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Prudence sets out with her band to Los Angeles to make it big. Leaving behind London is difficult for her, but not because she fears she'll be homesick. She's never coming back. And her brother has no idea.

After she arrives, she performs one of her first shows. But little does she know, an admirer sits in the audience. She hypnotizes him and draws him in, making him immediately smitten. The obsession starts.

Cash is determined to be alone with this girl. After extreme lengths to share a quiet whisper, they agree on a spring fling. After the horrible break up Prudence had with her boyfriend, she doesn't want to be hurt again. Cash's reasons are still a mystery.

They spend the summer together, but their romance takes different avenues that Cash didn't predict. He has a very strict set of rules with his women and he never breaks them...until Prudence.

And Prudence didn't think she could trust someone as much as she trusts Cash. There isn't just a strong physical relationship between them. For the first time, she's not afraid of another lie being fed to her, another sleepless night, or wondering where he's been. It's the only stability she's ever had.

After making her way into his heart, Cash struggles with his feelings. He's been hurt before but can he risk being hurt again? His obsession for his musician grows stronger every day. The idea of her being with anyone but him is soul-crushing. And he doesn't understand what's happening to him. Has he fallen in love? Is that possible?

A gripping romance that will make your heart flutter, *Under My Thumb* is a classy tale of love coming from unlikely places.

Warning: Cliffhanger

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Bing says

Under my thumb is a story about two people jaded by their past.

Cash likes to compartmentalize his life, making sure his personal life will not seep into his professional life, hence, the loveless, non-relationship status.

Prudence is a talented musician who has been burned by love and thought a serious relationship is not for her. She decided to be with Cash without fear of where it will end by agreeing to see each other casually until she goes back to London where she resides.

There's instant attraction between them and an explosive sexual chemistry, but they were wrong to think that an exclusive yet casual relationship will be safe.. because naturally, feelings surfaced. But their feelings didn't grow instantly.. they unknowingly jumped through hurdles, break down their walls and against their will, developed strong feelings for each other.

There are things beyond our control. No matter how much you stop yourself from loving someone, it will sneak up on you. No matter how much you convince yourself that your choices make sense, it only takes the right person to come into your life and change your views. Will Cash and Prudence give in to their feelings? Are they willing to take a leap to find happiness with each other?

I'm eagerly awaiting for more from this couple! And I think it's worth mentioning that the author created a wonderful side characters - I love Jeremy (Prudence' brother) and the family of Cash is adorable.

Kim Bailey says

3.5 STARS

Angst, angst and more angst!!!

This book is filled with emotional angst. It is realistically portrayed and comes from experiences that do inspire this type of drama.

Prudence is an aspiring musician aka musical genius. She and her band have traveled from Britain to the States seeking a record contract. She's leaving behind a broken home and a ruined relationship. The last thing on her mind is finding a new romantic interest.

Cash Matthews is a tv executive producer. He's tired of women wanting to use him for his connections, but he's not looking for a serious relationship either.

When these two meet sparks fly and chemistry happens. They agree to a casual, no strings attached sexual relationship. Of course, they quickly become friends and soon the sexual spark turns into something more.

But do they both want the same things?

This is where we end the story. On a really big cliffhanger.

Overall it's a nice easy read. I enjoyed the characters - even their angsty inner dialogue. And I am anxious to read the next installment to find out what the heck happens!

Bj says

Free on Amazon as of 2/18/15!

Nikki Malan says

Under my Thumb (Serenade Series Bk1) by Abby Reynolds

Prudence is a musician and musical genius. She has travelled with her band from Britain to the States seeking a record contract. She's leaving behind a broken home and a ruined relationship. Cash Matthews is a TV executive producer. He's tired of women wanting to use him for his connections, but he's not looking for a serious relationship. Once Cash sees Pru he is obsessed with her. They agree to a casual sexual relationship that would end at the end of the summer. They seem to be in agreement but are they really? This story ends on a cliff hanger. Looking forward to Book 2

Reviewed for Hot books and Sassy Girls book blog

Dee says

It was free, I have no complaints. Did it make me want to buy into the series, despite the cliffhanger ending, nope.

Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

3.5 - 3.75 DONT LET HER GO STARS!!!

Under My Thumb is a fast paced romance with two inherently damaged characters that are surprisingly up front with their needs and wants. The story is told in dual POV's which was a nice change in understanding inner thoughts and turmoil! This is my first time reading Abby Reynolds and I can say that I enjoyed her style of writing as well as her story...well, except that damn cliffhanger! She just made me an automatic 1-click for book 2!

Pru has come to the US with her band in hopes to truly "live" a bit, while a very reserved and moody Cash is barely living in his own existence. One man and one woman, both heartbroken from past relationships, find

an instant connection and true match of wills.

I will admit that I was immediately thinking a Christian Grey kinda scenario...but that is not at all what i got!

What better than an immediate relationship of two people that agree to a summer "fling" that gives scorching releases with no strings or feelings? Well, add a considerate partner, an equal lover who never lies and never cheats, and well HOT DAMN...Match made in heaven!

Well, it would be perfect if that damn HEART didnt get in the way!

I will say that I liked this read. I liked Prudence alot, she was a strong character and honestly I liked that she wasn't needy or annoying! However, I sit on the fence a bit with Cash...he talked a good game, very dominant thoughts, yet in the bedroom he was a patient and attentive lover! Stick to the script buddy! LOL!

So, as already stated I will have to wait to see how this plays out! In typical angsty fashion, Pru and Cash are in love, the perfect match for one another, but in all that "openness" and "no lies" they seem to have forgot to communicate their true feelings and the summer is over...

Pru is gone! Only time will tell if Cash will get her back "under his thumb" :)

Anne OK says

There's an abundance of angst attached hereto. It might be a bit of an overload. However, it was a pretty easy read with characters that caught my attention from the beginning and kept me in their spin. Be forewarned though that there is a major cliffhanger that will most likely leave you screaming. You'll have to await the arrival of the next book to find out where the road leads for Prudence and Cash.

Prudence is a musician who travels with her band from England to the US in hopes of signing a record contract. She leaves behind a broken relationship and she's definitely not interested in starting a new one.

Cash Matthews makes his living as an executive producer in the world of television. His path crosses Pru's when he hears the band play. He sees, he wants, and he pursues. Of course, Cash has relationship woes as well – and he's definitely not up for anything serious developing either.

Ah – but fate steps forward and plays havoc with their so-called plans. What starts out as two broken souls agreeing to a casual fling over the summer soon becomes much more.

I was drawn to the strong individual portrayed by Pru. I liked that she was a non-whiner who didn't require constant stroking. Cash on the other hand was a bit of a contradiction. What is promoted as his dominant male tendencies seems to lose a bit of its original steam and fizzles a bit. Even so, both characters were interesting and the chemistry between them sparked enough interest to keep me wishin' and hopin' that they would wake up and smell the roses – before it was too late.

Once again, communication is the key to the success of this relationship and these two seem to have forgotten this important fact. And then time just runs out . . .

Told from both main characters' points of view and most times my favorite form of storytelling, I enjoyed venturing inside each one's mind to gain additional depth in both their personalities and thoughts. The author has taken an often told trope and given it her own refreshing and unique take. I enjoyed this book and will be looking forward to continuing on with Prudence and Cash's story in the next installment.

Claudia says

I have to agreed with other people and say that too much drama takes the story to a different place and yes, I am a bit tired of over the board drama.

When the drama is combined with people's inability of being a little bit mature than I am rolling my eyes. I would read the second story due to the cliffhanger but yes, I want to go back to books that have a real plot and characters/ character development and depth to the story.

Katherine Kouklinou says

4.5+ out of 5 Sweet Stars!!

" I stared at her blatantly, seeing the redness burn her cheeks. I had this girl. And i wasn't going to let go."

Fist of all, i would like to say how much glad i am that this book has two POV, it really helped me understand the characters and bond with them more!

In general, the book is really fast pacing. I finished it real quick.

"We have to be exclusive," he said. " That's my biggest term."

"Why?"

"I want to be the only one inside you."

For me, the plot was one of the best parts of the book. It was interesting and not at all confusing and it rolled perfectly.

Also, i cannot wait for the second book because, this one's ending left me at the edge of my seat.

What i also loved was the characters.

Prudence is a selfless, talented and down to earth girl who is very passionate about music.

Cash is the sexy, gorgeous but also affectionate and really honest guy. The only thing that wasn't feeling so right was the fact that he complimented Pru a looot, especially at the begining,but, i guess he couldn't stop

himself... I mean, he was really into her!

"And i wanted more of her, all of her."

They are not perfect on their own. Because, they have flaws like everyone out there. But they are PERFECT for each other.

"With you, i feel safe."

They understand and trust each other completely which made the book seem even more true and enjoyable... I loved them together... They are the cutest thing!!

All of the characters were great but, except for the lead characters, i also loved Cash's brother Denver and his wife, Vivian.

You will adore them. He is so sweet and in love with her! and Vivian loves Greek salad... yay!

"What did you order?" -Vivian

"I had the fried tofu." -Cash

"I always get the Greek salad. My favorite!" -Vivian

I love Greek salad too!! (Well, maybe because i'm from Greece and all... :D)

Do give this book a chance, i believe you will enjoy it very much and you'll love Cash (especially when he is jealous!)

"I want you to feel beautiful. Because you are."

Thank you Ms Reynolds and carry on the good job!

Annie says

3.5 stars

ARC received in return for an honest review.

What a way to end a novel! If you don't like a cliff-hanger then this is not for you as it ends on a huge one.

This is the story of Prudence and Cash, a couple who have both been hurt in the past and do not wish to ever have a relationship again. Prudence is an intelligent young musician who has travelled to LA for three months with her band to try and get signed with a record company. Cash is an executive producer in television who happens to see them play their first gig. He wants her. He goes after her. He gets her, but only temporarily. They agree on a physical relationship only as neither wants to get involved with someone again. However both struggle to remove emotions the more time they spend together.

This was a slow starter for me. I wasn't taken with Cash to begin with and quite disliked him. However as the novel progressed and more of his past was revealed I came round and eventually was well and truly on his side, cheering for him. He also sounds hot which helps! Prudence, I immediately sympathised with. She has had a recent break up that has left her emotionally bruised and lacking confidence. Again, as more of her character was revealed I liked her more and more. She and Cash certainly had chemistry. I was so desperate for them both to speak to each other and admit they had feelings but neither would speak up. Instead they just had more sex!

The overall story took time to get started, but once it did, I found myself stuck. I didn't want to finish as I suspected it would be ending on a cliff-hanger but I also really wanted to see how things would play out. Grrrrr. Credit to the author, she has brought some originality to a story that has been told often recently.

Little teeny tiny thing... You need to overlook the past participles in places. Shined/shone. Lied/lay.

BookLover says

I can't believe this ended on such an intense cliffhanger. I want the next book like **NOW!**

This is my first read by this author and I really enjoyed it. I enjoyed Cash and Prudence's story, despite wanting to bang their heads together on multiple occasions so they could see what was right in front of them. I loved how wonderful they were for one another. I found it frustrating that each couldn't see the same feelings they were developing mirrored in each other's eyes and I'm really hoping the next book will give me my HEA.

For the rest of the series, besides my HEA, I am really hoping to see more of Jeremy. I wanted to get to know his character and he didn't get enough of a role in this book. Cash's family was also great and I'm looking forward to reading more about them.

Sade says

ARC provided by author for honest review

I definitely enjoyed this story. The characters were all multi-dimensional, interesting, and relatable. Abby did a wonderful job conveying emotion and passion shared by the two lead characters. Although the book could use another trip through the editing process it was pretty well written. Can't wait for book two! I really hope Cash gets to hit Gavin at some point because that guy is a major DB.

Michelle says

This book was brilliant I really enjoyed it I luvd the characters so much pru was great she as been so hurt by family an her last relationship she just wanted 2 have a summer then cash found her an he fell 4 her straight away but he as been just as hurt the story was so good it showed how there relationship got stronger I didn't want this book 2 end I luvd it I need the second 1 now I can't wait xxx

Nay Denise says

Under My Thumb is a very different type of romance story that starts off with two stranger who are attracted to one another and over time fall for one another. Prudence and Cash were both one in the same when it came to relationships and love.

Prudence is from London, but she went to LA with her band-mates with ulterior motives of her own. She is broken because of the love she gave her boyfriend. She now wants to enjoy life being single while having fling with a guy every now and then. Prudence was an absolute dream. She was talented, smart, hardworking, likable and so many other traits.

Cash is hot man that has an awesome job. He is wrecked by love due to the games and the way his ex-wife used him. He now lives his life in sexual arrangements with different women. He wants no commitment, no ties and no drama. He tries hard to stay away from love, but unexpectedly love found him. Cash is smart, hardworking man that has the utmost respect and manners. His past has definitely shaped his view on love and it sucks, but I'm glad he learns that you can't run from love.

The romance was beautiful. The fact they fell for one another was awesome, but I hated that they each thought the other didn't love them. It was insane. That ending tore me to pieces. I don't normally like cliffhangers, but I have to admit -- this cliffhanger has me on the edge wanting to read the next book immediately!

Caro says

3.5 stars. This was a pretty good freebie I happened to see. It's kinda like 50 Shades without the kink. There are plenty of emotions, steaminess, good characters, and definitely a cliffhanger ending...should've listened to the description. I would definitely like to read the rest of this series and see what happens. A good read and a great find for a freebie! Enjoy!
