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When you have a thrice-a-day Starbucks addiction, a love affair with Louboutins, and an apartment in one of the most expensive cities in the world, the last thing you need is to lose your job. But that's what happened to me—or what will, unless I can pull off the impossible: find Eli Murphy.

Eli, notorious playboy and New York City high roller, is the founder of the newzine where I work. He's been MIA for three years. But I think I can find him. If I do, and I get his story, I can keep my job.

What could go wrong?

Ask me when I'm tangled in my lies—and his bed sheets.

Ask me when we're running for our lives.

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From Reader Review Finding Eli for online ebook

Shari Kay says

incomplete story...waiting on next book and safety issues

Leah says

****2.5-3 stars****

I got my attention on this author when a friend of mine started talking about him. We became FB friends and he didn't seem like too much of a tool, so I paid attention here and there. Yes, I was biased, because my luck with male authors in the Indie community is well... bad. #ThunderCuntsUnite

Anyway, I grabbed this book when it released purely out of curiosity and with zero expectations of it being any good. I quite honestly was ready to DNF quite quickly.

But ya'll, this dude can actually write.

There's no Table of Contents in the book, authors note, or dedication and the editing is a bit terrible, TBH... so I am wondering how "serious" this supposed lawyer is with his writing, but regardless of all of that, I quite enjoyed the storyline. Also, I want to add that I think this dude should have done his research before adding in a 4-wheeler scene. Like, this redneck knows you've never driven one, son. ;)

It's definitely novella length and this dude writes a fabulous female POV. I preferred her voice more than the male POV, actually.

The storyline is about an investigative journalist who seeks to find her story and, obviously, finds him. There is instant lust (but no insta-love, thank fuck) and I actually liked their chemistry.

And there's masturbation! *jazz hands* *throws confetti* Why isn't there more of this in books?

The sex was a bit over-done and not that great, but it was hot overall.

I really liked the added danger to the plot, the murderous bad guys that are out to get them and the ending cliffy will probably make my nosey ass read the next book in the series.

Let's just cross our fingers this author doesn't become a total arse-wipe like the rest of them so I can actually keep reading him.

Tosha Rabideau says

Jake Iron's book Finding Eli is a phenomenal read. It's fast paced, funny, and hot as hell. I can not wait to see what is in store for Eli and Tara in the second book. It's been a while since I have screamed at my Kindle, but

that is just what I did when I completed the last page. Well done, Jake!! I wish you much success with this book and future releases.

Jean says

Great beginning novella to what I assume will be a series or full book.

Tara needs to save her job and her one way to do that is to find Eli Murphy. He's the founder of the magazine where Tara works and has fallen off the face of the Earth. It's a mystery. But with determination, Tara finds him, but she's somewhat dishonest about her intentions and herself.

And the reasons for Eli hiding is something no one knows.....I really liked Eli! But when Tara's lies catch up with her, Eli kicks her to the curb.....slight cliffhanger here!

I received an ARC from the publisher through NetGalley for an honest review.

Teresa's Tantalizing Book Teasers says

A Steamy Read....

For a debut story this clicks along very rapidly.

The storyline is creative and the characters are an excellent match for each other.

One thing that turned me off a little was how fast it moved along and how quickly the two main characters had sex with one another. Believe me, I'm not a prude by a long shot, but their initial sex scene was a little too early into how they just met. It is steamy though.

However; the story is creative in how Tara, a writer at a well known Newzine is threatened with losing her job unless she scoops a story that no one has been able to accomplish.

That story involves finding Eli Murphy, the actual founder of the Newzine Tara works for. He's been AWOL for three years!

Once she finds him, well; she knows exactly what she wants to do with him and it has nothing to do with her important story. The two are sexually drawn to one another and they truly find things in common.

But, can Tara let on that she's found him to save her job? Can Eli trust to let someone into his life after three years with a secret that could threaten both their lives?

We won't know until book two is released. I'll be picking it up because the ending did leave me wanting more from this Author and these two characters.

I look forward to more from this Author as he continues grows within the industry. XOXO

Donna Marie says

I was immediately intrigued by Finding Eli's blurb. It was a really interesting premise that captured my imagination and had me eager to dive in.

I absolutely enjoyed this novella. Tara and Eli were fun, quirky and interesting characters that had a great sexual chemistry. The story was fast paced and flowed well, maintaining my interest the whole way through. And that ending! Ugh!

A very solid debut from this author and I can't wait to read the conclusion.

Book-Bosomed blog says

Tara Daniels is a reporter about to be laid off. Her final assignment, and last hope for continued employment, is locating Eli Murphy, former editor and co-founder of the publication she works for and a successful author. Eli's "disappeared" and become a recluse, but no one knows why.

I'm sort of a sucker for the premise where two people are stranded together, probably because it tends to leave little room for OW/OM drama, which this installment thankfully has none of, so I enjoyed the set up here.

Told via Tara and Eli's dual first person POV, Eli's chapters sport a little extra authenticity....edge...freshness that perhaps comes from a male author's writing perspective writing a man. Eli describes things in a decidedly male way and he, at times, responds minimally but with just enough to come across cool and mysteriously guarded.

Of course, both Eli and Tara are keeping secrets from each other. Eli for very valid reasons; Tara, well it's clear from the start she's digging herself into a hole with lots of complications. I'm not sure at times that she's not a bit naïve and headstrong or at the very least she has really lousy instincts for a reporter.

This is the first book in what appears to be a two-part romantic suspense series, the next *Unraveling Eli*, releasing later in May. So be aware it's not a complete story and ends in a cliffhanger.

The suspense angle is developed well; I'm definitely looking forward to more details on how Eli ended up in his situation. The romance veers more on the *instalust* side. While the two do get to know each other, their interest in each other is primarily sex (well aside from Tara's assignment). A lot of this perhaps stems from both characters admittance that they haven't had sex in a while. I'm hoping to see the forming of some stronger attachments in the next installment to seal the deal on the romance aspect.

Not to be dismissed though, their sexual encounters are HOT!

"In and out...deep in, and shallow out. She whines when I urge her fingers fully out, lifting her hand so I can taste her."

fans self Now I also must admit I was slightly distracted by two things.

One, the duo doesn't use condoms when they are together, and they've only just met hours before! I did appreciate the disclosure that Tara is the only girl to grace his hideout sheets, and while guessing by the math, Eli's been celibate almost two years, he used to indulge in a lot of one night stands. Specifically it was the "for the whole first year I lived here, I went looking for sex every few nights, and it was never hard to find," comment that was hard to brush aside. *TMI Eli!*

Two, how the hell did the food not burn?! For real, I kept expecting the smoke alarm to go off somewhere between an *in* or *out* thrust. This was suspense that I doubt was intended. These two can seriously pack a lot of masturbation, oral sex, and intercourse into one half hour because that's all the longer it is till dinner is ready when they pass the time with a variety of steamy indulgences. Call me floored when she raved about the meal because I expected that deer meat to be as crispy as the bacon it was wrapped in.

Anyways, this *is* an engaging tale that kept me interested from start to finish. It moves at a steady pace and is a promising start both for this series and for a debut author. I look forward to part two. (Oh and hopefully an appearance by Herman.)

Safety Recap: (view spoiler)

**I volunteered to review this ARC. All reviews written by Book-Bosomed Book Blog are honest opinions. In the interest of providing unbiased book reviews and to avoid misleading other readers, it is the blog's policy not to withhold or delay any reviews no matter the star rating. To the best of my knowledge, this title was presented to the blog without any conditions or stipulations.*

Reviews from the Heart (Kimberly Anne) says

3.5 stars

This is a short and sexy debut that could easily be read in one sitting. Finding Eli has a storyline that definitely intrigues me. Not really insta love, but definitely insta lust, Eli and Tara burn up the pages and the sheets.

Shrouded in mystery, Eli has become an enigma among his followers. Determined to get to the truth, and keep her job, Tara makes it her mission to find out what happened to the writer who seemed to be on top of the world.

Finding Eli is part one of a duet so we will have to wait for Part two to find out how their story ends. There was a moment in the middle where I found myself a bit confused and I felt the like first part ended a little abruptly (yes, I know it's only part one). But all in all, it was an enjoyable story and one I would like to finish.

~ Kimberly Anne

Cheryl O'Harney (The Book Whisperer) says

This book was reviewed for Summer's Eve Reads

Title: Finding Eli

Author: Jake Irons

Genre: Contemporary Romance

Rating: 4/5

So in this we meet Tara who's a reporter, in order to keep her job she decides she's going to find Eli the co-founder of the publication she works for he's been missing for sometime. When she finds him it's in less than ideal conditions but that doesn't stop things getting hot and heavy rather quickly.

This was a quick, fun, fast read with some lies and deceit, hot steamy sex scenes and it was shrouded in mystery and suspense. It's a cliffhanger but WOW what a cliffhanger it is fortunately I'm lucky enough to be able to dive right into the next book.

A brilliant debut novel from an up-and-coming new author.

Harloe Rae says

Jake Irons is a new-to-me author and I'm so glad I stumbled upon his debut novella. The cover and blurb drew me in so I was eager to get my hands on the story!

The book starts off with a determined reporter searching for the secretive man that owns the newspaper where she works. If she can't get to him though, she won't have a job much longer. The race-against-the-clock deadline is exciting and kept me reading to gather answers.

Tara's desperation to find Eli is palpable and I felt her driving need to discover his hidden location. The story stacks up as more clues are dropped and I was entertained by the suspenseful theme. I easily became committed to this mysterious journey that suddenly becomes sexy and romantic.

This author does a great job blending the drama with the steam! I was super into it page after page. You get a nice variety of elements throughout and I believe this tale will appeal to a wide audience. Definitely give Finding Eli a chance and get ready for the second installment coming soon!

Erica Jividen says

New authors, I'm always skeptical of reviewing.

I was not disappointed!

I found myself wanting more of Eli.

I didn't want the story to end.

Short, sweet and sexy and can you can easily read in one sitting.

I look forward to reading more of your work Jake Irons! ?

LadyTechie says

Finding Eli was literally "hot". I received an eArc in exchange for an honest review. I have to admit I am quite curious to know if the author is male or female because part of the fun with this one was guessing. I even had to double back and see if there were any hints. I did not want to assume male because sometimes females can have nicknames like Jessie for Jessica so Jake could be short for some female name also though if it is a male it is my first experience with sexual situations written this well, thoroughly.

Tara is about to be let go from her job at an online news site but she has an idea. She can take the clues her work buddy has provided to find Eli, the owner of the news site that wrote a wicked tell all book then disappeared. If Tara can find him and get a story that tells where he has been since he disappeared and hopefully why he disappeared it might save her job. Tara is desperate and uses the last of her funds to give it a shot. What she finds is not what she expects. Eli is as good looking as he appears in pictures but, she didn't expect the instant sexual awareness she felt when she met him, even after the way they met.

Both characters are very likable and it is always great when a reader can get a plot with their sexual scenes. I will admit to listening to this on my Kindle on the 1 hour commute home and looking around as if people could hear it and imagining that my face was some sort of crazy pink. Wow! It did not take over the book and sexual tension was appropriate in places so the reader could still see the mystery/bit of thriller that was developing. My only problem was not knowing what the heck happens. I have to wait for the next book. Review can also be seen at LadyTechie's Book Musings ladytechiesbookmusings.blogspot.com.

Sarah says

Jake Irons being a new author has done an amazing job and has written a story that keeps you wanting more. His characters have secrets and you want to know what they are. Tara is perusing a lead to find Eli to hopefully help save her job in NY. Eli is hiding to save his life. Both Tara and Eli form a connection with each other until he finds out her truth then all hell breaks loose.

When I got to the last page I wanted more and I think you will too.

Pick this story up and show Jake some new author love you won't be disappointed.

~Mandi~ says

Super quick and easy read. Just the start of what could be a great story. I didn't realize it was a cliffhanger. I knew it was a short novella but didn't realize it would leave you hanging. I so want to know what happens next. I'm super impatient with my books and don't like waiting for the next book to be published.

Eli has moved off the grid and Tara is a reporter looking for her next story. So she searches him out. Realizes there's lots of chemistry between them and acts on it. Eli doesn't know that Tara is looking to write a story on him. Just thinks she a lost hiker caught in a snowstorm.

But Tara unknowingly put herself and Eli into major danger. And that is where it left off.

Can't wait for the complete story to be released.

Thanks NetGalley for the arc in exchange for my honest review.

Laura says

ARC Provided by the Author and Between the Sheets

There are things I liked about this book, so I am going to start there, however they were not enough at the end for me to be able to give this a positive rating.

I thought the writing was strong, well edited and with a narrative that was tightly constructed. The plot

actually flowed rather quickly. I was concerned that there was going to be a lot of time spent looking for Eli, and not a lot of time with them together, which is not the formula for an erotic romance. But, the author got Eli and Tara into the same place fairly quickly, so that worry was settled.

Unfortunately, while I was able to suspend disbelief on some of the situations, such as how easily she was able to find Eli when no one else seemed to be able to (I ignored this, as it is erotic, the couple needs to be in the same room quickly, so you have to make it happen) and thugs in Ubers...I was not able to get past the logic and thought process of Eli in one particular area.

Just the one...but unfortunately, when you are not able to totally buy in to the start of the romantic relationship, there isn't a lot of room to go up from that.

Eli's thought process. Well. It went something like this..."I think she might have been sent by the people I am hiding from (I will not spoil why he is hiding or who he is hiding from) but, I really want to fuck her...so I am going to ignore this. And, since she can't do what she might have been sent to do to me while we are naked, it is all good. And, while I am at it, I am not going to ask her if she was sent by them, because 1. She could lie and 2. If I ask, she is honest, and says yes, well, then I am not going to be able to fuck her. So, I won't ask until later. Cool."

I was not able to get past this.

And, this is a shame, as the writing was strong, there was a lot of potential for the story, and up until that point, I was willing to go with the whole idea of it being an erotic romance, so some disbelief needs to be suspended because that is often required of the genre.

In this case, I got the feeling that the author decided to go big with the reason Eli needed to go into hiding, therefore leading to him needing to be found, and by doing such, put himself into a position where almost any resolution that got them in bed quickly (a requirement in erotic, a must in an erotic novella) was just going to have to work even if it stretched logic a bit. And, I get that. I really, really, do. I just wasn't able to get past it.

Writing is highly subjective, as are reviews, and I am sure this is just my opinion and that it is one that others are not going to share. That said, I am planning to read the conclusion of the book, as while this one did not work for me, I do want to see how it is going to end, and where it is going to go from here.

It am not able to recommend this book, but I reserve high hopes for the next one.
