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Nakia says

I am very iffy about Eric Jerome Dickey. I loved "Genevieve" and "Sleeping With Strangers" but everything else always feel blah to me. Such was the case with "Pleasure". It was VERY longwinded, filled with a lot of unnecessary detail (thanks to this novel, I now know which route to take from Atlanta to Greensboro, North Carolina lol). I'm pretty sure they could have cut out 200 pages easy. I didn't quite understand the main character, but I'm going to chalk that up to EJD being a man and trying to write from the woman's perspective. I didn't GET her at all lol I was mostly disappointed with the ending...to read 400 pages and be left with...nothing? He needs to do better.

comfort says

I had never heard of this author and downloaded from my library without knowing anything about it. What a surprise- initially you think this is a story simply about the heroine giving and receiving sexual pleasure and boy is there a lot of pleasuring going on-with brothers.

It is her journey and theirs to a degree understanding what they want and need out of their lives. Very hot and smexy read, with a realistic ending.

There is only one scene which I thought would not/could not possibly happen towards the end which was a bit of a spoiler for me, otherwise recommend this book wholeheartedly.

Ka'leneReads says

This read is cool.....too long for the subject matter for my particular taste, yet a GoodRead nevertheless. Do not get Mi wrong it's not extremely explicit, but it dragged on in too many spots and just should not have been so long, but that's just for my taste in particular.

OOSA says

I Need Twins!

This sexually charged novel is appropriately titled - "Pleasure." Honestly, I almost put this book down for good several times. The beginning was rather slow. Only at the urging of others did I keep reading. After the introduction of the twin brothers did the story actually start moving and became interesting. Overall, the story was good. However, I was disappointed in the ending. With a slow beginning and disappointing ending, this is a book I'd recommend but more so as a library read.

Reviewed by: Tracy

3.5 stars

Beverly Diehl says

2 1/2 stars. I SO wanted to love this book. Erotica, from a male author? Thought it would be an interesting POV, but then he goes and writes it from the POV of a female character.

Okay, fine. Still on board. Surprisingly, he gets most (if not all) of the sensations right. A set of identical twins, or as the character dubs them, identical sins. Hot menage sex, hot F/F sex, more hot menage sex. There was also the interesting look at black life in Atlanta among the people who've emigrated from the Caribbean: the protagonist, Nia Simone, and her mother are from Trinidad, and they still have a house there; the twins are from Barbados; one twin's wife has an islands connection.

I read this on my Kindle, and there were some crazy formatting issues. The word "pleasure," used repeatedly, yet (almost) always spelled out as *plea sure*. Was it deliberate or a formatting goof? Other words oddly split were *im port ant*, *Ca rib bean*, and a couple others, so I am thinking it was a formatting accident, not an author affectation, but every time I hit one (every screen or three) it stopped me dead in my tracks. Kind of like it bugged Nia to have her ex keep texting her with "your always on my mind" messages.

There were repetition of phrases, like "identical sins" that were striking the first time, a nice callback the second time, still somewhat cute the third time, but with continued use, simply annoying. I hope I never see a reference to a woman's "chocolate star" again. I did like the tie-in to Anais Nin, another sensualist on a journey of discovery, but while I have always been able to relate to Anais, I could not relate to Nia.

It was MUCH too long (476 pages). There really wasn't a plot, or any sense that Nia, the main character, learned, changed, or grew during the course of it. She just had lots of (unsafe) sex with men (and women) who were emotionally and/or legally unavailable to be with her, not that she seemed to want a permanent partner anyway. The complication of Mark's wife Jewell, a television personality, seemed unnecessary, and what really ticked me off is there is a scene near the end, where the reader is led to believe it involves one brother, but actually involves the other, so there's a *ta-da!* moment. In rereading it, it is clearly contrived; somebody's "calling out his name," so Nia, the narrator, knows who it is, but it's withheld from the reader. There's a fine line to play that kind of trick on the reader/viewer and have it still be satisfying, a la *The Sixth Sense*; in this case, I just felt *PLAYED*.

I will read more of this author's work in the future. Based on the other reviews I have read from his fans who were deeply disappointed in this offering; he has done much better than this. It's worth a look to see how male writers imagine sex from a female POV, but if you're looking for something deep as well as sexy, this ain't it.

Gaea says

Okay, I've read several reviews on this book that were on either side of the spectrum... either people really loved it, or they really hated it. To be honest, there were points on both sides that I could agree with.

However, when I really sat down and thought about this book, I found the genius in Eric Jerome Dickey's writing, and grew to appreciate him more because of it.

Any fan of EJD knows that he writes about everything... love, crime, deception... the list goes on. So you really have to take each book for what it is, and evaluate it on the genre and content. "Pleasures" would be categorized as black erotica, without a doubt. So when you think about most books in this category, you begin to think of what the true substance of the book is about, and whether or not there is a "plot" involved besides sex. The negative reviews that I've read all said that there was no plot in this book, and that they couldn't finish reading it because it was so terrible. Well... I beg to differ. I think that if nothing else captured you about this book, then the writing itself should. You can tell that EJD has matured as a writer, and though erotic and sexy, the use of words in "Pleasures" is just extraordinary. EJD does a perfect job of using imagery to make you FEEL and UNDERSTAND the characters on a deeper level. As far as the plot, the title itself should indicate what the entire book is about! "Pleasures" is a book about a woman who is seeking higher levels of pleasure, period. The book has a beginning, a climax, and a conclusion. In order to really figure out the plot of the book, you have to read it in its entirety. I think most folks got stuck in the climax, where it seemed that every page was a non-stop sexcapade, and refused to move on to find out how Nia's journey eventually ended.

Another thing that I truly appreciate about EJD is that he is surgical with descriptions and locations. "Pleasures" takes place in Atlanta, and as I was reading, I felt that I was in the car with Nia! I knew every place that he mentioned, and he describes it to the T. Even in his other books, I've always felt like I could travel to the city that the book is placed in, and find the places that he writes about with no problem.

All in all, I thought that this book was really good, and I would recommend it to any adult person. I do find that you need to read this at home, because there are moments when the writing can get you all worked up, and there's no need to have that happen while you're sitting under the dryer at a beauty salon. LOL

Nicole Bedford says

This book was sensual, seductive, mouth watering, tantalizing, orgasmic, and erotically poetic. The best novel about seduction I've ever read. Want to embark on a sensory overload into literary erotica then this is your novel! Absolutely brilliant!

Tracy Darity says

"You can't put toothpaste back inside the tube." pg. 101 Pleasure

This quote struck me because it defines how I feel when I read an Eric Jerome Dickey novel. Although I swore off his work after reading Sleeping With Strangers (not because it was bad but because he annoyed me with page after page of in-depth descriptions and then expected me to go out and buy a part II); I found myself searching bookstores, calling up "reading" friends, and traveling to three libraries in search of Pleasure. Why? Because I want to become more active in the book club I am a member of and this was the first book they selected that remotely moved me. And guess what, I was so deep into the book I missed the meeting.

Pleasure falls under the genre of Erotica and I am not a fan of erotica, at least not the erotica books I have read, which have no more value than a badly produced porn flick. But somewhere I read, with Pleasure, EJD had written a book of erotica that actually had a plot and pretty good story behind it, even if readers were torn...either you loved it or you hated it.

At moments I hated this book. Found myself skimming through some of the humdrum, repetitive sex scenes that often times mirrored the humdrum, relentless descriptions of thoughts and scenes that added no value to the story and merely served to stretch it out. At other times I loved the story because he painted a vivid picture of a character that I could relate to emotionally, even, if not physically. Then again this is my love/hate relationship with EJD. His ability to write a novel that flows so quickly that you get enamored with the characters as he takes you on a journey to places, here and abroad, that you never have visited; but just as quickly, you are agitated because he's taken you off pace with pages of unnecessary words.

My only disappointment with Pleasure was my disappointment with erotica in general. Once you've described a sex scene once or twice the excitement is gone and it begins to feel dirty and nasty and I'm just over it already. Some things just need to be left to the imagination, especially when you have a pretty good story going. There is nothing sensual to me about people having sex with multiple people within the same day and not washing, not brushing their teeth, and definitely not using condoms in this day and age, and that is where my attention began to drift to as these descriptive narratives played out. I would have preferred more on the psyche of the twins and what made them tick. The book could have ended at page 421, and I would have been happy, even at page 433. But by the time I reached, "If my eyes had remained open...." on page 442, I had disconnected and was neither shocked, nor cared.

EJD gets 4.5 stars because I enjoyed the the story in its totality. Maybe I will resume my love affair with his work and go back and pick up Waking With Enemies.

Much Love,

Tracy

Tracy L. Darity is the author of He Loves Me He Loves Me Not and Love....Like Snow In Florida On A Hot Summer Day, For additional information visit www.TracyLDarity.com.

Janine says

OMG! I'm about halfway through and this is amazing!!!

O-M-F-G!!!! This book DEFINITELY put me on another level when looking at sexual freedoms and sexuality!

Sheri says

This was the first book I read from this author. It had many good reviews, so I was really looking forward to reading and enjoying it.

The storyline itself was okay, but I found the writing style disjointed and hard to follow, and there was so much unnecessary information included that it got rather tedious at times. I found the main character hard to connect with, and there really wasn't much depth to her. I wanted to like her and feel for her in her struggle for sexual independence, but I mostly found her confusing. I probably would have liked this more if there was more of an actual plot and less pointlessly random sex.

Heather in FL says

This was a group read, or I probably would not have chosen to read it. That said, I had a lot of trouble getting into it. For more than half the book, I had no investment in any of the characters. I didn't care about the sights and geography of Atlanta. I didn't care about the route it takes to get from Atlanta to North Carolina, or all the specific places they saw once in North Carolina. The whole thing with Mark and Karl was messed up, and I don't mean because they were having a threesome. One was married, the other wasn't available, but I guess that's what she was looking for. They had major sibling rivalry issues.

I didn't care about the story until Nia was confronted, and then it got very interesting learning the history of the brothers and *why* Mark's marriage was so crappy and *why* Karl was unattainable.

I like a happy ending, and while Nia maybe "found herself" through her experiences, I didn't feel fulfilled by the ending. I realize she couldn't continue with Karl *and* Mark, but I had hoped she might sort of "tame" Karl. Although that would create extremely odd family occasions, lol. And I knew she couldn't go back to Logan (pathetic putz). But I had hoped she'd find her someone.

Amarie0081 says

I was torn between two and three star on this one. I am an avid EDJ fan, but I almost gave up on this book several times. The book did not pick up and really grab my attention until around page 200...that's about half way through the book.

Some parts of the book bored me. Everything about the main had to do with sex and her arousal and sexual thoughts, feelings and desires. EVERYTHING in the book had to deal with sex. After a while, I just started to skim the 10 page sex narratives.

I think that the characters had so much more to offer and were cheapened by the sole focus on sex. The last few chapters made the book worth reading, but I have enjoyed his other books more.

If you enjoy erotica, you will LOVE this book. If you don't....well you might be disappointed.

Irish says

I am an EJD fan from way back and I have always loved his books, but this one hurt me deep. Unless you are into living in a freaky fantasy world where nothing outside the bedroom exists...this isn't the book for you. We all have deep inner thoughts about sex and the exploration of sex, but the main character was just a lost soul if you ask me. She was a shallow freak. And the other characters, they were all twisted which is why they participated in such horrible behavior. Sex in this context was nothing more than crack! Lost souls looking for a release. It took me forever to get through this one.....time wasted.

Nay says

Every blue moon a book comes along that makes you want to bang your head against the steering wheel. Now is that time, not the best by E.J.D.

Girl whines about sexual freedom and not being a slut.

Girl sleeps with twins at the same time.

Girl whines about sexual freedom and not being a slut

Girl sleeps with the same twins individually.

Girl whines about sexual freedom and not being a slut.

Girl sleeps with random girl

Girl whines about sexual freedom and not being a slut.

on and onIn the end despite all the hoopla about sexual freedom blah blah... girl is a slut.

Even the endless sex scenes became boring and I was waiting for something more to happen.

Tiara says

Pleasure

“I would like to drink your bath water” exclaimed says the guy from the W. “I piss in my bath water” Nia whispered. Pleasure is a book about a girl who has a problem and she likes to give herself away. She is looking for love and finding it in all the wrong places, so she has sex to fill where the love isn’t.

The book so far that I am currently reading right now is Pleasure by Eric Jerome Dickey. This book is an adult book. I would recommend this book to Valerie Oyibo because she likes to read the books I read. The emotions that I had when reading this book were laughable emotions.

What kept me reading this book was the very first line, it kept me wanting more. My mom told me about it, so it must be good. I think that the author wrote this book because he just likes to get his point out. About how you can find pleasure in many different ways when you’re happy or mad.

The portion in this book that is captivating is the part when Nia Simone goes the W, which is a bar and a hotel put together and finds the two twins she had met earlier in the book at the park. She calls the two twins her identical sin. If this book was made into a movie I would be shocked because this book is explicit. I would have the two twins mark and Karl and Nia

Simone plays in my movie because they are the main characters. Those three characters make this book interesting.

Who is my favorite character in this book would be Nia Simone because she so open and doesn't really care what people think in this book. She just really wants to find her lover, but until she gets her lover she is doing things with her identical sins she never thought she would do before. The one character I really don't like in this book would be Logan her ex-boyfriend. He's just very annoying character because he irritates the mess out of Nia because he still wants her but she doesn't want him.

The way I predicted the ending of this book was she would marry Mark the one twin she liked the most and he would leave his wife for Nia. That's exactly what had happened.
