the next books in the series. I hope she features more of the secondary characters that appeared in this one. Eye Contact is definitely worth reading!

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