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New York Times *bestselling author* *Lori Foster* knows what to do with the right man at the right time...

Some Like It Hot

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Give it Up Details

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From Reader Review Give it Up for online ebook

Jonel Boyko says

Foster had me in stitches more than once with this one! With three bite sized doses of HEA that aren't too predictable it was a fantastic way to spend an afternoon. Her approachable writing style doesn't simply make me feel like I'm reading about real people, but that I'm getting to know them and becoming part of their lives for a short while. She really brings the pages to life. I really liked how the three novellas in this anthology meshed together, but also stood well on their own. Each story is short, sweet, and intensely hot, and together they tell the story of three incredible individuals in a captivating manner.

Give It Up? I'd gladly give up another afternoon to read this one again!

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Reading In Pajamas says

Review: Give it Up by Lori Foster <http://wp.me/p3d0RZ-3no>

Publication Date: November 24, 2015

Reviewed by: Reading in Pajamas/ Donna

Rated: 3.5 Stars

Three novellas about two brothers and a friend close enough to be a brother. They are fun light romances and I love how the three men banter and tease each other. Their relationship is just fun. I like the women they fall for also and the steamy romancing. My only complaint is that the relationships go from zero to marriage far too fast in the storyline. It just didn't ring true enough for me to embrace on the first two stories but the last one seemed to flow in such a way that I could believe it. They were all around sweet stories.

**Review copy provided by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.*

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Wendy's Thoughts says

3 Hot, Spark Flashing Stars * * *

Lori Foster makes things happen... with a look, a glance or a touch of a hand...Snap and people are wanting to know so much more about each other then just their names.

This book contains 3 novellas, three shorties which give lots of quick lusty times. The stories have been published in other anthologies, but now together they make new sense as they are connected by being brothers and friends.

These reads are for the times when a little ramp up can go a long way.

A gifted copy was provided by Kensington Books via NetGalley for an honest review.

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Tina "IRead2Escape" says

Hotness Rating 3 out of 5

Give it Up is a book of 3 short stories.

Review to come...

Catherine Bibby (Rochelle's Reviews) says

I received a copy via Net Galley in exchange for an honest review

Lori Foster once again brings us sensual, gorgeous, gallant men in this triple dose of short romance stories that will have your heart going pitter-patter. In fact, three of Lori Foster's leading men and the headstrong and sexy women that they fall for, might just be more than what the heart can take. She brings us Booker Dean, his brother Axel Dean, and Cary Rupert to woo, seduce, and captivate us.

He Sees You When You Are Sleeping

Booker Dean has himself stuck in a pickle this holiday season and is not sure how to find the solution. He is deeply attracted to and possibly in love with his good friend and next door neighbor Frances Kennedy. His only problems are: a current girlfriend that is keeping him from approaching Frannie with his intentions, and

his doubt at what her feelings might be. If only he could let go of his past with Frannie and take hold of his future with her. I love that there were moments of hilarity, more than cookies baking in the kitchen, and plenty of unwrapping done under the tree. Booker and Frannie gave me plenty of laughter, heat, and a festive mood.

Some Like It Hot

During a heat wave, Cary Rupert finds that the sun isn't the only thing keeping him hot and even bothered. Nora Chilton, an employee of his best friend Axel, has him wanting to do more than chill with a beer after a long hot day at work. Nora has gotten under his skin for the past year and he wants her to know just how deep his feelings go. Nora is young, sexually inexperienced, and widowed. The last thing she wants is a smooth talker and a one night stand. Or is that really what he is after? Nora's sexy innocence and Cary's need meet in an explosion hotter than the temperature around them. It was entertaining and hot to watch Cary chase after Nora with sexy intentions that are beyond Nora's wild dreams.

Playing Doctor

After being teased with Axel during *He Sees You When Are Sleeping* and *Some Like it Hot*, I was ready to sample a taste of Axel Dean and Libby Preston while enjoying every last tasty morsel. Axel, the hedonistic gynecologist has always over indulged in women and loves playing the field. Until he spots Libby at a business dinner party and decides to focus all of his desires and attention on her. Axel and Libby are my favorite out this compilation of sexy stories. Libby is sassy, independent, and driven to finish school. When a chance encounter leaves Libby shattered and vulnerable, Axel tries to resist, and sparks and funny moments follow. Axel Dean will have viewing a visit to the gynecologist in a completely new light.

Lori Foster knows how to deliver plenty of heat, humor, and heart even in smaller triple doses. I highly recommend for short, entertaining romance that will have falling in love over and over again.

Sharon Tyler says

Give it Up by Lori Foster is a collection of three novellas about good friends finding the loves of their lives. *He Sees You When You're Sleeping* is the story of Booker Dean. What he wants for Christmas isn't under the tree, it's right next door. Frances Kennedy is everything Booker desires, and the gift he has planned for her involves a lot of delicious unwrapping. *Some Like It Hot* is about family practitioner Cary Rupert. He wants Nora Chilton so badly he can barely keep a hold of his stethoscope. Now he's out to prove that when it comes to loving her forever, he's just what the doctor ordered. *Playing Doctor* is about Dr. Axel Dean, who likes his women with sensual moxie, not virginal innocence. But when Libby Preston won't take no for an answer, Axel is more than willing to administer the cure.

Give it Up is good fun. All of the characters, from Booker to Libby are more than flat characters. Even in the short space we have with them, we see some history and hurt in the heroines, and the battles all the players have both with themselves and with each other. Since they are novellas, there is not a lot of time for drawn out crises or development. However, I felt that each story still has a solid arch and character development and present history to make the relationships develop quickly, but not completely unrealistically so. It is a well done collection.

Give it Up is a nice collection of quick, hot, and satisfying romances. Despite the shortness, and necessary fast pace, the characters are well developed and there is a good blend of heat and humor. A wonderful weekend read.

Stacey is Sassy says

*My review for Give It Up (Dean Brothers & Friend #1-3) is made up of three very short reviews. **These three novellas have been released previously in seperate anthologies, but this is the first time they have been bundled together.** Booker and Dean are brothers and Cary is their best friend*

He Sees You When You're Sleeping.

0 to Love in 24 hours.

That probably sounds a wee bit insta love, but I loved it. *He Sees You When You're Sleeping* is the story of Booker and Frances. Next door neighbours and buds who hang is not all that Booker wants from Frannie. The challenge is to make her believe they were meant to be together, and, if his dreams come true, forever. A few obstacles need to be removed before this couple can take it from cookie making to bed shaking. I found this a very cute and quick read. Onwards...

Some Like It Hot.

0 to baby talk in 24 hours.

The smooth talking Dr Cary and the studious and sweet Nora, come together in *Some Like It Hot*. Cary has had the hots for Nora from the very beginning. She is the nurse at his best mate Axel's, Gyn/OB office. He's asked her out numerous times but keeps getting knocked back. He finally overhears a conversation which sheds some light on her hesitations. Another fast paced rocket to love with these two, and only a few little bumps to smooth out. Onwards...

Playing Doctor.

0 to zippers down in 24 hours.

To be honest I was dreading Playing Doctor when I started it. Axel was such a manwhore that I thought it would be hard to see him having a realistic HEA. Then we meet Libby and some of the doubts disappear. She's young...like really young compared to Doctor Hot'n'Stuff. Their issues to overcome are based around Axel's belief that he'll never want to be a one woman man and Libby's strong minded independence. Playing Doctor ended up being a pretty sweet story with Axel taking care of Libby when she gets sick. This one was a little slower to get to the "love" but as it was longer than the first two, there was a little more time to get to that stage.

I enjoyed all three short stories even though I wished they were longer. Lots of insta-lusty, love, love and wedding bells are chiming, but for short stories like these, you have to leave reality at the door in some respects. There were sexy times aplenty, with enough storyline to hold my interest. I've been a fan of Lori Foster's for years and can't believe 2 out of the three stories had slipped past my notice. If you don't mind a little insta-love, with a decent amount of steam and a good chuckle as well, Give It Up will be perfect for

you.

I received a complimentary copy of this story via Netgalley for an honest review.

To buy Give It Up from Amazon - <http://amzn.to/1N7LFet>

Marina says

Love the fact that these connected stories were republished in one volume. Very cool.

Cheesecake says

All stories about doctors by Lori Foster.

Fun easy reads that fill the time without taking too much time. (commuter reads, lol!)

Some Like it Hot **

There really wasn't much to the story so it was like reading the opening and closing chapters of a book and skipping the middle. But I still liked the characters.

Cary has the hots for Nora, a nurse that works in his best friend's office. He's been jonesing for her for months but she is sceptical of his intentions.

Playing Doctor * 3 stars**

Anyways, it's short and sweet.

Axel is the older man, a doctor (34) and Libby is the younger woman he lusts after (21). She is a lot of things he wasn't expecting and it was fun watching him find out the truth. Not that she was hiding things from him, far from it, it was more that he kept making assumptions.

They are instantly attracted to each other at her snobby uncle's party. He thinks she's on the catering staff and at least a few years older than she is. She is quite level headed for such a young woman.

I liked that there was no real angst. Everything that I worried was going to go wrong went the other way because Axel was pretty honest with himself about his feelings for Libby, and Libby was no push over.

Only 3 stars because it was a little too easy and a little too insta. But it is quite short.

(I am glad I read this one before reading Booker's story as Axel comes across as a total sleazebag, check for STDs, kinda guy in that one. I would even go so far as to say a buffoon!)

He Sees You When You're Sleeping (currently reading) ** two stars

Well, that's a creepy title!

Booker Dean is Axel's younger brother. He is lusting after his next-door neighbour, Frances but is currently

seeing Judith. How to dump Judith when Christmas is right around the corner? This was just boring... Well, except for the comedic input from Axel and Cary.

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I really need to read some of the anthologies i've accumulated over the years. I have these stories already in these anthologies... one of them actually in paperback format!;

"Jingle Bell Rock"; "He Sees You When You're Sleeping"

"Perfect for the Beach"; "Some Like It Hot"

"When Good Things Happen to Bad Boys"; "Playing Doctor"

April Symes says

This book contains 3 novellas by Lori Foster that are previous stories that she released several years ago that are now together in one book. They were published in other anthologies and are now together now as they are about brothers and a friend and the stories are interwoven together.

Some Like It Hot—this is the story between Family practitioner Cary Ruper & nurse Nora Chilton. Cary wants nurse Nora- she is widowed and there is a chemistry between them. Yet she keeps turning him down. Until He turns up at her apartment.. Loved how this story turned out and how misconceptions ruled Nora in the beginning until the end when she came to realize what she wanted. Fantastic story with a sweet ending. HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING – Hunky neighbor Booker Dean is in lust or really more to say in love with his next door neighbor Frances. He has never been able to act on it because he was dating someone but now he is free and able to act upon his feelings for Frances. But getting his skittish neighbor to stay still and listen, well that will be the ride of his life. Great Story with an awesome ending.

PLAYING DOCTOR --- Gynecologist Axel Dean meets and falls for beautiful Libby Preston without knowing much about her background. When he finds out who she is related to, that seems to change his feelings. He feels conflicted and it changes how he feels about her yet he can't get her out of his head. Will he or won't he for Libby?

All three stories are full of passion, romance, love and adventure. You won't go wrong with all three stories.

My Rating: 4.8 stars *****

A gifted copy was provided by the publisher for my honest review

Shanna says

Such a fun collection of stories, Lori Foster does not disappoint with this collection of stories. I don't even have a favorite I just know I thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

Jennifer says

ARC received for review

These three novellas were all previously published as parts of three different analogies. It's nice to see them all in the same place.

All of these guys were great and extra sweet and sexy. There was a whole lotta insta-love and insta-lust. My only complaint is that they were too short. I wanted to know more about all of them and all the ladies. They could have been so much more with some back story and interaction between the couples.

Claire Robinson says

4.5 - **"I'm going to make up for lost time."** Stars!

Lori Foster, where have you been all my life!!!

Loved, loved, loved this collection of novellas. Ladies Meet Axel and Booker Dean, and their mutual friend Cary Rupert. Each guy gets his Happily Ever After over the space of a couple of years, and this set together works really well as although each novella focuses on one of them and the woman they fall in love with individually, you have the general development of them as friends/brothers as well.

"You're ballsy!"

"I know."

Whether you dip in and out or read the whole thing in one go, I just think this is a great collection of stories, the verbal sparring between the guys at points had me in fits of giggles. And each one of them has their own special brand of seduction that you can't help but get a bit hot under the bra-straps for.

"Are you sure you're good at this seduction stuff? Because from what I've seen, you're batting a big fat zero."

There is a little bit of everything spread over the three stories, most of your favourite tropes are covered in one way or another. *Give it Up* is the perfect light romantic reading escape, with nothing too deep or heavy to deal with, just yummy men, with swoony methods and likeable women, who are nothing out of the ordinary, except to the guys that fall in love with them.

"I can't start figuring out when someday will be until I start making headway with you."

Another author I have heard great things about, but never had the chance to read anything by up until now, and Lori Foster delivered for me on every level. I cannot wait to read more by her and soon!

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was my absolute pleasure to provide the above honest review.

Terri says

Review also found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/>

Playing Doctor

****I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. The expected publication is November 24th, 2015****

This was the third and final story in the Give it Up series and I have to admit that Foster saved the best for last. This surprised me. Given Axel's juvenile behavior in the first two installments I full expected to dislike him. I actually liked him and I will tell you why.

The character of Libby actually had a backbone and she was not the dear in headlights no personality type of female that was featured in the first two. She actually had some spunk which made me identify and like her more.

Don't get me wrong. This story is essentially about the chemistry between the sheets between the two however at least there was a little bit of a backstory. Fan's of steamy will enjoy.

This was the best of the three

Some Like It Hot

****I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. This is the second story in the three that make up the Give it Up series. The expected publication date is November 24th 2015****

OK, I am struggling with what to say about this story that I didn't say about the first one. Due to the length, there is not a lot that I can say.

Did I like Carey better than Booker in the first story? They were both kind of the same. Both in love with a girl for a while and then all of a sudden making the big moves to seduce her. Both taking dominant roles in the relationship and the bedroom.

I liked the fact that the same characters are present in both stories thus far with Carey, Axel and Booker. I think it is safe to say the third story will be about Axel.

For those who are looking for a story that is more about the steam factor than the substance factor then this would be a good choice. Considering it is a novella this should be what you are looking for in this series

He Sees You When You're Sleeping

****I received a copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. The expected publication date is November 24th 2015****

This is a boxed set of three previously released stories by Foster under the title of Give it Up. I will be commenting on each individually. As an FYI, I could not find the previous releases so I am not sure if the names were changed for this set or if my powers of search were lacking.

This was a short novella about two people who are attracted to each other. By all accounts it should work however for myself it just seemed off balance and I will tell you why (potential spoilers).

1. The whole situation with Axel and Judith. I don't care if Booker had no feelings for her. First it breaks everything in the brother coded. Second, it is really creepy. Who wants their siblings left overs??
2. Booker was way too alpha male when interacting with Frances. I also found this creepy. If someone came on this strong to me out of nowhere I think I would be running in the other direction.

If you like your stories hot and heavy then this one will deliver on that front. Essentially the whole story is getting down to the bedroom scenes.

While this was a fast read it simply wasn't for me

Alyse says

3 SHORT stories all involving "insta" love.... not very believable.
