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In the long anticipated sequel to Amazon Erotica Bestseller *Beauty Touched the Beast*, Erin and Blake explore their new intimacy and encounter old enemies.

When Blake receives an offer to return to his alma mater as associate professor, he knows this is his chance to reenter the world—and to be worthy of the woman he loves. Erin wants this chance for him to heal... even if it means leaving her behind.

***Beneath the Beauty* is a novella in the Beauty serial. Don't miss the sexy initial installment, *Beauty Touched the Beast*, available now.**

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From Reader Review *Beneath the Beauty* for online ebook

Didi says

LOVED IT!!! The second in this series was awesome! The stakes are a little higher leaving Blake and Erin to deal with threatening outside forces to their relationship. But their love and dedication to each other is iron-clad and I love it.

There are two more novellas to this series and I'm so glad because reading about them is my new obsession!

*Dee's Reading Time Matters says

refresher read... still enjoy this series!

Louise says

“...losing you would hurt ten times worse than having half my face blown off, but I’d keep going. I’d go on living because I don’t know any other way.”

I loved Blake and Erin, yes they are both insecure but I really like how they can support each other and that there's enough time to build their relationship, the declaration of love was made and I can feel their chemistry together:)

Exina says

In the second part of Erin and Blake’s story, the couple becomes closer to each other, but it is still not enough to reveal Blake’s past and fears.

She saw the thick walls that separated him from the rest of the world, shielding him from their sight.

He is still insecure because of his outer brokenness, but what worries him the most is his inner damage. It reveals how much a part Erin had in his resolve to heal.

He wasn’t fixed – not even close. Hope was a small blade of green poking up from the hard, cracked earth.

But he still dreads to hope, and Erin still belittles herself. By the end of this part it becomes obvious that they mutually need each other.

The trust, protectiveness, and chemistry between the two of them are mesmerizing.

The writing style is beautiful, almost poetic. Beautiful story!

Beneath her seductive touch, he trembled with need, with hope. He tried to resist, to accept the satisfaction of having her in his arms without the promise of a future, but it overwhelmed him. Like a tidal wave it swept him along, dragged him under, further away until he couldn't see the shore. There was only an endless expanse of him and her together, of sex and love and hope converging on the horizon.

Originally posted on my blog, on February 20, 2014.

My favorite quotes on Tumblr.

Amber Rose says

I liked this one a lot better than the first book. For one it was longer, second I got a better idea of the characters, third they make some really good sex scenes.

I had a better connection of both of these characters. But I still want more. I want to read a whole long book with these two where there is lots of erotic sexy scenes and more conflict.

But overall it's really good for a short story.

I received a copy from the Author for exchanged for an honest review.

☞???? [Punya Reviews...] says

My review contains spoilers and they're mostly my thoughts as I went with the book...

Through a free short read, *Beauty Touched the Beast*, I was introduced to this relatively new author around 2 yrs. ago; a story that stole my heart completely. I gushed about it in my review because I couldn't help it. It's not always that you find a good story from a debut author, more so if it's a freebie. And because I found both, I've been an avid reader of Skye Warren's books, all of them till date.

Beauty Touched the Beast, (now) book 1 of the *Beauty* series, was indeed about a 'beauty' and her 'beast'. *Beneath the Beauty* is the continuation of their passionate love story.

The H, Blake who has been scarred from his time serving in the army, finds something wonderfully beautiful in his cleaning maid, a college student Erin. Blake has been a hermit ever since his accident; his life,

carefully planned career ruined by the trauma as well as the social stigma around a facially scarred man. It's only Erin's presence that gives him some peace of mind. In book 1, their attraction was plain obvious since the beginning. Then, an 'oopsie!' (but sexy) moment between Blake and Erin led them to explore that attraction. This also gives them some hope of finding true love for the first time in their lives.

I loved in this story was how SW pulled off all these so brilliantly in those few pages; a story along with some hot needy sex without making the characters act like cardboard cutouts. I was frustrated but it stemmed from the fact that I wanted MORE!! If you read my review you'll get the idea. Since then, I always hoped that Ms. Warren would write something more about Erin and Blake. So when I heard she's writing sequels, I was thrilled.

Book 2, *Beneath the Beauty*, starts right after where book 1 left off. Erin and Blake have been seeing each other for a few weeks now and blissfully happy. We get to learn a bit more of Erin and Blake's meeting in the past and how she came to be hired in his house. But, even though ILU was said between them, both are still vulnerable inside because they have issues that left scars on them.

Blake's is more obvious, though we also learn about his fiancée who left him after the accident. He has always been brilliant, something that Erin noticed from the start. Blake's intellect attracted her as much as his scarred face and that endearing lopsided smile (which was an outcome of the scar-tissue). Blake has a big heart and he proved it with Erin more than once. We get to learn a bit more about his life before accident and how he was groomed to be *someone*, only to become virtually *no one*.

That's all in his head though, because to Erin (and me) he was ah-meh-zing!

Even as their secret affair goes on strong, Erin begins to feel insecure. She had a douchebag boyfriend who put the thought of social status inside her head. She knows she's poor and Blake is... not. Her thoughts about 'would this be enough' were very logical indeed. But Erin needs to work because she needs the money to finish her graduation. She also feared that Blake would probably leave her at some point. Is this really the 'love' they think it is? Where would this relationship ultimately lead to? She wants Blake to open up to her, and give her the reassurances.

Soon the news comes. Blake is appointed as an associate professor in the same university where Erin is studying. He never wanted a job to mingle with people but for Erin, he'd do anything. He also realized that he needed this to 'return' to the civilization. Erin is really happy but can't help worrying too. At this point, their relationship can't be exposed due to the student-teacher fraternizing policy. This could cost Blake his job.

It seems, to test their resolve a bit more, someone from Blake's past returns abruptly. What would Erin do now? Would Blake still want her the same, or would he return to someone who is more of his equal in financial and social standing?

I can only say Blake has been the sexy guy I knew from book 1. He is SO good to Erin (and SO GOOD in bed) that he'll only leave you purring for more. He's plain crazy about Erin, so her thoughts did frustrate me a little. But as I already mentioned, it's logical because even though their relationship is deep and intimate, it's still young. The ending was very sweet, with honest, open admissions from them both. It makes me believe that they've taken one more step towards that HEA I envisioned for them.

Do I even have to mention that I'm looking forward to book 3, *Broken Beauty*?

4.5 stars. Highly recommended!!

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Denaë says

Read this, today!

Mei says

I liked very much the previous book Beauty Touched the Beast and I loved reading what happened next in this one!

Sweet love story that follows right where BTtB ended.

I loved both the scared and wounded hero and the sweet, young and insecure heroine!

Tessamari ♥Many Waters...♥ ~ Sweet Spot Book Blog says

Four Stars

To her he was beautiful.

Sigh...

I have such a love/hate thing with novellas. Beauty Touched the Beast (Beauty #1) is a prime example. I really liked that story, though it was way too short, I found it amazing that Skye was able to convey how strong and palpable their chemistry was in such a short amount of time. I was salivating for more; more of Erin and Blake's story. Thank you, Skye, for writing this and adding to their story.

He had realistic expectations. He was ugly as sin. She was the most beautiful woman he'd ever seen. It was only a matter of time before she never came back.

I'm a sucker for the scarred and damaged Heroes, and Blake is a prime example. He's a soldier of war and was left badly scarred after his last tour of duty. He became a recluse; his only source of happiness came to his house twice a week in a form of his housemaid, Erin. Much to his surprise, Erin, also harbors feelings towards him. So what happens when Blake decides to go back into the real world? How will his career affect their relationship, especially when one of his associates, an ex-lover, comes back into the picture?

And he'd known all along what had driven her – but he would interpret that as pity, not...well, what was it? Kindness? Love? She wanted him to be happy, not to worry, but the world would always judge him, would always mock and belittle him for the scars he'd earned protecting it.

I'm so excited that there will be more to come. No worries, dear readers, these two novellas do not end in cliffhangers. They ended with the promise of more to come. Those of you familiar with Skye Warren's work, you know some of them are pretty dark stuff. Do not fret, though, this isn't dark; just pure erotic goodness. Thank you, Skye, for this ARC. I cannot wait to see what happens to Erin and Blake next :)

Michelle says

In book two of this novella series, while Blake and Erin are moving closer together, we haven't quite made it through Blake's insecurities to get the full picture of the man beneath the scars. But as these two grow past just the physical relationship – Blake knows that if he is ever going to have the life he wants with Erin, he'll have to venture out into the world again.

This chance comes with a job opportunity to teach a course, of course that is at the same college that Erin attends and suddenly this story takes on a slight student/teacher turn.

Skye Warren tells a beautiful romance with this series. The story is captivating and although both characters have some issues, the way that we get to see Blake – through both of their eyes, is perfect.

Mo says

Another short read. Doubt if I will read the next one in the series....

Auntee says

Loved this continuation of the book Beauty Touched the Beast about a former soldier scarred (facially) from war (Blake) and the beautiful student who works as his housekeeper (Erin). Blake is now an adjunct professor at the college where Erin is studying for her Masters degree and they've decided to keep their affair secret for now. Blake loves Erin, but worries she will leave him since he thinks he has nothing to offer (how silly) and Erin loves Blake but has some trust issues and some doubts about her own self worth (how silly). These two are perfect for each other! When will they realize it? Soon, because this is one very short (but hawt) novella.

Not too thrilled about the \$2.99 price for such a short story but I'm hooked on this author's romantic, erotic storytelling and absolutely must read more! So I guess it's on to #3, Broken Beauty, for me. 4 stars only because of the length...

Olga therebelreader says

Much better than bk 1! Now you have my attention ;)

♥?elody says

I guess this is what happens when you are coming down from a book high and the next book you pick up is a big whopping smack of *blah* in comparison. I don't know, I read the first *book* in this series a few years ago and I liked it enough. This though.....this was a muddled, aimless, confusing mess. What was the point of this? And I know a part of it is my personal dislike of short stories playing into this, especially ones that are released in cliffhanger parts. ?? (Ugh. Delete this trend please! Who came up with this annoying money grubbing idea?) I wouldn't even categorize this as a novella, it's that short and unsatisfying. I felt like I was reading a chapter from a book and nothing else. And it blows my mind how and why authors would charge readers to read something so incredibly short where literally *nothing* happens and when you get to the **80% mark** you are smacked with a lovely little 'note' from the author thanking you for reading the story. Um.....ok. That's it? THAT'S NOT A STORY. Where's the rest of the dang book?? But that's a rant debate for another time.

There were a bunch of things that didn't make any sense. Never mind the contradictory confusing sex scenes but the h/hr reactions to certain things just came off stupid and nonsensical. An ex randomly showing up and making herself at home at the hero's house, to the point of wearing his clothes and eating his food but the hero somehow never made it home to find Miss Nutso at his house and finds out from the heroine?..... Really?? The heroine was planning to meet him at his house like their usual routine, so where the hell was he 'waiting for her and she didn't show up' to begin with? Plothole Alert. The casual dismissal of that bizarre scene made no sense to me (but I'm guessing that will be an issue addressed in the next installment). And the fact that Erin even contemplated not bringing up this disturbing scene was even more ridiculous. Pssht. Forget not liking confrontation, are you kidding me? If a crazy ex shows up at my guy's place making herself at home you bet I would be demanding answers. I just found her cowering insecurity too much and overplayed. Yeah your ex boyfriend was a jerk. Doesn't mean he took away your sense of reason and spine. There was just unnecessary angsting over things that didn't seem a big deal. *shrugs*

Alp says

“The world is cold and hollow, but with you, I feel alive again.”

Color me impressed.

There was plenty more drama, more sweetness, and more passion here in this second book. The way Blake cared about Erin made him even more endearing to me. Aww... he was such a wonderful man in every way. Couldn't love this man more! Erin was still as lovely and compassionate as she was in the first book. As a college student, she seemed more emotionally mature than her actual age, which was the thing I liked the most about her.

Erin was more than his lover; she'd been his ray of light in a dark, dark place.

Overall, it was an enjoyable read, filled with many deep emotions. And the third installment sounds even more promising. So, on to the next one!
