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Ichabod Crane, town schoolmaster and self-proclaimed supernatural expert, wants to better his situation by marrying the wealthy Katrina Van Tassel. But, there is a rival for her attentions.

Local hero, Brom Bones.

Brom lives to torment and tease Ichabod, leaving the schoolmaster wondering if he is more interested in besting his rival than winning Katrina's hand. Especially when each time Ichabod goes into the backroom of his favorite tavern – a place men can be men – his imagination conjures Brom's face on every lover.

Late one night, Ichabod is chased by the legendary Headless Horseman. Terrified the ghost wants his head, he tries to outrun the specter. To his horror, he is taken captive by the evil spirit.

Ichabod awakens, naked and tied to a bed, only to discover the Headless Horseman is none other than his rival Brom Bones! Brom confesses that Ichabod has been haunting his own fantasies and he vows to make Ichabod Crane his in every way.

Ichabod wants to believe the pleasure Brom offers comes from his heart, but he is afraid it is another one of Brom's tricks.

Though surely an enemy's touch has never felt like this...

## **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow Details**

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# From Reader Review The Legend of Sleepy Hollow for online ebook

## ManOhMan says

<http://manohmanreviews.blogspot.ca/20...>

Reviewed by Ana: When I started this book I wondered how exactly the author would/could put a new twist on an old classic. The story itself is well written and unique. I did have a couple of problems with it. The first is that it started so slow it seemed to take forever to get going. I almost gave up many times, but if you persevere the story does eventually pick up its pace. The second thing is that it seemed to get bogged down in the details which seemed to detract from the humor of the story. All in all if you want a quirky tale with a bit of m/m kink this just might be the story for you, because if you can get past the first couple of chapters it is distinctly different story.

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## Wendy Ann says

Completely not what I expected and yet so much more! This story would seem to support the belief that there's a fine line between love and hate, and these two men crossed that line from one side to the other accompanied by a blazing round of kinky delights. I love a man with a plan and the balls to carry it out (go Brom). Ichabod may have had the pants quite literally scared off of him, but it turned out far different than he ever could have imagined and he gained everything he'd ever hoped for. I loved this m/m version of the "Legend" – especially the twisted treats! ;)

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## Deviant Divas says

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is a delightfully wicked, and kinky, retelling of an age old story. I really liked the fast pace of the story. I read it in one evening.

The author kept close to the original tale, while breathing some fresh air and a bit of kink into it. Old world language with wonderful dual meanings, an interesting titillating extension of the story's original telling.

The characterizations of the two male rivals. How their relationship then develops, and where it eventually takes them, was engaging and arousing. Reviewed by Dreamy One

DIVA RATING: 4

HEAT RATING: Spark

Link:<http://www.deviantdivaseroticbookrevi...>

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## **AvidPasserby says**

This is a fun and sexy read for anyone who wants a wonderfully depicted enemies-to-lovers story. Be forewarned there is a quick fisting scene in this book.

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## **GayListBookReviews says**

A fun and sexy twist on the old story. I always enjoy when new life is given to familiar stories, especially when it includes sexy men exploring their kinks and finding love.

Ichabod was so starchy and self contained. I loved watching him lose his tightly held control. Brom has been driving him slowly and surely mad with his constant needling, digs, pranks and by always getting the best of him no matter the situation. It was so much fun watching him come apart for Brom.

Brom was such a delightful combination of contradictions. It was oddly sweet to learn how he had seen their interactions and his motivation for all he did to poor Ichabod. He was a tender master who was as enthralled as his submissive lover. They were incredibly hot together.

There were some intense and sweet moments where the balance of power that they fought so hard to control became blurred and they were able to just fall into their passion.

The sex in this story is smoking hot and even better the story of these two very different men moving from antagonistic enemies to lovers to even more is fun, sweet and a little beautiful. The extra little twists that come into play made this story a fast, sexy, and deeply enjoyable read.

Reviewed by Nina

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## **Jennifer says**

The twist on the Sleepy Hollow legend in this book was clever and the story was humorous. I especially enjoyed the supposedly "silly, little girl" character. It is written in an old, bodice-ripping style, that I think (hope) was tongue-in-cheek. I thought it was fun. I did not connect much to the characters, though, and would have liked a little more non-bedroom interaction between Brom and Ichabod as a couple. Overall it was a quick, fun read, especially for Halloween.

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## **Veronica says**

Overall: ★★★??

Plot: ★★★??

Characters: ★★★★★?

Editing: ★★★★★

Heat level: ★★★??

Kinks included: bondage, fisting

This is a short story, less than one hundred pages, that does a pretty good job of building our two main characters. The use of The Headless Horseman to first nab Ichabod, and then as Ichabod's con was quite fun. I don't quite understand why Katrina was willing to assist in Ichabod and Bram's scheme, but it was a fun plot nonetheless. Steamy extended sex scene and a HEA. What more could you want?

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### **Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says**

I enjoyed it a lot. Very amusing.

I would have given it five stars but there was a very short fisting scene and that was too much for me...

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### **Romancing the Book says**

Reviewed by Robin

Book provided by the publisher for review

Review originally posted at Romancing the Book

I think I liked this take on the classic 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'. Ms. Wadsworth took this to a whole new level. I really liked it. The characters didn't stray very far from when they were first introduced by Washington Irving except for a twist. Ichabod and Brom are attracted to each other.

I liked the romantic way that Ms. Wadsworth brought them together, it was very believable. I think staying true to the original story line but adding the simple twist of the whole Ichabod/Brom romance brought it all together making it more modern. Or even perhaps believable that it could have actually happened just the way she wrote it.

I think anyone who enjoys an erotic twist on the classics would enjoy this short story.

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### **Teetee says**

I actually quite enjoyed this one and discovered a new author I like! This was a great idea to twist this into a MM story, the two MCs were the perfect foil for each other, and the story lends itself to built in tension. I was on the edge of my seat for the scary ride through the fields leading up to the bridge! The characters were great together and sexy too. A perfect Halloween story, wish I had read it in October!

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### **Thomaidha Papa says**

4 Hearts

Review written for MM Good Book Reviews

<http://mmgoodbookreviews.wordpress.com/>

My, oh my! What a tale this one was. I feel like I went back in time when I used to read Red Riding Hood, Snow White, and The Grim Brothers' fairytales. And as you probably have seen from the blurb the speech of the text is written in such a manner that makes you fall right in that trap, using the mannerisms of the 18 century, and traveling in haze through time in that very place when the Tale of the Headless Horseman first took the breath of life. God, I'm affected by it myself.

So, what do you make of the Legend of the Sleeping Hollow? How do you think all started? Did you ever think to yourself that there could possibly be lovers involved? That their wicked and tricky minds could have worked together to perhaps take advantage from the folk's tales?

But things were not so easy. It was a strong rivalry before it turned to passion and unadulterated love. They were enemies before they became the ultimate lovers, such the world had never seen before.

Meet Ichabod Crane, Schoolmaster and quite the gentleman. Known for his stern ways, his impeccable control, and his vivid imagination. Currently courting miss Katrina Van Tassel not because she's beautiful, or he in love, but due to her charming wealth that will accompany her. Ambition is an awful treat, but one Ichabod cannot deny.

Enter Ichabod's rival, Brom Bones. Not only is he courting dear Katrina, but he is insistently tormenting and teasing Ichabod. The awful man is bound to humiliate and utterly break Ichabod in every way. Unfortunately for Ichabod, he's succeeding.

After a gathering that had Ichabod hopes high for winning miss Katrina when to Hell and beyond when said darling miss completely dismissed him and his attentions, Ichabod has been left to walk through the rumored favorite paths of the Headless Horseman. His imagination ran wild fueling his fear, a fear so strong that made his heart nearly jump out of his chest when the ghost came chasing him and captured him. But the ghost did not behead him, no; this particular ghost's intentions were far more sinister.

And thus begins a wonderful erotic tale, filled to the brim with hot scenes, kinky and somewhat painful, although always they ended in rapturous pleasure. This is how this tale will blow your mind, right after it has lured you with all that ghostly things. And before you know it, you'll be lost in the haze, you'll feel as if you're living in the book, the mists and the chills will run through you without a doubt, just like the sensual scenes will make you hot.

I loved this book, can you tell? I loved it from start to finish. If only Ichabod wasn't such a shallow prick at the beginning, he made me want to slap him, and when Katrina dumped him cold, I admit it, I was so damned satisfied the book instantly got real high in my praise. But it had to be like that, and it gave such an authenticity to all characters. They all felt like the real deal, hence why I loved this so much.

For me this was an excellent re-told tale, one I strongly recommend to all fans of the genre. It was a very, very remarkable read I immensely enjoyed.

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## **Autumn Moon says**

I was not overly crazy about the fisting scene, that is not really one of my kinks. But as a whole I did enjoy

this take on that old classic by Washington Irving. I have a soft spot in my heart for m/m books (or eve m/f books) where one of the characters is geeky and the other popular/hot, especially if the popular character is actively chasing the geek. What can I say I must have consumed waaaaay to many '80s teen movies during my formative years. Any way this little story hits the the mark in all of the above.

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### **Diane says**

This is the story that put the **head** in *Headless Horseman* ;)

It's a good read if you are in the mood for an imaginative, sweet and smokin' sexy short story with a splash of ghoulish fun. I'd say to put this on your Halloween reading list – but why wait? ;)

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### **Susan Laine says**

5+ stars. Knowing the original story well, this new version was an absolute hoot!

Exactly as the blurb states, Ichabod and Brom are rivals for Katrina's hand in marriage. However... neither wants the woman out of love or even lust. That's because Ichabod secretly fantasizes about Brom, and Brom wants no one but Ichabod. The brute and the brainiac crave each other bad! So Brom comes up with a scary plan to chase Ichabod in the dead of night, capture him, and tie him naked to a bed at a hunter's lodge to have his way with him. But once they've had their fill of sex—and OMG, it's hotter than hot!—what about the future? Ichabod's still poor and hungry, and he and Brom might still end up unable to be with one another.

The writing may be a bit old-fashioned, with long narratives and descriptions instead of dialogue, but I think that was intentional. The scary mood surely was accomplished right from the start. Ichabod has a nervous disposition while Brom is an apparent barbaric hunter. Yet, those are only their appearances. Underneath their masks their personalities are deep and true.

The plot offers a few surprises toward the end, a twist to the tale I liked a lot. It showed that even two mischievous men can be both honorable and greedy. Being hungry due to poverty is a strong motivator but neither man was truly heinous and cruel, and their future plans were cleverly crafted and made sense.

So, all in all, a good, strong story with lots of erotic tension and hot sex, a couple of curious plot twists, and a few scary moments to boot. Highly recommended.

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### **Kimberly says**

Ichabod Crane, schoolmaster of Tarrytown, desires to wed heiress Katrina Van Tassel. He believes he might have a chance at winning the coquette's hand, but his rival for Katrina's affections, Brom Van Brunt – aka Brom Bones – seems determined to thwart and embarrass Ichabod at every turn with teasing and tricks. Ichabod loathes Brom...when he isn't imagining having the man in his bed.

One night, upon returning from a party, Ichabod is set upon by the Headless Horseman, a supernatural

creature Ichabod professes not to believe in but fears terribly. Ichabod is taken captive, but when he wakes, it is no headless Hessian spirit that has captured him, but Brom Bones himself. Naked and tied to a bed, Ichabod can't hide his desire for the man he swears he hates. But Brom isn't through surprising Ichabod: the handsome rogue confesses his desire for the skinny schoolmaster. Is this another one of Brom's tricks? Or could it be that his rival isn't actually after Katrina's heart, but Ichabod's?

Deanna Wadsworth turns Washington Irving's short story on its head in the deliciously wicked *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. I couldn't resist the idea of two of American literature's most famous rivals falling in love. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* is erotic, naughty, and pure fun to read. I enjoyed watching Ichabod come to understand that all of Brom's teasing was done to get his attention. The uptight schoolmaster is no match for Brom's erotic torment. Yet while Ichabod is, understandably, the primary focus of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, it was Brom who captured my heart. He's devilish and a trickster, but he's also surprisingly vulnerable when it comes to Ichabod. I loved getting inside Brom's head and Ms. Wadsworth made him a swoon-worthy hero.

*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* is unlike any other incarnation of the tale I've read. Ms. Wadsworth's version was a delight to read and I look forward to enjoying more of her work.

*Reviewed for Joyfully Reviewed.*

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