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## **Hidden Obsession Details**

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## **From Reader Review Hidden Obsession for online ebook**

### **Jeannie says**

To be honest, I was expecting this read to be better. The blurb sounded intriguing with a stalker and a detective but it just fell flat at the end. I was not impressed and I couldn't understand the end of the story and it's one of the rare times.

The story did start off promising to be a good read with Raven trying to start afresh in a new city, hoping to shake off her stalker. Just when she is getting settled down, her stalker returned and she found herself with a good looking detective Conrad taking charge of her case. Raven finds herself turning to Conrad at each encounter she had with her stalker and as much as she tries to suppress, feelings for Conrad developed. Besides being good looking, Raven felt a calm when she is with Conrad and that was something she hasn't felt in a long while; not since the stalker appeared. However, she was shocked at her discoveries and fled...

I had quite a few questions about Raven's history which wasn't revealed and while I didn't figure out the identity of the stalker till the end, I couldn't help but shout WHY HIM? I just couldn't connect and neither could I understand why. The ending was totally abrupt and didn't do any justice to the story which already fell flat at the discovery of the stalker, and the resolve doesn't justify the psychological and physical trauma that Raven went through. I gave it 3 stars because I felt the rest of the story was pretty good.

I was gifted a copy of this book by Indiesage PR in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Stephannie Tolitsky- Swoon Worthy Books /Enticing Journey Boo says**

Hidden Obsession

By: Missy Johnson

4.5 Stars

Reviewed By: Stephannie

Raven James has a stalker. She moves to get away from him because she is tired of his attention for the past two years. Raven wants a fresh start and hopes she can find it in Karin, Texas. to start a new life.

Raven's stalker not only found her but now what he does is just disturbing and makes Raven scared of what he will do next. Conrad an detective who is very attractive and Raven can't take her eyes off him. Conrad has an "idea" to draw out her stalker but will she do it and will she enjoy it? Conrad takes this case personally and the heat between these two is blurring that line, will they cross it? Who is this stalker with an hidden obsession for Raven James?

Missy Johnson has an overactive dark and twist mind, this is why I love her books. They are a breath of fresh air and so different from anything else I have ever read. This one has me shocked because at the end of this novella I don't know what is the right decision is for Raven. I am surprised by my thoughts on the characters or the major cliffhanger leaving me with my jaw wide open and saying oh wow! Can't wait to see what's going to happen next!

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## **Andrea says**

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. 3.5 stars I have to say I enjoyed reading this book, it was well written and I liked both characters Raven (love that name for a character too) & Conrad. Raven has a stalker that she is trying to escape and Conrad is the detective trying to help her. Their chemistry is apparent right away. I was intrigued at how their relationship was unfolding. It was a novella so it was short, a little too short, when she finally explains things it was rushed and lacking in anything tangible I could get my head around to agree with Ravens choices or understand why? There maybe some spoilers at least indirectly. I don't want to say too much to chance revealing the story for those who want to read it however, I figured the story out before it really got underway, too many little clues or should I say red flags that revealed the obvious. Which I thought toward the end was ok and done on purpose because the end revealed a different direction to the story but I was left with not enough explanation. Good read and thank-you for the copy, honestly I just wish there was more to the story as to why because everything else was there...

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## **Jessica Adkins-Charles {Bottles & Books Reviews} says**

Raven James left her home and moved away in order to escape a stalker. After leaving her alone for awhile, he escalates from flowers and break-ins to more extreme measures.

When a detective is called to Raven's apartment after her stalker's most recent act, Raven finds herself attracted to the young, handsome Liam Hemsworth look alike. As a client at Karim, the club that Raven works at, Conrad and Raven find themselves running in to one another more often and the attraction between the two soon heats up.

Can Raven trust Conrad to help her catch her stalker or in the end will Raven's stalker catch her?

Hidden Obsession is novella length (under 100 pages) and a quick read jammed pack with steamy scenes, angst, and sexual tension between the two main characters.

I liked the fact that the book wasn't exactly what I expected and in fact went in a total opposite direction. Missy Johnson is an author who captives her audience and leaves them wanting more and has once again left her readers on the edge of their seats needing to know what happens with Raven and Conrad next. As a talented author, Missy Johnson showcases her talent in each book and draws readers into her brilliant mind.

The only problems I had with the story is that we don't learn very much about the characters themselves, even though they come across as very likeable. Raven's character also didn't have a very specific description and was left to the reader's imagination. Secondly, the ending was somewhat abrupt and left me arguing with

myself over how I truly felt about it. With a novella the ending didn't leave for much closure and would be much better explored in a full length novel.

With that being said I give Hidden Obsession 3 1/2 STARS. I look forward to more from Missy Johnson and from this multi-author series.

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## Jennifer says

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**~ 4 Stalker Stars ~**

Hidden Obsession is the second book in The Club series and is written by Missy Johnson. Even though this book is part of a series from different authors, it can be read as a standalone. The characters and storyline are completely different from Book 1...Just One Sip.

This is a novella, so it is a very quick read. It can be read under 2 hours. With that said, this novella really packed a punch....It had a little bit of everything in it. We got romance, sex, mystery and suspense. I will say that I was able to figure out who the stalker was before the author revealed it in the story, but that didn't take away my enjoyment of the story. My only real complaint was that I would've liked a little more from the ending. I thought it was rather abrupt. I know that it is a novella and those are normally on the short side, but I still think we could've gotten just a little more. I felt that Raven forgave way to quickly.

One thing I truly enjoy about a novella/short story is that the author wastes no time with filler and extra information we don't need. Missy dove straight into the story from the first page to the last.

I found that the characters were both very likable. Even though we don't learn a lot about the characters, I never felt like I couldn't connect with them.

So if you are looking for a quick, sexy read with a little bit of that mystery element, then this is the book for you. If you are a Missy Johnson fan, then you don't want to miss this book. If you aren't a fan of novellas, then this book isn't for you.

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## Arabella ~?AB?~ says

★★ 2 Stars ★★

Raven has recently moved to Texas away from her remaining family, her parents died and she only had her aunt and cousins so fleeing from her stalker was a no brainer.

Unfortunately her stalker has made an appearance at her new abode and thus she calls the police to report a break in and some dubious stains on her bed.

Conrad the cop helps Raven and they have a lot of chemistry, he makes her realise that she can move on from her fear and feel sexual without worrying about being watched.

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This was a short story, so character development and back story was basically nil. The chapters ended abruptly and some of it felt stilted, but it wasn't terrible and it mainly flowed other than that.

It was very predictable, but I could not get over (view spoiler)

Overall, I thought it was a bit creepy. Read at your own risk!

*Review copy gratefully received from the author in exchange for an honest review*

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## **Happily Ever Chapter says**

HIDDEN OBSESSION (The Club, # 2)

by Missy Johnson

February 10, 2015

68 pages, approximately

Romance:

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-- SYNOPSIS --

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-- MY THOUGHTS --

This is a multi-author series.

Novella, under 100 pages. First-person POV.

This is the first piece that I've read by Missy Johnson and although I'd really hoped to love it, it left me somewhat disappointed. Conrad is an undercover cop, described to look like Liam Hemsworth and has a sudden desire to be part of the club scene. Raven's only described as being somewhat unfit, having long dark hair, and working as part of the security team in a kink club. Both characters have their perks and flaws. The chemistry between them is good, the dialogue and interaction is mostly believable and can be quite enjoyable. The plot is a bit stilted and flow, in places, comes off sort of stiff but for the most part, it's smooth. There are a few words here and there that'll remind you that the author is not American (which I have no problems with), such as footpath in place of sidewalk. My biggest issue with releasing such short novellas is the lack of dimension and dynamics in the plot and characters. Ms. Johnson manages to give the illusion of a longer story by creating a simple yet strong two-year history that is easily able to be relayed within a few paragraphs. Surprisingly, I figured out the identity of the stalker almost immediately, which is rather unfortunate. The conflict is resolved in a rather abrupt manner, concluding the book in a way that I would have to protest. That said, it is wrapped up with no loose ends. I'm really on the fence about this one's recommendability. The predictability of the stalker and the resolve really were a turn-off, but the rest of the story was pretty good.

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Heat Level: 4.5

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Score: 2.4

Stars: 2  
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(I will try to word it in a way that will not give the whole book away)

After careful reconsideration, I had to detract further points from this book because after a week, I still

cannot get past the fact that her stalker GUTTED her CAT in a fit of jealous rage and she's no longer concerned with it? She acknowledged that her stalker could be escalating into the "psychotic" range and she still accepts him and is willing to give him a chance? He begs for a chance to explain, but yet nothing is ever really, truly, fully explained! Does she think so little of herself that she is willing to put herself in this animal-abusing, obsessive, possessive, controlling creep's hands? I have no sympathy for stupid and "Raven" was just plain stupid there. Cannot endorse that type of psychotic behavior or complacent attitude towards it.

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**~Melissa~ says**

this was ridiculous - smh at the end - really?!?

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**Michelle ♥ The Romance Vault ♥ says**

The first thing I found with this book is that it was over with before it really started. Well it felt that way to me. This is a very quick read indeed.

Secondly it wasn't until I was chatting to Rob about Hidden Obsession this morning that he reminded me of what happened to an animal.... Now that threw me – completely and utterly – and made me do a partial about turn because of the ending.

I can't deny the chemistry between Conrad and Raven. But I do have issues regarding the ending. This book really did need to be explored more and consequences argued and indeed justified for the outcome that happens. If like me you get lost in the 'them' and forget the past information of what her stalker does then you'll love it. But if you have a trusty co-reviewer or buddy that can remind you of actually what had gone on before then, you're going to struggle with the outcome because then it doesn't feel right.

I cannot fault Missy's writing in this, it's just the story now and the crux of it is how could she do what she does at the end knowing what had happened before. (Being so elusive here so not giving anything away.) This would be a great discussion read book, because I can see it really being dissected to bits because of 'cause of effect' and then the outcome.

Bravo Missy, Jesus woman you certainly know how to evoke a lot of feelings from me, I'm still four starring this as I'm getting past what my head is arguing with and just going with the enjoyment and hotness of it all. Because I can't fault that at all. ?

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**booklover4life says**

\*\*\*I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review!\*\*\*

Rating: 2.5 Stars

This is a novella about a woman who is being stalked. The synopsis made it sound incredibly appealing; unfortunately, I was not very impressed. I didn't initially realize this was a novella, but even still, the ending was rather abrupt. The characters weren't extremely well-developed, and the story left me wanting more. I



knew who the stalker was almost right from the beginning, but I had hopes that I would be proven wrong so that there was still an element of surprise. I didn't really care for either character based on the ending.

I did think that the author did a great job of incorporating some sexy scenes, and the stalker portion of the story line was conveyed very well. I would be incredibly leery of men after experiencing some of the things the heroine went through. The stalker's outlandish behavior increased at a great pace, which did keep the story moving.

Overall, though, I would not be able to recommend this book. I think that had the story been a bit longer it would have added to my overall rating.

Pro's-sexy elements with some steamy scenes; a quick read; believable stalker behavior; pacing of some story elements done very well

Con's-predictable and abrupt ending; certain elements of story unbelievable, especially the ending; needed more character development

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## **Katie says**

### **I was given a copy for my honest review**

For a short story, it wasn't bad. The book dived straight into the story, did the job it was supposed to do, with no words wasted on non-essential bits. The characters were likeable and the story-line interesting enough.

I thought the story was predictable, which for me was a little disappointing. I guessed what would happen not far into reading the book. It didn't completely ruin my read but that being said, I would have loved to have been wrong and surprised with a plot twist I wasn't expecting.

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## **Marina (Living In Our Own Story) says**

I really like Missy Johnson's books so I was really excited to read this new story written by her :) When I first read the synopsis for this book I was quite intrigued and I have to say I definitely wasn't disappointed though I was surprised by few unexpected turns in the story. Both characters were really interesting and I enjoyed getting to know them though I would of loved it if the story was longer and I was given the chance to spend some more time with Conrad and Raven :)

Raven is a little bit closed off and kind of scared of the outside world but considering what she went through during the last two years of her life, that's quite understandable. I really loved seeing her open up and flourish under Conrad's attention and protection. I enjoyed seeing her tap into her inner desires, things even she herself didn't know she craved. In Conrad she definitely found her other half :)

Conrad was also quite an interesting character. I loved getting to know him and I so crave another dose of him. It was definitely interesting to see his tender side in the way he was taking care of Raven, his

protectiveness when she needs it the most, and let's not forget his prowess in the bed department (and not only ;) ).

As I whole, I think the story is quite interesting and I definitely recommend it if you are looking for a short read :) I have to say that I did have an idea that everything will turn out as it did but there was still the element of surprise to some extent. I just wish the story was longer. I would of loved to know a little bit more about Conrad's background and what drove him to the decisions he made and it would've been great to read about Raven and Conrad's relationship in more depth :) They were definitely quite interesting characters :)

This review was originally posted at Living In Our Own Story Book Blog. I received an ARC of the book in exchange of an honest review.

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### **Rob says**

I actually think the author lost her way in this book, particularly with the ending.

He'd terrorised her for 2 years, broken in, stalked her, killed her cat in the most brutal of ways, followed her to a new city, terrorised her, stalked her, broken in, spunked on her bed, made her flee her home again, encouraged her to fuck in public through deviant means....but it's ok cos he had a magic penis that made her fall in love with him and forget everything!

I cannot fault the writing ability of Ms Johnson. She can tell a tale even in a short book but my rate is 3.5 rounded up to a 4 because I don't think the ending was thought through. The author describes the stalker as a madman and it just seems implausible that after a couple of orgasms Raven is all swoony, forgetting the worry and trauma she'd been through. Must have been out of this world orgasms lol.

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### **Nicola Mann says**

Quite a predictable book as I knew early on it was Conrad!

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### **Krista says**

Hidden Obsession is a short quick read. There isn't much back story or secondary characters; we just jump into the heart of the story.

We learn that Raven moved from away from her family in California to get away from a stalker. For a while it seems that she lost him, but one night, returning from work, she notices her apartment has been broken into. She calls the police to report the problem and in walks hot Detective Conrad.

Not only is he sexy but he vows that they will capture this criminal. The problem is she doesn't know who her stalker is or what he wants.

As Conrad helps her they start to form a relationship of sorts. The chemistry between these two is incredibly hot and undeniable. Conrad brings her out of her shell and has her doing things that would normally be out of

her comfort zone.

Slowly pieces start to click together and Raven figures out who her stalker is...

Who's the stalker? Will they finally get him? What will happen between Conrad and Raven?

To find out you'll need to read.

This story flowed pretty well as you started to think about who and what the stalker wants. I enjoyed the hotness that poured off the pages. I was, however, very much thrown for a loop on the ending. I wasn't a huge fan, otherwise the story was good.

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