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Nina says

The Princess and the Prepper isn't your usual light contemporary romance filled with rainbows and butterflies. Although this book is definitely romance with a happily ever after, it is a darker read as it deals with physical abuse. Also, a little FYI, there are a few cringe-worthy scenes and moments in the book where I had to hold my breath. Nevertheless, don't let this deter you from reading this amazing story.

Lili is a princess whose whole life has been controlled by others especially her parents and her fiancée. She's always been living by others' standards and told what to do, how to act, what and how to dress, etc. To make her life worse, she's engaged to an abusive man who is the epitome of a monster. Sick of her strictly controlled life and fearful of her fiancée, she runs away. Left stranded in the cold with no money and clothes, fate brings her to Grant.

Grant has his own issues and his own demons to fight. He lives in a secluded cabin and doesn't need someone like Lili to ruin his ordered life. Yet, he can't turn her away. Being close in proximity quickly has sparks flying between these two; but, as secrets are revealed their budding relationship is put at risk.

This was one of those stories where I knew immediately that it was going to be damn good...and it was. Ms. Elsborg didn't let me down on this one. This story sucked me in immediately and got me emotionally involved with the characters. My heart broke for Lili for what she had to endure throughout the story and I just wanted to give her a good ol' hug. However, I was glad that she eventually stood up for herself in the end and shed the skin of the docile woman that she was and grew into a headstrong individual.

Lili and Grant were also great as a couple. I loved watching them together as they opened up to one another and of course, who can forget those steamy love scenes! These two together created enough sparks to light a bonfire! I happily cheered for them from the beginning until the very end. I had to admit I teared up a bit at the end as it was a wonderful ending to the story which left a smile on my face.

All in all, The Princess and the Prepper was a fantastic read. I devoured it quickly and sighed in contentment after the story ended because it was just so good. With that said, don't pass this one up. It most definitely is a must read!

Julie Ramsey says

The Princess and the Prepper

Poor Lili, she has fled one man and found herself in a worse situation, one that could only get worse if she ended up walking down a snowing road wearing only her underwear - things got worse! Luckily for her Grant and Shadow are nearby to rescue her. Grant is living isolated in a cabin trying to escape memories of his past and is not sure he wants to deal with Lili's intrusion into his life.

This was highly entertaining as you find out the stories behind Lili and Grant both have rough pasts for

completely different reasons, Lili has a family she would like to ignore and Grant has a family that he is ignoring and yet they find common ground and involve them selves in some nicely steamy sex!! It makes you want to be in a log cabin with a roaring log fire whilst it snows outside

For any people, like me, who don't know what a "prepper" is, its someone who is prepared to be self sufficient in the event of a major catastrophe however this has very little bearing on the story so don't let it put you off!

I would give this 4 out of 5 stars

Petra

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Jody says

This is ultimately a story about loss and two people recovering from their losses through the healing power of love. These are likable people who have gone through horrendous experiences and grab on to the one moment of happiness that presents itself. They appear opposites at first but their mutual pain brings them together in a night of steaminess that leads to an unexpected, yet completely satisfying conclusion.

Lili was the child her parents never really wanted. She never lived up to their expectations no matter how hard they tried to mold her into the perfect Princess. She had dreams, but through her parent's machinations, those dreams have continued to go unfulfilled. She's now trapped in a nightmare of physical and emotional abuse from which a haphazard plunge into a dark and snowy night seems a better alternative. This one moment of bravery after years of accepting the abuse could be her final act, but the stranger who rescues her epitomizes her dream and she'll do anything to stay with him....even if it means learning how to cook and make a decent cup of coffee.

Grant prides himself on being prepared for everything but finds himself uncertain in how to deal with a pampered Princess who isn't what she appears. He's been hiding out after the loss of his family with only a wolf for company. He doesn't like the chaos she brings with her to his quiet life or lonely heart but he can't turn away a damsel in distress. She brings a smile to his face and forces him to deal with his demons. He's scared of being forced into living again but knows he can't let the bit of light she's brought to his darkness go no matter how different they appear.

This story is a modern-day fairytale where the Princess is rescued by the handsome hero. This hero is slightly tarnished though and the Princess isn't picture perfect. Their path to a HEA starts out steamy with a bit of desperation attached to it and leads into an entire hometown standing up for what's right in a completely heartwarming conclusion. Ms. Elsborg is a master at pulling at the reader's heart strings and this book once again leaves me believing in fairytales and her on my must read list.

Louise says

This novella is packed with everything:) The sizzling romance, the conflicts. and the sense of humor in the

Author's voice that she always put in her stories. You'll never get bored, it will keep you interested in every flipping pages.

"I'm a prepper."

"What does that mean?"

"Someone who takes personal responsibility and self-reliance seriously. Someone who's prepared for the unexpected. I'm not fanatical about it. It isn't that I think the world's going to end."

After horrific tornadoes destroyed the town of Evans Point Wyoming, the community started to rebuild what had lost and began prepping. Grant Houston on the other hand had lost his child due to illness and also his wife for not coping with the death of their child. Being a prepper was his only hold to be always ready in times of tragic event and also hiding from his past and family.

Lili is a Princess who was always told what to do, what to wear, what to eat and what pleases others, abused by his fiancé, she can't take no more until she hitchhike for a lift with a driver who almost rape her and fell to the snow..

"You can't prepare for everything. You have what you need here, but you might walk out the door and get stuck by a falling tree. You can't know the future."

"

I love the story! the way they get along with each other and Grant teaching her how to cook pancakes and make coffee Ha:D and the bittersweet dark chocolate yum!..I did cry a tear or two on what happened to Grant and after their confrontation about hiding with the past and not living in the present..I really hate Lili's boyfriend, the bastard did beat Lili..it just makes you feel grrr...I love Grant's pet wolf Shadow, he did make alot of help with the H/h in the story.and the scene in the restaurant was highlight I think, and I wonder what happened to the mug hmmm:/ I want to fast forward the story and see what happens after 3 months. although the story was tied up too fast in the end, it won't let me give this book 4 stars cos' I did enjoyed it and I loved it:)

Love. If you love someone, you want to keep them safe, hold them tight, not let them die before you, but if they did, it didn't mean love was gone from your life forever.

Heather in FL says

I don't know how she does it. Ms. Elsborg comes up with these great tortured characters, but they're all tortured in completely different ways. And it's all plausible. And when things don't go right between them, it

literally makes my chest hurt.

Lili tried escaping from her abusive boyfriend by hitching a ride with a trucker. A trucker who turned out to be just as unsavory as what she was running from. After fighting off the trucker who expected "payment" for her ride, she's left in a snowstorm on the side of the road, half dressed because the trucker ripped off her coat and skirt.

About that time, Grant's "pet wolf" demands to be let out and makes a beeline for Lili. Grant realizes that Lili must be freezing and, while he considers leaving her for about half a second, he picks her up and takes her to his cabin. Grant is a "prepper", so he's prepared for just about anything in his cabin, except for a beautiful woman stranded in a snowstorm.

Things heat up between them pretty quickly. And then things kind of come crashing down when the police finally knock on Grant's door, looking for Lili.

Ultimately, everything worked out, and I loved how Grant stood up for Lili. And how Lili finally stood up for herself. Great story.

edzkie♥§*.*§♥ says

His expression was unreadable, and yet Lili knew, without the tiniest shadow of doubt, here was the prince she'd waited for all her life. She felt as though she'd had her eyes shut for a long time and suddenly they'd been opened. He was the man of her dreams, the man she'd always wanted, the one she'd given up on finding. They were in bed together, naked, and she had no idea what to do.

Yay!!!She did it again!!I ♥♥♥♥ Barbara Elsborg!

A short novella of princess Lili who tried to escape his abusive boyfriend. Hitch in a truck with a driver who tried to rape her. She escaped. Ended in the snow on the side of the road only her in undergarments. Save by a "pet"wolf and his owner, Grant. Grant is a prepper. So he's prepared for just about anything in his cabin, except for a beautiful woman stranded in a snowstorm.

“What’s the plan?” he asked, when she sat down.

“Now, this minute, today, this week, this year, in my life, after I’m dead?”

“How about in your life?” He figured that might be the easier option.

“Find my Prince Charming, go places, see things, make a home, have children, watch them grow, then die of old age as the sun sets, with the man I love holding me tight. And after I’m dead—nothing.”
He blinked.

“Too much?” she asked. “I just want to be happy.”

“Then all that comes before is finding a way to make that happen.”

“That’s the hard part. Too many obstacles. And I might die at sunrise, not sunset. I’ve always been awkward. And what if there is such a thing as reincarnation? What if I came back as a snake? I’d be so disappointed.”

He snorted. “And your perfect guy might be out playing golf.”

“My perfect man won’t play golf. Do you p...play golf?”

“No.”

“Oh.”

“Not in the snow.”

This is a sweet, fun, short story but not written in a rush. Maybe the whole romance happened only in a few days but the emotions was detailed express. I'm surprised when Grants job was revealed and how he stood up for Lili. Great story!:)

He'd been afraid to risk loving again, to risk losing what he loved. His stomach churned at the thought of how he might have missed this chance. His life had been endless winter, and Lili offered endless summer. He wanted to give her the world because she'd given it back to him.

Michelle says

LOVED this book! Barbara Elsborg can do no wrong in my book.

This was "short" for her, but still packed with the drama, romance and sense of humor that she always brings in her books.

Cocktails and Books says

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Reviewed by Carin for Cocktails and Books

Kathleen says

Lili is a princess whose whole life has been controlled by her parents and fiancé. Tired of being controlled and fearful of her abusive fiancé, Lili runs away by hitching a ride with a trucker. When the trucker tries to rape Lili as payment for her ride, Lili fights him off and is left stranded half dressed and with no money in a snowstorm on the side of the road.

Grant Houston is a reclusive author and prepper, who left his past life behind to live in a secluded cabin in the middle of the woods of Wyoming with a tame wolf named Shadow. Carrying emotional scars from his past, Grant is prepared for any traumatic event, except meeting a half-naked girl stranded on the side of a road in a snowstorm.

Grant rescues Lili and takes her back to his cabin. They are complete opposites, but have similarities as both suffer from emotional pasts. Lili is looking for her Prince Charming, while Grant is afraid to risk loving and losing someone again. As they get to know each other, they overcome obstacles that bring them together under the healing power of love.

The Princess And The Prepper is a short novella that provides the reader with a steamy modern day fairytale where the princess is rescued by her prince. Author Barbara Elsborg weaves a dramatic tale of love, loss and second chances. Written in the third person narrative, the author brings together two people with past emotional baggage, who seek comfort in each other's arms through the healing power of love. The storyline is full of emotional upheaval, drama, humor and steamy sex that draws the reader in as Lili and Grant's story unfolds. You can't help but feel for both Lili and Grant as you learn about their traumatic and emotional pasts, but their coming together makes up for it with some pretty sigh worthy steamy love scenes. From beginning to end, The Princess And The Prepper will engage the reader to cheer on Lili and Grant, hoping for a wonderful happy ending that will leave a smile on their face.

The Princess And The Prepper is a thoroughly enjoyable erotic romance novella that weaves a deeply satisfying emotional tale of love, loss, and second chances.

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 FMB Author Promotions.

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Susan says

Barbara pens "The Princess and the Prepper" an erotic contemporary romance that touches the darker side of romance filled with some hot sex scenes. A nice quick read with likable and relate-able characters that keep you turning the pages to find out how it ends. I totally enjoyed the book and would recommend it to anyone who loves the erotic contemporary romance genre.

This review is based on a complimentary copy from the author which was provided for an honest review.

Natalija says

This was my first book by Ms. Elsborg, and I would be willing to read more of her work in the future.

I was intrigued by the title and thought that it sounded like a modern-day fairy tale set in Wyoming. Oh boy, I wasn't wrong! While I enjoyed the book, I felt like it was a bit over the top. It's packed with unnecessary past/childhood drama and details that do nothing for the story but leave you with a heavy aftertaste. Sometimes less really is more. Other than that, definitely worth reading.

* "The Princess and The Prepper" is a part of Decadent Publishing's Prepper Romance line that features preppers, people "who have a plan for self-sufficiency and survival in case a minor or major disaster happens."

Carin says

The Princess and The Prepper is a new twist on the finding your prince charming. When Princess Lili finally gets up the nerve to escape her abusive fiance she jumps out of the frying pan into the fire, that is until she is rescued by Grant and his semi-tame wolf. Grant has isolated himself, he has had some personal tragedy and has hidden away from family, friends and life in his isolated cabin, he doesn't want the disruption that saving Lili will bring but he sure can't just let her die in the snow.

Ms. Elsborg is able with The Princess and The Prepper to take a novella length story and tell a rich and full tale of love, loss, abandonment and redemption. We are treated to likable and identifiable characters that don't fit your everyday romance tale.

The Princess and The Prepper gives us the sexual tension and hot sexy scenes we crave along with a bit of comic relief and even family healing all packed into a read in an afternoon length book.

I would love to see future stories in this same town along this same story line and would love to catch a glimpse of what happens with Lili and Grant's relationship down the road.

I received this book in exchange for my honest review.

Trader (RedHotBlueReads) says

This novella is a sweet little story of a rich girl with a nasty boyfriend who throws herself at the mercy of the elements just to get away and she is saved by a friendly wolf and an emotionally damaged recluse. Sparks fly... you know the story.

This is a quick read that gets you caring about the characters right from the start and keeps you interested until the final pages. The four star rating is based on the length of the story and the quick manner in which the story got me engaged. I really liked Lili and Grant and found myself cheering them on as the story progressed. The final conflict in the diner is just so much fun and sweet for both the main characters.

This is a good selection for when you want an afternoon read that is sweet and light just to enjoy.

Meryl says

3.5 stars

Short and ~~sweet~~ steamy.

Maria says

I received a complimentary copy of this book as a part of a book tour in exchange for a fair and honest review.

A modern day fairytale, *The Princess and the Prepper* by Barbara Elsborg deals with a runaway princess who's looking for Prince Charming in the frozen wilderness of Wyoming. With likable characters, good dialogue and just the right amount of sexual heat, Ms. Elsborg's tale grabbed my attention from the first page and never let go. While a part of the "Prepper Romance" series, this can easily be read as a standalone book.

Running away from the life she's being forced to live, Princess Liliane "Lili" Johanna Charlotte Helene zu Saxe-Melckenburghausen finds herself almost naked in the middle of nowhere Wyoming. Knowing she'll die if she doesn't reach shelter, Lili is relieved to be rescued by a man and his wolf. Staying in a rustic cabin without servants isn't what she's used to, but it's the only place she discovers she wants to be.. Especially with the man who rescued her.

Successful author Grant Thomas Houston lives in a cabin in Wyoming for a reason - he wants to be alone. Having spent the last couple of years alone, Grant is a "Prepper", someone who knows what he needs to survive in the woods without being dependent on others. He never expected to rescue a woman while out walking in the forest with a wolf he's adopted as his own. Being attracted to her is out of his control, wanting her to stay is an unexpected surprise.

Full of subdued passion and physical attraction, the scenes between Lili and Grant are full of verbal give and take. Hiding who and what she is, Lili is finally free to act like a what she is - a woman who needs to be loved, while Grant slowly begins to let her into his heart. Ms. Elsborg does a good job developing the characters, they slowly reveal themselves and some of their issues to each other and to the reader as well. I was able to connect with Lili and her problems. I was also able to understand why Grant has hidden from the world for so long.

Will Lili and Grant be able to save her from the villain when he finally shows up? And will they have a chance to have a happy ever after? You'll have to read *The Princess and the Prepper* to find out. I enjoyed this rapidly paced romance and I think you will too.
