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Travis hired 1 Night Stand hoping for a hot encounter with a sexy older, hairy man, someone to make him feel safe and cherished, and John looks custom made to order.

After losing his partner three years ago, John needs to learn how to open his heart and live again. He thinks a one night stand in the Caribbean might be the answer, but when he sees the young, thin and much smaller Travis, he thinks the agency sent the wrong man.

Can desire overcome misunderstanding when these two bear it all? Or will both men walk away from exactly what they need and desire?

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V says

Plenty sex but it didn't spoil the story for me at all, like other books I have read. I hope it will be a sequel, I would love to read more about this couple, they were so sweet and cute.

Heller says

This cover is very, very wrong to how the characters look, so that is distracting. I hate it when that happens.

The story though? Fantastic.

Travis and John hire 1NightStand, a mysterious matchmaking company, to find them each a fantasy. When they're matched and they meet for the first time Travis is ecstatic and John is pissed off. Travis wanted a bear and got one but John wasn't expecting the younger, gorgeous Travis. They manage to work through the misunderstanding and for such a short story there's a real depth of character here. Lots of chemistry and wonderful natural dialogue that's HFN but edging to a HEA. These men are perfect for each other and I would love to read another book to see where they're at in the future but I'm satisfied with where they ended up if that never happens.

Lauraadriana says

3.75 Stars

Ok, so I kinda REALLY LIKED this story...It was so CUTE. Short, sweet and smutty. What's not to love?

Travis has hired the *Inightstand* dating service as part of his Caribbean vacation, they are matchmakers and guarantee satisfaction. Travis is a young guy, on the the twinkie side. But what he wanted was a BEAR, a big, strong, hairy man to make him feel protected and safe...And oooohhhh boy, when he sees John, his match, he's EXACTLY what he wanted. Problem is John was not expecting Travis. This is his first time out after his partner's death, and a young fragile thing like Travis is not what he think he wants...Well Travis disabused him of THAT notion right quick.

I got a lot more into this story than I thought I would. Maybe I was in the right mood, but that being said, it was well written, the characters where really likable, the sex was HOT, it was sweet, and you wanted them to get a happy happy ending.

Nice Story.

CrabbyPatty says

Ooooh, this is a short very steamy read about two men who use a matchmaking service. Travis wants a bear - a big hairy *real* man - and Madame Eve of 1NightStand delivers with six-foot-five inches of rippling hair-covered muscle.

42-yr-old John wants well, he wants someone who looks just like his partner, who died 3 years ago, i.e. 35-50 years old, dark haired, fit and tall. But as Mick and the boys so eloquently say "You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometime you find you get what you need." And what John *needs* is a lean lightly-muscled blue-eyed black-haired insatiable 25-yr-old twink.

What follows is one night of *off-the-chain* steamy sex, thoroughly, extensively and explicitly described by the author (hats off to you, Ms. Wadsworth!), and the start of a promising future for John and Travis.

Ann says

This is where I get my insta love fix and this series never disappoints. The cover is nothing like the bear unfortunately, but these two together were insta love delicious and loved their sweet dirtiness like a bear loves his honey.

♥Laddie♥ (Lee Lee) says

This was an adorable about two men who pay for a one night stand and end up getting a lot more than they bargained for.

Travis is a twink in his mid-twenties who's just taken the bar exam. He's decided to reward himself with a trip to the Caribbean and a sexy bear of a man.

John is a big and burly law professor who's looking to jump start his life three years after the death of his partner.

This story made me smile. I liked that the author changed things up when it came to stereotypes. Instead of making John a Dom as a lot of authors do when they have a character who's a bear, the author made him a law professor. Also, while John is confident he also has his share of insecurities.

Deanna Wadsworth also plays with the stereotypical twink role. Travis is smart, ambitious and completely honest with himself when it comes to acknowledging why bears appeal to him.

The story's ending was especially sweet and hopeful. I would read another story about this couple and I actually hope the author chooses to write more about them.

This was a quick read, so if you have some free time and want to read something short and easy give this story a try.

Exina says

3.5 stars

Travis hires an online dating service to find him a sexy, older, hairy man, someone who'd make him feel safe and cherished.

With Madame Evangeline's high-end dating service, 1NightStand, you get exactly what you want. Madame Eve understands your desires and makes no mistakes in matchmaking. And indeed, John seems to be the dream man of Travis.

Travis grinned madly. His bear even growled. How awesome was that?

But John seems to be unsatisfied with Travis. It would be the first time that Madame Eve made a mistake. Or did she?

Adorable characters, sizzling, undeniable chemistry, and steamy storyline. Recommended!

Originally posted on my blog.

My favorite quotes.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Sweet, insta-lovey short about a twink who is obsessed with bears and gets set up with the bear of his dreams.

Yeah, whoever okay-ed that cover had not read the story.

For John, I pictured Aaron Eckhart in Erin Brockovitch (tall, long blond hair, hairy face):

And for Travis, a pretty boy:

I liked the emotion behind the story, and the minor miscommunications actually worked here. It was well rounded for a short, and I really got a good sense of these men and where they were coming from.

But the insta-love... I couldn't *bear* it.

Get it?!?!

****Read for project GRL 2014- My quest to read authors that I've never tried before****

Candice says

Read on 11-21-13

I really enjoyed this, but I guess I was hoping for what happens after, ya know. Travis and John were great, wished I could have seen more of them.

"I want a teddy bear not a grizzly."

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

I'm going to reread and review this one too.

I read this one when it first came out in 2011.

I decided to do a reread and write a short review.

This book is part of the 1NightStand stories, where Madame Eve(the mysterious lady that she is) matches up people who are perfect for each other, even if they might not recognize it themselves.

That is the case with John, his long term partner Kurt died three years ago, and although he wants to move on he is having a very hard time actually doing it, so he decided to try with Madame Eve's help.

Travis is a recent law school graduate and as a present for himself he signs up with 1NightStand and asks for a big, hairy, older Teddy Bear, he wants someone to love him, care for him and make him feel safe. He didn't have an ideal childhood and just wants a big ol bear of his own.

John doesn't think he wants Travis and blows him off (and no not in a good way), Travis being a little on the tenacious side doesn't leave it at that and goes after John.

This is actually a pretty short story and heavy on the sex, and still it feels like I know these two enough to understand the attraction and the insta-lust/love.

it is a very sweet story at the heart of it and deserved the reread for sure. Oh and a sequel on their future would be great!

Emma Sea says

Yummy, delicious, furry, sweet, more yummy. Highly recommended for readers who love bears. Travis's adoration of John's body is the best. We get to know the MCs surprisingly well in only a few words.

Tam says

This review can be found at Brief Encounters Reviews

3.5 stars

After reading the last story in the 1 Night Stand series by this author, I went and sought out this installment. I still enjoyed the story and the author's style, however the insta-love ending rather put a damper on my enthusiasm. Travis has written his bar exam and to celebrate has booked an encounter with 1 Night Stand agency at a resort in the Caribbean. He knows what he wants, a big bear who will make him feel safe. He's got instructions to wear a particular shirt and wait by the pool and pretend it's an unexpected meeting. His excitement about the whole experience, along with a bit of trepidation, was well done and when John shows up at the pool, Travis' drool almost shows up on the screen. John is everything he wants, but the guy doesn't seem to be clueing in that Travis is the one. When he finally makes it clear, he's the guy's date, he gets a rather unexpected reaction when the guy storms off, obviously not interested, crushing Travis.

However Travis is pissed, and wants his money back and to talk to Madame Eve, and also go and have it out with John and find out what his problem is. When he finally goes to talk to John, it seems he's not quite what John asked for, and John is sure a young hottie like Travis doesn't want an old hairy guy like him. He asked for someone similar to his dead lover, older, bigger, less twinkly, but he's strangely drawn to Travis. Finally they chat a bit and before long, the pull is there and they are making out.

This was where things went a little wonky for me. I get that insta-lust can happen, but Travis' feelings, and even John's, who wasn't looking for someone like Travis, just moved too quickly for me. While neither said I love you, Travis at least was thinking it. Apparently one of the hallmarks of Madame Eve, is you get what you need, not necessarily what you asked for, hence Travis, not a dead ex duplicate. I liked that John was cautious of his size (in all senses of the word) and self-conscious about his body. He was not some big "I'm in charge and the boss" type guy. Travis had BTDT and had not great results. Travis was the one who kind of pushed them forward.

So on the whole I enjoyed it, but I would have preferred if the author hadn't tried to rush the connection as they had a week to spend together and I would rather have seen them make that strong connection a bit later. Still, it was sexy and sweet, as John was perfect for Travis, and I do enjoy reading about Caribbean resorts.

Kazza says

This was a terrific little e-book. Yeah, plenty of sex (no complaining from me), but with heart and depth of characters and romance thrown in for good measure. I like reading something that can deliver bigger in a smaller package. I really enjoyed Bear It All and I *really* liked both Travis and John. Review at - <http://ontopdownunderbookreviews.com/...>

Serena Yates says

If you're looking for a short, hot read with lots of romance and man-on-man action, this novella may be for you. The whole concept of 1NightStand, an agency with a mysterious owner who arranges for – one night stands - is fun and weaves a nice thread between the otherwise unconnected stories published in this series. 'Bear It All' was the first one I read, but it won't be the last!

Travis is desperate for a strong partner who isn't out to make him his sub or otherwise abuse him. He may look like a kid, but he's 25, has just passed the bar exam and treats himself to a holiday, hoping to find more than a fling. His need for acceptance is touching, as is his yearning for love. While his expectation to find it by arranging, essentially, for a hook up is definitely unrealistic, the way his encounter with John unfolds has a touch of fairy tale to it. And as such I enjoyed reading it a lot.

John has a different problem. He has lost a lover, and with that, his love of life. He realizes he'll need a kick start and books a one night stand for his vacation. His shock and surprise at meeting Travis are palpable, his feelings about having been tricked had me doubt this could even go anywhere. The more I saw of John, though, the more I got to like him. He may be a wounded knight in shining armor, but he is nonetheless exactly who Travis needs.

If you like hot men with significant emotional issues, exotic holiday settings and a few ups and downs as new lovers get to know each other, you might like reading about this sensuous, and very erotic dream.

NOTE: This book was received by Decadent Publishing for the purpose of a review on Queer Magazine Online

Shannon says

The premise was fun but the insta-love wasn't. This was a short story and it was fairly entertaining but seemed just so unrealistic, like that would never happen. But it was sweet, I will say that.
