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In Sidney Halston's latest sizzling MMA romance, a former title contender turns the tables on his knockout trainer with a lesson in seduction.

Once one of the most sought-after names on the mixed martial arts circuit, Antonio "Scarface" Marino watched his career go down for the count as he chased skirts and made tabloid headlines. Now he's finally making a comeback, and it's all thanks to Francesca Silva, a Brazilian bombshell as tough as any of her fighters. But who's the real Francesca: the trash-talking trainer who rides him hard, or the vulnerable woman who blushes at his touch?

Francesca went to the mat to sign Tony because she believes he still has the potential to bring big success to her gym—if she can keep his head in the cage and out of her personal life. After a short-lived marriage soured her on love, a one-night stand is all she can handle. Now Tony's kisses are stirring up complicated feelings—especially when he agrees to face her ex in the ring. Francesca's used to freezing guys out. But Tony's tempting her to give in to the heat.

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Cristina says

This was the first book by Sidney Halston that I've read and I did enjoy it but it did not blow my mind or shock my senses.

It was a pleasant read because it was well written and I do love a good fighter novel :D

But what I love more than a sexy bad boy fighter is a woman that can take care of herself and can bring a man on his knees...literally :P

If you think you can handle one bad boy alpha who likes to fight and party, one very strong and opinionated woman that can fight better than most men and the sparks that are flying when those two come together then this is a book for you.

If not...the probably you'll be bored...very bored...

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Sleepless Readmore says

4 STARS ? .. Si Cariño

Antonio and Francesca ♥

You say **you** don't want **me**,
but **you** don't pull away either.

You're fighting it,
and **I** can't understand why.

I'm not a boy, cariño.
I know what **I** want,

and **I** want **you** ..”

As soon as I finished Full Contact I didn't think I'd be able to **WAIT** for this one. *Francesca* intrigued me in the last novel and as soon as *I found out* she had her story I was **ECSTATIC**. She's such a bada*s .. I admire her. She's a **BOMBSHELL**. No wonder *Antonio* is after her .. *Antonio* may be book boyfriend material **HOWEVER** *Francesca* equals #GIRLCRUSH. She has a tough ~~exterior~~ and it takes someone special to break it down. It wasn't my favourite **out of the series** because I felt something was *lacking* although it got the four stars because of the **phenomenal** characters. In addition, I LOVED THE *SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE* .. learning words in languages is always a plus and it just sounds so much **HOTTER!** It was a fast read and I adore this **group of friends** .. NOW I just have to ~~patiently wait~~ for *Cain's* story (HOPING IT'S THE NEXT ONE).

Below the Belt Sidney Halston
- *Sleepless, Readmore. Twitter*

Ivy Deluca says

The third book set in Tarpon Springs, Florida and the Worth the Fight Academy features Francesca and Tony. Tony's a fighter who is struggling with a comeback, though he won't acknowledge it. Francesca is struggling with dropping her emotional wall, though she won't admit it. And then, romance.

The Good, The Bad and Everything In Between

Tarpon Springs, where hot MMA fighters roam free: Hurricanes aside, it's an interesting town populated with very hot fighters, pretty beach houses...and um, did I mention hot fighters? Yeah, I would go there. Better yet, as the 'verse keeps building, the more I like the characters and the camaraderie between them. The couples from the earlier books appear and enhance the story, but don't take over. The teasers for future couples are there of course, and I'm interested to see the next couple, Cain and Violet, get their story.

Tony's all machismo: Tony's a passionate Cuban male, all testosterone with a touch of insecurity that he covers with his posturing. He never holds back what he feels, for better or for worse. He's almost too emotional at first, talented with sticking his foot in his mouth and and for a thirty-four year old, he needed to grow up. He's not a perfect alpha male, just a flawed one. The glimpses of him working with kids softened his hard edges though, and I could see why Frankie's so attracted to him.

Francesca's a bit prickly: Francesca, or Frankie, or Frances, whatever you want to call her, spends ALOT of time holding all her emotions in. She is the complete opposite of Tony, but she has her irrational, emotional moments too, which...ok made me want to slap her upside the head, but, still. From the earlier books, I would have never pictured her to be as uptight as she really is, so I actually enjoyed seeing how much she hid from everyone. As she relaxes and learns to let go, she became much more tolerable. Seeing her interaction with her ex-husband Rodrigo, you get a well-needed peek into what made her so carefully controlled and I would have liked to see even more of that explored.

Yes, I have to mention the dogs! and kitties!: Drogo and his brood make an appearance and there's Disney princess kittens and Winston. An adorable break in the action.

Tony's family is very familiar (in a good way): As a member of a loud Hispanic family myself, Tony's mother had me cracking up.

“his mother’s voice had only two volumes: loud and super-fucking-loud”

TRUTH, people, truth. But underneath the fussing and the nagging, the love was clear and I really liked the added dimension it gave to Tony’s character, to see where he came from.

More emotions, less sex please: Now, Frankie and Tony both had the combined maturity level of a pouty teenager for a good portion of the story, but they did grow and eventually learn to get over themselves. I know it’s a bit odd, but I would have liked to have read more about them having emotional conversations, and less sex scenes. They’re not the strongest part of the story anyway, and they began and ended fairly quickly, so I would have preferred to see them spend that time talking. I know I’m strange, but what can I say? The feels mean more to me than sex.

The Bottom Line

A bit of drama, a bit of funny and a bit of romance - I liked visiting Tarpon Springs again in this easy read. I’d recommend for those interested in the lighter side of MMA fighters.

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Dali says

A sexy and attractive story with two captivating characters that made me laugh, smile and feel tingly all over.

For the past few months Tony Marino hasn’t just been after career wins. He’s been after the sassy, sultry and tough as nails Francesca Silva, co-owner of Worth the Fight Academy where he’s been training to get his career back on track and fighting what seems to be a losing battle at trying to get Francesca to give him the time of day.

At a friend’s wedding though, she gives into a one-night stand with Tony, unknowing that his pursuit of her has made him want a whole lot more than that. Can Tony’s virile and vibrant approach thaw out Francesca’s fortress of ice?

Right off the bat we meet Tony after losing a fight. And let me tell you, I was not impressed. His lack of control and temper made him look more like a jackass instead of a badass. Which made me wonder if I could like him and enjoy the story. I was happily surprised that I could and I did.

After getting to know him a bit more, we see a softer, kinder side to him which was completely endearing. His temper still made an appearance or two but knowing there was so much more to him made it almost funny imagining him with a Ricky Ricardo accent while getting angry, and even when he was not.

“Okay, so explain this ‘I Never’ game.” Tony said.

“Dude, it’s explain, not explain,”

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“Stop being all... Sexual. Stop it.”

“I’m not being sesual,” Today replied.

“Dude, you keep forgetting those x’s. Sesual? No wonder she doesn’t want to kiss you.”

I did get a bit annoyed with Francesca though. Her commitment issues and insecurities made her feelings go all over the place, making her overreact and not be the strong person she portrayed at the beginning. But just like with Tony, after getting to know her better I understood her and where the reluctance to let people in came from. And basically how hard it was for her to find her true self.

“Your clothes aren’t the problem. You need to be yourself, not some persona you’ve created who’s a standoffish version of the beautiful woman I’ve come to care about.”

I loved how Tony was so patient with her. How even though she conveyed being this take charge, confident, independent woman, he still felt the need to protect her because he saw her vulnerable parts.

“You say you don’t want me, but you don’t pull away either. You’re fighting it, and I can’t understand why. I’m not a boy, cariño. I know what I want, and I want you. I’m going to keep trying...”

I enjoyed how he tried to coax Francesca’s true personality out, or more accurately how he slowly broke down her barriers and got to the heart of her.

“She was slowly cracking; he felt it, and it made him feel invincible. The strongest woman he knew, was finally letting him in – at least a little.”

Even though at times it broke my heart along with his.

“ ‘Tony, I love you and I got jealous.’ Just fucking say it! Don’t you get it? You’re fucking hurting me! Every time you don’t tell me how you feel, you’re breaking my damn heart!”

I loved Tony’s mother she was so overbearingly adorable and funny, and all the rest of the supporting characters made this book so much richer.

Even though most of the story felt like Tony was fighting to get Francesca to take a chance on them, there were also a lot of sexy moments and some exciting ones related with the fights and training.

“Outside this bedroom, you can fight me all you want. But in this bed, you’re fucking mine, and I please my woman.”

I stumbled upon this book almost by accident and I feel lucky I did. I will be looking for the previous books in the series and also waiting for the next one which seems to be about two very interesting characters who I also met in this story.

Written in third person from both points of view. Third book in the Worth the Fight series, can be read as a

standalone. No cheating. No triangle. No cliffhanger. With a HEA. Fighter romance.

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Dawn Parker says

Omg..love this series and LOVED this installment. Would have to say I enjoyed it better than the last. :) I absolutely can't wait for more!!

This read could be read on its own but wouldn't recommend it. With all the characters invoked, one could feel really lost. I really enjoyed how this particular book involved all the characters throughout the read. It was like taking a journey from the beginning. :) Nice to have a close bunch of friends.

Below the Belt is about Francesca and Tony. Everyone could tell their love hate relationship was brewing a romance. This is a hot, spunky and fiery...just like them.

Francesca must work out problems and insecurities with herself that stem from her past to be able to move on and have a relationship. Tony is hot headed, drinks and jealous. To have a chance with Francesca he has gotta change. What is ironic...they are both stubborn and have such an amazing and sweet sweet hearts under the tough shell.

***This is my honest opinion based on ARC.

Sabrina says

I need you and me to be an us

This is now my favorite book in this series! I loved Francesca and how she had so many different sides to her, and Tony who you wanted to hate at first but then couldn't help but love. I mean, the dudes got kittens!

Tony and Francesca both hide their true self from the world. Tony wants everyone to think that he's a badass fighter that only cares about getting girls and booze, but he has his insecurities. Francesca hides behind power suits and doesn't let people see how truly badass she is, wanting others to view her as an untouchable boss running the gym rather than a tomboy insecure around men.

When her walls were down and she seemed almost carefree, when she though no one was noticing - those were the moments he loved most

Tony makes Francesca open up and when she does he makes her feel sexy and wanted and like she doesn't have to hide. He wants her more than he has ever wanted any woman and is willing to change for her. Francesca sees behind the walls that Tony has put up, she knows he's scared of not being the best fighter anymore and she helps him overcome those fears and be the best fighter that he can be.

I loved their relationship and Tony is my favorite character so far. He made me swoon, laugh, get angry. Just so many emotions! And oh the sexy times, just wow! Sidney Halston knows how to create the best characters and write the best stories. I can't wait to read more in this series, the writing will suck you in and not let you go until you have read every word. I loved how we still see the other characters from the previous books a lot and I will definitely be doing a re read of their books soon.

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1-Click Addict Support Group says

I knew there was a reason fighter romance was my favorite genre.

I love meeting a new troubled fighter that is hard as nails on the outside, and sweet and vulnerable on the inside.

Tony aka "Scarface" is hot, sexy and a complete alpha bad ass. In the beginning that is, I like the brooding dominate Tony but I absolutely loved the sweet, insecure and whipped Tony.

The relationship that he has to "fight for" throughout this entire book makes him that much more attractive to me. See, Tony has a bit of a jealousy problem and it puts quite a strain on the relationship he is trying to create with Francesca.

"Oh, please. Stop that. Just because you're always thinking with your dick doesn't mean all other males are the same." She started walking again.

"Really? 'Cause that guy getting into his car right now," he said, pointing behind them, "just eye-f*cked you. He must've noticed your sparkling personality."

I adored reading about these two. They both have baggage and trying to forget the past and look to the future seems impossible.

Francesca has major commitment issues and no matter what Tony does, she just can't get over them. Tony goes from bad ass to whipped ass very quickly. Constantly trying to get her to commit and my heart breaks for him throughout the book. He pleads his love to her on a daily basis and just wants her to respond with those 3 little words...

"Because the future is you. It's you by my side, as my wife. My future is you and kids and four ridiculously named cats, but you have to love me first. And that scares the shit out of me. You can't even admit you like me."

If you are looking for a light story line, an alpha male and extremely HOT AND STEAMY SEX....buy this book. I give Below The Belt 4.5 tough ass stars.

~ Stacey, 4.5 stars

Sidney Halston says

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4.5 Stars

I'm going to admit right up front that I was worried if I'd like this book because of the two main characters. In the previous books; the hero came off as a smart ass party animal lunatic and I was pretty ambivalent about the heroine but because it was part of a series and because I had enjoyed the two books before it and the characters in those book, I decided to give it a try and I'm so glad I did because surprisingly, Below the Belt is my favorite book in Sidney Halston's Worth the Fight Series to date.

I really thought I was going to hate Antonio "Scarface" Marino but damn did this author prove me wrong. Yes, he's behaved irresponsibly with his partying, drinking, fighting, and whoring ways in the last few years and yes it has affected his career as a MMA fighter but in this book we begin to see that underneath all of that is really this fantastic man who loves his mother, sisters, and nieces to now end, a man who respects strong women and even celebrates them, and a man who really just wants to be loved for the person he is. I seriously fell in love with this large and in charge man something I would have laid bets on that would never happen. I'm not saying he's without faults because he has many including a horrendous temper, supreme jealousy, and often refusing to accept responsibility but there's also a really tender side to him and he is one of those men that when they fall they fall deeply and with their whole self; mind, body, heart, and soul.

Francesca Silva was a piece of work but as her background came to light I began to understand her a whole lot more. Raised by her Dad in a gym full of men she learned to take care of herself but she didn't understand how to be a woman or at least she didn't think she did. After a painful breakup that left her devastated, she reinvented herself into the woman people see today; smart, confident, no holds barred honest, and a straight talker. I really did admire the way she took over her father's business, landed a partner, reinvented the training facility, and went after fighters to help make a name for their business. Yes at times her baggage and insecurities drove me a little bit nuts but what I loved was that even though she didn't realize it with Tony she let her defenses down and showed him the woman behind that facade. She impressed me with the way she rallied behind Tony and how strongly she believed in him even when others did not and the fact that she saw him for the good man that he is and discovered there is way more to him than the press chooses to see.

It's no wonder Florida is known for its heat with these two people living there...they give off some serious sparks and their sexy times were smokin' hot. Despite Francesca being confident in her business she wasn't confident in her personal life and Tony was more than happy to prove to her she was everything he wanted and needed both in and out of the bedroom.

We see all the players from the first two books along with some new faces and they all add a nice backdrop to this story. Tony's mother is a piece of work but man did I love her brashness. These two had a lot of

people interested in their relationship and they weren't afraid to chime in or lend an ear when needed.

No doubt about it in my mind, Below the Belt is the best book in this series to date; I loved it from start to finish and found it impossible to put down. Not only that, I'm looking forward to re-reading it almost as much as I'm looking forward to what happens next in this fun and exciting series.

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Alice says

4.5 stars!

It's LIVE !!

I've been thinking a lot about this book lately. One of the reasons why I love books so much is that each book gives us something. They make us dream, travel, learn.

I should thank the author for my new obsession for Latina ~~men~~-culture. I've been researching a lot about it these days and I absolutely need to fly to Cuba soon.

Antonio Scarface Marino was once one of the best MMA fighters, but lately he has been dedicated only to sex, booze and parties.

Francesca is a brazilian bombshell, co-owner of Worth the Fight Academy, who has decided to take a chance on Tony and sign him as a fighter at the academy.

Tony has asked her out from the first day, but Frances keeps rejecting him.

I love love love Tony. He is cocky, pushy, sexy, sweet, confident. He's a fighter, he's Cuban and he has a **scar on his eye!!**

I loved when he got angry and started ranting in Spanish. lol

He was just so perfect with Frances and **he made my heart melt.** I loved the banter between them.

Francesca was a big surprise for me. I really like her character, she is tough, kickass, beautiful and both strong and fragile.

She may hide behind her suits and seem like she needs nobody to be there of her, but she's just pretending.

I loved that she was able to fight! Such a tough woman who could put a man on his knees. And that she cursed a lot, because yeah, even women curse!

This is book three in Worth the Fight series, but can be read as a standalone.

The author was so kind to send me book one and I can't wait to read it! I'm really looking forward to read about the two other couples in this book.
I need Cain's story now!

Songs that make me think about this book:

- Déjate Amar- Yandel
- El Taxi-Osmani Garcia, Pitbull, Sensato
- Stay with me- Sam Smith
- Kiss me- Ed Sheeran

My thoughts when I finished reading this book:

Loved this one! Aww, Antonio Marino, I'm utterly in love with you..

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Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

3.75 Can I Kiss You Stars!

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It seems as if I keep picking up books in series having not read the previous ones! Again, that is ok as this is a standalone in a MMA fueled romance.

Below the Belt is the story of Antonio "Scarface" Marino and his feisty new trainer/manager Fancesca Silva. While he is known for his out of ring antics of booze, women, a bad tempered behavior. She is all business, all the time, with a sexy yet stone cold demeanor.

Francesca has taken a major risk on Antonio in hopes to bring good fortune to her father's WtF gym. If she can get him under control they there a chance for some good winnings...too bad his only concern is getting her under him...perhaps any place, any time

Fairly predictable where this headed right? Not quite! There so much more to what you see with Antonio. I found this big hot latin lover to be completely open, honest and swoon-worthy. But I also struggled with the character of Francesca as this tough sexy business woman is the epitome of looks can be deceiving. She has loved and she has lost. She has been alone and guarded for 8 long years. She is really just a lonely laid back girl who would rather grapple with the boys than pull her bun up all tight and don her garters!

When a hot male alpha starts showering her with constant flattery, attention and libido rising touches, it was painful to watch her retreat. Yes, he got her hot and bothered. Yes he was a possessive freak at times. Yes, he was pushy and arrogant. But guess what? This man was on a mission to have her and he was "all in."

Antonio was sweet when not expected. Tender when needed. And all out sexy as sin when let loose. Francesca and her unloving heart did not stand a chance, therefore, I wish the push-pull would have given much earlier

That being said, the book was still very enjoyable. I honestly found Antonio to be quite refreshing as an MMA type character. His vulnerability and "wear your emotions on your sleeve" demeanor was endearing. I knew Francesca would be no match for him...or maybe it was really just the other way around as it seems she had him tapping out at first look!!!

Lana ✨Dirty Girl Romance✨ says

DNF at 14%

You know that feeling when you first start a book that is just isn't for you? It nags at you in the back of your head, but you force yourself to trudge on? But because you're forcing yourself to read it absolutely every little thing begins to bother you? Even things that you normally wouldn't be bothered by? Yeah.

I think my biggest issue was that I just couldn't connect to the writing style right away. Third person POV is a hit or miss for me and sadly here it was a miss. I couldn't help feeling that I was being told the story as opposed to showed and found bits and pieces of it choppy. Then the fact that the MMA academy that the hero trained in was called Worth The Fight but was constantly referred to in the abbreviated version had me giggling incessantly like a teenager every single time. Yes. I'm mature like that.

Clearly, I'm in the vast minority with my feelings and I obviously didn't get very far in this book so don't let my feelings about it deter you from reading. Sometimes a book just isn't for you, for no other truly big reason. That was the case for me here. I'm immensely picky with my MMA books so this was definitely a case of it's me, not the book.

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LizBookAddict says

FULL REVIEW Now Posted

4 Brilliantly HOT MMA STARS!!!★★★★

Once again, an author I didn't have any expectations of because I haven't read any of the previous books and I was pleasantly surprised.

The story kicks off with Hot attraction and chemistry between the H/H Antonio and Franchesca...

Franchesca manages the training gym that MMA fighter Antonio trains at.. He's a bit of a hot head but he's got his sights on his sexy manager and is relentless in his pursuit of her..

Once he gets her though, the sparks fly....

And the ups and downs from their passionate relationship keeps you glued till the very end...

I loved this story, about as much as I like any other MMA story...

And boy can this lady write a hot sex scene or what!!!

I did however wonder for most it how exactly Antonio sounds when he says "cock"...

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Pam says

4 stars

"I am completely and utterly in like with you."

Antonio “Scarface” Marino was once at the top of his game and he wants it back, only with his reputation of tits, ass and booze no one wanted to give him a shot, that is until Francesca Silva took a chance on him. She knows he has what it takes, risking the financial well being of the Academy on Tony.

Francesca Silva , the Brazilian bombshell, is as tough as any of the fighters, just because she chooses to wear suits instead of gloves doesn't mean she can't go toe-to-toe with the scary Cuban. He's been hitting on her since day one, but she doesn't play that way in fact she forgot what it was like to play at all. She long left her Frances and Frankie persona behind; preferring to be seen as the untouchable ice queen than a gym-rat-tom-boy.

Could there be more to the fighter everyone fears and more to the female who keeps everyone at arms length ???

"This was a mistake. I've already told you, I don't want a relationship. I was able to handle one night, but that kiss didn't say 'one night' to me. It didn't say 'fun'. It screamed 'complicated' and 'messy.'

They both have issues...

"if you could control that temper, any woman would be lucky to have you."

"I have one woman in mind, but she has all sorts of issues. If she could work on her issues, let go a little, have a little fun, any man would be honored to have her."

Tony is in the fight of his life, unwilling to loose especially to Francesca's ex-husband while Francesca is in the fight of hers, mind and heart battle it out... both outcomes unpredictable. Do they have what it takes to win a chance at a better future...

"You're totally falling for me, Francesca Silva, and i can't wait to see your reaction when you figure it out."

Below The Belt is a story about two people getting a second shot at life and love. Passion, tempers and pride run high in this steamy read, while adding some Spanish hysterics along the way. In the beginning I have to admit it was kind of hard to like them with the stand offish cold exterior I was kind of put off, but as they got to know each other and we got to know them more they definitely grew on me. Knowing that they are so much more than what they want people to see. This story is told from both leads POV and it was great getting inside their heads allowing me to get to know them more. It was sad to see such a strong woman be torn down by insecurities, making her change who she is even though she was kick ass in the first place. While Francesca thought that Tony would be the one needing to learn his lesson and train, she had a few things to learn as well, and Tony was the man to teach her. I enjoyed this read, it had be laughing and feeling throughout the book and I can't wait to see whose book is next because I have a choice couple I'd like to see hit the pages next.

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Christi Snow says

My Review:

Although this is the third book in the series, this is my first time reading this author. I'll admit it took me a bit to get into the story and that probably wouldn't have been the case if I'd read the other two books first. But on its own, this book works, too. It just takes a bit longer to become emotionally attached to the characters because these two aren't easy ones.

Tony is a 35 year old MMA fighter, but he's getting to where he enjoys the party lifestyle much more than he enjoys the training and fighting that earns him that lifestyle. Tony's a flirt and doesn't take too much in this world too seriously. He likes his women, partying, and drinking. Right now, he'd really like to get under Francesca's skirt.

Francesca has invested her gym into Tony and his fights. She needs him to win for the financial security of the gym. Francesca is a force to be reckoned with and I loved that about her. She grew up in this gym her dad built and she can't fight and grapple as well as any of the MMA pros. But she doesn't show that side of herself anymore. Now all anyone sees is the hard-nosed, suit-wearing, ball-busting professional facade that she presents day in and day out. But there are a few times when Frankie's physical skills are put to the test in this book and every time she took one of the guys down, I was cheering. I loved how well she can fight too. She knows her strengths and knows how to use them effectively against these bigger, stronger guys.

Like I said, it did take me a little bit to get into the story. Neither one of these characters are ones that I would meet and like on the street but that's because they both hide their real selves so well. As those layers and walls are torn down throughout the story, I got where I liked them more and more. Then there are little details that make the book, too...especially the cat/kittens. I loved that whole aspect of the story and how it helped to define both these characters, but especially Tony. Who couldn't love a guy who made that kind of sacrifice daily?

And the book is completely sexy. Francesca has some hang-ups which Tony flat-out does not allow. He's all alpha and pushes her past her fears which was a beautiful thing. Overall, it turned out to be a pretty good read. And note...those that have read the whole series have given it glowing reviews while those of us new to it, have liked it, but not quite as much as the series regulars. That tells me that this one would be better if read as part of the series, although it works as a stand-alone. Take that as you will...

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