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He always gets what he wants...

I've never been Mr. Nice Guy. I'm the guy that closes the deal. That confident asshole every guy hates and every woman secretly (or not-so-secretly) wants. And right now, I'm stuck in Vegas—land of cheap booze and cheap girls. The last thing I ever expected was to see something here I want. Badly.

Brianna Faulk is the key to a major casino account, but it's all I can do to stop myself from pulling her close, feeling those lush and damably sexy pin-up curves against me. To show her I mean a whole different kind of business. The kind that leaves us both breathless and sweaty and wanting more. It's just lust and need, and it's just for one night. Only in Vegas, nothing is ever that simple...

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♥Rachel♥ says

Love Me may only be 134 pages but it had depth that turns this story into more than just instant attraction and intense hookups (although, those were quite delicious!).

Thomas is in Vegas to land a lucrative deal for his marketing company. He doesn't count on meeting the lovely, Brianna, a savvy business woman with a spitfire personality and gorgeous looks. They literally run into each other and the sparks fly. Thomas insists on taking her out on a date, ignoring the fact that this is clearly a bad idea and could jeopardize winning the account in the long run if things go sour.

Brianna finds Thomas magnetic and infuriating at the same time. He pushes all her buttons and gets her blood racing but she has responsibilities to more than just herself, so she initially resists his advances. She questions Thomas' motives for wanting to date her. Is he just trying to land her account? She doesn't believe someone as good-looking and outgoing as him could be interested in her.

Initially I thought this would be a fun antagonistic relationship that turns into a romance, but this was much more packed into a small amount of pages. While there is an instant intense physical attraction between Thomas and Brianna, both have a lot of insecurities and baggage that threaten to dismantle any future they have together. If you look past Thomas' confident and cocky exterior you will find a man scared to open his heart to another woman after being burned in the past:

Maybe not every woman was Nicole, but he'd be damned stupid to ever trust one again. At least with Nicole it had all been there for him to see. The lies. The cheating. The laughter every time she broke his heart a little bit more.

Brianna wears her cool, calm and controlled façade like a shield of protection after tragedy scarred her. But fear not, these two break down each other's defenses, and we get to witness the passionate scenes when they can't keep their hands off each other!

Her mouth was reddened, her hair disheveled and he couldn't help a fierce and primitive sense of pride. He'd broken her poise. He'd left her flushed, flustered, deliciously disarrayed. To hell with dinner. He was taking her straight to his room.

This story captured my attention because I've read and loved several of Diane Alberts' stories. She has a talent for writing sexually charged scenes full of chemistry with a sweet romance at the heart. This is the second in the Take a Chance series, but you don't need to read

in order to enjoy this. Although, I'd highly recommend you do because it was a lovely story that centered on Thomas' sister and his best-friend. Plus, can you resist with a cover like that?!! *drools* Diane really does get the most scrumptious covers!

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Miranda says

I give this one 4.5 stars!

I very much enjoyed this book once I got into the story. I was worried in the beginning that it was going to be another erotic romance with no plot, etc. but I was surprised at how much I really liked the characters.

Ms. Alberts writes wonderfully & there is plenty of banter with the characters. The secondary characters rock as well. I cannot wait to read another book by this author!

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Lorie says

3.75 Stars

Love Me didn't turn out to be what I expected based the first 2 chapters. But that's quite ok because in the end **I LOVED IT**. It turned out to be so much more than an intense attraction with a fast and hot hook up. For a short read, *Love Me*

I'll be honest, at first I was a bit disappointed at the way Brianna and Thomas's relationship took off so fast - jumping into the hot hook up, no questions asked. I understand the instant attraction, but I thought at least there would have been some kind of chase involved. I was expecting the fast start to set the tone for the rest of the book. But, it didn't. Brianna and Thomas ended up doing everything backward, and it was a nice change of pace.

Thomas is a gorgeous sexy marketing executive with charm to boot. Being hurt in the past, Thomas's interest in a relationship is zero. He is smooth, confident, and about to meet the woman that changes it all for him. This woman also happens to be a potential client.

Brianna is not what you think she is. She appears to be a beautiful uptight businesswoman, but Thomas suspects there's something more under that sexy yet hard exterior. For someone not interested in a relationship, Thomas feels a need to get closer to Brianna. When the two get together sparks fly instantly. The pair don't even make it to dinner, they head straight to his suite for some super hot sex. So hot, they don't even make it past the front door. Afterward, Brianna is mortified at what she's done with a complete stranger. This is not like her and she flees. She's convinced that Thomas is only using her.

Thomas, shocked by Brianna's reaction, he can't even make himself move to go after her. Even after she flees, Thomas still harbors this need to know her. He's still certain there's more to Brianna that he wants to know. Undeterred, Thomas goes after Brianna, and what he finds is quite different than what he expected. What happens after this point is key to the story so I'd hate to say anymore.

The story is far from conventional which is what won me over in the end. Some people might have a problem with the path Thomas and Brianna's relationship took, but I found it quite refreshing for the fact that it was different.

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Lindsey Sprague says

I'll admit, at first I was concerned. The first chapter wastes no time setting up the premise: Thomas Jones is a hotshot marketing executive off to convince a casino to hire his company on a contract. After the very definition of a meet-cute, he is introduced to Brianna Falk and then their tangled romance starts to weave.

Concern #1: At first, I thought Thomas would be your stereotypical douchy-executive with smooth moves (as did Brianna, I feel like I should point out so he fooled BOTH OF US!), who would later surprise everyone with his heart of gold.

Upsetting, 'I have to admit I was wrong' Point #1: Thomas, as it turns out, is a pretty nice guy. In fact, he's very interesting. Dark past, sad back story. Being nice doesn't equate to boring and Thomas finds a nice balance between being a cocky seemingly-player at times and someone who has a clear, warm heart.

Concern #2: After reading the blurb that described Brianna as 'beautiful and sensual Brianna Falk', I was concerned that this was a very librarian, 'I really know how to work a paper-cutter' sort of thing. (Wait, is that a thing? I dunno - remember my myriad of experience!)

Upsetting, 'I have to admit I was wrong' Point #2: She doesn't see herself as such, to the point of being a little annoyingly unsure of herself. But, considering the circumstance, it's understandable.

Apparently after reading the blurb, I was basically pairing up Don Draper with secretary from the Power Puff Girls.

Whoops.

Characters aside, Alberts' writing is quick and snappy, just like their romance. And, for those of you who want to know, I never stumbled across the words 'love cave', which I think we all can appreciate. Instead you're treated to a fast-paced romance of two people who aren't quite sure whether they are ready to move on from previous heartbreak, but can't bring themselves to stop themselves in the process. There were a few times I wish certain relationships were expanded on, like the teenage son and the best friend, but this is a story of Thomas and Brianna and was understandably focused on such. They're at their best when arguing with one another; when the demons of their pasts are restrained and the sexual tension is high.

I believe this is point where I explain that this novel gets 5 'fans self' points.

Overall, it's a love story revolving around two people who are trying to understand what it means to fall in love for the second time, and how it affects the lives they already have set up. Their hesitation is authentic and even though we know the resolution that's coming, we get to enjoy watching them struggle to reach it.

Lauren at Live Read and Breathe Reviews says

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OK, I have ups and downs about this book but in the end more ups than downs.

It has been so long since the first book I almost forgot about Erica and Jeremy.

In this installment we get to see in the psyche of Thomas who is still quite effed up from Nicole and her bullshit of cheating and degradation.

After eight years it is finally time for Thomas to move on which is finally brought to the light when he meets Brianna.

They have an instant connection.

But a whole lot of self doubt, insecurities, the past, secrets and loads of mis-communication and assumptions get in the way. Causing me tons of angst and not the good kind of angst.

Once they finally do this thing called TALKING and NOT ASSUMING they are able to let down their guards and learn to love again but with loving Brianna Thomas not only learned to love again but inherited a whole family to love which opened up his heart to a world of possibilities.

Now here is the thing often in books one of my biggest complaints is the love connection escalating to quickly but with this story I felt the love and it felt right and not rushed.

It was a story about love and second chances but was predictable and sweet.

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***kawehi.reviews says**

What in the world is it with me and picking up books where the main guy is rich, handsome, and emotionally detached?! Cause yet again, Thomas is one of those prime examples!

While I do admit to haven't read the first book in the series **NOR** have heard of Diane Alberts to boot, I did in fact keep up with the plot and characters well enough to not get distracted with the fact that I should have read book one before reading this! Haha

The characterization of Thomas was a little generic for my taste and his relationship with Brianna was a little predictable:

- 1) He spots her and an automatic attraction forms between him and the girl.
- 2) He lusts for her and wants her in his bed to possess her
- 3) Get to know each other with lots and lots of hot sex!
- 4) Some push and pull action occurs with a little drama
- 5) Characters fall in love with each other
- 6) Happily ever after!
- 7) The end.

TYPICAL EH?

Over all though, *DESPITE my bias swipe towards the structure of the plot* I highly suggest you pick up this read guys! I'm sure you'll like it!

Now as for me, I'm going to backtrack and pick up Book One of the series, "Try Me," and read it like how I should have before reading "Love Me." Bye for now!

a & says

Okay so I haven't been reading for a week now. And yes that's a shocker for me but I picked up a boatload of books today and got emailed some lovely ARCs from Entangled publishing. I've never even heard of Diane Alberts before this and wasn't entirely sure if I wanted to read this book. That was partially because it was the second book in the series and I had never read the first one but also because the book cover makes it look like it's some book about a vampire. But it's not and I'll say it right now: don't judge a book by its cover, it's an age old saying but you know what they're right. If I had decided to not read it based on its cover I would have missed out on one heck of a great book.

The summary says: "Thomas Jones has come to Vegas to win yet another account for his marketing company. But when he sits across from beautiful and sensual Brianna Faulk to deliver his pitch, his desire to leave Vegas as quickly as possible is replaced by the need to get close to her. Yet she resists his charm.

Brianna knows a date with Thomas could jeopardize her job, but he's so maddening and insistent, she has a hard time denying him just one date. But that's all it can be: one date. Because she has to protect her job and her secrets, even if it means giving up a chance at a life she never thought she'd have again."

This annoys me. Mostly because it makes Brianna's job and secrets a bigger problem than they really are. So she's a single mother with three kids it's not that big of a deal and it really shouldn't be if the guy genuinely likes you. But that was the only thing that annoyed me about the story. The rest was good to go.

I really enjoyed the interactions between Thomas and Brianna. There was so much sarcasm and snarkiness when they flirted and snapped at each other. It was so much fun to read. I honestly felt bad for Thomas though, his wife really left him broken but Brianna and he were there for each other to pick up the pieces and heal each other in process.

They were very cute together. Diane did a great job showing how their relationship made it hard for them to trust and be with each other. It's one of those books that are just warm, heartfelt, and very fluffy. They make you feel good after reading.

Poison Rose says

In Love Me we have two very tortured people. Thomas Jones is still feeling like his last (and only) failed marriage has marred him for good. Brianna Falk is a widowed mother of three with her hands full. She too is haunted by memories of loved ones past, but for a different reason.

We start our story with Thomas returning to Vegas to market his company to bid on a new local casino project. His connection to getting the bid has been dodging their meeting for weeks. He has finally snagged the meeting. He is on his way to meeting the client when a woman (Brianna) so caught up in her technology she's not watching her surroundings... Thomas to the rescue (or so he thinks) until she narrowly misses running into something, but she ends up colliding with Thomas instead and dropping her iPhone. Witty banter ensues and they pair think their parting ways...until he walks into the restaurant for the meeting and comes to find out it was Brianna.

At first she act rather cold, but Thomas is very persistent and crafty at getting what he wants. This time it's not only the bid he wants...its Brianna. He does some pretty smooth talking about getting MotoTek in the running for the project, but also convincing Brianna to be his local guide and show him what's the night life can be like. She dodges his moves, but Thomas' marketing skills pays off and she eventually relents and allows the "date".

As the date begins and progresses, Brianna and Thomas don't waste too much time before their chemistry nearly explodes! They end up together at his apartment and they don't waste time with waiting for the doors to close, but afterwards Brianna leaves hastily feeling dirty and used, thinking Thomas was only in it for the job, he can't want a cold-hearted executive. If he knew the truth he'd go running faster than his mouth can smooth talk a bid. This only makes Thomas more intrigued and wanting to find out what is going on.

They end up doing the dodge and Perry fencing bit, with her now avoiding him. But Thomas isn't giving up. He pins her down, but she again tries to put up her walls. As they eventually learn about what's holding them back, they have to learn to open up and believe they are accepting of each other and their true feelings.

As both of their shells begin to crack, reality sends a curve ball... Thomas' stay is soon up. Will he stay and complete Brianna and her family, or leave her hurt and alone once again?

I have intentionally left out some of the bigger details of what has Brianna putting up her steel barricades so as not to spoil everything. I can safely say I can empathize with her situation, and seeing how she's being protective only reminds me of why I am being like that as well with certain aspects of my personal life. Diane once again has hit home with this sequel to her Take a Chance series. We eventually see the tie in with the first book about Jeremy and Erica (Try Me). They play a part in this story as well. Their story of finding love is heart warming and strikes a chord that tugs at our hearts. I feel in love with both as they grew together and completed each other in ways they never saw coming. All I can ask now is, is there a third story coming to this series??? If so, I can't wait to see what Diane brings to the table next! Kudos to Diane for the perfect follow-up to a great starting series!

Sarah says

I've been a fan of **Diane Alberts** ever since I read **Try Me** and I've been waiting to read this sequel ever since. If you've already read the first story you'll probably remember meeting Thomas, he is the previous heroine Erica's brother and was best friends with the hero Jeremy before they fell out thanks to the lies told to Thomas by his devious ex-wife. You don't have to have read the first instalment to enjoy **Love Me** though, the stories are only loosely connected and apart from a very brief appearance the previous characters don't have much of a role in this novella. This is such a fun series though and I'd highly recommend both stories to contemporary romance fans, they are both fairly short and fast reads with plenty of spice and a feel good love story.

Thomas is visiting Vegas to try and win a lucrative contract for his company but when he meets Brianna his focus swiftly switches from business to pleasure. He is intrigued by her and since he'll be in town for a couple of weeks he is determined to explore the chemistry he senses between them. Brianna has plenty of reasons to turn Thomas down, her life is more than complicated enough and the last thing she needs is a quick fling but Thomas is hard to resist, especially when he refuses to take no for an answer. Neither of them can deny their mutual attraction but can they find a way to work through both of their issues to build a future together?

I have to say I loved the banter between Thomas and Brianna, they have an instant connection and the looks they give each other are smouldering. I felt bad for Thomas after the first book when we learnt about the way his ex-wife treated him so I was happy to know that we were going to get his story and I felt that Brianna was a great match for him. He comes across as quite cocky in the beginning but in reality he is so wary of being hurt again that he puts on an act to keep people at a distance. His ex really knocked his confidence but he has a lot to offer and Brianna can see just how caring and sweet he is when she starts to get to know him. Brianna has suffered her own heartbreaks and is equally frightened of loving again, she is keeping a major secret from Thomas because she is sure that he will go running in the opposite direction when he finds out about her family. I really liked the way Thomas took it all in his stride though and the time he spent connecting with Brianna's children was really adorable.

I will admit that I found things developed a little too quickly between them for me to find them completely believable but that is one of the hazards with novellas and considering the number of pages I thought the author did a great job of showing the connection growing between them. I think I'd have just felt a little more comfortable if the story had taken place over a slightly longer time line though, things seem to happen very fast and I felt Brianna (or most mothers for that matter) would probably have taken a bit more time to get to know Thomas before she let him meet her children. If you remove that one minor issue this is a really enjoyable story, they make a really cute couple and having the children in the story added a nice family element to things. I'm definitely enjoying this series and looking forward to more from **Diane Alberts** in the future.

Sammy ?? says

3.5 stars

Nice short read with sizzling chemistry between two great characters.

Arabella ~?AB?~ says

3.5 stars. I liked this short story, from Thomas and Brianna's first meeting you can feel the sizzling chemistry between the two. After a steamy start, they decide to take things slow - they have both suffered heartbreak in very different ways and need to know if they have something worth pursuing outside of the bedroom.

Although they only spend two weeks together, the author makes you believe in their connection and, although a tad unrealistic, I did enjoy the ending.

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Jessica Lemmon says

I love when a book surprises me, and LOVE ME is no exception. Steamy bedroom scenes? Check! Hot, broken hero? Check! And...wait...sweet, kind family moments? Check! For a shorter novel, this one packs a heck of an emotional wallop and will leave you wanting more. :)

Jillian Stein says

My review can also be found on my blog: <http://www.read-love-blog.com/2013/05...>

Love Me is the second installment in Diane Alberts' Try Me series and after loving the first in the series, Try Me, I was beyond excited to receive this ARC from Entangled Publishing. True to Diane's writing style, she nailed it! I loved this story.

Thomas Jones is in Vegas getting ready to meet with another "suit" in order to land another big account for his marketing company...a job he truly excelled at. Good thing he was more successful in his career, because goodness knows, he wasn't as successful in his personal life. After finally leaving his bitch of an ex-wife, eight years earlier, he still has yet to heal from that wound. As he heads into his latest meeting, he realizes the suit he's meeting with happens to be filled out deliciously by the beautiful woman he saved from a texting-while-walking disaster in the parking lot. Immediately Thomas realizes his love life may be sparking back to life after a long hiatus.

Brianna Faulk is fully prepared for her business meeting...and wholly unprepared for the instant attraction to the man she's meeting with. She's equally unprepared for his advances and insistence that they meet for a more casual date later that evening. She's equally surprised to find that his advances aren't exactly unwelcomed...which is totally uncharacteristic of her. Being a woman in a man's business world, she's used to keeping things professional and being somewhat detached. Thomas, however, makes her want to break her own rules and take a chance and maybe, just maybe, learn to live again. But, is she willing to give him a chance and let him into her life? She knows she isn't strong enough to deal with another hurtful blow from the unkind fates...she also knows not a lot of men like women with baggage, and she's got more baggage than Macy's luggage department.

Don't let the fact that this only has 134 pages trick you into thinking that it isn't long enough to build a relationship to the characters, because it simply isn't the case. This story started out hot and heavy, cooled down, went to high emotion, and ended with the most perfect ending for Tom and Brianna. Thomas and

Brianna's push and pull and build up of sexual tension was delicious. They play off of each other so well and their personalities compliment one another beautifully. They have a lot to work through in order to see where the road may lead for them, and it's an emotional roller coaster for sure....but so well worth it! I gave a heavy contented sigh of pleasure when I read the last chapter....simply perfect. Diane is one of those talents that pulls you in from the very first chapter and holds you interested until the epilogue. To me, that's the mark of a great author!

Thank you, Diane, for another phenomenal story that I enjoyed from start to finish! Cannot wait for more in this series!

*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Yvette ~ Nose Stuck in a Book says

I recently read the first book in the Take a Chance series, Try Me, and received an ARC of Love Me from Entangled. What I love most about Love Me is that it is considerably longer than the novella-format of its predecessor.

We first met Thomas Jones in Try Me, as Erica's older brother whose ex-wife was responsible for the demise of his longtime friendship with Jeremy. Though many years have passed, the emotional scars left by Nicole continue to impact his everyday life, causing Thomas to adopt a certain persona with everyone he interacts with, both personally and professionally. With his attractive physique and natural charm, Thomas is a modern-day Don Draper, minus the alcoholism and loose morals – quite an accomplishment, considering his business is largely conducted in the City of Sin.

In his work as an advertising executive, Thomas meets Brianna Faulk, a potential client that he needs to land for a lucrative deal. What Thomas doesn't expect to find is a pinup-worthy beauty with a mysterious and collected façade that belies the existence of her own considerable heartache.

As a widow with three children, Brianna has no time for frivolous pursuits. On the outside, Brianna is a no-nonsense businesswoman, but on the inside, she still holds the insecurities imbedded in her as an overweight teenager. With his all-American good looks, Brianna is instantly wary of the clear interest Thomas shows in her, from the moment he saves her from her own clumsiness. Though she decidedly refuses to play the damsel-in-distress, Brianna is soon won over by Thomas's self-deprecating humor, which he employs to help lower her defenses, once he sets his sights on her.

Engaging in an ass-backwards relationship, Thomas and Brianna have sex first and ask questions later. The consequences of their romantic involvement are tossed aside in their stolen moments of passion, but when reality intrudes, the couple is left to decide if taking the next step is worth the risk and potential heartbreak.

Love Me is the story of what happens when fate brings together a self-proclaimed runner and a man who lives in fear of history repeating itself. Often sentimental, at times steamy, and with occasional instances of laugh-aloud awkwardness, Try Me is an engaging read with genuinely likeable characters. Diane Alberts has a knack for creating characters with combustible chemistry, writing passionate scenes with descriptive imagery that brings the story to life.

Laura says

How do we let love into our hearts again after getting crushed by pain, betrayal or loss? Should we bet on love again? With heart, courage, and fate, Love Me by Diane Alberts will show readers love is worth the risk.

My heart fell for Thomas and Brianna instantly. Two strong, likeable characters with broken hearts that bumped right into each other. Sparks, sass, and swagger filled and fueled the first half of this story with sexy banter and oolala fun!

"She was panting, pliant, and he wanted her. Here. Now. Raw and rough in the back of the damned cab if he had to."

But are Brianna and Thomas ready for love? Both hiding and protecting their hearts for different reasons. Are they ready to move on, trust, and love again?

Much of what made this tale spark and pop on the page for me was missing in the second half though. The story felt more and more like a business deal with a deadline as the drama unfolded. You trust me with this and I'll trust you with that. Where did the sizzle go? I still hoped and rooted for them to heal and reach for that happy ending, but I just didn't feel the heat and emotion that kicked off their second chance at love in the end.

A hard one for me to recommend for all readers, but a sure bet for fans of Diane Alberts. She will always be an automatic buy for me. Hell the (view spoiler)
