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"Happily ever after is part of the equation...but something s not adding up. "

Investment analyst Lexi Watts has a social life, but thanks to her demanding job, no love life. After a twelve-hour day going toe-to-toe with her demanding boss, Dan Yeager, she barely has the energy to make her usual stop by her favorite pub for a pint and dinner. Except this night is different. Tonight, the firm s golden boy, Jack Brogan a.k.a. the man of her dreams is in the pub. Drunk, lonely and available.

After she takes him home and tucks him into bed, she finds herself joining him there more and more often. A dream come true, yet she can t quite put her finger on what s missing.

The pieces fall into place one night when she s a victim of a mugging. And it s not Jack who comes to her rescue, but Dan. Giving Lexi a surprising glimpse of the real man behind his volatile, irascible office persona.

And suddenly Lexi s once nonexistent love life has become complicated beyond belief

Warning: Contains a heroine who is suddenly the center of attention of two desirable men. And who realizes it s not the best of both worlds "

## **An Unexpected Love Details**

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## **From Reader Review An Unexpected Love for online ebook**

### **Heather in FL says**

This was more 3-1/2 stars... Lexi works for Dan at an investment firm. She's been "in love" with Jack for six years. Or she's been in love with the idea of being in love with Jack. Once she catches Jack's eye, it's not really like what she thought it would be. They have great sex, sure, but she feels like she's missing a connection. One night, while sneaking out of Jack's apartment, she gets mugged, and then promptly sprains her ankle trying to chase after the guys. The paramedics insist she go to the hospital, so she calls her best friend to come get her. But best friend is out of town, and calls Dan, who shows up at the hospital. This starts a new sort of relationship with Dan which ultimately turns into a lot more. It was a very sweet story... I just guess I didn't get why Lexi kept dating Jack for a while. She realized early on it wasn't all she thought it would be. And when things turned romantic with her boss, it felt a little awkward to me. Like she was cheating on Jack (though nothing sexual happened with Dan for a while). So maybe that's why it was closer to a 3 than a 4. But it was still a sweet story with the HEA I love.

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### **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

This review posted on Guilty Pleasures

This is a really quick but awesomely great book. An Unexpected Love was my first book by Claire Matthews and she has made a fan out of me with this book.

Lexi Watts is an investment analyst with a social life but absolutely no love life, all thanks to her overly demanding boss, Dan Yeager. She finds the Jack Brogan (the man of her dreams and fantasies) drunk, lonely, and available. She helps him home, and instead of helping him into the house and heading home she ends up in his bed with him. Holy smokes do they ever burn up his sheets, but she sneaks home in the middle of the night. She thinks this is gonna be her one night to remember and regret forever. Until the next night when Jack shows up at her door, and they end up burning the hell out of her sheets. They continue to burn up the sheets at both their houses, and she feels like something is just missing. One night she wakes up in his bed at midnight and realizes she misses her own bed, so she decides to walk the six blocks to the Charles Street station and take the subway home... Not the best of ideas on her part.. When she ends up hurt and mugged who comes to her rescue, not the guy she has been burning up the sheets with, but her demanding and bad tempered boss. She gets to see a side of him that opens her eyes to a whole new man. LAWD but if you thing the sex was burning sheets good with Jack.. Wait til you see how explosive the love making between her and Dan is!!! How's a girl to choose????

I enjoyed thoroughly enjoyed An Unexpected Love and will look for other titles by Ms. Matthews. I loved the complex characters and relationships she created. The banter between Lexi and Dan had me laughing out loud and there is a scene that had me wanting to hug both of them it touched my heart so much. This trip to HEA is a great ride!! I definitely recommend this one for a quick pick me up. It was the perfect book to read and lift my spirits after the reading the dark book I just finished. Check it out I think y'all will LOVE it!!

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## Nefise says

It was a quick, before bed read for me and I enjoyed it.

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## Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://whippedcream2.blogspot.com/201...>

Sex in the city can be a lot of fun, but sex in the city with a work colleague... maybe not so much. Especially when he starts treating you like a booty call.

Lexi Watts initially thought all she'd get from Jack Brogan was one unforgettable night with the man she's been lusting after for years. Well, she got more than that when he decides they should continue having incredible nights together whenever he calls. Lexi feels torn and begins questioning whether it's lusty excitement with a possibility of more or just a booty call. Realization comes to Lexi in the form of a mugging and who her thoughts immediately turn to as a possible rescuer.

The story is short, but gets straight to the point in Lexi's turmoil over a lust versus love type relationship. She is confused over her lustful feelings for the charmingly suave Jack and pursues a relationship with him. Problem is he's only interested in a physical attachment. Knowing she deserves better, Lexi suddenly has reason to see the man behind the gruff, strict boss. She's witnessed a deeper side to him, but can the dream and reality reconcile into one man?

An Unexpected Love is quick-paced, but unexpectedly choppy between scenes. There is a nice heat to the not-erotically-graphic sex scenes, but the romantic development wasn't fully fleshed out. However, I enjoyed reading it and believe the story will be appealing to readers looking for a light contemporary story about a single girl in the big city looking for love.

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## Brenda says

"Kiss me."

He leaned forward and kissed my forehead. That wasn't what I meant.

"Dan..."

He opened his mouth to speak, but words didn't come.

"What?" I prompted.

He looked at my lips.

*"If I kiss you, I'll never stop."*

These days I'm crying for everything. Fitzsimmons, Futurama episode "The Luck Of The Fryrish" and this book. It was a sweet surprise! I really really liked the story <3

I haven't been reading for a while. Between TV series, Cleveland Cavaliers' playoffs and my studies ahh and I need to be in the mood, y'know...

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### **Lady Allison says**

4.5 stars - it should've been longer!

This was one of the best short stories I've read in a while! It was just shy of 60 pages, but worth every one! It was well written, incredibly sweet, with just the right amount of spice that it was a true joy to read. My husband even asked me, "Why are you smiling while you're reading?"

It is the perfect pick me up between books & I will definitely be looking out for more from this author! 100% recommend.

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### **Tracy says**

Loved this little book! Quite unexpected.....

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### **Duchess Nicole says**

Sweet and very short story. I liked it enough that I really wish it had been longer. The author does a good job of simplifying feelings, leaving room for more story and dialogue than explanations of the two. I just think that the characters could have been fleshed out a bit more, but it was still a great read for a fifty page story!

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### **czarinajeanb says**

Short but it's fun to read =)))

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### **Annie says**

I really likes this one. It was a quick and funny read with good characters. I really liked Dan, I totally disliked Jack. Lexi was a great character too, although her friendship with her best friend seemed a bit weird for me. This book was nothing special and nothing extraordinary but it left me with a warm feeling and a smile, so for that and for the witty dialogues 4 stars from my side.

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### **Roxanne says**

Very sweet short story

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### **Denise says**

Awesome book, I. Loved it!

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### **Shaineinok says**

Short and sweet!

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### **Mariann {at} Belle's Book Bag says**

This is the first book that I have read from Claire Matthews and I really liked it!!! She definitely has a fan in me and I will be looking for more from her. An Unexpected Love was such a quick, fun, sexy, and romantic read. I felt good after reading it. I loved Dan and Lexie together--they were so cute!! I just enjoyed everything about his book!! Had some great sex scenes as well as a great story with lovable characters. The ending was perfect!! 4 out of 5 rating.

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### **Sophie says**

Loved this one. It all seemed a bit rushed though, but then again, what do you expect from a short story. This is definitely one of the better ones that I've read.

It was sweet, funny, sexy and had a HEA !! Fab! <3

(Loved the ending)

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