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At the end of his obligated commitment to the Space Service, Frey Berger decides to stay on Earth to further experience human emotions rather than return to Ginnun where his intended has already mated with another. Looking for real love and someone to accept him for what he is, Frey enlists in Madame Evangeline's popular dating service. Although he does not understand the concept of a one-night stand, he hopes to find his perfect mate.

Carrie Cooper's husband divorced her for someone who could provide him with children, leaving her with little self-confidence and no desire to let a man hurt her again. Her best friend convinces her to join a dating service, claiming Carrie needs to get laid, while not winding up with a broken heart since her date requires no commitment after the night is over.

Although several misunderstandings nearly derail them before the date has even begun, Carrie and Frey end up becoming closer than they ever believed possible. Still, Frey will need to convince Carrie that her perfect mate isn't human at all, and that one night can lead to a forever love.

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Reviewed by Robin

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If you enjoy romance and alien's you will enjoy this short story about a one night stand that turns into so much more. This cute story gives you the reader hope in love that transcends differences.

Frey an alien working on earth finds that he wants more than what his planet of Ginnun can give him. After making the decision to leave and make a home on earth after he is betrayed by his fiancé who has slept with his best friend and roommate. He signs up with a dating service hoping to find the perfect mate to spend the rest of his life with.

After a divorce Carrie is left with no confidence and no faith in men. Her best friend Tamara talks her into Madame Evangeline's one night stand dating service to get her confidence back.

The match between Carrie and Frey ends up being magical. He rocks her world. In such a short story Ms. Subject brings the characters to life so much so that you find yourself feeling for them as if they were friends. Rooting for them to make things work.

Ms. Subject shows both strong emotions and the vulnerabilities in both Frey and Carrie. The story is believable and well written. The sex scenes are sexy and sweet. Anyone who enjoys romance and/or aliens will enjoy this story.

Favorite Quote: Carrie to Tamara when asked about her one night stand...."It was cosmic...out of this world."

Toni says

Please stop by and read my review at Coffee Beans & Love Scenes Reviews.

Renee says

I loved this book. It was short, only about 35 pages, but it caught my attention and kept me intrigued. Fans of Sci Fi Romance will love it too. Frey was so cute and somewhat insecure about himself and Carrie had low self esteem issues. She was not as simple as I thought and Frey was determined to win her over. This book was both touching and humorous. I highly recommend this book.

Ramblings From A Chaotic Mind says

Celestial Seduction was a super quick read that I got through in about an hour. Jessica did a good job of giving decent back story that was pertinent without prolonging the story line. With a story this short I found it a bit hard to invest in the characters emotions so I read it completely on a superficial level. Having said that I did find it well wrote and easy to read. The writing was fluid and constant. I found no lagging parts, not that it was long enough for that.

The story is the extremely quick relationship between Carrie and Frey. Having met through a dating service set up for one night stands. Do those exist? Is it weird that I'm pretty sure I would want nothing to do with that? I dunno. Even with a ton of research into each person, still seems kind of skeezy. Carrie is nervous, understandably, because her last sexy encounter involved her husband. Now divorced she just needs to blow off some steam, but isn't sure she can go through with a one night stand.

Frey is an alien. Yes. An alien. His "promised mate" did him wrong and so he has decided earth women are better. So in the midst of their one night he not only solves Carrie's "I can't get preggo" problems with his magic hands. But he also tells her he's an alien. Now I like to think I have an open mind but this gives a whole other dimension to interracial dating. Carrie doesn't seem to mind his admission and eagerly continues the date after his truthful speech. Huh? No questions? That was odd to me. Oh you're an alien? Sweet, now do me with your noded penis! I would have liked a least a bit a balking on Carrie's part to make it a bit more believable.

Other than that issue I found the novella fun. It's definitely a fluffy read but it's good. The sex is well wrote and I found it engaging. The ending is neatly given to the reader with a bow on top. Completely predictable but with a novella it generally is. If you're looking for something to make your lunch hour in the break room a bit more fun..this is the read for you. Sci Fi, quirky, fun and sexy, Celestial Seduction is a novella you need to read.

I give Celestial Seduction by Jessica E Subject 3.50 stars!

Diane Alberts says

I never read Sci-Fiction, but this book called to me due to my fondness of the 1NS series. And, my instincts were right! I loved the uniqueness of the story, and she did an excellent job of making me love the characters in so short a time.

Such a sweet, fun, sexy summer read. I'd love to see more Sci-Fiction Romance from her, any day! And, yes, this is from a non-sci-fiction reader!

Alisha Robinson says

Aliens aren't really my bag ... baby. But when Jess told me she was going to be a published author I just had to read her short story!

This book had everything us gals (and guys) look for in our romance. A somewhat nervous woman who opens up while engulfed in passion, a strong, sexy as all heck man err alien, and a whole lotta steamy s-e-x! Jess didn't disappoint here. Her imagery was insane! I could almost see his ... ahem ... bulge and couldn't help but want to read more!

Yes, it was a short story but the reader could easily relate to the characters. Their feelings and insecurities made them likable, and their love was felt even if it was only a one night stand.

Although, I still don't think I will go all ga ga over aliens any time in the near future, I did enjoy this novel! At the end of this short story I could see a long future ahead for our characters!

Tracy Riva says

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Celestial Seduction is one of the short stories in Decadent Publishing's 1-Night Stand series. Don't be deceived, these aren't your typical one night stands, they are arranged by the mysterious, and possibly magical Madame Evangeline whose goal is to find partner for her one night stands. This time she might be a little in over her head though as her subjects aren't your average clients.

Frey is an alien from the planet of Ginnun, where his fiancé has thrown him over for his former best friend. Not only does he not want to go home because of that, but he has another reason, he likes having and showing emotions, something frowned upon on his home world. Frey is determined to stay on Earth, and, much to his commanding officer's disgust, to mate with an Earth woman. Searching for the perfect companion he goes to Madame Evangeline for a one night stand, but what will happen when his one night stand finds out he's really an alien.

Carrie has been through a difficult divorce and has suffered a terrible blow to her self-esteem, she seeks out Madame Evangeline hoping a one night stand will help jump start her recovery process and get her out into the dating world again, but Carrie wasn't counting on how having s one night stand would make her feel.

I really enjoyed *Celestial Seduction*. There was just enough backstory to make it interesting from then on the characters moved the story forward effortlessly. I liked the characters and I liked that in his natural form Frey was obviously alien, but also very much a male humanoid. His reactions were the same as any red-blooded human's would have been and he was a genuinely likable character. You immediately felt a sense of connection with him and you couldn't help but empathize with poor Carrie who has been through so much and then has the date that is supposed to help her jump-start her life show up hours late. The foundational tension was all put in place well and naturally and built incrementally throughout the story until the final pay off.

I would recommend *Celestial Seduction* to fans of romance, science-fiction, and short stories. I liked it enough that I'm going to look into adding some other titles from the series to my library. If they write as well as Ms. Subject they should offer some interesting reads.

Jennifer Lane says

"Sweet Starman"

I met Jessica Subject through her blog Mark of the Stars (<http://www.markofthestars.com/wp/>) where she interviewed me after reviewing my novel. I'm happy to return the favor by sharing my enjoyment of her short story *Celestial Seduction*.

Science fiction isn't my favorite genre but Jessica's story drew me in from the beginning due to her excellent characterization. The story features **Frey**, an alien masquerading as a human, and **Carrie**, a woman recovering from her recent divorce. Both face conflicts. Frey's betrothed has chosen another partner on his home planet of Ginnun. He's finished his last mission on Earth but balks at returning home since Ginnunians don't express emotion and Frey is a rather sensitive guy (my favorite). Carrie is unable to have children and is devastated when her ex-husband's new wife gets pregnant.

Against her better judgment, Carrie signs up for a dating service. She's extremely nervous for the first date and then feels so let down when the guy doesn't show up. (Been there!)

Her date Frey is late because he's been abducted by his military superior, who demands he returns home to Ginnun.

When they eventually meet up, there are some major barriers to their union. Both are insecure about their perceived defects, but both have much to offer the other. Without giving too much away, I'll say I loved the way they met and I cracked up reading about the "nodules". Very creative!

Will Frey and Carrie get their acts together? Read and find out! I definitely look forward to future offerings from Jessica Subject. It looks like she's working on another story from the series featuring Carrie's friend Tamara, titled *Beneath the Starry Sky*.

Diana (Offbeat Vagabond) says

Review posted here:

<http://offbeatvagabond.blogspot.com/2011/06/arc-short-review-celestial-seduction-by.html>

I was asked to review this by friend and fellow book blogger, Jessica (@markofthestars). She also happens to be the author of this story. Now it was only 35 pages long, but it still managed to packed a punch for me.

We start off by meeting Frey, our alien. He is sick and tired of being in space, of being taught not to feel anything. He wants to leave and live amongst the humans. His commander thinks he is making a big mistake. But Frey goes with his gut and stays on Earth. He wants to find a mate, someone open-minded who won't

might the fact that he is an alien. So through the 1NightStand dating service, he is matched with Carrie, a divorcee being forced to find someone because of her best friend, Tamara. Carrie has lost her confidence and Frey is scared he won't be accepted for who he really is. When they get together, they find out there is more between them than they thought.

This was such a great short. I really liked Frey and Carrie. When Frey and Carrie have their first sex scene, I actually laughed a bit because Frey was just adorable. For a guy, human or not, he was clueless about some things, but he learned quickly. Boy did he. Carrie was so freaked out and nervous about everything, her reaction to when she first saw the real Frey was much better than I thought. I honestly thought she was fragile and that would have been too much for her, but she took it better than most in her state would have.

I recommend this story to anyone looking for a read that is both sweet and sexy all at once. This may be part sci-fi, but the characters were believable. This may be apart of the 1NightStand series, but can be read as a stand alone in case you saw 20th book in the series and freaked. Like I said, this is short, but it was an easy and hot read. Absolutely worth checking out. I can't wait for more from my good friend Jessica Subject, make sure you all remember the name.

Selena Robins says

Celestial Seduction is a short sci-fi story, and still with its shorter length and sci-fi feel, the author has created two loveable and relatable leading characters, high sexual tension, a strong conflict and a good ending. The sex scene remains true to the characters, and at the same time it is a well balanced mix of sexy, adorable, and pulls at the reader's heart strings. During the lovemaking scene, the hero displays a unique vulnerability, delivering a powerful sensual punch that makes the reader swoon for him, admire the heroine's patience, smile and experience the sizzling sexual chemistry.

Jessica Subject has a strong writing style and a good handle on writing engaging dialogue, balancing her active prose with narration and vivid descriptive phrases. She threads the right amount of back story without being intrusive so the reader has a good handle on the characters.

I don't read the sci-fi genre, but Jessica has made a fan out of me. Whether you're a fan of sci-fi or not, I highly recommend you pick up a copy of Celestial Seduction for a sweet and sexy read. Readers who are looking for good writing, a distinctive plot and characters will enjoy Celestial Seduction and look forward to reading more from Jessica Subject.

Rebecca says

I loved this book. It had the amazing combination of love, sex, romance, and science fiction. It is fabulous. Jessica Subject manages to do in brief short story what so many authors struggle with in huge books--she makes her readers feel. This is a debut book and its fabulous.

Dianne Hartsock says

Sweet, romantic story. I really liked the characters and am glad they got their HEA.

Avery Tingle says

This story is an excellent, deft blend of science fiction and romance, the latter blossoming in the most unexpected places. The characters are layered and likable, and you find yourself cheering for Frey and Carrie every step of the way, especially after their first date. Although the story ends too quickly and abruptly, the pacing is a testament of Ms. Subject's expertise in writing in these two genres. I'd love to see this story continued, I greatly enjoyed this story and recommend it to anyone who loves love stories.

Heather McCorkle says

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Wow, this was one steaming hot sci-fi that kept me turning the pages! While it's certainly not for the under aged, it boasts a great story as well as hot elements. And the characters were completely compelling. Loved it!

Monique says

Originally Reviewed at AsianCocoa's Secret Garden

Celestial Seduction was a really quick read that I finished during one of my lunch breaks. Frey has refused to return to his home planet. He has decided that he wants to his true love on Earth. He signs up for a dating service and waits several months before finally arranging a date with Carrie who he feels may be a potential mate for him. When the two finally meet the relationship takes off quickly.

I thought this was a sweet love story. Frey comes from a planet that does not allow its inhabitants to show affection towards one another. His desire is to find a woman that he can have an affectionate life long relationship with. Carrie is still trying to recover from a divorce that has left her with low self-esteem. She has no expectations for this one-night stand and because of this was able to be open to Frey's confession and demonstration of his alien nature.

I'm not a sci-fi fan so the alien aspect of this story kind of made me squirm. But I thought the story was well written. Jessica Subject did a good job conveying the emotions and vulnerabilities of both Carrie and Frey and I enjoyed their story. Celestial Seduction would appeal to romance junkies that enjoy sci-fi elements and alien heroes.
