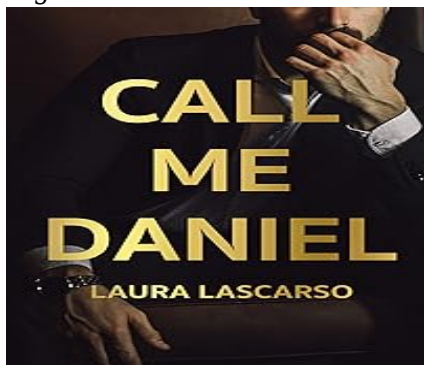


Call Me Daniel By Laura Lascarso Is it his newfound confidence or Everett's subtle influence opening doors that were formerly closed? Lake can't tell if he's finding or losing himself in Everett's arms whether Everett's impression of him is real or only make-believe. I had no idea if I should round up or down the star rating so I just left it blank cuz I'm a rebel like that ☹️ English Huh! Look who found this book romantic! Yaaap it's me! ☹️I suprise myself sometimes. 5 stars *****This will probably sound bizarre considering the number of books I read but I've never asked myself what's more important to me in a story character or plot? Both? ☹️Well I've got my answer today. I was bewitched by the way the author has toyed with: ☹️ the (willing or not so) exchange of power and control ☹️ the blurry lines between possessiveness and obsession ☹️ the blurry lines between protection and control. What's not to like???????????????????????????????????? English I should've DNFed long before the halfway mark but considering my previous experience with this author I really thought the book would turn around for me that I would stop feeling disturbed and creeped out and everything would start to make sense that the "romance" would start to feel right unlikely as it seemed. Everett is a manipulative controlling liar and the fact that he came clean after weeks and only after Lake's roommate found the video-camera Everett placed in Lake's building didn't change how his relationship with Lake started how he interfered in every aspect of Lake's life behind his back. Everett said he was sorry and explained the reasons behind it and for a second I hoped that Lake's reaction would be the appropriate one but he stayed in character until the end once again proving that he doesn't have any instinct of self-preservation or any self-esteem that doesn't derive from what Everett thinks of him (and no the fact that he's somewhat aware of it and questioned how healthy or unhealthy that is isn't enough to make it okay). I had other problems with this book especially but not only how the BDSM aspect of the relationship was handled but since they are all more or less related to the weakness of Lake's characterization I won't go into more details. I should count as an achievement that for the first time I can recall I managed to finish a book written in third person present tense but it's hard to appreciate it given the circumstances: And I've read more controlling MC's before so he didn't ping high on my scale of cray; he's like a 1 or 2 for me, (I actually wouldn't have minded if he brought up the intensity and climbed up that scale to a 6 or 7.)The kinks were nice *whispers* someone likes control and watching. I think the couple will be together forever because Everett wouldn't have it any other way: English



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Rise n' Grind is handsome sophisticated and miraculously interested in Lake. Lake accepts Everett's invitation to dinner while wondering what a down-on-his-luck barista has to offer this charming and successful older man: Everett Shaw has regrets and sees in Lake Fellows an opportunity to rectify his past mistakes, Even better Lake seems to crave the structure and discipline Everett provides. Their compatibility in and out of bed is a rare gift and one that Everett intends to nurture, As their relationship develops Lake's luck begins to change overnight: But Lake is determined to be the man Everett needs and the man he desires even if they're only playing pretend. This MM romance novella is free when you sign up for the author's newsletter at lauralascarso(dot)com Call Me Daniel Oh dear I have no idea how to rate this one, ☐ I read this story because some of this author's books are among my favourites I love her writing style and it was free (Thank you Laura Lascarso!): I have to admit it is a compelling story and the characters are very intriguing. I loved the parts of the story that were only about him and I loved how they were written: It is well-written even though I couldn't relate and the intimate scenes are not my thing at all, There was one particular thing about their relationship that I found really weird but at the same time I wasn't put off by it, 5 stars ☐ "I want to be with you Everett" Lake says then holds his breath. He's not used to asking for things and he'd be devastated if Everett rejected him at this moment but Everett only smiles and kisses his forehead, "Wow this story was equal parts sweet and creepy ☐ Call Me Daniel has a very different writing style from the books I usually read. However I look forward to reading more from this author! Thank you Laura Lascarso for the free novella ♥P, ☐☐ Where is the rest? I want more of Lake and Everett. Lake is darling Everett is creepy i freaking want Everett in my life: ☐☐ At this point i just want to marry Laura and persuade her to tell me all about the beautiful dysfunctional relationships stories she is hiding in her head, I'm team character-driven because there wasn't much going on here plot-wise and yet I was fascinated by this story. The blurb is very vague and to give a chance to other readers to go in blind I'll write under spoiler tag what and why I loved this novella: The beauty of a well-developed complex and manipulative character, Call Me Daniel solidifies Laura Lascarso talent for creating incredibly realistic manipulative characters. (early 20's) Everett Shaw doesn't wish to Lake to suffer or struggle with life: Laura has a knack of making obsessive and controlling behaviour sounds acceptable. Call Me Daniel is filthy hot intriguing a little edgy a bit creepy has a delicious age gap a good dose of tension a dash of humiliation kink and it's free, Alternatively I hoped—against hope since the author had assured on her newsletter that there would be a happy ending—that Lake and Everett would not end up together. My version of a happy ending for these characters involved Lake getting a restraining order on Everett and going into therapy. Maybe even changing his name and moving to the other side of the country, After a token break-up and brief period apart all it took for Lake to take Everett back was a tearful conversation and a promise that Everett would never do it again, Because you clearly can trust the word of somebody who manipulated and lied to you since the day you met. But apparently that's fine as long as he assures you that he only did it with your best interest in mind and because he was so traumatized by his husband's death: Let's just say that very little of this book worked for me, Actually the only thing I can think of are the dialogues between Everett and his therapist at the beginning of each chapter: And when I say "worked for me" I mean that I appreciated the good writing not that I enjoyed the content in any way, Maybe in another context with a different relationship development and with another resolution certainly not like this: English I'm 100% with my friend Snjez and have no idea how to rate this, He likes to 'rectify' things fix them to minimize risks & danger, Lake is a shy boy who never had security or care from those who should've held him dear, He lives from one precarious situation to another unsure of himself or his place in the world: I guessed where this was going where the possible bad wrong was heading from the first chapter and my only regret is that it didn't go deeper down that road. As it is this was a tender love story Laura Lascarso style, Two people finding that space where they fit in each other's lives. Yes Everett is into control but he's learning to respect boundaries and that sometimes things elude his prevue however he's not giving up or changing who he is, Lake is a lucky boy being the focus of Everett's attention he's also wise beyond his years empathetic and kind: Come for the dominant kinkiness which I'm reluctant to call games and stay for the heartwarming tale of

puzzle pieces slotting into place: But I kept going because I've travelled down Lascarso Lane before and was girding my loins for the sucker punch or the gut punch or the WTAF punch, What came was some schmoozy weirdness divided by a snoozefest that left me with some scrunchiness in my facial quadrant, English Where has Laura Lascarso been all my life? I read this in one sitting when I woke up this morning and I have a huge smile on my face: He is struggling with relationships and he can't find someone to replace Daniel: Lake is a poor student barista trying to figure out his life: They are both fucked up and they are so perfect for each other: Just leave your scruples and judgment at the door and enjoy the ride. barista Laken Fellows and it reminds him of his dead husband: Lake's had a shit life-- raised by a single drug abusing mother who fucked him up in the head the kid's just a barrel of low self esteem. He's softer and shy sweet kid with dreams but life's already dumped on him[1]

I'd run far away. But his stalking works in an odd way for Lake. I feel like Everett has potential to get scary. And I enjoyed the communication aspect when it finally happens. ;) Thanks to the author for the freebie. Join her Facebook group at {site_link} www.facebook.com/groups/LaurasLounge Sign up for her newsletter at {site_link} www.lauralascarso.com Join her Facebook group at {site_link} www.facebook.com/groups/LaurasLounge Sign up for her newsletter at {site_link} www.lauralascarso.com. Especially Everett. I also really liked Lake's character. He is kind of sweet and nice. Their relationship is very ... interesting. English 3. "Babe you already are. S. They were hot together. That's how much I love her writing. Anyhoo that aside this book is freaking hot. I enjoyed it so much too bad it was short. English ***** 4. If you read Hiroku you know what I am talking about. Oh sweet baby Jesus. Everett Shaw a put-together kind of guy. (37) Everett Shaw wants the best for Lake. He takes care of Lake. Lake lovely Lake. I'll kid you not; she is convincing. Then I finished and I was disappointed. It was just plain weird. And a bit creepy honestly. I'm not sure I even liked it. Yet. I don't think I disliked it. English ***I had to take a breath*** I loved this. I'm still smiling Everett has issues. He has reasons and I totally empathized with him. Everett is going to change that. English Grrrrrrlllllll(s). (and boys) To quote Lil Nas X: nope. I was so bored I need a new word for bored. Any punch would've done but. Said punch never came. As always my opinions are my own and YMMV. But again (for me) nope. Everett is a rich controlling widower. A match made in erotic heaven. This was so good. □ English 3.75 stars-- I dug this. Wasn't in love with this and I can't pinpoint why. 37 y.o. widower and tech whiz Everett Shaw sees 20 y.o. And he proceeds to stalk and improve Lake's life. He tries though. Everett fixes that. creepily. If I met a guy like Everett.