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I'm as hard as they come. No one can unravel me. And then SHE came along...

Lucy was supposed to be like every other assistant out there—quiet, skilled at predicting my needs, and definitely not a walking distraction. How can she make it so hard to focus on my work? I hate it.

And I hate how much I want her.

Worse, no matter how I try to scare her off with my crisp attitude, she stands up to me. Her backbone is turning me on as much as catching her bending over the desk, skirt stretched over her thighs.

Dammit.

She shouldn't get close to me. No one should.

So why am I taking her to dinner?

And why am I tying her down to my bed, making her shiver and moan?

Lucy might ruin what's left of my heart...

Unless I ruin her first.

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Susan says

"And now everything's a mess. A hot, sexy, agony-and-ecstasy kind of mess." - Lucy

Ahhhh....the billionaire male writer who knows of what he writes. Makes the book practically irresistible for the erotic romance reader to pass up a chance to read of his adventures and stories. It is like adding a super sexy romantic fantasy wrapped up in the fantasy that some or even all of what we are reading may be real and autobiographical from this writer who calls himself Luke Steel. Well, I am as fun loving as the next girl and if this is indeed a male writing and a billionaire to boot, then God Bless America and slap me silly, there is hope left in the world if a super sexy, gorgeous man of experience and means can be such a practiced, creative, patient lover who gets excited by the different sounds he can elicit from an accomplished, former military, beautiful woman who is not a socialite or famous anything.

And so it is with our romantic hero, Dominic...he finds himself inexplicably drawn to his new administrative assistant, Lucy. She is the above described woman with the "spine of steel" and even that is a "turn on" to Dominic. He likes her around. He likes to talk to her. Oooh and he loves to do things to her that when described makes the reader weak in the knees and creates other symptomaology similar to having stood too close to the sun - achingly hot and burning all over.

Of course Dominic's past experience with women color this brand new fresh thing he has with Lucy but being afraid or cautious in matters of the heart from previous experiences is only too human. Difficulty in verbalizing just what may be going on with him also creates doubt and a pulling back of Lucy's affections for Dominic.

It is in this mess, a surprise element of clarity is revealed and well...I will leave you to enjoy "la fin".

I must say the writing is quite good. The story follows an understandable arc. There are some smiles and this author is unique in his description. The characters are recognizable and fleshed out. It is deliciously hot and worth a one-click for an afternoon or evening's entertainment. Oh...and you just might find yourself rereading it or at least certain passages from time to time. The gift that just keeps on giving.

Jessica says

Wonderfuk

What an amazing book!! A light and fun read. So sweet and a great read. Can't wait to read more of (the author's) books!!!

Rhea_Sways says

Jeoffrey says it all. It was a mediocre book with not one special thing about it.

Janie says

3.5 stars. This was a cute debut novella. The only thing I didn't quite understand was why when they worked through their issues she couldn't still work with him. The reason she couldn't at first was because of his hot and cold act but then that was worked out so it just seemed odd to me. But I will definitely try more by this author in the future.

Alp says

It's time to call it a day. DNF @46%

I had no problem with this same old trope—a boss and employee romance, but what bugged me the most about this book was the heroine, Lucy. I didn't like her at all. I genuinely don't understand what Dominic saw in her. As far as I can see, she was a bitchy and hollow person.

I'm sorry, but this short story was not for me.

Christina says

Quick recap: Lucy gets a job working as the executive assistant to Dominic, head of the family business, that just happens to be very successful financially. There is some back and forth between the two until finally they give in to their sexual attraction. Then they have a lot of sex, and more sex, then some more. But, it makes things awkward in the office so they need to figure out how to make it work, or if there is just too much of conflict of interest.

Unfortunately, the book has pretty much all of clichés seen in erotica/romance: lip biting, blushing, climax on demand, twitching c---s and predictability. There really isn't a whole lot of depth, either in the story or the characters. There is a lot of sex, but very little plot. The book was well written, there were a few editorial errors, but it was enjoyable. For those looking for a fast, sexy read, this would fit the bill, it just didn't stand out from all of the others of its type.

Tina says

This would be such a great book if heroine wasn't a freaking pushover. Arghhhhh I was waiting for it, for that 'fight', for her telling him to go to hell and then we will have the big "I am sorry" moment, but nooo not ever she told him where to stick it. I just wanted it once!!!! Just once

Urghhhhhh I am so freaking pissed right now and I don't know which star to give to this book.

I am telling you this book could be a w e s o m e for short read, I was really diggin it, I just wanted once that moment of "I have backbone" from her... just freaking once

*cries while trying to become editor for this book and add one chapter of "heroines find a backbone and we have decent fight that she deserved" * can I apply somewhere? Anywhere?

Mou says

#BossAssistantRomance

It was not bad but not that Good either. Dominic was trying being an Ass to Lucy cause she was a distraction in the work. Well, I feel Dominic was a little bit cold and detached from everything where Lucy was an Ok Character.

Julia says

This would have been great when the Crossfire series and FSoG first came out. But this book is like 4 years too late so it's just a bunch of old recycled plot that wasn't good to begin with. Just skip this. Not worth the time or effort to read

Olga therebelreader says

In this story we have the handsome, charming, powerful, and dominating Dominic Breson. Lucy Warner is Dominic's new PA. She's beautiful, smart and sexy. A woman who he is having a hard time keeping his eyes off of... When they get together, sparks fly and they bring out each other's deepest, darkest desires. But, can they find love within the inferno that burns between them?

I loved the intimacy development between Dominic and Lucy. I thought it was perfect and believable. The sex scenes were gloriously explicit and got my heart rate going faster than if I had just been for a run!

My only quibble with the book is that I felt like it was lacking any serious conflict to spur it along. I think the office romance taboo resolved a little too easily... A small gripe, which really didn't hamper my enjoyment, but which if present probably would have knocked this up a notch to a 5 star read for me.

Overall, *Hard Boss* was absolutely wonderful. I couldn't put it down. I was hooked since the beginning. A great debut by an author with loads of talent!!

In short:

Hero 5/5 | **Heroine** 4/5 | **Plot (Point, Originality)** 4/5 | **Writing Style** 4/5 | **Steam** 5/5 | **Romance** 4/5 | **Angst-Suspense** 3/5 | **Darkness** 0/5 | **Humor** 3/5 | **Secondary Characters** 4/5 | **Drama-Conflict** 4/5 | **Mystery** 0/5 | **Twists** 4/5 | **Pacing** Steady | **Action** 3/5

Mary says

I voluntarily read an ARC and I am SO glad I did!!! Luke Steel's writing style is fluid and seamless even for a quick, short read!!! This book brings a 5-star hotness that I just couldn't put down!! Dominic and Lucy are one of my new favorite couples!! People will want to grab this one when it hits the digital world!!

Sophie says

Okay! LISTEN UP! First of all I must discuss this cover! Because OMG....THIS FREAKING COVER....

I mean, HOLY HOT ABS! THOSE HANDS! THAT WATCH! *shivers* If that doesn't draw you to think book then, well, I don't know what will? Oh... wait, maybe I do.

Yep here's another reason....

THIS BOOK IS EFFIN' FANTASTIC!

Hard Boss is a sexy, quick, dirty read that just took my breath away. Now, I'm not usually one for posting five star reviews on 'shorter' books. Why? I like my books with more meat in them, but this?

Well this had meat, it had grit, it had a rawness, it had intensity, it had heart and it well and truly worked it's way into mine. Luke Steel, where have you been? Hard Boss is an fantastic debut!

From start to finish I swooned over Dominic and I must admit I got really hot for Dominic. I ADORED Lucy! She too was crazy hot. If high-fiving a character was a possibility, I'd high-five her! From their initial meet to their end they sizzled and popped with an intense, fiery connection. And despite the length of Hard Boss I never once felt rushed or disconnected, from the story or them. And had it been longer, I'd have loved it even more!

Hard Boss is a dirty, delicious read. It's HOT **fans self** and heartwarming. It's passion and love. It's everything, wrapped up in a mouth watering package. I loved it. Luke Steel...WRITE MORE. I NEED MORE!

Shannon The Romance Addict! says

Why did she not continue to work for him? also I felt like "been there, done that" the whole time I was reading. Not bad but....IDK?? Not great.

Jamie Leigh says

Good read

This book is typical about the boss & his assistant. It's well written with interesting characters but nothing

stands out about it to make it memorable.

Robyn says

3.75 Stars
