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Novella length

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Dana says

There were two erotically charged short stories in this novella from Savannah Stuart. The first one, Tempting Witness, had us following Madison Dubois as she witnesses a man being brutally beaten by three men. When she calls 911, she gets put on hold. Fearing for the man's life, she does something stupid- she announces herself to the three men who are beating the fourth and says that the police are on their way. Then she runs away, with one of the men after her. She manages to fall into a crowd and escape her follower. She heads for the Miami Police station where her older brother's best friend Rafe is a detective there. Madison has had a crush on Rafe since she was little, but she thinks that he thinks of her as a friend. Rafe, on getting wind that Madison is in the building, goes to find out if she's okay. When he hears that Miami's top crime boss is now after her because she witnessed him beating up a waiter, he immediately feels the need to protect her. When Madison leaves the police station without a word, Rafe begins to full on panic. When he arrives home, she's on his doorstep. He invites her to stay with him until the people responsible for beating an innocent man are caught. One thing leads to another and both confess that they have feelings for each other that are far deeper than a brother/sister relationship. This confession leads them straight to bed.

The fact that this was an erotic short story meant (at least to me) that plot wasn't really that important, as long as the main characters wind up in bed and remain there. However, Ms. Stuart was able to keep her plot up (despite the ending being a little too quick and neat), and even introduce a character background. I liked the characters and I'd like to see more written about them in the future.

In the second short story, Better Late Than Never, Randy has been in love with Leslie since she started working for his father's architect firm over a year ago, but he was afraid to make a move. When Leslie is involved in a car accident and breaks her leg, it is Randy who is there for her in the hospital, getting to know her and share one very steamy kiss. Then he doesn't see her again until she comes back to work. The story starts on the day that Leslie comes back to work. As she's leaving, Randy vows to make her his before the night is over. He helps her home, and walks her inside her condo. He then tells her that he wants her. Leslie is shocked because apart from Randy being there for her in the hospital, she was convinced he didn't even like her, much less have romantic feelings for her.

Again, this story was more focused on the bedroom than plot, but there was sufficient background information on the characters that I found myself rooting for them. I just wish that this short story was slightly longer than it was, but when I like characters, I get greedy and I want more.

All in all, these short stories were a very fun, fast read!

Carlise says

Great short stories..

Tempting Witness

Good story. Race is a cop who's had his eye on his best friends sister for a while now, but would never consider making a move. When Madison witnesses a crime and only trusts Rafe to keep her safe, they both will have more to deal with than the bad guys.- Rafe and Madison can't cope with being in close quarters long,my he sex is hot, and makes all those dormant feelings come to life.

Better Late Than Never

Randall has been lusting after Lindsay for a year. After a scorching kiss, she's been avoiding him, but now he's got her right where he wants her..in bed screaming his name. Yep, this book is pure sex..loved it.

Sonia says

Two short stories in one. The chemistry between Madison and Rafe was real but there really wasn't much attention put on the story that got them together. She witnessed a mugging/beating that involved a drug lord.The end result,saw mugging,went to police,crooked cop caught,turns on drug lord,Rafe and Madison happy.Second SHORT story no story at all. I enjoy her paranormal books more

Arra Abella says

I have to be honest that this book is something I will never enjoy. It lacks plot and purpose.

I think it's just written to promote lust and pleasure. the erotic scenes would have been fine of there was something to it more than that but every page just revolves arund that element.

Hence, the one star rating.

*Review written as feedback on Netgalley.

Book Reading Gals says

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Author: Savannah Stuart/Katie Reus

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Thoughts: I simply couldn't get enough of this book! I've only read a couple of books by this author - so far, anyway - and they have all left me shaking my head and wondering how in the world I have missed reading her books for so long! I literally am shaking my head in disbelief, because out of all the ones I have read, they have all been novella length. I can't wait to see what she manages to do with a full length one!

I am a complete sucker for the guy falling in love with his best friend's sister....even more so when they are friends themselves! I also love when both characters have a thing for each other and are just waiting for circumstances to bring them together. I wish it had been longer, and I am going to be hard pressed to find another book that I will enjoy half as much as this one! Can't wait to read more from this amazing author!

Rate: A+

Review by: Sarah

<http://www.thebookreadinggals.com>

CJ says

Fun and short.

Julie (Jewls Book Blog) says

3.5 stars

Novella length with a nice amount of steam, these two stories are bite size fillers when you're short on time.

TEMPTING WITNESS

Madison witnesses a crime and hides out at Rafe's home until the culprits can be caught. Feelings and sizzling attraction are exposed in tight quarters, leaving these two wondering just how well they actually knew each other.

Rafe oozed protective charm and I liked Madison's sassy personality. The suspense bit read like an afterthought, but gave a nice jumping board to prod Rafe into expressing his feelings to Madison. Good read.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Randy had been attracted to Lindsay for the entire year she's worked for his company, but he doesn't express his feelings until she's injured and he sweeps in to the rescue.

The story was a short, sexy romp. Overall, this was a fun read, although I do wish it had been longer to get a better feel for the characters.

EroticaAfterDark (Lilith) says

Kim says

I received this free e-book from Amazon and I am voluntarily writing an honest review. This was an enjoyable very quick short, hot read.

Victoria says

3.25 RATING- A short sexy little story with a dash of suspense. I've read a few of these shorts or novellas by Savannah Stuart and there's never much to work with because of length but I love her damsel in distress stories and she doesn't skimp on the steam. Nice filler books.

Whispers From says

When Madison see three guys beating up a young man, the only person she knows who will protect is Rafe. Rafe is a cop and has been attracted to Madison for years. There is a leak in the department and Rafe keeps her with him until they find out who it is.

Lots of sex, friends who become lovers, and a good short story.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

This is a really short story. Lindsey is studying to be an architect and working too. She was in a car accident and her boss's son comes running. They kissed once but she's been avoiding him since. Randy works for his father's architect firm and has been attracted to Lindsey since he first met her. He insists on taking her home so they can talk. But talking isn't what happens. They finally give in to their urges and have sex. Randy doesn't want just one time but he has to convince her.

Good really short story. If you like sex. Because that's all it's about.

Kay says

This book had two short stories in it. The first one is the longer of the two.

First story: Tempting the Witness

Madison Dubois is a witness to an attempted murder and after going to the police, she goes to the house of her brother's best friend, Rafe Jackson. Rafe is a police officer and the object of her desires.

Finding madison hiding at his house is unnerving for him but he's really just grateful she's safe. He arranges for her to stay with him until the case was solved.

This was a cute and hot little story. It had all the elements: attraction, suspense, hot sex and love.

Second story: Better Late Than Never

Randall Phillips is an architect in his father's firm and he's been waiting and wanting for Lindsay Taylor. Lindsay is a secretary at the same firm. She was recently injured and finally back at work.

When she got hurt, he took her to the hospital and waited for someone to come for her. During that wait, they share a hot kiss, a kiss Randall can't forget. Neither can Lindsay but she knows it was a mistake because they work together. Randall gives her a ride home on her first day back because he wants more. More kisses surely but more everything also.

This story was super short but okay. The sex was hot but due to the story length it was hard to get invested in the characters. Overall, I enjoyed this book and I really liked the author's voice. I would definitely read more by her. This book was classified as erotica but it was more erotic romance to me.

Heather says

Tempting Trouble actually featured two previously published stories, one a novella, Tempting Witness, and the other, Better Late than Never, a short story. These books are not related and can be read as stand alone stories. Since both were so short it was difficult to really get involved with the characters. However, both stories made up for it with their heated scenes. Great for a quick afternoon read.

Sandy says

This collection brought some much needed heat to my world as the snow piles up outside my frosted windows. Here's the skinny on what happens when two couples fighting attraction end up under the same roof.

Tempting Witness

Madison Dubois & Rafe Jackson have known each other for years. He's her brother's BF but since leaving the Marines & becoming a Miami cop, he's kept his distance. Madison owns a bookstore & after locking up one evening, interrupts an assault in a nearby alley. Unfortunately, she's seen by the bad guys. After a string of events, she ends up hiding on Rafe's front porch.

Rafe is aware of what went down that day & is relieved to find her safe. But that quickly turns to nerves as he finally has the woman he's always lusted after actually in his home.

It's a quick read so I don't want to give away any more of the plot. But can I just say how much I appreciate a love/erotic story with a female lead who's NOT a weeping, spineless damsel in distress? Yes, she's in danger but Madison is a smart, successful businesswoman who speaks her mind & doesn't resort to moments of high drama.

Rafe is suitably hunky & comes across as a decent, hard working guy whose tough exterior hides a soft side, especially where Madison is concerned. These are two mature adults so no games or teenage angst, thank God! As for the sex....well. despite the weather outside, you might want to jumpstart the AC. It's a great little escape with better writing than many full length novels I've read.

Better Late Than Never

This is a very short story, about 50 pages on my Kindle. Lindsay Taylor is an architecture student who's been getting work experience at a large firm for the past year. She's also spent that time trying to ignore Randy Phillips, her boss' son. It hasn't been that difficult since, until recently, he barely noticed her.

But 6 weeks ago she ended up in hospital after an accident & it was Randy who visited, making sure she had everything she needed. And something she didn't...one perfect, smokin' kiss.

On her first day back, Randy appears to ferry her home. He's been fighting his feelings for a year. Lindsay has dodged his calls since leaving hospital & he's done waiting. If she thinks he will just drop her off, she can think again.

You can probably see where this is going & you get to sit back and watch the sparks (and clothes...) fly. If you didn't heed my advice above regarding the AC, do it now.

This collection also includes a sneak peek at "Taming the Alpha". I'd never read this author before & really enjoyed her smart dialogue & well rounded characters who are in adult situations & act like it.

For \$3, it's the perfect package for sampling a new author or just taking a short but steamy, romantic break at the end of a long say.

Angie says

Too really good short stories! Fast, easy reading and moved quickly!
