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If you can't take the heat...

Entrepreneur Libby Harris's specialty is making her famous muesli. So when an Olympic hopeful invites her to his flat to make her delicious cereal, she's bewildered when his brother Jack walks in, accusing her of trying to ruin his brother's career. Libby has every intention of staying single, but with Jack around, no way can she suppress the personal pleasure she's long denied herself.

Investment banker extraordinaire Jack Barnes's attraction to Libby is instantaneous, but he's raised his two siblings after their parents died in an accident, and it's been all work and no play for as long as he can remember. He can't let down his guard now—not when his brother is so close to the gold. But keeping Libby busy and out of his brother's life challenges every ounce of his self-control.

Until now...

Neither wants a relationship, and though they can't deny their incredible chemistry, Libby and Jack agree that what they have is temporary. So when things start to sizzle between them, will they be able to take the heat?

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Nina says

Bargain in Bronze by Natalie Anderson was such a delightful read! I took a chance on this and wasn't sure what to expect considering it was free (on Amazon) and by an author who was new to me. However, I loved the blurb and dived right in. What a pleasant surprise! Bargain in Bronze had everything that I was looking for: engaging characters, humor, a huge dose of sexy, and a fun plot.

The book description did a fine job of describing what the story's about so I won't regurgitate it. All I'll say simply is that Bargain in Bronze was really a wonderful story. I had a great time reading about Libby and Jack. Their attraction was instantaneous and undeniable. I enjoyed their dialogue and the sizzling chemistry. Although this story took place in only a few days timed, the author made their budding relationship and chemistry believable to the reader. I can feel the heat & passion between them and it was pretty hot between these two. Also, I probably won't be able to look at maple syrup the same again ;)

For a novella, Bargain in Bronze packed in as much as a full length novel to leave the reader satisfied. I finished this in one sitting and highly enjoyed it. Bargain in Bronze was super sexy, fun, and charming and absolutely worth the read. I'm impressed and am now looking forward to other works by Natalie Anderson. For a sexy contemporary romance, Bargain in Bronze is one that I would not hesitate in recommending!

Sara HarlequinJunkie says

A fun, flirty, sexy novella....I should probably add delicious to the mix too!

I'm never going to be able to look at a bottle of Maple Syrup quite the sameway again...to find out why you've got to read this book.

For a Novella this book had enough emotion and depth to pack the same punch as a full lenght novel. Great characters and an engaging storyline make for a very satisfying read!

Paige says

2.5

BARGAIN IN BRONZE was a basic read. It lacked in making that deep connection, but it wasn't a bad book. If it had been longer, I think more could have been done to make this 'wow'.

Jack Barnes has had to be both brother and parent to his two younger brother and sister. His brother, Tom is days away from competing in the Olympics in the national lightweight rowing division and when Jack find Libby Harris in is home, cooking for Tom, he isn't going to let anyone distractions by him.

Libby is appalled by Jack's demeanor with her. He doesn't believe a word she tells him about making her famous muesli for Tom. Despite his ill attitude, Libby can't help but be aware of the pull she feels between

them.

Libby also has demons following her. Losing her mother to a heart condition and her father to a heart attack mere months later, Libby is sure she's next and is determined not to put any roots down with anybody. Instead she's put her focus into starting her business.

When Tom gets home and assures Jack he's only after Libby's muesli, it's up to Jack to get Libby back to make some more. To do that, he offers her the use of a commercial kitchen to use at night. The catch, he has to be there to watch.

Night after night the tension grows as they spend hours together. She cooking and he working, both stealing glances at the other.

As they finally start their short term time together, it's more than either was expecting. Jack finds himself realizes his siblings have been right about him not finding the joys in life. Something he tries to change by giving Libby his house key.

The meaning of a house key sends Libby panicking. Jack has to decide whether she's worth fighting for. With encouragement from Tom, Jack catches Libby and makes her realize nobody is guaranteed tomorrow, so make the most of Today.

***Danielle* says**

Jack and Libby

Mitsy says

This short book is all about Jack and Libby. Yes, they have a romance. Yes, they are two adults who have endured a lot. Yes, the book ends too quickly. Yes, I want more. Yes, I love the way Natalie Anderson writes. Yes, it is a wholly believable romance. Yes, I still want more. It is worth reading. I will read more books by Ms. Anderson.

charlie ? says

"You know, you were right about me. That kiss wasn't impulsive. I've been plotting it for hours now."

Please be reminded that 2 stars means "it's okay" so this doesn't suck at all. It's just that I don't like it that much. I understand that this is a novella but I was expecting for more. Instant attraction is okay and expected

but jumping into bed that fast was quite off. Both of them weren't looking for a long-term relationship and was quite reluctant, right? *Or did I get that wrong?*

For both characters, their attraction to each other wasn't built well. The fast-forward/days-after didn't work for them either. Their relationship started too fast and was also skimmed. It was like their story was leaping from one point to another. Their turning point and realisation seem abrupt as well as the ending.

Libby doesn't want a fling at all, but her inner struggle with her attraction to Jack isn't believable. If I was Jack, I might see all signs saying that she was attracted to me. She keeps on denying it but she doesn't fight it either. Her reason why she was so cynical was also absurd. Was she seriously saying no to family because of what happened to her parents? I might have understood if her dad cheated with her mom, or anything like that.

With Jack, I don't even understand his issue at all. He became his siblings' parent and he's busy, so? He easily noticed how Libby looked so I assumed he actively attracted to women. I don't see the point of not having a girlfriend, even short-term relationships.

Maybe if this was a bit longer, it would be better but everything felt rushed without being able to tell the story effectively. They were cute with their banters but that's it. I really can't find the connection with the characters. Maybe this would work for you, guys but unfortunately not for me.

Jenny - Book Sojourner says

3-1/2 to 4 stars

Cute read. Jack & Libby were fun. Liked the rowing and musical quirks to the book. A quick and easy read.

Nas Dean says

BARGAIN IN BRONZE by author Natalie Anderson is an Entangled Publishing release for August 2012.

Libby Harris was just making muesli for an Olympic trainee, but his brother mistook her for Tom's girlfriend. Jack Barnes was just being protective of his younger brother. But he couldn't deny the sizzling awareness he felt for Libby. But what type of a brother would make a move on his younger brother's girl?

Then he asked Libby if she was interested in his brother and hearing her deny any involvement, Jack makes his move.

Libby was not ready for any long term commitment anyway. Could she just take her fun and walk away?

And will Jack let her walk away after their sizzling encounters?

BARGAIN IN BRONZE is written with warmth, compassion and charm. It is another sensational story from the superb pen of Natalie Anderson.

Anastasia says

I picked this up for free on Amazon. I have to say the characters jumped into bed rather quickly (and with very little chemistry), and then the second-thought reasoning as to why they couldn't have a relationship did not convince me at all.

I'm a fan of Entangled's books, but if you take out the sex, there wasn't much to this story.

Melissa says

I enjoyed this short read. I have got to say the shower scene was my favorite!! I might have to go get some maple syrup now :)

Jessica says

Loved it but wanted more of the after story

Melissa Maxwell says

I really enjoyed the story and the writing style of the writer. Libby was a delight of a character. She was equally strong and vulnerable at appropriate times. Jack was a wonderful male lead. He was caring and over protective of his family. He thought she would distract his Olympic bound brother Tom but it turned out she was his much needed distraction. The book was nice sweet and short.

Stacey says

This was a quick basic read. It didn't really have any emotion to it. It wasn't a bad book but i lacked a lot of depth.

The 'break up' part of the story was quite rubbish. Its was so basic that it hurt. I dont think reading short books are for me. I like to read about a happy ever after not a book that says at the end that they should take it one day at a time.

It wasnt really my type of book, but it was alright.

D.G. says

I think this book had the potential of at least 100 more pages, I'm really not sure why the author didn't try for more! The beginning was very cute and the first love scene was hot but once they got together, there was a lot of fade to black, as if the author wanted to speed up their relationship.

Libby's concerns made sense but we never knew if she had ever had tests to determine whether she inherited her parents' issues - was she just assuming she was going to die young based on her parent's history? Also, I didn't believe that she would do a 180 so quickly. I think this is the kind of thing that takes time to figure out. I know what I'm talking about here...I was a commitment phobe when I met my husband (he was the opposite...just my luck that I would fall for a man who was into serious commitment!) Anyhow, it took me several months to realize that I had either to take the plunge or lose him. It wasn't something I figured out in a couple of hours.

This author has potential though so I'm willing to give her another try. I also love the setting in London during the Olympic Games!

Tracy says

This was a quick, but cute and endearing read. It is sometimes refreshing to read something without the constant back and forth denial of one another's feelings towards each other, unlike so many romance reads nowadays. This was sweet, short and sexy...great freebie read!
