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Alexander Tallman enjoys life to the fullest. He has his own advertising company, a few girlfriends and a perfect wife, who is so naïve she doesn't even notice her husband's multiple affairs. But, one day, Alexander meets Karen. The woman is five years older than he and she wants to marry Alexander instead of letting him go, as others did. She doesn't want to give up; she wants Alexander to belong to her and only her. Alexander finds a reason for leaving that he thinks is good enough for Karen – his wife is pregnant. He obviously can't leave her now (except she's not). He hopes it will bring them to the finale of the relationship. He just doesn't know how far a woman in love can go, a woman who was betrayed. When Karen finds out that Alexander wants to break off their relationship she doesn't step back, but takes the reins of fate into her own hands. She decides to fight for her love no matter what the consequences. But everything turns out differently than she had expected and she becomes a marionette in somebody else's game.

The book was originally published in Russian in 2011, becoming an instant hit. This is translated and adapted version for English speaking readers.

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Melanie says

This was an good read. I love when the dog gets his cumupenance. I thought that I had pretty much figured out the ending, when the author threw in some unexpected event.

Donna Riegel says

I loved this book and all the suspense. I can't wait to read another book by this author. It was really a good read.

MiniMe says

How apropos that I read this twisty twirling psychological thriller on Friday the 13th. No spoilers here but I gotta say Alex deserved every awful thing the author came up with. I'm a pushover for stories about betrayal, revenge and retribution. Oh my!

Annk says

I just finished this book and I was unable to put it down or think about anything else until I finished it. It seemed there was a new twist at every turn of the page. This is right up there with my favorites of 2012. I had no idea who was the good guy and who was not - everyone was suspect, and the author did not disappoint. You never know what's going on with Alexander, the main character. When you read a real suspense thriller, it's hard to read another book right away cause this one has to be digested thoroughly. I'll definitely be reading more by Ms. Salnikova

Nancy Viessman says

Rotten Apple captured my attention from the beginning. It was one of those stories in my favorite genre, that had me in a whirl wind of "who did it...was it a really a murder, or was it a run away, etc.?"

Salnikova has a great way of twisting characters and locations, along with plots and endings. I've read a few of her books and have enjoyed every one of them. I highly recommend her books. They are easy reads; the kind I find hard to put down.

I am currently reading "The Savior," and once again I'm spellbound.

Enjoy "Rotten Apple." I certainly did.

Juliko says

You never know who you're living with. You might think he or she's perfect one for you and you don't have to look out, but no one can be too careful these days. Cheating husbands are not that rare and their affairs can be not noticed or ignored but they are always remembered and sometimes someone might think they deserve to be avenged. Alexander's like a butterfly, he thinks he's too handsome too rich and too fortunate to have even slightest complications in his perfect life. His affairs are fast, he does not bother himself to remember his one-second lovers, he thinks his wife can be manipulated easily and everyone around are just too stupid to even try to stand on his way for new pleasures. And when he convinced himself completely, his perfect being starts to fall apart. He doesn't know who's the friend and who's the enemy, all his expectations are going wrong and in a couple of weeks no one will give a penny for his white teeth smile. But who costs these problems?

I loved this thriller. It is very real in some situations and has this twists you're counting on when you take thriller to read. Very believable characters, and this kind of triumph of justice in the end, Highly recommended for everyone who loves to read about some casual situations turns out into a living nightmare.

Taylor says

Ok Wow!! Totally not expecting what happened in this story.

I don't think Alexander deserved to die, he was a horrible person in my mind tho for everything he did.

I understand why Julie got revenge, I don't think she should have killed him tho.

Victoria sucks! I'm sorry, you don't sleep with someone's husband, especially your sisters husband! That was just wrong!!

Karen was definitely crazy, I feel bad for what she went thru in the end tho.

All in all definitely a great story!

I agree with the author about the bad guys in the end. They were all basically bad guys.

Sammantha says

Who did it? The arrogant/selfish husband, psycho mistress or none of them? This book is very suspenseful! I came upon this book while browsing through Amazon. Right away after reading the synopsis I knew that I definitely had to purchase it. Just after reading that I was hooked! Sounded like a good movie off of Lifetime. It's not available in paperback/hardback but only as an E book. I guess I could say that Rotten Apple is somewhat similar to Gone Girl.

I enjoyed the characters throughout this novel. Alexander is a ladies man who is arrogant, selfish, business man and someone who needs a big dose of reality. Which in Alexander's fabulous life will get a bigger dose than expected. His beautiful, naive and faithfully good girl wife Julie brought a lot of twist and turns to the story. Karen who is the bold mistress in love. How far will she really go for love? The characters had me on the edge of the seat because everyone seemed to be suspects. Nobody is perfect, so you can never point fingers. Everyone had some kind of skeletons in their closet ;)

This story was hard to put down or hard to not think about. You have to keep reading because you need to

know what is going to happen next. Especially when something would happen and I'm like "WOW, did that really just happen?". Then I continue reading to see what would come of that.

The ending I do have to say I didn't see coming. But I should have known that with all the twist and turns this book contained. It was a very decent ending. One you wouldn't have expected. I would have liked to have known a little bit more about what happened to one character in the end after everything was done and over with but I was still very pleased.

The only negative thing regarding this book would be it does need some editing done but it does not take away from the fabulous story. I will be reading more of Natasha's books. At the end of this E book you have a bonus of the first five chapters of another one of her books. I would recommend this E book especially if you'd like to read a suspenseful thriller involving a love triangle which can turn rotten! Happy Reading!!

Beth says

Unbelievable!

I didn't know what to expect from this writer but had the desire to read something different. My goodness, this story is so fascinating and complex. Husband is a serial adulterous man who's a bigamist but his wife is clueless. She is an innocent, immature girl who would never even think her loving husband could cheat. He is involved with a woman who while isn't cooking strange animals in a pot, is almost as crazy. Wife disappeared and his " ex mistresses " are too numerous to even count ! Including a sibling.... Cops investigated, find all sorts of secrets.

Until the last few chapters is difficult to figure out who did it and why. Husband doesn't even guess....clueless is his middle name.

This story would absolutely make a great movie.... Millions of ex girlfriends, ex wives, and ex mistresses would cheer!

unknown says

I really liked this book. It has some twists in the story that will surprise you.

good book. keeps you guessing and I found myself cheering for the bad guy. I would recommend this to anyone who wants a good read.

Nancy says

Natasha Salnikova, waste no time bringing characters and intrigue to life. Alexander Tallman seems to have

the perfect life: a successful business, money, acceptance in the upper echelon of Florida's high society, etc. But he is also a man who lusts for the flesh of beautiful women. His secrets start unfolding when his wealthy, adoring wife, Julie, suddenly disappears upon his return from one of many business trips to New York City, after she begins receiving a series of strange, frightening occurrences.

Salnikova transports tension, while exposing unfaithfulness, deception, and revenge.

It is a fast paced, who done it, and an easy read, yet one I found I couldn't put down. I would recommend this to everyone I know, who is a fan of the intrigue/thriller/and suspense genre.

Nancy Viessman

Kyle Wendy Skultety (gimmethatbook.com) says

good plot, awful, awful writing. English is not the author's first language. At least I hope not.

A'Sian Starr Dotson says

This book was awesome. Starts off like a classic tale of a man cheating on his wife but takes a fast spin into a Fatal Attraction. I read this book in about two days it kept me on the edge and jaw dropping surprises.

Janet Greene says

Could not put this one down..... I want more from this author..... Please, please give me more..... An edge of my seat read....

Wendy Hines says

Rotten Apple fleetingly reminded me of the movies, *Sleeping With the Enemy* and *The Hand that Rocks the Cradle*. Alexander is handsome, owns his own advertising business and thinks he is God's gift to women. He loves 'em and leave's em - women are a dime a dozen, except his wife, who has no idea her husband is a philanderer.

When he meets Karen, he treats her just like the rest of his women. Only this time, she wants the happily ever after and won't take no for an answer. She'll do whatever it takes to get him. When Alexander comes home from a weekend 'business meeting' and finds his wife is gone, that's when things really start to get interesting.

Rotten Apple starts with a fuse and ends with a bang. A perpetual thriller that escalates as the plot arcs and pivots, the reader not quite knowing what is going to happen next or how it could end and everything be okay. There are some edit problems, quite easily fixed, but they didn't deter me from the underlying current of this dynamic thriller.
