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Erotic Goes Old School

Love smolders and the sex is red hot when Cassianna Baxter leaves behind a glamorous teaching career in Italy to return to her old Alma Mater, Lewiston Academy for Girls as the Deputy Head Mistress.

No sooner does she arrive at the Academy than she walks smack into sexy Lawrence Taylor, her first love and ex lover.

He's been looking for her ever since he was forced to leave her and now that she is back at the Academy he knows he has to win her back. And not just in his bed.

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Beauty and the Book says

Academy of Love by Kate Deveaux brings you the story of Cassianna and Lawrence. I enjoyed Cassie and Lawrence story. Meeting at the boarding school that Cassie attended and Lawrence worked at, a relationship is build, but misunderstandings and some strategically placed lies breaks that foundation. Years later faith brings them back to the same place they originally met and there is where you start.

"“What are you doing here at the Academy?”

Lawrence demanded from the doorway, his gaze intense and the tension in him showing through his taut neck muscles.

“Me! What am I doing here?” she stammered. “I think I should be asking you the same thing.”

“I work here,” Lawrence flashed back, his eyes flecked with gold and full of fire.

“I work here too!”

The lines in his brow furrowed. “Since when?” His voice rising, as he stood up even taller, filling the doorway with his strength.

“Since four hours ago when I arrived at this school. And don’t you yell at me!” Cassianna gulped for air, as she sputtered angrily, “I should be yelling at you, you’re the one that ran off and left me.”

“I’m the one that ran off?” He clenched the muscles in his neck while sparks flashed in his eyes.

“I waited for you and you never came back.” As Cassianna spoke the angry words, she noticed his posture softened slightly, his shoulders easing, but his muscular chest contracted with each heavy breath, betraying his mood.

He moved towards her in one quick stride.

He was inches from her. Cassianna could feel the heat between them.”

Well written story, Deveaux was able to touch on every item that was question along the way. Why they ended and the time between is addressed throughout the story in a way that's believable and not thrown together. Every word you read is important to the story and has its own place within this journey. The chemistry between Cassie and Lawrence jumps out of the page for me, it's a tangible thing. I like Cassie's character, you can see bits of the girl she was and the woman she's grown into. If only we all could have a first love so intense and satisfying. Once finished all I want is more on Lawrence and Cassie! What the rest of their relationship is like, how the rest of the year at the boarding school works out, if Monica continues being bitter? Wanting to know such small details only confirms how entranced the novel becomes. I enjoyed it and it's one I will re-read over and over again.

Marlene says

Cassianna Baxter steps into The Lewiston Academy For Girls for the first time in twelve years. This time, instead of walking the halls as a student, she is now the Deputy Head Mistress at the academy. As she looks out at the stables, a place that she has spent countless hours, memories flood her thoughts. The memories aren't only of her days riding, but of Lawrence Taylor ... her riding coach, first love and the man who broke her heart. Those days were well in the past though. Cassianna hasn't seen Lawrence since she fled the academy and was positive that he had left the school years ago. To her surprise, she bumps into him while giving a tour of the school. He not only still works at the academy, he is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees there. Seeing Lawrence again brings back all of the memories they shared. Memories of their passion and her strong attraction to him. But Cassianna is hesitant to walk down that road again with him. He walked away from her before without even an explanation. Her fear was that he would do it again. But her feelings and the strong sexual attraction that they share is too much for Cassianna to deny. Reluctantly, she decides to go with her heart. She just hopes that he doesn't break it again.

I really enjoyed reading Academy of Love. The chemistry that the characters had was undeniable, their passion was hot and the scenes were steamy. I thought that the story was well written and couldn't wait to find out what was going to happen next. If you're looking for a hot story with even hotter characters, then this book is for you. I would definitely recommend this book to others and look forward to seeing what the author has in store for us next.

Calatasde says

HOLY HELL! I didn't care author's warning but I wish I had... this book was hot as hell!

I really enjoyed reading Academy of Love. The chemistry that the characters had was undeniable, their passion was really hot! I really like Lawrence. He's really a good man. But somehow I hate Cassianna. She was totally bitch about everything. Although between two's compassion is worth to read.

books are love says

Kate Deveaux has definitely struck gold here. this is a I can't you down read. The past colliding with the present. Unresolved feelings and anger misunderstandings that never get aired until it may be too late. The emotions run the gamut.

Cassie returns to the US to take a new page out of life. She needs a change. A change completely in which she walks away from a secure relationship that feels lacking to her, leaves her job to work at her alma mater hoping for a new beginning except her past comes thrusting on to her new page and chapter. Lawrence, her first and seems like only love, returns and is just as startled as her when they see each other the first time. The second time woa mama a scorching scene. But Cassie is angry and frustrated with Lawrence and yet attracted.

With each encounter the attraction is impalpable and those two explode off the page. What is funny is each feel the other wronged them. Why? Neither knows the whole truth. Lawrence tries to hint to it to get her reaction but it doesn't quite work out well.

Cassie is a confident woman except when it comes to Lawrence. With him she is frustrated and confused. Tries to fight her attraction and love but is to afraid to confront the past wrongs that she lets it fester and it does hurt and cause distrust. As the book goes on we see Cassie become more comfortable with Lawrence and begins to become more enthralled with Lawrence.

Lawrence is a kind and sweet guy. He loves her but is afraid she will run from him again. But again the past is misunderstood and his idea of her running although real this time, wasn't before.

Throughout the book the sexual tension and heat from these two seeps from the pages and will have you wanting more of them. When they get together he is sweet and the exchanges are wonderful but the sex is incredible to read about.

A story of learning to trust again, letting go of the past so you can have a future and love. One that will have you rooting for a HEA.

Kathleen says

Author Kate Deveaux has done it again! She easily drew me into the sexy erotic romance tale about lost love found and second chances that kept me turning the pages and wanting more!

Academy Of Love follows the steamy love story of Cassianna Baxter and Lawrence Taylor. Cassianna returns to her alma mater, the all-girls boarding school Lewiston Academy, as the new Deputy Head Mistress. Twelve years ago as a student, Cassianna had a whirlwind affair with Lawrence, who was the equestrian riding instructor. But when Lawrence suddenly leaves the boarding school, he took Cassianna's heart, leaving her devastated. When Cassianna returns to the boarding school twelve years later, she literally bumps into Lawrence who is now an academy board member. Can Cassianna remain professional while the old flame smolders for her first love, a man she couldn't forget? Can lost love be found and given a second chance?

Oh my goodness, this is one heck of a sexy story that has a little bit of everything that I look for in an erotic romance novel. It has naughtiness, passion, steamy sexual chemistry, angst, and a satisfying second chance at love interwoven within a well written description of the past and present dynamic of Cassianna and Lawrence's relationship. The storyline easily drew me into Cassianna and Lawrence's story, their relationship comes full circle as they discover that time and distance couldn't quell the desire and love that they still have for each. Their chemistry is palpable, their desire and love undeniable, and their passion is simply sigh worthy, even other people and communication issues can't keep them from finding their way back into each other's arms. Don't be misled by the racy book cover, this sassy erotic romance doesn't have a BDSM theme, but it sure does make you curious to look between the covers now doesn't it?!

Academy Of Love is a well written and fast paced erotic romance story. It has richly detailed descriptions of the setting; realistic and flawed characters who are easy to relate to; witty dialogue and dramatic interactions; and a delightful romantic storyline about an undeniable love connection that was thoroughly enjoyable and left a satisfied smile on my face.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author / publisher in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Book Promotions By Literary Nook.

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Gretchen Anderson says

Cassianna went to school at Lewiston Academy 12 years ago and is now back only.....she's their to work. She's the new deputy headmistress of Lewiston Academy, school for girls.

Lewiston Academy is a beautiful private boarding school with a huge Equestrian Center in the Virginia countryside. It's what brought Cassianna here in the first place many years before. She had her sights on the Olympics and training with one of the best trainers, Lawrence, made her stay an additional two years after graduation. Just walking around Lewiston Adacemy and Cassianna can feel the memories of Lawrence surrounding her. They were way more than trainer/trainee.....they fell in love. He is her first and only love. Cassianna tried to find it elsewhere but it never measured up to Lawrence. She left the last one in Italy, Richard, to come back here – the last place she was happy.

Cassianna barely got settled into her new office before having to show a new potential family around campus. They ended at the Equestrian Center and suddenly she hears "that" voice. The voice she will never ever forget. Lawrence.

"Hello, can I help you? A deep voice startled them from behind. Cassianna's chest tightened and a spark shot through her heart. Slowly, she turned toward the voice. Those sensuous green eyes, that wavy sandy blonde hair. Her heart stopped for a moment. "Lawrence?" Cassianna squeaked, in a voice that was definitely not her own. His eyes held hers and her body trembled. "Cassianna?" Lawrence asked, a stunned look on his face.

Cassianna turned on her professional charm even though seeing Lawrence again at the same school 12 years later was the shock of a lifetime. He left her. Just up and left with no explanation and she never heard from him again. She was so distraught that her parents were called to come get her. They took her away and she tried her best to move on from him with her heart broken so badly that she had still never been able to heal it.

Cassianna makes it back to her office when Lawrence shows up. Let me just say that the feelings are definitely mutual. He has missed her just as much. He thinks the same thing – that she left him. He tried to look for her and even sent her letters. He's been so confused all this time never knowing what happened to her. Can they figure out the truth? Will they let the past dictate their future? Will they be able to discover that the truth is somewhere in the middle of all the assumptions?

I really enjoyed this book. I enjoyed the last half a little better than the first but then a lot of the story came together very quickly in the last half. I think the story could have continued for several more chapters. Not that it has a bad ending, it doesn't, but I think Cassianna & Lawrence's story could have been longer. The last part of the book we meet Lawrence's family and learn much more about him. Cassianna plays a bigger role in his life once she meets his family and as much as I enjoyed her throughout the book, her character really took off at the end and I think that's why I wanted more of her. The story is good, the writing is good, and I really enjoyed all the characters.

P.S. Ms. Deveaux, I need another book in the Cassianna & Lawrence story!!

Kat (Kindred Dreamheart) says

Academy of Love was much steamier than I anticipated; however not as naughty as the cover would suggest. It's definitely a "hot" summer romantic read.

The setting and character roles were the ultimate pawns of scandalous. When their affair first began the situation was student/teacher and when it picks back up again it's deputy headmistress/faculty. Talk about obstacles! And of course there were many more conflicts standing in the way. The drama was a romantic roller coaster ride into the great unknown.

The love connection was snuggle worthy! Cassianna and Lawrence have that sweetheart type of chemistry. Which is cute and a tad baffling considering you're lead to believe there's a significant age difference. *uh hummm*

The overall competition of this novel was magnificent! The main characters were lovable. The villains were teeth grindingly aggravating. The setting was tranquil. The plot was topsy turvy and unpredictable. The steamy scenes were blush worthy without being too over the top. While I wouldn't recommend this to my Mom, my aunt may be able to handle the heat.

Lustful Literature says

****TARA'S REVIEW****

3 Long Lost Love Stars

Cassianna Baxter attended the prestigious Lewiston Academy for Girls, after graduation she stayed at the school training with Lawrence Taylor, a 21 year old Equestrian instructor, turned lover. Abruptly Lawrence flees Virginia for Hawaii, leaving Cassie distraught over her lost love.

Cassie leaves the US to continue her education abroad and eventually start her career. When an opportunity to return to her Alma Mater to become their new Deputy Head Mistress arises, Cassianna leaves her life behind and runs back to the US to start a new life.

The last person Cassie thought she would see at Lewiston was Lawrence. Sparks fly when they are reunited after 12 years. Overwhelming feelings of what once was slam into Cassie's heart. Knowing she shouldn't fall into Lawrence's arms again, Cassianna struggles to stay away.

"Oh, how he ached to kiss her, to run his tongue over her lips and to stoke the fire he could see simmering in her."

Lawrence wants Cassianna, he is relentless in trying to win her back. His persistence wins her over and she gives into him. She learns the truth of him fleeing to Hawaii, and the lies she was told that kept her from seeking him out.

Cassie and Lawrence spend some hot and steamy nights and days together. Their sexual connection is HOT HOT HOT!

"Her body quivered with excitement as his fingers grazed her nipples but only teasing her by passing over them as her shirt slipped off easily and he continued his caresses lower."

I really enjoyed the premise of this book, I thought the storyline was good. The characters were realistic and as I said most of the sex was super HOT. I did find some of the sex scenes to be repetitive, I would have liked to have seen different scenarios and positions to make it much steamier.

I would have given this book a higher rating but there were times where I felt things were drawn out too much, and there were a lot of filling going on with things that were not truly relevant to the story. While I was happy that there was a HEA, I was disappointed in the ending. It felt rushed and did not contain the depth I expected when it came to the love these two had for each other.

I will leave you with one last quote that I loved.

"She straddled him and paused, watching Lawrence under her, looking up at his hands grasping the fullness of her breasts. He leaned up to take one in his mouth as she slid slowly onto his cock, groaning as he filled her completely."

An ARC was received in exchange for an honest review.

Jesey ~ Schmexy GIrl~ says

Cassianna has been away for 12 long years. Her first love vanished and then so did she. Moving to Europe she becomes a teacher and moves on with her life. When an opportunity to return to her alma mater as the Deputy Headmistress arises she does not even have to think twice about it. She loved Lewiston Academy and everything about it, what she had loved most (the man she loved) is no longer there so she has no worries.

What are the chances that he has returned, is on the Board of Trustees, and he runs into Cassianna on her first day back?! Talk about coincidence and quite the H-O-T reunion....on her desk nonetheless. Lawrence seems to have the same effect on Cassianna aka "Cassie" as he did when they were lovers.

Lawrence was amazing!! He was sweet, passionate, considerate, and overall a gentleman (who apparently is amazing in bed ;)) He doesn't push Cassianna but slowly shows her who he is and what he has to offer.

There was no denying the chemistry that these two shared. I could feel it as their reunion brought back all of the emotions of love and hate that they have for each other. Cassianna could not let this get in her way.

“Memories belonged in the past. They had both moved on. Strictly professional.”

She tries to make this her mantra however they cannot deny what is happening between them. There was an air of mystery throughout this story. We know why Cassianna left all those years ago. She blames Lawrence for her broken heart however she does not want to bring it up and ruin what is returning. Lawrence seems to feel the same. He doesn't want to put any chinks in their second chance.

Will they be able to overcome their history with each other as well as their history with others? It has been a long 12 years for both of them, they have grown, moved on and change. Can they make room for each other and finally listen to the truth?

I can say that you will be happy to find out. I enjoyed these characters, they were a bit more mature and seasoned and holy hell was the sex hot ;)

Books&Dreams says

Book Worms was given this book as an ARC for an honest review.

We gave this book 4 stars.

This book review was left by Hazel Hill a Book Worms Reviewer.

Thank you Hazel.

Review of Academy of love

This book was given to me as a ARC for an honest review.

I want to start this review with praise for the writing and editing. It is a bug bear of mine when Authors have good stories and great characters etc but spoil it with typos and sentences that don't make sense etc. The quality of writing in this book is very high and I didn't find one mistake. This alone deserves a star.

This is the story of Cassiana and Lawrence. Cassiana attended Lewiston academy, a exclusive private girls school with renowned riding facilities. As a post graduate she stayed on to work on her Olympic riding career with Lawrence as her trainer. The two began a. Passionate affair. Through miscommunication, deceit and meddling parents the two parted leaving them both heartbroken.

14 years later sees Cassie as Lawrence calls her return to the academy, no longer a heartbroken young girl but a sophisticated, experienced woman ready to take on the role as deputy headmistress. Leaving behind an ex boyfriend and a life which should have been fulfilling In Italy Cassie is chasing something she doesn't like think about, that something that has been missing since Lawrence left her.

In the whirlwind of activity caused by packing up her life in Italy, Cassie neglects to read the brochures filling her in on all the new developments of the school she left behind. She wishes she had when upon arriving at the school she is blindsided by Lawrence's presence.

Lawrence cannot deny the attraction he feels upon seeing Cassie again and can't stop himself from acting on it when he confronts her later but there has been 14 years of mistrust built up and the two can't easily forget the pain they both felt despite the attraction.

It's two steps forward and two steps back with these two and it takes a family emergency for the two to realise that what they feel is bigger than the past.

The chemistry between the two is amazing and the sex scenes are sensual and hot without being overly explicit.

I also loved the equestrian element, if you love horses you'll love this side of the book. It almost brought a tear to my eye, (in a good way) when Lawrence surprises Cassie with a blast from her past.

I award this book a solid 4 star rating.

Regan says

Cassianna Baxter returns to her alma mater, Lewiston Academy, as the new Deputy Head. Not only does she walk back into her physical past but her first love as well, Lawrence. Lawrence, once a equestrian riding instructor, is now a board member and not leaving anytime soon. Cassianna vows to remain professional but old flames sometimes never die.

A fun and flirty second chance romance. While the sex scenes verged on over-exaggerated, the plot kept my interest and all in all the story was very enjoyable. Highly recommend!

Note: The cover is a little misleading as this does not contain BDSM or any related elements.

Michelle Bowman / We Love Kink .com says

Cassianna Baxter leaves her culturally rich life in Italy to return to her alma mater, Lewiston Academy, as the new Deputy Head. Although she is making a fresh start Cassianna can't help but to reminisce about her days at the all-girls boarding school. Cassianna had a whirlwind affair with the Equestrian teacher that ended with him leaving abruptly. Devastated, Cassianna left the academy in her youth and has finally returned. However, fate may have dealt the cards for her as she runs into her first love, Lawrence. Can the two make amends or is the past just too devastating to overcome?

Academy of Love was a fun and intriguing second chance romance. I felt the cover was misleading because there was no leather and bondage type of play- but there is enough steam in the book to make it red hot! Despite the years apart the passion between Cassianna and Lawrence hasn't let up and each scene is well-written, if not a little exaggerated as well. However, the plot held me throughout the book and the author successfully incorporated a realistic setting and new elements that I haven't read in the erotic fiction genre.

Not only does Cassianna rediscover her passion for her first love, she always rediscovers her passion for horseback riding. With a blend of romance, boarding school happenings, and horseback riding there are a variety of subjects to keep the reader interested. Cassianna is also a lovable character, yet flawed as she is

quick to jump to conclusions and becomes victim to many miscommunications. However, her genuine personality and fiery spirit has the reader hoping she gets her happily ever after.

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reviewed by Regan

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Lori says

Find this review and more at Lusty Penguin Reviews!

Can former lovers make a go of it the second time around? Kate Deveaux answers this question in her erotic contemporary romance Academy of Love.

Realizing she is very unhappy in her current relationship, Cassianna Baxter makes drastic changes and bravely takes a position as deputy headmistress at her alma mater, Lewiston Academy, which I just loved about her. In her haste, she doesn't notice that the school brochures state her former lover, Lawrence Taylor, is chairman of the board of trustees. After graduating from the Academy, Cassianna and Lawrence became lovers while he trained Cassianna for the Olympic Equestrian team. When Lawrence abandoned her without a word, Cassianna gave up on her Olympic riding dreams and fled to Europe. Grappling with her feelings for Lawrence because he was her first love, Cassianna has a hard time reconciling her renewed desire with the way he left her, which endeared her character to me. Lawrence is thrilled to have a second chance to win Cassianna's heart. Better still, Lawrence knows that he will have to take things slowly because Cassianna is skittish about being in relationship again, which I really liked about his character. Cassianna and Lawrence quickly discover that time and distance hasn't diminished their sexual attraction to each other. Their bedroom play is hunger filled and scorching hot. While getting it on between the sheets isn't a problem with this couple, communication is. Cassianna and Lawrence are able to have conversations about all kinds of things except the most important conversation of all—why and how their relationship fell apart in the first place. Cassianna and Lawrence are a gripping couple, and when they are both vulnerable enough to truly discuss what happened, it is a beautiful thing to see.

Academy of Love is a character-driven romance with a captivating couple that leaves the reader completely satisfied.

I received an eBook copy of the book for the purpose of an honest review. I was not compensated for this review, and all conclusions are my own responsibility.

Anny hernandez says

**** I received an ARC copy for an honest review ****

I just finished reading this book, and I have to say it was good I like the characters, I am gone keep this short since I don't want to give anything away,Reading this book it was fun and intriguing second chance romance.

The story begins with Cassianna Baxter, who leaves her culturally rich life in Italy to return to her alma mater, Lewiston Academy, as the new Deputy Head. Twelve years ago as a student, Cassianna had a whirlwind affair with Lawrence. She barely got settled into her new office before having to show a new potential family around campus, when they end up by the Equestrian Center that's when she heard his voice for the first time in twelve years. Lawrence was stunned to see Cassianna at the academy, what none of them expected was how life had gone test them out and give them what they need the most that second chance, the sex scenes are hot and steamy.

I love the way that Cassianna and Lawrence are with each other, love it how she has memories of when she used to be a student, and the chemistry that there is between these two, love how Lawrence is with her and how he gets to show her how much he loves her.

I really had fun and enjoyed reading this book, Author Kate Deveaux thank you for introducing me to these great characters and this awesome book.

Lynelle Clark says

4.5 Stars Review

I received the book from the touring host for an honest review.

Lawrence Taylor and Cassiana Baxter had a long history that had driven them apart twelve years ago, now they meet again and it seems they are heading in the same direction. Deceit and lies trailing them everywhere they go.

With potent chemistry, these two had to sort out their differences, sort out the lies that kept them apart, beginning anew. In itself difficult to deal with, but now twelve years later, they had more knowledge, better understanding, and we hope they will not make the same mistakes as before. Then there are the meltdowns. I mean sheet-wise **wink**

A delightful story that will keep your nose in the book until the end. Fast pace, it delivers a well written plot that will keep you wondering if the two will finally work through the rough edges, declaring their love and find the restoration at the end.

In between, the sex scenes were scorching hot that kept you glued to the pages. The characters are well developed and believable making it an entertaining story to read over a peaceful weekend
