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Wicked Nyx says

Two 1/2 stars

I liked it, but didn't love it. A good little friends to almost-lovers to enemies to lovers story. I found it hard to believe that Holden would wait two years to actually confront Bev about their relationship and the game that drove her away. He called apparently, but never physically went to see her or forced the issue...didn't strike me as true given his take-charge attitude about everything else.

Kimchi says

Childish

Michelle says

This was a really great free read from Amazon. The reason I enjoyed it so much is because I felt it utilized the opportunity to introduce new readers to the author, Lena Matthews, and left you wanting more. At least, I was left excited to pick up the next book in the series. This was a great introduction to a group of friends that over the years have become attracted to and have paired off. Except no one has had their happily ever after so each book in this trilogy explores what went wrong and how each couple can find their happiness. There's a lot of good guessing on what went wrong, some strong emotional pull between the characters, and a lot of sexiness. And what I really loved is that since this book only explored the relationship between Bev and Holden, I can't wait to get my hands on the rest of the series so I can read along while everyone finds their HEA.

Camille Adams says

Cool.

Interested in the rest of the series.

(Lendle loan).

peachbird76 says

I quite liked this book. It was a bit on the short side but enjoyable none the less. I liked the characters and the story was believable. The sex scenes were hot.

Heather in FL says

I wasn't sure what to expect with this one. The ratings seem to be all over the place and a lot of them without explanation of good OR bad, but some of my GR friends liked it, so that was a good sign. I thought this was really cute. We have a group of friends who met in college and have been relatively close-knit ever since.

Two years ago, at Holden's housewarming party, one of the friends decided to play Seven Minutes in Heaven. A little high-school-y, but hey... these are 28-year-olds. Maybe it was just nostalgia. And it gave Holden the perfect opportunity to pretend he picked Bev so he could finally get his hands on her. Throughout college, she was a study fiend. She was in a tough program and she had scholarships she didn't want to lose, so she was very straight-laced and focused. And then after college, she was getting a start in her career and needed to focus. Holden understood this, so he watched her from afar. Now he thinks he can take this chance to turn their friendship into so much more. Unfortunately, one ill-timed comment, and she disappears from his life for two years. She believes he picked her out of some misplaced gesture of gallantry, to save her from being mortified when nobody picked her. Which, to be fair, he sort of implied, but she didn't let him say the rest of what he was going to say. It was much easier for her to believe what she wanted when it so easily fit her own self-image.

So it's two years later and Holden is tired of Bev avoiding him. They've gathered at Holden's house for one of the boys' birthdays, and since the birthday boy is wealthy AND he realizes there are problems with the group's dynamics, he purchases gifts for certain people to share. For Holden and Bev, it's a stopwatch (a hint to Seven Minutes in Heaven). The other groups get flustered with their gifts because they're not ready to face the implications and either storm off or chase the ones who stormed off, leaving Bev alone with Holden. And Holden acts perfectly to finally get through her thick skull. And it's very hot. And an HEA.

This was a freebie, but I think I want to continue this series. We got enough story on the other two relationships for me to want to know how they all got resolved.

Heather says

So lame! I read all the time and thought this would be a fun read based on the reviews. WRONG. I can not believe how many people gave this good reviews. Clearly the people who reviewed this book were teenage girls! I'm embarrassed that I read the book.

Kelly_Instalove says

Favorite quote:

"I'm willing to concede at most the problem lay with both of us, but with me being the one who...might have accelerated the situation to a proportion that was...maybe...not as critical as I thought it might have been."

I'm glad I read Matthews' Joker's Wild series first (Call Me is on my DIK list) - *Seven Minutes* was enjoyable, but we don't get the same attention to character development that's so important in bringing a novella from straight erotica to erotic romance.

Matthews writes some *smoking* hot scenes, but I needed more than sex and the "party games" premise to make me want to pay \$5 each for the next two books in the series.

Paula says

Nice

Jo Notary says

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Leisa Prater says

I fell in love with Holden.....i would love 7 minutes in a closet with him...loved the story...wanted it to be longer but an awesome read!!!!

Maria says

The writing wasn't bad but the conflict seemed forced and trivial in comparison to the amount of time that passed. Considering that this is the introductory story to a series, more time could've been taken. The lack of background work makes the characters come across as two dimensional and that leads to sex scenes that don't quite hit the mark. But I didn't hate it and am curious about the following stories.

Kelly says

If I'm going to get alliterative here, I'd say this book is nicely naughty. It gives us some good backstory on the characters and some nice sexin'. I tend to like the friends to lovers story lines in shorter books simply because we don't have to go through the whole "meet and greet" before they get to the bed play. And, let's face it, that's the main reason I pick these sort of books up.

This book was a free Kindle download I picked up on 04/24/12 for the Why Buy the Cow? reading challenge.

Maureen Hoar says

This was a short and fun read. This is an adult story of the teenage game of 7 minutes in heaven that totally goes awry! Bev thinks that Holden chose her to spend her 7 minutes with him out of pity. She spends the next 2 years avoiding him and suffering from a broken heart. They are brought together by a mutual friend's birthday and lets just say the sparks fly! If you are looking for a lite romping read this book is fun. I did find Holden a bit bossy and pretentious, but it was all in good fun!

Autumn Darling says

Waste of time. Would be more beneficial to just download and watch crappy porn.
