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Walker Williams is my f*ck buddy.

I get his inked arms.

I get his soft touch.

I get his massive *ahem*.

His offer was exactly what I needed. A casual arrangement. No feelings. No strings. No heartbreak.

Just the two of us *playing*.

At least, that was the plan.

But the troubled bad boy did more than make me c*me. He made me laugh. He tore down my walls. He showed me the beauty in the world.

He showed me his scars.

Then asked to see mine.

I can't stop myself from falling for him.

But if I share my secrets, can I trust him to stay?

A complete standalone

From the author: *Playing* is a smoking hot friends with benefits romance with the perfect mix of angst, humor, and heat. Come see why readers say "no one writes broken bad boys like Crystal Kaswell."

Playing Details

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From Reader Review Playing for online ebook

Stephanie says

So far I have enjoyed all of the books that I have read by Crystal Kaswell. They are usually light and sexy with good character development. I really liked Walker and Iris, but in this story they are both dealing with some dark deep issues which many face today. The issue of addiction is not handled lightly in the story, the issues that come along with it such as family and work issues are addressed. The story held me captive from the beginning until the end.

Michelle says

3.5 Stars

Loved the first part of the book and then I don't know what happened but I just started liking it. Also they had so much sex I had to start skimming it. Lol

Kimkbries says

I thought this book was fantastic! Walker was a tattoo artist who enjoyed women but never wanted a commitment. When he met Iris at a party he knew he wanted her. Iris was running from her past. Trying to move on. When she sees Walker, she knew she wanted him. Two people both attracted to each other and both not wanting any commitments. As they spend time together will their feelings change? What happens when things in both of their past and present come to light? Will their relationship survive? I enjoyed their story and their very steamy chemistry! Look forward to more stories about the guys at the tattoo shop!

Lalia says

I received an advanced copy of this book and am voluntarily leaving an honest review.

I was very lucky to get this ARC copy before it's release. I already read Tempting from the Inked Hearts serie and loved it, and was very excited to get inside the mind of sexy and broody Walker.

I loved so many things about this book, from both main characters POV and the way their relationship evolve. I would love to read more about Walker and Iris. It's also good to read about Walker's friendships with his workmates, especially Dean.

Nicole Ortiz says

This is the second story in the Inked Heart series but can be read as a standalone. The first book is called Tempting. I loved Walker and Iris's story. What starts out as f*ck buddies and turns out to something more as time goes by. Loved the storyline and the characters. The couple from the first story are mentioned but you don't need to read it first but it had me intrigued so I will have to read that one. When these two are together the chemistry is explosive. This story has hot and heavy sex with a sexy dirty talker, Heartbreak,

family drama and love. Need to read Brendon's story and can't wait to read Ryan's story.

I received an ARC and volunteered to leave a review.

As of right now 1/4 you can get it for \$.99 and it comes with the first book in the series Tempting and Sing Your Heart Out.

Robyn says

Walker is drawn to Iris at a party at his friend's apartment. They share a night together and decide to keep "playing" without the relationship. Walker and Iris are each struggling with their own issues and without realizing it, help each other get through some rough times. These two characters are struggling with some heavy issues through out the story and seem to be drawn together even more so because of the issues.

I voluntarily received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Suzanne says

After Tempting then finding out that Walker was going to get his own book, I was really excited. He was one of my favorite characters in the previous story and this one did not disappoint. I loved how Walker and Iris just meshed. Even from the start there was that pull with the two of them! Their banter and chemistry was amazing and I found myself really wanting more. These two were really broken souls for different reasons that just fit together to create a whole. Walker with his aversion to commitment and Iris with her dark and painful past relationship. I really enjoyed how they healed each other. Overall, I really liked this book and am looking forward to see what more will come with the Inked Hearts series.

Shannie's ??Lookin' 4 My Next BBF?? says

Crystal Kaswell did not disappoint and exceeded my expectations by telling a love story I loved more than her rock star series!!! Definitely going to go back and read Tempting so I can get Brenden & Kaylee's story from the start!!

Loved Walker & Iris's story!! Looking forward to Ryan's story!! March get here soon!!

Dolores says

I received this book for Free to Give My True & Honest Review.

Oh god how I love Crystal Kaswell's work. How I love the way I get brought & hooked on to get characters. And Walker & Iris's characters just got me hanging with their connection, especially feeling for Iris' of needing to tell Walker her past history but the scared reaction to her/them even he hears especially AFTER she knows she's in love with him & the way he feels that his sister is actually going through the same situation.

But heck there's areas of the book where she had me crying quietly feeling for Both of them but mainly more towards Iris.

A beautiful HEA LOVE STORY. Really Recommend 2nd episode of the INKED HEARTS SERIES

Logan Hr says

The book had a good premise, but I felt like the characters used sex as an escape to their actual problems... I get it's a friends with benefits kind of thing, but the sex was in every page of the book... barely any interaction outside of the bedroom.. and the lies were too obvious.. this book is more of a 3.5 to me

Tricia says

Playing is the sweet story of Walker and Iris. Neither is looking for commitment but, that being said, Walker is becoming dissatisfied with his hit it and quit it lifestyle. After meeting at a party and spending the night together, Walker realises that Iris is someone he would like to spend more time with and they come to a friends with benefits arrangement. Despite telling themselves they're not dating, feelings start to creep in and soon they are falling for each other. However, both have their problems to deal with and Iris is keeping a big secret. This causes some anxiety and conflict between them and I was waiting for everything to fall apart.

I enjoyed this fun, sexy, sweet story of two people falling in love despite themselves. The chemistry between them was smoking and it was both hot and tender. There are a lot of fantastic sexy times, which this author writes so well, and although I would have liked there to have been a little more interaction outside of the bedroom, I was very happy with the storyline. A story of fun, friendship and family, of hope, support and encouragement to keep trying and never give up.

books4me says

I read a lot of books, over 200 a year. It don't give out a lot of 5, perfect ratings. But when I do, it means the book not only has good characters but it's well written. There is detail but not too much so that it's boring. The characters are enjoyable to read with their imperfections. This was definitely a 5! The writing was amazing and kept my attention throughout the book. Walker has never had a girlfriend and doesn't want to start now. Iris is pulling herself together, renewing herself, after years of abuse and getting out of a long-term relationship. But walker and Iris are attracted to each other but they decide on a "bedroom" relationship only. Walker has no desire to hear Iris' past as it's the past. But he needs to know it as it has a huge bearing on their relationship, that they're not having (wink. wink).

My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read.

Shelly Celli says

I an definitely a lifelong fan of Crystal's, her work keeps getting better. This book is both heartbreaking and full of inspiration. With Iris being a recovering addict, she's afraid to tell anyone what she's going through. When Walker comes along, they decide to be friends with benefits of sorts, but the more time they spend together, the more they each fall. When things start getting serious, she tries to tell him, especially when things come out about his sister, but he won't hear it. When I say things went bad in a hurry, that's exactly

what happened. I wanted to cry for them both. I understand both points, but they're both so miserable. This is a definite must read! I'm voluntarily reviewing an advanced reader copy of this book.

♥?Fantasy Land Book Reviewer♥? says

3 1/2-4 stars

So after Tempting (the first book), I was hoping Walker would be a great book and it was going pretty well.

Walker- another tattoo parlor owner, self-described man whore, and friend of Brendon

Iris- college student, finding herself, and 3 months sober

Walker and Iris just meet and decide to be screw buddies. Walker has a history of his sister doing drugs and such and he wants nothing more to do with people that have an addiction. So he has no idea about Iris's past. But since they are not supposed to have that type of relationship she does not in trust him with that information right away.

Again it seems Crystal likes to bring real life into her books. There is quite a bit of drama in her books. I for one don't mind a little bit but this is a bit much. Again this story was better than Tempting but I would not do a reread.

I voluntarily read an advance reader copy for my honest review.

Lissa Hawley says

This book had me a nervous wreck. All the typical Crystal Kaswell attributes apply, well written, full of steam, likable characters, but...

The hero failed me on this one. I feared it was coming, but I have been spoiled by some of Crystal's other too perfect to be true heroes.

Walker's actions were realistic, but to misquote Julia Roberts in Pretty Woman, I wanted the fairytale. He of course redeemed himself eventually, but I had a lot of stress and heartache along the way.

Definitely worth reading. Just have the tissues ready.
