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I forget everything but her warmth, her sweetness, and how easy it would be to let everything go, and allow myself to sink into her, body and soul, completely, forever.

Who is David Preston? The mysterious and sexy businessman claimed Sophie Bennett's heart and then broke it. But is that all there is to him?

David Preston likes to be in control, after being neglected as a child, he has his life exactly where he wants. No relationships, no commitments, just sex, no strings attached. Then a chance encounter with a girl in a gift shop changes everything.

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Heather andrews says

Finally David's perspective of everything I was a little upset that it was like a re-telling of what we already knew what happened and I kinda wanted to see what would happen next and not what we already knew, but it was good to get inside his head, "eighteen! I'm lusting after a baby." I mean it's good to know that his feelings in some parts were genuine and I didn't really see him as an a** like I did in the last installment, "the passion in her response surprises me. God, I want her. The desire I felt earlier has turned into an acute craving." He doesn't like her talking to other men, "I move from my position beside the couch until I'm standing behind Sophie, directly in line of his sight. He looks up, and I watch with satisfaction as his expression changes." You know at some points in the book I thought he really did have feelings for Sophie but then I realized it's just sex and he was only making sure his investment wasn't in harms way so he's still an a** in my eyes, "I've been trying to find you for two days Sophie." He takes a deep breath. "Did you think I was going to let you just disappear? Steve was waiting outside to take you anywhere you wanted, but you never came out. I was worried. You weren't in the apartment..." He stops and runs a hand through his thick hair, "Why didn't you go back to Ashford?" Yeah... real nice David.

Annie says

ARC received in return for honest review.

I'm stealing part of my previous review for the description...

In book 1 we met Sophie who has had quite a tragic life. Her mother died during child birth and she has never known her father. Her very strict and old fashioned aunt raised her but even she passed away recently. Sophie is struggling with financial problems and her job at the local town gift shop looks uncertain so she is considering leaving and trying to set up life elsewhere.

Enter David. Gorgeous, rich, successful, charming stranger with a secretive side. He is passing the shop and steps in. Fireworks explode. In a few days they are married.

I really enjoyed the first 2 short stories, both told from Sophie's POV. Although Sophie is extremely timid we saw some fire to her and began to feel for her and want her HEA. This time we get David's POV. However, I was disappointed to discover that 90% was the first two novellas retold in his POV. Only a very small part was the continuation of the story. You do gather insight into David's past which gives an understanding of why he is the way he is. I also for the first time began to sympathise with David and began to think he was deserving of Sophie.

The story is still well told, I just couldn't rate higher as I thought there would be more new material.

Looking forward to part 4...

Fab Fun & Tantalizing Reads says

Do you know now sometimes you want something small. A perfect snack and your satisfied. That is how I feel about this series. They are the perfect snack for my senses and I adore it!

This book finally lends us a bit of insight into the mind of David Preston.

I enjoyed picking in his brain and mulling his thoughts over. David is one intriguing man!

His odd and totally dysfunctional relationship with his mother. His childhood. Wow!

David still perplexes me. I really do enjoy his character, even though parts of me want to kill him. I mean he can be so cold and make you feel like he is truly heartless.

Of course this one leaves you wanting more. The steam level is high. Nobody can say that Sophie and David do not have the sizzle factor down to a science. I do on occasion still want to track Sophie down and make her leave. Beg her to not be led by David's wicked way of her body. However .. I don't!

Once again I am left wanting more, having more questions and captivated.

Although this book did give me so many answers.. So much .. Well I still need more!

Like I said before this series is the perfect snack of decadence .. You won't be disappointed.

Awaiting book 4... ♥?♥?

Alp says

4.25/5

Finally, I got to know what was on David's mind and what he thought about Sophie since the first time he saw her standing in front of the gift shop. In this installment, the author revealed some facts about his unhappy childhood. Beneath his cold facade was a vulnerable lonely man who was afraid to fall in love with his own wife.

I think so far, this is the most interesting installment in the series.

One more book to go. Alright, on to the last one!

Didi says

This series is sooo good! This is the third mini book, or novella, and it just keeps getting more and more interesting. Claim, although basically a sum up of the series so far but in David's POV, sheds some major light on the inner thoughts and turmoil in his head.

We are given more insights into his tarnished upbringing and therefore clueing us in as to why David is so emotionally distant.

It was nice to see that he wants and cares more than he's willing to admit for Sophie. He seems to be fighting an uphill battle choosing to ignore his drastically evolving feelings for her, but still insisting that their union is only about sex---keep telling yourself that boy, ;-).

Where as poor Sophie is completely in the dark. She loves him--no spoiler there--and has finally convinced herself he doesn't feel the same. As we were left off in Rebellion, Sophie has bailed on her marriage to David

falsely thinking he was being unfaithful. David's world is falling apart from her imminent departure but he is so stubborn and scared to voice his feelings, that he basically does nothing.

But the man is suffering inside. So much. I love this series in that it is simple, no weird mind games or useless filler. We have two people coming from broken, although widely different backgrounds that find each other. One of them embraces the love while the other runs from it--yes, you David. I can't wait for Surrender, the fourth and final novella in this series!

I know you have it in you David, so get her back!

*** Arc kindly provided by the author for an honest review ***

Crazy for Books (Stephanie) says

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I fluctuate a bit on my rating of this book for a couple of reasons. 89% of this novella is a recap of the first two novellas from David's point of view. Though I liked the first two books, I was anticipating what would happen next and didn't really get it. It was nice to get a recap, but I feel it was too long and David's point of view wasn't so shocking that it showed me any more insight into the story or him than I could have inferred from the first two books.

I'm still looking forward to the last book in the series, but I have to say I don't think this one was overly necessary, I'm sorry to say.

Sarah says

This is the 3rd book in this series of short stories. In the first part we had the story from Sophie's point of view. In this part it's from David's point of view. Lovely, this part brings out all the love that we thought was there but then were lead to believe that it was all on Sophie's side.

Here we find that David is just as affected by Sophie as she is by him. True love at first sight, apparently it happens. Beautiful, passionate, sexy and all consuming. David has no idea how to deal with the feelings that he has. Most people in this world don't, I know I don't. We get to see why he did what he did in the first part and the reasons why he let her walk away in the end of the 2nd book.

Feelings and love like this are very rare, to find someone that even when your brain is telling you to go one way, your body is choosing another. To find that someone that is just meant to be, that is all of us romantics dreams. Waiting with such anticipation for the 4th instalment of David & Sophie and hoping for their HEA.

I have such hope for the moment that David lets himself love Sophie. Despite what he thinks he believes in, it's going to be beautiful. I fell in love with David & Sophie in this book, it just made the whole story make sense and looking forward to more.

Karen Peacock says

AMAZING!! This was my favorite books out of the whole series so far! This is the third book in the A Dangerous Man series and this story was in the POV of David Preston.

I absolutely loved being in David's head! This was the same story that we heard from Sophie's perspective in the first book except there was so much more of David's feelings and background. In this book, we get a better picture of David's childhood which explains the strained relationship with his mother. Knowing more about his background makes it easier to understand him. He is a powerful man that isn't afraid to take what he wants, even if that means hurting people along the way.

Serena has a way of weaving her words so that you melt in the beautiful love scenes between Sophie and David, but she also leaves you with all those feelings of first time love and total admiration. She has strong character development and you feel as though you are part of the story as you are reading. David and Sophie are easy to relate to in so many ways.

Serena has definitely moved up into my favorite author list. One that I would easily read anything she writes!

Rin W. Vitale says

Well, this was interesting short read!

Don't back down, David.. just give Sophie time to "indulge" her disappointment toward you and herself.

Mary says

Finally, a peek into David's mind!!!

How can I ever resist a dashing debonair with a tortured soul? Actually, I can but there really is something about David Preston. I do think that keeping these novellas very short works for the author's advantage because it keeps me coming back for more, in the hopes of getting more glimpses into his complicated mind. And alas, I got it... or at least a piece of it.

This is like a retelling of the second novella but then it's not, because things are vastly different when seen from David's perspective as opposed to Sophie's. We get more answers as to why he did what he did and does what he does. Of course it had something to do with his upbringing and thanks to these little flashbacks, we get to empathise with him more and see him as an actual human being instead of just a cold and distant man in a suit.

Definitely got me all giddy and excited as to how things are gonna play out in the last mini-book in this series ;)

Carol says

Thanks Serena for the ARC - I was practically dying of excitement when I got the email!

So let's begin...

Before anything, I caught a few grammar mistakes - nothing too major but a little annoying. Some words were missing or extra words were used within a few of the paragraphs, but again, nothing too major, just annoying.

So, this book was amazing - aside from the few grammar errors. Let me just tell y'all, I almost pissed myself when I realized that this book was in David's perspective! Like, actually. Not only did SO many things make so much more sense, but his POV made everything intriguing! It was the little details that really undid me; the glimpse of his longing and anger towards his mother, his fear of losing the one woman who made him feel and the constant thoughts of Sophie.

Now, it wasn't as... steamy as it was compared to the first two books, most likely because we already got the hot and steamy bits to the story. What really made me enjoy this book was the way David felt about Sophie and their relationship. He really does love her, and he's simply too scared to put his heart on his sleeve. He's adorable and cute; he really has fallen deep! And when he's around her, it's like he's a child again; receiving the attention and affection that he was never able to receive from any former females in his youth.

And dammit, I really would've preferred it if it had been David's POV when he found her in that 'third rate hotel' as he called it. I mean, as a girl, I already knew how she was feeling but DAVID's, I would've killed to know what he was thinking at that exact moment.

Anyways, I loved this book! I cannot wait to read the fourth one *singsongy voice*

Tammy Bland says

Received this book for an honest review

This is the third book in this series. The fourth book will tie it all together and HOPEFULLY we will get our happily ever after.

This book is from David's point of view. He is retelling book one and two from how he feels. I did learn he isn't the complete jerk that he appeared to be in the second book. He does have a heart after all. His problem: love is weakness.

We get some insight into the relationship/non-relationship that he has with his mother. Just not all and not enough. I hope we get some more confrontations or even David opening up about his mother. Too much left unspoken.

We get David as he struggles with blackmail from Enrique and the lovely Carole. I'm sure we haven't seen the last of this evil witch yet. We see the toll that having your company being bought out from under you takes on him. Not only is he a newlywed, to a person he doesn't even know, but all of these are factors that drive a wedge between he and Sophie.

Sophie desires love. She needs it. She deserves it.

Is David capable of showing Sophie the love she deserves ? Will these two be able to overcome the obstacles that they have created to heal and love one another ?

I would rate this book 3 1/2 stars. It just didn't have enough "new" material. I enjoyed reading David's thoughts and feelings but it needed more. I would have loved to experience the two of them on their two week honeymoon. More interaction/communication besides sex.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to read your book. I look forward to the secrets left to be revealed and the conclusion of David's and Sophie's journey into love.

Candace says

This third book in the series finally offers the insight into David that I'd been waiting for! Retelling the story from the start, in David's POV, filled in all of the holes. I wish it hadn't taken so long for Ms. Grey to offer a glimpse into his inner workings, but better late than never. Hearing the other side of the story made a world of difference!

Despite his feelings for Sophie, he keeps on pushing her away when he should be offering reassurances. While that is incredibly frustrating, at least we learn what is really going on inside his head and aren't left to believe what is coming out of his mouth! Whether or not he wants to love Sophie, he does. The sooner he gets over his mommy issues and fesses up, the happier we'll all be.

I'm guessing there will be some big romantic overtures and groveling in the next book. I can't wait!

Mariely Otero says

ARC copy received for an honest review (Thanks, Serena!)

Claim gave us the answers for David's behavior. We get to understand why he acts the way he does, the relationship with his mother (well, a part of it) and the situation with that Carole bi***.

I must say that I was really mad because Sophie was weak and she always gave in to what her body wanted. I used to think that she was kind of crazy because of the way she just ran away with David, without a second thought, I mean she married the guy the day after she met him, but then again I don't blame her :) Now I do not feel that way anymore. I understand where she is coming from. While growing up, she never had anyone to take care of her, to love her, to worry about her. The one relative she had never made things easy for her. So I now see her desperation to feel loved and wanted and that is what she was looking forward to when she married David, he noticed and wanted her and that was enough. Until it wasn't anymore.

David, he definitely has a problem letting people in and he is having a hard time trusting Sophie and accepting his feelings for her, so he just hide things from her and treat her poorly, even if he does not want to. He just does not believe in love, and because of all of his issues, it happened what happened with them.

Claim, as Awakening and Rebellion, is a fast read, but a very good one. It kept me glued to my kindle, reading until the end. I always wondered what was going through David's head and, since Claim is written

from his point of view, we get to know how he thinks and feels. Seriously, it was revealing and it helped to improve the image I had of him: now I don't think he is heartless. If you have read the series, surely you will know what I mean, if you have not, then read it and you will ;)

I can't wait for Surrender and see where David and Sophie's story is going.

Anita Powers says

I decided to give this book of the series 5 stars because I got to learn more about David, got to feel his pain from his past, and got to see how he had already started to care for Sophia the first night they were together, it wasn't just the sex, there was more there but he didn't recognize it yet. I am thrilled that I got to see the real David, I disliked him so much in the last book and it was great getting to hear how he was feeling, why he was doing certain things, why he couldn't spend a lot of time with Sophia at first, and most of all I was thrilled to read that he hated Carole kissing him but he was trying to get away without pushing her due to where they were. I loved how he stood up for Sophia when Carole put her down. Something that still bothers me in this book that bothered me in the last book is that David cares about her so much but he struggles with love because of his mother and his past, why not tell Sophia and let her decide if this is enough for now until he can see that love can be different, give it a little time. I also am still angry that Sophia jumps so quickly to believe the witch Carole, that anger has carried over from the last book into this one. It is funny because now that I know what David has been feeling and thinking this whole time I am angry with Sophia for leaving him, yes I know she doesn't know how he feels but when something happens close to the end of the story she should be able to tell how much he cares but she is overreacting, not even trying to get to the bottom of why he is saying one thing but his actions say another, instead she just wants to pout. I don't know, now I am ending this book angry with her and I ended the last book angry with him lol. I will say that I feel like I am at the same spot I was when I finished the last book, still not knowing what is going to happen with David and Sophia, and still not getting to enjoy them spending real time together as a married couple without all the drama, I wish we could have move along a little with the storyline, not ended on a sad note again. So now how long will I have to wait for the final book? I do love this series and hope that others will want to read it, it is an emotional roller coaster ride.
