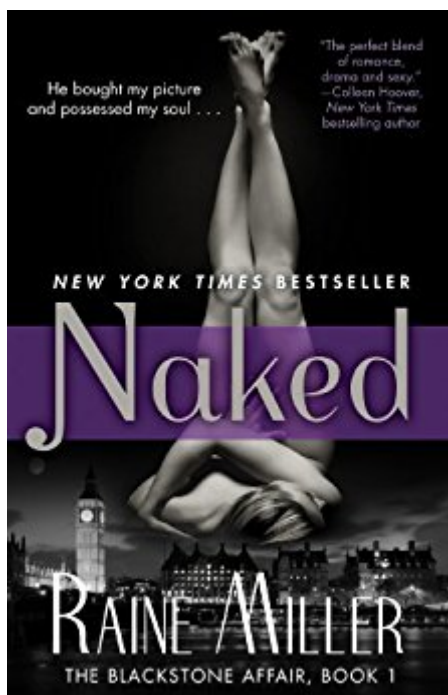


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Naked: The Blackstone Affair, Book 1



Synopsis

The first book in the bestselling Blackstone Affair trilogy! Naked desire. Secret Satisfaction. An affair you'll never forget. Brynne Bennett has left scandal in her past and is living the good life. An American grad student at the University of London and part-time photographic model, she's getting back on track with lots of hard work and focus on a career in art conservation. When successful and charismatic London businessman Ethan Blackstone buys her nude portrait, he wants to possess more than just her image. He wants Brynne in his bed, serving him in every way possible. He has no trouble voicing his desires, and he isn't taking a no for an answer. At first, his dominant nature captivates her, but it isn't clear if the force of his powerful desire will ultimately awaken or dispel the demons Brynne is carrying inside. There are secrets on both sides of this relationship—huge ones. Can Ethan erase the scars of Brynne's past so that she can reveal her true self to him? Or will the shadows cast by Ethan's own mysterious former life destroy their chance at happiness? Naked is the sizzling, unforgettable story of what happens when a strong woman meets the one man powerful enough to strip away all her defenses, leaving her standing naked and perfect before him.

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Customer Reviews

Naked: The Blackstone Affair, Book 1 by Raine Miller is one of my favorite book ones of a series! While reading this some may feel like a lot of drama that is unnecessary; however, as a whole for the series it was necessary. Raine Miller books will be on my purchase list. Ethan and Brynne are complex characters that readers will root for. Both are broken in some way and need to help to heal with amazing chemistry. The secondary characters are also complex enough to create successful spin offs that will have her followers adding them immediately to the TBRs. The only way I believe this could be rated higher than the 4.6 star rating I am giving it is if there was more/longer hot sex scenes, more detail into their chemistry. Since I was a late comer to this series I was able to read them back to back and was very glad I was able to do that. It made everything sync clearer than if I had to wait for the next book in the series.

So a few weeks ago I came across a picture of a list of the best book boyfriends and the more hearts beside their name the better they were, well Ethan Blackstone's name was on this list and there were like a million stars next to his name. I didn't know who he was but I knew with an endorsement like that (especially when he had considerably more hearts than some of my all-time favs!) I just had to see what this Ethan Blackstone was all about! Well after finishing this first book in the series, I have to say, now I know what all the hearts were for!! Ethan was awesome! He wasn't just your typical good looking, controlling, powerful billionaire he was actually very much like a real dude and I found it very easy to fall for him. He was definitely all of those things I just said but he had this other side to him where he was brutally honest (okay except for that one thing), wore his heart on his sleeve and was playful. He definitely went after what he wanted and didn't really take no for an answer he didn't go about it in a jerky way and when he messed up or crossed a line he was quick to apologize (and he meant it). I mean how can you not fall in love with him with lines like this: "What did you bring me from your shopping? I hope it's a sweet," he said, reaching for the Boots bag. "I like Jolly Ranchers. Cherry is my favorite." Adorable! And I loved this little twist, this normalcy, that the author gave his character. It was a refreshing change for a book in this genre. This book was quick and really served to set up the start of their relationship and hint at some of the secrets and darker things that are lurking from their pasts as well as some current dangers that I think will play big into the rest of the series, or at the very least the next book. This book did end with a cliffhanger but

luckily the other books are out so there's no waiting to see what happens next and the way things left off I am very excited to see what's next. I thought this book was well written and set the stage for the rest of the series. I loved Ethan and Brynne and despite the fast pace of their relationship I felt their connection and I loved them together. I loved their conversations and the easy way they had about them, the dialogue was very fun and realistic, it was super cute and also super-hot! Now that Ethan Blackstone is on my radar I'm looking forward to spending a little more time with him and his American girl. I'm off to start the next book, but I'll leave you with this part that made me laugh: "If I told you any more, I'd have to kill you, and that would just blow my promise all to \$h!t. What promise?" I asked innocently. "That I'm not a serial killer." He said as he popped a piece of steak into his beautiful mouth and started chewing. "Thank the gods! The idea of eating a plate of beef with a serial killer would have totally killed this date for me."

This book was good. This book first starts off with Ethan's POV as the prologue. I actually liked that it started off like that-leading to some background in the story. Brynne is an American girl living in London. She moves there to escape her past. She goes to university and sometimes does modeling to make extra money. While she went to support her friend and her picture at an art gallery, she meets Ethan. He does not hide the desire that he feels for her and does all that he can to meet her. Even with her issues, she manages to trust after several attempts of his pursuing her. Ethan was all-out alpha. He knew what he want and that was Brynne. Meanwhile, Brynne was letting down her guard and there were signs that she was falling for Ethan. She didn't know that Ethan was hired by her father- a secret that could devastate her. There were things left unsaid that were important to the story. Anyway, they continue with their relationship until we get to the cliffhanger at the end. One visit at his office changes things for this couple. The intensity between the two was palpable as I read-definitely got the sense that they were attracted to each other and somehow needed that connection. The only thing that I wanted more of was the emotional part of their relationship-an equal balance with the physical. Just to show why Ethan and Brynne had this connection. I also wanted it to be longer so that more of the story could be told. Interested to continue reading the story and find out what happens next with this couple. I'd give this 3.5 stars.

After finishing the last series that left me wanting this was THE PERFECT book to pick up. I couldn't put this down. I'm glad it wasn't a virgin meets hot billionaire. I mean it's close, but not quite and that is just fine with me. Ethan Blackstone is sex on two legs. Of course we know how he finds her and

that he's protecting her without her knowledge but we never learn why he's protecting her or from whom. We also suspect that he is falling for her but aren't absolutely sure until the end. There are a lot of questions left at the end of this! I'm excited for the next one!

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