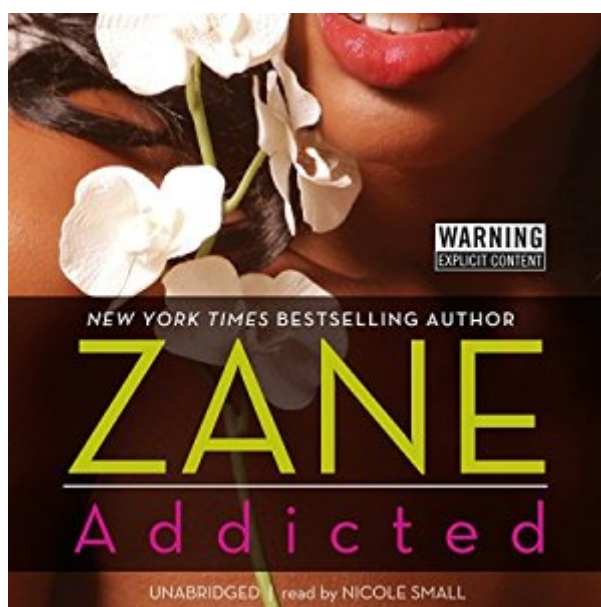


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# Addicted



## 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

If black romance novels fulfill your romantic fantasies, *Addicted*, by Zane is sure to give your sexual visualizations color. *Addicted*, chronicles the life of Zoe, a middle class African American female who seeks therapy for sexual addiction. Zoe becomes obsessed with sex in early adolescence and relentlessly pressures Jason, her high school sweet heart to take her virginity. Although she manages to marry Jason, the love of her life and they experience financial stability in spite of becoming teen parents, Zoe leads a double life. By day she is mother, doting wife and successful

art dealer. By night and sometimes in the afternoon, she goes barreling headfirst into affairs with people who keep dangerous secrets. Blunt, violent and entitled, something black women have never collectively been, Zoe, feels she has a right to toe curling extramarital "sexcapades" with people she knows only on a first name basis to fulfill the sexual desires her sexually repressed husband cannot. She's possessive of her lovers and feels justified in having knockdown drag-out fights with their women and justified in telling outlandish lies to Jason to cover her tracks. Addicted is a ring side seat into the mind of a sex addict, the vibrant, likeable flawed Zoe. And it is through this heroine's courage to heal that the idea of therapy is made palatable to black people, who traditionally don't see it as a means to dealing with issues. Flashlight by Parliament and the Funkadelics, grape Kool-Aid, Good Times, and 8-track tape players are just a few of the details that will take you back to the 70s and your own memories of high school. Not all fun and games; Addicted is gritty, risqué and full of suspense.

Initially, I had no idea what to expect when I first sat down to read Addicted. For months, I heard countless praises of Zane's second novel. Naturally, I felt that I would be let down and that all the hype would be about nothing. Boy, was I wrong! I was Addicted to Addicted from page one. To me, this book is not about erotica but about the power of love to overcome all obstacles. Meet Zoe, a woman who has it all, beautiful children, home, husband and a thriving career. Yet deep down her life is not what it appears and starts falling apart at the seams. In her quest to overcome her illness (sexual addiction) she begins to seek help. Thanks to Zane, she gives her character depth and allows us to see Zoe's vulnerability, which helps you to not view her as loose, but a woman in need of guidance. Throughout this novel, you witness Zoe embark on a path of self-destruction, but never losing sight on what matters most to her, her family. It is that love of her family, that forces her to seek therapy. That love that makes her take a long hard look at herself and God forbid a glimpse into her past, where all the dark hidden secrets of yesteryear are revealed. In the interim, it also forces Zoe to come clean with her husband about her double life. I immediately thought Jason would run for the hills, but instead he stood by her, and together they uncovered things that enable both of them to move forward. This book is packed with mystery, suspense and yes steamy hot sex scenes that leave you breathless. However, its so much more, its about truth, love and more importantly, forgiveness. It also forces you to look at things beyond the surface, and realize that people are not always who they appear to be.

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