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Megan Frampton turns up the heat on one bride-to-be and her oblivious bridegroom in this steamy and scandalous eBook original short story of Regency romance.

It is with great discretion that this columnist discusses the sensitive topic of undergarments. Some ladies, it seems, do not pay strict attention to what they wear under their gowns. A crucial error, my ladies.

Lady Violet knows Lord Christian Jepstow is interested in women. The problem is, he hasn't seemed to realize that Violet is a living, breathing woman—a woman with *needs*. Which is a huge problem, considering the fact that Violet and Christian are betrothed. Violet has no intention of saying her vows without knowing if her husband has the capacity to love her properly, so she does what anyone would do in her situation—she steps into his study and offers to take off her clothes. What happens next could be an utter disaster . . . or it could be surprising, seductive, and sizzingly sexy.

Includes a special message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from the Loveswept title *Hero of My Heart*.

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From Reader Review Baring It All for online ebook

Mandie (Naughty Book Snitch) says

Christian is writing a column about ladies undergarments and he needs a subject for research. Violet, whom happens to be his betrothed and in the right place at the right time, volunteers to assist in his research. This is the perfect opportunity for Innocent Violet to challenge Christian's passion.

It was ok for a very short 36 page novella. Its probably a 2 1/2 star read for me. We get to peak in on a "moment" that Violet and Christian have and it's a very hot and sexy moment. There were some references to cows that were a little disturbing in the very beginning but I think it may be an inside joke the author has with someone named Scott. This is my first time reading Megan Frampton, but I may try some of her other stuff.

Thank you Random House Publishing Group – Loveswept, NetGalley and Megan Frampton for the opportunity to review and share my thoughts.

Shannon The Romance Addict! says

Short and sweet novella that gets straight to the point!

Lady Violet is engaged to Lord Christian. He kinda keeps her at a distance like she more of a obligation (no kissing or touches). Before she can commit her life and marry him for forever she wants to make sure Christian feels something for her besides just an convenient bride . She want to see if he has Passion for her. I like Lady Violet she seems sweet and like she really loves Christian. She just doesn't want to marry him if he doesn't really want her. So she set out to see. She goes to "help" him out with some research and then seduces him at his home. At first he tries to fight it but the passion and love he has for her wins. I really liked it. It was short and to the point but it gave you just enough to make you want to see what happens next with Christian sister. I will be waiting for her book next. Overall i liked it a recommend at a short read that will wet your palette and leave you wanting more.

Katie_la_geek says

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Baring it all is a short and sweet novella, the problem is that at 36 pages there was not all that much to enjoy or review.

Violet is engaged to marry her best friend's brother Christian, a man she has been in love with for a very

long time. She should be happy that she is to marry the man of her dreams except for the fact that Christian barely notices her and has never even kissed her. One night Violet goes to his home alone to find out once and for all if Christian feels anything for her or if she is just a convenient bride for a man who has no passion.

It is hard to say much about a book that is only 36 pages long especially when some of those 36 pages are taken up with sex. I liked the story and thought it was cute but needed a lot more than it could give me.

I found the beginning to be very fragmented it jumped from one time period the next, one minute Violet is drinking lemonade, then there is a newspaper article and then she is with Christian. I have no idea if this was just the formatting of the ARC (in which case it will be different for general release) or if it is just the way this book is laid out. Either way I had to go back and re-read some parts to get my bearing.

The characters are alright but I didn't get to know them very well. I appreciated Violet's point of view, she loved Christian but didn't want to marry him if he didn't really want her. I understand that and admire her for her courage, I am not sure stripping off and having sex with him was a historically accurate way of finding out but it achieved what she set out to achieve.

Christian was not as likable. One second he is implying that he has never noticed Violet before and he just wants a quiet wife that will leave him alone. Then he has noticed her but has ignored it, then passion is a distraction from his work and then he is having sex with her. I struggled to understand his point of view. Sure sexy times is distracting but not distracting enough to ruin your livelihood unless you plan on studying and being a bore 24 hours a day.

Had this book been longer I would have probably come to understand Christian and like him more, I probably would have been able to engage with the romance and fall in love with their relationship but at 36 pages this left little room for anything other than a short introduction to the story and characters and some sex. Baring it all is a brilliant idea for a story but it is stifled by its length.

The publisher provided me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Peita says

3.5 stars

Melody May (What I'm Reading) says

Posted on What I'm Reading

This is probably going to be one of my shortest review, because this is really short novella. However, it an entertaining read. I actually liked Baring It All by Megan Frampton.

I really don't want to go into too much detail, because it is a short read. However, the story focuses on Lady

Violet and Lord Christian Jepstow. They are betrothed to be married, but Violet isn't having doubts. She has good reason to, after all Christian is going into this marriage for a practical reason. The reason: he needs to marry and why not his sister friend. Eek! Doesn't sound good. Violet decides to matters into her own hands. Talk about getting into some trouble.

As I said, I did like this quick read. I seriously can't wait for Christian's sister's book. Now that should be a fun read. I wonder if Christian and Violet will be her story. So, if you are looking for a really quick read, you might want to try Baring It All. It might be the trouble your looking for.

Copy provided by Random House via NetGalley

Jaclyn says

I'm not sure that this one can be accurately described as a novella - it was a very short read, more of a teaser really. Lady Violet is engaged to her friend's brother, Lord Christian; however, she's having some misgivings since her fiance doesn't pay her that much attention. As much as she wants to marry Christian, Violet doesn't want to be a neglected wife. Violet decides to take matters into her own hands and seduce Christian.

Despite the fact that this one was very short, I enjoyed it. I found it amusing that Violet decides to seduce Christian in his office and I found Christian's reluctance to be comical. I did feel like I was missing a good chunk of their relationship due to the short length, but it was still a decent read.

I also found this one rather difficult to review due to the short length. The writing was good, the story was straight to the point and then it was over. I'm not sure that anything else needs to be said. It would be a good read for someone who is strapped for time and just needs a quick departure from reality.

Daisy Sloan says

This review will appear at Romantic Historical Lovers

Baring it All is the short story of Christian and Victoria. They're betrothed but lacking in the passion department. Christian has decided that passion is a distraction, so he plans to compartmentalize his life and passion does not belong in his marriage.

Victoria has loved Christian for years. But not matter what, she wants passion her life. She has a plan to see if passion can exist between her and Christian. If there can't be any passion, she'll not marry him. She would rather be alone and without the man she loves, than have a passion less marriage.

Victoria is risking it all in order to find out if they have what it takes to have a passion filled marriage. She's risking scandal, disgrace, and her future. All to find out if there's passion.

This is a short story, but definitely intriguing. Christian is more of a scholar than anything. He's always stuck in books and philosophy. He barely notices things around him. Victoria is very observant. She understand Christian, but at the same time she wants more from him. She's definitely a risk taker!

It's a fabulous story and well worth the time to read!

I received a copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley.

Fiona Marsden says

This is a really cute short novella about a bride to be who is madly in love with her future husband, but he seems to be totally oblivious to her.

Violet has been in love with her BFF's brother Christian forever. When he asked her to marry him it seemed all her dreams had come true. Except he didn't even give her a betrothal kiss and he ignores her.

Christian knows how distracting women can be. His youthful indiscretions taught him that. So he decided to deal with the problem logically, by marrying the quiet unassuming girl who has hovered at the edge of his consciousness forever.

Violet however wants more than a cold marriage of convenience with a husband who thinks more of his books than his wife. She embarks on a daring plan that will either ruin her forever, or give her the husband of her dreams.

What happens next...*fans self*...it's rather warm in Christian's study, especially with Violet there to assist him write an article on women's underwear.

As mentioned, this is really short, and hot but also rather sweet as we see Christian and Violet take the first steps into finding what a marriage could be.

Rae Alley says

Lady Violet wants to have a marriage full of passion, and has been in love with her betrothed for a while. However, his academic pursuits have him hoping that this marriage to a family friend will be a polite affair that will not distract him. Lucky for her, her friend has left Christian with a task that requires a bit of help – writing about ladies foundations and the importance of these pieces to appropriate attire for the well to do lady. The academic gentleman agrees to a bit of research in the area by way of demonstration from his betrothed.

The plot is adorable and fun. I enjoyed the heroine being the forward one and seducing her disinterested husband. If you are unfamiliar with Frampton's writing, this is a lovely, quick introduction to her style and her characterization. Keep in mind that this is not much past a short story, so the characterization is not very deep and there isn't a significant amount of complexity to the plot. What is there shows well, finishes with satisfaction and doesn't leave you frustrated at the abruptness usually found in a short or novella.

Marlene says

Originally published at Reading Reality

Hot, short, cute, frothy.

I get the feeling this is a prequel novella for the author's upcoming *What Not To Bare*, since the characters in this one are a) baring everything and b) the excuse is the secret authorship of an advice column "What Not to Bare" that is normally written by the hero's sister. Of course she's writing under a pen name too.

The pseudonym of of a pseudonym.

The column is about women's underwear, and the hero shouldn't be writing it in the first place. But Lord Christian Jepstow needs a woman to model the undergarments he is writing about and his betrothed Lady Violet is all too happy to use the advice column as an excuse to show him her knickers...and everything else.

Because he hasn't even kissed her yet. He didn't kiss her after she accepted his marriage proposal. She's not sure he wants to kiss her. She's sure he likes women, there have been plenty of stories in that direction, but the question is whether he's interested in her in particular.

If he isn't, she'll cry off the marriage. Because Violet does love him, and has ever since she was a girl of ten.

Christian hasn't noticed. He's been too busy burying himself in science and abstract mathematics. But offering to take off all her clothing damned well makes him notice. And reminds him just how distracting a beautiful woman can be. Something that Christian had been deliberately trying not to notice.

It takes more than a few dropped garments, and a bit of carnal knowledge, for Christian to admit to himself that the reason he has so thoroughly buried himself in his science is to keep himself from noticing the very distracting Violet.

Because once the matter has been brought to his attention, he can't stop noticing. And doesn't want to. Which is just fine with Violet. Finally.

Escape Rating B: *Baring It All* is one extended love-and-sex scene between two people who go from being friends into lovers during the course of the very short story. From Violet's perspective it's a dare and it's daring, her whole future is on the line as well as her heart.

Christian doesn't want to be distracted from his plans, and it takes him a while to wake up and realize that Violet is not only just what he wants, but also just what he needs.

For a good time, read *Baring It All*.

Beth says

Lord Christian has asked Lady Violet to be his wife but it seems the request was made out of obligation and not passion. In an attempt to see if there is any possibility for passion in her upcoming marriage the innocent Lady Violet makes a very indecent proposal. She will strip for Christian, only in the name of research for a article, to help him see the advantages of a woman's undergarments.

Baring It All goes from sexually analytical to explosive in 5 seconds flat. A well written short story, you're going to need a cold shower after this red hot read! Don't miss this sizzling, sexy, and tantalizing novella

length story.

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Tin says

This is a short story that continues Megan Frampton's novel, **What Not to Bare** and features Charlotte's brother, Christian who is engaged to be married to their childhood friend, Violet. Violet believes that Christian only proposed out of a sense of obligation to their families and she's despairing that she's about to shackle herself to a man who doesn't desire her.

When Christian is in a bind regarding ladies underwear, Violet sees an opportunity to help -- and, maybe discover the degree of Christian's interest in her.

I really wished I had read this immediately after I finished **What Not to Bare** -- I think I would've loved to have extended the pleasure of reading Frampton. But reading this separately is a pleasure in itself. It's short, but it's clear that Frampton knows what her goal is in telling Christian and Violet's story. The single effect that the author (and Violet) are aiming for is to see Christian uncoil.

"An impasse is only an impasse when both parties will not move from their respective positions," she said. Her mouth widened into a knowing smile. "I plan on making you move, Christian."

- Chapter 3

It's interesting to note that, while it is Violet who is undressing, it is Christian's soul that is being laid bare.

"Tell me about yourself," he said in a low voice. He couldn't resist -- his fingers lingered on her skin just above the first button of her gown. Soft, as he'd expected. He felt her tremble as he slid his finger to undo the button.

"What do you want to know?" Odd that he hadn't noticed how soft and low her voice was. Or maybe it was the situation that was changing it; after all, the last time they'd spoken, he'd proposed, and she said yes. Not much conversation after that.

- Chapter 3

Baring it All is short, yes, but it's also sweet and sexy. It's always fun to read about that moment of realisation when long-time friends discover the love they've felt for each all that while.

Caz says

I think the best thing I can say about this short story is that it had no pretensions to be anything other than it was - which is basically an extended sex-scene.

Violet has been in love with Christian for years, but he never noticed her until one day out of the blue, he proposed to her. So now they're engaged, but she is worried that her bookish fiancé doesn't really *see* her and that he's not even aware of her as a woman.

So she decides to try to seduce him, and they end up shagging each others' brains out on the divan, the end.

It was well-written and there were some nice touches of humour, but I have to ask myself - what was the point, really?

Lynn Spencer says

This isn't so much a novella as it is an extended sex scene. However, as love scenes go I. Romance, this one isn't bad. I like the author's style, but think I'd prefer something with more extensive storytelling.

Zena says

This was a very short but really good story with a newly engaged young lady seducing her cold fish of a fiancé who proposed and then ignored her.

This was quite a hot seduction but it really had some very amusing moments and I enjoyed reading it and can recommend it.
