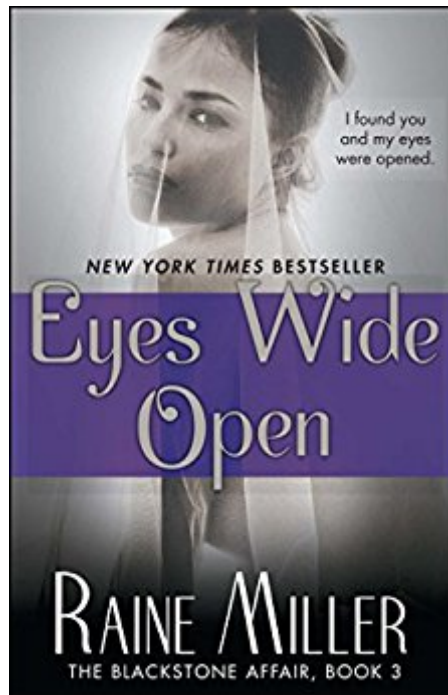




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Eyes Wide Open: The Blackstone Affair, Book 3



Synopsis

The third part in The Blackstone Affair series: A love on the brink of being destroyed. The fight of a lifetime to keep it alive. Big surprises are on the horizon for Ethan and Brynne as they struggle to adjust to what life has thrown at them. Demons from the past are threatening to destroy the passionate bond they've forged despite their vow that nothing will ever keep them apart. A truly devastating loss coupled with the promise of a new hope opens their eyes to what is most important, but is it possible for the lovers to move on from the painful histories that continue to haunt them? A stalker is still lurking in the shadows, plotting evil amidst the distraction of the 2012 Olympic games in London. Brynne and Ethan are on the cusp of losing everything as the stakes rise. Will they yield to circumstances beyond their control or will they give every ounce of fight they have left to save each other and win the ultimate prize of a life together? Eyes Wide Open is a passion-wrought story that shows us what pure love can achieve when tested and what the heart can accomplish despite danger and adversity.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed this series. I have to admit though that sometimes I feel like it was slightly lacking in

content. I think this book was probably the best in the series as far as content other than sex. I get that Ethan and Brynne were very attracted to one another. In the beginning of most adult relationships there is plenty of sex. I just wish the story was a little more complex sometimes. I liked that we finally learn and most importantly Brynne learns what demons Ethan is fighting in his dreams. I was surprised it took so long. I loved meeting his family. She needed a family like he's got. She also needed London and staying away from all the baggage that she left behind in California. I wish we could have learned a bit more about her mother. I understand that she is a cold hearted bitch but why? What made her that way? Especially the way she treats her only child?!? I feel like Brynne could have reflected on that a bit more. We know what happened to Brynne in Cali with those other men. Atrocious. But maybe we could have learned more about Ethan and his stint in the special forces? His relationship with Neil? Him starting his company? Sorry to see this end. I enjoyed his series.

AMAZING, what else can i say! This is one of my all time favorite series! Raine writes in such a way that you feel as though you are swept up with the characters or they are very close friends. I really liked how she brought everything together in the book from what happened to Ethan when he was captured to how these characters relate to the two other historical books by Raine. There was just enough angst to keep it suspenseful, and much love and romance to get you all fired up (yes, look out husbands and boyfriends once your lady reads this one!). If you haven't read it yet, what are you waiting for? Raine announced there will be a book 4 too!!

A personal disclaimer: I would like to say that I don't normally review books. It's not that I don't want to support the author or help other readers decide whether or not a book is worth the read. It's just not my thing - writing. I'm a designer not a writer. But having read all three books in this series by Raine Miller I felt that I should at least give it a shot. If you will be looking for spoilers you won't find any here. First let me say that what I'm about to tell you about this book in no way reflects any personal bias towards Raine Miller even though I happen to have become friends with her. This is 100% unbiased. With that said I'll begin. *Eyes Wide Open*. Aptly titled since I could not put this book down. My Eyes were Wide Open until I finished the very last page - very few books draw me in to that level of commitment but boy did this book do that. Just like with *All In* we pick up right where the previous book left off. It was nice to see more of Ethan's family and to see another side of him. Still fiercely protective of his girl, but a lighter side is seen especially with his adorable niece. Those of you that have read Raine's other books - *His Perfect Passion* and *The Undoing of a*

Libertine - got the little "easter egg" references throughout this book to those characters such as the portrait of Sir Jeremy and his Georgina and the estate where Darius and Marianne lived plus some other touches. I personally like when books link to each other even if that link is very tiny. Anyone who read All In would probably have a good guess as to what is ailing Brynne - I'm not telling if you haven't read either yet. To say that I was surprised - not so much. Kind of figured it out a bit before reading EWO. I really like the relationship between Ethan and Brynne. Even though they haven't really been together that long I feel that they really do have a good relationship. Does Ethan get a little "cave manish" at times when it comes to Brynne, especially about her modeling - yes but Brynne is no shrining violet and she can stand her ground with her man, unlike some other heroines I've read in the past. I think they need those push and pull moments between them to make this a real relationship. I think that is what makes them strong. Did I want to strangle Ethan when he had nightmares and wouldn't share with Brynne - yes. But I think now in hindsight I can get why. After everything that Brynne has had to go through Ethan didn't want to burden her with his baggage. The tragic moment that was bound to happen. I knew from reading the book blurb where this was going instead of what the obvious route could have been. I think by having this scenario play out made Brynne a stronger character. And then the moment came where we finally see what the threat to Brynne was. Again I kind of picked up the who but not necessarily the exact why. Did that make the story any less exciting - absolutely not. One of the reasons I couldn't put the book down. I had to see how it ended. So I would be extremely tired the next day at work - so worth it. The ending was perfect in my opinion. I was very happy for Ethan and Brynne by the end. Overall I think this was Raine's best book so far. The sex was hotter and the bond between them was even stronger. I think having the book released in May instead of the initial 2012 date was the best move. I think that it probably gave Raine the ability to really flesh this story out. If you haven't read them yet, I highly recommend reading her two historicals - His Perfect Passion and The Undoing of a Libertine.

Eyes Wide Open by Raine Miller had everything that makes a book exciting. It was full of love, passion, heartache, and mystery. If you ever doubted the love that Ethan and Brynne share, you will definitely believe in it now. Ethan by far has gone above and beyond in this series for Brynne. Which he exhibits in the previous two books as well as this one. Raine has given us a love story that has jumped out of the pages and made its way into my heart. I love everything about this series, and each book has kept me wanting more from this couple. This book starts off where the other one ended. There are no gaps and all the unanswered questions are still rising to the surface. There is still a mysterious stalker they need to be very cautious of. Ethan's main concern is keeping Brynne

safe and as close to him as possible. Which is really no surprise there. It is apparent that one wrong move could cost them more than their lives. This story is centered on pure and unconditional love that when truly shows us what we are willing to do for the one we love. I don't want to spoil anything in the story. There are a lot of important and amazing things going on. It will make you want to scream, cry, and jump for joy at the same time. You will surely fall more in love with these characters. I also feel that Brynne and Ethan's story is mainly a journey of healing, not just for Brynne but Ethan as well. You will learn some hard truths about their pasts which will make you feel for these two even more. I love Ethan and all his alpha male tendencies. He's a smart, successful, and deep to point out my favorite qualities I see in him. Brynne is a loyal, trusting, brave soul. She has given her self over to this man she loves. He has changed her entire life around the minute he entered it. What the world needs is more Ethan and Brynne. These two souls together make the world a better place. This series and this book is a must read for sure. The characters, the story, the love is one exciting ride. So if you are looking for a book that will give you everything you expect from an epic love story then this is the perfect book for you.

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