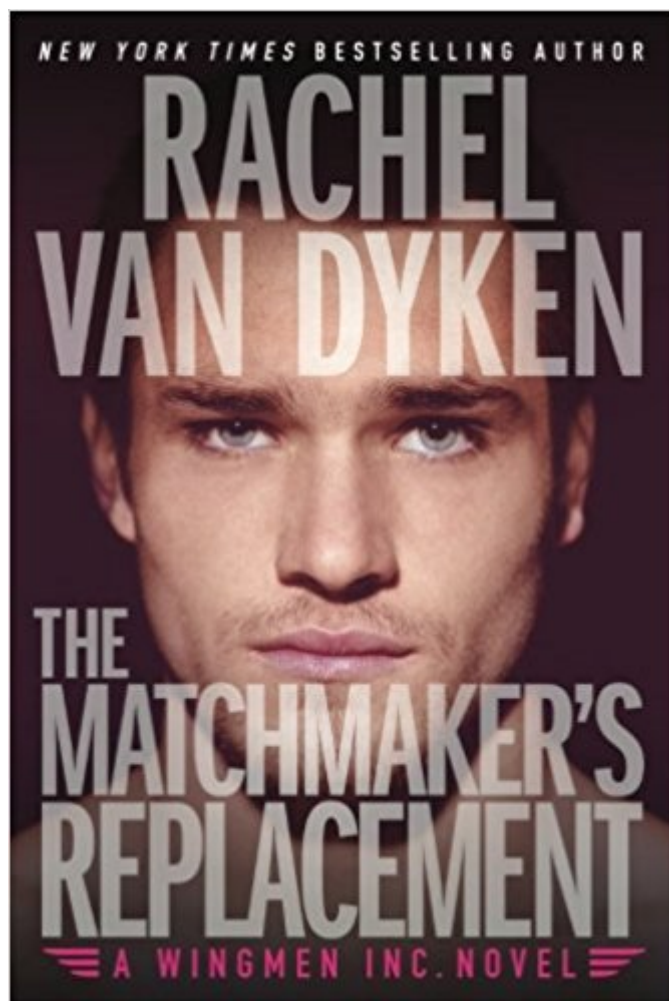




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# The Matchmaker's Replacement (Wingmen Inc.)



## Synopsis

Wingman rule number two: never reveal how much you want them. Lex hates Gabi. Gabi hates Lex. But, hey, at least the hate is mutual, right? All Lex has to do is survive the next few weeks training Gabi in all the ways of Wingmen Inc. and then he can be done with her. But now that they have to work together, the sexual tension and fighting is off the charts. He isn't sure if he wants to strangle her or throw her against the nearest sturdy table and have his way with her. But Gabi has a secret, something she's keeping from not just her best friend but her nemesis too. Lines are blurred as Lex becomes less the villain she's always painted him to be and starts turning into something more. Gabi has always hated the way she's been just a little bit attracted to him •no computer-science major should have that nice of a body or look that good in glasses •but "Lex Luthor" is an evil womanizer. He's dangerous. Gabi should stay far, far away. Then again, she's always wanted a little danger.

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“Oh my word, this book! I went in hoping to get some much-needed Rachel Van Dyken humor, and ended up with a six-star read! The Matchmaker’s Playbook has it all. When a book can make you feel like you’re falling in love right along with the characters, and when you can feel the chemistry that perfectly, you know it’s special! • Molly McAdams, New York Times bestselling author “The Matchmaker’s Playbook is Rachel Van Dyken at her finest...Heat, heart, and pure fun • readers are going to fall in love with this well written, addicting read. This is definitely a top favorite of 2016! • Shh Mom’s Reading “Funny, realistic, and entertaining to the very last page. Rachel Van Dyken puts an enchanting twist on a matchmaking player who ultimately learns the true meaning of a match made in heaven. • Audrey Carlan, #1 New York Times bestselling author

A master of lighthearted love stories, bestselling author Rachel Van Dyken has seen her books appear on national bestseller lists including the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and USA Today. A devoted lover of Starbucks, Swedish Fish, and The Bachelor, Rachel lives in Idaho with her husband, son, and two boxers. Follow her writing journey at [www.rachelvandykenauthor.com](http://www.rachelvandykenauthor.com).

Lex has always been the smartest guy in the room, and not surprisingly, apart from his best friend from childhood, Ian, his relationships with other people are typically ... shallow. When you’re smart enough to figure out what angle people are working before they even approach you, becoming jaded is almost a foregone conclusion. If you’ve read the first book in the series, The Matchmakers Playbook, which focuses on Ian, or if you’ve read the blurb of this book, you’ll be aware of one thing. Lex hates Gabi and Gabi hates Lex, but of course, things are rarely that simple. The complication is that Gabi is Ian’s other best friend, almost like a sister, and just like a good sibling Ian is very protective of her, wanting her to wind up with a good solid, respectable and dependably guy. Someone entirely unlike Lex. No matter how much he might be attracted to her, for Lex to even entertain the notion of any kind of relationship with Gabi would almost certainly put Lex’s one meaningful friendship to the ultimate test, and so, for years he’s pushed her buttons in an effort to push her away. Now, just to complicate things, Ian is pushing them together, in a purely professional manner, hiring Gabi to work for the matchmaking firm he and Lex run together, and things get very complicated. Written from dual points of view, The Matchmaker’s Replacement showcases Rachel Van Dyken’s wry sense of humor at its very best as the awkward and the angst get cranked up more and more as the chapters roll by. The chemistry and the tension between Lex and Gabi is off

the charts, and woven throughout is the mystery as to why Gabi is so desperately short of funds that she needs the job in the first place. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment and couldn't put it down.

4.5 Stars While I loved this book I did have a hard time with Lex in places. He does eventually grow on you. My heart broke for Gabi. She had a lot on her shoulders and then having to deal with Lex is a lot. She took it in stride and for the most part learned to ignore Lex and his comments. There were times she didn't and those were times that Lex broke me also. Lex is the manwhore. We knew that from book one in this series, but to see it from his POV was harder. Only because we find out the reason. We got to watch him grow a little in this book. Can he commit or will he always be a player? This is a great series and I wish there were going to be more books in this series. I loved Ian, Blake, Lex and Gabi! This is an amazing series by Rachel and I recommend reading it.

DNF 86% It is rarely that I quit a book 86% in, but goodness gracious, I could take no more. The pros: -The book is very well written -The voice is funny The cons: -I cannot read anymore about these stereotypical ridiculous males that are 6 feet 2, super muscular, unbelievably gorgeous, athletes, filthy rich, with gigantic appendages, and geniuses. Really? I hate him already. I feel ashamed reading this stuff. On behalf of all the men in my life who are so much more lovable with all of their quirks and defects, I say: no, please no. -On book one we have the dichotomy of the player falling for the nerdy virgin. Okay, amusing. Well, for book two I was hoping for something completely different, or even just a little bit different. -This book has no plot. The first conflict: will they sleep together? The second conflict: is he gonna admit that he has actually fallen for her and say the forever ever after? \*vomits\* There is no twist, no surprise, no actual development. -The characterization is terrible. There is no development. This book is just trope after trope. -Ian, who was the main character in book one in the series, looks like an afterthought (and an idiot) in this book. Funny, because he was another genius in book 1. -I hated that both girls in book 1 and 2 are virgins and settle with the first man-slut that pays them some attention. -While book 1 had a half-hearted attempt at feminism that I appreciated (women were appreciated and respected regardless of their shape, culture, etc) here there's not even that. Still, this is a well-written romance. If you are looking for tropes, sexy/steamy scenes, and a very light read with superhero-like characters, this book might be perfect for you. If, like me, you enjoy romance with real characters that have things to say and teach us, with more at stake than just the existential conundrum of "to frolic or not to frolic" well, steer clear.

Seriously. Seriously!!! Could LEX be any more awesome? The answer is nope. No he can

not. Ladies and Gentlemen, please please read this story. This is a perfect combination of who not to date, enemies to lovers, best friend's little... something or other... and yeah, it's just awesome. I loved it. I laughed, I \*definitely\* fanned myself, and I smiled so many moments when reading this little bit of awesome. Rachel Van Dyken kicked some story-telling rear end in this second installment of Wingmen, Inc. I loved Lex and Gabi from start to finish. They were volatile, sexy, heart warming and neither one of them had a moment of backing down. It was perfection. Not surprisingly, loved this one by Rachel Van Dyken!!

How do you even begin to review not only an amazing story, but one that has changed the entire way we experience reading?!?! I can't even. This... This is EVERYTHING! And once you've read it, you just can't help but go back for aaaall the pretties!! I couldn't wait to get my hands on Lex and Gabbi's story! Their relationship was full of hate based on intense likability--you just knew they were insanely in love. As they paved the way through their story, I found myself falling just as hard as they did, and gosh was it hot! So much angst, so much funny, so much I want more!!! Where's my villain when I need him? #LexLuther

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