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James Sheridan is failing history. Luckily, his professor is a rumored pervert, and James isn't too proud to pay for a better grade with his body. Professor Carson lives up to his reputation, but he's not unethical enough to take sexual bribes. What he can offer is some highly unconventional tutoring . . . creative use of a ruler included.

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After a few study sessions, James realizes he wants way more than a grade from Professor Carson, even if he's not sure what that is. Carson's a silver fox, all right, but James isn't “bent” the way Carson is, and for him, the spankings are only supposed to be a means to an end. But the better he gets at history, the more he realizes he likes getting answers wrong just as much as getting them right.

This title is #2 of the The Professor's Rule series.

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From Reader Review An Inch at a Time for online ebook

Kazza says

Book number 2. Yay!! I am smiling

Book number two in the series is slightly longer and gives you plenty. It is smart, sexy and doesn't miss a beat from book one Giving an Inch

I think everyone who read the first book wanted to know about the mysterious and exceedingly dominant Professor Carson who had given such sexy instruction to James over the phone. Even though this is the next book along, it is the prequel and you get to see James and the good professor's initial meeting. But there will be more to tell because we know that there is a lapsed time between the two in their relationship but here they are very much getting to know one another inch by inch *waggles eyebrows*

More please!

Review at [http://ontopdownunderbookreviews.com/...](http://ontopdownunderbookreviews.com/)

Sunny says

After calming down from my tantrum that this was a prequel, not a sequel, to Giving an Inch, I caved in and bought the book. I couldn't wait, even though I already own too many of the books on my tbr pile! It was SO worth it. Another short one, but it's very satisfying ;)

I loved how the professor was a Dom through and through. His character stayed true to that role, down to the smallest details. Everything he did reflected who he was. Same with James. He slipped into the submissive role so easily, even though it occasionally took him by surprise! Again, it was the little details that got to me, all shown, not told. Yummy.

It was nice to get some more background on James and see how he got together with Professor Carson in the first place. The professor's tutoring methods were unorthodox, but effective. The best part? James' reactions to those methods. *nods* SO HOT. *fans self* Of course, now I'm extremely curious what happened in the two years between this book and Giving an Inch. Maybe the 3rd book will have some flashbacks? (Not that I've forgotten Satish, who I need to have a PROMINENT role in the next book)

Laura says

4.5 Stars

Research can often pull moans and groans out of me, but Carson and James elevate the pain and pleasures of studying to whole new heights. Studying has never been so wicked or erotic!

An Inch at a Time, book two in The Professor's Rule series, flashes back to the beginning when James, a young struggling history student, attempts to seduce and fuck his Professor for a passing grade. But James discovers and earns so much more. This intense connection and experience changes his study habits, desires, and life forever.

"The drive for pleasure can be a powerful motivator, so why not use it to make the learning process not only enjoyable, but also far more effective?"

Meet Professor Evander Carson (aka "incredibly attractive, why-yes-I-am-sex-on-legs Professor Silver Fucking Fox Carson") a man with a reputation of sexual perversion around campus. A man oozing with authority and control. I could feel his strength and patience in the tone of his voice or how he held himself. Carson has a very powerful command and presence on the page. And the intensity and crackle between James and the Professor is HOT! So naughty and delicious. The tension, buildup and wait curled my toes! You will feel every crack!, gasp, and hiss!

My favorite part of this story and what kept me from flying apart though was the humor. I would have spontaneously combusted without the laughs layered in between the intensity. James has a wicked and almost bratty sense of humor. Like here trying to pick a safeword...

(view spoiler)

There is also something, an element or feeling between the Professor and James I can't define and pin down yet. Maybe I'm feeling the confusion and surprise in James of how much he enjoys the pain. At this point, I don't think James fully understands why he wants and needs the Professor and his pleasures of pain and degradation. He just knows he wants the high, the pain and focus. And at times, I feel like Carson warms up or feels something more for James, but then a coldness cuts through the affection like a knife. Or does the passion cut through the coldness? I can't put my finger on it. This in no way is a complaint mind you. If anything, it makes me more curious. I cannot wait to see where these two go from here.

More, more please! The Professor is one hell of an addiction.

Btw... I love how history is talked about in this story. You can tell one or perhaps both authors are history fans. The way the subject, events, and past are explained and caressed on the page is beautiful. Makes me want to dive into my history books!

Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

Reviewed for Prism Book Alliance

Do you like silver foxes? Twinks? The student-teacher dynamic perhaps?

Ding. Ding. Ding. Step right up to The Professor's Rule series.

Ms. Gormley certainly made an impression on me with *The Laird's Forbidden Lover* and I'm nothing if not loyal. I've also been wanting to read something by Ms. Belleau and I'm not brave enough for *The Flesh Cartel* yet. I know, I know I'll get there. Someday. Until then I'm happy to read more of this series. The Professor's Rule is wicked naughty and extremely well developed for a series of shorts.

An Inch at a Time backtracks from *Giving an Inch* to the genesis of James and Professor Carson's relationship. **What...** a genesis! It seems they wasted no time at all settling into their roles. James really is a brat, but God bless he's funny.

The Professor and James give that ruler a WORK OUT, I tell ya. Naturally, it's all in the name of higher education. Ahem. The level of character and relationship development these two authors are able to create in a short is something to behold. The writing is sharp, crisp. The dialogue is oftentimes humorous especially James's inner thoughts that sometimes result in 'oops, did I say that out loud?' moments. There's a ton of sexual tension. Let's just say that James's ass sees a whole lot more of that ruler or a belt or the Professor's hand than anything else.

The D/s dynamics are burgeoning at this point and James struggles with what being under the Professor's ruler says about him.

"It felt right. As if he'd always belonged on his knees before Carson, and wasn't that an unexpected development?"

This is a series so I expect for the picture to sharpen with each installment and *An Inch at a Time* didn't disappoint. We find out quite a bit about James' past and his insecurities are explored. I was surprised by some of the character development and that's rare for me which makes me respect these authors all the more for it. *An Inch at a Time* is told from both James and Carson's perspectives which aided getting to know each other a bit better. The Professor is Scottish. **YEE!** maybe a kilt will make an appearance!

Really REALLY looking forward to the next installments!

Cory says

Why the fuck didn't I take history in college? Did I miss out on some spankings? Can I possibly make up for lost time...is it too late to register for fall classes?

Let me just say that I thoroughly enjoyed Carson much more than I did in the first book. I think I would let him bend me over and slap my ass any time.

In a nutshell, me likey, a lot!

P.S. the sexual overtones in this review are due to me getting a full night's rest. I'm normally a little more subdued due to lack of sleep.

SheReadsALot says

[What? You thought I was going to post a picture of some young, bubble butt hottie who likes to bone, has hot abs and pillow cock sucking lips? **Move on, ya perv!** j/k (hide spoiler)]

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

4.5 stars

Holy shiitake mushrooms, this book was HOT!! Efff! Now I'm going to get inappropriately excited whenever I see a ruler. I'm going to have to stay out of Staples for a long while...

This book was a prequel to *Giving an Inch*, establishing the relationship between James and the professor. While I was leery of the whole professor/student thing, I just decided to throw my nagging morality out the window for this one. And I'm so glad I did because I was then able to appreciate the off-the-charts sexiness of this story.

I loved seeing how the relationship between James and Professor Carson was established and learning a bit of back story about James. It really does add layers to a story that could have been simply porn without plot. The back and forth that James went through in his mind before he sort of gave in to his desires was really well done. I got a true sense for these two characters. My only issue is that I wanted so much more. I wanted this book to be more like a full length novel (stop making us wait, ladies!!). But I think the wait between installments will be well worth it.

And did I mention that the professor has a Scottish accent? And I thought this book couldn't get any sexier.

LiveYourLife BuyTheBook says

♥?5 Stars - KAPOW!?♥

A *"Live Your Life, Buy The Book"* Review

I absolutely adored this book!! It is the prequel to *"Giving an Inch"* and deals with the first time James meets Carson, and how their "tutoring" begins :-) You do not need to read them in order, but it makes for a fun join-the-dots reading journey, so I suggest that you do.

The book is only 62 pages, and the blurb pretty much covers the book – so there isn't really a lot more I can say, we know James is failing History and that there are rumours of Professor Carson being open to sexual favours.. so James sets out to seduce him. This was so cute. Boy v Man. Really.

Carson (although he hides it very well) sees something in James that really has him wanting to help, so he agrees to a trial session. The sessions go on to help James on so many levels – it helps his focus and that translates well to his learning. But he also learns so much about himself, to the point that getting a few questions wrong has a reward in itself, one he never expected he would like. :-) I loved knowing more about James, learning about his life and his addictive tendencies – his need for direction. Carson really grabbed my attention in Book 1 and in this installment he continues to enthrall me. He ticks so many of my boxes!!

Scottish ✓ Dominant ✓ Caring ✓ Sexy ✓

I ended Book 1 hoping that James and Carson would pick up again (not that I had anything against Satish) but something about this duo just really connected with me. When I saw that this was a prequel I was disappointed and excited at the same time – but now, having read it, I cannot wait for Book #3 and hope that it will be a continuation of “*Giving an Inch*” and shows Carson now wanting to make things between him and James carry on, and move up a level. A girl can hope, right? Either way – if there is another book (please, please, please, *please!*) I will definitely be buying it!!

I know a lot of readers have this weird idea that short stories cannot get 5 star ratings. I am not one of those readers. If a story connects with me, and this one definitely did, then I have no qualms in giving it the full monty! KAPOW, baby! Go. Buy the Book! It is great!!

Sara says

I have two words for this book; brilliant and more. I want more. I loved meeting James and Professor Carson in *Giving an Inch*. One text message to the wrong number and we were given one hot, controlled and sexy encounter in a dressing room. But what? Why? And How were Carson and James previously involved? I tickled as pink as a newly spanked history student when I saw that we get the beginning of their story. *So. Damn. Excited.*

He watched his student's face carefully, searching for – ah, there it was. A flicker of intrigue that went beyond idle curiosity.

This was more than I could have asked for and it had everything I needed. I loved everything about it from the opening scene to the last “***Yes, Professor.***” These two men were insatiable...I am insatiable for more of their story. The control of Professor Evander Carson was *hugely* attractive. I love, LOVE how he took tutoring to a whole new level. I couldn’t focus either James, I get it but hot damn I would have loved to be a TA for those sessions. Sure, I did learn a bit of Jacobite Rebellion with them but did I mention they were HOT and once again I read this mostly at my desk at work? When will I learn with this writing pair? Do not read this at work unless you have an office with a door that can be closed and locked. I give you fair warning.

He wanted to play by the professor's rules, do things his way.

We learn a bit more about our student and professor in this book. Just enough... like foreplay really; it has me wanting more and more. Give it to me already! Please? Pretty Please, Professor? James, oh James; you slumped in a chair revealing bits about your past, you kill me boy. Just slice open my veins and let me bleed my heart for you. Ugh. I am in love with these two, their roles in and out of the classroom. The passion that

sneaks through before that final exam had me with a "SHUT UP!" moment followed by a swoon worthy of an animated princess.

What a great way to go back and give us, give me what I wanted from the moment I read the response to James' text in *Giving an Inch*. We now know how the relationship began, how Carson instructed James into new areas of himself but what went wrong? Once again; kudos to this pair of authors for sucking me in and having me begging for more. Well played, ladies. Well played. I know the "how" of their beginnings but now I need to know the "what" of the end. Of course, I am up for the tease in between those two questions. With these boys/men at play, it will be exquisite torture.

While yes, this was short and sexy I am in love with the writing. Just a few sentences tossed into a scene that had me doing a double read with a highlight and notes to make sure I don't forget them, as if I could. So yeah, this book was sexy, there was foreplay, there was sex but this was one hell of a brilliantly written book.

...and it was so. Fucking. Good.

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Nic says

Like its predecessor, *Giving an Inch*, this is a seriously hot little story!

All the action in the first book took place in a department store change room - one very scorching scene as Carson, who we only meet as the man on the end of the phone, directs James to do some wicked things. James hadn't had contact with Carson in over two years, not trusting his ability to stop himself from going too far under Carson's dominance - he would do anything for the man.

This book takes us back to when Carson and James first met and this time the story extends over a couple of months. From James first nervous attempt at propositioning his professor, to receiving his final grade.

There is the potential for the student/professor relationship to seem inappropriate but I didn't get this sense at all. Carson's 'methods' may not be standard but he definitely provides James with the incentive he needs. **"But what I will never do is alter your test scores just because you refused to submit to me, James. Nor will I improve them just because you did submit. If you earn the grade, you'll have earned it by virtue of your own hard work and dedication. The method by which you do so will always be up to you. All I do is teach. And all this merely serves as...incentive."**

It is wonderful to see how beautifully James responds to Carson and there is a huge sexual tension that extends throughout the story.

There is also more insight given into James and his personality. Just a hint of his addiction and the things he had done to support it and perhaps why he craves what Carson gives him.

So now I am left wanting to see a number of things in book 3 - picking up immediately from this book with the continuation of James and Carson's relationship in the lead up to their separation or a continuation of the story from book 1 *Giving an Inch* where Carson and James meet up again after the change room incident. Or

maybe a story from James' past or a more detailed look at Carson? But I'll take whatever I can get.....

Thanks to the publisher for providing a copy of this book in return for an honest review.

I now publish all my m/m reviews on my blog so if you want to see all my m/m reviews in one place come visit at Because Two Men Are Better Than One!

Amy says

Well, that was a surprise! A very pleasant surprise!! If you read my review of Giving an Inch, you'll see I was not a huge fan of the first book. It just felt "incomplete" to me. There wasn't enough history. I didn't understand their relationship and why James would act the way he did. There was no happily ever after, not even a happy for now. It just ended and I was left unfulfilled :(

An Inch at a Time is the second book in the series, but it's a prequel to Giving an Inch. It takes us back to when James was a student of Professor Carson. And OMG is it delicious!

James is failing Professor Carson's history class (in addition to several others) and is on academic probation. He needs to bring his grades up, whatever the cost. And rumor has it that Professor Carson is a kinky SOB. After turning down James' offer of sexual favors in exchange for a good grade, he offers to tutor James.

The deal? Studying, followed by a "quiz." Wrong answer? Spanking. Right answer? Reward. Ace the final, earn some mindblowing sex. It's harder work than sexual bribery, but it beats the volunteer tutors at the student center.

I loved it and will definitely continue on with this series!!

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Heidi says

College Professor guiding a student under his tutelage toward getting more than just an average grade. Professor Carson makes James earn every bit of his grade. But would he really want to fail when the rewards could be sooo worth it.

This little quickie is thoroughly enjoyable with light BDSM and a hot silver fox Professor.

4.5 stars

Wart Hill says

[(1) James does not fully understand what he's getting into. Again, this gets addressed in book 1, BUT, it ties directly into the fact that (2) Carson should fucking know better and actually communicate with his desperate 20 yr old student as opposed to telling him he can say no at any time when he's already p

Lisa Arbitrary - AttentionIsArbitrary M/M Blog says

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3.5 Stars for a Spanking Education!

So yeah, I admit, while reading this I was thinking what would make a guy want this, but what is so fan-fucking-tastic about Ms. Belleau and Ms. Gormley's writing is that they let us in on the psychology of what drives their characters. Or, at the very least, give reason for the behavior.

I mean, I'm not reading academic journals for crying out loud, but it's just so much better when the story has something I can sink my teeth into. When it has a solid reason for what is happening. Then I don't have to question everything. It means a lot to me and lets me get into the story.

Don't get me wrong, this is **pure sex and purely impure**. The only thing you have to worry about here is whether or not this is your kink...well, at least to read about. And then there's the whole: Two consenting adults, albeit professor and student, but well, that just adds some edge, doesn't it?

THE CHARACTERS

James Sheridan - I thought James was innocent. Juvenile. What was I thinking? Former adrenaline junkie. He's going to be fun to learn all about. In "Giving an Inch" Giving an InchI would have laid money that he was timid, introverted, but here we learn he has a past and it tells much about what makes him tick.

Professor Evander Carson - Intellectual, silver fox and bent! We get a few little glimpses behind Carson's façade. The slick mother-fucker's mask slips an inch or two.

The chemistry between James and Carson is just igniting and I think we're in for a wild ride with these two. I can't wait to uh, study book 3.

THE STORY

In the previous book, "Giving an Inch" Giving an Inch, James has...experienced Professor Carson. Although he seems to enjoy himself we can't help but wonder what his relationship with Carson is all about. Well, well, well, grab this book to find out.

James is struggling in his lessons, but luckily for him Professor Carson has a remedy. His methods may be unconventional, but they do get James' attention.

THE WRITING

While this is most definitely a “whew, this is hot” spanking story it doesn’t dwell on each swack, or overly describe. Somehow this is relieving. I think some authors would have put too much into the details and bogged the story down. Erotica, yes. Porn, no.

This is a quick, hot romp that I read again immediately. Purely for the educational value, of course. In the end, I am completely intrigued to see where this will go.

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Barbara says

Incredibly attractive, why-yes-I-am-sex-on-legs Professor Silver Fucking Fox Carson... Damn... this man is sooooooooo intense/hot!!

Professor...PLEASE, quiz me. :D
