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Will wedding bells rock out for *Louder Than Love*'s most beloved couple in this Love and Steel novella?

Falling in love with rock star Adrian "Digger" Graves was a dream come true for former librarian Kat Lewis. But with a little help from friends and family—including Kat's adorable daughter, Abbey—Adrian has planned an evening and a proposal beyond her wildest dreams.

The night before, Kat witnessed the triumphant reunion of Adrian's rock band at Madison Square Garden. Tonight, he will escort her to the elegant, ultra-exclusive Library Lion's benefit. It seems like a fairytale, but even fairytales have a deeper, darker side. When old habits return to tempt her knight in shining heavy metal armor, will Kat's happily ever after come crashing back to reality?

THIS IS AN EPILOGUE NOVELLA THAT PICKS UP THE DAY AFTER *LOUDER THAN LOVE* ENDS. This novella is intended to be read after *Louder Than Love*.

Don't miss the next Love and Steel novel, *Softer Than Steel*, coming in September 2015 from InterMix.

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Baba says

5 perfect Adrian stars. Review posted July 23, 2015. The blurb through my visuals:

Dear Adrian,

I feast on your voice, mind and body. So I say...

Breathe
Easy Tiger
Into my ear and
Make it last to the end of the earth
I spread my arms wide
Reveling in your incantation
Waiting for the spell to be cast

Your loyal fan,

Baba

My fourth five-star rating of the year goes to Deeper Than Dreams by Jessica Topper. It's the truth when I say that I'm totally ecstatic!

Deeper Than Dreams picks up where Louder Than Love left off. After a triumphant (reunion) gig at Madison Square Garden, Adrian has planned a very special and memorable day for his ladylove.

First page, first sentence and I did have a dreamy smile on my face:

*"Where would you find fairy tales on the library shelves, luv?"
Adrian's question sifted into my slumber, adding depth and dimension. I was vaguely aware of his warm skin against my cheek and his chest rising and falling in a deep rhythm.
"398.2," I recited, my voice drowsy from dreaming. "Why?"
"I love fairy tales," Abbey murmured to my left. Her small body stiffened in a long stretch before curling around my hip and leg, and her tiny hand pat-patted Adrian's where it was cupped around my shoulder.
"I'm just making sure you know where you're waking up."*

It was Louder Than Love and Deeper Than Dreams. It was, simply put, **MORE COMPLETE THAN UTTER PERFECTION.** I know this makes no sense because perfection is already perfect. However, bear with me and let my rhapsodic joy take its course because it was such a fantabulous ride filled with romantic gestures to bursting.

That's Adrian to a tee when he's teasing...

Deeper Than Dreams is sort of a very long epilogue to Louder Than Love and an intro to Riff's character whose story Softer Than Steel is due out on September 15th, 2015. Louder Than Love does not end on a cliffhanger. This being said, I believe that Deeper Than Dreams is an absolute must read for every fan of Adrian. I'm positive that a huge majority of ~~readers~~ fans will devour this deeply romantic and absolutely stellar short story that provides the perfect ending, the icing **and** the cherry on top, to Adrian and Kat's love story.

Deeper Than Dreams is...

30,000 words of beautiful, intimate, witty and funny writing that will warm your heart, engage your brain, work out your risible muscle and lacrymal gland all at once and leave you with a big and goofy smile on your face and a serious thrill of anticipation to get your hands on Riff's story Softer Than Steel stat. Fact is, Jessica Topper writes rockstar characters and their engaging stories like nobody's business because they shine with a special brand of depth, texture, maturity and incomparability.

Adrian "Digger" Graves is *the* man. An outrageously sexy and mature human being in his 40s who is so incredibly charming, smart and witty, and it doesn't hurt at all that his personality is sprinkled with a very helping dose of mischief.

I. Love. That. Unparalleled. And. HUMBLE. Rockstar. God. Of. A. Man. To. Pieces. Period.

From the very first page to the very last, everything was perfect and in true Adrian fashion, the proposal itself was bloody great. It was...

Very original.
Beautiful.
Profoundly romantic.
Endearing.
Sweet.

So many friends offered a helping hand to make this special day unforgettable. Just so you know, I'd love to read Luke and Kimon's story. I can still hear Abbey squealing "Unkie Luke!" and "Unkie Kimon!" She's so darn cute and Luke and Kimon make a gorgeous gay couple.

Start with Louder Than Love and hop on that intimate journey to discover an absolutely unique and adorable rockstar with a heart of gold and a poet's mind. Sometimes life has a strange way of giving you another chance to break out from your self-imposed solitary life to find inspiration and love in the most unlikely

places. Said inspiration and love will lead pre-mentioned rockstar, in a roundabout way, to an all-encompassing resurrection, in private as much as on stage. See? Fairy tales do happen in this day and age.

Thank you, Jess, for having written an exceptionally great musical journey and trimming it with an absolutely unforgettable hero in the form of Adrian "Digger" Graves who holds the title for *Most Deliberately Rugged Tuxedo-Clad Male*. Besides, I seriously cannot wait to read Rick "Riff" Rotten's story. That man wears a tux like it is his job and calling. Like he is the James Bond of heavy metal. Rotten. Rick "Riff" Rotten. Though I doubt that his alcoholic vice is a martini, shaken not stirred. He will find a moonrise shell in Softer Than Steel and, most likely, his ladylove will tell him this...

That's on my mind when I imagine widower Riff finding his (second) soul mate. BTW, according to the sneak peek at the end of Deeper Than Dreams, Riff grew out his hair. It's long again and he looks sexy as sin.

Bottom line

In my book, Adrian Graves is a grand reading experience and one that's not to be missed. That man is etched deep in my heart forever and ever. Deeper Than Dreams is worthy of a huge and fat Babalicious stamp of approval because I just can't help swooning over Adrian endlessly.

Read and cherish this little gem because Adrian and Kat's love story will enable you to dream.

Highly recommended.

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P.S.

One more...

I'm wearing a perpetual grin of complete bliss on my face. Ok. I'll stop now. Promise.

Well, maybe you could grant me one more little...you know...? Shoot. I said I'd stop now. I'm gone. Bye!

Oh, what the heck...

"Adrian!" I practically belted him with the brass knuckles of my evening bag. "Don't go telling tales out of school."

"What? I did fall for you that day." He grinned. "And each day after."

"You had beer goggles that day."

"That's tosh! I was smitten...even after I had sobered up. And it was Jack Daniels, for the record."

Jennifer Kyle says

What a wonderful novella Jessica Topper gifted Louder than Love fans. I absolutely love Adrian, Kat and little Abbey!

TeriLyn says

***Deeper than Dreams* generously provided by the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.**

5 "The devil's in the details, darlin'." Stars

Deeper than Dreams was a super cute novella written as a follow up to the first book in the series, *Louder than Love*, that totally satisfied my reading needs. It was lovely to catch up with the elusively romantic Adrian Graves, the sweet and semi-neurotic Kat and her darling daughter Abbey.

The novella picks up the morning after the first book ends and the way it opened might have been my most favorite part about it because it was as though we got to live a morning in their lives as a family and got a glimpse as to what the future holds for these three. In the span of the novella, we're only with these characters for a full day but the amount of information we learn and the depth of their commitment and love for each other you'd never think it was a novella at all. In the morning, we learn Adrian has a special day planned for Kat and his execution of the day and all the surprises was just so satisfying. In the course of this day we see maturity from Kat and understand more fully the growth of Adrian's character thanks to a revealing look into Adrian's past.

The information Jessica Topper reveals giving us more into Adrian's past mixed with a lot of revealing information about Riff gives us clues into the next book of the series, which will be Riff's. I look forward to where Topper and her great story telling skills take us next in the journey of the Love & Steel series. I want Riff's book because I'm intrigued greatly by his story and because I want to see more Adrian, Kat, and Abbey through Riff's eyes where I'm sure interesting revelations will happen.

~IreneOust~ says

Back in January 2014, while browsing Goodreads, I happened to see a review by a friend/fellow blogger, Lana (of a Dirty Girl Romance blog) that made me sit back and take notice. The review was for a book called Louder Than Love. I immediately one-clicked and the rest, as they say, is history ...

Perhaps it was some sort of sign from above that it was Lana who was standing next to me in the middle of

Las Vegas casino a few weeks ago when we got the news that the opportunity to review 'Deeper Than Dreams' early presented itself. I can't begin to describe the level of excitement I felt. I even jumped up and down for several minutes waving my hands in the air!

But no amount of excitement could compare to what I felt after I actually finished 'Deeper Than Dreams'. The novella picks up the morning after that magical ending of 'Louder Than Love' and only follows Kat, Adrian & Co. for about 12 hours yet you feel as if you lived a lifetime with these characters. The amount of feelings (uncertainty, fear, love & desire) and information that Jessica Topper manages to pack in this perfect little short is absolutely brilliant!

There is a perfect passage that sums up these 1.5 books for me (since I am not very good with coming up with beautiful words of my own):

With Adrian, I hadn't been afraid to jump in, feet first. Diving into his present, digging into his past, loving him ... and finally allowing myself to be loved again. For who I was, for who I had been. For the here and the now.

I highly recommend this series to anyone who isn't afraid to feel. There is tragedy, triumphs, closets full of skeletons, rebuilding friendships and forming new ones, having regrets and moving forward so you won't have new ones. There are going to be tears, sad and happy ones.

All of the above and more written in such beautiful, poetic way that you will fall immediately head over heels with all things Jessica Topper!

P.S. That little taste of Rick's story in the very end left me panting for more ... September 15th can't come soon enough!

Jessica says

JUST A DOLLAR AND A DREAM...

Not long after I finished writing Louder Than Love, I dreamed up a fairy tale ending for the main characters, Kat and Adrian. That became Deeper Than Dreams, the novella that bridges Louder Than Love with the next book in the series, Softer Than Steel. And I am happy to say the price-dropping fairies have waved their wands and made DEEPER THAN DREAMS only 99¢ this month! It's available for this price wherever ebooks are sold!

(Please note: for maximum happily-ever-after enjoyment, this novella should be read after Louder Than Love.)

Jessica says

If you loved Louder Than Love, then you are going to fall hard for DEEPER THAN DREAMS!

Picking up the day after LOUDER THAN LOVE ends, this novella will also bridge the next book in the Love & Steel series: Softer Than Steel

Deanna♥Pink Lady♥? says

Review to come but it was LOVE!!!

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

IT'S LIVE! * Amazon US * Amazon UK *

DEEPER than Dreams is the perfect title because they have the dream, but will they be able to live it in a healthy and happy way? This novella eloquently showcases embracing the unknown and whatever life offers in all its rich tapestry. *Live in the moment with the people you love, for together, anything is possible.*

It kicks off the day after the events of LOUDER THAN LOVE. If it's been a while since you read Adrian and Kat's beautiful love story, fear not, the author provides gentle reminders of the emotion and context of the story. Readers will reconnect very quickly with the poignant reading experience reigniting their love for Adrian, Kat and adorable little Abbey who, of course continues to woo with her gorgeous demeanour and interaction with Adrian whose excitement in this story is truly infectious. The warmth of his character continues to shine while they appear to be living the fairy tale dream.

But is all as it seems as the true reality of the situation with all its temptation comes crashing down around them. The supporting cast are there to aid the reality and again they're an added layer that I absolutely love, this author can work so much and so many into such a short reading space. Including Rick, the star of the next book in the series. My interest has been firmly piqued about this charismatic character and my reading thirst has been perfectly quenched for his story, *I cannot wait to discover more about him.*

In terms of novella status DEEPER THAN DREAMS packs a punch. Its engaging throughout and, in many respects, an extended epilogue treat for fans of Adrian and Kat, I basked in the feel of the continuation of their story. In equal measure it's so much more. The author oozes the conflicting emotions of the protagonists with the perfect measure of angst. It felt natural in their circumstance, the fear and worry, and I love how their story evolved and developed. **If you LOVED Louder than Love, then this is an ABSOLUTE MUST READ!**

My review thoughts for LOUDER THAN LOVE

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Ellie says

Perfect follow-up to Louder Than Love! Adrian is just dreamy <3

What a sweet follow-up novella to Louder Than Love that was. It read like a lovely and absolutely sweet extended epilogue to Kat and Adrian's romance and made me love all the characters in this series even more than already did.

One could say that nothing much in terms of action happens in this story - just a preparation for a big/the biggest night out for Kat and Adrian, yet for them and their relationship it was like everything happened. Every little thing mattered and had deeper meaning and affected everyone around the main couple in one way or another.

Reading this felt like watching the farewell episode of a beloved TV show where we meet all the stars of the series again. We see all the important people in Kat and Adrian's lives and it was a true beginning of their HEA.

There was a lot of hope and optimism, some sadness and fear, some fun and sexy times. The story sets stage is set for Rick to shine in the next book coming out in September.

Recommended read for fans of the first book. Adrian is even sexier and kinder and more of everything and Kat just melts my heart.

namericanwordcat says

This is a charming story which is really the Epilogue to Louder Than Love a book I adored.

If you loved that book too, you need to read this one. It will make you feel gooey.

Tanja ~ T's Book ~ KT Book Reviews says

I missed these guys! It was great to spend a day-in-the-life! A heart melting, panty dropping day!

Want to pick a day to be a fly on the wall with Adrian and Kat? Well, I'm gonna tell you that Deeper Than Dreams is the perfect day-in-the life to do just that!

Absolutely swoon worthy are these two! Funny, sweet, romantic, and endearing; this new little family has won me heart and soul. Kat gets an up-close and personal look into the "Digger" side of things and his team. And as for Adrian... well he pulls out all the stops for his rockin' ladylove.

For fans of Louder Than Love, this a cherry on top read.

5 Rock Stars!!

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Brandi says

What a wonderful addition to Digger and Kat's story. Love. Love. Love.

Thanks for the gift, Jennifer! <3

Lana ✿✿Dirty Girl Romance✿✿ says

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5 Stars

Adrian Graves, did you go and write me a heavy metal love song?"

"Well now, maybe I did."

"I thought if love was going to appear in your music, it had to be doomed, damned, or deadly."

"I've learned since that love runs much deeper than that. Deeper than dreams. And if I've made even one of your dreams come true tonight, then I am a better man for it."

Last year I read a book and fell hard for a fictional couple. I swooned, I sighed, and I fell irrevocably in love with Jessica Topper's incredible writing. Louder Than Love was one of those romances that was just so wonderfully real. I don't even know how to describe it better than that. It wasn't angsty, filled with crazy drama, manwhoring rockstars, or anything of the sort. It had two characters each struggling with moving on from their past finding love together. It was perfection.

I simply adored that book. Now I'm not a reader that typically enjoys follow up novellas for a couple that I loved. Why? Because more often than not, that novella will do something to mess with the couple's HEA, it will throw in some miscommunication or drama, *anything* just to justify them getting additional story. But I didn't think twice before jumping at the chance to read this novella because I already knew it would be nothing of the sort. And you know what? I wasn't even a little bit wrong.

No one else can take a couple you already loved and then make you fall in love with them even more than you already were in less than 100 pages. But that's exactly what happened here. This was **the** perfect epilogue novella for Kat and Adrian. I downright cried happy tears at the end of it. What amazed me even more was the feelings that it was able to bring out in me. It's not common that you'd read a novella and by the end of it feel like you read a whole book with the amount of emotions it was able to wring from you.

This is not meant to be read as a standalone, and you absolutely need to read *Louder Than Love* before this. And if you read and loved *Louder Than Love* like I did, then this epilogue novella is an absolute must read. I couldn't think of a better conclusion to one of my most beloved couples.

Jessica Topper also gives readers a lot more Rick if you've been curious about him, along with a teaser for his book that will leave you anxious to get your hands on his book in September. I absolutely cannot wait.

Deeper Than Dreams was one of those perfect treats that's like the icing on an already fantastically delicious cake. Emotional, lovely, captivating, it was everything I've already come to expect from this author and more. I simply cannot recommend it enough.

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Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

Short and sweet:

This. Holy moly. If you have read *Louder than Love* (and if you haven't you better get on it) then you should definitely read this. It makes your heart full and evokes the whole range of emotions. Adrian is a man you can only hope to have in your life. He is wise in so many regards yet so vulnerable when it comes to Kat. And Kat, so strong. And their love for each other! Swoon-worthy.

This is the epilogue you don't find in *Louder Than Love*, and then some. I hope we get to see lots more of this couple.

♥Rachel♥ says

Louder Than Love wasn't the typical rocker romance, it felt rooted in reality, without the over-the-top fantasy quality I find in most others. I liked the fact that Adrian was a mature forty-one years old, grown and past some of the foolishness that comes with youth. I could easily believe in Kat and Adrian's HEA, because their relationship felt like a passionate connection between two grounded people. While **Louder Than Love** ended happily, I wished for just a little more at the end. Now two years later, I get the epilogue I had wanted all along.

Deeper Than Dreams picks up immediately after *Louder Than Love*. Adrian and Kat are on a high off Adrian's performance at Madison Square Garden the night before, but Adrian has the day planned around

pampering Kat and capping off the evening in a grand gesture of love. There were some moments of insecurity felt by Kat once she realizes the magnitude of Adrian's re-established fame and wonders how it will factor in their future. No worries though, we are talking about the fabulous Adrian here, and Kat and little Abbey are his world!

Jessica Topper's writing is beautiful and cut right to my heart. She made it so easy to put myself in the character's shoes, feel all the longing and passion between Kat and Adrian. I was thrilled to be in on some of their blissful moments! **Deeper Than Dreams** is a must for fans of Kat and Adrian, and if you haven't yet read their story you are definitely missing out!

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