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Shannon Fabray is a sculpture artist and her love of the pure masculine body is demonstrated in every work of aesthetic art she creates. But her passion for the body doesn't extend into her personal life after a hellish experience in college left her with nowhere to turn but her work. After several criticisms about the lack of passion in her sculptures, Shannon is determined to face her fears and take desire by the balls. A one-night stand should do the trick.

2nd Lt. Brody Essex is an active duty Marine with one goal: come home, get rested, go back. Brody isn't interested in a date arranged through Madame Eve's 1Night Stand service like the rest of his friends from the Corps have had, but he doesn't hesitate to fill in for a Brother who can't go on his own.

The last thing either Shannon or Brody expect is a wondrous, soul deep connection, but is the spark of lust enough to bring the two loners in from the cold?

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Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

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I think I am in love.

What woman wouldn't fall instantly in love with Lieutenant Brody Essex? He's patient, kind, intelligent, trustworthy, and drop dead sexy! When another Marine buddy asked him to step in on a blind date at the last minute, he never expected to meet a woman like Shannon.

Artist Shannon Fabray signed up for a one night stand for an unusual reason. Her sculptures, though beautiful, lack passion. She thought if she could get past her previous trauma, a rape that occurred years prior, she could unlock that hidden part of herself and pour it into her work.

In walked Brody. He listened to Shannon, and slowly drew out her insecurities before confidently helping her overcome them. By giving her the power, he helped her become the woman she probably should have been all along.

The connection between these two was palpable and the sex was as hot as I've read. I'll admit a personal bias to military men, but Brody was the dream man for so many women. Shannon may have been damaged, but it was a joy to watch her slowly take control of her life and find the woman buried within!

Although the story was short, there was a clear beginning, middle, and end - including a very satisfying resolution. I love these characters and would love to revisit them sometime in the future! I'll definitely be looking for more of Ms. Long's work. If you want a quick, hot read, this is definitely a book to pick up!

April says

Covert Art – Nice but nothing to write home about!

My Review - Another great story in this series! I love the heart behind these short reads. A very nice steamy scene to finish the book! This one dragged a bit for me but still very enjoyable. I do appreciate all the care the author puts into each character They are fully formed and not a typical erotica paper-doll.

? Renée says

Okay, Brody was just yummy! He was confident, compassionate, perceptive, and straightforward – everything Shannon needed and could appreciate.

She was a sweetheart. I really liked her, but she had some issues. I liked that Brody was patient and

understanding, and that they were able to work through them together.

A sweet read with a little bit of spice!

Pet says

I love my romance stories, but I'm at an age where I can't blindly read about traumatic events in a characters life and accept that they are "strong" enough not to need help and time to work through those traumas. Heather Long has done more to show the reality of that kind of damage in her short works than most authors do in twice that amount of words.

Thank goodness for that, I read this and my heart went out to Shannon, and what I loved the most about this story is that she didn't instantly heal and got her sexy on, no it was and is a work in progress over years and therapy before they met and patience and devotion from Brody when they did. Extremely well written.

Sue Lauzon says

Another short story from the 1Night Stand series. I had a hard time getting into this story and I am not really sure why. Overall it was a pretty quick read though.

Sophia says

In this installment, the author tackles the sensitive issue of rape and delivers an amazing believable romance inspite of the low word count. Shannon was a fragile seemingly broken woman who was caged by her fears and Brody was the perfect man who had the sensitivity and patience to guide her through them, respect her, and teach her to respect herself. I love that the author didn't try to do too much with a 1NS story. That epilogue was a perfect wrap up. so it wasn't left too loose.

Melissa says

Brody comes off as sort of a jerk at the beginning. The Lone Ranger checking out all the ladies and what not. And of course not wanting to give 1NS a shot. So I knew where the story was going right from the start. Enter Shannon! She was intriguing. I loved the way these two were introduced to one another. It made me smile. As soon as Shannon started translating I knew who she was. As soon as Brody meets Shannon he does a 180 and is a complete gentleman. He actually melts your heart with his attentiveness and care. He was so aware of Shannon that I fell right into the story with them. I loved this. You connected immediately with the characters and you wanted to read more about them. This is a great 1NS book.

Sassy Moms Say Read Romance says

Sarah's Review:

This is the story that is tied with "Tell It to the Marine" as being my favorite. This story made me cry both times I have read it and it probably will each time I read it.

Brody is our Marine of this story and he is amazing! Brody is the only one of group that agreed to sign up with Capt. Luke Dexter that is still an active duty Marine. When Damon tells Brody that Matt can't follow through on the date, he steps up to fill in.

Shannon is Brody's date for the night and she is a sculptor that is trying to regain her life after a traumatic event during college. She begins translating the song that was being perform to Brody without knowing that he was her date.

There are so many things that I love about Brody and Shannon. I love that Brody picked up on Shannon's nerves and figure out that she had been hurt. I love that he gave the control to Shannon in what happened that night. I love that he kept building Shannon up and wouldn't allow her to talk bad about herself. I love that Shannon began to feel more and more comfortable with Brody as the evening went on. I love that Shannon took that control and used it to help herself feel more confident. I love that when Shannon finally told Brody to help her, he did. Like I said, there are so many things that I love about these two.

I also love that we find out that Damon lied to Brody and this was his 1NS all along after Brody confessed that he didn't want Shannon to know that he was a stand in. I LOVE that Matt played along and got Brody to do it thinking he was helping a fellow Marine!!

Christine says

Another hot read from the prolific, Heather Long :-) - she has a knack for making all her characters full-bodied. All great looking, sexy people, but with faults and weaknesses that make them even more interesting and likeable.

Jen says

"Her Marine" was a really fab story about an artist named Shannon who loves to create sculptures focused on the male form but does not find any enjoyment in being with men, no thanks to a traumatizing and life-changing episode while in college. A year after signing up with 1 Night Stand, she's finally set up to meet a Marine on active duty named Brody, who is told that he needs to take another Marine's place on the blind date and agrees to do so even though he wasn't even open to becoming a member of the dating service in the first place. ^.^ Brody's stepping in for his friend Matt doesn't really factor much in the story, other than he meets Shannon.

There's something touching about the story of Shannon and Brody. He gives her the one thing she needs in order to feel something when being intimate with someone--control, and not control in the BDSM sense. This is more about making decisions and choices based on what Shannon wants and not what is demanded of her.

Of the books I've read in the "Always a Marine" series so far, this is the one book that has the guy still on

active duty so that puts an interesting twist to it. "Her Marine" is definitely one of my favorites and it gets five out of five stars. ^.^

Sabine Honig says

The 1 Night Stand series is a series that is getting better and better. I have yet to read a dud and I have read many of these short stories. They are full of life, love, the human connections that people need to make and they are all connected by the matchmaking service provided by the ever mysterious and never seen but sometimes heard Madame Evangeline.

In Her Marine by Heather Long, book 5 of the Always A Marine series in the 1 Night Stand series, it is the turn of another marine to go on a date. Lieutenant Brody Essex is persuaded to go on a date in place of a marine who is having a few problems adjusting back to life back home.

Off he goes a bit reluctantly and meets Shannon Fabray. He is the consummate gentleman and marine, and a sexy hunk to boot. She is a sculptor who is talented but she has issues that all started with a rape that she cannot remember back when she was in college. She is hoping that the one night stand will help her to connect with a passion that is lacking in her work, and perhaps also heal her wounds.

I loved the way that Brody took his time with Shannon and let her work through her issues. It was more of a tale of giving strength and courage back to her. He put himself into her hands and she took what was on offer and the slow process of healing her began, without her even realizing. The way that Brody handled Shannon was like someone gentling a wild animal. He recognized her needs and also how best to handle her and help her deal with her issues. She on the other hand recognized in him a male strength and sexuality that was both raw and powerful and oh so attractive.

Reviewed for Manic Readers

This is a great story and I loved it from beginning to end. It is different from the other books in the Always a Marine series and I certainly hope that it won't be the last.

Sarah says

Hands down, this is my FAVORITE!!! Shannon's struggle with what happened to her, her coping (or lack of depending on how you view it), her battles within herself are REAL and they do exist. Brody, well, I want one of him and that is all I will say!!

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Brandy says

Loved this book in the series. Tender and sweet. Loved how Brody helped Shannon over her fears.

Kendra says

For full review including excerpt and dialogue highlight, please visit Reader's Edyn at:
<http://bit.ly/UIP3AK>

Review:

Most of you know by now how much I adore the 1 Night Stand series from Decadent Publishing. And I really do. I mean how can you not enjoy a series with so many talented contributing authors and wonderful books to read? Well, Heather Long just added another great read to the 1 Night Stand repertoire. I thoroughly enjoyed this story and the unconventional slant it took in dealing with a harsh reality.

Brody is a Marine and is on leave for a bit before returning to Afghanistan. But before leave is over, his friends have a plan to carry out. Under the guise that one of their buddies is having a bad PTSD day, Brody is quickly substituted into a date arranged by 1 Night Stand. Of course he has no idea that he was the planned date the whole time. But he “takes one for the team” as it were and honors the pack he made with the boys to participate in one of these blind dates. There is not much to tell about him except that he is a man of honor, respects women, and has no intention of leaving active duty anytime soon. And of course, he has a body that is drool-worthy.

Shannon is a bit of a different case. She is a sculptor and despite the magnificence of her work, she is constantly criticized for lacking emotional components in her art. Wanting to get past a traumatic event from her past, she signs up for a 1 Night Stand hoping that she will be able to break free of the bonds that have held her for far too long. And just maybe her work will take on the emotional depth it has heretofore been deficient in. She wants to have a relationship, but her mistrust of men makes it too hard to take that first step. She needs a guy that can give her the power back, but also be able to catch her if she falls. A difficult combination, but if anyone can find Mr. Right, Madame Eve will do it.

I have to say that I really enjoyed this story. Ms. Long broke outside of the box and put a bit of a different spin on the details of Shannon’s trauma. While she still suffers the after effects, she also feels guilt at her lack of memory and the details of what actually happened. Not that experiencing something like that would be any less traumatic no matter the specifics, but she definitely suffers the after effects and their symptoms present familiar to Brody’s training in PTSD. Because of his compassion and honor, Brody is able to recognize exactly what Shannon needs to overcome. And because of those same traits, he assesses the situation and gives her exactly what she needs to take the power back. *le swoon* Hot Marine, delish bod, and a personal savior to boot? Sign me up!

My only complaint, through no one’s fault but my own is that I did not realize that this book was not only part of the 1 Night Stand series, but also book 5 in the ALWAYS A MARINE series by Ms. Long. You can bet I will be reading the whole series to be sure. Well, I guess I have one other complaint and that would be that more than one intimate occurrence would have been awesome. Brody had some pretty vivid ideas about what he would like to do with Shannon, but only once did we get to experience their connection. And yet, somehow, the way Ms. Long wrote it, it still worked. So you see both of my complaints could be argued as not really complaint at all. Helpful, that. I know.

Those of you who enjoy a strong male lead that can show a tender side, paired with a female lead who is

determined to overcome will definitely enjoy this story! Of course it helps that there is a Marine! I mean seriously, do you really need anything else besides a Marine to want to read this story? I think not. While I do not feel that anything lacked because I started this series with book 5, previous characters in the series were mentioned and I would have liked to know more about them and their stories prior. If you are a reader who HAS to read in order, definitely do so. If it doesn't matter to you, then picking up anywhere in the series won't hurt you either. Ms. Long is definitely in my future read pile. At around 40 pages, why not add her to your list too? Did I mention that there are Marines? *grins*

(eBook copy provided by publisher in exchange for an honest review.)

Nadine Bookaholic says

Words: 15,570

Another great addition to the series, Shannon is an artist that had a traumatic event change her adult life, Brody is home on a 10 day leave from the Marines. This story was sweet and sexy. Brody gets props for being a true Gentleman.
