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Value, worth—these are things I don't have. College degree, great job—none of that matters if you look in the mirror and can't find anything to love.

Structure, dedication, and determination are the traits that Candace Jones has survived and thrived on. When no one cares at home, it takes her self-drive to push and work her way through college. Life is funny while you're growing up, and adulthood isn't any easier than childhood. Little girl dreams are often destroyed before they can even begin.

Lance 'Rush' Miller works hard and plays even harder. He lives life from one adrenaline rush to the next, from working as a roughneck to trick riding his street bike. He has it made and knows it.

What happens when firm resolve crashes into wild abandon? Two complete opposites are thrown together when Candace finds herself in need of a quick escape that Lance is all too willing to give her.

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J.C. says

Lance
5 stars!

Reviewed by B.y.o.Book Club

WOW, Ive been blown away by this entire series, but Lance definitely takes the cake!! This story has such a powerful message throughout it.

Candace, aka Ace, is a full figured woman, who, like majority of women, has insecurities in her looks. After growing up with verbal abuse from her mother, being taunted by skinny women and random men, she carries those insecurities on her sleeve.

Lance, aka Rush, grew up watching his mom jump from guy to guy who treated her poorly, and has made a promise to himself to never treat a woman that way. He despises seeing any woman treated negatively, but especially beautiful, soft, curvy women.

The spark Lance feels for Ace is immediate and intense. Ace has a harder time letting go of her insecurities and allowing herself to open up and be vulnerable to the fall of love. The chemistry is amazing, and you're heart will literally swoon over the endearing, patient and loving personality of Lance!

I could not put this book down at all. From the first page it captured my heart, body issues and insecurities are something many women struggle with. It is a breath of fresh air to see a book embrace a curvy leading female, and bringing light to a struggle that many women don't talk about. The underlining message of this story is simple, beautiful and incredibly uplifting; 'you are enough.'

Kim Brewing says

The third addition to the series. This one deals with self esteem and body image...something most of us struggle with. I have enjoyed these and look forward the the two upcoming stories.

Sue says

Although I have read and loved pretty much all of Chelsea Camaron's books, Lance holds a special place in my heart for me, because just like Candace, I was that "fat girl" who ate away all my emotions and when I met my biker love of my life...it was almost too good to be true.

Lance is a hard-working, no game playing, nice guy who just happens to be HOT as hell...he works on an oil rig by day and parties hard on the weekend with his buds when he is not doing some fancy trick riding on his motorcycle. Unlike a lot of men, he is not interested in "pretty on the outside-shallow on the inside" Barbie-doll types, but would rather have a sweet, soft all-woman girl with curves for days.

Candace grew up in a home with an abusive mother...a "mother" who lives to sabotage any effort to help her daughter be more comfortable in her own skin by making high calorie, tempting but unhealthy meals and then taunting her when she isn't allowed to eat what she wants...it was cruel, hateful and the reason so many young women have deadly eating disorders.

When Lance and Candace meet unexpectedly after she faces another self-esteem crushing disappointment, it was an exciting and very sweet beginning for both of them.

I love the intensity and "realness" that comes with every one of these short but satisfying novellas that Camaron writes...they make me "feel all the feels" and bring to light issues that impact many people (male and female) in their everyday life. There is a good lesson to be learned in this one as well and hopefully sends out the message loud and clear, that beauty comes in all forms, all shapes and sizes and real beauty is completely from within if people would take the time to appreciate what lies in a person's soul.

I was left feeling hopeful and happy at the end of this gem and can't wait for the next one...a music man's story.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

***** 5 ***** "what a girl really needs to hear from her man" stars

Denise McLendon says

LOVED IT!!!

I'm going to be very sad when this series is over! I know I can find other great stories from this author I try to read everything I get my hands on by her.

Katie says

Lance is the third and final in the Roughneck Shorts series and I am excited to learn Chelsea Camaron will be writing a spin-off series with some of the other characters. I really loved Lance, he was such a sweetheart with patience beyond anything I've ever witnessed and shows traits of being an alpha, but isn't full on. Again, I loved Ms Camaron's writing style. It is a testament to her ability as an author to write such different romances throughout this series. The first being typical alpha, the second dark and this one inspirational. I bow down to you Ms Camaron, you are a champion.

Twenty-eight year old Lance Miller has a nickname for being an adrenaline junkie, Rush. He lives for the rush, but when he meets the girl of his dreams, will she be able to give him the rush he needs to settle down. Lance works on an oil rig with Maverick and Heath, its dirty work and hard. But when he gets a chance, Lance is hanging with his mates at the bar or riding his bike.

Lance is determined to treat women the right way. Never using them for their own pleasure or bed hopping. At the bar now, he tries to pick up a curvy girl, but she thinks he's pulling her leg. Why would a hot guy like him be chasing after a curvy girl when he could have a Barbie wanna-be? He's the gentleman, not the player and the girls just don't seem to realise how legitimate he is.

Candace Jones is a pharmacist and enjoys her job. She didn't have an easy upbringing, she had both parents and was an only child, but her life was far from fun and easy going. Her current boyfriend, Wade is a

douchebag and only wants a physical relationship. When she isn't in the "mood", his response was: "Do I look like a man to cuddle? Get real, Candy. I am a man, a man with needs." They have been together almost three months and first met in the pharmacy.

Lance and Reese, (Roughneck Riders team) are at the Pavement Pushers event and when they begin their routine, he sees Reese go down. There's a woman in the arena and Reese was trying not to run her down. Candace is babbling, crying and clearly hysterical. Lance gets her out of there while Reese is checked out.

Its two weeks later and Lance hanging out with his mates at their usual bar. Coincidentally, he sees Candace and cannot believe his luck. Will Candace give Rush the chance to get to know her? Does she believe he actually wants curvy women over Barbies? Can Candace overcome her insecurities enough to trust and to fall with him?

This was certainly a very inspirational and moving short read. Lance, I just cannot get over this sweet man and all the roughnecks for that matter. This is one series that should be read by all romance readers as each is very different from the others. The insecurities that Candace had were very real, especially for me and I totally connected to everything she was feeling. Another winner from Ms Camaron. Thank you.

Mary Mooney says

Opposites attract, or so it seems for Candace "Ace" Jones and Lance "Rush" Miller. Candace is the woman determined, dedicated and independent. Still the insecurity is always there, wondering why any man would want to be with her. She sees herself as unlovable. When she tries to spent more time with her current :boyfriend" and the end up in a different state at a bike rally, race, or stunt show. She finds out just who her boyfriend really is. She leaves him to find her way back home to Texas. When she ends up in the show area while Rush and Drunken Monkey are riding. She can't believe she has caused a wreck and this makes her feel even worse. When Rush has to kiss her to calm her down, both are left speechless. He doesn't get her number and she is all he thinks about. Rush is one of the few men who actually loves a curvy woman. While Ace waits for the joke, she knows that he can't really want her. Will Rush be able to break through her walls? Can Ace let him in without getting her heart broken once again? I love this series and who doesn't love a sexy, hardworking man? Oh yeah the men in this series are all Roughnecks. Another great series from Chelsea Camaron, only wish these stories were a little longer. Anyway, there will be more with Wendol and the Reese's story. I am looking forward to both of those.

Ariana *mommy's late night book-up* says

4-4.5 Stars

Another cute short story from Chelsea Camaron. I really enjoyed how the Heroine, Candace (Ace), was not the usual skinny girl you read about in the books. She had extra weight (Probably around my size) and it was nice reading about a girl like her finding love with one of the "hot" guys. I love how she was still this beautiful and intelligent woman, and how she was seen by Lance for just that.

I was able to relate to her character more than that of other female characters as I too struggle with accepting my weight, and also with eating. Today's society puts so much stress on being thin as a twig, that any woman who isn't a size zero is made to feel as if she is fat. We put so much stress on a person's size, we tend to overlook the beauty that is inside, which is really what makes a person who they are. In Lance and Ace's

story, it showed that beauty comes in all shapes and sizes...just the way it should be.

Lance was sweet and fun. His love for Ace shone through, and I really loved how he didn't give up on her, or pressure her into anything she was not comfortable with. He always treated her as if she was the absolute most beautiful girl in the world. Although he did push her out of her comfort zone a few times, it was done out of love to show her how beautiful she really was to him. In so many ways it was like he saved her. From her ex, from her parents, and from herself. Oh and to top it all off, Lance was sexy as hell.

One thing I would of liked to have seen from this story was more about Lance and his trick riding. This played a decent part on the story, and it is something I enjoy watching in real life, so I would have loved to see a bit more of this, but that is just personal preference.

I also would have liked to see what had become of Ace's relationship with her parents...did she continue to have contact? Did she cut ties? Their actions were inexcusable... parents should want the best for their children, not belittle them and put them down their whole life. Her mother was the opposite of supportive, and one of the main causes of Ace's self esteem issues.

This was def a cute, relatable read that made me smile. I really wish it had been a little longer (just like the other shorts in this series) simply because I love the characters <3

Susan Sager says

I received a gifted copy in exchange for a honest review.

Chelsea Camaron has taken The Roughnecks Series and made the stories into novellas that are packed full of meaning. All of the characters face real life scenarios. We can relate to them. They are everyday people. What I loved about each novella is that the men and women were not artificial or beautiful supermodels. All characters in the stories are flawed, passionate, and carry a message to the reader. The men are hard working and self-less. Yes, they are the sexy alpha-male, but these men carry more than just a beautiful physical trait. They are devoted to the woman who turns their life around.

Lance is a story about insecurities. It is about not allowing others to define who you are as a person. It is being okay with curves. It also provides hope that there are men out there that think about the inner self more than the physical self.

Lance (the hero) learned how to be a man from the useless ones his mom brought in and out of the house. He wanted to be different for the woman in his life. He wasn't a playboy or a user. He just desired a girl that he could have a simple life with. I loved Lance's point-of-view on life.

Candace lived with a critical mother. Her mom would constantly harp on her about her weight and eating habits. Even as a child, Candace struggled with her curves. Because of her low self-worth she allowed men to use her and treat her like nobody. Candace is someone that a lot of girls can relate to. I really liked her character. Candace just wanted to be cared about and accepted. When she ends up in a bad situation, Lance comes in to rescue her.

Candace and Lance have bumps occurring before a relationship begins to develop. Part of it had to do with trust, and a lot had to do with Candace's family. Can Lance be the one to turn Candace around in her thinking?

I cannot say enough great things about Lance's story. The Roughnecks Series has been great to follow, and I am sorry to see Lance finish off this portion of the series.

Mrs K says

Feel the Rush

Oh my. This is another great novella from the Roughnecks Series. Now it is Rush's turn. This is a great quick read. I cant wait to read Wendol and Reese's stories.

Andrea Gillan says

What a Rush

Rush is an unusual man. He doesn't go for the normal skinny Barbie types he loves a woman with curves. Candace has had it drummed into her head that she is not good enough. She is too big to get a man, she won't get anything due to her size. Rush meets her and falls hard his only trouble is to convince her that she is all woman and all good.

Kim Richards says

It took me a little bit longer to get into this book, but once I was in that was it no one was getting any sense out of me until I have finished it.

I did enjoy this book, I felt every single thing that the main female character felt, probably because, I see myself as she sees herself, so I had more in common with her even though she is a fictional person.

This book has some really good surprises in store for you and they all help to make the story as good as it is.

I am really enjoying this series although they are all short stories they are so worth reading. I can't wait to read book 4.

Chelsea Camaron is one hell of a author.

Melinda ~ Twinsie Talk says

I received a copy of this book for an honest review.

This is the last of the Roughneck shorts and I have enjoyed them. This was quick read with a powerful message. Candace grew up being ridiculed by her mother and others about her weight. Lance "Rush" Miller grew up with a single mom who had poor taste in men.

Candace fell into Rush's life during his partner stunt with Reese when she walked out into the performance area. He helped her out and she was able to get home after she realized what a DB her boyfriend was. Lance

showed her how a woman should be treated. He showed Candace it's okay to trust and fall.

Candace mom is critical of Candace and her father just sits and lets it occur. Lance has a heart of gold and determined to make women feel wonderful and they are beautiful inside and out. I absolutely love his nickname for her and his reasoning behind it. I loved seeing the relationship between Candace and Lance and also seeing Maverick and Heath. This is a wonderful series of shorts and I wish it wasn't over and we could see more of Reese. I so enjoyed Maverick, Heath, and Lance.

Some of my favorites:

One ride, one rush, and one life—live every moment to the fullest and give back as hard as you get.

“Take care of yourself, Ace. Don't ever settle for a man who lets you walk away. An ass that fine is not one any real man should ever let go.”

This woman is going to think I am a crazy-ass stalker or some shit. I told her I would call in a few days, yet here I am, chasing her like some idiot. Can't get you out of my mind, please use my number. That's what she will read between the lines. Pausing, I think. It's the truth.

“I don't believe dating should take work other than the finding time to see each other. Marriage and keeping love alive is work. I believe in dedication to a partner.” He pauses to sip his drink. “Falling, though, Ace, falling is just that—an uncontrollable rush. In order to have a serious relationship and not merely date, one must allow themselves to fall. And falling isn't work. If you gotta force yourself to fall for someone, they aren't the one. After a date or two or a night spent together, you either fall or you don't, simple enough. I haven't fallen ... until now.”

Lisbeth says

Sweet, quick little read

Heather Andrews says

Lance is a genuine sweet guy, "take care of yourself, Ace. Don't ever settle for a man who lets you walk away. An a** that fine is not one any real man should ever let go." He's patient and kind, "well, not that I don't wanna have sex with you, Ace, and I may live for the rush, but I'm in no rush. When you're ready, I'll be here." I love this series the books may be short but the men are always caring and sexy.

Happily Ever Chapter says

LANCE (Roughneck Shorts, # 3)

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-- MY THOUGHTS --

Judging a Book by it's Cover:

I'm not a fan of the pink/red cloud streaks or whatever clashing into the faded model. At quick glance, the eye focuses on the dark cloud to the right and the oil rig and it's very easy to allow the eye to continue it's search for something more appealing. The synopsis for this reads pretty vague as well. If I weren't already investing in the series, it would be a hard sell to get me to pick this one up.

Looking Deeper:

Written in a first person, alternating POV, clearly defined at the head of each chapter. Easy to follow along with.

Lance is a Roughneck, working on an oil rig with Maverick and Heath (see previous books). In his spare time, he performs tricks at competition level on his motorcycle. He readily admits to being an adrenaline junkie, thus his nickname "Rush". Candace is a curvaceous pharmacist with some self-confidence issues. Raised to believe that her eating habits were disgusting and that she was fat plays a pretty big part in that. She's learned that most people over-look her and when they do acknowledge her, it's because they want something from her. She's smart, sassy and a little sad. He's wild, sexy and a little bit bad. Together they could interlock their halves into the most perfectly balanced whole, if only they'd learn to accept the balance. In the end, I feel that we had the chance to get to know Lance better than Ace. Maybe because he was part of the Roughneck trio all along. I loved his dialogue and interaction, but found her hesitation and reservations to be somewhat annoying after it's continuance months later. I'd expected a little more substance to the plot. It felt thin and unusually empty. I'd hoped for it to take a twist or two regarding Wade and her job, but that was even too much to hope for. This novella was just too short to create a rich plot. Worse, it's written so smooth, it creates a blink-and-you-miss-it effect. The characters' chemistry never had a chance to shine through and prove itself before it was over, leaving the conclusion to seem sort of out-of-the-blue and unbelievable. At least, that's how I felt about it. I think it would have thoroughly benefited from another 40 pages or so. I am truly saddened to have to score this one so low after enjoying the first two so much more. Overall, it is **not** a bad little story and the writing is still good, it was just way too short.

Heat Level: 3.5

Score: 3.7

Stars: 4

-- ABOUT the AUTHOR --

Chelsea Camaron was born and raised in Coastal North Carolina. She currently resides in Southern Louisiana with her husband and two children but her heart is always Carolina day dreaming.

Chelsea always wanted to be a writer, but like most of us, let fear of the unknown grab a hold of her dream; she realized that if she was going to tell her daughter to go for her dreams, that it was time to follow her own

advice.

Chelsea grew up turning wrenches alongside her father, and from that grew her love for old muscle cars and Harley Davidson motorcycles, which just so happened to inspired her 'Daddy's Girls' series. Her love for reading has sparked a new love for writing and she currently has a few more projects in the works.

When she is not spending her days writing you can find her playing with her kids, attending car shows, going on motorcycle rides on the back of her husband's Harley, snuggling down with her new favorite book or watching any movie that Vin Diesel might happen to be in.

She hates being serious and is still a big kid at heart. She is a small town country girl enjoying life and, Chelsea hopes that her readers remember not to take life too seriously and to embrace your inner five year old, because five year olds know how to enjoy the simple things in life and how to always have fun.

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