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Carrie Benton's got the best job in the world working as a reporter for the Weekly News Journal.

Chupacabra picnicking at the Jersey Shore? Check. Aliens in the White House? Absolutely. Bigfoot stalking the forests of northern Pennsylvania? Well, okay...but Bigfoot is so Left Coast. Tim Sattizahn can't believe his luck. The six-foot redhead who crashed into his forest during a snowstorm is gorgeous, funny and hot for him. Everything would be perfect except for the fact that she's looking for Bigfoot. And, unfortunately for Tim, she found him...

Size Matters Details

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From Reader Review Size Matters for online ebook

Riverina Romantics says

4.5 Stars

4 out of 5 for Hotness.

Size Matters was exactly the type of book I needed when I started reading it.

It was written with a great voice, was smooth and easy to read as well as being funny enough to have me chuckling - out loud I might add, which doesn't happen too often - and had the perfect amount of steam.

To be honest I was a bit dubious about how the book was going to turn out when it started with the heroine having sex with a complete stranger, without even knowing what he looked like, let alone his name. But Stephanie Julian pulled it off and had me enjoying every single minute of it.

The concept was a refreshing approach to paranormal romance/erotica and I sincerely hope the author writes more in this series!

One of my favourite quotes:

Collapsing over her, breathing like a freight train, he pressed a kiss to her forehead and whispered, "Name's Tim. Nice to meet you."

Janna says

Genre & Keywords:

M/F, Paranormal, Shapeshifter, Big Foot

Why I read it:

I received a review copy from the author

My opinion in short:

Size Matters is a fun read, not only is it sexy as hell, it also made me laugh out loud several times. This novella has all the ingredients I love, packed in an incredibly small amount of pages. It has humor, very steamy scenes, a kick-ass heroine, an uber hot and strong male protag, sweetness, magic, a little bit of conflict, an interesting supernatural world and a happy ending. And let's not forget the easy, compelling and fluent writing that makes you finish the book in one sitting, because you're engrossed from the first sentence to the last. Of course, things all happen fairly fast, due to the length of the book. The hero and heroine fall in love in only a few days and the heroine accepts the magic quite quickly. But these things were rather logical and explained within the story, so they didn't make me enjoy this story any less. *Size Matters* is a wonderful first installment of a series that promises to keep me enthralled.

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**Rating:** 4.5 out of 5 stars

**Heat level:** 2.5 out of 3 flames

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What's more to know about this book:

• **Characters**

Carrie is by no means afraid; she's not afraid to do some research in the middle of nowhere, she's not afraid to take charge in a sexual encounter with a stranger, and she's not afraid when she sees a man shift to an animal form. That's basically who she is, a kick-ass chick. And she happens to be tall and beautiful. All characteristics Tim feels very attracted to. He's not a small man himself, close to seven feet, and rather muscle-bound and strong, which explains the attraction Carrie feels for him. It's rare for her to encounter a man who's taller than her. What's more, he's very gentle and ...uhm... naked when they first meet. The character development in this novella is nominal, the focus is more on the physical attraction between the two protags.

A few of Tim's friends are introduced as well, Fry and Andy, a fairy and a Yeti, who probably will play a role in one of the future installments of this series, because they are both so-called Fringe.

• **POV**

The point of view alternates between Carrie and Tim (in third person), starting out with Carrie, who immediately captured my attention with her open, honest and humorous string of thoughts. The switching between the two POVs is done smoothly and keeps the story interesting.

• **Plot**

Although events progress rather quickly, the plot is well-paced and has a pleasant unity of action. A few twists and turns had me raising my eyebrows in wonder, such as the fact that Tim thought it wise to undress Carrie and himself after he found her in an unconscious state. I did get that he'd stripped them both to warm her better in front of the fire, but why he'd tossed their underwear as well, puzzled me a bit. Another thing that felt a little too convenient was Carrie's easy acceptance of the Fringe and Tim's lack of restraint in telling her his secret. But I was willing to suspend my disbelief for the sake of the pace of the story.

• **Smexing**

M/F. The smexy scenes were excellent and thoroughly enjoyable, partly because they were written as if we were in one of the characters' heads. The sexiness of the main protags didn't hurt much either. Especially Tim's physical characteristics are rather appealing, that is if you like your heroes big! Carrie does like her man oversized and she wholeheartedly thanks "whatever goddess handled huge guys with accessories to match". She's definitely one of those women who believe that size does matter. One way or the other, Carrie and Tim's erotic encounters form an important part of the story and therefore it's no hardship that they are well-written and scorching hot.

• **Writing style**

The most eye-catching element of Ms Julian's writing is her sense of humor and the ability to convey her characters' thoughts and dialogues in a natural, authentic way, which makes you feel instantly connected to the protags. Her writing style assures you of a light, pleasant read with lots of chuckles and laughter and some very expressive and colorful scenes.

A few favorite quotes:

Sure, she'd come across one or two things she couldn't explain.

Cold spots, disembodied voices, Lady Gaga.

Unfortunately, Bigfoot was not one of them. (p. 4)

She wished she knew his name but didn't want to embarrass herself or him by asking for it.

*Later, after she satisfied this urge to jump his bones, she'd figure it out.
Right now... not caring so much.
Especially when she wrapped one hand around his cock and realized her fingers didn't meet.
Thank you, Goddess of...well, whatever goddess handled huge guys with accessories to match.
(p. 9)*

*Damn, the guy was sexy as hell. Even his feet turned her on. They were lean and long and...
Oh, for chrissakes, she was lusting after his feet. (p. 25)*

Laurie Garrison says

Have you ever thought Bigfoot could be sexy with his massive size? (Not me for sure;) and don't forget the size of the feet Oh my, ! You ladies know what they say about the feet size, so yes! Size Matters. This book was refreshing sexy creative and fun. You get a Bigfoot, a Yeti and a Fairy. I do hope Stephanie writes more. This is a quick read, but don't let that fool you. The author doesn't leave anything out. So if your in need of a quick hot paranormal read around 80 pages, this one just might make your day.

This story is really short and I don't want to spoil to much. So here is just a little to get you started. Carrie has a car wreck and passes out, the next thing she knows she is bed with a huge naked man, but there is something else huge and hard. Can she resist something that size? You have to read and find out *wicked grin*

This was really a sweet romance between Tim and Carrie. I loved the tension that was set up between them when she finds out what Tim is and how they got back together. Then again I get tired of the guy taking the lead all the time, so it was really refreshing to read a heroine going to get what she wants.

Susi says

Wow...this book was something special. It took me completely by surprise. I knew I would like it like I did every other book written by Ms Julian but I wasn't prepared for this. You ask why? I finished a book yesterday at 12:30 AM and was a bit giddy and couldn't sleep. So I thought read a bit of this book before sleep and yes I did find sleep after I finished it. I couldn't stop. My eyes dropped close once or twice but I had to finish it.

I won't tell you anything about the story itself. It's a novella and I always feel like giving away too much if I tell anything. Carrie is an intelligent and independent woman. She works as a reporter for a magazine with lets say not much credibility. They bring news about things like alien abductions and Big Foot news. She doesn't see herself so much as a reporter in the common says but more as an actual writer. With her stories she gives the reader a way to escape the real world and just be entertained for a short while. She loves her job and no, she doesn't believe in all the crazy stuff she writes about. She has a temper and I loved every second of it. She is funny, witty and also very comfortable with herself. She likes herself and I think that's one of the

reason I liked her ASAP too.

We have on the other hand Tim. He's the mysterious guy living in the middle of nowhere. He has his own company and usually stays alone. He has some issues with himself (I can't tell you more about that though) and thinks he's too big and some other things. I have to say I highly disagree. OMG I love the big guys and yes I know that sounds dirty. But I mean that for real. With myself being really tall it's always good to see a guy being bigger. And seriously, who wants to have such a slim guy? Not me, only makes me feel fat. LOL So yes I really liked Tim and his being so gentlemanly all the time without being shy. He knows how to grab his chances even though he has some reservations. He is one lovely man. *dreams*

The sex in Size Matters is scorching. I rediscover every time I read one of Ms Julian's books that I completely adore how much compassion and eroticism she brings into her scenes. It's not only the sex, it's the way she sets the stage and makes everything work out- just fascinating and totally sexy.

I can only say Size Matters is a fabulous read. Nice story, wonderful characters and sizzling hot romance. I couldn't put it down even though sleep called to me and I tell you sleep, in the original sense, wasn't what I wanted at all. ;)

Elle says

I didn't like the writing style here. Somehow the plot wasn't exactly straight forward, in a subtle way, in a way that I did not appreciate.

The plot is slightly cheesy (he's bigfoot) but it didn't need to be and it could have worked, especially with the fact that his "friends" come over. But it was still cheesy. And the hero had an annoyingly low confidence level.

Didn't really like it, even though it has a cover that suggests I'd be all over it.... darn!

Vanessa theJeepDiva says

This is a very short, very steamy hot sexy read. I thoroughly enjoyed this tale. Plenty of sexy good smut in these few pages. I needed a smutty read. I had gone through a smutless reading drought that included a few too many virginal historical, young adults who was keeping their pants on and Zombie books. Not only did this book provide me with a good dose of hot steamy sex, but it contains plenty of plot and some conflict for our lovers to overcome.

Carrie is a newspaper reporter, well she reports for a tabloid. She has been sent to photograph and write about the Bigfoot that has been sighted. After crashing her car in the snow she finds herself in the presence of Tim, a large (all over, EVERYTHING) man she cannot (does not want to) keep her hands (lips, tongue, body) off of. I loved Tim. I won't describe his character as shy, but perhaps he shows a little more reservation when him and Carrie first start interacting. Tim is sweet. You cannot help but love him as a character. This is such a sweet erotic romance. A little predictable with one character being a reporter and one not being exactly all human. It is still a great read that I highly recommend!

Julian's website has this book listed as Book 1 in the Fringe series. I do hope there is more to come, the readers were given a tiny glimpse at sexy blonde Yeti named Andy and a Fae complete with wings, pointy

ears and mini fangs.

Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says

3.5 Stars

The blurb of this book is what caught my eye, there are loads of books about vampires, shifter, faeries, angels, demons etc but really how many PNR/erotica books to you see about Big Foot? NONE! This is the first one I have seen!

So I finally got the book and can exclusively tell you that Big Foot.... is a guy called Tim! Now this may seem disappointing but it isn't, all 7ft of Tim is just plain hot, and not only hot but really sweet as well. I found myself really liking him and couldn't blame Carrie for jumping his bones as soon as she saw him.

This was a sweet, funny and hot novella, which has definately left me wanting to read more of Stephanie Julian and the world she has created which contains the Fae (who have cute little wings) and Yeti's.

Favourite Quotes

She'd already known his sex was tremedous but she hadn't realized she'd want to immotalize it in stone. Or firm latex.

But if the guy was a serial killer, of course he wouldn't say, "I;m a serial killer. Let me get out my chainsaw."

Smokinhotbooks K.C. says

Ok, let me first start off with how much I enjoyed this short story. I love when books revamp classic themes like....Bigfoot. Carrie works for the Weekly New Journal where she often investigates such things as Chupacabras near the Jersey Shore and other Sci-fi-esk stories. Her next leads her into the Pennsylvania forests to investigate a possible Bigfoot sighting. After her car decides to take a dirt nap she runs into Mr. Tall Dark and Handsome, Tim Sattazahn. The tension between the two of them practically makes sparks fly, but when Carrie finds out that Tim is Bigfoot will she out him as part of her job....

The first few page drew me in immediately especially with Carrie's inner dialogue:

‘God damn freakin’ foreign cars.’

Carrie Benton wrestled open the door of her Suzuki Sidekick piece of shit, swung her legs out then stepped into three feet of snow.

And promptly fell flat on her face. Whoa. She must have smacked her head against the windshield harder than she'd thought.

She swung her foot at the useless bumper, knowing it was a stupid-ass thing to do. Luckily she was wearing

her biker boots, the ones she'd picked up at an outlet for \$45 bucks a couple of years ago. They were her go-to shoes for mucking around in fields, woods, snow, rain, and dark of night.

So, she wore them pretty much every day.

I have to say I really enjoyed reading Size Matters. I was in the mood for something lighter and fun and this book definitely hit all my romance buttons. Although it is a short story (only 66 page) it read like a full-length novel with a good HEA. Stephanie Julian really brings her funny A-Game with Size Matters so if you are in the mood for something fun, but not forgettable this is your kind of book.

LynnMarie says

Claudette's Review

This is the second book I've read by this author and certainly won't be the last. I was thoroughly entertained by this novel's humour and the character of Carrie Benton the journalist sent out to write a story about Bigfoot. The first either the reader or 'Bigfoot' sees or hears of her, she is stomping through the snow and enthusiastically cursing her boss, her colleague whose illness is the reason she's the one stuck in a remote part of Pennsylvania with a broken car, the snow, and the aforementioned car. She's only supposed to take pictures of the area for a Bigfoot story. No-one least of all her, thinks he's for real. I love that 'Bigfoot' is called 'Tim'. I thoroughly enjoyed the laugh out loud dialogue and look forward to visiting other members of the 'Fringe' and all the other people who go bump in the night.

Tim might be big, in every way that counts, but I liked the way that instead of staying hidden, he came to her rescue and picked her up out of the snow. Given that Carrie is a 5ft 10", I can appreciate the romance of a 7ft tall god, who can pick her up without effort. She's tall, he's a behemoth, but it doesn't occur to her that just because he has big feet that he could really be the infamous 'Bigfoot'.

Being something other than human is the reason that Tim is living in such an isolated area. But he doesn't think of Carrie as a novelty 'normal', he is genuinely open to love. Tim's had his heart broken before and yet he's unafraid to be drawn to someone who he should consider the enemy.

All the witty and hilarious thoughts that run through Carrie's mind as she fully appreciates Tim had me chuckling over my keyboard. Of course Tim fell in love with Carrie, so did this reader pretty much from the first couple of paragraphs. This was great entertaining writing. Now where can I find me a man with big, er...feet?

5 Tea Cups!

Stories in Review says

It was a good story, just open ended.

Kim Bailey says

3 Stars

Because sometimes a girl just needs a little light PNR to make her evening.

I enjoyed the nature of this story ... we weren't living in a world where everything paranormal was an accepted fact. And it wasn't some alternate type reality. No ... it was the real world, where a tabloid journalist who chases Bigfoot stories for a living, actually runs into the real thing ... only he's not at all what you'd expect.

It was a fun read. Lighthearted and humorous. The charcters were engaging. There was no major drama ... although a slight bit of angst filled suspension to make it a proper story. There was a good level of heat as well.

While this book was short and only skimmed on the emotions, it gave a lot more than I was actually expecting. Fun!

Kathleen says

I very seldom give a short book a 5 star rateing, I feel if this book would have been longer that is exactly what I would have rated it. I REALLY liked this short story A LOT so I'm making my rating a 4 1/2 stars! If you like paranormal stories with a big hulking yummy man and a smart and whitty heroine not to mention SCORCHING HOT love scenes then I would suggest you give this book a try. I'm sure glad I did. BTW Size really did matter for it gave the heroine extreme pleasure :)

Mandi Schreiner says

Favorite Quote: Especially when she wrapped one hand around his cock and realized her fingers didn't meet. Thank you, Goddess of...well, whatever goddess handled huge guys with accessories to match.

Carrie Benton loves her job working for the Weekly News Journal. So what if they cover crop circles and big foot sightings, serious journalism bores her and she has fun covering these types of stories. Speaking of big foot, she finds herself in a massive snow storm trying to get out to a site where big foot has been spotted. But on her way, her car veers off the road.

Lucky for her, after she loses consciousness, Tim Sattazahn happens upon her. Being the only one living in a forty mile radius of the area, he takes her back to his house to assess her medical condition and get her warmed up.

When Carrie awakens later, she is naked in bed, with a naked man. Groggy and kind of out of it, she thinks she must have drunk too much the night before and went home with a random dude – a very tall, very well endowed random dude. Carrie thinks she must have already slept with him the night before so she goes at it again and Tim isn't going to pass up an opportunity with a gorgeous girl. Carrie can't believe how big Tim is, and as she gets to know him, she very well might be covering a big foot story of her own.

Size Matters is a really cute, light, short book that was a pleasant and sexy way to spend an afternoon. I love that Carrie works for a sensational newspaper and doesn't feel shame. She loves her job and people can think what they want. Tim is hesitant about her job – but for a good purpose, one I will let you discover.

Tim is a big guy – big feet, and er – well, let's say he holds up that myth. Carrie is all about the big boy, and their romance is really hot. I thought it was a tiny bit weird that Tim stripped her down while she was unconscious and lays in bed with her naked until she wakes up. That is kind of skeezy dude! But – he turns out to be a very sexy man, and not a murderer much to Carrie's relief, so she lets it go. There is also a paranormal aspect to this story which unfolds in a fun way.

So the lesson we learn? Size does Matter – and Carrie is a lucky girl.

Colette says

This is one of those books that I saw so many positive reviews for that after reading yet another glowing one from Fiction Vixen I decided enough was enough. I had to read this book and see what all the fuss was about. I am so glad that I did. It was the best \$4.95 I've spent in a long time! Once I started reading this book, and couldn't stop. I had it read in 45 minutes flat.

It's rare that a book captivates me from the first sentence, but this one did. It had me laughing and feeling all tingly through the entire book.

Carrie Benton doesn't have your typical reporting job. She works for the Weekly News Journal. She loves it because she gets to write fun articles about UFOs, crop circles, ghosts and other weird stuff. It's a world away from the serious journalism she grew up with, and she likes it that way. She's covered a lot of unusual stuff at the paper, but when her boss calls her at the last minute to cover a Bigfoot sighting she's not happy. She'd rather spend her evening indoors instead of driving out into the middle of nowhere in a snowstorm.

Her horrible evening continues when her car breaks down during the snowstorm. She starts walking convinced that there has got to be a house nearby. She passes out and is found by Tim Sattazahn who wonders what the tall red head is doing in his woods. When Carrie awakens she can't remember how she got into the bed of the very cute stranger...she just knows that she has to have him. Carrie and Tim spend a very hawt time together, but Tim knows it can't last because she's looking for bigfoot...and he knows that she just found him. How will the two ever get together?

There are so many great things about this book that I'm not sure where to begin. It not only had me laughing out loud the entire time, but had me loving the chemistry between Carrie and Tim. The chemistry was smokin'. I wanted more and more....which is unusual for a novella-normally novellas are so short that I have a hard time feeling attached to any of the characters. Such was not the case here. I fell in love with both Carrie and Tim-even the whole obligatory we can't be together part worked in this novella. I find myself now wanting to read Stephanie Julian's entire back list.

Favorite Quote: Nuzzling her nose in his neck, she breathed in deep, his scent musky woodsy and a little smoky. Kind of like sex and good barbecue. Did he taste as good as he smelled? She flicked his skin with her tongue. Salty, heady. All man. Yumm-O, as Rachael Ray would say about some thirty-minute, fat bomb of a meal. If this was the main course, who needed freakin' dessert?

Second Favorite Quote: Damn, the guy was sexy as hell. Even his feet turned her on. They were lean and long and... Oh, for chrissakes, she was lusting after his feet.

Curran Crush Meter: High

Sigh Meter: High

Ethan/Merit Sizzle Meter: High

Barrons Hero Hotness Meter: High

karinova says

3.75 stars

Very cute. I liked the H&h and how they interacted. Tim is just... a really nice guy! Honest, passionate, considerate. *Large*. Plenty confident, but no alph-hole/caveman bullshit, which I appreciated— at 7ft tall (!) dude doesn't need to overcompensate. Carrie's a fairly sensible heroine. Young and very bubbly, but not dumb. And I liked her confidence, her ease with having an opinion. Dialogue felt modern and natural for the most part.

Sex scenes were fairly hot. Loved loved *loved* that it was just good ol' happy sex— no weird power dynamics, no tossing the h about like a rag doll, no friggin spankings, no pseudo-bdsm theatrics. Just some nice *egalitarian* franticmonkeysecks. *Ahhh*. (That shouldn't feel like such a rare treat!) If anything, Carrie's the slightly more assertive one, which: REFRESHING. Tim's more than happy to let her take the reins, and y'all, I am sooo here for that. This is *my kinda guy*. Loved this:

She seemed to be in as much of a hurry as he was because her clothes lay in a pile on the floor before his did. And she'd had more to take off.

Fully clothed, the woman took his breath away. Naked, she was a goddess to be worshipped. So he dropped to his knees.

Did I mention I love this guy?? Seven feet of hotness, dropping to his knees. I'M ON BOARD WITH THIS. And Carrie is the kind of woman who *knows what she wants* in bed. The kind who says things like, "I might ruin your clothes. Strip." Girl, yes. *Finally*, a heroine I can relate to!

This is Book 1 of a series, but it works perfectly as a standalone. No loose threads, no ellipsis "ending" stringing you along to the next book. Huzzah! I had some editing nitpicks here and there, but there's nothing terribly glaring, so I'm not even going to dwell on it.

All in all a very enjoyable and quick read! Sweet hero, hot sex, levity, and a relationship that I was happy to root for. Lots of tropes I love, none of the ones I hate! I'm going to look for more by this author for sure.

For the first time ever, I'm actually *desperately hoping* this entire series is just the same story/chars over and over again. Not even kidding.

