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When Kayla Lawrence wakes up in her best friend's arms after a night of hot sex, she wants to pretend that it never happened. He's not just her best friend. He's also her partner. But as much as she loves Joshua Tanner, he's not the type to commit. She's not sure where their relationship is going after their night together.

Joshua has wanted Kayla since the moment they met. He's loved her almost as long. Waking up in her bed was his dream come true. Now he just has to convince Kayla that he's relationship material.

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Jooniebug says

Loved it sooo much!

S.B. Gabriel says

After a couple of drinks one night, Joshua succumbs to his feelings for his longtime friend and business partner, Kayla. She enjoys their night together, but is so shaken by discovering their intense mutual attraction, as well as the force of Joshua's sex drive, that she tries to have their relationship go back to what it used to be.

Joshua's desire intensifies after their first tryst and he's not willing to end their physical relationship, even though he's afraid of revealing to Kayla that he's actually in love with her. Not being open about their feelings leads to many misunderstandings between Joshua and Kayla. They both have their moments of being angry and hurt, but in the end take their commitment to the next level.

The best friend trope is handled well here, although the whole bit about Joshua waiting for Kayla to lose her virginity to make his move because he's so well endowed that the pain he caused during his first time traumatized him, is rather a poor excuse for not revealing his feelings sooner in their 7 year friendship.

The writing works for the story. The language for the love scenes is graphic and full of the superlatives that the genre demands.

Joshua has a sex drive well suited for his physical attributes and the novel demonstrates it with the frequency, length, and graphicness of the love scenes. There's some awe and fear of rejection in the mix, since Joshua had concealed his love for Kayla for so long he could hardly believe that they were finally coming together as a couple. The scenes were more spicy than emotional, though.

Jeanae Tyra says

It's soo funny what was Joshua's 'problem' was. Really, dude Really? THAT'S your 'PROBLEM'? Well can I have it? Better yet can you give it to me?

Also,;

Is it me or...

...the woman...

...is the same person in the same dress.

Please tell me you see that.

Mspraise50 says

I had heard so many great things about this author and this story, This was my first read by this author. I decided to read this story about Kayla and Joshua.

Well I am sad to say I was very disappointed with the story. This book is full of sex and short on story-line. This is just my opinion. I am sure there are plenty of folks whose view will differ to mine and that is cool. If this kinda of content is how you like your stories then this is the book for you.

I decided to try book 2 Winning Dawn was a much better read!

Meranda Thomas says

In my All Time Favs Collection

As my title clearly states I really loved this book I loved Josh, and want to read about Dawn and his brother. I first bought this book when it came out and read it periodically throughout each year.

Crystal Stallard says

Good Things Do Come In Small Packages!

I originally read this book and Winning Dawn a while ago but I decided to write a short review. Ms. King did the damn thing with this book. Loved both Joshua and Kayla. I can't believe you packed such a perfect story in seventy plus pages. I wanted more only because you hate to have the great stories end. This is on my top five favorite novellas. Who am I kidding, number one right here. I have read this book so many times and I still love it. Need more books like this.

Theodora Taylor says

Description: Kayla wakes up after a night of hot sex with her best friend, Joshua. A whole lot of drama ensues.

The Good: Kayla and Joshua not only have hot sex, they seem very well-suited for each other. Also, Joshua's brother is very intriguing and well set-up for his own book. And I loved that the two main characters had

founded a design firm together.

The Bad: Joshua is a bit of a slut — even for an erotic IR character. Also, the tone of the book is a bit judgmental. For example, whenever one of Joshua's exes show up at the office, his staff jokingly calls it a Code W. The "W" stands for Whore. And this is just one example of slut-shaming that doesn't feel like it should have any place in an erotic romance. There's also a twist with an ex-girlfriend that is well-executed.

The Naughty: Unprotected sex, Virgin, Erotic.

Editing issues: None that I'm remembering.

Publisher: Sugar and Spice Press

Length: Category

Final Grade: C

Happy Reading,
Theodora from IRBookReviews.com

SheReadsALot says

I get frustrated when there are winning parts that can add up to a dynamic equation but it falls short. This story definitely did not fail in the steamy department. I don't think the full extent of Kayla and Joshua's friendship was thoroughly explained in the story, where the author knew exactly what was going between the two but didn't let the reader in on the story as well. It left me wanting to understand what was so damned great about the other person. The so called 'villain' was 2 out of 10 at best on the villain meter.

Story has potential...enjoyed the idea's the author had, execution was a miss.

Deloris says

I loved the way their friendship turned into the perfect relationship once Kayla gave it a chance. Josh was the ultimate playboy who always loved his best friend . Then they had an amazing night of sex but it was more than that it was the beginning of something wonderful. I loved the way the romance unfolded between them and when I finished this book I was ready for the next chapter for Evan and Dawn's story.

Lexi Divan says

Kayla and Josh are best friends who secretly like each other and end up sleeping together. She felt ashamed when she woke up and said stuff she didn't mean and then accepted a date with another guy before she went to apologize to Josh. She then slept with Josh again and went on the date with the other guy and booked a second date and has no idea why Josh is pissed. The stupidity of people. I mean if you're sleeping with somebody they gonna feel bad you goin on a date with somebody else. And the story continues with Josh

psycho ex who he tried to treat like Kayla when he was sleeping with her is obsessed with him. Tries to come between them, but its mainly their issues that is the problem. These people need to talk to each other instead of sleeping with each other when problems come up. Did not like this book honestly speaking. The characters irritated me to no end.

UnusualChild{beppy} says

synopsis:

kayla and joshua have been friends since college, and now they are business partners. when kayla wakes up one morning in joshua's arms, she thinks that she's ruined everything, because she knows that joshua won't commit. joshua has wanted kayla since the moment that they met, but one thing or another has kept them apart. now that kayla has opened the door, joshua is determined not to let it close. he works hard at convincing kayla that he is not a player and that what they have is real.

what i liked: the history between the two; their friendship relationship was already established, so that made things a little bit more believable.

what i didn't like: the execution of the story. i didn't like either joshua or kayla.

Shelly says

DNF - I just couldn't continue with this one.

Mei says

Meh... Both h&H's behavior was that of a 16 years old! They were supposedly owners of a successful business, but I don't know how they could manage it since they couldn't manage one another. They were in love, they keep telling it to each other, but it seems they are deaf for all the good it does! And the secret??? Shall we talk about the secret?? Noooo... you have to read the book to find out. Maybe you'll not be disappointed as I was!

——•(-•The Insomniac Book Hoarder•-) says

All these years, he'd been waiting for Kayla to gain some experience with men, to have a serious relationship so that he wouldn't have to be the one to deflower her..

Tell me that Im not the only one to think that this statement clearly doesn't scream true love.. I had a WTF moment really..

Mel says

EROTIC romance is my top favorite genre, I'm super glad to FINALLY see a multicultural bwmm writer give me what I've been searching for in this genre. This is my first time reading a book by this author and most definitely not my last. Spicy is an understatement, this book was downright raunchy at times and I LOVED every word of it! Whew, it was SO yummy! I want some more of this book. And the twist, I wouldn't have guessed that one. My only downside was length, I would have loved for it to be a lot longer. Luckily, I'll see a bit more of Kayla and Josh in Dawn and Evan's story. I knew, without doubt, that those two would get a book next when Kayla first witnessed their interaction, glad to see that I was right. I'm waiting on the edge of my seat for Dec. 10th to see those sparks flying between Dawn and Evan!
