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Detective Nick D'Amato has always been content with his lack-of-commitment love life. For a gay cop in the *don't ask-don't tell* N.Y.P.D., free and easy always seemed the least complicated route.

William, the new man in his life, has Nick rethinking his priorities. Will's perspective on life and love is different than anything Nick has ever encountered, making him that much more desirable.

The two men are compatible in every way except one, and it's a huge divisor. Both are stubborn, neither willing to compromise, until a serial slasher enters their lives. A growing stack of dead bodies has the police running in circles, sending Nick and Will into a nightmare that could change their lives forever.

Dancing In the Dark Details

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Don Bradshaw says

Great tightrope walk on both sides of the law. Too much sex for me in this short a story. Both Nick and Will were well fleshed out. Sam and Gil were the perfect addition as Nick's friends.

Erotic Horizon says

On one of their regular drink nights Detective Nick D'Amato sits at the bar with his two best buddies in the world, and evades the question of his love life. At a phase in their life where they are more concerned with age creeping up on them than anything else, they enjoy a running tease of who's doing what to whom when they meet. Little did his friends realize that Nick is in a hot affair with someone they wouldn't give the time of day to. In a job with it's don't ask don't tell attitude, its little wonder he hides his secrets so well even from his friends.

William, or Squeak as he's known in his other job, lives life to the fullest – makes the best of what he's got and makes no bone about letting Nick know he's enjoying himself. Nick wants William but is William willing to change his life for the man?

When danger comes closer than they both realize, do they both have what it takes to make the change before they lose it all?

DANCING IN THE DARK is Jenna Byrnes first of a three book series revolving around men in the force. Nick, a cop with years of service and feeling every minute of it, is walking a fine line between the job and the streets. He knows what he wants and started a relationship on a don't ask don't tell basis; but soon realizes that he wants more.

William is happy and has clear ideas of what life has to offer him at this phase of life. When a dream is laid in his lap he has to make a decision that will affect the rest of his life.

I am quickly becoming a fan of Ms Byrnes work and I, for one, am very much looking forward to reading the next two books in this series.

Coffee says

I have two things to say about this book. First: mullet? LMAO and secondly: condomless sex with a hooker?

This would have scored higher if it weren't for those two things.

Mary Davis says

Review later

Janie says

While I thoroughly enjoy a cop and hustler love story, I find it hard to believe that Nick would have sex with Will without a condom. Yes I get they were in love and the sex was incredible and I really like when there is no condom in the stories, but come on, Will was a prostitute for gods sake. Even if he was careful and used condoms with all his johns, there is still the chance he could have gotten something from them. I really liked the rest of this story but I had a hard time with that.

Eyre says

Really a 3.5.

Nick works in the vice division of N.Y.P.D. Every other week he gets together with his two best friends at a local bar. These three have two things in common--they went through the police academy together, and they're gay. Nick's buddies tend to tease him about finding a man, but he's keeping a secret from them. He already has a man. In fact, he's had him for nine months, but the relationship is complicated and Will is someone that his friends might have trouble accepting.

This story was much better than *Switching Seth*, which I had read previously. I decided to give the author another chance, and I'm glad I did. Nick is a good guy; he wants it all--a man he can take home to his family and a ring on his finger. Unfortunately, Will has some issues and can't see himself in that role. I won't tell you what those issues are, you'll see as soon as you meet Will in the story.

Two things that bothered me:

The first is trivial, but Will has a mullet. A mullet folks! So not sexy.

The second is more serious. If you've read some of my reviews, you'll know that not using condoms is one of my pet peeves. Nick and Will have been in a nine-month long relationship, and they no longer use condoms. That normally wouldn't bother me since they are in a long-term relationship, but there are distinct reasons that they should. I won't elaborate because it's integral to the story, and I don't want to give anything away.

mlady_rebecca says

This was a free eBook I got around Christmas, so not exactly something I'd pick on my own. I read very little contemporary romance. I tend to find them dry overall. So it wasn't really a surprise that this ended up being a time killing throw-away read.

For the romance side of the story, a male vice detective that falls in love with a male prostitute. Okay, somewhat shades of "Pretty Woman", but for some reason it really bothered me that they had unprotected sex. Not only did they have unprotected sex, they made a big deal out of saying they weren't using condoms. WTF? Even if the working boy used protection with all of his clients, condoms fail. For some reason that

awkward start colored the rest of the story for me.

As for the "mystery", you have your basic "Law and Order" style serial killer case, where the killer just happened to be targeting both female and male prostitutes. You can guess what happens next, can't you?

shrug Like I said, contemporary romances are just too predictable and formulaic for my tastes. But I'm trying to lower my book buying budget, and free is free. Turn the page. *g*

Elisa Rolle says

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/B002HJV5R4/?...>

Rhowena says

More of a 2.5

Lily says

2.5 stars

This was a nice story about a cop in love with a hooker and while it started out well in the end it was a bit disappointing for me. I liked Nick and his friends but for some reason his relationship with William never grabbed me. The main reason I think was the fact that they didn't use condoms. I know they were in a relationship for a few months but William was still turning tricks and didn't seem inclined to stop doing so. I would have thought that Nick would've been smarter than that. I can understand dropping the condoms in a committed relationship but really, how committed can you be if your BF's a hooker?

Julia says

Pretty good. I'm a whore for cop stories, so I might've liked it a little bit more just because of that. The dialog is a tad off in places, but still not bad. I think the main thing that kept me from giving it a higher rating was the length. I would've loved to see these characters in a fuller picture. I would've liked to know more about the relationship between Nick and Will, maybe earlier in their relationship. I would've liked to see Nick's family when he visited and had more of a mystery with their investigation. MORE, I guess is the bottom line. This one had the potential to be a much more satisfying read than it turned out to be. That said, I DO like the characters and the writing style well enough to finish the series and check out other books by the author because if this one had been longer and more fleshed out it would've been a great read.

One thing that really bugged me on a few levels-- not using a condom when you're screwing a prostitute? Seriously? Wtf, no one in their right mind would do that. Yeah, he trusted Will and that's great, but crap happens and anyone with half a brain knows that.

Alina says

Loved this book!

I like cops and I like stories about hustlers, so this story was a double win for me.

And I didn't have a problem with the absence of condoms. I think the author used it as emphasis for Nick and Will's 'special' relationship and if Will was safe all the other times - it's not a problem for me, especially since it's fiction and not real life :)

Arzu says

3,5 stars
