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Debbie Kordall was tired of the guys her age who only wanted to party and change girlfriends every other week. She wanted someone older, wiser, and more sophisticated to love.

Mick Reed spotted her right away. The woman at the bar was confident, beautiful, and young... everything he wanted. She was the woman who would commit to him fully, and in return, he'd give her anything she wanted. Was he fooling himself to think that age didn't matter?

Warning: A May-December romance. An erotic journey about an older controlling man and a woman who knows exactly what she wants.

## One Lucky Bastard Details

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## **From Reader Review One Lucky Bastard for online ebook**

### **? BookAddict ✎ La Crimson Femme says**

This is a very very short story. I liked this story because I can kind of relate to Debbie. The age difference between my DH and myself is rather larger than the average. Mick protests just a bit too much. I'm glad Debbie was able to get her man, just like me.

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### **~ Cariad ~ says**

Fun quickie.

Will especially appeal to fans of insta- love reads.

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### **Melanie♥ says**

Reissued with a new name. This was previously published as .

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### **Tammie Hardy says**

This was a different story than i usually read. sometimes you want something different and this was it. i enjoyed the characters and the story.

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### **Carinae L'etoile says**

I can't give more than 1.5 stars and I felt 2 was a bit generous, so I gave this a one. Why? Please continue reading if you really want to know.

I wasn't quite sure how I wanted to write this review. I re-read it several times in the past week to make sure I was going to get it right. I even made notes! It's been very hard for me to articulate. Why? I guess because I found that the story for me was a bit jarring and didn't flow well. I felt that the issues at hand were contrived - a little too contrived for believability on my part, at least. I've seen the 4 star reviews.

I think it was jarring because I couldn't quite figure out if the writer (Abby Wood) wanted Mick and Debbie to have a BDSM lifestyle or if they wanted to be edgier vanilla. It's almost like this was meant to be a book on the heavier side of kink (BDSM), but was toned down to try and appeal to a more commercially romance based audience. If that was her intent, I can believe slightly kinky vanilla sex without having to use the word cunt. Or maybe she was trying to do a clever, underlying theme of the story - older man + younger woman = slightly frowned upon; using cunt in the story further plays upon the frowned upon theme? I don't know. That's more analysis about the story than I care to think about...and more than my pea brain can emit in this

decade.

I thought I'd enjoy this book. Before I married, I dated older men. I preferred men twice my age. When I was 22-27 I dated men who were usually 40-45. I lived, worked and went to school in San Francisco - I'm a Bay Area girl. So when I came across this book and realized that the setting was, indeed, in the city that I love so dearly...I was happy, but this is where the book let me down. There was no local flavor. I didn't feel like she was able to capture or even give the reader a taste of the city and how it played into Deb and Mick's romance.

\*spoiler-ish\*

Finally, the characters of Deb and Mick themselves...I've met older men where I've had this incredible connection and yes, we had that instantaneous connection upon meeting. However, I (and my friends that have had relationships with older men) felt that these characters were just so far off the mark. How so? I've discovered that men, at any age, are fairly fast to shy away from what they want, despite their protestations. I think that the way Mick reacted was really, really out of character. He struck me as fair. Cutting her off without so much as an explanation, yet knowing she was the love of his life? Childish, unfair and EXTREMELY contrived drama driven moment.

I think that I felt this story was more plot driven than character driven, which is why I could not fully enjoy it. I kept vacillating between 1 or 2 stars. I liked it enough, but not enough to give it 2 stars.

I'm not sure if the author had a crit partner or a crit group for this work. It feels like so many influences were put in. Too many chefs in the kitchen can spoil the soup. I think if she had stayed true to her vision, this would have been an incredibly moving book.

I am hoping that this is purely a one-off because I enjoyed reading her work - it was nearly flaw free. That alone gets high marks from me!

NB For the reviewer who said she needed brain bleach after seeing the pussy juice reference, I reacted quite differently. I actually laughed. I know I shouldn't have because it was supposed to relay the hotness factor of meeting him and her body's reaction to him, but for some reason it came across as cheesy and well, laughable.

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### **Megan says**

A good solid story. Debbie is tired to going to bars and partying with friends. She is ready for a mature, serious relationship. In walks Mick and the attraction is immediate. Can their relationship survive her friends and her parents?

I don't know why this short story has so many "bad" reviews. I didn't find anything wrong with it. But you need to beware that this is an erotica story, so there is explicit sex scenes. If that is not something you like you probably will not like this book.

I will be looking up more books by this author.

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### **Laura's Book Addiction says**

I really enjoyed this story. It was nice reading about a subject I haven't read about before with the age cap. Quick overview: Deb is 25 years old and her dating life sucks; she can't find a bloke that is what she needs. Then one night Deb should be going on a double date with her best friend; she meets Mick who is double her age at the bar before her date and the sparks just fly straight away between them. The relationship with Deb and Mick is HOT and the chemistry between them was off the charts in and out of the bed room. All in a great erotica read with a great plot rolled in to it. If you're looking for an erotica book with more than great sex scenes, *Twice Her Age* is the book for you.

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### **Cazy says**

Weak dumb woman, older insecure man. It started out good, so I gave it an extra star.

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### **Ebook Addict Reviews says**

I loved how Debbie and Mick's initial meeting went off; it wasn't only their physical attraction that was so hot, it was the connection between them from the very beginning that appealed so strongly to me. Did I mention it was hot? It was absolutely, wonderfully jaw-dropping...and I could feel the heat shimmering off the page... well, the screen then.

For them the difference in age didn't matter and, while the theme of older man, younger woman can work, it often doesn't. And I'm talking here about fiction. Some authors don't seem to really understand that a relationship between a couple with a big age difference isn't just a little different from one where the couple are closer in age: Abby Wood is not one of those authors. I do believe that for two people who are as strongly attracted to each other as Mick and Debbie are, the discrepancy in their ages is quite immaterial, especially at the beginning. But as their relationship progresses there are a few bumps along the way. And while I didn't necessarily like that they occurred, it rang very true.

I have to admit to getting annoyed with both of them a few times—and even more annoyed... okay pissed off... with Debbie's friends—but the more I thought about it the more sense it made. Honestly? I read *Twice Her Age* a week or two ago and I've been thinking on how to write the review. I was vacillating between loving the story and just liking it, but as it's settled more and I've started to actually think of what I wanted to say I realize that I loved this book.

Growth in a relationship is not easy and often it's not pretty, but it is real and in *Twice Her Age*, Abby Wood has done an excellent job capturing the real-ness of both Mick and Debbie's reactions. Wonderfully done and a real treat... and I can definitely say that now I really think that *Twice Her Age* goes deeper than I first expected...and that is always a nice surprise.

Kathy K.

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### **mad4rombks says**

I still need to bleach out my eyes from the "puddle of pussy juice" phrase I saw. Yuck.

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### **Jessi says**

Yummy, hot read with a simple but touching plot.

Every once in a while I get in the mood for a May-December romance. This one was sweet and hot and short and just what I was looking for. The heroine was definitely a younger woman, and it showed in some of the immature decisions she made. That's not a criticism. It's part of the plot. She was immature at times, yes, but also totally cute and relatable and I loved how she meshed with the much older hero.

If short, simple, and hot is what you're looking for, pick this one up. You won't be sorry.

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### **GeNette says**

Ok quick eases read...

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### **Sandravides says**

Younger woman find love with older man. He thinks he's to old for her. There were plenty of steamy scenes

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### **Amara says**

*Those baby blue eyes begged for attention. He could almost smell her arousal. She hid nothing from him. Not her desire, her curiosity, or the way her body hummed in his presence. One little touch from him and she'd scream out his name in pleasure. He was sure of it.*

**How I wanted to feel reading this:**

**How I actually felt reading this:**

I'm just gonna preface this review by saying that I am the biggest fucking sucker for may/december romance & erotica with hot older men, so much so that I will desperately indulge in every book I find that might quench my thirst. That whole don't judge a book by it's cover thing in mind, I picked up One Lucky Bastard during a Kobobooks coupon binge a few months ago, and finally got around to reading it recently. My expectations were not sky high, but I was still pretty disappointed.

One Lucky Bastard is an erotic novella about a younger woman, Deb, who meets handsome older man Mick, while on her way to a blind date. Deb has always had a thing for older men, and Mick is just sexy and magnetic enough to attract her into his bed almost instantly. From that one fateful meeting in a bar, the two spend their days locked in an erotic frenzy of sex, sex, and more sex. There's some token dialogue about love and having a future together, but the entire book is basically just strung together sex scenes without any real oomph.

And among other things, that's my biggest problem with this novella: it's just sex, and that's it. There's no real development of the characters, there's no real background or over-arching story that keeps it on a nice, flowing narrative. I know it's erotica, and I know there's supposed to be a focus on sex, but imo there really should be cooling off points between encounters on the page, even in novellas; it builds up anticipation instead of constantly being overstimulated, which is how I felt like 20 pages in.

Other main main story threads in this book include the disapproval of Deb's friends regarding her relationship to Mick, Mick being overbearing and needing Deb to give up her apartment and move in with him, Mick trying to "take care" of Deb in a way that sounds almost sugar daddy or trophy wife-ish even though he was attracted to her independence when he saw her first, and a contrived bit of conflict where Deb decides not to give up her apartment, and allows her friend stay there instead. The fact that this was even an issue for Mick in the end was absolutely ridiculous, especially since the book didn't spend any time on actual character development outside of the bedroom. Along with a few passages where Mick actually uses phrases like young and moldable in relation to Deb, His need to keep her and 'take care' of her makes much more of an abusive creep than a romantic or erotic hero.

And this is me glossing over other ridiculous things like the fact that Mick and Deb spend maybe 10 minutes in a bar before he invites her onto his yacht and actually out onto the water - and she accepts. Suspension of belief in romance is one thing, but shouting at a book because the heroine is making some shitty horror movie style decisions is quite another. At one point during that same evening, he actually orders her to throw her clothes overboard, into the water. And she does it.

Deb and Mick consistently end up making decisions and having interactions like this, and it drove me up a wall. There was no sense of reality in their relationship or interactions that reading through the constant sex scenes was made even worse, if that was possible.

If I had skipped the smut, I think I would've read a total of 20/90 pages, if that, and that's really not a good balance for an erotica novel, but especially with a relationship - like a May/December - where a little more care needs to be involved to keep the entire thing balanced and equal. A higher page count and tighter plotting with an actual overarching plot, even if it was something small, would've improved the book immensely.

### **Final Verdict:**

????? - 0/5 star rating

**Would Recommend for:** Readers who don't need plot to enjoy their books & Readers who enjoy filling in a lot of blanks in a novel they paid for

### **My reading experience, in one gif:**

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**Tala says**

Overall good story. What really bothered me was how Mick treated her like a little child. She's 25 for goodness sake. Living on her own and taking care of herself. I'm all for playing that game in the bedroom, but if my DH treated me like that in everyday life we wouldn't have lasted the 22 yrs we have. Oh and he is twice my age (20 yrs between us).

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