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It might take sparks flying on three continents, but this professor is about to get an education of her own.?

When people think of art history professors, they don't think of women like me. My specialty is the female form--and I take my expertise very seriously, teaching men all over the world how to handle a woman with curves.

This time, I'm off to Africa for six months. A layover in Amsterdam results in a chance encounter with a tall, blond, cocky stranger that unexpectedly rocks my world.

But when I finally get to Ghana and meet Kai, I realize my expertise in sex doesn't mean I know anything about love.

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From Reader Review Wanderlust for online ebook

Jennifer says

Wanderlust by Daisy Prescott is an amazing journey for the senses, all of them. A wonderful narrative about self discovery, second chances, and love. A story rich in scenery, ancillary characters, and sass. The leads weren't the typical hero and heroine of late which I loved. It's a refreshing tale of an older, independent woman with curves, Selah and the unexpected, younger, delectably sexy, Dutchman Kai. Oh and Gerhard, one must never forget Gerhard. Their serendipitous meeting (all three of them) not only changed their lives, but caused her to revaluate everything she believed she wanted out of life.

I love a Daisy novel and can't seem to get enough of them. My Wanderlust for an impeccable story always leads me straight to her Amazon page. This intelligent, sweet and sexy story was funny and witty, leaving me with a grin on my face and a smile in my heart.

Beth says

Fantastic Character-Rich Romance with Depth and Heart

The one thing I always know when I read a book from Daisy Prescott is that I will get a beautiful, characterrich romance for grown-ups. Daisy is a master writing relatable, everyday characters and exotic locales. I experience how her characters grow and develop as well as become cocooned in her setting. She a wonderful descriptive writer, and she takes the reader on the character's journey to not only find love, but also themselves. This is the case for Selah, her heroine, who I met earlier as a secondary character in Geoducks are for Lovers, Daisy's first book in her Modern Love series.

I adored that Daisy wrote about a different type of heroine: one who is in her 40s, never married, confident in her career and has very few regrets in life. The reader, as well Selah, thinks she has it all together, but as she meets Gerhard, we see the way she views life and relationships change very slowly. Daisy reveals Selah's insecurities little by little as she goes on her journey of love in this book. Daisy takes Selah out of her comfort zone in Portland, Oregon, where all of her support system is located and takes her to Amsterdam and Ghana during the progression of her romance. There are a lot of metaphors to Selah's view on life and relationships in this book, and it was fun seeing the author place these little easter eggs for the reader to find. In addition, Daisy has Selah experience new life experiences in Africa which are so wonderful to read. Her experiences become a part of the story.

Gerhard is a great hero too. He is man full of contradictions, and we learn, along with Selah, not to judge a book by its cover. Daisy created a very patient, and old-world soul in this book. He is the perfect ying to Selah's yang.

If you love books where you like to explore the nature of a characters' journey with love, this is a fantastic book to read. Daisy has the reader experience sights, sounds and touch through her descriptive writing. A truly beautiful story filled with humor, emotion and wonder. A true gem.

Lisa Karafa says

Daisy Prescott has done it again. Missionary Position takes the reader on a whirlwind adventure over three continents and demonstrates that the idea of love can change when faced with the completely unexpected.

This story took me through an expanse of feelings and emotions ranging from amused to zenful. My heart peaked and valleyed as Selah trekked to new destinations and embarked on fresh adventures. Selah is a strong, smart and capable woman. She relies on no one define her happiness or feelings of self-worth. But when she meets a man who awakens feelings inside her she never knew existed, her internal axis is tilted. She is forced to ask herself questions she never thought she would consider let alone be in the realm of possibility.

The love story in the book is sublime. Selah and Gerhard (Kai) are well-developed characters both mentally and physically. They challenge each other to think outside themselves and to see the world from another vantage point while willing themselves to embrace a new point of view.

Daisy crafts both heated passion and deep emotional connection between Selah and Kai. You could feel the emotional conflicts within Selah as she experiences pangs of guilt and longing over her new found friend. The references to Selah's writing books her friends affectionately call pirotica under her pen name added some very nice spice to the storyline. Selah's references to Kai's given name Gerhard sprinkled throughout the book allow for double entendre chuckles.

Worth mentioning is how descriptive Daisy is able to get about the locales she has her characters travel to. When Selah was seeking to get some skirts made in Africa, I felt as though I was in the open air market with her helping her choose fabrics. The story transported me to places I have never been, but left me feeling like I had truly seen the cities and landmarks described.

Daisy is one of my favorite authors as her characters are extremely relatable to me. It is refreshing to read stories that allow you to believe that no matter what age, love is a possibility. Thank you Daisy for keeping that hope alive.

Mandy says

4.5 Stars

This one left me speechless and full of warm fuzzies. Fans of Ms. Prescott and this series will be happy to know that Selah gets her well deserved HEA. And if you're not a fan of Ms. Prescott....what the hell are you waiting for?

Review on the blog closer to release date: Straight Shootin' Book Reviews

??? LovesToRead ??? says

I was very excited to read this book, especially knowing that the main characters did not fit the typical book characters these days representing 18-25 year olds. They were older, established, settled and employed.

I struggled greatly with the main characters in this book. Older female, younger male, neither of which had believable chemistry. She leaves to go do work, then he eventually shows up. But up until that point, which may have been well into 30% or more of the book, you no longer had the male character in the fold, leaving him almost to be a distant memory.

Add the fact that the male quickly became forgettable to the fact that the female was becoming unlikable and I soon found myself no longer caring if they even got together.

The African backdrop did very little for me. It did not really add anything interesting to the book because every scene that the backdrop was part of was merely functional and not really informative. This just made it scenery that I had no desire to know anything about, rather than potentially finding it interesting and maybe exotic.

By the time the male lead shows back up, I actually felt like I had to learn about him all over again because the short time you meet him in the beginning of the book, you almost feel like he is just a passing phase and no one important. He isn't written interestingly enough to feel attracted to, and the female lead is so hot and cold and on and off that I wasn't sure if she was just looking to get her some before she was stuck in the middle of no where.

Unfortunately, this did not work for me, but that was mostly because Africa was unappealing, the male lead was missing entirely too much so that when he came back he was hit or miss, and the female lead was not someone I would even want to be friends with and I couldn't really find myself pulling for her. I also didn't find their relationship compatible. It felt as hot as an iceberg and as engaging as an insurance seminar. Just two people that felt like they settled rather than truly fit together.

A premise and a relationship that I just couldn't buy into.

Heather andrews says

Oh first impressions and conversations are so much fun:

- "So you are American?"
- "Yes. And I'm guessing you're Dutch."
- "Was it the accent?" He mimicked me. His eyes sparkled like sun on dark water.

"That and the package." He coughed. I tried not to look at his crotch after my word slip, but failed. Kai that boy is just so giving when it comes to Selah, "it's Ghana. Everyone's sweaty. Here, lick me." He offered up his neck." I totally don't blame Selah for getting distracted at his erm...tributes, "he laughed and stood, dropping both his trousers and his boxers. His beautiful co** stood at attention, gently bobbing as he stepped closer to the bed. Yes, beautiful. Some are. His cough drew my attention north of his co** for a brief moment. I licked my lips and smirked." Selah she is such a smart woman and when the girl is angry there is just no stopping the wrath, "I did. How dare you put me in a position to have to email your ex-wife to find out information about you." Angered colored my voice." Kai the boy sure can give compliments:

"Do I look like I'm attending a funeral?"

"Not with that cleavage." His eyes focused on my chest while his hands snuck around to touch my breasts. I liked this one but my favorite book by Daisy is still "Ready to Fall." I can't wait to see what comes out next for Daisy.

DNF, not for me

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

????????? **5 STARS** ?????????

Livia says

★,,.•***•★ Minor spoilers alert★•***•.,,★

Writing style: First Person POV

Cover and chapter design: This novel was previously known as *Missionary Position*, and it had a different cover. With the new book title came a new cover design. I quite like the new design, especially the color palette. And the Adrinka symbols from the Asante tribe used for the chapter heading backgrounds and breaks were cool visual additions. My eyeballs love extras like that in an e-book.

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Lead Characters:

Dr. Selah Elmore – a professor, an author of pirate smut and a world traveler extraordinaire who needed a man like *a fish needs a bicycle*. I loved her attitude about enjoying her sexual life to its fullest and not needing a husband and kid(s) to feel fulfilled. But as Ama pointed out to her, being fulfilled doesn't make you immune to loneliness. Selah really grew during her working stay in Ghana and in direct relation to her time getting to know Kai intimately. On a random and silly note, I loved, loved that she nicknamed Kai's penis Gerhard, and I chuckled during her little internal monologues she'd have about it. Too cute and funny!

Gerhard Hendriks *aka Kai*—initially an enigma to Selah, this younger Dutch hottie finagled his work project improving the business world so he could follow Selah to Ghana for 3 glorious months of passionate sex and quality togetherness. I loved how quickly he opened up to Selah and how he completely rocked her world. He was also very good at pulling her out of her habit of constantly looking to the past for answers instead being in and enjoying the moment worry free.

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Favorite Supporting Character:

Ama – a retired ex-pat teacher who owned and operated a hotel in Ghana and also rented out a private

bedroom and bathroom in her house to Selah. She was the warm, friendly and mothering type who became Selah's best local friend. I loved that she didn't sugarcoat anything and gave Selah great advice and nudging whenever needed.

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Favorite Quote:

"Selah," his voice hitched. "You're one of the best things that has ever happened to me. I never expected you, yet here you are."

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I enjoyed Selah and Kai's delightfully amusing, sexy and yet introspective love story. It was cool to experience a bit of Amsterdam and Ghana through their eyes. Plus, I'm a total sucker and always fall hard for a male character like Kai who recognizes he's in love with a woman and will determinedly pursue and woo her until she too is convinced what they feel and have together is the real deal.

GraceMyBookSnack says

Fascinating with lots of unexpected twists!

Missionary Position is one of those stories that if too much of the plot is talked about in a review, then it might reveal spoilers. I'll talk about the heroine instead. Selah Elmore is in her early forties, and, yes, she's the older one in the possible pairing. I liked Selah very much. She's single, smart and loves her work. She loves life and lives in the moment. The story and Selah's journey begins with a brief, chance encounter at the airport while on her way to Amsterdam. What happens next is fascinating and full of unexpected twists!

This is my first read from Daisy Prescott, and I'm very impressed! Her writing has a way of beautifully pulling you into the story. You'll be wondering where she's going with this story, but really, just go with the flow. Your questions will be answered if you keep reading. The setting is highlighted with stunning descriptions. I felt like I was in Amsterdam and Ghana hanging out with Selah and going through all the motions with her. *Missionary Position* was a refreshing read for me. It made me giggle, smile, and appreciate friendship and all the lovely moments life has to offer.

Lucinda Claire says

Every now then a book comes along that I just know will stay with me long after I finish it. Missionary Position, the first book I've read by author Daisy Prescott, is that kind of book.

Forty-something academic, Selah Elmore, is traveling to Ghana for a six-month sabbatical. While on a short stopover in Amsterdam, Selah – and not purely by chance – meets the handsome, smart and witty Dutch version of Adonis, thirty-something Gerhard. Despite their obvious age difference, the chemistry is immediate, and the two end up spending the balance of Selah's time in Amsterdam together. However, for the first time in Selah experience, when it comes time for her to leave, she finds herself wrestling with her personal decision to just keep things physical. Although she knows that traditional love isn't (and has never been) in the cards for her, she's completely and utterly overwhelmed by the feelings that have been

awakened in her. When Selah arrives in West Africa and meets the handsome, enchanting Kai, she begins to let herself wonder whether there is more to life and love for her than what she has ever allowed herself believe.

Selah was a character I immediately related to. I loved that she is a mature woman who understands herself in all of her many facets – sexually, intellectually, and academically. She's witty, and a little catty too, but Selah also has a deep, compassionate side as well, and I felt as though she challenged me in that way to think about myself and life on deeper levels. I loved, also that Gerhard, and Kai, continually challenged Selah to think about herself in other ways. Missionary Position is a coming-of-age book. It's not young adult, or new adult; it's adult adult. It's a book about growth, about self-discovery, and about having the courage to find out who you are, even if you already thought you had all the answers.

There's a category on my Goodreads shelf I call "smart books." They are the books I read and re-read. Books that have not only brought me enjoyment while reading, but that have also challenged me to want to know more, understand more, or learn more about a topic or an issue, or even about myself. Eat, Pray, Love is on that shelf. The Gabriel trilogy too. Missionary Position now has pride of place there as well.

Here's my advice: pour yourself a glass of wine, take your e-reader, and find a comfortable place to settle in. Let Missionary Position transport you to the romantic city of Amsterdam; let it lead you on a discovery of the exotic world of West Africa; and let it challenge you to look at life and love in a completely new and different way.

Five romantic, exotic, and erotic stars.

Carrie Elks says

If you've read any Daisy Prescott books, you'll know her writing is a refreshing change from the plethora of New and Young Adult books out there. Her stories are about women who are mature, comfortable in their own skins, and able to stand on their own two feet. Career-focused, they don't wait for a man to define them. Love, for them is the icing on top of a complex, layered cake.

(And if you haven't read any Daisy Prescott books, what are you waiting for? Geoducks are for Lovers and Ready to Fall are available now from all good booksellers.)

Selah Elmore isn't the shy and retiring type. She's a woman who takes control of her life, her career and her sexuality. Having long since decided that a relationship isn't for her, it doesn't stop her from having the occasional dalliance and one night stand.

All that seems to change when she meets Gerhard, a Dutch businessman who is totally not her type. Yet, somehow, they click.

Fast forward a few weeks, and Selah is working at a museum in Ghana as part of a year in Africa. 'Adopted' by the owner of the hotel she stays in, she soon makes an eclectic group of friends who—in spite of their different backgrounds—look after each other in the sweetest of ways.

And then she meets Kai...

I don't want to give too much away about the story by telling you how the romance plays out. Suffice it to say it is sweet and sexy, a journey for both Selah and Kai. During the struggles they face, they learn that no man is an island. Each has to learn that a relationship requires both give and take.

I loved that Selah was refreshingly strong. She was a heroine who took no nonsense, was occasionally abrasive, but still had a soft, sweet core. If you're looking for an innocent, Mary-Jane ingénue, you're in the wrong place. Selah doesn't have time for that sort of nonsense!

As for Kai, well, he was just dreamy. Masculine and strong, he was a great foil to Selah's brashness. And as the story went on, we learned that he, too, had a softer side. One that made me pretty much want to swoon!

It wasn't only the characters who made me fall in love with this book. The locations that Selah visits are so vividly described that I felt I was right there with them. Stories of African food and drink, of trips to see monkeys and elephants, of beautiful scenery that took my breath away—were like a third character in this relationship.

Although set in the same world as Geoducks and Ready to Fall, with many shared characters, Missionary Position can be read as a stand alone romance. There are no cliff hangers, just a beautiful love story you'll want to read over and over again.

Five beautiful stars.

Amanda (Hootie) Clark says

4.5 stars

Selah Elmore is not everybody's cup of tea. Not everyone can tolerate a strong, independent woman who knows exactly what she wants out of life and doesn't need a man to achieve it. Luckily for me I fell in love with Selah in Geoducks Are For Lovers when she was introduced and because I am so much like her in my strength and independence from the opposite sex, I got her. I couldn't wait to read her book because I knew it would take a hell of a guy to bring down the S.S. Selah.

Getting to know Selah in Missionary Position was a real treat for me because I have been wanting to know more about her. Like the fact that she's a doctor of women's studies on top of being a mildly successful writer of Pirate erotica. What I think is most relatable about her character is the fact that Selah is a little bit older than your average romance heroine but that's something I think a lot of female readers can identify with. The thing most of them won't be able to relate to but something I can totally grasp is that Selah has spent all these years an unmarried player of the field. I wouldn't call myself a connoisseur like her because I go into dating hibernation only choosing to dip my toes in every few years. It's a jungle out there. Anyway Selah controls the lovers she takes to her bed and when to cut them loose that way she never has to get closer to them than just a sexual thing. It shocked me to find out she's a real human being with feelings. You would assume from her snarky personality and ability to laugh things off that she was just a really cool chick. It turns out though she's just as real as you and me and those feelings she does have, got hurt by a boy when she was younger and is the reason for how she acts later in life. A fact we find out while she is on her trip to Ghana for a work assignment. I say older woman but Selah is barely in her 40's and while I have a little bit further to go before I can catch her in age I still felt a connection to her.

The first leg of her trip brings her to an airport sushi bar where she meets a lovely woman named Annie. A woman who converses with her and ultimately wants to introduce her to her "brother" Gerhard while she's staying in Amsterdam for the week. Selah being the adventurer she is decides to give Gerhard a call and schedules to meet him after a charity function. When they discover they run in the same circles after seeing each other at the event they spend some time getting to know each other. Gerhard was a strong sexy guy and I would have thought Selah would be all up on that but the two spend her week there getting to know each other. There's a deeper attraction between them that is too good to ruin by jumping in the sack right away and that made me proud of Selah.

Gerhard was great and in the brief time he was involved in the story I had already decided I loved him and had hoped to learn more about him. He was perfect for Selah, that sexy mix of assertive, submissive, a little buttoned down and a little laid back. It was really nice to watch him woo Selah because my home girl needed the Woo. Taking her to eat as much food as she could experience before she left and taking time to talk and get to know her were all amazing qualities. Gerhard was an interesting guy having been all over the world in his business travels he was able to connect with Selah beyond the attraction between them. When it was time for Selah to leave her week long layover in Amsterdam I was sad to see Gerhard get left behind and hoped that the strong connection they formed would survive the months apart they would be spending. It's probably not a good idea to get attached to a vacation romance but this couldn't be helped for either me or Selah. We had already fallen a little bit for Gerhard.

I had just enough time to shake off the mild sadness of leaving our Gerhard behind when Selah arrived in Ghana to start her work which brought the sexy and adventurous Kai into the spotlight and all of a sudden I forgot about Gerhard.

That breaks my heart to say but what Kai brings to the table is nothing short of amazing. He's a gorgeous, kind hearted and fun guy who captures Selah's attention and spirit of adventure instantly. Kai stole my heart countless times throughout the story and made me love him so much. Completely opposite from Gerhard, Kai is laid back and knows how to have a good time. From elephant sight seeing to exploring the local culture and opening her up to new experiences I was quickly consumed by their whirlwind courtship. It was really difficult not to love these characters because finally seeing Selah open herself up made their relationship that much more special. As a woman I can vouch for the female population when I say we all want a guy who will love and care for us and goes out of his way to show it. When Kai drops everything going on in his life and rearranges his schedule to spend more time with Selah I took a big deep breath and totally swooned. We all want to be that girl a man will drop everything for and don't you EVEN lie to me!

To form a deeper connection with someone is, I think, essentially at the heart of our genetic makeup and can't be helped. Becoming a part of two is a big deal for Selah and I loved how she handled herself throughout. Thankfully though Selah found a guy who is willing to put up with anything she throws at him, and trust me, she throws a lot his way. Like I said she's not an easy woman to love but knowing that she found a man who could handle her leaves me with hope for myself. Kai basically shakes up her entire existence dropping several bombs on her in the process. It does leave her reeling and unsure about what kind of future they could have together but for the most part she rolls with the punches.

One thing I have learned from Prescott's writing is that she knows how to write and AMAZING male lead. From Gil in Geoducks Are For Lovers, who put up with Maggie's flaky back and forth behavior, to John, the hot lumberjack in Ready To Fall who I affectionately call "Ole P*ssy Beard". Her guys are these insanely delicious combinations of rugged, strong, and sexy pure male goodness. Men who support their women, who aren't threatened by their success, men who genuinely care for the well being of their lady loves. Basically...

gentlemen. Yes these guys can tear your panties off and make you ride their faces while gripping the headboard but they are respectful guys who respect their women. They aren't neandertal jerks who beat their chests and growl commands. They're just laid back "Good Old Boys" who don't play games. These are the kinds of guys I love to read about because you don't have to wonder about them or bite your nails, scared of what kind of juvenile shit they are going to pull. Now the women Prescott pens are another case altogether. From Maggie, to Diane to Selah, her females are fierce, headstrong extremely stubborn and determined women who can sometimes make you want to strangle them but ultimately fall in love with them. Selah wasn't as hard for me to love as Maggie from Geoducks was but she did have her moments.

Two amazing men who would both make a great catch but only one can be chosen so... where does that leave the story? Being the kind of person who doesn't like to share, I am absolutely against triangles. So why was I cheering for both guys if that's the case? Hmm... I could tell you but I'd have to kill you! Naw, not really but Prescott manages to sooth the boo-boo of only choosing one guy because they are both such great guys with similar personality traits it's like they could be related.

As I have said before and will continue saying for as long as I'm breathing, I love a good strong couple. Chance encounters make for great stories and this was all that and more. I'm excited about where Prescott goes from here because her initial gang of characters from Geoducks have gotten their stories so I'm hoping Tom Donnelly gets his book next. The oversexed goofball from Ready To Fall, who I instantly fell in love with from his first corny pickup line, needs to have a book! Period. Missionary Position was full of laughs, steamy romance and personal issues that real people can relate to and understand. Selah is my favorite female of Prescott's and I couldn't have been happier with the way everything turned out for her.

Lynzylee says

I won't give anything away. This book, this book. Selah might be my spirit animal and Anita...she should be everyone's BFF!

Flavia Viotti says

I had the previlege to read this book's ARC! And yeah...

But trust me... not this kind of Missionary Position you'll find reading this book!

Daisy takes us to a beautiful journey of self discovering where Selah, the sexy friend of Maggie from Geoducks are For Lovers, finds love.

You'll also travel through Ghana during this journey discovering a beautiful world of friendship and amazing sights! And we also have Kai, the hot Dutch who will find his way into Selah's heart (and probably yours too)! Yeah... I get you Selah...