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Lisette Pannebaker speaks five languages and has a brilliant business plan—personal language immersion. Clients can hire her to shadow them and speak all day in any language they need to learn for business or travel—whatever. But there's a major hitch: she's far too pretty. Clients with less than honorable intentions sign up just to have Lisette at their side. Solution? A make-under. Way under.

The bad wig, icky makeup and puffy sweaters work like a charm. None of her male clients show her the least bit of interest. Lisette's totally relieved.

Until...Erik.

Erik Gunnarson is charming, kind, and smart—everything she's ever looked for. Every day as his tutor is making her fall for him more. Even though he seems to have a secret, and she's sworn she'd never date a client, Lisette is tempted to shed her disguise—although it could mean jeopardizing her career.

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## **Immersed Details**

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# From Reader Review Immersed for online ebook

## Alisa says

I thought this was a great way to end the series! I now want to go read every book Jennifer Griffith has ever written! :)

Lisette was horrified on graduation day to find out that the guy she thought was going to propose to her (she had gone ring shopping with him, after all) was actually using her and was planning to propose to someone else. She starts her own business out of grad school as a linguist for hire -- if someone wants to learn one of the 5 languages she speaks, she will do a 1:1 immersion program with them. She has a great business plan, but she has one recurring problem: she's too good-looking and her clients keep wanting "more" from her (even though they signed a contract that firmly stated there were no other "benefits" besides the language immersion). So her aunt talks her into doing a make-under. Which works well until she meets Erik Gunnarson.

From the beginning, you can tell there is more to Erik Gunnarson than he is telling. He is from Iceland and looking to improve his English and so he signs up for a six-week session with her. He is the opposite of everything she has learned to hate about men. And her ugly disguise doesn't seem to phase him at all... it's as if he can see right through it! I loved the scene where he took her ring-shopping and convinced her to play the role of his fiancée so he could learn to negotiate a business deal in English.

There were a few minor distractions in this story (for example, the whole story of Mort and her mother -- I feel like I must have accidentally skipped a few pages in the story because parts of that didn't even make sense to me), but overall I loved the characters of Erik and Lisette so much that I didn't really care! I usually like the novella length, but I would have loved to have seen this story a little more developed - mostly because I didn't want it to end so soon!

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## Lynn says

Not my thing.

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## Rachael Anderson says

Talk about a fun read! Jennifer's writing style is engaging and hilarious, and I really grew to adore her characters and this story. The funny moments, the sweet moments, and the romantic moments all came together to make the perfect finale for this series. I really loved this book!

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## Shash says

Lisette is very good at what she does. She also looks like a model. Her problem is finding clients that are there because of her business and not to make moves on her. The answer? A make-under. With a bad wig, some make up, frumpy clothes, and even a piece to give her a unibrow, she knows that anyone that hires her is only there for business. For 18 months it works great, then Erik Gunnarson hires her. Now she wishes she hadn't made herself quite so ugly.

This was such an enjoyable read! I smiled, I laughed, I sighed. The whole Ripple Effect series has been great!!

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### **Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says**

This was a lot of fun and really cute. Lisette has finished school and is excited to start her own company. She has lived all over the world and has a knack for learning languages. She starts a company where she hires herself out to help businessmen learn other languages. The only problem is she is gorgeous and the men think she is offering a lot more than linguistic skills. In order to be taken seriously she decides to do a make-under (I thought she went a little extreme, but it was funny).

Fast forward a couple years and in walks the handsome Erik Gunnarson looking for a six week session to help his with his English. Erik seems to overlook her ugly appearance and comes up with fun "work" outings to help improve his English. I had my suspicions of what he was up to, but it was still fun to see how everything unfolds.

I liked the premise and thought everything played out well. The end was a tad rushed. I wanted a little more groveling from Erik and a little more closure with Mort and her Mom (their story also seemed a bit rushed). Her mom was really pathetic, didn't like her much.

Overall, a lighthearted read that was hard to put down. I'm sad this is the end of the series and hope there will be more in the future!

Content: Clean

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### **Christina says**

#### **Cute and fun romance!**

I would have never thought that a "make-under" would be necessary, but it definitely is in the case of Lisette. I enjoyed the storyline immensely, and the romance was cute and swoon-worthy. Sometimes I felt things were rushed or summarized too much. I would have loved for there to have been more to their interactions. Still a cute and fun (and clean!) romance.

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### **Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says**

Kindle freebie romance time again! A weak 3 stars for this one, which had a very cute if contrived concept but kind of stumbled in the execution. This one is for non-critical, sweet romance fans only.

Lisette is gorgeous and brilliant (though you wouldn't know it from most of the choices she makes ...) and speaks several different language fluently. After graduating and getting dumped by her idiot boyfriend - from his limited dialogue, it's hard to understand what she saw in him - she comes up with a business plan: language immersion services for business people trying to learn a new language. She shadows them all day long, helping with the language. After too many clients try to pick her up and harass her, Lisette gets herself a "make-under": wearing an awful wig, makeup that ages and uglifies her, and schlumpy clothing.

All works well, until Erik comes along: a hot, Icelandic dude and successful businessman. Suddenly Lisette wants to dump the whole make-under and show Erik her real self. But she's afraid of ruining her business and her friendship with Erik.

Both the characters and the storyline are pretty shallow and improbable, and the plot gets disjointed, giving some subplots short shrift (like the whole thing with Lisette's mother and the guy who wants her, and how that got resolved in the end, which should have been developed a lot more fully or just left out) and skimming over time periods that could have used some more delving into. But it's a cute, very light romance if you want to just put your brain on autopilot and roll with it.

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## **Amanda (Hootie) Clark says**

4.5 Stars

What would you do if you were so beautiful that you had to make yourself UNDER just to be taken seriously? I'm not sure about you but I have never had this problem but Lisette Pannebaker does. After graduating college with a degree in business specialising in languages Lisette opens up her own business that will allow her to travel with her clients and teach them the language needed in order to better help their business dealings with foreign investors. Her only goal is to make her business a success so she can make enough money to pay back her student loans and the debt she owes to the CEO of her family's company. Unfortunately nothing is easy for the gorgeous blond with a bubbly personality as client after client misunderstands what her job is and crosses the line of appropriate with her therefore terminating their contracts.

Lisette is a character I found myself loving and rolling my eyes at. She's absolutely gorgeous so you would think she had no reason to whine about anything. Cry me a river, right? For a woman who wants to set out on her own and make something of herself I could understand why she felt the way she did. Lisette didn't want anyone giving her anything solely on her looks because they either didn't see past the beauty into the person she really is or sort of dumbed her down and made her into the "Little Woman" and that's a quick way to get slapped, guys I'm looking at you! Meeting up with Lisette fresh out of college her poor little heart was broken by a guy she thought she wanted to marry but he played a pretty nasty joke on her that has left some scars on her love life. With some help from Samantha, a character I loved from book 5 Lisette goes throw a De-transformation to make herself look frumpy and unattractive. This was a genius move on her part because her business took off and left her not having to worry about anyone crossing the line. Of course with this new appearance and her working so much her love life suffers, until Erik Gunnarson comes into the picture.

I have to take a minute to gush about this guy. I loved him so much I want to run down the street naked with a tambourine. Erik comes to Lisette from Iceland in need of some help polishing his English skills and their

six week contract should do just that. A self made millionaire before he was finished with high school Erik had the brains but he wasn't your average nerd. All that delicious brain power was wrapped up inside a yummy package any woman would drool over at first glance. His charming heavy accent that made me laugh while he was learning how to speak American English was an adorable character trait. I loved seeing Lisette's reactions to how he mispronounced words and phrasing attempts. There was something special about Erik that I picked up on early on. He was a cheeky little guy and the fact that he wasn't bothered by Lisette's appearance in the lightest had my inner sleuth coming out of hiding. Erik was different from all the other guys that have hurt Lisette because he put her well being ahead of his own several times and proved how much of a gentleman he was repeatedly.

Lisette was a hard working young woman filled with determination and high hopes that often times seemed bleak at best. Fighting against a rooked business man who held power over her family nearly crippled her hard work but she pulled through and salvaged her dignity and I loved seeing that for her. The relationship with Erik was adorable and the connection between them made my heart flutter with joy. Of course they hit some a rough spot that was just a misunderstanding but Erik was such a great guy and Lisette a somewhat rational female was able to see past what she thought she saw and work through her issues. Erik and Lisette were one of those couples that I fell in love with right along with them and enjoyed their journey. If you want some guilt free romance with an adorable hero and heroine then give Immersed a shot.

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### **Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says**

Intriguing plot with likeable but shallow characters, unfortunately the writing had no depth and it turned out to be stereotypical fluffy chick-lit. Disappointing since the earlier novellas in the series were well-written.

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### **Katie W says**

Lisette is pretty fluent in many languages, since she grew up moving all over the world. After graduating from college, she wants to start a business helping clients learn a language by immersing them in it. Things don't go quite as planned because her good looks get in the way and most clients want more than to just learn a language. She decides to get a "make under" and turn herself into a more homely looking woman. She has a strict policy not to date her clients, but things change when she meets Erik. He's Icelandic and wants to become better at English to help his business along. He seems charmed by her, despite her looks, but it seems like he's hiding something to me.

Lisette isn't the type of woman to give in to her beauty and the demands men place on her because of it. She's very smart and independent, trying so hard to make her business work and to help her mom out with a shady contract. She fights her feelings so hard because she believes in being true to her word. My favorite part was the ski escapade in Aspen. I was laughing out loud over it!

Erik is a good-looking guy, yet he seems to look past the outward appearance and sees the inner beauty. I couldn't decide if he was a good guy or a bad guy because he didn't seem to be up front about everything. I loved how he deterred the burglars at McDonald's. He's either brave or stupid--maybe both. :)

The romance in this one was very gradual and hesitant, which fit the storyline well. I enjoyed watching the story unfold--it didn't feel forced or rushed, as some novellas do.

Content: no language; some mild violence; mild romance. Clean!

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### **June says**

Sad to see this series come to an end. Loved this one. Erik hires Lisette to follow him around for six weeks working on his English for business purposes. Lisette has undergone a make-under so she can avoid the sexual moves of uncouth men. But Erik is different. She likes when he touches her arm or their legs touch while sitting next to each other. But she's got to keep her focus on getting through this time. Erik will free her of debt and her mother's also, if she gets her check from him. But so much more is going on. This was a great story and I really enjoyed it. Good clean reading.

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### **Charissa says**

Such a fun, cute, quirky romance. I laughed and enjoyed every page of this light, fluffy read. This story has a gorgeous, smart girl who gets tired of being appreciated only for her outward appearance, especially in her business where she immerses clients in language training. She's sick of guys making passes at her, and thinking she's a paid escort. So Lisette undergoes a make-under, using makeup to transform her into an older, plainer woman, one who won't appeal to anyone. But when Erik Gunnar, an Icelandic Norse god, signs up for her services, she almost wishes he could see the real her.

I loved Lisette and Erik. She is hilarious, and her thoughts made me laugh all the time. Erik is the perfect hero that every romance reader adores. A gentleman who sees under the surface layer to the awesome girl underneath. Loved the premise of this book (kind of the ugly duckling story turned and twisted inside out), and the cute dialogue and funny scenes. This author always writes great fluffy reads that make me feel good and smile real big. Love her books!

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### **Tressa (Wishful Endings) says**

Loved it! Review coming next week.

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### **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

Immersed is the last book in the Ripple Effect Romance Series and honestly, probably the most amusing of the bunch. This has been such a fun series to review and I'm so glad I had the chance.

Lisette is a smart, talented girl. All she wants is to use those smarts and talents to make a career for herself but things aren't going so well. She is desperate to make it work, not just for her sake but for her mother's as well. Desperation and determination are what drive Lisette to the whole "make-under" idea. The whole thing is just so amusing. It had me smiling practically the whole way through.

I love Erik. I love how the relationship evolves between Erik and Lisette. Lisette slowly begins to shed her



protective layers (figuratively and literally) as she falls for Erik.

I hope if you haven't already, you will pick up this series. These are all quick, romantic books, completely clean and completely fun. I hope there will be more to come from these authors with another series like this. I have really enjoyed it. These can be stand alone books but I think it's more fun if you read them in order.

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## **Jessie says**

Lisette wants to use her business degree and language experience in her business, Immersed. She offers herself as a private language tutor immersing her client in the language they wish to learn. Unfortunately, most of her clients seem confused about her job description. In order to ward off unwanted attention, Lisette undertakes a "make-under." She has no problems with her no dating policy anymore, until Erik Gunnerson comes along. Now he seems to see past her disguise, and she can't remember why dating clients is such a bad thing.

Immersed was a great conclusion to the Ripple Effect series. My only complaint is that the series is over! The romance was sweet, and the story somewhat predictable, but that didn't disappoint me at all. I loved Erik and the lengths he went to to get to know Lisette.

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