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Sex would never be enough...

Nathan Livingston has more in his life than he can handle--a high-powered job in D.C. politics, a sixteen-year-old daughter he's raising alone, and another daughter who ran away from him, whom he hasn't seen in two years.

He doesn't have anything left to invest in a real relationship. A night of hot sex with Lynn every three months is as much as he'll allow himself, and it doesn't matter that it never feels like enough.

Lynn shouldn't be involved with someone as high-profile as Nathan, since it could negatively affect her successful web magazine, but she just can't resist their nights together.

Then his complicated personal life catches up to their no-strings-attached affair, and they both find out everything they're missing.

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Melody Cox says

4.25 Stars

Nathan Livingston is sex in a \$3000 suit. He has a high-powered political job in Washington DC. He's divorced from his evil ex-wife since she walked out on him and their two daughters when the girls were young. He has raised them by himself but done a pretty poor job. He is not a bad person but he had parents who used control in place of love, acceptance and guidance. He comes from old money and the social obligations that go along with it. I have a feeling he was raised in a 'children should be seen and not heard' household. I feel Nathan thought showing love was a weakness and when his little darlings would misbehave, like all children and teens do, his response was to tighten his control over them. Not good when we know most all teens are craving their freedom, more than ready to spread their wings and to have their father tighten his grip on them was not the way to handle these situations. It led to chronic arguments with the yelling and hollering that most arguments contain when you're dealing with teens. But he did love them...deeply. He just didn't show it, didn't know how to show it and we all know showing can be more important than telling. A child should feel secure in their parents' love.

The eldest daughter, Elizabeth, had finally had enough. She was tired of the constant control he held over her and her sister's lives and everything they did. She's broken and doesn't feel loved or wanted. She was her father's possession and she was done. She's has completely disappeared...poof...changed her name and identity. It has been done so well that there is no trace of her...anywhere...and Nathan has been searching for two years. Life has moved on but she is on his mind everyday. She's had to have help to disappear so completely but who on earth would have helped a sixteen-year-old girl (at the time) run away?

Nathan has no time to date or have a relationship but there's a woman, Lynn, that he is interested in for a sex-only relationship. They meet once every three-months and sex it up big time. They are both unaware that the other is monogamous during their down time. After a couple of years they both begin to realize every three months is certainly not enough. She is a great woman who has been divorced for some years. Her life is spent on her career and now it seems it's getting more difficult to have a three-month span of time before she sees Nathan again. Nathan is realizing the he needs and wants more but with the situation as it is with his missing daughter he is certain he can't handle an official relationship...and he has been such a poor excuse of a father that he feels all his time away from work should be devoted to his girls.

As things get more complicated with the missing daughter Lynn steps up to be a source of comfort and support and finally gets to meet the daughter who is still at home. They form a quick bond and Victoria is thrilled to see her dad happy. Their family is much better off with Lynn in their lives.

Gosh, this was a great book. I love the books Noelle writes and definitely recommend this book.

Drita says

3.5 Stars

I got this book from NetGalley, it was a free download. I'm glad i gave it a chance. It's a short story but the

author did a great job drawing the characters. I liked the story, sort of like friends with benefits...but then what happens when you want more....It was a nice read!
My first by this author and it won't be the last!!!

Widala says

3.5 stars rounded up.

I was glad to find this book was more than I thought it would be.

I loved how human and mature Nathan and Lynn were.

And although I kind of figured out the daughter thing early on, I really liked how it played out and how the characters handled it.

The sexy scenes were hot and fun.

I really enjoyed this book.

Angel **Book Junkie says**

I struggled on a 3/4 but felt this was more like a 3.75. The book brought tears to my eyes and that is hard to do. I liked the characters I just would have liked to see more of them I think that this book could have been made longer with more detail of why Beth left or what Nate really did. I think the only reason I did not give it a five is because I was more intrigued by the relationship and the hot sex than about the child missing. I think that the author took a leap and it was a very decent book.

Disclaimer: i received this book from netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Claire Robinson says

3.5 Stars.

Lordy Noelle Adams knows how to pack an awful lot of story into such a short book, and it wasn't a bad thing at all, I didn't feel like the story was rushed, the plot and characters progressed nicely without feeling rushed or under-developed.

I am starting to love books that contain the POV of both main characters, and Ms Adams does this really well, it was great to get in Nathan's head and see things from his perspective, rather than just being all from Lynn's viewpoint, this was especially pertinent when it came to the part of the storyline involving his missing daughter.

The no-strings booty call storyline has become more popular lately, and I have to say that Missing is a good indication, that when well written it is hard to put down. There is the inevitable twist, and although a little predictable, I really enjoyed it.

This won't be my last Noelle Adams book that's for sure!

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Wendy Dinwiddie says

I received this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

I really enjoyed the storyline of this book. It starts out no-strings attached sex for both Lynn and Nathan. They have to be discrete because she owns a DC web based political/gossip magazine and he is a former politician turned consultant from a well known political family. Only meeting 4 times a year but then after 2 years they both want to increase the frequency. A month later they decide to increase again to as often as possible but still keeping it no-strings. This starts out okay but they slowly begin to feel more for each other but of course don't mention that. At the same time all this is going on Nathan is dealing with raising a 16 year old daughter and searching for his 19 year old daughter who went missing 2 years ago without a trace. Only a note saying she wasn't kidnapped but ran away. There are some twists along the way as well as quite a few steamy scenes.

The only issue I had with this book was that there was too much of the story playing out in Nathan and Lynn's heads and not enough dialogue. I prefer character interaction more than thoughts of the characters. Otherwise, I found it a very good book.

Angela says

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Maria Rose says

Nathan is a high powered businessman in the political world, a former presidential candidate with all the baggage that entails. He's divorced, estranged from one daughter who ran away and has an uneven relationship with the other. For the past two years he's been trying to track down the missing one, while maintaining the public facade that she's away at school in Europe. He has no time for a relationship. But since his daughter disappeared, he's been having an affair with a former intern. Lynn is well satisfied with her current life, writing for a political pundit magazine that she runs with her ex-husband with whom she still has an amicable relationship. When she worked for Nathan he was married and she was young and there was no impropriety between them. But meeting several years later the sparks between them led to their arrangement to meet every three months for some sexual release. But after two years, they both decide they want something more frequent - not a commitment per se, but the opportunity to spend more time together. They start meeting every month, and then, as they start to confide other parts of their lives to each other, even more frequently. At the same time, Nathan discovers through his private investigator that his missing daughter is still living close by. In a surprising twist of fate, Lynn and Nathan find themselves with more in common than they expected and the ties between them grow deeper. But can they make the leap to a committed relationship?

I really enjoyed this story! Nathan comes across as a man who deeply regrets his failure to connect with his daughters while they were growing up. His focus on work took all his time and energy and now he's paying the price. But he's changing, spending time with his daughter who still lives with him and trying hard to find the one that left. He is definitely an empathetic character, a man who made mistakes but has learned from them. And in the bedroom? Well, he's definitely a very satisfying lover. The scenes with him and Lynn are very steamy and they are definitely compatible. It's not surprising that after two years they want to increase the frequency of their meetings. Neither has met someone else in the interim, and though they shy away from anything resembling a real relationship, in fact that's where things are leading. Lynn and Nathan start to confide more of their personal lives with each other and this cements their bond. Lynn is a friendly, self made woman. She's happy with her life as it is, though definitely not averse to spending more time with Nathan. Once they are seeing each other routinely it's easy to picture coming out in public - which scares Lynn as her career is in contrast to Nathan's and she fears that her political magazine won't be taken seriously if they are together. The plot has a few twists and turns as the search for Nathan's missing daughter intensifies. and I really liked how everything eventually fell into place and Nathan and Lynn were able to admit to each other their feelings. It's got just the right mix of drama and romance. 4 stars.

Note: a copy of this story was provided by the author for review.

Jeannie Zelos says

Missing Noelle Adams.

ARC supplied by Netgalley.

Well, this was one hot, erotic, sensual romance. Starts off fairly gently introducing the characters, how they know each other and Nathan's family problems then....pow! The action heats up incredibly. The sexual tension between Lynn and Nathan is incredible. They have an arrangement to meet one night every three months for sex, sex and more sex. Neither want a relationship, putting other things first, but the chance for some hot sex seems good to both so long as they can keep it casual and private.

All goes well for two years and then...they both feel that maybe having got away with it for two years they could meet more often, say monthly, and then when that works they increase it further. Until somehow they're meeting several nights a week. Gradually its clear to others that they are both seeing someone, but they both still keep tight lipped about who it is. Then the past catches up on them and intertwines their lives further.

I'd guessed some of the plot, but it was still a fun read. The sex was written really well, seductive and sensual, hot, erotic, none of the cringing phrases often read in so many books. I liked Lynn, loved Nathan. He'd made mistakes in his private life but recognised them and was trying to change. When things happen that bring them closer it all dovetailed so neatly. I did enjoy this book but....and I'm going to sound like an echo but once again everyone was soo happy. There wasn't any sorrow, no heartbreaking sadness, just a lovely story that flowed from occasional meetings into a beautiful relationship. There wasn't enough drama for me, I liked the story, but would have loved it if there had been some sadness in contrast to all the happy parts.

So a spicy novel of 194 pages/342kb for £1.97 it's a good read if you just want a happy, feel good, sexy read. For me though I need that bit extra to join my keepers files but it was fine for a one off read.

Stars: 4 – more angst and it would have been five but...

Kady says

4 Stars

I enjoyed this sweet, touching, and sexy romance! Nathan and Lynn had a perfect situation. A relationship of convenience, no strings, no emotional involvement. Just a steamy get-together at a hotel once every three months. Nathan is a high profile politician and Lynn owns a political publication so it's best that their relationship stays under the radar.

But eventually the two of them start looking forward to their meetings a little *too* much. And when Nathan needs her, she's there as more than just a casual hook-up. Their relationship begins to get deeper and necessary.

I thought the gradual build-up of their relationship was done perfectly. I loved the deep feelings that snuck up on both characters. I love that the closed-off man stepped up to fight for his woman. Nathan's daughters were great too! The ending was satisfying and romantic! A quick, sweet read!

Irene Sim says

More like 3,5 stars but I feel generous since it's my first book of 2018!

I liked how this story was focused on how a single parent struggles balancing with kids and having a personal life. As if this wasn't enough, Nathan is a public figure having to be extra careful about appearances. I really liked how his relationship with Lynn was reversed, starting from intimate only and turning to a life time relationship.

I only wish the author put up more care into not making a totally predictable plot for once. I really like her writing and the story lines she creates, but in 99% of her books I can see her plot twists from a mile long.

Emily (Mrs B's Books) says

****My thanks to the author for providing me with a free copy for an honest review****

This is the first time that i have read a book where the characters are already sleeping with each other, although every three months.

What starts off as just almost friends with benefits, but they do not contact each other in-between, moves after two years to something a little more, that turns into even more.

There is lots of feeling packed into this book and you really see the relationship and the feelings turning towards more even if its not always smooth.

Nathan may look like a polished perfect individual, but he is far from calm in his private life where he feels

like a duck out of water. It is only Lynn that gives him the peace that he needs and the help to be a little less controlling and a little more secure.

A sweet book that seemed to be over way too fast.

Pam says

4 need you stars

“We must have been crazy to think that would be enough.”

For the last two years, Lynn and Nathan have successfully kept their arrangement in tact. One *HOT* night, every three months, these two have perfected balancing their work, their personal life and their sexual needs.

Nathan is *sex in a three-thousand-dollar suit*. Ever since his wife left him, he has been struggling with raising his two teenage daughters; one he has failed and the other he is just trying to survive. He is utterly untouchable, powerful and smart, one of the most sought after political advisers in the nation.

Lynn is a part owner of Cooler, a successful web magazine that she prides her self in. She is respected in the world and would do nothing to change how they view her or her success. Divorced and alone, she longs for those nights when she can lose herself to Nathan, renewed and ready to face the world again.

When everything becomes a little too much, they seek each others company, agreeing to increase their frequency but still keep the no strings attached mentality. Why they never thought of how the comfort they feel in each others arms could cross over into their lives outside their bedroom. For two people who know each other so well intimately, it doesn't take much for their need to offer support and relief on things outside the bedroom. As much as this new connection scares them, they care too much to walk away...especially when they realize just how intertwined their lives really are.

Missing was such a treat, it had maturity, heat and a cuteness factor about it. For a novella, this definitely packs the depth of a full size, never once feeling rushed or lacking. It was thought out, giving us what we need to experience the story with the characters. I do wish it was a wee bit longer, possibly more of an epilogue to follow back up with them and see how they are all doing.

For a powerful man like Nathan to be so lost on how to be a father, it humbles him and makes him even more endearing. Lynn was a breath of fresh air, she is not needy or lost, she knows what she wants and doesn't apologize for anything; making her own way and owning everything about herself. The need that they each have for each other can be felt through every word, the interactions with the daughters were heartwarming and sweet. A very enjoyable fulfilling read, perfect for when you need something light but with substance.

Michelle [Helen Geek] says

09/28/2013 --

Overall Rating = 3.5 Stars

Book Cover / Book Blurb / Book Title = 3 / 4 / 2 = 3 Stars

Writer's Voice = 4 Stars

Character Development = 3 Stars

Story Appreciation = 4 Stars

Worth the Chili = 5 Stars -- [\$2.99 on Amazon]

There are just some authors you click with -- know? Either as Noelle Adams or as Claire Kent, she works for me. I liked this book. I loved the premise of the story as promised in the blurb. An enjoyable afternoon read.

What clicked for me ...:

1 -- This author writes stories about chance meetings or circumstances. Where two people are busy getting on with living and just need to connect with another for a while. They aren't keen on the "happily ever after" stuff. Seriously not necessary. Love is something for others ... until if just SMACKS them clean across the face. She does this story line like no other. The only thing I wish, is that her stories were longer. A bit more meat. She can do it, but so far she hasn't needed to. We like her just the way she is. However, this would have been a 6 Star read for me if I could have had a bit more meat.

2 -- The characters in this story call to you. We have two divorced people. Both strongly engaged on their career path. One who is also trying to juggle the role of a single parent. They don't have time for much more than a hookup every now and again. It means nothing and it saves them having to look for someone else. No time for it. Hmm... well maybe we could meet a bit more frequently? I think we can handle it ... it goes from here. I loved these characters. They were so independent. Didn't they know that love will have its' way? After all, Love is strongest when we least expect it and LOVE conquers all!

3 -- The price point. Perfect at about \$3. A great price for a rainy day of reading. Yeah me!!

Obviously, a few things could have been better ...:

1 -- Well, like I mentioned before, the book could have been longer. Taken the characters to the next level. This author writes tons of short stories or novellas. I'm not a great fan of a short read. I like stories I can sink my teeth into. Stories I can immerse myself for a bit. I really wish this author would do this for us. I think she can do it easily. She can create some phenom characters.

2 -- Maybe this goes along with what I've said before, but I would have liked to have had more of our secondary characters. We had the ex-husband, Matt. He was an interesting guy. There was a dynamic between he, Lynn and Nathan. This could have been fleshed out a bit more. I also liked Nathans daughters, Beth and Victoria. More background on Nathan who is a high profile person in the Washington political scene. Also, the difficulty for Nathan due to Lynn's web based political news journal was mentioned, but never really detailed. How does this end? What does this journey look like. Too many loose ends for me.

3 -- This goes along with #2. The title bothered me. This component of the story was downplayed. I think it fell a bit flat for me. I almost feel like the author was writing a novella that went a bit long. More please ...

I like this author. I haven't read much from her that I haven't liked, regardless of the pen-name used. She is good. Or, at least for me she is good. I've stayed away from her short stories. Reading only a few. Shorts are my cuppa. But, these longer reads? I could read her all day long and not get bored. I really like this author.

Happy Reading!!

Crystal says

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in place of an honest review.

Nathan Livingston has giving up a lot for his girls. He can be over protective and not really know how to interact with them and that is what starts the problems with his daughter Elizabeth. He knows that he hasn't spent enough time with his daughters because his dad never spent time with him. When Elizabeth runs away that just lives him Victoria. He tries to make up with her all of his wrongs.

Seems that the only time he gets to unwind is every three months when he meets Lynn and they have a night together. Neither wants a relationship but they don't want to be with anyone else. So they finally decide once a month and that turns into several times a week. Both of them are becoming more attached to each other.

In this book I was feeling several emotions. I loved how hot the sex was and then all of a sudden I would want to cry with everything that was going on. The author really touched me with this book and I have to say I didn't want to ever finish this book. I could just read it all the time. Now I know I will be looking for more books by this author.
