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Reputation is everything, a fact Keegan Lauri knows all too well. A political PR strategist by trade, he makes his living creating and protecting the image of men, protecting them from women like Gabrielle Kitrick. She's a threat to every man who falls for her. Beautiful, innocent, young, and available ... for a price... Gabe is the shiny little trophy men of power seem to desire. But possessing her is a risk, a risk Keegan is responsible for removing from his client's life.

He's not above manipulating her for his own professional gain. He's not even above seducing her and enjoying every second of it. But he finds out quickly her looks are a façade, and the more he comes to know Gabe, the more difficult it becomes to ignore her humanity. Because behind her beauty and crimson-lipped smile lies a young woman fighting for a better future, a future his very involvement with her jeopardizes.

When Keegan's professional responsibilities threaten to expose her, will he choose to do his job or protect the young woman he's become so attached to?

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Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

Kissed by Elizabeth Finn

4.5 stars!!

“Our lips could make the world disappear...but it was just pretend. The world didn’t go anywhere.”

Years ago I stumbled across Elizabeth Finn and have never looked back since. She is one author that I can always count on for a read that always ticks my boxes, great story, fantastic character connection and loads of emotion and she delivered all this and more with Kissed.

Gabrielle or Gabe for short was a twenty-one-year-old student that was struggling to make ends meet. Her father had never been on the scene and her mum had recently passed away from cancer so it was just Gabe and her sister Jessa. Both students, living in different towns and as Jessa wasn’t an adult yet, she was Gabe’s responsibility. Two lots of course fees, two lots of accommodation, two lots of everything left Gabe with one option, to become a high class prostitute. She didn’t want to do it, she far from enjoyed it but it was a necessary evil and one that she needed to keep quiet. Gabe was a woman that you couldn’t help but fall in love with. She was selfless, she adored her sister and had been forced to grow up way before her time. She hadn’t had a life, it had just been a succession of issues and battles to overcome. She deserved a break, but life was about to throw her the biggest curve ball of her young life.

“She’s stunning by the way...She’s smart. She’s strong. She’s so sweet. She had to grow up really fast when her mom died so that she could care for her little sister, and yet she’s fighting through it, making a shitload of mistakes on the way, but fighting.”

Keegan was a political PR strategist and fixer. He was the man that parties employed to ensure their candidates toed the line and any dirt that could be unearthed was well and truly buried. He didn’t fight fires, he put them out before they even became a spark. He was highly revered in his field, confident, wealthy, handsome and just bloody adorable. I truly adored him, he may have come across as a bit of an arse in the beginning, but he was just doing his job, underneath that “all business” façade was a man that had a heart of gold and wasn’t afraid to show it.

“I was as much a threat to her as anyone. She’d told me that once. She’d been right. I simply hadn’t listened.”

David Edgerton was a political party's worst nightmare. He had more money than sense, a penchant for high class prostitutes and one prostitute in particular...Gabe. Keegan had been employed by his sponsors to keep him in line. Keegan was determined to keep these two apart, by any means necessary. Gabe was detrimental to David's career but little did he know just how detrimental Gabe would become to his own reputation.

“You know, my life may be small compared to his, and I may not have as much to lose, but what I do have is everything to me.”

Neither Gabe nor Keegan had ever been in love before, but sometimes love hits when you least expect it. So as the synopsis says “will he choose to do his job or protect the young woman he's become so attached to?”

“I want to kiss you.”

“No.”

“How very Julia Roberts of you.”

Elizabeth Finn delivers an unputdownable, compelling read as the life of politics and prostitution merge in all their back handed, back stabbing glory. Where reputations and the destruction of others are just collateral damage in achieving their end game. Who would come out unscathed?

This book was really well paced with a perfect balance between story, angst and humour. Yes, humour comes in the form of Jessa. Jessa had no filter, spoke her mind and had me in hysterics. She was a girl that wasn't afraid to open her mouth and spout the first thing that pops into her head, often resulting in me laughing my head off. This girl needs her own book, that would be one entertaining read!

Another fantastic read Elizabeth Finn, beautifully written, totally captivating and unputdownable.

“Wanting you...hurts.”

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MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

4.5 Stars!

(ARC provided by author)

Keegan Lauri is a gorgeous 33 yr. old ambitious man who comes from a politically connected wealthy family from DC. He is a political analyst/strategist who makes a living protecting the reputation of men in power. In his line of work image is everything. He's very good at his job & known for his discretion. Currently he is spending time in Chicago working with a CEO of a huge company. He has to make sure this future politician stays out of the bad press, so when a stunning woman named Gabrielle Kitrick keeps showing up on his clients arm, Keegan takes it upon himself to get rid of her.

This beautiful woman is simply a risk to Keegan's client he can't allow. She needs to be removed & Keegan can't have his clients shiny new toy showing up in photos. She's too gorgeous to enter a room & not be noticed. Keegan decides he will do whatever it takes to make her go away even if it means going to extreme measures that even include manipulating & seducing her for his own professional gain.

Things get pretty hot between these two & lines get very blurred. They can't get enough of each other. As Keegan spends time with Gabrielle, he gets to really know her & discovers she's a real person with feelings, & not just a pretty face.

Suddenly he's very involved in her life, & she means something to him. He learns there's so much he doesn't know about her secret life. She's trying to just get by & survive. She was dealt some bad circumstances & is a young woman fighting for her future & a better life. She's desperate & has felt alone for a while now. Her future & privacy are jeopardized when she becomes involved with Keegan, & his job threatens to expose her secrets. He wants to help her, be there for her, & fight for her. She doesn't see her own worth & is broken. When everything blows up, will Keegan choose his career or the woman he's grown to care deeply for? As usual I love Elizabeth Finn's writing! This was a fabulous sexy read! Hope we get a book for Jessa next! :D

-Most men seemed to see through me, as though I was only partially there, but since the very moment I'd met Keegan, he'd treated me as though I was a solid thing.

-I couldn't rationalize why I was drawn to her the way I was. She was beautiful, but it wasn't her beauty that made my heart race.

-No man before Keegan had ever...kissed my soul in the way he had.

-I would never get tired of kissing this man. He made it exceptional every time, and it was never just some random thing for him.

Jennifer Kyle says

4.5 STARS

Elizabeth Finn gifts a creative twist to the standard storyline of the young girl working as an escort for money to support her family with this novel. Gabrielle Kitrick finds herself on the arm of a man whom political parties, the media and strategists are closely watching. The hero, Keegan Lauri is taken with this beauty and is determined to extract her from David Edgerton's orbit before she ruins his client's career. Keegan is a political PR strategist who slowly falls for Gabrielle while realizing there's more to this sexy woman, he also holds the power to destroy Gabrielle's life.

"You know, my life may be small compared to his, and I may not have as much to lose, but what I have is everything to me."

Gabrielle and Keegan's relationship was well paced, sexy and their fall was very believable. The author never fails in her steamy sex scenes and gifting the emotions of her characters.

"I was as much a threat to her as anyone. She'd told me that once. She'd been right. I simply hadn't listened."

Gabrielle's life gets thrown into the media while she's at risk of losing it all when the truth comes out. The story was well paced, well written and very entertaining. I simply adored Gabrielle's sister Jessa and beg the author to write a story for her in the future!!

"You... could never be pretend to me. "

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

????????? Kissed (stand-alone). Political intrigue when PR strategist tries to keep prostitute way from his client by embarking on a secret affair!

I will try to write a better review when I catch up...

Kissed (stand-alone) opens up to Political PR strategist and heir **Keegan Lauri** doing his job, putting an end to his client's affair with a prostitute.

Her lips will leave him desiring more.

College student and prostitute **Gabrielle Kitrick, Gabe** has many secrets. Keegan will do anything to uncover the truth and keep her away from his client.

A kiss will have him coming back for more...

Seduction, mind-blowing sex and a secret affair spins out of control when truths are revealed, threats made and the rug pulled from under their feet.

Their connection will make it hard to walk away...

Kissed, told from dual POVs, offers a forbidden romance with scorching sex, deception, secrets and political intrigue. It ends perfectly with an epilogue a few years into the future.

Hero: ★★★★

Heroine: ★★★★

Plot: ★★★★

Storytelling: ★★★★ 1/2

Sexual tension: ★★★★

Sex scenes: ★★★★ 1/2

Story ending: ★★★★ 1/2

OVERALL RATING: ????????

Angst: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Darkness: | **LOW FOCUS** |

Humor: | **LOW FOCUS** |

Kink: | **LOW FOCUS** |

Romance: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Sex frequency: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Suspense: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Thank you to everyone reading & chatting on Shh... Shhurrender your TBR! <https://goo.gl/yL04ud>

Dee Montoya says

4.5 ~Kiss Me~ Stars*****

(ARC kindly provided by author by recommendation of Allison. Thank you!)

Decadent and forbidden. A very passionate story that swallowed me whole from the very first chapter. My skin was burning; every word created chaotic and wicked sensations inside of me, that were impossible to resist. Kissed was so good! It's one of those books you immediately miss after you've just finished reading.

Keegan Lauri, thrives in his career as a political PR specialist. He is known for his experience, and sharp strategies to achieve the best results. His latest project has him in Chicago following on the trail of a very important aspiring politician, that has his eyes set on getting into Congress. This very powerful man has a lot of potential in a career in politics but he has a small problem, he is single, but only enjoys the company of high priced escorts, and lately he's been found in the company of a gorgeous woman with red lips.

That is how Keegan meets the beautiful Gabrielle Kitrick aka Gabe. She is a very beautiful, young woman whose difficult life has forced her into a life where she needs to sell her body to survive and provide for her younger sister.

The attraction between Keegan and Gabe is explosive, undeniable, but the circumstances surrounding them, are nothing if not complicated. One night they get together and their desires will make the world around them disappear, in a game where these two characters pretend to be simply a man and a woman who are desperately falling for each other. After one night and a fiery kiss, will they be able to simply go back to their lives as if nothing happened?

Even though this novel has a bit of a taboo theme, with the heroine being a high priced escort, I really felt compelled by her. The story was carefully written, making the reader feel engaged and understanding toward her situation. The Hero was amazing, very sexy, and elegant, he just fell for Gabe so strongly. It was simply magnificent to read about.

I always enjoy Elizabeth Finn's novels not only because she's an exceptional writer but her stories are so bold and unique. I really would recommend this book to any reader looking for an intricate and sexy story, that starts with only a kiss.

Lisa says

5 Stars!

It is no secret that Elizabeth Finn is one of the few authors that I jump at the chance to read. Yes, her books annihilate my heart into smithereens and proceed to spit it out on the floor. Yes, many tears have been shed reading her stories. Yes, the angsty torment that she writes so effortlessly always leaves me wondering why I put myself through the emotional rollercoaster that I am sure to embark on every time I pick up a new book. **HOWEVER**, despite all the emotional trauma I usually undergo with a story by Ms. Finn, she certainly knows how to make me feel. I get so wrapped up in her tales of love and woe that it is hard to come up for breath. *Kissed* is yet another book that I essentially inhaled. I could not put it down. Once again Ms. Finn has proven that she is the queen of creating beautifully angst-filled love stories with characters that etch their way into my heart.

I am purposely going to keep this review vague. I do feel that it is a book that you should go into without any misconceptions and/or preconceived notions. I am glad that I did. It made this reading experience all the more powerful. And, if you know anything about Elizabeth Finn books, you already know that all her books pack a powerful emotional punch. I want to also let you in on a little secret. I am not the biggest fan of when authors go with a certain "trope", one that is found in this book. And, if it were any other author I would not have even thought about reading this book. But...alas...I knew that this would be no ordinary read. Not with this author. I was completely proven correct. Only Ms. Finn could wrap my heart around and sympathize

with our protagonists.

Keegan Lauri and Gabrielle Kitrick (a.k.a. Gabe) meet under tension-filled circumstances on two sides of the fence. Keegan is a political PR strategist whose job is to keep the reputations of his political clientele squeaky clean. Gabe is a young woman who poses a threat to the images of the men that Keegan is hired to protect. When Gabe shows up at an event with a prominent alderman in Chicago who Keegan has been hired to look out for, he knows that he must ensure that she walks away and stays away from his client. What he was not expecting was the undeniable attraction between the two of them. The temptation is too great to stay away from and soon Keegan discovers that Gabe is not the worldly seductress that he pinned her for. Her looks are nothing but a façade and there is so much more to the brunette beauty. Keegan is captivated and the more he gets to know Gabe, the more he begins to understand that she is simply a young woman who is doing the best that she can even though the path she has taken is riddled with mistakes. Keegan knows he should stay away from her but he can't. He wants more. He wants to break through the carefully guarded smokescreen that is her shield. There's so much at risk. What happens when you can't stay away?

Elizabeth Finn has this innate ability to draw me in and bring out a plethora of emotions. While this book is not one of her angstier ones and is a little lighter than her other books, it was no less fascinating and potent. She delivers these emotionally powerful tales firmly grabbing a hold of my heart and refusing to let go until the last word is read. Ms. Finn has penned these two unforgettable characters that will be etched on my heart for some time to come. It also goes without saying that she also throws in some super sexy erotica. It is not an Elizabeth Finn book without some passionate and steamy love scenes and some good ole dirty-taking. Seriously, this book had some scenes that were downright panty-melting sexy. Phew! That is great reading ladies and gents!

All in all, *Kissed* was yet another novel by Elizabeth Finn chalk full of her brilliant writing powers. This book had me feeling deeply and by the end I was left completely satiated. The ups and downs, the tears and the laughter, and the depth of love felt by the hero and heroine for each other all make this book truly shine. A journey truly worth experiencing. I highly recommend this one.

“Our lips could make the world disappear.”

*****An advance reading copy of *Kissed* by Elizabeth Finn was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review.

Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says

4.5 Kissable Stars!

Whenever I get the news that **Elizabeth Finn** has written another love story, my sole focus is when will I get to read it? When will she rip my heart out with her love of all things angst? When will she annihilate my ovaries with her sexy, erotic love scenes? And I got all that and more in **Kissed**.

Kissed is the love story between almost 22-year old **Gabrielle (aka Gabe)** and 33-year old **Keegan**. Keegan is a public image guru. His job is to keep people's reputations clean, usually for political purposes. He meets the beautiful, auburn-haired Gabe when she shows up at an event as his latest client's escort date. Yes, Gabe is a prostitute and the worst possible type of person to get photographed with for his client's public-image. She must be removed before it's too late...

Keegan doesn't expect to become just as captivated by Gabe. In an effort to one-up his client, Keegan hires her himself under his client's account, just for one night. But with all the outward beauty that embodies Gabe, he's quick to find out she's not the self-assured seductress he thought she was. Once is not enough...for multiple reasons. Together, the world seems to just disappear. He wants more, but her walls are high in self-preservation.

"I want to kiss you."

My eyes shot back up to his. "No."

He laughed. "How very Julia Roberts of you."

"I wish," I said quietly. "But that's not real life, now is it?"

He smiled. "I don't know. You get to fuck wealthy men in expensive hotel rooms and make a nice chunk of change for a few hours of work. I mean, I'm sure they're not all Richard Gere, but...we can't all be Richard, now can we?"

Kissed is a steamy-hot erotic love story between two very different people. Gabe has had it rough in life and just surviving college, supporting her younger sister is a huge burden to bear. The lifestyle of call girl isn't a first choice for her but it keeps the tuition and rent bills paid. She emotionally "checks out" with the johns...until Keegan. She can't close her eyes tight enough to not feel what he does to her physically and emotionally. With him, she's a woman and not a high priced hooker.

I essentially read this in one long sitting. Finn has the ability to suck me into her love stories and hold on till the very end. Although she's the queen of angst, this book is a bit lighter than her usual fare. But it's just as hot. And holy mutha of kissing scenes. There's a reason the book is titled **Kissed**. Keegan can KISS. Bet she feels stupid for holding out on that first kiss!

Elizabeth Finn can write some seriously hot *romantic interludes* and she had me panting anxiously turning the pages, hoping for these two outwardly ill-fitted yet perfectly suited MCs to find their happily ever after.

Looking forward to more angsty hotness from **Elizabeth Finn**. Excuse me while I go ice my ovaries...

Advanced copy received by author in exchange for my honest review.

TORI says

4.5 Kisses

As always Elizabeth Finn has outdone herself. This book grabs you from the very beginning and never lets you go. I can't tell you how excited I was when I first saw that she had another book coming out. And I was even more excited when she emailed me a copy to review. She has long been one of my favorite authors and I always know when I read an Elizabeth Finn book I will not be disappointed. And Kissed is no exception.

Gabrielle and Keegan meet under very unique circumstances. Gabrielle is a college student by day and a high class call girl by night, striving just to make ends meet after she's left all alone to care for herself and her 17 year old sister. Gabrielle is a smart, sweet, loving, loyal heroine who you can't help but instantly identify with. Stuck between a rock and a hard place she has to think fast and make tough decisions. She may not like what her life has become, but she's only playing the cards she's been dealt to the best of her ability.

Her current "John" is David Edgerton, CEO and Chairman of the Board at Trion Technologies, as well as the alderman for Chicago's forty-third district. David has a serious addiction to girls half his age but he also has political aspirations. And along with political aspirations comes financial backers. His biggest financial backers are The Malcolms. They've got more money than God and no tolerance for anything that would hinder their future candidate from reaching his full potential. Therefore they hire Keegan Lauri.

Keegan has everything going for him. Family, friends, money, and most of all a job he not only loves but is very very good at. Keegan is a PR guy, not just any type of PR guy. He works in politics but not "IN" politics. He doesn't concern himself with a candidate's political platform. His job is to focus solely on the man himself. He scours every single part of a candidate's life to weed out anything that needs to go. His business is public persona. And Gabrielle is a huge liability for David. Should anyone find out about his little secret it's game over.

At first sight Keegan regards Gabrielle as nothing more than a simple whore to be crushed under his foot. She's attending a fundraiser with David when Keegan kicks her out of the hotel and informs her that her services are no longer needed. Her "dates" with David are over for good.

Pissed and hurt, she ignores Keegan and accepts a request to meet David at their usual hotel the following Wednesday. Dressed to impress and awaiting David, she's shocked to find herself face to face with the last person she'd ever want to see again.

This is the type of book you don't want to put down unless the house is on fire. And until the fire is literally at your feet, you still don't want to move. The chemistry between Gabe and Keegan is so good it's almost a living breathing entity. It feels palpable. Like you can literally reach out and touch it. These to burned up the pages, seriously. And there's a kissing scene that I swear is hands down the best kissing scene ever written. Honey...be prepared for Keegan's kisses.

In addition to the heat it's also quite emotional as all Finn books tend to be. The woman is a master of emotional warfare. She knows just how much you can take before you become a massive ball of feelings ready to explode. She takes you to the edge and just when you think you're going to fall she pulls you back.

Why Not Five Stars?

The only reason I didn't give Kissed five stars...loose ends. I wanted more detail as to how the scandal wrapped up. Were charges ever brought against her? And I also want to know if Keegan and his parents ever worked out their differences and if they ever warmed up to Gabe or were they estranged after everything that happened. (view spoiler) But taking the loose ends into account, it was still an amazing book.

If you're looking for a great read that's got the perfect balance of steam, emotion, and angst look no further then Kissed. It's a beautiful, heartbreaking, rollercoaster of a story that will pull those heart strings but leave you smiling in the end. It's out right now, so go forth and enjoy!!

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Mandy says

Truthfully, escort books aren't my favorite. It's just a personal preference for me and just not the kind of story line I usually enjoy but I'm rethinking my stance on that after reading this book. I've read a couple other books by this author and this one sounded good so I thought I'd give it a try and I'm so glad I did. I LOVED this book! Gabe is an escort. She has her reasons for doing what she does and they aren't selfish. She is kind and sweet but also has a lot of issues from the life she's been living. Keegan's job is to keep one of Gabe's clients out of trouble so he is upset to know that his client is scene in public with Gabe. To solve this problem, Keegan has to step in and let me just say that when he does - wow! It is HOT! Keegan and Gabe had amazing chemistry from the moment they first met. There is a lot to this story, it is sexy, intense, has a little suspense, some angst and some humor. I loved the epilogue! I really enjoyed this book and I can't wait to read more by this author! I'm really hoping Jessa gets her own book - she was so funny!

Jamie says

5 Stars!

What a complete treat this story was! From the very first chapter, I knew this one was going to be good. And I was not wrong. This was a bit of a different spin on the other "Escort" romances I've read. We do have the girl, Gabrielle, that has been dealt a hand that's unfair.. but she's doing what she feels is necessary; no matter how much she hates it. But here's where the spin comes in.. Keegan. Keegan is pretty much a "fixer". He's hired, usually by outside groups, to keep people in line, keep their hands clean, their nose out of trouble.. etc. In this case, his job is to keep a Chicago Congressman out of trouble; so the people with all the money behind the scenes can move him up the political road to the spot they want him in. Keegan's job is to make this go smoothly, with no bumps. Well he's about to encounter the biggest bump he's ever had... Gabrielle/ aka Gabe.

Gabrielle has been seen on the arm recently of Congressman David Edgerton lately and Keegan has figured out exactly what she is.. she's way to young for the Congressman , plus she's a prostitute. Nothing could ruin the Congressman's move up the ladder quicker than this girl as far as Keegan is concerned. He'll do whatever it takes to get her out of the picture.

Gabrielle....

Keegan....

But Keegan's plans to get rid of Gabe hit a detour when he realizes he wants her for himself....

I wanted to kiss those damn lips so much. I wanted to taste them, bite them, suck them, fuck them.

I honestly LOVED both characters.... I wanted so much for Gabe to get her "happy" and I knew that Keegan was exactly the type of man she needed.. he was older and more experienced, smart, strong.. no young boy was going to be the type of man she needed. I loved that Keegan was smart enough to realize pretty quick that there was more to Gabe than he realized at first.

Now, this is a romance and there is no way Elizabeth Finn would not give us an HEA..so you know up front you are going to get that. But this story is more than just two people finding their Happily Ever After. The type of job Gabe has is a complete secret from those around her and she has so much more to lose than just money. Jeez.... I really felt for her, my heart hurt at times.

Two characters that completely won me over , a side character that I absolutely adored, a storyline that hooked me from the beginning... and some of the steamiest , sexiest, delicious sexy times... and this book was an absolute winner. Add in we got dual POV's , which I LOVE, I definitely recommend !

ARC provided by Author for an honest review

NMmomof4 says

[The last part of the book was focused so much on the h and her drama with her school. She d

Sharon ☺ is an emotional book junkie ☺ says

4 ★'s

I love reading Elizabeth Finn's stories and this was no different. However, I'm always surprised at all the different angles she brings to a story and of course, all the steamy scenes!

Plain and simple, Gabrielle is a paid escort. Naturally, there has to be a good reason and there is. But Keegan doesn't care about that. His only concern is the man he's paid to keep on the straight and narrow and that's Gabrielle's "date". Unfortunately...or fortunately, all Keegan can see is Gabrielle and as soon as he gets a chance, he makes that *very* obvious.

The problem is that Gabrielle only sees Keegan as well. But...she needs the money. That gets pushed to the side once her and Keegan start spending most of their free time together.

Of course, there's drama...Keegan's fighting with himself which is really a no win situation but luckily some words that Gabrielle's sister, Jessa, said to him finally hits home.

Gabrielle also has a decision to make but it's easier than she thought and just when they make peace with things...*everything* blows up. And it's quite the mess indeed.

My heart just went out to Gabrielle when everything went down but thank goodness for her sister. She was a godsend...and her professor wasn't half bad either!

I loved how things worked out and I loved Keegan's almost single minded focus. However, I hated his family (OMG!). And I felt some things were a little predictable. But all in all, another winner for Elizabeth Finn!

Prior to review...

Wooohooo...another Elizabeth Finn book. Can't wait!

Excerpt:

<http://elizabethfinnfiction.com/welco...>

Arianna♦*SteamyReadsBlog*♦ says

4.5 Stars!!

Elizabeth Finn delivered another addictive, intriguing tale that totally blew me away. *'Kissed'* was everything I hoped it would be – emotional and angst and fascinating from the beginning until the end. A perfect blend of steam, angst and also a little bit of humor, this book was unputdownable, very well written with a great solid plot and two well developed characters that will hold you captive from start to finish.

Keegan Lauri loves his job as a political PR strategist. He's good, hardworking and ruthless when it comes to it. He helps create what the world is looking for, he creates the image people want to see. He's not afraid to manipulate others when the situation needs it and he would lie and cheat to accomplish what he wants. The man Keegan has been hired to look out for doesn't understand the risk his last "conquest" imposed on his reputation, but Keegan is more than willing to do anything to get rid of Gabrielle Kitrick, a woman who Keegan believes is a threat to every man who falls for her beauty.

"DON'T you want me to kiss it? Make it feel better?" I asked her.
She paused as though dumbfounded. "Make what feel better?"
I studied her eyes. "All those feelings I hurt the other night."

Gabrielle 'Gabe' Kitrick is a high priced escort who at 22, she already forgot how to be a normal college girl. She doesn't love what she does for a living, but she has her own reasons for choosing this profession. She needs the money, so she's determined to please her clients as best as she can.

"Don't worry. I won't tell your secrets," I whisper.
"You ARE the secret," she whispered back.

Keegan never expected to be so attracted with Gabe and for sure didn't expect for the young beauty to be so drawn to him. Neither of them can't deny the undeniable attraction between them, so when Keegan demands a night with Gabe, she reluctantly accepts. Our hero figures out pretty quickly that Gabe's looks are a façade and the more he comes to know her, the more difficult it becomes to ignore her humanity.

"I didn't know this girl. At the very least I didn't know her well enough to justify my involvement in her life. And yet, I felt so fucking immersed in it."

Mrs. Finn is a fantastic storyteller! She always manages to create a fascinating story that will make you feel and endearing, relatable characters that you will fall in love with from the beginning. 'Kissed' was a very entertaining read. Like every one of this author's books it was well written, well-paced and very refreshing. While this one was not as angsty as other books I've read by her, which I have to say it was a nice change, it was read that held me captive the entire time.

Both Keegan and Gabe were well written, had depth and made this story a fantastic experience. Keegan's character development was fantastic in my opinion. He was a complex character that will piss you off, but also make you fall in love with him as the story progresses. I must admit he didn't win me over from the beginning. His attitude towards Gabe really got me angry. I wanted to punch him in the face repeatedly. As the story unfolded, he stopped being a douche, so eventually I warmed up to him. Gabe was a heroine I liked very much from the start. She was mature for her age which I liked and I have to say I loved her strength and loyalty. Her vulnerable side was somehow endearing and I found her character to be somehow relatable.

"I was as much a threat to her as anyone. She'd told me that once. She'd been right. I simply hadn't listened."

Keegan and Gabe's relationship was a little tumultuous I could say. I liked these two together very much – how their relationship changed with each and every chapter, their interactions and of course their palpable chemistry that trust me when I say was fantastically done.

My favorite aspect of this story was without a doubt the steam aspect. Elizabeth Finn writes amazing passionate steamy sex scenes. I devoured every single sex scene between these two. They were so well written and so hot. I couldn't get enough!

Overall, another fantastic read by Elizabeth Finn!

"Our lips could make the world disappear."

Elizabeth Finn says

It's Live through Amazon! And a day early at that!

Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

4.5 Stars

So how much then?"

"How much...?"

"For your lips."

"They're not for sale."

If there's one thing I know when I pick up a new book by Elizabeth Finn, it's that angst and a punch straight to the feels is guaranteed. There's a damn good reason why she's become my go-to when I'm craving an addicting combination of angst and emotion and she'll deliver on the promise 100% of the time. Reading the synopsis I knew I was in for one heck of a read and I was not wrong. It's everything I hoped it would be; seductive, emotional, angsty and hot enough to burn.

Keegan Lauri is ruthless when it comes to his job as a political PR strategist. He will do whatever it takes, even if it requires playing dirty. When he realizes that his new "assignment" happens to have a weakness in the form of the stunning woman that shows up on his arm to a political function, he knows he needs to get rid of her by any means necessary. What he doesn't expect is to be lured in by her beauty and intriguing vulnerability himself...

Don't worry. I won't tell your secrets," I whisper.

"You ARE the secret," she whispered back.

Gabrielle Kitrick may be my favorite heroine I've read of Finn's in a while. She's this endearing combination of vulnerability and strength. The way that the author unveils all her layers though each chapter only serves to connect you to her even more. She may be a high priced escort, but she has a damn good reason for doing what she does. She's not one of those in your face with her sexuality heroines, yet she doesn't exactly berate herself about it either. When the devastatingly handsome Keegan shows up instead of her 'client' and propositions her for a night, the pull between them is too strong for her to refuse and so she gives in.

You want me to kiss it and make it feel better again, all those feelings you have bottled up inside, torturing you? Our lips sure do know how to make it disappear, don't they?

What begins is a dangerous push and pull between two people that have everything to lose and yet chose to lose themselves in each other. The chemistry between them is undeniable and you can practically feel the electric current that crackles between them. The fact that you're basically reading the book just waiting for the other shoe to drop makes it for one absolutely unputdownable read.

You know that something will go wrong, but you don't know when or how. And that particular weight is a shadow over each and every one of their stolen interactions.

He leaned down, kissing my shoulder and then up to my ear. "Use me," he whispered. " I know you need to."

The one thing that this author knows how to do amazingly well is give her characters an incredible amount of depth and you certainly feel that with both Keegan and Gabe. Keegan is a wonderfully multi-layered character. He may be ruthless when it comes to his job and he may not be able to control some of the insults that fly out of his mouth in the heat of the moment, but there's also something so incredibly vulnerable about

him too. The way that these emotions of his get unveiled is utterly delicious. With each new chapter brings an added depth to him and you can't help but fall for him even though you know that he just may be Gabe's ultimate demise...

They can't hurt me. They can't make some cruel off-the-cuff remark like you and cut me to the bone. The don't get to make me cry. They can't truly touch any part of me that really matters. You"- it came out on a rush of breath, trailing into nothing for a moment- "hurt."

This is a story that kept me glued to the pages from beginning to finish. While I knew what was coming, it still managed to pack in a few surprises with the way everything took place. I believe the point is that the reader ultimately knows what would happen and spend the entirety of the book with their heart in their throat waiting for that other shoe to drop. Finn manages to wrangle quite a few emotions in the process making this not only one sizzling read but something beyond your typical escort book. The pacing is perfection, the characters are phenomenally developed and the story itself is purely addicting. If you haven't read anything by this author yet, I highly suggest you start with this one. I guarantee you that you'll be hooked. Elizabeth's brand of angst just works for me and she seriously outdid herself with Kissed. I can't wait what else she has in store for us with her future releases.

I'd entered her life too thoughtlessly, too callously, too selfishly, and try as I might to undo that, I'd just never succeeded.

ARC courtesy of author in exchange for an honest review

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