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# Underneath It All: Walsh Series #1



## Synopsis

Meet Lauren Halsted. It's all the little things - the action plans, the long-kept promises - that started falling apart when my life slipped into controlled chaos. After I fell ass over elbow into Matthew Walsh's arms, I couldn't decide whether I wanted to run screaming or rip his pants off, and most days I wanted a little of both. If I was being honest with myself, it was rip his pants off, ride him like a workhorse, and then run screaming. Meet Matthew Walsh. A rebellious streak ran through Lauren Halsted. It was fierce and unrelentingly beautiful, and she wasn't letting anyone tell her what to do - unless, of course, she was naked. She wasn't looking for me, and I sure as shit wasn't looking for her, but we found each other anyway, and now we were locked in a battle of wills, waiting for the other to blink.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

All I can think right now is the phrase "thank you, thank you, thank you". I needed this type of read like you can't even imagine. I went in expecting maybe something witty and funny and a whole lot of sexy with that synopsis. What I got was that and so freaking much more. Matthew had me as putty in his hands from the moment he started having x-rated thoughts about Lauren. For this guy she was the total opposite of what he usually went after but it didn't stop her from knocking him to his knees. From their first night together it was pure fireworks. The banter between these two was sizzling and sexy but also funny and fierce. Like two tornadoes trying to see who could cause the most havoc. They just fed off of each other with intense electricity. Lauren's dirty inner vixen fed the alpha male over the top caveman in Matt and I adored every single moment they spent

together. This intense attraction sent Matt and Lauren both on a tailspin. Matt knew from the first moment and didn't hide that he wanted more from Lauren. His thoughts had me swooning so many times. Lauren was the mystery in this story. Why she did and thought the way she did have me so confused most of the time. I started understanding her more by the end and even with her little push pull routine I felt her struggle the entire time. It's like her mind was saying one thing and her body and heart a whole different song was being sung. Matt he was perfection with a genius brain and still I wanted to picture him with a tool belt even if I know that he's the one telling those guys what to do with said tools. I can't say enough how much I adored this amazing story. I can already tell that I'm anxiously awaiting Patrick's book. I've added Underneath it All to my favorites of all times shelf and I am so happy I spent this day with Matt and Lauren and this crazy and passionate cast of characters.

Thoughts: If I had known I'd have a hot architect balls deep inside of me before the end of the weekend, I'd have made time for a pedicure...Now, who's attention wouldn't be caught with that very first sentence? That attention grabbing sentence was obviously meant to do just that, and it worked! Unfortunately, the rest of it failed to really deliver - at least for me. I just wasn't feeling the characters at all, didn't feel the connection, and there were just things that bugged me. For instance, going on and on about Lauren and her teaching, for example, but then turning around and - for what feels like forever! -going on and on about her dad's military career, which for the most part didn't seem pertinent to the story at all. I get that she is a military brat, but to me it just felt thrown in there and the timing of it seemed to detract from the story from me from her actual job - teaching. I also never really got her whole issue against relationships and why she felt she couldn't have one and her teaching career, too. Her resistance against it didn't make any sense, and Matthew putting up with it made even less so. Perhaps it's just me, but I didn't love it, and I didn't hate it either....it just never really seemed to come together fully for me. Rate: C+ Review by:

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I don't know if it was the author's intention or not, but I spent the majority of this book disliking the heroine. And loving the hero. Matthew was just wonderful. I liked him from start to finish but I was angry with Lauren and the way she pushed him away and the way she treated him for the majority of the book. If the secondary characters and the sex weren't so well done and entertaining, I may have put this one down and walked away. But I am glad that I didn't. Lauren redeemed herself in the end so I have to forgive her and move on. Matthew got his happy and that

is good enough for me. The journey to get to that happy was full of smoking hot sex scenes and a lot of frustration. I was sold on this book by the first line of the synopsis, "If I had known I'd have a hot architect balls deep inside of me before the end of the weekend, I'd have made time for a pedicure." I thought for sure I was going to love the heroine. But she was not what I expected and I liked Matthew, so any slight against him had me putting my hackles up. Matthew's siblings, on the other hand, are delightful and I am really looking forward to more in The Walshes series. Kate Canterbury is a wonderful writer. The dialogue in this book was exceptional. Lots of humor and information gleaned from it and it was all very natural. The first half of the book was a little slow for me, though it may have been me wishing Lauren and her walls away that made it drag because the second half was great. The Walshes are a neat blend of characters and siblings. Shannon and Riley made this book more appealing for me and I really enjoyed that missing sister, Erin, was still a character albeit a virtual one through her emails with Matthew. I hope she gets a book in the series. For now, I am going to be happy with Matthew and Lauren's story. Despite my feelings for Lauren, this was a really good read. Both in story and quality. The Space Between is next in my reading line up for sure.

I love a good romantic read but I don't like when one is always running. I was not a fan of Lauren at all...her name yes. Matthew was a sexy hot dirty talker and was the one always chasing. I was also speechless how the brothers let the father talk the way he did. Especially about the deceased mother and their sisters. Some reviews say the next book is better. I will see...hopefully Patrick is as hot as Matthew.

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