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**Love is the strongest emotion in the world...next to hate.**

I knew hate. Had known it since I was seventeen. For me, it was love turned on its head, a product of hurt and fear—twisted, tied up...and placed on the sculpted shoulders of Ethan Riske.

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Dayton, Tennessee.

Home to the best cow-tipping in the world, the biggest hot dogs, and the lousiest sex.  
Or so I'd heard...

They were right about the first two. Ethan Riske proved them wrong about the third and at seventeen, he and I spent a summer under the stars, squeezing our way out of trouble, sweating and panting among the haystacks.

*Until he left.*

Nine years later, when a huge publishing house tries to buy my small press, I storm into the office of the CEO to find him.

Same cocky grin. Different name.

And suddenly all I can think about is exacting revenge on Ethan Riske for breaking his contract...and my heart.

But there's someone who wants revenge even more than I do. As I begin to fall for the new Ethan, will the sins of the old one come back to haunt us?

*This book is a complete re-make of the former novel, Paradise Forbidden, and contains the same characters. The Lies and Lust series, which contains Games & Diversions, is transitioning into the **Revenge series**. The next novel in the series is Perfect Revenge (formerly Games & Diversions).*

## Riske and Revenge Details

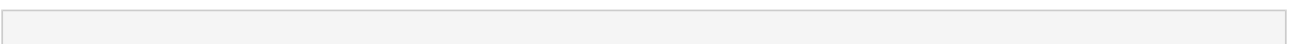
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## ItaPixie says

I loved this story!

Natalie E. Wrye helped me survive to these latest few stressing days,she wrote a novel that doesn't even let you take a breath.The fast pace and the suspense will make you turning the pages frantically.

I did need a strong heroine and I've found Kat, I did need a man who was a "bastard" but at the right time he showed his true color and he became the Hero and I've found Riske.

When Ethan says that to conquer the business world is like courting a woman is just so lyrical and swooning and he made me so jealous...I'd like to meet a man like him if he ever exist in real life.

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## Michelle Abascal Monroy says

**This story is soo good!!**

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Riske and Revenge is a standalone that could be a second chance romance but also enemy to lovers!! OMG we meet two amazing characters with great and strong personalities!! The hero and the heroine met in the past when they were young but for some situations the hero broke the heroine heart, so imagine what will happen when they find again after almost 10 years!!

I love Natalie books because they have always suspense and some really amazing situations, like te ones you will find in this book, for example I lovee that the characters didnt have so easy to find their HEA!! because we know a good romance needs its drama and suspense and that's why i love to read the books of this lady.

So if you want to know what is the mistery story between Ethan and Kat you NEED to read this book!! once you start reading it you wont put it away until you finish it!!!

Congrats Natalie for this amazing story and I'm sure the next ones will be more amazing!!

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## Book-Bosomed blog says

DNF

I couldn't connect with these characters or the romance. Top reasons why:

1. H gets a blowjob by a stripper in the opening scene.
2. Pages and pages in multiple chapters of flashbacks in italic. A simple 'Fill-in-the-blank Years Ago' heading would suffice. Italic is something to be used sparingly. i.e. It's annoying to read for any length of time!
3. At 29%, Part 2, the H monologues that "I'd spent at least part of half the week with beach blonde bunnies in my bed, redheads in the Rolls, a caramel-haired cutie to bide the time."

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### **Rebecca Austin says**

This was a great book with lots of twists and turns to have you wondering what is going to happen next and how everything that you have already put together is going to play out.

I really liked Katarina and knew she didn't have the easiest life growing up and she managed to make something for herself. But Katarina had her childhood best friend Lainey working with her and helping her through everything she was coming up against.

I loved how everything began to fall into place and with what Ethan did to Harrison Kennedy. From there things got super interesting but even before that with the fires we knew someone was up to something.

I was completely surprised with a few of the twists and turns, especially at the end!! I did not see the ending coming at all!

Everything ended falling into place as it should but it was not an easy road getting there.

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### **Laura Watson says**

I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review. I Love this author and this book!! I was on the edge of my seat and could not put it down!

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### **Siobhan says**

Riske and Revenge is the first book in Natalie E. Wrye's Revenge series, and I'm unsure how I feel about this one.

In truth, this is a two-point-five-star rating rounded up. I went in expecting a story that would grip me, but I wasn't as sucked in as I was hoping I would be. There were a few moments where I found myself enjoying it, but mostly I felt as though I was wading through a lot of nothing to reach the good stuff.

I think a lot of my issues came from the fact I disliked both of our main characters. Not in the sense of them being unlikeable characters in any particular way, simply that I couldn't find anything that made me care about them. I didn't care much about their individual stories, nor did I care much for the relationship between the two of them. I was watching things unfold, but I didn't care much at all.

Moreover, I spent so long waiting for something big to happen in relation to the revenge aspect. It's the name of the series, so my hopes were high... Yet I was let down. Sure there were some drama filled moments, but it wasn't the dark and twisted revenge story I had been hoping for. It felt as though too many things were thrown together, too many aspects were attempted, and none were played out as well as they could have been.

Despite it all, there were glimpses of possibility throughout this book – hence why I rounded up instead of down. It could have been so much more, but as it was it felt like a bit of a chore.

Overall, it wasn't what I had been hoping for.

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### **Victoria says**

A great story about second chance at romance. It's full of drama, suspense and slow burning romance. It will capture your attention with its twists and turns. The chemistry between the characters is sizzling and sexy. It's an enjoyable read. I voluntarily reviewed an advance copy of this book.

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### **Tricia says**

Riske and Revenge is a tale of love lost and second chances, misunderstandings and betrayals. Through flash backs we get glimpses into the past, which weave seamlessly with the present as a mystery begins to unfold.

Ethan and Kat have great chemistry and the sexual innuendo was hot and steamy. Letters and messages are sent back and forth before either know who the other is and these had me chuckling to myself. Kat is very conflicted once she discovers Ethan's identity, especially when not everything is as it seems and secrets and lies have still to be uncovered. Despite their animosity their feelings for each other are undeniable and I love the push and pull between them. However, it's not all plain sailing and someone has it out for this pair, putting obstacles in their way, trying to keep them apart.

This book will keep you guessing until the end when everything falls into place and the twisted truth is finally revealed. A great slow burn contemporary hot and suspenseful romance I don't hesitate to recommend.

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### **Jacinda Owen says**

Nothing like a super hot businessman in an Armani suit that doesn't mind getting his hands dirty. Ethan Riske is all that and a bag of chips! Love this story. Wrye does an excellent job at adding plenty of action and madness to her romance. Sending you on quite the adventurous journey with Kat and Ethan. The villain of the story, I never figured out who it was until the very end, love being surprised. Can't wait for the next

installment!

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**Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says**

## **2 STARS**

***Surviving Ethan Riske was a miracle I'd only had to do once. I wasn't quite sure I could do it again.***

Natalie E Wrye is a new to me author that hooked me with the intriguing blurb for this book. There's nothing better than a good second chance romance to me. I can tell that I'll definitely try other books by her in the future, however, this book fell a bit flat for me.

All the ingredients for a great read were there; great set up, intriguing characters, a nice and sexy slow burn. Unfortunately, the discombobulated story line is what lessened my enjoyment. It was all over the place and nowhere at the same time.

The story is told in flashbacks to past and present. While this could have worked really well, the flashbacks were choppy and didn't work with the story. Some parts felt cut off and unfinished and didn't add to the story but added to more confusion. The character development was lacking and kept me from connecting with the MCs. This was especially true for the hero. When you first meet him, he's getting a blow job from a random stripper in a club. Now, I wouldn't mind this, if I felt like it added something to his character development. But it made him seem vapid and narcissistic considering he goes on to think how handsome he is and how he can get any woman and usually does.

***I had the kind of voice that made women melt, made panties twist on their own. It had been described as a mix between George Clooney with a hint of vintage Rock Hudson, possessing the swagger of a Fortune 500 executive... and the sheer physical prowess of an athlete. Born to rule. Bred for greatness.***

Who thinks about how sexy their own voice is during a bj? \*scratches chin\*

The encounter leaves him empty and he finds himself thinking of a girl from his past that he never got over. None of this really felt like it was adding to the story or really driving the plot, much like the rest of the book.

The heroine and hero have a past, but it's insufficiently developed. I don't really understand why he lied or why he had to leave. You get told why, but it felt like a detached telling that I just never connected to or truly understood.

All things considered, this would have still been a solid 3 star read for me until the twist at the end. It was so random and completely out of left field that it felt more like shock value than a twist. It was once more poorly developed and fleshed out and completely killed any buzz I had going with the book. So going with the GR star value, this book was just OK for me. I didn't hate it, I didn't love it. I'd definitely check out other books by this author, but this one unfortunately just didn't work for this reader. I'm clearly in the minority though and many did love the book, so give it a shot if the blurb intrigues you, and judge for yourself.

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## **Sandra Shipman ~ Two Book Pushers says**

Riske and Revenge is the first book in the Revenge series by one of my favorite suspense romance authors, Natalie E. Wrye! I have read all of her books and have beta read most of them. I just love how she makes me think, laugh, and tingle sometimes all at once. Before I start talking about the story I want to explain that if you read a Paradise Forbidden then you have met Kat and Ethan (known as Trevor). This is a complete re-write of their story. It's not the same story. They might have the same names, kinda but they are not the same in personalities. It's hard to explain. Overall...if you read Paradise Forbidden ...read this. If you didn't...read Riske and Revenge.

Nine years. It's been nine years since Kat has seen Ethan Riske. The boy that found trouble. The boy that she loved at seventeen. The boy that disappeared that same year. She hasn't seen him but she knew he was now the man that she hated. He was also the man she couldn't forget. The man who tortured her in his dreams and in her heart. Now nine years later, she sees him again. And damn him for looking even sexier and more sophisticated in his three piece suits. And fuck him for wanting to ruin her. She wants her revenge but can she do that and keep her body from betraying her?

Brendon Foxx has it all. CEO. Nice rides. Sweet office. Kickass friends. As many women as he wants. But there is still one thing he doesn't have. Her. The girl who he left behind in Tennessee. The girl that he could be himself around. The one girl that didn't chase him. The girl of his dreams. That was all she was now. A dream. Until, he sees Kat once again. She was reality but not his. He saw the look in her eyes and they were not kind. He knew that look. He was fucked and not in a good way.

Kat and Ethan's relationship is complex. They thought they knew each other nine years ago but now? Their chemistry was still there. Kat's feistiness was still intact. Ethan's trouble-making smirk was still panty melting but he wasn't the same person who left Tennessee or was he and Kat didn't see it? She might have some glimpses but not this. Will she even see her Ethan again or is it too late?

I liked their story the first time around but I loved it the second time. The writing is more addicting. The characters are more developed. The storyline is just more. I laughed more. The heat rose. The suspense was less predictable. I am excited about the rest of the series of remakes. Natalie totally kicked ass with this one!

Quotes:

With Kat Lexington, nothing was simple.

I thought about the comment Brendon Foxx once made about me working at Red Lobster, and figured that I might as well start working on my biscuit recipe.

She was the song that my heart had never stopped singing.



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## C Dorsey says

Riske and Revenge is an incredibly written story that touches on so many of my book-kinks that I had a hard time putting it down! Second chance, enemies-to-lovers, mystery and intrigue, some rom-com in there mixed with some super steamy scenes.. This book had it all. Natalie Wrye did a wonderful job bringing Ethan and Kat's story to life.

After Ethan breaks Kat's heart; they're thrust together once more 9 years later, when fate, work - and an arsonist take aim at their prospective businesses. Kat is a strong woman, not willing to fall back into Ethan's arms after he disappeared on her when they were young. Ethan has his own secrets and demons that he must battle in trying to get Kat to open up to him once again. Their chemistry, the sexual tension, the angst, the banter. This book was thoroughly entertaining.

If there was something I had to say about this book that I wasn't thrilled with, it was the ending. It was something I struggled with just a little bit, and reread a few times. It felt.. Incomplete? Like something was missing or it was rushed? It's hard to explain without giving too much away. HOWEVER, it could be setting something up for the next book. We shall see!

Highly recommended book that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

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## Laura says

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DNF at 32%

I loved the premise of this book, and the blurb hooked me. Second chance romances are a favorite of mine.

Unfortunately, the book didn't hook me at all. I struggled near the beginning as it takes a long time for the characters to interact. And, when you need to both explain a past relationship and develop one in the present, each scene needs to matter, to tell the story, and to move it forward.

There's a blow job scene at the beginning that is odd, and sets up Riske as someone I didn't actually like. It seemed out of place, and it wasn't how I wanted to meet the hero of the story.

There's a snail-mail letter exchange that seemed really juvenile to me. These are supposed to be 2 CEO level executives, and they are referencing (incorrectly I might add) that Trix cereal isn't for kids. (The bunny, FYI, agrees, but this is not the point here.) I struggled to take them seriously at this point, as neither Brendon or Kat are terribly likeable as the main characters.

I also struggled with the author's writing style. There were a lot of times where it felt to me like the author was trying to avoid using a cliché, so she changed it slightly. These pulled me out of the book. There were also some odd phrases and sentence structure that I struggled with. I get it, each author has a different style and voice, and not every author works for every reader.

Unfortunately, the word choice issues were, for me, the final straw on this one.

The book bounces from past to present, the writing is choppy and there's no flow to any of the scenes. I didn't feel their past relationship really added to the present story, and there were plot holes, gaps and pacing issues that made it difficult for me to connect with the characters.

I'm in the minority, it seems, which is fine, but I really didn't connect with this story.

I'm not able to recommend this title.

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## **Tanaka K says**

Whenever I read a Natalie E. Wrye book, I am always swept into her world that is brilliant, exciting and thrilling. Her books just completely leaves me so satisfied every time I read them. There is just something truly beautiful about them that I sometimes I cannot away. I am always transfixed on them. I am always captured by them. Riske and Revenge was another book that totally left me with a smile on my face. That book was amazing to read. It was charming. It was endearing. It was edgy. It was a book that brought me in to a storyline so wonderful that I got goosebumps on my skin just by reading it. Riske and Revenge was definitely one of my favourite books from Natalie E. Wrye and he best from her.

When I read a book, there are always things I look for, engaging, interesting and well thought out storyline, swoon worthy characters and fiery hot scenes. And Riske and Revenge truly delivered on that. Man oh man, this book was freaking drool worthy and tantalizing to the max. I love every single part of Riske and Revenge. The drama. The romance. The feelings. The fire. Everything about it was simply magnificent that I devoured this book. Heart pumping wicked. Pulsing. Fascinating. Humorous. Riske and Revenge was a second chance contemporary romance filled with an enemies to lovers to story that was beyond drop dead gorgeous. Natalie E. Wrye wrote a fantastic story with amazing writing. Her writing is so simple yet it just pulls you in. I freaking adore it.

Riske and Revenge introduced me to Ethan Riske and Kat Lexington, a couple with immense chemistry so fun and off the charts perfect. I love these two so much. There was hate. There was love. There was panty melting dialogues between that set the book on fire. Of all the characters of Natalie E. Wrye, I loved Ethan and Kat more. Kat was fiery, sassy and a loyalty to her business. Ethan was cocky, alpha, funny and damn sexy that I wanted to do wild things to him. Natalie E. Wrye definitely brought so much life and colour to Ethan and Kat.

Riske and Revenge will give you an enjoyable and slow burn ride into stratosphere. If you are fan of second chance romance with a little enemies to lovers action then this book is for you.

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## **Crystal says**

Riske and Revenge is really good second chance love story. It was easy to follow and well written, it had some suspense, love and broken hearts. The characters are easy to like. It kept me reading till the end. Great read!

