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A Scorching Obsession, A Desperate Hope

Dylan Deveney has no interest in a wild fling. He simply wants a quiet place where he can try to forget a painful past and, barring that, drink himself to death. But when he catches a glimpse of his exquisite neighbor--in the buff--his passion for life reignites.

Cassie French can't resist Dylan's allure. From his scruffy beard to his earring to his intriguing dragonfly tattoo, she's crazy about him. And sex between them is scorching. It all seems perfect...until a tragedy from Dylan's past threatens to ruin everything.

Other Books in the Tryst Island Series

Fall in Love on Tryst Island...When a group of friends share a vacation house, wild hijinks, unexpected hook-ups and steamy sex ensue.

Dragonfly Kisses Details

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Lorraine Lesar says

Contemporary romances are not normally my thing, this book is the exception, I adored it! It reminded me of the traditional romances - boy meets girl, they fall in love, problems develop, they sort it and live happily ever after! - but this story offers so much more. Though the book is short, the author packs so much in. The words flow together in such a way, that you are taken on a journey of delight and escapism. You feel their emotions when dealing with the bad things that happened in their lives (no spoilers from me!) and tears fill your eyes, how many authors are capable of this? Ms York is! I loved the witty flirtation between Cassie and Dylan, it brought a smile to my lips. The only negative comment I would make, is that I believe the situation between Dylan and his ex wife, could have been made more of, it kind of took a back burner considering the huge impact it had on their lives and though the author gave an explanation, I felt that she lost an opportunity. I should also point out that classical music plays a part in this book, I personally know nothing about this, but trusted the author's knowledge and research to be accurate and as a reader, I had no doubt that it was correct, it again shows the methodical detailing in her stories. Great book, thoroughly enjoyed it and would definitely recommend.

Gaele says

This is the second in the Tryst Island series by Sabrina York, and my favorite so far of the two. Dylan has retreated to his house on Tryst to heal, or retreat, from the loss of his daughter. Drinking too much, retreating from family and friends, the only thing that brings him out of the funk is the cello music he hears one weekend coming from the house next door.

The first meeting between Cassie and Dylan puts them both at a disadvantage. While Dylan is tongue tied, Cassie is torn between attraction and her loyalty to her overbearing friends and “the code”. Of course, the attraction is too much to deny – and this sets the first of a few incredibly steamy and sexy encounters.

While the sex is amazing, what stands out is the characters and their stories, and mixed with clever dialogue, some bacon-laced bribery and an emotional fragility and rawness that demands tears. Cassie has always been focused on pleasing: parents, conductors, tour promoters, and her audience. Her sense of obligation to those who ‘rely’ on her is miles wide and somewhere in that she has brief moments to indulge her own desires. Dylan is mired in the guilt and anger over his daughter’s death, unable to move forward and afraid to live. Certain that he is damaged beyond all repair: he finds healing and hope in Cassie and her music.

While it is not required that you know the pieces of music cited, nor even be a fan of classical music, the use of cello and the classics cited are beautiful works that respond particularly well to the haunting and emotive sound of a cello. It is well worth your time to find and listen to them, as they will enhance the emotional impact of the story, and be prepared for tears. This story is full of emotional punch, positive and negative, and we are simply along for the ride as York weaves the story. If you want to find a story that gives you a reason to rejoice in their ending and feel that it was truly hard won – this is the book.

I received an eBook from the author for purpose of honest review for the Jeep Diva. I was not compensated for this review: all conclusions are my own responsibility.

Amber says

I feel the needs to defend my personal integrity for spending \$2.99 on this type of book by saying that this was all Amazon's fault. So thanks a lot, Amazon Kindle, for setting my default to 1-Click Purchase instead of taking my Swagbucks points - THAT WAS 5000 HOURS OF FUCKING SURVEYS FOR NOTHING.

Otherwise, personal integrity and \$2.99 aside, I LOVED THIS BOOK.

This book turned out to be a SHOCKING surprise, like the type of surprise you feel when you go in dreading doing something you normally hate and fearing for the worst, but ending up really enjoying it instead. I actually had to double-check to make sure if the author was the same as the one from the first book because lord, that book was a disaster. I kept anticipating that moment when Sabrina York would whip out her SMUT 101 adjectives and refer to Cassie's breasts as "milky globes" or wax poetic over "pebbled nipples" but Sabrina York must have met some turning point after "Rebound" was released and decided to reconsider her life choices because thankfully, mercifully, there were no horrifying adjectives during the sex of any kind whatsoever. Also Dylan managed to keep his penis under control most of the time (UNLIKE SOME OTHER PEOPLE'S PENISES, I swear, Cam's dick in book one made more of an appearance than Cam did himself).

So reasons why you should read this book:

1. Hot, studly, sad dude falls head over heels in love with sweet, demure, classy lady.

2. WOMEN OBJECTIFYING MEN TOGETHER. WOMEN OBJECTIFYING MEN ALL THE TIME.

Nothing pleases me more than seeing women standing around a vulnerable, hot (and terribly sad) dude and looking him up and down like "Girl, I'd tap that if you won't". LMAO when they were all like, "I'll help you... to your bed (?° ?? ?°)." and Dylan was like, "Please don't".

3. CHARACTERS ACTUALLY TALKING TO EACH OTHER ABOUT THINGS BESIDES [DOING] THE SEX??? UNREAL.

4. Well-rounded, fleshed-out characters. It's amazing how much the author managed to accomplish in 95 pages. Both Cassie and Dylan had legitimate back stories and likeable, solid personalities.

5. There's a fair amount of insanely cute shit that happens in this book, like Dylan falling flat on his face on the beach and making a fool of himself in front of Cassie while her friends are wrestling for who gets to bring the poor shirtless hot dude next door crutches for his injured leg. And Cassie and the girls raiding Dylan's fridge for bacon 'cause fuck swimsuit season they need meat and Dylan's just standing there, hovering around uselessly on those too-short crutches.

6. For an erotica, it's heavily focused on the emotional aspects of Cassie and Dylan's relationship. Their conversations felt very genuine and sincere. There was enough attention given to the emotional elements of their growing attraction to make the chemistry believable. In fact, I wouldn't even classify this book as an erotica because it was more focused on the progression of the characters' romance rather than the sex itself.

7. Character/Woman of Color as main protagonist. I was a little worried about the way the author might handle Cassie as an Asian woman of color (you know how white people can get about exotifying ethnic backgrounds) but aside from a few small problems, mostly in terms of word choice for her skin color (i.e.

food analogies - "mocha", "coffee with cream") to identify her ethnicity, surprisingly, Sabrina York did a decent job of writing Cassie without coming off as offensive. If anything, I really appreciated the fact that Cassie stood out solidly as a character with defining, individual qualities rather than a disingenuous figure/racial stereotype.

8. Both Dylan and Cassie are total babes. But Dylan especially - my inexplicable weakness for sad, sensitive, scruffy Highlander dudes.

Some weird shit I didn't like however: 1) Comparing musical art form and implementing musical terminology to describe a blowjob. AIN'T NOTHING BACH ABOUT A BLOWJOB. A blowjob ain't a symphony. IT'S A FUCKING BLOWJOB. 2) The whole spiritual cliché with that dragonfly shit. White people. So intrigued by the spiritual and yet they understand so little of it. 3) DYLAN BEING A LITTLE BITCH AND GETTING COLD FEET AND RUNNING OFF ON CASSIE. 4) The handling of medical health and illnesses got a little too Lurlene McDaniel-ish for me towards the end - when people who don't have personal experience or limited knowledge of the medical field, they tend to really play up the clichés and truisms of cancer to the point where it makes you roll your eyes, and 5) Belle and Lucy need to go away.

Otherwise, everyone should spend \$2.99 on reading this book. 5/5 stars for everything, BUT ESPECIALLY THE EXTINCTION OF KRISTI AND HER MILKY GLOBES.

Tina "IRead2Escape" says

Dragonfly Kisses is the 2nd book in the amazing Tryst Island series by Sabrina York. For any of you that read my review for Rebound you know that I was already hooked on this series just one book into it. Dragonfly Kisses sealed the deal. It offers the same witty, smart dialogue and super hot sex scenes, with an added element of a heartwrenching past to overcome.

The Tryst Island series is set up around a group of college friends. 2 of the friends own a big beautiful house on the Island; the others all share the utilities and living expenses. The house is used as a getaway whenever an individual or the group wants to escape life and its demands or just have a great fun filled weekend.

Dylan Deveney is ready to give up on life. Love and attraction isn't even a blip on his radar. He's alone at the Island house nursing his depression and contemplating ending it all. And then he hears the voice of an angel. Okay, maybe not an angel, more like the girl staying in the house across from him, but whatever. Seeing her sends a punch to his stomach that he's never felt before. It's just too bad he has no idea who she is and he's just not emotionally up to chasing after her at the moment. But, something about her keeps him hanging on. He sees her several times over the next several months and each time it's the same feeling. Then one day fate intervenes and his angel is thrown into his life, now he just has to trust that things will work out as they should.

Cassie French couldn't be more shocked when she meets her island neighbor. Her roommates have been going crazy over him for months, but she has had no interest in ogling the guy like they do. Finally, she gives in to their insistent demands and goes with them to "coincidentally" run into him while he's jogging. After all, 2 of her friends are vying for his attention and they need an impartial party. So, why is it when she sees him she immediately wants to smack her friends for fawning over him and claim him for herself? He is nowhere near her type. He's far too masculine and wild looking - not the normal "safe" guy she goes for. Dylan stumbles literally into her life. He hurt his ankle and she just happens to be skilled in first aid. While

delivering him crutches he admits that he knows who she is and that he's been to her concerts and loves to hear her play her cello. The sparks fly, but Cassie fears that her friends will never forgive her for falling for the guy they are interested in. Throwing caution to the wind she enjoys a passion filled weekend that changes her life.

This book is filled with so much emotion my heart literally hurt for both characters. Dylan has suffered a huge loss and doesn't think he can ever bear to go through it, again. Cassie loves her family, but is tired of living the life that they expect her to live. The journey they take to overcome their problems and to have a chance at a happy future is heartbreaking at times, but heartwarming and sweet.

This book was provided to me in exchange for my honest review.

You can find this review and others at <http://riverinaromantics.blogspot.com> and <http://tinar1121.blogspot.com>

Camrynsbooks says

<http://www.nightowlreviews.com/v5/Rev...>

Dragonfly Kisses is a well-written erotic romance.

First there's Dylan Deveney, a hero with a troubled past, and I love heroes with troubled pasts. It enriches the character and gives him plenty of depth. Dylan is the type of believable MC who elicits much sympathy from the reader. After his wife left him, he wants to drink himself to death as a way to cope with depression. There's another, much sadder reason for his chronic depression, but I won't go into it because it's a spoiler.

Secondly, there's Cassie French, Dylan's sexy, popular neighbor who changes the hero's life in a good way. Cassie awakens Dylan's lust when she goes skinny-dipping, having no idea she was being watched. Dylan finds that, after seeing a nude Cassie, he's not dead inside after all. His sexual reawakening has begun.

Dylan cuts back on drinking, starts exercising, and improves himself in time to meet his romantic interest in person. Cassie and her friends help Dylan to his cabin after he hurts himself in an embarrassing fall. That's when the steamy romance starts.

Eventually, there's a bit of a misunderstanding that causes a temporary rift in their relationship.

Overall, I loved the laugh-out-loud, humorous moments. Dragonfly Kisses has the right amount of wit, tear-jerking emotion, and steaminess to make a terrific read. I'm glad I became a NOR reviewer, otherwise I might not have discovered Ms. York's books.

Rated 4.5!

MsRomanticReads says

Where Rebound was a fun, cheeky and flirty read, the second book in the series, Dragonfly Kisses, takes a turn towards a heartachingly beautiful story about second chances and taking charge of life.

We're introduced to Dylan on the first page, and it quickly becomes clear that he's hit rock bottom. He's in the dark abyss of pain and loss and his will to live is slowly slipping through his fingers. At the very moment he considers taking his life, he sees a woman who will change the course of his life in more ways than one.

I loved the pacing of Dylan's obsession with the mystery woman. Seven months. He didn't come across as some creepy stalker, and I didn't mind that he never tried to approach her once. I got the feeling he wasn't ready for that step. He took the time to pull himself back from the brink of despair and found something to make living worthwhile. Obviously that sort of thing doesn't happen overnight. It gave the reader time to see him as more than a pitiful man. I liked that he tried to clean up his act before meeting Cassie so she wouldn't have to do that much "patch work".

Cassie was brought up to be focused and rather prim and proper. When she finally laid eyes on Dylan, she was attracted but admitted that he was the exact opposite of the kind of men she usually dated. She liked safe, and he seemed anything but safe. Her attraction was further solidified the moment she caught a glimpse of his tattoo, a silver dragonfly which was also her totem. Perhaps the universe was trying to tell her something.

I completely bought their chemistry. The ease with which they seemed to be able to talk to one another and their blossoming relationship was lovely to see. However this story wasn't just flowers and chocolates. Cassie was quite perceptive, and it didn't take long to figure out what had him so pained. That common ground allowed for a deeper connection, but the one time they forgot to use protection threatened to unravel him, for good reason. That scene made me choke back a few sobs because he was truly looking out for Cassie's best interests.

I thought the pacing of the story was well thought out and executed, as was the way these two came together. I could see what attracted them to one another, and the obstacle in their way was cleverly integrated, especially towards the end of the story and the slight twist. I loved what they each brought out in one another. Cassie made Dylan feel lighter, happier, more carefree and alive. She gave him hope and light. In return, Dylan made Cassie question the trajectory of her life. I appreciated her focused artistic side, but I preferred her end decision to do more with her talent, to give back. I thought it suited her very well and just gave this story that little extra sparkle.

If you want to indulge in a series that covers a range of characters with diverse backgrounds, some light and funny, others a little more tragic and angsty, then I highly recommend the Tryst Island series. Each book ends on a high note with no cliffhanger! I suppose you could start anywhere in the series, but given the fact that some characters make cameos, you may want to start at the beginning so you won't feel lost. I'm in love with the series and its author, and I will continue to gobble them up as they come out.

Disclaimer: I received a review copy from the author for the purpose of an honest review.

♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

Loved this one as much as the first book in the series Rebound although it was a short, sexy, steamy read it also had more depth and an emotional storyline. Dylan and Cassie were perfect for each other.

On to Smoking Holt the 3rd book in the series....

Pansy says

I read the first book in this series because it takes place in my favorite place in the country, the Pacific Northwest. I continue to read them because Sabrina York writes a wonderful story that takes place in my favorite place in the country, the Pacific Northwest. And this is an amazing story about finding yourself when you have become lost. My heart bled for Dylan. I cheered for Cassie. I got out the ice when it got HOT! I rooted for these two to work it all out. I was so thrilled with their HEA! You have to read this! Wonderful! Can't wait to read the next one in this series because it is written by Sabrina York!

The BookChick says

My Rating: ★★★★★

VERY GOOD: The characteristics of a 4 star book include: a great story; I loved the characters; and there was an interesting plot and unique story elements; there may have been a few odd things kept the story from being amazing. I would read it again and I would recommend it to a friend.

My Thoughts:

'Dragonfly Kisses' was as equally steamy as 'Rebound' but this one tugged on my emotions a bit more because of Dylan's oppressive loss of his young daughter. Cassie was his light in the darkness and although their attraction for one instant it was not diluted in any way. The story was sweet, steamy, and heartbreaking all at the same same time. Cassie was a rock all the way through it and she never gave up on Dylan even when his emotional reactions hurt her deeply. I really enjoyed this one.

Ratings Detail:

Rating for female protagonist: 4★

Rating for male protagonist: 4★

Steam Level: 4★

Plot Viability: 4★

General Storyline: 4★

Story Ending: 4★

Ease of Reading: 4★

Book editing: 4★

Cliffhanger: No

Overall rating: 4★

Would I recommend this series: Yes.

Would I continue the series: Yes.

Would I read other books by this author: Yes.

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SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

[No (hide spoiler)]

Lorraine Oliver says

Dragonfly Kisses is the second book in the Tryst Island Series and it did not disappoint. This is the story of Cassie and Dylan. Cassie is one of the roommates in the house next to Dylan, and she is the one who plays the cello. Many nights he has heard this music and listened to it, never knowing who was playing it. Dylan is suffering from a bad loss in his life and he just wants to hide away and drink himself to death it seems, he just is too heartbroken. Then he gets a look at his neighbor next door and he starts watching for her whenever anyone is next door, for months he hopes to get a glimpse of her. Dylan even found out about a concert she was doing and he went to see it just to see her without her seeing him. One day he takes a run on the beach and falls and twists his ankle and 4 of the women from next door run to help him, and Cassie is one of them, and he only has eyes for her!

Cassie is a sweet young woman who has always lived her life doing everything her parents wanted her to do, and up to now has not really lived. Sure, she has seen a lot of places and people adore her, but it is not really fulfilling to her. She needs something else in her life. Her parents even try to pick out her dates and that usually ends up being a disaster! When she sees Dylan for the first time she is entranced by him and his bad boy looks, and even though two of her roommates are trying to help him get home, fighting over him, he keeps looking at her, not believing he finally is up close enough to really see her! Luckily one of them has to leave and so Cassie brings some crutches to Dylan and they really start bonding right away. She goes back later that night and stays with him.

Their road to be together is hard, and a lot of obstacles get in their way, and now Cassie has to decide if she is going to go on a concert tour around the world her parents booked her for (without even asking her if she wanted to go) the next several months, or will she stay and be with Dylan? You will have to read and find out.

I loved this book! I loved how well it was written, and I loved the sexual angst between the two of them, and how the story unfolded, how the end comes about. There is so much to read about in a small number of pages because it moves at a fast pace and I did not put it down until I finished it! This book packed a punch and it was awesome to watch these two damaged people learn how to live again, and to learn how to deal with all their feelings for each other and everyone else as well.

I gave this book 5***** stars and I highly recommend this book to everyone!

Anna Markland says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and read it cover to cover in one sitting. Ms. York quickly endears her hero and heroine to us. We feel their pain and passion. The plot is original and interesting. If you enjoy a fast paced steamy story with believable characters you can root for, you'll love Dragonfly Kisses.

Renégade ♥ says

4 1/2 stars

"Dragonfly Kisses" is the second book in the Tryst Island Series.

I've only recently discovered the writing of Sabrina York, but she certainly knows how to write novella that is both interesting and satisfying. She packs a lot of aspects into her stories, from the deeply emotional to the intensely spicy, and there was just so much happening in this one that I enjoyed and reflected upon.

I liked watching the dynamics between Cassie and Dylan: their intense attraction and desire as well as the pleasure, comfort and healing they received in each other's company. They had certain intense and painful obstacles to overcome, some of which intersected in a way that might challenge some readers with regards to ideas of coincidence and fate, but I was willing to suspend my disbelief.

Life is often stranger than fiction so why can't fiction reflect that?

They worked through a number of personal issues and the author showed how those obstacles impacted their relationship even as it was made clear early on that they had fallen in love with each other. It happened fast and had a sense of 'meant to be' about it. I've heard stories like this from people where they just "knew" even if they still needed to take the time to get to know each other so I've no doubt anything is possible...

I've now read the first two books in this series and I fully intend to read the rest - Ms. York has me curious about them all. Can't wait!

Krissys says

Dragonfly Kisses (Tryst Island #2) by Sabrina York Author: Sabrina York Title: Dragonfly Kisses Series: Tryst Island Cover Rating: Book Rating: Buy This Book:

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Dragonfly Kisses was a really great book by Sabrina York, an absolutely touching read that will reach into your heart and squeeze. Dylan Deveney is reeling from the death of his child and has given up trying to go on with life and simply decides to wallow in a bottle until vivacious Cassie French enters the picture and brings to breathe life into his dark broken world and gives him a reason to keep going. I really enjoyed the personalities and conversations as well as Sabrina's ability to draw on some very real emotions to make the reader want to reach in and be a part of her characters lives and their journey through the story. It is very sad and tragic how Dylan feels but luckily the depression doesn't consume or overwhelm the story. It comes off naturally and eases as the passion grows.

Until next time book lovers...

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Sheryl says

This second book in the Tryst Island series had me almost in tears one minute and laughing the next. Cassie

and Dylan find their way while pasts are revealed in this emotional roller coaster. This one was even better than the first.
