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Everything changed the moment he found her...

Cal Remus is in love.

But the object of his affection barely acknowledges his existence. Worse: She acts like he's the dirt sticking to the bottom of her shoe. Weaker men might give up. But not Cal. Hell no, he loves a good challenge and Ariana Skyee has made this the most intriguing challenge of all.

Having read his father's confidential military files, Cal should be concerned about the seemingly fragile new world order on Planet Novo and the events back on Earth. But he's distracted.

Securing Arianas love is his number one priority.

He's going to win her heart, or die trying.

Special note from the author:

This short story is narrated solely from Cal Remus' point of view, and it depicts the events leading up to the introduction of 'The Calling.' That is; the events that pre-date True Calling, Book 1 in the series. This can be read as a stand-alone story. However, if you are planning on reading the True Calling series, I recommend that you read the titles in the following sequence:

True Calling – Book 1

Lovestruck – Short Story

Beyond Reach – Book 2

Light of a Thousand Stars – Novella

Destiny Rising – Book 3.

Lovestruck Details

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From Reader Review Lovestruck for online ebook

K.M. Montemayor says

I like alpha males, but Cal was kind of asshole in this. Thankfully, Ben set him straight.

4 stars for Ben

2 stars for Cal

3 stars overall

For a more in-depth analysis, [click here](#)

Dianne says

When it comes to romance and wanting a certain someone so badly, it hurts, there is nothing like hearing the guy's POV to just melt your heart, put a lump in your throat and let out a huge sigh, just before you melt into a squishy pile of goo.

Cal saw Ariana and he was a goner, too bad she doesn't appear to feel the same way. With life on Novo unstable at best and life on Earth precarious, maybe he should be preparing for the fight of his life, but tell that to Cal's heart and his alpha need to never fail at whatever goal he has set. Can he win Ariana's heart? Will she see the man he is or will he feel the pain of a shattered heart when he needs to be the strongest and most focused ever? Is he so consumed with her that he becomes a stalker to fear or will his dogged determination break through her stony resolve and prickly feelings for him? A match made in the heavens or a little hell right in your own backyard?

Siobhan Davis' *Lovestruck* is short, but sweet, filled with heart, tension and the ever popular boy meets girl, boy falls for girl and girl pretty much finds him despicable on so many levels. Or does she? Who would think Cal would bare his soul so completely? Although short, this is the perfect little tale from Siobhan Davis to give us a peek into all that is Cal. Of course, I would have liked more, but really, guys aren't that feely about things, so we got quite a treat here!

Once again, Ms. Davis nails each scene while sharing more about the lives and circumstances that put this group where they are today! Really, you have to love when an author takes the hero down to his deepest thoughts and emotions and Ms. Davis does it so well!

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Series: True Calling - Book 1.5

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Genre: YA Scifi

Print Length: 43 pages

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Reviewed for: <http://tometender.blogspot.com>

Siobhan says

I found it extremely difficult to decide upon a rating for Lovestruck. Anyone who follows my reviews will know I'm a big fan of Siobhan Davis, and it pains me to give this story a low rating. At first a part of me was willing to give a two-star rating instead of the one-star rating I gave, but in the end I couldn't quite do so.

Throughout True Calling, I found myself slowly warming towards Cal. I wasn't crazy about his character, I wasn't as crazy about any of the characters as I have been with other Siobhan Davis characters, but of the two love interests we were introduced to, Cal was my preference.

With Lovestruck, I found myself disliking Cal. He went from being a character I was interested in, the love interest I was hoping would be end game, to a character I found creepy and stalker-like. A part of me fears it's because of the time when this story was written – it's been a few years since this story came out, and people were still caught up on the creepy Twilight feel back then – and I could feel the creepy Edward Cullen vibes reaching out to be me.

I'll still be reading the second True Calling book, but I'm going to pretend Lovestruck didn't happen.

Jessica (Goldenfurpro) says

This was a really short ebook and I breezed through it very quickly. I admit that I did want to get a look into Cal's mind, mostly during the events of Beyond Reach. I kind of liked Cal in the series, though I'm more on Team Zane. This book only pushed me more on Team Zane. Cal is a bit stalkerish and really obsessed with Ari. Keep in mind that this book takes place before The Calling. Though I thought he was a wee bit obsessed, I did like getting this look into Cal's mind and seeing how he felt about Ari. It actually makes how Cal feels for Ari more real.

That being said, this novella isn't necessary to the series, but it's a great look on Cal's character. It's an easy read though and I recommend it to fans of the series.

These Violent Delights (Robin) says

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

Review will be posted July 20th!

Hint: I liked and thought it added quite a bit to the True Calling series!

Karla says

Loved reading from Cal's prospective. It was short, sweet and to the point.

Team Cal

insert love hearts

Danielle says

This is a good novella for fans of the True Calling series. It is Cal's perspective and gives more background into his friendship with Ben, his family dynamics and shows how completely head over heels in love Cal is with Arianna.

I loved getting to see Cal's friendship with Ben. It makes me like Ben's character even more. It was very illuminating to see more of Cal's family dynamic. You understand more deeply how close he is with his sister Melandra (Mel) and why. You also see the true depths of how despicable his father is. I won't spoil it but, it's truly despicable!!

It was funny at times to hear Cal just be so completely devastated by his love for Arianna, and her complete obliviousness to it. His voice is very funny and easy to read. Like a few other readers have stated, Cal's obsession did border on creepy at times. At least however, the author gives him the realization that his behavior is creepy, and by the end of the novella he's moved from just watching her, to actually trying to interact with her. I think this is what saved it from being too creepy.

When reading this series, I have to remind myself to get in the mindset of a teenager again. I think a lot of authors who write YA actually make their characters maturity level closer to college age. Siobhan actually gives her characters the maturity level typical of their age. So, when I'm thinking in my head, "Woah, Cal, she's just a girl, slow down, you're a bit obsessive." I remember the friends I had that were totally obsessed with their crushes. The hormones are going crazy at this age and teenagers aren't that rational all the time.

I also have a theory that it's possible that they have already been tampering with the teens who will participate in The Calling. I think these obsessive thoughts could partially be due to tampering done to Cal already. I know from later books in the series that they do tamper with the participants of The Calling, and I think it's possible that it's already occurred.

Myndi says

I wish it had been longer. That's my only criticism, I wish we'd gotten a little bit more into the beginning of True Calling and Cal's side of things as that was going on. That being said, I did enjoy getting to see how he was feeling prior to what we've read in True Calling. It was very insightful and makes me trust Cal a bit more, because to be honest, I was rather back and forth with him throughout the entirety of book one. I'm very excited to move on to book two now.

Lillian says

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of this review.

Initial Reaction:

Ummm...yeah so *Lovestruck* by Siobhan Davis is a quick, short story (like only 30-40 pages) told from Cal's point of view and set just before the Calling in book one.

****Note: If you have not read book one True Calling, read this review at your own risk as there will be minor spoilers.***

****Another Note ;) Since this is a SHORT story, my review will also be short.***

So you know how I keep saying something is off with Cal? That I just don't fully trust him? Well...I was right. Something is off and you MUST read this short to get the full of it!

Cal is tired of going from one girl to the next and then he sets his sight on Ariana Skyee, a fellow cadet at the training academy, yet she doesn't see him. And when she does she ignores him or insults him. As a result he becomes a tiny bit obsessed....

I'm hiding carefully in the shadows at the edge of Ariana's house, secretly watching her. I come here most nights, though she has no idea that I do.

So yeah...can we say stalker?!

What I really liked about this story is that we do get to see inside Cal's head. It's nice to get other POV in a story, it gives the characters more character ;) Also can I just say I love Ben, Cal's BFF?! He's awesome and definitely a moral compass for our Cal.

Overall if you enjoy the True Calling series, than this short is a must. It gives you a little insight into Cal and his odd behavior, specifically going into Beyond Reach. I really enjoyed getting into Cal's head and wish it could've been a little longer. Can't wait for more from this series!

meghann says

Ooh this one got me good. I was starting to doubt Cal his loyalties after finishing True Calling. But then I read this, and now I don't know what to think. Whose side is he on?!? I can't wait to read the next book and find out!

Thanks to the author for sending me a copy of this book. This did not affect my opinions.

Katiria says

I received this book by the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank You To Siobhan Davis

Lovestruck is a short novelle in the pov of Cal Remus before the events that happen in True Calling. I tell you I know that some readers probably don't like Cal when they first read about him in True Calling. But I absolutely loved him from the very beginning and now after reading Lovestruck I have fallen more in love with Cal. I will even dare say I love him more than Zane. I know I know Zane was Ari first love and that he never gave up loving Ari. But Cal was totally in love with Ari and he knew she was the one for him when he first lays eyes on her. That Cal never gave up on that love even though Ariana thought that he was an arrogant jerk of a player. That at first she did not give him any attention when he tried to charm her too get to know her more better. But Cal was not giving up on Ariana and he especially loved a good challenge from such an intriguing girl like Ariana that his charms have no affect on her. Cal never gave up on Ariana he was going to win her heart or die trying! All and all I really loved and enjoyed Lovestruck that I can't wait to read Beyond Reach next! Until Next Time My Friends!

Holly says

First posted at Words Fueled by Love.

Some novellas I really enjoy, but for the most part, I'm not a fan of them. I generally feel that they shouldn't cost anything given the short nature of them. Occasionally though, there are the rare ones that do add more depth to the story. That's how I felt after reading *Light of a Thousand Stars*, *True Calling* #2.5. I felt like the backstory love affair between Ari and Zane was a crucial part to understanding the pain Zane feels towards Ari's indifference and skepticism of him in book one.

This book, *Lovestruck*, is not a novella. It is considered a short story and it's told from the POV of Cal. I often thought Cal seemed awfully stalkerish in *True Calling*, and this short story cemented my feelings of that even further. Since I'm not really a fan of Ari and Cal together....I couldn't rate this higher than I did. It was okay. No major dislikes about the book itself. But I didn't feel like I gained anything significant after reading it. No major insights to who Cal is other than his infatuation with Ariana from the moment he first saw her and the fact that he actually has a deepness to him that we don't get to see much of.

Favorite Quotes:

...the main commitment I've stuck resolutely to, is to always be the person I am, and to not compromise on that for anyone, ever.

I choose to call it ... meaningful; this quest of mine - the search for dependability, unwavering love, complete trust, and commitment.

Winning Ariana's trust is not going to be straightforward, or for the faint-of-heart. But I've never wanted anything, or anyone, as much as I want her. So I make a solemn vow to myself: I won't give up, no matter what it takes - not until I have won her heart, or died trying.

Language Rating: 1 (light)

Mature Content Rating: 0 (none)

Final Rating: 3.5 stars

A Leisure Moment says

Cal—yeah, he doesn't need much of an introduction. After finishing the trilogy, I was obsessed with Cal. Since I know how his and Ariana's love story ends, it actually made this story better. Reading it between books one and two or two and three would make it more stressful—but maybe in a good way, right?

Fly away with Cal for a few moments and see Ariana through his eyes before he held her heart. To read the rest of the review, simply follow the link: <http://www.aleisuremoment.com/2015/11...>

True Calling
Beyond Reach
Destiny Rising

Arceli says

You can see this review at my blog at www.soaringuphigh.com

This short story is beyond sweet and adorable. I fell for Cal harder than ever. I was even skeptic of Cal in the beginning when he says that he has been in love with Ariana, but boy, this boy is not in love but heads over heels.

Cal is securing more and more book boyfriend points. He is just so sweet and cares for Ariana. I really want my own Cal. I also love that he is strong and we get to see some of his internal struggles. However, my favorite thing about Cal is that he is looking for the "forever girl." He claims to be the horny 17 year old but I don't see him as that. He only has eyes for one girl and that girl is his.

Very nice short story Davis. Cal has won my good graces after book one and I will be rooting for him in Beyond Reach. See my review for True Calling and hear me rave about Cal.

Laura Greenwood says

<http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

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Author: Siobhan Davis
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Links: Goodreads - Amazon

Cal Remus could have any girl that he wanted. Except that he has his sights on the one girl that can't seem to

stand him; Ariana Skyee. But if Cal is one thing, he is determined, and if his normal charm offense won't work on her, then he will find another way, even if his best friend Ben despairs of him. Set in the events running up to the Calling, it gives Cal's view of Ariana and Novo.

Lovestruck is only short, but I do think that it gives an interesting insight into Cal and his feelings for Ariana. From True Calling (which I do think should be read first) I don't think it was clear quite how long those feelings ha been going on and this just opened my eyes to it (doesn't hurt that I loved the Cal-Ariana pairing).

It was also interesting getting a true account of what went on in the Remus household. Things came across as bad when he told Ariana in True Calling, but actually I think reading about it in Lovestruck made Cal seem like such a stronger person. It also explained a little bit why he was the way he was.

The other thing that really stood out for me was the depth of his friendship with Ben. It was already clear they were good friends, and on earth they had their foundation for helping teens come to terms with their sexuality, so they were clearly close, but this really drove it home.

It was interesting to get Cal's perspective, even on such a small part of his and Ariana's relationship!
