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NOTE: THIS IS A VERY SHORT STORY

Alex single-handedly takes down a bully. A safer school has its perks, but what else did the years of martial arts training get her? Not a prom date, that's for sure. With only a few weeks left before the big day, can she stop the tough act long enough for the boy of her dreams to see she's still just a girl?

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injuliesopinion on From Fame to Shame "In summary, I wholeheartedly recommend this book to all lovers of YA contemporary fiction, and it is going on my list of favorite books of 2012!"

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Single-Handed Details

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From Reader Review Single-Handed for online ebook

Unholy Unicorn says

Never point out a girl's manliness. Treat her as a lady and she will respond as a lady.

Alex is not your average girl. She has a brown belt in jujitsu and she single-handedly kicked the school bully's ass for picking on another student. To add another blow to the bully's badly bruised ego, Alex is just 5 ft tall and not bulky at all.

And just like that, potential prom dates avoid her. Well, except for Tommy, the new hottie in town that got this *scholarly kind of deliciousness about him*.

Can their potential of a relationship blossom into the real deal? And how will Tommy react now that the resident bully plans to put Alex on her place?

I like this book even though if it's more of a chapter than an actual book. :))))

Over all, SINGLED-HANDED is cute, as clean as a whistle, and has about enough positive message I approve of (except for the whole prom thing -- it's just a dance, get over yourself! Hahaha!) but... I can't help it. I want more. To be fair to Ms. Blade, nothing felt rushed. It just felt incomplete. Maybe I should consider it a cliffhanger?

Nonetheless, I'm looking forward to the next two stories!

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

I must read this!

Megan says

Alex is a strong and independent woman who knows how to handle herself. She is the kind of person you have to strive to be. I love how even though she has strong beliefs of standing up for herself, she gave into what Tommy meant by needing a man. Not for muscles, but for a different kind of protection. To be catered by someone who can love you for you. This story was super sweet, and I tend to read more in the Single Girls series.

Wanda says

Single-handed (Single Girls, book 1) by Veronica Blade is a very short story.

Alex has trained in martial arts since she was five. Last year she had single-handedly saved a guy from a bully. There is only a few weeks until the prom and Alex doesn't have a date...is there a nice guy out there who can see that she's just a girl?

Kellie Sweet says

"Tough girls want love to!"

In the book "Single-Handed," By Veronica Blade the author really knows how to grab your attention right away. The story begins with a girl named Alex who attends high school and is very strong minded. Alex is a very materialistic girl and has always been an amazing student. The author really wanted to express the hatred Alex had towards bullies. Alex was actually really in to karate and was a huge master at it, she was actually a black belt! When one day Alex seen a random student being picked on and pushed around she pinned the school bully to the pavement leaving tons of students at shock. Every guy now was afraid of Alex and even worse the school prom was coming up who was going to ask her to prom if they we're all afraid of her and stereotype her has to tough to date.

Blade did an amazing job at making us step inside of a tough girls shoes. Although Alex scared tons of guys away we were left with the message of "There's someone for everybody." Alex began to fall for one of the hottest guys in school named Tommy. Tommy was able to accept her toughness and understand her roughness and love her for who and what she was. I believe the theme had a bit of a reflection towards self reliance. Alex was so tired of seeing that innocent student being bullied that something inside of her told her to stand up to the school bully once and for all. "Self trust matters the most, stay true to what you think and feel from within."

I rated this book 4 stars because I believe it was very captivating and strongly written it had me stuck the whole way threw.

Donna says

Blah. Just... Blah.

Angela says

When the synopsis says "very short story", what it really means is that it's a very *very* short story. In any case, I liked that Alex isn't like most other female characters. She isn't weak or helpless, and most definitely doesn't need a man to save her. But that doesn't at all mean she doesn't want a prom date. After pinning down a bully, all the guys in school avoid her, with the exception of one: Tommy. Will he see Alex as not "one of the guys" but a girl?

Single-Handed was a cute story for the most part. I found it weird that the bully she took down once came back to her again looking for a fight. The writing is very simple, and the span of time too short (one day?). In the beginning, the dialogue between Alex and her friends sounded awkward, but I guess that's just how some people talk? There is a lack of character development but considering this is a short story, I didn't expect there to be any. I would have enjoyed this more, however, if the story was longer. Overall, a sweet story worth the read.

Jillian (PidginPea's Book Nook) says

{ Full review originally posted on my blog, PidginPea's Book Nook. }

This is a really quick read, but it's a nice little story with a good message. Alex has set a sort of reputation for herself by standing up for those who are bullied at school. She's put her jujitsu skills into action and stepped in when other kids are being picked on. Guys might be a little intimidated by a smaller girl taking down big brawny bullies, because she hasn't had any guys show an interest in her. But she doesn't want to pretend to be "frail;" she refuses to change who she is or put on an act just so guys will like her. Which is great because Tommy, the cute guy at school, seems to like her just the way she is.

I love Blade's writing style. She writes great dialogue and she gives her characters very realistic voices. Reading Alex's conversations with her two friends Brittany and Laynie, I felt like I was right back in high school, chatting at lunch with my little circle. This is the second work I've read by Veronica Blade and I wouldn't hesitate to read another.

The only thing that's keeping me from giving this a higher rating is that I didn't really understand the confrontation between Alex and Wes, the bully, which is kind of the major event in the story. Alex already beat him once (literally: she had him on the ground with a knee in his back), which is how she got her reputation...but now suddenly a year later, Wes wants to face her again? Otherwise, it's a great story. The romance blossoming between Tommy and Alex is sweet and simple, making for a warm and fuzzy read. It's short, but it's the perfect length for a little bedtime reading or to go along with a cup of coffee.

Susan Hatler says

Alex is different than most girls in her school. She has a brown belt in jujitsu and she pinned the school bully to the pavement for picking on another student. A safer school has its perks, but now the boys at school are afraid of her. So much that she hasn't been asked to the prom.

New hottie in town, Tommy, has been friendly but shows no sign he's feeling the same sparks for her that she feels for him. When Alex's friends step in and finagle a coffee date between Tommy and her, can Alex show Tommy that tough girls want love, too?

Short and sweet, this was a cute contemporary Young Adult story. I'm looking forward to the next two stories in Veronica Blade's Single Girls micro-trilogy! :)

Tifferz says

Such a cute story! A quick unique young adult read that left me wanting more. Alex is not your typical 18 year old girl. She has a special set of skills! Tommy is a yummy guy! I would have liked a little more about him and his skills. I want to read about Alex's two friends Laynie and Brittany. Ms. Blade will you be writing those soon? One can only hope! This contains no sex and a few swear words.

Marcia Carrington says

Charming young adult romance short story with a nice build-up of events, and appealing characters. The bullying sub-plot is well-handled and placed in a proper, and understandable context by the author, by tying it to the main character.

Emily Mcnew says

This story was fantastic and very well written! I know it was a short story, but I would have loved to have read more about Tommy and Alex. Veronica Blade is a phenomenal writer and I am looking forward to reading more of her works!

Annamarie says

Alex is different than the other girls in her school and feared by everyone because she single-handedly stopped a bully from picking on a fellow student all thanks to her martial arts skills.

Alex's school might now be safe from bullies as they are scared that Alex will get them back but all the boys are too scared to ask her out and this bothers her, she doesn't want to go to prom alone.

Alex's best friend decides to take matters into her own hands and sets her up on a coffee date with the cute new boy at school Tommy, while they are on their date it seems to go well although Alex isn't sure Tommy likes her enough to want to date her.

Brei-ayn says

This is a very fun story and a must read. its a short story and i fell in love with the character and wanted more :) and i cant wait for the other 2 in the series to come out

Hannah says

Very great book, and there's more so I would love to read them.
