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After enduring a horrific childhood, William Jackson lives a solitary existence working as a computer programmer from his Minnesota home. His safe routine is blown to pieces when the daily sight of an unknown woman walking her dog sends his heart into a tailspin.

Jenny Fitzgerald's love life is at a definite low. Her only potential date in sight is her annoying and creepy coworker, Evan—until a stunning man appears before her like a gift from some kindly sex god. Who is she to turn down what's offered to her on a hunky blond platter?

Will and Jenny's friendship develops as their hunger grows into love. Meanwhile, a jealous Evan watches, his rage building until it explodes in a brutal act of violence that tears Jenny's life apart. Will struggles to help her rebuild her courage and sense of self as his own demons and fragile memories threaten their chance at happiness—but perhaps they can learn to heal each other.

Reader Advisory: This book contains a realistic, violent near-rape scene.

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From Reader Review Breaking the Silence for online ebook

Marran says

eh...well..no I didn't like it that much..it started out good. Oh well.... apart from the fact that the word c*ck,length and erection was mentioned a little to often right from the beginning..

I like the idea of Will seeing her from his window and finally working up enough courage to actually go out to meet her, the sweet and shy man meeting the adorable and quite quirky girl...

The sweet,shy virgin! that never once told her she was his first everything..and he sure was a talent at many things O.o

a little light spoiler ahead

a virgin that has no problem lasting!and performing the first time he not only has sex, but from what you read also the first kiss,the first naked breast oh hell even the first time he's even close to a woman...and get this he does not only last and makes it good for her AND he tries a little anal fingering..jeee impressive or what...and I'm like...eh..no.... he would have blowed he's load right away and he would never ever play with the "backdoor" on his first time...

and on the second time visit to the "backdoor" it was pretty much wham bam thank you mam....he was pounding away like you wouldn't believe it and she's like yeah more...uh yeah more PREPARATION maybe.., and a lot less pounding would be a good idea..

I can't believe I'm about to write this....BUT...it would actually have been better without the sex..The basics are a really sweet and fun love story but with the sex....bad porno....

I like sex in a book..you know having a dirty mind and all..but not just sex..it has to be chemistry and feelings and build-up and a few kisses (written by the right author kisses can be sizzling hot) believable characters and believable sex..

oh wait is there good porn?..uh well probably not so ok without the feelings and chemistry its like a porno with really ugly people and guys with really small d*cks

Bitchie says

I've been wavering all day about my rating for this book.

On the one hand, I really enjoyed it. It was sweet, it was VERY hot, and I enjoyed the characters.

On the other hand, there were some niggles I keep having about the story, so I am wavering between 3 and 4 stars.

My niggles- First off, was the heroine, Jenny's thinking to herself about how she really needs to get laid, only later to think to herself that she never got what all the fuss about sex was, she'd never had really great sex. Why do you feel the need to do something you never really enjoyed before? lol!

Then there is the hero, William. He was really shy, and really sweet. A 28 year old virgin. I love reading about those. His reasoning behind still being a virgin were sound. He had a hellish upbringing, which made him almost painfully shy and awkward in social situations.

What I didn't like was that we never got to see him tell Jenny that she was his first EVERYTHING. His first date, his first girlfriend, his first kiss, his first sexual experience. I really wanted to see that revelation, see how she reacted. I don't know why, but I feel almost robbed somehow, that he never told her.

And then there's Evan. I figured pretty early on that he was bad news, and that he would somehow end up attacking Jenny. And I was right. But I felt it was too easy that he would run in front of a car and be killed. He never had to answer for what he did, and it just seemed to easy, all nice and wrapped up in a little bow.

But at the end of a day of thinking on the story, I still greatly enjoyed the story, the characters, and the writing, so I think I'll stick with 4 stars, although it's probably more of a 3.5 read for me.

CC says

What a wonderful book! I loved this sweet story. Will was awesome. Overcoming a terrible childhood but still lacking in social interactions. Jenny helps him overcome his shyness and insecurity. But he is also possessive, protective and sweet.

What kept this from being a five star? At times the story dragged a little. Not a lot, but sometimes scenes were too drawn out and I wanted to move on to the next one. The sex scenes were hot, but I almost felt they too were too drawn out. But I was happy with the quantity of sexy times. The book started so sweet, I was worried it would be very Puritan. But it was not alt all! Other than Jenny and Will meeting and falling in love, not a lot else happened until a shocking event. Luckily it brought them closer together.

Totally safe from OW/cheating. Like could not be more safe!

Safety Gang spoilers for other trigger
(view spoiler)

maggieandteddy says

Easily 4- 4.25 stars for me. I love Will-strong silent type-man of few words. He was so great with Jenny. Wow, talk about soul mates. I felt their chemistry and noticed how compatible they are. I'm full of cliches' but her goes: they bring the best of of each other. Jenny and Will are both single for quite a while when they meet. Jenny is more outgoing and Will is almost a recluse. Katie Allen did a wonderful job of telling the (very lifelike) story of Will & Jenny. I had this book on my Wish List for a long time- maybe a year (!!)

Off the subject for a sec, this book was written in 2009 & it is still over \$5.00 U.S. I'm not sure why the price hasn't gone lower- but that is the main reason that I waited to read it. I've heard great things about B.T.S. & I agree. I really like it & would recommend this book. It's a standalone & pretty good ending. There's a major plot twist about 3/4 through & it's handled very well.

Deserie williams says

4.5 Will stars! I absolutely loved Will. He is such a sweet, shy, hot, loving, loyal mysterious man! Jenny was awesome to but at times I found her and Christian a little annoying. haha idk why. There were some triggers that were a little stressful to read about Very enjoyable read (mainly will) lol.

safety : remembrance of a prior rape and a detailed attempt rape. Other than that safety gang safe!

Erika says

[No (hide spoiler)]

Barbara? says

Okay...I'm going to have some **HUGE SPOILERS** on here but I've got to rant a little.

First of all, for the first 65% or so I loved this book. It was light hearted, sweet, fun and HOT.

Jenny was so cute and witty. She said some of the funniest things I've read in a while. I loved how she brought Will out of his shell. She was just what he needed.

Will...what can I say about Will...for a man with very little words he spoke volumes. I absolutely loved how he would get off to fantasies of Jenny and he had never even met her. He had only seen her from his window. Slowly he came out of his shell and you begin to really see him. He was so possessive and loving towards Jenny. And for a virgin hero, MAN, could he set some sheets on fire! Whew...is it hot in here?? He must have watched a lot of porn!

And above all, when **IT** happens, he is there for her in all ways. He was awesome.

Now, one thing that bugged me a lot was around 84%, Will tells Jenny he loves her. It's very clear she does too but what she says is "I think I love you back". Now, this just put a bad taste in my mouth. We're already 84% in to the story and they've spent several weeks together (yes, it's a very quick romance) so at this point, I would expect her to **KNOW** she loves him. **I. DO. NOT. WANT.** "I think I love you". I want "I love you too" Too as in also...not maybe, or I'm not sure. I want **DEFINITELY**. I was **SO** girl crushing on her up to this point. Then, I was just mad. By this time, **IT** had happened and she knew what kind of man Will was. He stood by her at a terrible time in her life. He revealed his own personal tragedy to her so she would know he knew how she was feeling. **HE DID EVERYTHING RIGHT.** I was in love with him at this point.

SO, at 95% **MAJOR SPOILER HERE**, he asks her to marry him. Her first response is "Shit, really?". Then she says "Oh, what the hell. Okay!" And I'm sitting here like WTF??? Uhhhh....How about a yes....

THEN, he says "I love you" again. And she says, wait for it....."Yeah, I figured."

WTF did I just read???

Now, when they have sex the first time after **IT**, she cries. He wants to know if he did something wrong...awwww, he's so sweet. He wants to know why she's crying. She says, "I don't know why. Relief? Release? Because I love you?" This is the closest we get to an "I love you" from her. I was really disappointed.

3.5 Disappointing Stars

Safety Gang:(view spoiler)

Shari Kay says

Okay...well this was, and wasn't, what I thought it was going to be.

Will is sweet. So sweet. I kind of fell in love with him a bit. And Jenny was good too. I liked her. I liked her banter with her friend Christian. I liked Christian. So why the 3 star? Because it had so much potential that just wasn't realized. It turned into an erotica with likeable characters and not a great love story with some hot sex.

This author is very "readable". She writes fun, believable dialogue and her writing has a good flow. I just wish she had chosen to really explore Will's issues and have him act accordingly. I wanted a more realistic version from the Will we actually got.

Will has a past issue that has him still a virgin at the age of 28. He spends most of his time in his home, working from his computer or working out in his basement. But he sees Jenny almost everyday as she walks her dog by his house. He's fascinated with her, and decides to finally meet her.

And in a way, though still mostly enjoyable, this is where the story took a downturn for me. I guess I wanted it to be harder. I was expecting Jenny to have to pry him out of his home or something....Idk. But Will was better adjusted then I thought he'd be. He goes to work meetings. He handles Jenny's Christmas party fine. His first opportunity for sex goes incredibly well for someone who has never even kissed. He was pretty 'daring' if you ask me.

Jenny is very...uninhibited. I found her actions to be a bit unbelievable in the bedroom too. I mean, it's their first time and all, but I guess I can believe she's just an open person? kinda? idk. It delved too quickly into full on erotica before I was ready to believe in it. And the bathroom scene? Come on Jenny...it never entered your mind why he may have broken down?

And that was the other problem. Will's issues with his past are just so skimmed over. The drama with Jenny's co-worker seemed forced, so it came across as a plot device to have a reason for Will to open up to Jenny. Too much of the story felt *unnatural* enough that I couldn't buy in. Though I really wanted to for Will's sake alone.

So...3 stars for Will.

SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

[a violent near rape, (hi

Shelby P says

Not quite sure why this book is so popular amongst my friends. There was almost no plot of which to speak. The characters meet have sex, sex, and more sex. They don't really get to know each other. The story takes place in a very short amount of time. Will is this gorgeous, muscular Viking kinda hermit who's 28 and a virgin. I really didn't buy the reason why he was a virgin for so long. Now if he were a troll and a butterface, then yeah maybe.

Jenny was so unrealistic and one dimensional. One thing that bugged the shit out of me was the lack of brushing their teeth. The first night they have sex they do it all night long. Then they wake up and do it some more. They have a shower but never mention Will asking to borrow a toothbrush. Then the next night Jenny gets drunk at Christian's house and Will comes over and they all fall asleep. Then they go to Will's house and have sex until noon. Then they get up and go for breakfast. Drinking coffee instead of brushing your teeth is not sexy.

Don't even get me started on the fact that Jenny is an anal virgin but on her second time having sex with Will and just a bit of lotion she has turned into an anal-loving slut! I want my 24 hours back from reading this drivel!

Baba says

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Katie(babs) says

Breaking the Silence from Katie Allen was such an incredible book for me. What first caught my eye was the fact that the hero, who is a bit socially inept, but an amazingly looking specimen of manhood, was a virgin. When it comes to virgin heroes, I am a big, big fan. Not only does Katie deliver a wonderful portrayal of man who is more assured working on his computer alone in his house than around people, but she has written a book that will hold your interest till the very last page.

William Jackson has finally bought his own home after years of hard work. He has overcome a great deal in his life where he was in a foster home that was full of horrors. But William was able to survive and now he has a great life. His work as a computer programmer may seem boring but he is pretty good at his job. Ever since he moved into his house, he lives for the afternoon when he can watch a woman walk her dog along a path near his house. William knows that this is a bit too stalker like and creepy, but William has no experience with women. William has never gone on a date or even had a girlfriend. His sexual experience is nothing because as he was growing up, he was always looking over his shoulder in fear. He has never been at

ease with people and has become a hermit. But since he made the move to buy a house, he has a new outlook on life and will put one step in front of the other and try to meet the cute dog walker and make conversation with her.

Jenny Fitzgerald is an engineer at a firm where she gossips with her co-worker and gay friend, Christian who wants her to get laid. Jenny hasn't had a date in forever and is at her wits end. When she looks in the mirror, she sees a pretty nice looking face staring back at her. But she can't understand why there are no men around for her to pick. The only offer is from her overly friendly co-worker Even who freaks her out. He stares at her and always comes around to bother her. There is even a pool at work for when he will finally ask her out. Jenny is definitely not interested in that man, no matter how desperate she gets. So instead she laments on her single status and walks her dog when suddenly a god from the sky appears in front of her.

Jenny can't believe her luck when the most gorgeous guy she has ever seen is on the path she uses to walk Rosie, her dog. He may not be much of a talker, but there is something about him that Jenny likes. She may be a bit shallow in her attraction to the sex god since he is so beautiful to look at, but as she gets to know William, she can see he is a really nice guy who goes out of his way to listen to her talk and seems interested in her life. And when she invites him to a work function, he accepts. Jenny can't wait to show William off to everyone at work. And perhaps she will get a few make out sessions with him.

William never thought a beautiful woman like Jenny would give him the time of day. He doesn't see his appeal and thinks the only reason people stare at him is because he looks awkward. But when Jenny stares at him, he can't help but think that Jenny finds him pleasing. Being with her makes him happy and he feels like he belongs. He just hopes he can hold back his urges because he would love nothing more than to throw her against a wall and have his way with her. William's wishes keep coming true because Jenny would love for William to ravish her, and ravish her he does. Jenny doesn't know that William is a virgin, not that it matters, because the sex they have together is mind blowing. We are talking about firework exploding and stars shooting (only in a romance!). Both are so over the moon with each other that they can't dare to leave each other's company. William can hardly keep his emotions in check, he bawls like a baby during an intense session of lovemaking with Jenny. Jenny thinks William is so perfect and too adorable for words.

Everything is going great for both Jenny and William, that is until Evan, who is so obsessed with Jenny, wants revenge for refusing him. What he does to Jenny may destroy the love both she and William have finally found with one another.

Breaking the Silence is an emotional and so very romantic story. We have two people who find something wrong with themselves, finding each other. I couldn't help but compare Breaking Silence to the movie, Untamed Heart with Christian Slater and Marisa Tomei. The reason is because the character of William reminded me so much like Christian in the movie. William is the shy, not too vocal hero who adores the heroine with every sense of his being. He is so uncomfortable in his own skin that it takes the love of Jenny, a fun and caring woman, to show William how great he is. Some of you may think, oh waaa... the boo hoo sexy hot hero has problems, but still looks incredible because of his looks. I think the point that Katie is making with her story is that no matter what you look like to others, such as with William and his model looks, if you think you are below average or weird, it doesn't matter. William's past made him into the man he was when Jenny meet him. He is unsure and so afraid of living because when he was a teenage, someone cruelly took his innocence away. When he finally meets Jenny and learns to live, he is still so very much an innocent, much like a baby taking their first few steps into the world.

Jenny was perfect for William because she was almost the total opposite of William. She was bubbly, optimistic and just enjoys life. And her life became so much more sweeter with William beside her. Her initial attraction towards William was because of his appearance but that all changed when she saw who he was inside. When it came to sex between these two, it was playful, loving and so very intimate, exactly what he needed.

Also a word of warning. The topic of rape is very blunt here and there is a scene that will make you cringe because it is a violent attempt at rape. Katie makes sure to stop things before they can go so very wrong. The aftermath and the recovery was handled so very well.

Not many books make me want to go on and on why they are so very special, and Breaking the Silence is one of them. Katie Allen has definitely caught my eye. This is one book that shouldn't pass you by

Calisto says

Adorkable virgin hero finally gets the nerve to talk to curvy sweet heroine and a friendship blossoms into a serious relationship but darkness is just around the corner in the form of a jealous, vindictive coworker, Evan.

Now I'm rather wishy-washy about this rating. Something between 2.5 & 3.0. I really love socially awkward, adorkable heroes but I have say that Will was almost too adorkably sweet and the virgin aspect is more like a red herring than anything else. Jenny is fine as a heroine. I didn't like her nor dislike her. In fact, I have to say that's true for all the characters (even the evil Evan - snort). These characters were just there, and kinda flat, actually.

This story lacked something in terms of characterization for me but I have to say that it kept me reading. I wanted to see exactly how things were going to work out. Maybe I was just in the mood for an adorkable hero. There is a rather violent almost rape scene and characters have to deal with that but overall it still felt rather flat for me.

London says

[.Yes. (hide spoiler)]

Jacqueline J says

[He was really good at sex when he got started that it was a bit unreasonable. (hide spoiler)]
