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Working at a law firm comes with its own set of rules, and Blaire has broken rule number one. Consorting with the opposition could get her fired. In the blink of an eye, all of her hopes, dreams, goals, and aspirations could be dismissed.

She knows this.

Joel, EJ—whatever he is—is the enemy. *Persona non grata*. Her mind is aware of his standing. But her body? Not so much. It remembers every moment shared. Every flirty smile and witty comeback. Every whispered word with carefully placed hands.

Falling into bed with him was easy. Getting him to stay away will be the hardest thing she's ever faced.

## Shut Out Details

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## From Reader Review Shut Out for online ebook

### Book Loving Fairy-Blog says

Cee Smith book Shut Out part two was gift to me in an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

I am giving this book 5 stars because this book just keeps exposing so much more about Joel aka EJ and about his crazy ex-girlfriend. I had a feeling there was something more to Joel ex Lara and it turns out there is. Okay in book two you will find out just how crazy Lara is, but what I still can't wait to find out is why is she so crazy is it for money or is she just obsessed with Joel. In Shut out we get to read more about how close and how much Joel is falling in love with Blaire. Of course Blaire is also falling hard for Joel too she knows that her job is on the line, and she is trying really hard to stay away from him. But Joel knows that he wants Blaire and he will do everything to keep her. And in the end his crazy ex gives him finally what he wants which is Blaire. Unfortunately the way he gets her is not the way he wanted her. He wanted Blaire to come to him on her own freewill, but because of his ex Lara stalking him and Blaire he has to protect her in any possible way he can. This series is just getting better and better I so can't wait for the next book Shut Off. I mean the way the Author left us wondering what is Blaire going to do in the next book is blowing my mind. If you have not started this series please start it. I mean I love Cee Smith books she always knows how to keep her readers wanting more.

~ Amanda

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### Michelle says

Blaire and Joel's story continues in Shut Out. Now that the storm has settled a new one is brewing. With Joel's identity known, Blaire has to cut him out of her life and resist the attraction she feels towards him. But Joel isn't willing to just walk away, even if it could cost her everything.

I am quickly falling in love with this story and author. I have a love/hate relationship with serials, but Cee Smith delivers big time with her Just This Once series. Paced nicely and brought to neat and clean endings that not only gives you resolutions along the ways, but introduces the next plot twist in such an exciting way. Serial formats are not easy. It's not just about cutting a novel into 70-100 page sections. It's about creating a story within each installment and leaving the reader hungry for more.

I can't wait for the next one!

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### A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says

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### **Jayme says**

This is the second part of a new serial romance. It begins almost where the previous ends. And if you read it you know that there was not a small cliff. In this part we learn a little bit more, and the story of Joel and Blaire develops further.

#### **\*\*\*Quick Review:\*\*\***

**Series:** The second in the Just This Once serial romance.

**Grade/Tag Tabs:** Contemporary, Erotic Romance.

**Release Date:** November 23rd, 2015.

**Main characters:** Blaire is in her mid-twenties and work as associate at prestigious law firm in Vegas. Joel is 27 years old and runs his own company.

**Secondary characters:** Some friends, but so far almost non-existent.

**Location:** Las Vegas.

**Steamy:** (view spoiler)

**Sensitive topic:** (view spoiler)

**Love triangle:** (view spoiler)

**Cheating:** (view spoiler)

**Cliffhanger:** (view spoiler)

**HEA:** (view spoiler)

**Next in the series?** Yes. Next book Shut Off, December 7th 2015.

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**About the plot:** You know the background of events if you read the first part. The story is moving on. When Blaire finds out who the stranger, with whom she spend nights really is, she kicks him out of the house. Joel's ex-girlfriend accused him of brutal beating and her law firm represents her in the case against him.

Blaire is completely terrified the situation in which she found herself. She may lose her job by consorting with the opposition and destroy her career for which sacrificed so much. She is too focused on her work, to devote it to something fleeting and determined to never privately meet with him again. No matter how fantastic were their nights together.

But Joel does not intend to give up. He will try to win her back.

**Final thoughts:** It's a really good middle part of series. I was a little surprised in what direction it goes. But also I would like that has happened more. And certainly I would like to know more about Joel. Because we still do not know much about him.

*"I'm trying to keep this decent, but god I want to worship your pussy with my tongue and taste the juices I know are already waiting for me. "*

On this part he is trying to win her over again. With a variety of original ideas that have been funny and hot. Starting with simple flowers, to the singing telegrams and hot videos. What you may notice is that he is lonely and when hit on something valuable in his life is not going to give up. I really like him, even though seems quite soft for such a strong character. Well certainly he won me too with hot dirty talk in bed. Yes, there are some really steaming scenes.

This ends again with the cliff, but not as large as the first part. Surely I will manage to wait until December 7 to find out what happens next. Because story is moving into a more dangerous side and I really am curious what else happens. And I can not wait for their HEA.

*"I stared into his eyes, pleading for him to take me—it didn't matter how long, or how hard, or how fast, all I wanted was to be completely owned by Joel."*

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### **Sharon says**

SHUT OUT picks up right where SHUT IN left off. This series is so good. So Blaire realizes that the guy she was shut in with for a week is not just Joel but E.J. Trevaunt, the defendant of the big case her firm is handling. She is afraid that if anyone finds out that she slept with the defendant it will cost her the job that is the most important thing in her life, so she immediately cuts off communication with him.

Joel goes to amazing, romantic, sexy lengths to get Blaire to see him again and she finally agrees to meet him until someone sends a secret box with the message “Is this worth losing your job over?”

Again Joel is hot and sexy and is totally sweet and romantic to Blaire, but who is he really? Blaire says Joel has more secrets than Area 51. He seems like the perfect guy, and you can tell that he is really interested in her, but she is afraid of losing her job keeps pushing him away, but eventually things get steamy again until the other shoe drops and there is a threat to her safety. I really loved the story but, it is a bit short again.

Unfortunately this is a true cliffhanger! Basically it is only the next 10 chapters of the story. The good news is Part 3 is scheduled to be released on 12/7/15, so we only have a few weeks to wait to see what happens next.

Hero - Joel 4.5 stars

Heroine – Blaire 4.5 stars

Steam Level: 5 stars

Plot: 5 stars

Cliffhanger: YES

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### **Rosemary says**

I was so anxious to read Shut Out after the way Shut In ended. I have to say, I enjoyed this second volume even more than the first! Joel, who was panty melting in Shut In was even hotter in Shut Out. I completely understand Blaire's inability to stay away from him, even though she finds out he is the LAST man she should be sleeping with. I wouldn't be able to say no to him either! I don't want to put too much about the plot in this review, because all of the twists and turns is part of what makes this serial so interesting and fun to read. I highly recommend picking up this sexy and intriguing series.

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### **Tink Magoo is bad at reviews says**

I enjoyed this one more than the first because it wasn't just about the sex (shocking coming from me), there was drama and I felt that Joel wanted Blaire for more than just her vagina.

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## **Brandi says**

### **Crazy Ex-Girlfriend Alert**

I'm pretty sure the crazy ex takes the cake in this book. She's nuts. Beyond that, the sex is just as hot this time around. Joel is a dirty talker. And this story just gets better and better!

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## **Donna Sweeney says**

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Quite the saucy story line this book !

Blaire works at a law firm and just getting right to the nitty gritty meets "Joel" at a club and proceeds to have ALOT of passion with him. Things are looking up ? Or maybe there was an arterial motive for Joel meeting Blaire !!!!

This is book 2 in the series and although I had not read book one, I was able to grasp right away what had transpired and I was VERY interested to see how this story would play out.

Blaire is worried to death about her fling going public and the impact this could have on her career and the case she is working. Joel well he's a bit more chilled about it all.

Full of twist and turns and UNFORTUNATELY (hence 4 Sparkley Stars from me opposed to 5) the story ends on.....you've guessed it a Cliffy !!!! NOOOOOOOOO !!!

I still really enjoyed every page and I will definitely want the next book to see how the hell this story is going to end !!!

Well done Cee !

later peeps xx

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## **Rin W. Vitale says**

**Gotta love the male strippers part!! LOL Joel sure know his way to charm your pants! Loved it when he does his grovelling... :))**

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## **aNneMarLi - Chatterbooks Book Blog says**

4.5 I.NEED.FRESH.PANTIES.NOW.

Wow!!! The story just keeps getting better and better. It started almost where Shut In left off. In this book, Joel's identity was known. Blaire tried to keep him out of her life as it's her job and promotion that is at risk. However, no matter what she did, her body doesn't seem to coincide with what her mind wants. Her feeling towards him just keeps getting stronger. Who wouldn't??? Whenever Blaire shut him off, he has that witty comeback that will get your panties soooo damn wet you need a fresh one.. And oh??? you really have to read how Joel tried to win her back Oh.My. God. What he did was a combination of funny, sweet and soooooo damn steamy...

"But nothing felt as good as the first time I slid this cock into that slick cunt of yours. Do you remember now? How deep I went? You were literally gasping for breath. Begging me for mercy. Each time I rocked into you, you gasped. Are you gasping yet Blaire?"

Ahhhhhhhhh...Joel!!! I want more of him. As in more of his dirty talk. His flirtatious smile..the way he just is..Just perfect!! This book doesn't just have that steamy hot sex but more than that. You will be hooked not just by how graphical it is but by how the author wanted to convey to us the story behind it. You know that feeling when you read the book and you just can't forget what you just read but instead look forward to read more of it? That's how I felt when I read this book. That's why I'm looking for the next and final installment.

Wow!!Cee Smith!!! You have a unique way with words!

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### **April Symes says**

Oh MY!! This book is hotter than ever. This book picked up where #ShutIN left off . In #SHUTOFF, we have Blaire knowing the truth about Joel. She realizes her career could be over –Joel is someone who could ruin her career, especially now when she realizes who he is and what he is in relationship to her –The twists and turns keep coming, especially when Joel wont go away. He claims he “cares” about her but Blaire doesn't know anymore. She is afraid to trust, doesn't know what the truth is and when she is in danger, who can she trust ? Compared to book 1- there is this side to Joel that you get to see..this ,hmm, smoother, softer side which you really want more of-- you see why Blaire is so torn over Joel/EJ--Then you see why he keeps going back and apologizing to her and begging for another chance. And you also understand why Blaire is so wary about giving it, when there are these attempts on her life. Until Joel's cray cray EX takes things to a new level—well then, Blaire is all ready to take a step in the right direction and believe in Joel . Oh and the sexual tension—Oh YES!!! SOOO GOOD! I cannot wait UNTIL book 3 . The edge of the seat actions that happen make me want to see certain things happen like NOW but the cliffhanger in this book means book 3 will wait until I see if Joel and Blaire will have their HEA in book 3. Cee Smith has done it again. This is another great story with awesome characters and the sexual eroticism that is so fantastic. I cannot say enough good things except I wish I knew how this ends now...

My rating: 5.00 stars \*\*\*\*\*

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## **buzy\_reading says**

Shut Out is part two in the Just This Once series. Shut Out begins where Shut In ended. Shut In began with Blaire and Joel waking up to the reality of their one-night stand becoming a one-week stand. The bliss from the wild night of sex quickly dissipated when Blaire realized she had sex with a client. Blaire and Joel woke to a shut in. Las Vegas was under a wind storm warning informing people to remain indoors. Blaire obsessed over her time spent with Joel because he lied to her. Blaire found out her law firm was representing his ex-girlfriend. She broke rule number one.

Shout Off begins with Blaire being paranoid that people from work will find out she has been talking to Joel. Blaire does not want to lose her job.

Joel is irresistible. Blaire can no longer contain the ache that throbs between her legs. She needs Joel. When they kiss and touch it's not enough. Joel goes to any lengths to claim his prize. Joel and Blaire continue

sneaking around town meeting for conjugal visits.

It's not your typical millionaire story where the guy flashes his wealth. This is a forbidden erotic story about two people who enjoy sex with one another.

While Blaire tries to shut off her heart from Joel, Joel is busy reminding her how good they are together. Joel is too tempting for Blaire. There are some sexy hot sex scenes. Underneath the sexy erotic story is a story about Joel's ex-girlfriend who is trouble. These first two parts are setting up a story full of betrayal and revenge. It's a quick read. The writing is good.

Shut Off is book three coming in December.

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### **Sybil aka Lala says**

\*May contain spoilers so please proceed with caution if you haven't read the Shut In\*

Nefarious plots, suspicious characters, high-octane sexy times, angst and sexual tension? This book has it all.

Shut Out picks up where Shut In left off, with Blaire realising that Joel is on the opposite side of a brutal and violent abuse case her firm is handling. The plot thickens as more details of the case is revealed and things start taking a dangerous turn for Blaire, not only placing her career in danger but also her life.

I loved this instalment of the series. What I was expecting to be a straightforward forbidden love type romance has taken an unexpected turn and turned into so much more. The two are no longer locked in a house together and as other players begin to enter the story, motivations begin to blur the lines of right and wrong.

Beneath all the threats to Blaire's career she is still trying to get over the effect Joel has had on her. She's trying to move on and forget but Joel is absolutely not having it. He tries to win her back by any means necessary which makes for some extremely hot secret trysts and sometimes hilarious attempts by Joel to earn her forgiveness and have her give him the time of day. Blaire's stubbornness and fear makes for some deliciously angsty reading that only serves to up the sexual tension between the two.

Joel is still as cocky as ever in his refusal to take no for an answer and his attempts at forgiveness redeemed his actions from the first book, and then some. His filthy mouth and need for Blaire made the sexy times explosive and I was hanging on his every word.

I cannot wait to see what Cee Smith has in store in the instalment. Definitely recommend this series!

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