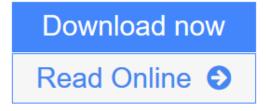


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I can make it by myself. The only rules I follow are my own. Love? I learned that lesson the hard and painful way it wasn't right for me. Sure, sometimes it gets lonely and I wish I had a man to hold. Who'd love me. Want me. Treat me with respect. Yeah, I dance in a club but that doesn't mean I'm easy. Or a fool. So you, sitting in the back, watching me? I know what you want. You want me. In your bed. Under you. But I say no. It doesn't matter how many presents you give me.

I'm not falling for you. I know who you are. But you don't know me. You don't know Austin.

This is a 14,000 word CLIFFHANGER story. It is a start to a new series, entitled Man Up. The next book in the series is Rhoades—Undeniable

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Lelyana says

OMG OMG OMG! THIS. BOOK! THIS BOOK!????????

Felice Stevens starting anew series is EVERYTHING!

Read the blurb and read the warning before you read the book, and consider it a **'spoiler'** from the author. Don't be ignorant and ranting for something you ignored before you read. Didn't mean to be rude or anything, some people are just make me SMH.

This is a prequel of Rhoades series coming up around two weeks after this novella, so if you hate cliffhanger, wait until Rhoades going live, before you start yelling at people.

Once I opened this book, I knew I'm going to freaking love the series. Because Austin and his patron (no, I won't mention his name) are sexy together. I almost, almost saw something like Marcus and Tyler's relationship in The Breakfast Club is going on. And I'm very excited for it. Marcus and Tyler are sexy and I know that Austin's story would be stellar.

I'm loving every minute reading this VERY SHORT story, almost felt like impending orgasm! Damn!

Felice is getting better and better with her boys, and trust me guys, you will regret it if you miss this series, and when you're finally read this series, you'll start questioning yourself "Where have I been all this time?" Well, consider it a **sweet** reminder.

PS. I'm a very sweet person, ask Felice. But I can be a bitch if you're asking for that. Salute!

Sara says

5 Hearts

What an amazing start to a series full of characters that have you wanting more and wanting nothing but the best for them in only four chapters.

I've read this twice now and it's still not enough for me. I fell hard for Austin immediately and I am kicking myself that I didn't meet him sooner in Tyler and Marcus' book, but trust me that I will fix that error and fix it soon.

Austin is a young man whose love for dance has him working between two worlds, that of a dance instructor to children and as a go-go dancer at Man Up, a gentlemen's club. Austin knows who he is and knows what he wants and that's someone to love him and accept him for who he is. You see, Austin doesn't have a good relationship with his family, his very affluent and rich family, since he came out and he is doing what he has to so he can live on his own terms. He's created a pseudo family with the boys/dancers at Man Up and has a wonderful best friend in Frankie Marone. But Austin has someone at the club who has taken a strong like to him and with the gift he was given, we see Austin off on a night to remember.

I absolutely adored this book and even though it's short, the reader gets a good grasp on who Austin is and has the chance to develop a crush on his friends, namely Frankie and Cort for now. They are a part of Austin's life and are there for him in any way he needs, even if it's protecting him from the man who turns him on and also scares the crap out of him with his want. This mysterious stranger, Mr. Tall Dark and Doesn't Ever Speak has been watching Austin dance at Man Up for some time now and after a night of Austin teasing the hell out of him, and then his handsome stranger seeing how Austin can take care of himself, we finally get a glimpse into who the stranger is.

Wow. Let me just say meeting Rhoades was amazing. Yeah, he is totally going on my Swoony McSwoonster shelf that is hard to get on with me but damn, Rhoades has a way with words. There is so much we don't know about him and so much I want to know about him and it's not just how he is with Austin. It's the mystery behind the man I want to dive into and marinate in until my fingers are pruny. I know Rhoades will be fantastic and how he and Austin will be together will be amazing... but I have to wait until the next book is out so I can cure my reader blue balls.

I'm going to stop here before I ramble too much but this was a great start to a new series I am sure I will be glued to until it's over and then I'll pout.

Amanda says

I believe this is a nice sexy little teaser for something awesome to come. So far, I'm liking the dynamic between Austin and his mysterious patron, Mr. McKenzie. Austin seems like a firecracker with a stick up his ass. He got beaten down in life so much that he had this shield of 'don't fuck with me'. I'm definitely looking forward to his submission and maybe turn down his attitude a notch or two. Two week couldn't come soon enough.

Claire says

Nice little taster of what's to come. So far we've been introduced to a very likeable cast of characters at Man Up. Now there is nothing to do but tap my fingers and wait (impatiently) until the 20th April for the continuation of Austen and Rhoades story.

This is my first Felice Stevens book... it won't be my last, obviously.

4 Stars

namericanwordcat says

Two things: I hate series introduction books that are basically teases. I don't mind a prequel but this is really an incomplete story that sets up the real first book in the series that won't be told from Austin's point of view but the other hero.

Second, I like Stevens writing but the internal dialogue of her heroes tends to read like obsessive thoughts. They think the same thing over and over again. In Austin's case "I need make it on my own." We get it. Enough.

So, Austin is really likable but for this running thought and his best friend Frankie is a mess but I am not sure I like the hero (name? oh it is the title of the next book) enough to want to read the nexts in the series.

So, not great for me.

Mimi says

3.5 stars

I feel like something is missing when you start reading this book, like it a continuation from another one of her series.

Austin was a rich kid until he came out to his father and left because he wasn't accepted. Austin is very guarded and doesn't let to many people close. Austin is a dancer by trade. He has a job teaching kids and dancing at Man Up. And that's where the story starts to get interesting. He meets his mystery man named Rhodes. Book 1 does and in a cliffhanger but continues in book 2 Rhodes: Undeniable.

Funzee Shu says

Oh trust me, you don't wanna miss this one!!

This is the prequel of the brand new series by Felice Stevens, Man Up.

The author trying to tease us, the readers with this short introduction of her new boy, Austin by giving us the first glimpse of Austin life as a dance teacher who work with Tyler (from Second to None) on his dance studio and also a go-go dancer by night.

In his lonely life, Austin crave for someone who will love and accept him for who he is. Someone who can hold him and make him feels secure. But life had teach him so hard that there's no such easy things in life.

When a mysterious man at the dance club start to give him extra attention, it put Austin in a dilemmas. Lower his guard to the mysterious sexy man that had stir something in his heart or keep running and leave the man behind...

I really can't wait for what happen next between Austin and his mysterious man when the full length book will release next week!

I have the feeling that this series will gonna be something!

Dawn Nicole Costiera says

Austin by Felice Stevens is the perfect apéritif before the meal! This short prequel is jammed packed with goodies from beginning till end. It is mysterious, intriguing, hot and a tad dark! This one feels different from what we are used to with Felice and I LOVED IT. It still has her signature, realistic, lovable and vibrant characters just with a twist. It left me dying for more. Bring on Undeniable!

We first met flirty Austin briefly in Second To None. He worked with Tyler as a junior dance instructor. In this prequel, we learned that this is not his only job. He's also a sexy go-go dancer by night, but don't judge this book by his cover, Austin is a lot more then just his dancing.... Felice gave us a few bits and pieces into the man behind the booty shorts. At work he has a strict, no touch only flirt policy that he holds true too. Until a sexy customer takes interest in him, night after night... Watching him intently. Austin should be cautious, instead he's curious and he definetly should not be turned on!! Who is this mysterious man? What does he want from him? Just when things heat up, Felice slams the book shut on us. (I could actually hear her evil laugh!) But it is all good. I loved everything about this prequel and the wait for the full size novel, Undeniable won't be long....

Cadiva says

This one's a bit different. It's basically an introduction to Felice's new Rhoades Undeniable which comes out a week after this one.

If you don't like cliff hangers, don't pick this one up until the next book is out.

Personally I'm utterly intrigued by Austin and what's gone on in his past to make him act as he does and also just where things are going with Rhoades.

This series is also loosely connected with Felice's Memories and Breakfast Club series and Tyler and Marcus make a guest appearance in it.

Roll on next week!

#ARC kindly provided by the author in return for an honest and unbiased review.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

5 stars

Oh. My. Goodness!! Felice Stevens has always been a go to author for me. Her characters are beautifully written, have depth (faults and all), and they always work their way into my heart. Austin is no different. I fell instantly in love with Austin. I felt his pain and his angst, but I also felt his joy when he teaches the children to dance. I was captivated by him and instantly caught up in the story. Meanwhile, we don't get much of a feeling about Rhoades, but what we do get is intriguing, and I absolutely cannot wait to find out more about him.

Another thing I love about Steven's writing is the incredible detail she provides in her world building. She's always been able to give me a full picture of the characters, the places they go, and the things they do, and she's able to do it without overwhelming the reader with so many...words. I never feel bogged down, and she's done it again with Austin. I can see what the characters look like, as well as the dance studio and the club. It's in my brain playing like a movie.

Read Kenna's review in its entirety here.

SoCalBookReviews says

This book is basically a tease for what's to come.

Austin is a dancer, he works at a dance studio and also dances at the Man Up nightclub.

The mystery man (I'm not going to spoil this one by saying his name quite yet) but, he's been watching Austin dance for months and can't seem to get Austin out of his mind.

This book is really short, but super-hot and Felice does a great job setting up the rest of the Man Up series with this one. We not only meet the main characters for this book and the second, but some of the minor characters will have books in the future of this series as well. With the snippet of the full storyline we get from this book, I am really looking forward to getting my hands on the rest.

Kale Williams does a great job with the voices for Austin and the man who watches him. Both voices are totally different and unique and I really enjoyed this short audiobook. I really hope Felice sticks with Kale as the narrator for the rest of the books. This one was great, and Kale's voice was perfect for these characters.

Debra says

Reviewed for Sinfully.

4.5 stars

In just four chapters, this prequel to the first full book of Felice Stevens' new series has me completely invested in the men who work at the club Man Up. This one focuses on Austin, a teacher at Tyler's (from Second to None) dance school, who dances at Man Up in the evenings, but we also get to meet his best friend Frankie and the protective Cort who both dance there as well. All three of these very different men quickly had me wanting to know more about their stories, not to mention club owner James.

Austin has a mysterious admirer who comes to the club whenever he dances and has now upped his interest by sending Austin expensive gifts. Though Austin always keeps himself distanced from the clients when he dances, he can't deny his attraction to the man whose name he doesn't know and who watches, but doesn't talk to him. There is a definite chemistry and attraction there, but Austin doesn't want to rely on anyone, doesn't need a man to protect him, and he certainly doesn't have sex with club patrons.

There is enough of Austin's back story given that had me emotionally invested in wanting him to succeed and be happy. His past has him determined to make it on his own. He doesn't want anything given to him, he won't even tell Tyler's husband Marcus that he dances at a club for fear he may offer him a job at his own club, Sparks. The strength Austin shows is real, but underneath he's afraid of failing and he's also lonely. Sure, he has his friends - who are more like a family - but he does want someone who will love him. On the other hand, he doesn't want to give himself to a man who will only end up hurting him.

Through their brief interactions in this short, the mystery man eventually reveals his intentions. He also appears to be the type that just might mean everything he says. But will Austin break his own rules and give the man a chance? Well, the blurb tells you it's a cliffhanger so you're going to have to wait just a couple of weeks until the release of Rhoades - Undeniable to find out, but don't let that stop you from jumping in. You will fall in love with Austin.

The story has a bit of a different feel than prior Felice Stevens books, but even in this short prequel you get a good taste of the multi-layered characters that she writes so well, and a hint of the challenges (and a bit of angst?) that will face Austin and his mystery-man. I'm not always a big fan of shorts, but I am so glad I read this one and cannot wait for the rest of the story.

See all my reviews for Sinfully here.

Nazanin ex-Profile says

Loved the audiobook! I just hope the story won't be cheesy because I love the narrator! It's promising though.

Katerina says

This one must be heard. Kale Williams. Goose bumps. Reading is only half the fun. Really great audiobook.

Gabriella (Gabi) says

This was a great prequel. A group of dancers, just like Magic Mike, with a bit more glitter. :D We got a peek into the club life, what's it like to be a go-go dancer. And we got to know these individuals just enough so, that we would want more.

This short is is from Austin's POV, one of the dancers, who has an admirer in the form a rich man. Austin hates rich people, he himself was one of them once, and he doesn't want to be bought. Despite that he feels a pull towards the charismatic Rhoades.

The story cut off after Austin and Rhoades first kiss and will continue in Rhoades-Undeniable .