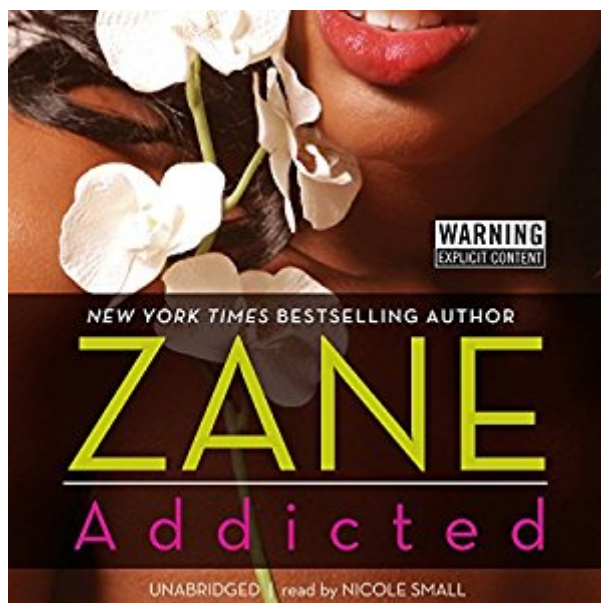


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## Synopsis

A woman's sexual obsession will be her downfall-or her liberation. For successful African American businesswoman Zoe Reynard, finding the pleasure she wants, the way she wants it, is not worth the risk of losing everything she has: marriage to the man she has loved since childhood, a thriving company, three wonderful children. But Zoe feels helpless in the grip of an overpowering addiction-to sex. Finding a compassionate woman therapist to help her, Zoe finally summons the courage to tell her torrid story, a tale of guilt and desire as shocking as it is compelling. From the sensitive artist with whom she spends stolen hours on rumpled sheets to the rough and violent man who draws her toward destruction, Zoe is a woman desperately searching for fulfillment-and something darker, deeper, and perhaps deadly. As her life spins out of control and her sexual escapades carry her toward a dangerous choice, Zoe is racing against time to uncover the source of her "fatal attraction." Chilling secrets tumble forth from the recesses of a woman's mind, and perilous temptations lead toward a climax that can threaten her sanity, her marriage-and her life.

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## Customer Reviews

Wow, where do I start? This book was way more than I thought it would be. Zoe and James have been childhood sweethearts, now they are married with children. Zoe has always felt different, always need more. She has the perfect life, the most loving and caring husband, onto of that sexy. But there is something missing. He's not giving Zoe what she needs in the bedroom. Needing that itch scratchedm Zoe will venture into a world she would have never thought she would enter. Cheating on her husband... But not with one, or even two, but three people. They each give her

something she is needing. Finally going for help, she spills her all to her therapist. But what once was fun, is now tearing her apart. Zoe is a sex addict, but why? How did this all come about? When everything starts crumbling around her and her secrets aren't secrets no more, can James and Zoe keep their marriage going. Can James finally give his wife what she is seeking in their bedroom. This is the first book I've read by an African-American author. As well as a book that all the main characters are the same race. This book was phenomenal. It keeps you engaged, keeps you turning the page. And finally saying "I didn't see that coming." An absolutely amazing read.

Even with some negative reviews I can honestly say I didn't want to put this down. I originally only wanted to read this before the movie and I'm glad I did. Man talk about having a serious addiction!!! I truly couldn't understand why Zoe would jeopardize her family by her actions. Jason did have me mad by always catching an attitude whenever Zoe wanted to try something new. Zoe finally realized she had a serious problem and decided to seek help. Man those sessions had me like whoa!!! Her appetite was crazy! Even though it took the death of a close friend for her to want to change, she was too far gone. It was surprising how everything went downhill once Zoe decided to end her extra activities, lying, and coming clean. I so wasn't expecting dude to be behind the trouble that was being caused. When it was all said and done, Zoe and Jason both took the necessary steps to save their marriage and help with a mind blowing addiction.

Zane did an awesome job with this book. Sometimes in life we know people and don't understand why they act the way they do. In this book Zoe and Jason was the perfect couple to everyone who knew them. Little did they know about the issues that surround them in their personal life. Be mindful of who you let in your personal space, because they could be more deranged than you will ever be. I gave this book five stars because it is one of those stories that you can't stop reading until you get to the end.

I don't want to be completely negative about this book because I think it's encouraging that African-American authors are writing erotica/urban-fiction. It's a sub-genre that I think is underserved and underestimated. This particular one just wasn't my cup of tea. The book gets an A+ for story drama. I just felt that so much of it was so over the top to the point of being unbelievable. What are the chances that all three of the people that you are having an affair with become so enamored and obsessed to the extreme of stalking and attempted murder? I can believe one crazed ex-lover, but three? Then there is Jason, the loving husband, who is so good that he forgives his wife

unconditionally for everything that his family is put through because of her. The story is about Zoe. A successful woman who has it all. A thriving business, beautiful children, a dream house and a doting husband. Yet, she is miserable and harboring a secret that threatens to destroy her. Zoe is a sex addict and has been cheating on her husband for months. The story is about how her addiction nearly destroys her life. It sounds like a great premise for a novel. I just wish that some of the issues dealt with in the book were treated more seriously and realistically. I didn't buy into the main character's reasons for being so unhappy in her marriage, nor did I buy into her husband's reasons for not being more adventurous in the bedroom. I didn't buy into her sex addiction or the stated cause either. I didn't buy into it because she had emotional connections to her lovers. She would become angry and jealous when she found out that they were sleeping with other people besides her. Perhaps I would have believed it more had she also engaged in random hook-ups with total strangers or sought out more "deviant" sexual practices. Cheating on your husband because he refuses to engage in oral sex is not exactly "deviant" and it doesn't make you a "nymphomaniac" or a "sex addict". Yes, the cheating is a problem, but her actual sexual desires seemed rather tame and normal to me and the book presents them as if she is abnormal or deviant because of them. It would have been cool if the therapist that she was seeing had mentioned this to her. I think the ultimate unbelievable aspect was the ending. I know that I shouldn't give away the ending in a review, but I really do think this is important enough to mention. Don't read any further if you don't want ending spoilers.....I simply cannot believe that a husband who is supposedly sexually repressed would suddenly change his tune about sex after witnessing his wife being raped by one of her crazed ex-lovers who breaks in and tries to kill them both. I realize that it's just fiction, but using rape as a plot device to heal those types of issues didn't sit well with me at all. Rape is a potentially traumatizing experience, not a catalyst for a supposed sexual awakening. I really wanted to like this, but there were some things that I just couldn't bring myself to overlook.

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