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Rendida al amor. Se suponía que Nick Harris y Josie Jackson no se gustarían el uno al otro. Él esperaba encontrarse a una aburrida y responsable maestra de escuela. Ella, otro pesado con los que su hermana intentaba emparejarla. Los dos se equivocaron y, lo que parecía que sería una cita a ciegas de pesadilla, se convirtió en una tórrida noche de pasión. Josie sabía que aquella ardiente noche estaría en sus fantasías secretas durante el resto de sus días, porque, en el momento en que Nick descubriera quién era ella realmente, solo le quedaría eso, la fantasía.

Toda una fantasía. El atractivo experto en seguridad Sebastian Sinclair consiguió una buena suma en la subasta de acompañantes. Y durante los cinco días siguientes iba a ser el compañero de alguna mujer rica. Al menos era por una buena causa... Lo último que deseaba Brandi Sommers era volar a un nido de amor con aquel magnífico ejemplar de hombre. Pero Sebastian era un extravagante y caro regalo de su querida y entrometida hermana y no podía devolverlo. Además, ella mantendría el control de la situación en todo momento... o eso pensaba.

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Jody says

I really like Lori Foster and this book did not disappoint. Sexy, sweet, funny....nothing was wrong with these stories.

Fantasy - Brandi's sister buys her a man at her charity auction as a birthday present. After a traumatic event in her youth, Brandi has not had much to do with men. Deciding to step out of her shell and try to overcome her past, she confides in her sister her plans. Her sister decides to help out in a big way, especially after she sees the way she is looking at Sebastian. Sebastian does not want to be at the auction, let alone in it, but Shay is stubborn. Finally he agrees and I think it is more than he bargained for. Sebastian realizes that things just don't add up and decides to fix it. He spends the five day romantic getaway prize vacation figure things out. LOL

Tantalizing - Josie is fed up with the guys her sister sets her up on blind dates with, so she decides to scare this one off and find one more to her liking. Dressed very provocatively, she shows up at the meeting place and is floored by the man she finds. Nick is not Bob(the blind date)in fact he has been sent to tell Josie that Bob will not be showing up. But when Josie walks up to Nick and says are you Bob, he answers yes. Well things get mighty complicated with everyone pretending to be someone they are not and if you add to that people setting people up with the one they would rather be with, it can get very complicated. Liked Mrs. Wiley and Jeb also!!!

Janet says

3.5+ stars for both books in the Lori Foster Anthology. Included are:

'Fantasy' which was previously published as a HT #675, and
'Tantalizing' which was previously published as a HT #715

AJ Swen says

3 stars..

Two quick/fun reads. The first book..Fantasy was overly cheesy in parts but still enjoyable. Tantalizing was fun. Nick and Josie were good together.

Not one of those "you've got to read this" but easy read...

Kathy says

Fantasy:

Setting:

Bachelor auction; luxury resort; cabin/house on large tract of land.

Theme:

Love; control; safety; overcoming rape

Character:

Sebastian Sinclair – raised poor, father beat mother until Sebastian old enough to threaten him, served in special services now owns own security company – does pro bono help for battered women, and agrees to Shay's persuasion to participate in the auction to raise money. Gentle and strong, is attracted to Brandi from when he first sees her, and wants to be with her – be for her what she needs - wants her to trust him, and gives his trust to her in return.

Brandi Sommers – raped by 3 men while on a cruise when she was 18 – (left door unlocked, feels in part her fault, didn't tell anyone until the next day, etc)... goes to auction at sister's request, and is fascinated by the reserved Sebastian... her sister sees her interest, and buys him for her for her 29th birthday. She is overwhelmed by him, but quickly comes to feel safe with him.

Shay Sommers – beautiful, Amazonian, has her loved, dead husband's money to spend, works for the shelter to raise money.

Summary:

Brandi and Sebastian have 5 days at the resort... And Sebastian patiently gives over control to Brandi as to where their physical relationship will move... after being aggressively flirted with when on her own and being frightened, running to Sebastian, and after the rape nightmare returns, Sebastian takes her in his arms – gets the story out of her, and comforts her with admiration for her character and with gentleness. They get closer... they have sex, with Brandi always on top... and after the 5 days, both are afraid of rejection, and telling the truth of their hearts... then Sebastian gets called out of town on business, and when returns a week later, pushes Shay to find out where Brandi is – in a cabin in the woods... he goes to her, the air is cleared, and both finally admit to their love for one another.

Tantalizing:

Setting:

Single's bar; condo complex of elderly plus Josie; utilitarian apartment (socks in the dining room drawer/shirts on the table); 3 generation, 2 story, family home with character

Theme:

Falling in love; pushing one's own boundaries and self imposed limits

Characters:

Josie Jackson – 25 years old; virgin; master's degree nursing; lost parents when 15 and 19 year old sister took custodianship; has been goal oriented, has tried to please her sister; is tired of her sister set up blind dates; has own home care nursing business.

Nick Harris – parents divorced when he was young – mother forced guardianship on his father and his new wife out of spite, neither mother mothered him; doesn't trust women, but he does enjoy them; has the practical apartment; loves his grandfather; partner in an advertising business, where he is the more creative one;

Bob Morrison – Nick's conservative, rule abiding partner; sends Nick to the blind date that Susan (who

contracted with them for advertising of her flower shop) wanted him to go on; he is attracted to Susan and her personality.

Susan Jackson – conservative; uptight; gave up much to care for her sister but does not resent it; wants to see Josie married and settled down and keeps sending her on blind dates with dependable men; admires and is attracted to Bob, and dislikes womanizer, charming Nick.

Summary:

Nick goes on blind date with the intention of making Bob's apologies... but Josie shows up in short, tight skirt, high heels, and bare midriff (intending to scare him away) and he is bowled over and impulsively says he is Bob when she asks... and she is fascinated with him... and they talk, and they dance, and they go outside and kiss... and Josie is surprised one such as he is interested in her, and decides to be this alterego for the night and enjoy herself... and he recognizes her innocence behind her passive response but what a response! And he takes her to his boat, still struggling with whether to wait or to make love to her, but she takes his choice away and they make love – he's surprised to find her a virgin – he initiates her with passion and devotion...

Nick wants to tell her the truth, but she makes him put off seriousness until their date the next day. Nick sends Bob to romance her sister... but when the sisters are together, and Josie can tell how her sister feels about Bob (thinking it is Nick), she sends him goodby flowers... but Nick is not ready to let her go ...he tells her the truth, she takes it in stride... and agrees to date him, to explore this new side of herself– but she knows that there is a time limit on their time together and to maintain her independence she doesn't change her business obligations, which limits the time they can spend together, suggesting he is a step on the path of men as she learns her sexuality.

And Nick reacts without realizing he is falling in love... he wants to be with her... he doesn't want her to be with other men... he likes spending the night even when they don't make love... and she realizes she is falling in love but still doesn't see that he's going to change for her... but then she decides to propose to him... on the night he decides to tell her he loves her... ahhh

Sarah says

I wasn't expecting much and yet I was still slightly disappointed. I kept in mind that this was an early work for the author, but still, I couldn't care less about the story or characters. I began to equate finishing it with having chapters to read in science. Never a good sign!!

Amanda says

Two classic books by Lori Foster in one. I usually love pretty much anything by Foster but these two stories just weren't my favorite. Both stories were a little boring and I was ready to be through around halfway of each story. Fosters work done in the middle of her career and currently is far better.

Tanya says

Awesome like always couldn't stop reading it.
Like everything that she writes i couldn't stop until i finished the whole thing.

thuy says

I didn't love any of the characters in either of these stories, though I do think the men were more interesting than the women. The premises of both relationships was also highly improbable. It had potential though and I am interested in reading one of Foster's full length books.

Hina says

I liked Tantalizing better than Fantasy. I think being Foster's book, I had a higher expectations for the book. They are a good and easy read, but it isn't something that I would re-read again anytime soon.

Fantasy * (2 Stars)**

Though it was a decent read, it took forever to figure out Brandi's problem in the book, and all the slow build up just had me lose interest and the slow pace was killing me, I expect a fast and easy read, since they don't have time to build up everything compared to a full book. It was a hard to finish the story just because of the lack of interest in the characters. I liked Sebastian a lot, great hero material. I was surprised that they didn't do a secondary story alongside on Brandi's sister Shay.

Tantalizing ** (4 Stars)**

More fast paced, getting right to the point so to speak. I loved Nick Harris and this story kept me interested enough to finish. They also had other secondary stories, of Josie's sister and Nick's grandfather which was very cute. Definitely worth a read.

Angie says

Sebastian is her's...literally. Brandi's sister just bought him for her at a charity event. now she gets to do what she wants on a vacation. Brandi has a past that she won't let stop her from having the courage to change her life. Sebastian becomes a big part of getting her past her past. good story..maybe a little too perfect though. kept my interest though.

not as happy with the 2nd book. Nick is a telltale womanizer, Josie is pretending to be something she isn't and they fall for each other. I was actually bored...which has never happened with Lori Foster. I will keep reading her books because the norm is I really like her stuff.

Morpheus Reads says

Unbelievable contains: Fantasy; and Tantalizing.

Fantasy: Brandi Sommers attends a fundraising auction hosted by her sister, Shay--all monies to support building a new women's shelter. Shay ends up making the final bid on the last "item" and gifts it to Brandi as a birthday present. To her disbelief, this "gift" is Sebastian Sinclair, owner of a personal protection (bodyguard) service and supporter of the different women's shelters Shay runs. He often donates his time and services to provide protection to battered women and help the police get their abusers arrested. After a lot of grumbling, she agrees to go on the five-day vacation to a lovers' retreat with Sebastian which is included in the auction package. Turns out they are comfortable with each other and are able to share their pasts with each other, etc. Brandi feels safe with Sebastian and he patiently helps her follow through with her decision to begin living her life and start circulating again after a horrible assault which occurred eight years before.

Tantalizing: Josie Jackson owns a business which assists the elderly (home health care), Home and Heart, and has always been focused on school and her career and has never made time for dating, especially after all her older sister has given up to help raise her after their parents' deaths. Josie agrees to another blind date set up by her sister, who has been trying to get her married off, although this time she plans a ruse which she hopes will immediately turn the guy off and she can get her sister to stop bugging her. She wears revealing clothes and acts like a big flirt--which is not her normal behavior and not what this particular stuffy guy would like. This would have worked except the guy who was supposed to be her date had to cancel and he sent his business partner, Nick Harris, in his place to give her the news. Nick is so taken with her, however, he doesn't admit that he's not really "Bob" and they spend time together falling for each other. Confusion reigns as all starts to unravel before Nick can tell her the truth about his identity, and before she can tell him the truth that she's not really the big flirt she's pretending to be, and the real Bob and Josie's sister, Susan, find they have feelings for each other as well. Will the real Bob please stand up??

These are both quick and enjoyable reads but they are a bit dated and not as good as Lori Foster's later work.

Marsha Spohn says

Reviewed at Romance Is Ageless

Just as a heads up and an FYI: Fantasy is #0.5 in the Visitation, North Carolina series. Both titles have been previously released individually and in other anthologies.

As a reader, especially one who tries to find author's earlier works, I am always happy to find double books or anthologies that feature older stories, ones I may have missed the first time around. Unbelievable gives me a connection to a series and a standalone story from Ms Foster's earlier releases.

FANTASY It's not too difficult to figure out Brandi's history before the reveal, but still it was heartbreaking. Sebastian's tenderness and patience with Brandi throughout their story touched my heart and had me wishing for such a man in real life to have been part of my life. Their romance is both tender and steamy, and I was easily caught up in their story. I loved this one and would happily read it again. Fantasy gets 4 stars from me, edging toward the 4.5 range simply for the thoughtfulness in dealing with Brandi's memories and reactions.

TANTALIZING Oh, what a fun romp Tantalizing is. Two people who are completely not what they seem at first meeting, a few white lies, a couple of omissions, an overprotective sister and a delightful grandfather... yeah, a funny, charming, steamy romp. Nick and Josie are a couple of focused characters who don't really seem like they'd fit on the surface, but once you get to the real people they really are just right for each other. Steamy, funny and at times a chuckle out loud story. I enjoyed this couple... and even Susan and Bob had their precious moments.

It's really pretty amazing that in the two decades since Fantasy and Tantalizing were first published by Harlequin the romantic world (both in fiction and in real life) has changed in so many amazing ways yet in some things has remained the same. Love wins in the end – and that is why I read romance.

I own a Kindle edition of Unbelievable.

Jill says

Amazing, Lori has done it yet again. I don't think you could ever go wrong with a book from Lori. She is just outstanding and this book is another winner for me. It has romance, it has humor, it has everything one could hope for in a good read.

Cara says

Fantasy was HOT. Wow, gotta love a man like Sebastian. Tantalizing was hot too. Predictable but hot.

Cindy says

Contemporary romance with sex. These 2 stories were originally published in 1998. Probably in other anthologies. I have the republished combo from 2010. This is a reread for me, but I couldn't remember ANYTHING about it (a bad sign).

****SPOILER*****SPOILER*****SPOILER*****

Fantasy - 1 star. I LOATHED this story. For one thing, I almost fell asleep during the first 3 chapters it was SO BORING!! Sebastian puts himself up for a charity auction, where they auction off the company of a handsome stud. This is supposed to be for battered/abused women. The chairperson is none other than Shay, from "The Life Of Brian" fame. She wins Sebastian for her sister, Brandi. Now for one thing, I think 5 days at a secluded, romantic resort strains the bounds of good taste for a charity auction. These 2 people don't know each other. He was WON for God's sakes. It kind of prostitutes the whole thing.

For another thing Shay supposedly is an expert with the battered/abused women. She works with these women at a women's shelter. Does throwing your sister who was gang raped as a teenager into the company of a TOTAL stranger for FIVE DAYS even sound like a good idea? Now to be fair, Shay does know Sebastian & thinks he'd be a good guy to let Brandi start off with. Of course, she doesn't clue Sebastian in on what happened to Brandi, so he has NO idea what's going on. Not realistic at all. Not a great story.

Tantalizing - 4 stars. This is the LF I know & love! Josie & Nick meet at a bar, where she thinks he's his

partner, Bob. She's been set up on the date by her bossy, older sister, who actually likes Bob herself. There's a comedy of errors, until they get it all worked out. This is a "love at first sight" trope, which I don't mind. Sweet story!
