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Jenna's been letting life pass her by as she works on her career. But, when she needs to do some research of this kissing kind, things may get a little more heated than she expected. Research has never been so fun.

WARNING: This 11k short has no vampires, shape shifter or scorching sex, but it might make you snort your diet Coke out your nose.

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Nikki says

For a book that's so short and has no naekey times, this was fabulous! So cute and sweet, the author did a great job! I'd love there to be another look into their relationship as it progressed!

Jacob Proffitt says

This is fun and very short and only escaped five stars by ending so abruptly. At a minimum, it did the job of interesting me in the series...

Julie Carpenter says

Cute, quick read.

I really liked Jenna, the mc in this novella. I would love to see it be developed a bit more, even as just a little bit longer novella if not a full length. It was a fun sweet read.

Jenna is a YA novelist and is told by her agent that if she wants to continue writing books in a series about a young high school girl then she better write in a first kiss scene for the character. Jenna isn't ready for her sweet, innocent character to have a kiss and yet she doesn't want to lose her contract selling these books. She also can't remember what it's like to have a first kiss, let alone a kiss because it has been quite a while since she's had either.

So it seems that there's only one thing she can do... Research!

Jenna calls her friend Lisbeth and she suggests they go to the bar and Jenna can find some nice guy to ask him to help her take notes and do research.

A funny situation happens when Jenna approaches her first research assistant. Then just escalates from there. It was really cute and I really like "mocking guy". The author has a pretty fun sense of humor and that comes out very strongly in Jenna's thoughts and sometimes her slip of the tongue.

There were some mild innuendos and it does take place part of the time in a bar. I would have rated it a lot higher except for those innuendos. I did like the conclusion she found for her research.

I downloaded a free copy from Amazon.

Happy Reading!!!

Kat says

¿Y YA? ¿AHÍ ACABA?

¡Quiero más, por amor a Dios!

Ahh, lo corto en la mejor parte, o sea.. o sea.. ¡QUIERO MÁS! SEGUNDA CITA, ¡ALGO!

Nooo, quiero maaaas. Ay Dios mío, estaba entreteniendome demasiado y de pronto dice: FIN.

QUE NO. QUE NO. QUE QUIERO MÁS. ¿EN SERIO? ¡LO CORTO EN LO MEJOR!

Ay quiero más, lo juro. Me encanto Ben. Y Dane. Y Jenna, ay Jenna, la adoré en las poquitas páginas de este libro, y a su 'mejor amiga' Lisbeth... por favor, que alguien le diga al camión de la basura que se dejaron una gran bolsa sin recoger, gracias.

Me gusto bastante el libro, pero muy pocas páginas y un final demasiado abierto, d e m a s i a d o, estoy indignada, ¿quien acaba un libro así? ¡Quiero más!

Bueno, sus 4/5 estrellas. Hubieran sido 5/5, pero ese final.. ay, ¿en serio?

Emilia Barnes says

Rarely do I get to say this: I hated every single word of this offensive 'story.' It's poison.

The heroine wants to research 'a first kiss' for a book she's writing. In the process she runs into the 'hero.' She trips, he picks her up. And no, I don't mean he helps her up, or steadies or asks if she's all right. No, he picks her fucking up and places her on a bar stool. Then he proceeds to call her 'Sunshine' like she's five. Then he takes her notebook from her, against her will, reads what's inside, and then pockets it and demands she go out with him in order to get it back. Lest you feel sorry for the heroine of this tale: she agrees to this, thinks that he's hot, and when she meets him outside (with his personality-vacuum of a best friend and her "friend") and he refuses to disclose where he's taking them, she does not at any moment feel concerned for her safety.

The hero is a vile piece of shit, who forces the heroine into everything, touches her constantly, pats her bottom, physically forces her into situations she is uncomfortable with and makes a spectacle of her, when she's clearly shy and reserved. And yes, of course the author justifies this with the usual bullshit that this is somehow for her own good. Fuck this guy and fuck the author for writing him.

But what was worse than that even was the poisonous bullshit that was the female friendship in this. All the women in this are vile, contemptuous, jealous, think of nothing but men, and backstab each other for male

attention. It's free and it's short and I still feel like the author owes me something for having put me through this.

Chumchum_88 says

Ok I'm getting the the patter of it now, it seems the whole series is made up of short stories.

In a way it's interesting, because so far this series just describes the meeting of the couple or they how they got together, nothing afterwards. Always the story is depicted from the heroine's point of view, so no hero or narrator.

This one was less comical than the first one and even **shorter**, but yeah it's also a good book. even though they are short I'm really getting into this series, it's entertaining and lighthearted. Also I liked that the guy wasn't interested in superficial shallowness, he was interested in the interesting ^^

Overall, *thumbs up*

Kim says

Loved the ending!!! Want more Ben and Jenna! Hope they make appearances in the rest of the series?

Language: No profanity.

Drugs or alcohol: Part of the story occurs in a bar where martinis are ordered by the heroine's friend Lizbeth.

Sensuality content: Clean. Kissing only. The heroine's mean shallow selfish friend Lizbeth was a cringe worthy characterization of sexual innuendo never turned off during the story. Since there is some sexual innuendo, PG 13 for reading rating.

Source: My personal purchased library.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

Super Cute!

I loved this one just as much the second time around. Jenna is a YA author and needs to do some research. The character she is writing needs to have her first kiss, problem is it's been so long since Jenna has had a first kiss she decides she needs to do some fieldwork to refresh her memory. This was such a fun read, sure it was short, but it was packed full of fun characters and great romance. Now that I've read the rest of the series, it's even more fun to revisit Jenna and Ben and see where their story began. Great read and a great intro to the series.

Content: Clean

Sherry says

2.5 stars

It's in His Kiss, by Caitie Quinn, was just kind of meh for me. I didn't particularly like Jenna or Ben. Jenna is a YA author who is being forced by her publisher to write her MC's first kiss into the next book. She enlists her friend to help her do "first kiss" research. She struck me as sort of awkward and out of touch where I wish she'd come off as intelligent and/or geeky. She was a tiny bit geeky, but more so quirky, in my opinion. Ben came off as this pushy, smart-assed smug guy. (view spoiler) For me, there was not really any chemistry between them. I hated Jenna's friend Lisbeth. Between Lisbeth's 'I want all the attention and you're not competition' attitude and Ben's pushiness, even the funny moments kind of felt less funny. Like I said, the whole story was just meh.

Mela says

A sweet, funny novella. Quite predictable but perfect for a nice hour. Free on Amazon - so don't think twice and take it. ;-)

PS If you know more such kind of novellas - let me know. I would want to have a few on my shelf to read when I will need it.

Marlene says

While alphabetically planning out the first bunch of books to read in 2017, I came up empty for an author whose last name begins with the letter Q. But GoodReads came to my rescue! I found that my GR friend Kathy * Bookworm Nation has some Catie Quinn books highly rated. And so I was very happy to find this short story for free on Amazon!

It's in His Kiss (2011, QPub Books), 0.5 in the *Brew Ha Ha* series by Catie Quinn, is a contemporary romance set in a metropolitan college town. It's a standalone short story (or perhaps a short novella), but the main characters appear in at least one of the later books in the series.

Rating: 4 stars

The heroine: Jenna Drake is a YA (young adult) author, and her publisher is now mandating that since her main character Chloe is growing up in the series, "it's time for Chloe's first kiss." Jenna consults with her friend Lisbeth for advice, because "It's been a long time since my first kiss. I'm not sure I could imagine it. I mean, can you even remember your first kiss?"

The hero: Ben initially meets Jenna due to the fact that he's laughing at her. (This is generally not an advisable way to meet people!)

Christian elements: This isn't a Christian fiction selection. It is basically clean, but it's plain that the characters (and/or their world) don't have the same lifestyle that I value. An example: prior to this story, Jenna's ex-fiance jilted her and then tried to convince her that they "should still have sex on the side." (Given the context, I couldn't tell for certain whether it was implied that they had been engaging in such previously.)

Other quotes I didn't enjoy:

"Hot little body only a bimbo should possess"
"What the hell are those?"
"not-quite-B cups"
"You could get me drunk off one drink"
"___ stood up, patted me on the bottom and said..."
"Sometimes I hated her."

Clean? Umm... Yes. If you discount the quotes (and a few others like it) above. Honestly, it was a clean novel, but very much set in today's world with wordly characters. If that makes sense. This isn't my preferred setting, but somehow the author manages it so that I enjoyed the story thoroughly.

What I liked:

*I liked the humor the author blended into the story. I like books that bring a smile to my face. I chuckled to myself when Jenna wields her "handy-dandy notebook." (Blues Clues, anyone?) Another fun one: "All you had to do was roll a ball and knock down sticks. I could knock down stuff without trying... Klutziness was finally going to be my friend."

*The hero and heroine's meet cute was fun to read. :-)

What I didn't like:

*Just as a warning: It ends a bit abruptly. Part of that is that the short story ended at 89% on my Kindle. I should expect this to happen every once in awhile (especially in a prequel), but I still find it jarring. I never read previews (which makes up the last 11% of this Kindle book), so I just find them frustrating.

*The quotes in the Christian elements section above

*Jenna's very persistent mistaken assumption that Ben wasn't interested in her. Given the situation, it was understandable, but I still found it a little annoying.

The bottom line: This was a humorous and romantic story. I recommend this book to fans of clean, but very contemporary romance. I would not recommend it to a younger audience. I look forward to trying this author again, and plan to read *The Last Single Girl*.

By the way... Does anyone know a clean romance author with a last name beginning with X????

Christina says

A short cute read

This book was very short but did well as a quick read. There were some things I wish we as readers were told more about, but for the length of book the story worked. The protagonist was fun and a bit quirky, and the romance was cute and clean.

Chan says

You must need to read book one to be able to understand book 0.5.

When I began reading I felt like I was missing something. Like everybody was in on a joke and I was left out.

However, it became more interesting, and of course right when I really wanted more, the darn thing ended. Ben had Jenna up against a wall sweet talking her and that's when Quinn and Quinlan (the authors) said "Oh this looks like a good place to end the story." WHAT?! No! Keep going. Ugggh.

Mitch Castro says

Cute, short and quick read. Too short that if you make a review you can summarize the whole story in one paragraph. And I thought this is a prequel. Surprisingly, no.

Jenna is a writer who happens to be somewhat inexperienced in the art of kissing. Since her publisher expects a new plot for her main characters, she decided to make some research. To do the research, she and her friend Lisbeth went to a bar to meet a man who can make her relive her first kiss.

Armed with conventional upbringing and a weapon of pen and notepad, Jenna approached his "target" only to be misconstrued as a waitress. Well, who wouldn't? Hello, pen and notepad. But as she moves to another "target", she met Ben. Apparently, she didn't hit the mother lode. Or so she thought.

If you're not a fan of YA (as am I), this would land in your *meh* shelf. The humor is good though – light, a bit of sarcasm, and quick-wit. Definitely no erotica. Just one kissing scene. *One*.

Yep. Too YA for me.

Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says

Cute and sweet romance novella (40+ pages) about Jenna, a shy wallflower who writes a YA novel series.

When her agent tells her it's time for her main character to kiss a boy, Jenna panics. She's been on the shelf for so long she doesn't feel like she can adequately describe a first kiss. So her friend Lisbeth--one of those gorgeous friends who makes you feel like more of a ugly duckling--drags her out for a night on the town. Mission: find a guy to kiss.

3 1/2 stars. Humorous and heart-warming bit of fluff. Kindle freebie as of 2/27/15.
