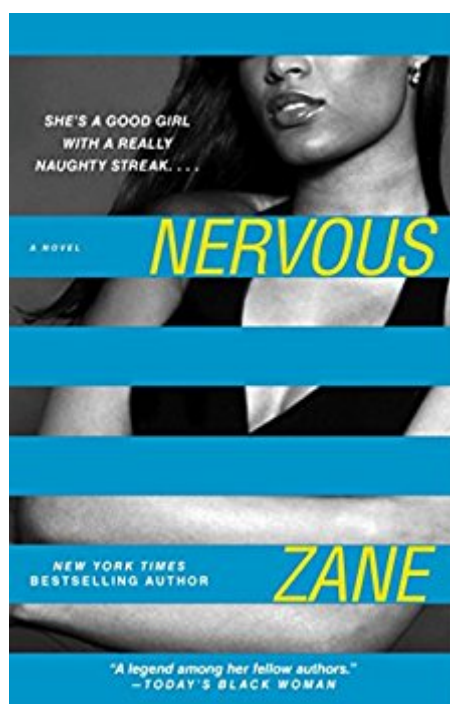


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Nervous: A Novel



Synopsis

In this follow-up to the mega-sensation *Addicted* and the lead-in to the highly-anticipated upcoming novel, *Vengeance* (available May 24, 2016), the New York Times bestselling Queen of Erotica delivers a shocking and steamy story about a woman with a split personality who must overcome her disorder before her chance at a happy ending is forever destroyed. Jonquinette Pierce has never felt comfortable around men "except when she meets her alter ego, Jude, who takes over on the weekends to lead a life of wild and intense sexual escapades. Jonquinette knows she can't keep living like this and sets out to overcome her split personality with the help of Dr. Marcella Spencer. But Jude isn't about to let Jonquinette off so easily. Just as Jonquinette begins falling for her hot neighbor, Mason, Jude decides she's had enough and goes on a sexual rampage to keep her alter ego from riding off into the sunset. *Nervous* takes readers back into the world of *Addicted* and keeps them hooked until the very end.

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As Ludacris said in a verse from Usher's 2004 hit "Yeah!" most men want a woman who is "a lady in the streets but a freak in the bed". But what happens when one woman is a lady in the street and is

a freak, just not in the bed and she doesn't realize it until it's too late? This paradoxical problem is faced by Jonquinette, the lead character of Zane's novel "Nervous" which is based on a short story from her earlier collection of erotica "The Sex Chronicles". Jonquinette is a shy young woman who finds herself not too inclined to talk to men interested in her. She doesn't consider herself a total virgin but she doesn't find herself wanting to sleep with just anyone, so her life for the most part is dull. But when the weekend rolls around, Jonquinette goes to sleep and later re-awakens not as Jonquinette, but as a foul-mouthed and sex-obsessed woman named Jude who goes out and finds wanton and virtually unsafe sexual adventures with anyone and everyone she comes in contact with to find a sexual release. This behavior goes on until Jude goes to sleep and re-awakens again as Jonquinette. Jonquinette realizes that Jude has been up to her old tricks again (leaving hints of her presence and sexual indiscretions) and realizes that this has to come to a stop here and now, so she heads to talk with Dr. Marcella Palmer, who first appeared in the novel "Addicted". When Jude resurfaces later and realizes that Jonquinette has been seeing Dr. Palmer she goes nuts and really goes full throttle on her sexual escapades. Later, Jonquinette begins to find herself attracted to a new neighbor that moves in next door.

Zane's novels are typically fun to read and a joy for her to write, I suppose, but this one misses the mark by a lot. Following her last effort, "Sisters of the APF", Zane writes about something even more dangerously fascinating: a woman's sexual alter-ego. Joniquette is the main character in this novel who wakes up night after night with no recollection of her previous actions and no way to know what is going on during her strange "blackouts". It turns out that the virgin Joniquette has an uncontrollable alter-ego named, "Jude". Jude loves sex, she craves it, she uses it as a source of leverage and power, she even proclaims herself to be a "total whore" who gives her ... up to whoever wants it whenever they want it and however they want it. "This presents a problem for Joniquette because she has a new love in her life named Mason, and he is willing to go to the ends of the earth to earn her love. "Jude" isn't happy about this because it upsets her ..." 'em and dump 'em" mentality. The novel moves fine and it's interesting to examine the contradictions of Joniquette's raunchy personality. It's even fun to read about her exploits and enjoy the fact that it's a woman who has no regard for the emotions of her sexual partner, something that men have done to women for years... Where this book misses is the unfortunate and highly unbelievable climax that negates about the first three quarters of the book. It's not because I don't believe in Jon's condition, it's simply because once I found out more about the problem and how it was triggered, I felt terrible for thinking the first three quarters were sexy. I felt sorry for Joniquette instead of putting down the

book and saying, "damn, that was hot.

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