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A flirtatious reading of erotica blossoms into something deep and tender in the steamy Florida heat...

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Emma, a free-spirited bookstore owner in Orlando, keeps her business afloat with innovative ideas. Her most popular evening event is Story Brothel, where customers can pay writers to read aloud to them in a story-time for two, complete with cocktails. Despite the name, the event is usually tame. But things take a steamy turn when a handsome, urbane businessman hires Emma for a session in a private cabana. Daringly, she shares with him a reading of her erotica. Soon both of them are feeling the effects ... and Emma's wondering what kind of lover is underneath his expensive suit.

Caleb may be a billionaire real estate mogul, but he's never been captivated by a woman as he is by the lovely, quirky Emma. Her rockabilly vintage dresses make him long to strip them off and do very wicked things to her. And her refusal to share her personal life only makes him more curious.

Soon the couple are spending every available moment together. But Emma's building is in danger of being razed out from under her bookstore ... and worse, Caleb may be behind her problems. Can she trust him with her life as she does with her body? Or will the prickly walls built during her harsh past keep them apart?

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Natalie The Biblioholic says

This was my first read from Tamara Lush and so I didn't know what to expect. Although this installment was short, it was interesting and quite steamy. If this is what I have to look forward to in this series, then it's off to a good start.

I liked the premise of the story because it was unique (to me). Emma was a bookstore owner/erotica writer who participated in an event in which she reads aloud to a "reader" for charity. Her "reader" on this particular day was Caleb. As she read to him, the sexual tension seemed to leap from the pages.

With her own brand of insta-feelings (primarily lust from my viewpoint), the author gave a great introduction to these characters.

Vasiliki says

4.5 stars!

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This is the story of Emma and Caleb and it was supposed to be only a reading!

I totally loved this book! I loved the idea of Story Brothel, of reading sexy erotica to someone else. I also loved the setting of the old bookstore. Everything spoke to my heart. The writing was really nice and the book was said by Emma's POV! Although there were no twists as I'd figured out pretty much everything before end, I still loved the way the story moved. Ms. Lush brought me to a beautiful new world!

Emma is an amazing heroine, although her pride was a bit over the top! I totally agree not to ask for help but when you know someone who can give you a good advice, I think it's just silly not to ask for it! Anyway, I also loved that she wasn't perfect and she knew it! I actually loved her more for it!

Caleb is a great guy! I never thought about it, but I actually agree that an older guy has more to offer and Caleb sure does! I loved his discreet way of making his wishes coming true and how much control he had. I also loved the way he was looking at Emma!

My favorite part of the book was the chemistry among Emma and Caleb! When she was reading to him, when they were speaking or touching...Everything felt so real and honest to me! I really loved it!

The end was great as well! I would have a like a bit more of Emma and Caleb at this point but I understand that there is another book coming that I really would love to read it! I need more of Emma and Caleb!

I definitely recommend this short story to everyone who loves a nice erotic romance!

Briana says

I know for a fact I read this book this year but I didn't mark it. Smh.

Well if I remember correctly I actually liked this book. Wasn't the best book ever, but still a pleasure to read

4.0 star rating

Jean says

I really loved this book! This was short, sweet, sexy, and yes, a love story!

Emma, who owns her own bookstore, and is an author of romance novels, including erotica, is determined to save her store and those of the business owners in her building from a developer who is looking to takeover and demolish it. In an effort to build business, she begins holding special nights at the bookstore, including "Coloring Book" nights for adults, storytelling for children, and "Story Brothel" night where the author reads a book to the customer. I loved the whole premise of this book and that was what made me want to read it in the first place.

Caleb is a rich businessman. He comes to Emma's store one night and hires her to read him a story. Gah! Not only was he incredibly hot and sexy, but his intelligence and kindness (and his love for reading) made him even more sexy! The chemistry between him and Emma was hot and steamy, like really hot and steamy! Did I say hot and steamy?!? I loved it!

I did not realize when I started this book (which is pretty much a serial) that there were more to the series, but I will definitely continue with it because I fell in love with Emma and Caleb and I need more!!

If you are looking for a sweet, SEXY, short book, with substance, I highly recommend this one!

I received an ARC of this book from NetGalley for an honest review!

Pam says

3 stars

"a fantasy is what the heart whispers to silence a busy mind."

Tell Me a Story is an adult bed time story, taking place in a *Story Brothel*. It's all done for fun and the love of all things books, but for Emma and Caleb it intimately connects them as the "reader" and the writer. The setting and the tone ups the anticipation and the tease, pulling me right in. As funny as it might sound, I wish

it was even more drawn out, there is nothing hotter than need and want stretched out to the breaking point. It's hard to keep the momentum going after desires are given in, especially when the story takes a turn. The other aspect of the story I could have done without, since I was perfectly content with just the tease of it all. I enjoyed the man Caleb is but Emma had reservations that annoyed me just a bit. This is an insta story so fair warning to those who don't care for the fast fall. Regardless it was a good read, great start and a future made of possibilities.

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Jessica Alcazar says

You know, I think it says a lot about an author's ability with prose if they can make you completely forget the, most of the time hard to buy, insta-love/lust they've written into their story because the passion between the leads is so electric and powerful! *Tamara Lush* made that possible for me in *Tell Me A Story*.

The story-line is fresh. It's new and it's unconventional ... who even thinks a *story-time* trope would even work with adults. I honestly thought I was about to read the most ridiculous story ever. *I like it when I'm wrong* :)

The story is fueled by the sexual nature of Emma and Caleb's journey, but it is also laced with so much humor you just will not be able to put it down. It's a short read but it not lacking by any means. I highly recommend it for anyone looking for a quick, sexy entertaining good time :) #TRUST

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Mindy Lou's Book Review says

Great beginning to a 5 part series. For being episode one, I love the fact that the author didn't end on a cliffhanger. If you really want to stop at episode one you could, but I think you'll love Caleb and Emma enough to want to continue their story. I know I do! This is one of those couples that started out as ok. They met in a unique way, but then the more I read, the more I wanted to read about them. Their first time together was very well written and hot! I must leave this review with a quote from Caleb that just made me melt.

"If you're falling, I'm falling faster. Which means I'll be there to catch you at the bottom."

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Michelle says

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****Please Note: This review is for the Complete Novel of Tell Me A Story****

A sexy, titillating erotic emotional journey that will heighten your senses. Tamara Lush awakens readers to take notice in her ability to create a story that will pull readers in sensually as well the raw vulnerability of her characters. I loved that the author showcased the progression of character growth in both Caleb and Emma. So if you are looking for a story that blends eroticism, insta-love, romance, and emotional undertones then this book might be for you.

Jennifer says

ARC received for review

3.5 stars

Great start to the series. It was nice to have a happily ever after...for now instead of a cliffy. It's a nice build up in their relationship with lots of hot sex. Emma did annoy me with refusal to tell Caleb about her building problems or her past. There are four more parts to their story and hopefully none of them end in a cliffy either.

~Mandi~ says

4.5 Stars ?

Tell Me a Story: Episode One
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The beginning of the Emma and Caleb story. Great start to what seems is going to be an awesome series.

Emma is a bookstore owner in Orlando. She does certain events to draw customers in to try and save her bookstore. One of her events is called a Story Brothel. It is where a person can pay another to read them a story. But things take a steamy turn when a handsome, urbane businessman hires Emma for a session in a private cabana. Daringly, she shares with him a reading of her erotica. Emma's wondering what kind of lover is underneath his expensive suit.

Caleb is a real estate billionaire. And has decided that Emma is who he wants. They spend all their time together, with him opening up to her. But Emma can't seem to share her past of growing up poor with him.

Are they gonna be able to move past this hurdle?

Definitely will continue the story with the next book Tell Me a Desire: Episode Two

Thanks NetGalley for the ARC in exchange for a fair review.

Zaaali Zaaali says

I loved this story, the hero was so mature and heroine was so real, loved her curves. She was such a strong and complete woman, so real and genuine.

I loved the guy who was so well-read

There are so many new ideas in the book.

The book is a great romance.

TeriLyn says

**Tell Me a Story* generously provided by the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.*

5 "Sounds like an adventure." Stars

I'm so excited about this new episodic series from Tamara Lush, a new author discovery for my reading life. The storytelling in this first erotic episode, told from the first person POV of the heroine, grabbed me from the very start. The plot of the book is quite unique in how Lush went about introducing her appealing characters and how their instant attraction leads to excellent sexual tension and passion.

Caleb King and Emma Price are the hero and heroine in this contemporary erotic tale. Each hailing from two different backgrounds and current life situations there's no denying the connection and chemistry between these two. Who they are currently and how they meet was something fresh and new for the romance reading world, I was more than intrigued and it was super HOT. Lush paces readers nicely through the build of their passionate tension, friendship, and overall relationship through witty banter, sexy story time, and intelligent dialogue. Each of these characters aren't blatantly in your face with who they are but rather comfortably set forth for you to sink easily into their story. And Caleb, for me, was a perfectly written hero and I can't wait for further exploration of his character especially.

The writing here captured me and the characters engaged me throughout. Caleb and Emma created visceral reactions as they both slowly reveal themselves to each other, vulnerabilities and strengths alike. I understood each of their plights, motivations, wants, and desires. Tamara Lush convinced me from the beginning. I'm quite thrilled I was given the opportunity to read this installment and very much look forward to reading the rest of the series.

Wendy'sThoughts says

3.5 Manipulating the Sexiest Organ

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Did my title catch your eye... think I was about to talk about some huge member and how it was so friggin' hot... Well, you would be wrong this time... because we readers all know the largest, sexist organ is our brain...and we exercise it every time we allow ourselves to be part of a story...thinking of all the delicious things that are happening to those characters on the page or screen...

In **Tell Me a Story (The Story Series: Episode One) by Tamara Lush** we have a bit of a modern day Scheherazade bookstore owner. She is talented in writing and doing an event where she and others read to patrons privately to raise money for charity. It is a way to bring the community together and highlight her bookstore along with all the other businesses in their shared building.

Emma is captivating; dark haired, curvy and strong willed. She is the first in her extended family to go to college and actually own her own business. She came from poverty, dealt with the hardships, made her way and now had her place in the world. She loves her friends, bookstore and with her unique style... has made it all work. Oh, things weren't always easy...but overall she held strong.

It was at this event, a man she would usually run the other way from, intrigued her and piqued her curiosity. This man in his expensive suit and piercing eyes matched her in bantering about authors and obscure quotes...Emma was a bit intrigued and agreed to read for him one of her new pieces...an erotic one...

As Emma reads to Caleb, there is snap, crackle and pop in the air and in her mind...Saying the words she has written out loud makes them feel more intimate than she had imagined...and Caleb is wanting more from her.... more words and time...

These two embark on a journey of "Insta-Lust" to quote Emma...as it is the only way she will believe in it... it can't be real... he is not like her... this real estate developer...and yet ... he wants her and she cannot resist.

There is another part of this tale...a conflict which becomes a huge hurdle to over come for the both of them...She needs to realize her walls need to come down and asking for assistance is not a weakness.

This was a quick read... a first part. It had its moments, some unrealistic parts yet still entertaining enough to wonder what comes next. The good news is *NO CLIFFY AT ALL*. Should you wish to end with this entry, you will be happy. If you wish to go on... then there is more of the couple to follow. And one can wonder, what other stories will she spin.....

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Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

3.5 Stars

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Good start to this 5 part serial. Well written and sexy as hell. I liked both characters. Though the heroine got on my nerves a tiny bit. I enjoyed it enough that I will probably continue on to the next book.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

3.5 Stars

'Tell Me a Story' is Episode One in the "The Story" Series. This is a book about 110 pages so an easy breeze read!

This is the story of Emma and Caleb. Emma is a romance writer and owns a bookstore. Emma takes part in the Story Brothel time activity.

Caleb comes to the Story Brothel to have Emma read to him part of her erotica book that she has.

They both are attracted to the other and her story reading heat things up for sure!

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