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Whenever Tess Weston's Navy SEAL boyfriend, Drew Norwood, returned from a mission, their lovemaking was always hot and intense. It made Tess feel what it meant to be female at its most primitive. Taken. Possessed.

But Drew's latest unexpected reappearance is different. He's filled with raw need for Tess--and anger that she has left the windows open in her rough neighborhood, the one thing he made her promise never to do. Independent Tess can't believe Drew wants to follow through on his threat to spank her for defying him...but she's also intrigued. Can Tess trust him enough to let Drew dominate her body and her heart?

Under His Hand Details

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From Reader Review Under His Hand for online ebook

Baba says

3.5 stars.

Carisa says

Very sweet novella, love this author's writing.

SCENES/CONTENT: two/steamy (plus spanking)

GENRE/TONE: contemporary/drama

LENGTH: 36 pages

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

Posted on Under the Covers

In this brief but seriously seductive story between a Navy SEAL and his sweet girlfriend, Anne Calhoun reminds readers of just how much trust and love is needed in a relationship. Calhoun takes it one step further and shows how that trust extends to the bedroom...

Drew Norwood returns home after an extended stay on a mission. He finds his girlfriend, Tessa in their home where she has left the windows open. Normally, this wouldn't be a cause for concern, but in a rough neighbourhood, Drew is terrified for her safety. He grows angry because Tessa intentionally disobeyed his instructions to keep the windows closed. Tessa disrespected him and ignored his wishes. Now, Drew must remind Tessa that he loves her and that he is only looking out for her.

Tessa knows that she will be punished for this, but the promise of an erotic spanking sends tingles through her. Her fear arouses her and soon, Tessa finds herself trusting Drew with her body...and her heart.

I wished this book were longer because I found that I really liked Drew and Tessa together. Calhoun does a fantastic job of building anticipation and writing heroines who are new to BDSM in general. She simply excels in straddling the line between fear and arousal and I think that's very much evident in this book! I can't wait to read more for Calhoun's work!

Glamdring says

Well, that was an accomplishment to put on her résumé. She'd managed to scare a SEAL, an individual trained to handle any circumstance at any time with whatever meager tools and resources he had at hand. She'd scared him.

Hot short story. I would have loved to have more of Tess and Drew.

Searock says

It was amazing.

Fabulous in every way.

What Anne Calhoun was doing in this novella...

I "got" it.

Auntee says

Lots of potential with this one, but unfortunately too short for me to fully connect with the characters. I like this author's writing style though, and I'm curious enough to try one of her full-length books. The sex scenes were pretty steamy and the Navy SEAL hero was a bit bossy and intense, but I liked him...and the heroine! 3 1/2--4 stars

Janet says

Bit of a waste of time. I don't think I do very well with stories where I'm catapulted into a situation and all the getting to know each other stuff is woven in later. Or maybe I just didn't buy the whole I'm spanking you so you'll trust me story line. Calhoun is a smooth writer but perhaps her stories are not quite fish and not quite fowl, for me.

Anesha †Curious & Obsessive Bookworm† says

I'm gonna refrain from posting up any of my reaction via .gif because I know they won't be... mild lol.

But let me tell you this!!

This book right here is **fucking** hawttttttttt!!! I knew it was short but the author gave a full story - I was satisfied (PUN INTENDED!!! rofl)

We have Tessa, lived in foster care, basically on her own from since she was 18yrs. Have a kind of gothic look and tend to change up her hair color when she felt like it. She very independent and stubbornly prides herself that trait.

Now. Enter Drew...and my fuck...*takes a calming breath* I love him. Mysterious to the core - thanks to his job (he's a SEAL officer or w/e) and tends to disappear without so much of a warning for days, weeks even but Tessa didn't mind - I guess maybe that's what made them work. She wasn't hung up on the fact that his job is protecting the country. How can you argue with something like that?

Did I mention he was hot? Because...that would be a good reason too...um... =x Ok fine fine - am shutting!!

READ THIS BOOK!!!

At the start of this book, my eyes were open wide, mouth hanging open and am like. *what....the....FUCK???*

But then as the confusion and anger starts to waver, morphing into lust and...do u know the feeling when a surge of electricity just slithers SLOWLY through your body from being in a sexual position or just reading about it? Not ashamed to say I fell into this category. Nope - not at all because...it was hot. Simple, wild...groan-in-the-throat kind of hot...and *fans myself* Phew...Do you get my drift?

Drew Drew... I want you in my bed

Tessa's punishment comes swift, hard and amongst the pain, she came to a crucial realization (My ass would have never gotten it lmao...I highly doubt it). But anyways, after that confession, his dominating torture became sexual filled carnal torture and it was like I WAS FEELING IT ALL. Everything was vivid.

I said before that Calhoun's writing is clean, very descriptive and I told no lie. The way she wrote made me feel like I was in the room, then the pervy side of me, forced had me to experiencing everything. The mind is a powerful thing and I think that in the mist of reading Calhoun's work, she'll have utter control of my mind/imagination and if possible, I'd give it to her gift wrapped if possible because it's enjoyable. Sating and just... wow.

Love this book, love the rawness, the domination, alpha-male...gosh the love, the tenderness - i love it all and logically it's satisfying but the greed in me is hungry for more.

I need to be sated haha.

Debbie "Buried in Her TBR Pile" says

I am a big fan of Anne Calhoun. She can write a great story - long or short. In the novellas, her characters have depth and the story is not rushed. My favorite of hers is *Fighting Fair*. I liked this one almost as well. This is actually a 4.5 stars for me but there were 2 very small editing errors, so I am detracting .5 stars.

willaful says

There was more depth to this erotic short story than I expected from the blurb. An interesting, well-written look at the deepening of a relationship.

Dina says

3 1/2 stars

Who would have thought that the trip to Spankville wouldn't bother me that much in this book? :O

Gigi says

Sweet and hot, quick read.

Angela says

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Jane Stewart says

3 ½ stars. Good character development. My only complaint is that it's short. Some may not like the long spanking sex scene.

STORY BRIEF:

Tess was brought up in foster homes. She now barely supports herself as an industrial design artist. It's hot outside, and she can't afford to repair the air conditioner. She leaves the windows open for relief. Her boyfriend Drew is a Navy SEAL. He just came back from a mission and is angry to see her windows open. She lives in a rough neighborhood. It's not safe. He had made her promise never to do that and threatened to spank her if she did.

REVIEWER'S OPINION:

This is good for an erotic short story. Most of it is one long sex scene with some interesting conversation interspersed. I liked the subject of Tess' upbringing which left her with fear and abandonment issues. By spanking her Drew shows that she can trust him not to leave just because she did something to make him unhappy. Drew offers absolution and commitment. I don't recall that subject being done much in the romance I've read, at least in the way the author did it here. So I liked that. It was more than just hot sex. If you're ok with spanking, I'd say the sex was above average, maybe not the hottest but good.

The characters are very well done. Drew's emotions, intensities, and physical condition made me feel like I was right there with a real Navy SEAL. It was so much better than just "saying" he was a tough Navy SEAL. This made me think less of other authors who never showed SEALS this way. The author paints him well. She also did some interesting things with Tess' feelings. I like this author. She is coming out with a longer book (maybe next year?) which I plan to buy.

DATA:

Ebook story length: about 50 minutes. Kindle count story length: 612 (195 KB). Swearing language: strong, including religious swear words. Sexual language: moderate. Number of sex scenes: about 3. Setting: current day San Diego, California. Copyright: 2011. Genre: erotic contemporary romance.

Steamywindows♥? says

Oh I would have loved this to be full length. The story is complete within the novella, but I was captivated by the characters and the story. I don't qualify as an expert in whether this is BDSM or erotic, so for what it's worth, I call it both. Loved the hero, great heroine. He is a navy SEAL, she comes from care, abandoned by her father, then her mother...so not surprisingly has trust issues.

He comes home from a mission to find her bathing in her upper story bedroom, with the window open, in a seedy, unsafe part of town. He has told her she can't leave the windows open. She figures, with her AC broken, she will chance it. Oh Boy. Pink cheek time, and I'm not talkin' cheekbones here....

She poured words not yet spoken into the caress of her breath''' Oh yes, I could read more about Tess and Drew....sigh.
