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Singe

After breaking up with her longtime boyfriend, Julia Woods is ready to start fresh in a new town, a new state. She doesn't want to get involved with another man, and especially not with an adrenalin junkie.

The instant attraction she feels when she meets Stephen McGettis frightens her. She's never experienced something so strong, yet she worries about starting a relationship with him. With his motorcycle racing, whitewater rafting, and skydiving, he's as much of an adrenalin junkie as her former lover.

Stephen loves Julia and doesn't want to lose her because of her concern over what she considers his dangerous pastimes. He has to prove to her he's not a daredevil, and that love is the greatest adventure of all.

Smolder

In town to visit her grandmother in the hospital, Rayna Holt never expected to run into her ex-husband, Marcus. Seeing him reminds her of all the pain and loss she'd experienced five years ago that led to their divorce.

Marcus is still angry and hurt over Rayna destroying their marriage. They're forced to spend time together while the construction company he works for repairs her grandmother's house due to a fire. Old desires smolder beneath the surface, but Marcus is leery of giving in to them. Rayna broke his heart when she left him. He can't live through that kind of pain again.

Both Rayna and Marcus have to let go of the past before they can forgive each other and fall in love again.

Spark

Talia King has loved Dylan Westfield ever since the day she met him two years ago, but he treats her as nothing but a friend. Every attempt she's made to date him or spend more time with him has been shot down by Dylan.

Dylan loves Talia as much as she loves him, but his painful past won't let him surrender to that love. Fear of physically hurting her keeps him alone and aching for a life with her...a life he knows he cannot have.

A night of passion convinces Talia that she and Dylan are perfect together. Dylan admits his love to Talia, but tells her it doesn't matter since they can never be together.

Talia hatches a plan to convince Dylan that she knows he would never hurt her. It might backfire, but she believes it's worth the risk to be with the man she loves.

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Char (1RadReader59) says

Singe

Julia Woods had been in a relationship with her ex Cody in California who was a Firefighter and an "adrenaline junkie." There was one final day to their relationship that marked the end and caused her to move to Lanville, Texas. She moves in with her mom's college friend Dolly.

Even though Julia was a firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service she really worked as a researcher, and a firefighter as needed. When she moves with Dolly she's told she can work in Dolly's bar but with her sexy body that's not what she wants for herself. With jobs hard to find she gets a housekeeping job at a B & B. You see she was caught up in one of her ex's rushes and was injured to the point where she could not work as a firefighter and it might not be for a long while if ever.

What's funny on her trip to Dolly's she runs into four sexy as all get out guys at a fast food restaurant. One extremely. That one happens to not only live in Lanville too but is at Dolly's the next morning when she wakes up, Stephen McGettis. You see he is a roofer and Dolly needs her roof done and Stephen and Dusty his cousin will be doing it. She finds out that he is a volunteer firefighter and it seems like he too could like the adrenaline rush.

From that first meeting this book moves fast. So does this relationship, a little too fast, really. LOL ? Cute story, all sex, so, if sex is not what your game, step away from this book. ? I give this a 4 star for cute story and a 3 star for a too fast in the sack.

Smolder

Marcus Holt was a pained man and a volunteer firefighter. You see five years ago on 4th of July a devastating tragedy stole everything from him. This event then caused his wife to just walk away from him and their marriage and never look back. Leaving him with the mess of the home and all the pain to suffer through all alone.

So, he lived his life in Lanville, Texas where he grew up trying to live as best he can. It's not easy with the love of his life Rayna Holt, his ex-wife living in San Francisco. He took his vows very serious because he meant with his whole heart. Most of all he loved Rayna since he was 15, so her leaving him killed him and still is very slowly.

When Rayna's grandmother, Grace, has a heart problem she is forced for the first time in all the five years to fly back to Lanville. A place where she said she would never ever set foot in again. The same night she arrives at the hospital, the new housing track where Rayna just bought and moved her grandma into breaks out into a fire from a fire in a field nearby. Several homes were lost, some were damaged a great deal and some like Grace's were a lot less damaged but still not able to move back into for at least a month or so. She's told to hire Coleman's Construction that they are the most honest and the best. So the next morning she heads over to make an appointment.

The foreman for Coleman's is no other than Marcus Holt. Rayna's and Marcus life takes an unusual turn of events from here on out. Ones that are as hot as a fire but so sexually charged they could light up all of New York City will all the energy being set off in each kiss, touch, and look.

Enjoyed this but felt like it was wrapped up just a little too neatly and fast. Could understand the falling into bed but not the sexual hostage vs. emotional hostage, now I'll take you back? For that I will have to give it 3 stars. ?

Sparked

Dylan Westfield and Talia King are Volunteer firefighters for the Lanville, Texas Fire Dept. They both posed for the fundraising calendar also. Before that they had eyes only for each other.

Dylan as much as he wanted and really loved everything about Talia due to his background really felt he could not subject her to his kind of love. So, for the two years they've known each other he has painfully lusted over her from afar.

Talia on the other hand, from day one, fell madly and crazily in love with Dylan. Was beginning to see

though that she was going to only be just one of the “guys” a “friend” and nothing more to Dylan. She really needed to wake up and smell the roses. It was time she stopped crushing and started giving other guys who asked her out a real chance. Once she does it breaks her heart to the point of tears. Dylan sees since she reaches out to another guy friend for a hug and Dylan sees red.

Dylan tries to hunt down whose hurt her, while he spins his wheels looking for himself, Talia looks to her friends to help her forget him. Can they help her? Does he figure out he is looking for himself? You'll have to read and find out. I give this story a 5 stars. ?

Overall Smokin' Hot gets 4 stars

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Abbie says

Yep I did it. I read a book that was exactly like reading a soap opera...bad acting and dialogue and everything!... I swear, if a guy referred to my vagina as a "channel" I would slap him and throw him out. Why! Why is this a thing! But it has the most hilarious cover and I did enjoy the looks from other people in the airport! Happy New Year!

Jenn Scranton says

I was so disappointed... This book is false advertising!!!!!!

You look at the cover and think, "Oh baby, a fireman book! YUM!". Yeah, no. In fact, they characters aren't *exactly* firemen. They're volunteer fireman. Nothing wrong with that!! Buuuuut, I didn't expect to get a roofer when I'm picking up this book.

The books didn't even emphasize the firefighter side! Ugh....

Plus, did I mention that they were BORING!

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Crystal says

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in place of an honest review.

We get three great mini reads in this book. The author takes us back to Lanville, Texas. We get to see about the town's volunteer fire department and see about the three women that are for them.

Singe:

Julia Woods moved away from everyone and moved to Lanville, Texas to start over with her mom's best friend helping her out. She needed to get away from her ex-boyfriend. She's not ready for another relationship until she see's this man at Burger King but she tells herself to go and not think about him.

Stephen McGettis she's this gorgeous woman at Burger King but thinks she is just passing through town. The next morning when he is looking at a roof he see's her again and knows that he needs to get to know her. Everything goes good until Julia believes he is a adrenalin junkie and she can't live through that again.

This was a great story and sometimes you just have to take a chance on love. There is no way you can get your heart to change it's mind. I had to see if this relationship had a chance.

Smolder:

Rayna Holt only comes back to Texas after she promised herself she never would when she found out about her granmother being in the hospital. She left everything behind five years ago after going through something that no woman should have to go through. She never expected to run into her ex-husband Marcus.

Marcus has had a heart time during the Fourth of July for five years. He still has a lot of hurt and memories that he can't get over. When he see's his ex-wife and knows that he will be seeing her around town for a couple of weeks, he has tons of feelings coming back to him.

This story made me cry. I knew that this couple should have never broken up. I understood how much they went through and when I found out that they haven't slept with anyone else that they still had the chemistry that some people wished they had. They was each other's first and will hopefully be each other's last.

Spark:

Talia King has been in love with Dylan Westfield since she moved to town over two years ago. It seems everything she does won't let him fall in love with her. Both of them being volunteer fire workers doesn't help either.

Dylan does have feelings for Talia and they go pretty deep. His past is holding him back because he believes he will hurt her. Seems that he will have to work something out soon.

This story was really hot just like the other two. I enjoyed reading this book and getting to know six characters. I am a Redskins fan so I don't like the Cowboys. That would be the only thing that would turn me off. I know that everyone has their favorite team and I don't hold that against anyone. I love how the author writes her stories and can't wait to read more.

Julissa says

Warning contains minor spoilers.

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These are three Firefighter basic erotic short stories about three separate couples. Although in each story the couple's situations are different, they are all pretty instant and to the point (with the exception of Spark where they had been dancing around their attraction for about two yrs). The language and descriptions on all three stories was pretty hot but there were certain details that turned me off a bit. I felt there needed to be

more into the relationships, it just felt purely physical and not deep enough for declarations of love.

Singe:

Julia Woods moved to Lanville Texas running away from an unhealthy relationship wanting to start fresh elsewhere. Not even there for a day she meets Stephen a hot piece of firefighter beef who has her going back on her staying off men vow. Stephen is a huge adventurer who knows what he likes as soon as he sees it, and she's just his type. This was my least fave of the three. Besides their non existent courtship there is the fact that this chicks wardrobe sounds like one of a 65 yr old versus that of a twenty something yr old's. modern touches in a story can go a long way, keeping the tale fresh and in the now.

Smolder:

Tanya and Marcus Holt divorced 5 yrs ago both carrying both carrying painfully scars from the ending of a once passionate loving relationship. When their young son died in an accident Rayna unjustly blames Marcus for his death. She ends up leaving him and running away to San Francisco far away from all the memories of their life together. Now she's back in Lanville after a huge fire damages her grand mother's home. Not only will she have to face Marcus, but admit that maybe she made a mistake walking away from the love of her life. This was definitely my fave of all the three. There is something to be said for second chances. I love these kinds of stories where just when you think all is lost, love always finds a way no matter how hopeless it may seem. Also their chemistry was effing hot! That Marcus has and Alpha streak (YUM) and sure tells her how he wants it in the boudoir.

Spark:

Talia King has been in love with and lusting after Dylan Westerfield for over two yrs. After being turned down over and over she's had enough and has decided to move on. Unbeknownst to her Dylan has felt the same way but he has it ingrained in his mind he can't be with her or anyone. Growing up with an abusive father he feels he carries that same anger so he's afraid he'd hurt her. But add one night and alcohol in the mix changes all that. Again though the sex was hot and so was the foreplay, this story was barely even a story worth telling. There really was no major drama here and as soon as she challenges him he gets over his reservations in the blink of an eye. So yeah he basically made drama where there was no need for one. Good read for those who just want the quick rump but nonsensical for those who are looking for something more complex.

Jenn says

Singe

3 Stars

Singe featured the story of Stephen and Julia. Julia needed to escape her hometown, so she decided to move from California to a small town in Texas. And when she meets the sexy, volunteer firefighter and roofer, Stephen, she thinks that she may just give love a chance. Sparks fly quickly, till she discover that Stephen is a bit of adrenalin junkie. Julia isn't sure if her heart can handle that again, since the man she left in California was a daredevil too. But Stephen isn't anything like her ex- or so he wants to show her. Bikes, fires, fast cars, and salsa equals one fun ride.

Singe started kinda choppy and abrupt, but the flow smoothed out after about chapter. Stephen and Julia meet quickly and form a fast relationship, but they kinda have to since it's a novella. Their fast love didn't really bother me, and I enjoyed seeing them flirt back and forth. But it soon heated up even more, and had a lot of hot, steamy, singe worthy sex scenes. You may never look at Salsa the same again.

There was a lot of characters mentioned, and I'm not really sure how they added to the story. But, Dolly,

(who Julia was staying with till she finds a place and owns the local bar) was a great, fun character. She added a lot to this short story.

Smolder

4 Stars

Smolder is the story of Marcus and Rayna. Rayna walked out on Marcus and their marriage five years ago. Leaving town, she's only now returned because of her grandma's illness and a fire at her grandma's house. Marcus is not only works with the volunteer fire department, but he now works at the construction company that is fixing her grandma's home. Still angry and hurt at Rayna, Marcus doesn't know what to expect when his ex-wife shows back up in town. Rayna still wants to run, but the two cannot deny the heat and past emotions that swirl between them.

I enjoyed this story a bit more than Singe. It flowed well, I didn't feel overwhelm with the characters. And the best part about Marcus and Rayna was that they had history. Even though it was rocky, it was great to see the simmering passion between the two. The sex in Smolder was just as steamy as Singe, covering multiple chapters of moments. Also, Smolder had a draw of mystery, because the reason why Rayna left isn't mentioned till the end. I kept trying to figure it out through the whole book.

Smolder gave a better look into the fire department with the men answering a call. I enjoyed this even though it was short, and found it realistic.

Spark

3 Stars

Talia and Dylan both volunteer together at the local fire department. Talia has had a crush on Dylan since she started there, and even though Dylan realizes this (and has feelings for Talia) he refuses to act on them. Then a night of passion finally forces the two to confront their feelings. Dylan says they can never work, which leaves Talia to hatch a plan that proves that they can.

Spark finally delivers in full what the other two lacked. I loved seeing the whole fire department interact with each other for multiple chapters. This was what I was expecting more of when picking up a fireman book. I wanted to the relationships within the department, and Spark delivers with some of these moments. There is still a lot of characters running around and making appearances, that I wasn't sure how they exactly fit into the story. It didn't bother me as much though since it was at community gathering. More so though, it was great seeing appearance by Marcus and Rayna.

Spark has a nice build, but the so called spark between Talia and Dylan didn't flow as smooth as the previous two. Well the author still delivers a lot of steam, it didn't provide the same "punch" as the first novellas. Steam aside, Talia and Dylan have a great plot line and story. And Spark would be my second favorite in the book.

Overall

Overall, I enjoyed these short novellas. I wish I could have seen a bigger theme running through and interconnecting the three of them. However, the small nods here and there were nice. The sex as the title says was "SMOKIN HOT." The actually scenes though were long and drawn out over multiple chapters with a lot of explicitly. It was almost overdone, and I wished for a little less heat and little more build. The characters, especially Marcus, Stephen, Dolly, and Talia will win you over. If you love firefighters, give this book a chance.

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Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

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4 STARS

Author Lynn LeFleur takes us back to Lanville, Texas and the hottest firemen on the planet. In the anthology Smokin' Hot she gives us three novellas featuring different members of the town's volunteer fire department. So grab a drink, sit back and enjoy as three hotter than sin fireman turn up the heat and fight their way into the hearts of three very lucky women.

Singe

Julia Woods moves to Lanville, Texas vowing to start over and change her life. The last thing she wants or needs is to have an immediate attraction to volunteer fireman and Stephen McGettis. Somehow though he slips through her defenses and they wind up in a passionate affair. I really enjoyed these two together, Stephen seemed to be at a point in his life where he was ready for something more committed yet Julia just wouldn't allow herself to go there again especially given Stephen's need for adventure. One area these two were perfectly matches was in bed and holy hell did they burn up the sheets (pun intended)! This is a novella so the relationship progressed rather quickly however, I enjoyed every minute I spent in their company.

Smolder

I really loved this story because it brings together two people who were torn apart following a terrible tragedy. The last person Marcus Holt ever expected to run in to in the tiny town of Lanville was his ex-wife of 5 years, Rayna. But when her grandmother is hospitalized, she returns to town and is surprised to see this is where her ex landed after their divorce. There was so much history and hurt going on between these two yet it was so plain to see that they clearly still loved one another. I'll admit at first I wasn't sure if Rayna was good for Marcus but she managed to win me over and the fact that despite everything he was able to let it all go and wanted her back in his life was enough for me. There's nothing hotter than two people who know each other so well having make up sex after 5 years apart; whew I needed a cold shower after that scene. While sexy as all get out, this one was pretty emotional as well so have a couple of tissues ready just in case.

Spark

For two years Talia King has wanted Dylan Westfield one of the other volunteer firemen she works with but she's put herself out there and he's turned her down so she's about given up hope. She thinks he doesn't want her but what she doesn't know is Dylan has loved her from afar but feels he can't be what she needs and is afraid of hurting her. I love these stories where two people have wanted each other for so long and finally have a moment where they give in and just do it and these two do it in style in a most unusual place! After working together for two years, these two know each other fairly well so the fast progression of their relationship came as no surprise especially once they realized what they were missing. While Dylan had some issues to work though, I love that Talia was strong enough to force him to face them so they could move forward.

Jennifer Hines says

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These three stories continue with the wonderful volunteer firefighters from Lanville, Texas. The first story I read about these characters was in the book titled Hot Shots that included three short stories from different authors. The one in mention is titled Sizzle. You can read my review here. The stories can all be read independently, but when it comes to sexy fireman, I personally don't want to miss a single one.

Singe is about a woman overcoming her past to allow herself to fall in the present. And honestly, who wouldn't want to fall head over heels for the hotness that is Stephen.

Julie moves to a new town where she knows pretty much no one just to get away from her past, but it doesn't take long for her to fit right in. She lives with her mother's longtime friend, Dolly, who treats her like a daughter. I love her; she's funny and calls it like she sees it.

Stephen stays busy with his motorcycle racing, skydiving, a roofing business, and volunteer firefighting, but when he meets Julie he can't help but make her a priority. He wants her like he has never wanted anyone and the feelings seem to be mutual. But when Julie discovers he's an adrenalin junkie like her ex, she can't be with him, no matter how much she's already feeling for him. Now if he can only persuade her to change her mind?

My Favorite Moment: I absolutely loved it when Dolly asked Julie how Stephen was in bed and mentioned she knew that he would be great because of his swagger. Goodness gracious, now I'll be watching for swagger!

Singe gets a Smokin' Hot 5 stars!

Smolder is a story of reunited love. And it is by far the most emotional story I've read in this series so far. Keep the tissues handy!

Marcus found himself in Lanville not long after his much unwanted divorce. First he lost his son, and then he lost his wife. He was a broken man clinging to everything he'd lost and it was heartbreaking.

A devastated Rayna fled after the loss of her son. Everything was a reminder of what she'd lost and she needed to leave it all behind...including the love of her life. Five years after her life dramatically changed, a twist of fate kept putting Rayna and Marcus in the same places at the same times. But getting over a past like theirs in order to fan the flame that still burned between them was not an easy task.

My Favorite Moments: I have two that stick out the most to me. The first was a trip down memory lane about mushrooms and Salisbury steak. The second was the emotional high it takes to not notice it's raining.

Smolder gets a Smokin' Hot 4 stars!

Spark is a tale of two people who are in love with each other, but who live in the 'just friends' area.

Talia has been in love with Dylan since she met him, and the two years since have only served to make that love grow stronger. Too bad every time she asks him out he says no. And too bad it looks like she'll be stuck in the friend zone forever. But you can't force someone to love you who simply doesn't.

Dylan is in love with Talia, but a past he wishes he could forget keeps him from getting close to her. What it doesn't stop is him from giving into her when she throws her slightly tipsy self on him. There's simply only so much restraint a man can have when the woman he loves is touching him and kissing him before he gives in and completely consumes her right back.

I'd read about their attraction to each other in Sizzle and was so glad to finally get to read their story.

My Favorite Moment: Finding where a tipsy Talia disappeared to and hearing her try to explain that she was there to escape someone who was part octopus.

Spark gets a Smokin' Hot 5 stars!

Happily Ever Chapter says

~SINGE~

When Julia leaves her job and ex, Cole, behind in California after an injury makes her reevaluate things, she decides to take her mother's old college friend's offer to come stay with her in Lanville, TX hoping for a fresh start. Never did she expect smokin' hot roofer -slash- volunteer firefighter, Stephen McGettis, to walk into her life almost immediately. Their attraction is instant and their chemistry is combustible. Yes, he has a rockin' hot bod', the manners of a southern gentleman and the sex may be amazing but she can't help feeling that the similarities Stephen shares with Cole may be too much for her to deal with.

Rating: 4.2

~SMOLDER~

Marcus Holt became one of the chiefs at the volunteer fire department and is foreman at Coleman Construction since moving to Lanville from the DFW area after tragedy struck on 4th of July, 5 years ago and his wife left him as a result. Rayna Holt flies back to Lanville from San Francisco when she learns that her grandmother's health suffered some complications. While in the hospital, a brush fire breaks out that damages Grace's home and Marcus is injured. They were looking for a fresh start, but this may have been the spark needed to heal old hurts and rekindle their once searing relationship.

Rating: 3.9

~SPARK~

Talia King has been hot for Dylan Westfield since the first day she laid eyes on him. Both serve on the Lanville Volunteer Fire Department, but after two years, she still could not get Dylan to see her as anything other than a fellow firefighter and friend. Or so she thought. But sometimes even the deepest feelings can be suppressed by personal demons. Talia must find a way to get Dylan to open up to her, then prove that he can rise above his past.

Rating: 3.6

Overall comments:

Each novella is only about 100 pages. Although short, they are full of enough content to make each one a satisfying story. Each seems to focus on one or both persons seeking an escape from a past hurt by starting a new life in a small town and/or second chances. The town's characters are very well written and introduced throughout the books where you begin to feel as though you know everyone in town without being overwhelmed. The dialogue and interaction between them is wonderful. SMOLDER was fairly predictable in

several key areas, but was still a good read. SPARK was mildly predictable. Each had a decent ending.
Overall Rating: 3.9

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Fiza says

3.5. out of 5

Well to bad you're going back in there....

After reading “Hot Shots” I wanted more hunky firemen and this collection provided just that. And again what a cover, I have developed quite a weakness for them.

The three stories take place in the same town and all the characters are connected. They make reappearances in each other's books, not to mention that we see familiar faces from the anthology “Hot Shots”.

The stories were fast paced and full of heat. I liked how these stories besides being fun and sexy also had emotional aspects. Deeper issues that might have been more at home in full novels but somehow the author made it work for these short stories. Another thing I liked was that in all stories I was left guessing what exactly happened in the characters' pasts that had caused the hurt. Which worked for “Smolder” and “Spark” , in “Singe” I was a bit disappointed. Don't get me wrong what happened to her was awful but only her condition was revealed, what about the ex boyfriend in what state was he? Did she gave him the chance to apologize, did he even felt sorry? Those thoughts wandered through my mind when I read that story.

But overall what can I say, I can never get enough of sexy firemen, if you can't either than be sure to read this collection.

Arc received from the publisher in exchange for my honest opinion.

Tina says

Smokin' Hot by author Lynn LaFleur contains the three following novellas. Singe, Smolder, and Spark. Three hot firefighters and the women who love them.

Singe

In Singe we meet Stephen an Adrenaline Junkie. And Julia the shy girl who wants everything safe and

orderly.

These two are the most unlikely of duos. They have great chemistry and are well written. I just found Julia's expectations to be a little off. She expected Stephen to change everything about himself. But once she gets over that part it is a great story.

Smolder

In Smolder, we meet Marcus who has lost everything. Including his family and job. Rayna the ex-wife that took everything from him.

When her mom goes to the hospital it is Marcus who redoes her grandmother's house and helps out despite feeling hurt over what Rayna has done.

These two I loved the most. They have a lot of love and misunderstandings. They truly do belong together.

Spark

In this one, we meet Talia who has been in love with Dylan for two years. Little does she know he has been in love with her too. Just has been scared to risk his heart again. He has had a lot of pain to deal with. He would rather have her friendship than lose her forever.

And wow this one has some heat, bring your fan out when you read this one.

Overall these are great reads. Quick easy to read and fun. I would love to read more in this series and see some more hot men and the women who love them.

Five Shooting Stars

Kathleen says

Review posted at: Swept Away By Romance

4.5 SCORCHING STARS!

This book consists of 3 SMOKING HOT short reads about volunteer fire fighters.

Story Number One: SINGE, Stephan's and Julia's Story

Story Rating ~ 4 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 3 Stars

Romance Rating ~ 4 Stars

Heat Level ~ 4 Stars

Overall Rating ~ 4 Stars

What Worked

For me the best part of Singed was Stephan McGettis. He was EVERYTHING a woman could wish for and so much more.

The sex scenes were SCORCHERS and EXTREMELY SENSUAL!

What Did Not Work

The fact that the heroine Julia expected Stephan to change his ways after only being together for a very short time.

Overall Thoughts

This story was VERY enjoyable. I LOVED Stephan to pieces. I did like Julia, but disagreed with some of the

things she did. The secondary characters were very well done and added a lot to the overall story line.

Story Number Two: SMOLDER, Marcus and Rayna's Story

Story Rating ~ 4.5 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 4 Stars

Romance Rating ~ 4.5 Stars

Heat Level ~ 4 Stars

Overall Rating ~ 4.5 Stars

What Worked

This story was so good! It grabbed my emotions and made me cry for the pain they had went through.

I REALLY felt the love these too shared.

It also had a lot of SCORCHING, yet tender love scenes.

What did not work

Once again, I did not agree with some of the things the heroine did during the course of this story, however she did redeem herself in a HUGE way before the ending.

Overall Thoughts

I loved the fact that this was a story about a divorced couple who went through something very tragic only to be brought together 5 years later to finally deal with what had happened. This was a very passionate read that tugged on my heartstrings.

Story Number Three, SPARK, Dylan and Talia's story

Story Rating ~ 4.5 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 4.5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 5 Stars

Romance Rating ~ 4 Stars

Heat Level ~ 4.5 Stars

Overall Rating ~ 4.5 Stars

What worked

This was the HOTTEST story of the three and OH MY, by the time I got done reading the first love scene, I needed to change my panties.

Once again I really felt the attraction between Dylan and Talia, and I really liked their characters.

I LOVED how a few of the characters from the previous two stories were involved in getting Dylan and Talia together.

What Did Not Work

Only the fact that it ended all too quickly.

Overall Thoughts

I loved the fact that after two years of being extremely attracted to each other, and Dylan refusing to give in, that Talia FINALLY grabbed what she wanted. There was a very satisfying conclusion.

My Final Thoughts on Singe, Smolder and Spark

All three of these stories were VERY enjoyable. I have read quite a few of Lynn LaFleur's books and will continue to read many more. If you have never read a Lynn Lafleur book and love to read VERY STEAMY SENSUAL READS, then I would HIGHLY recommend reading one soon.

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*review**

Shelly says

I've read LaFleur in the past and have enjoyed her work for the most part. Unlike a lot of anthologies where we experience different authors works, this is all LaFleur and reads as a follow up to her 'Men with Tools' series. I didn't read any of that series, so I can't compare either characters or plot. Unfortunately for me, all three stories in this book are more about the sex than the romance because I didn't see romance in any of them.

Singe

This was my least favorite story in the series. Julia Woods had just arrived to town. She's recently made the move from California where she broke up with her ex-boyfriend the prior month. As she's new to the small town, Julia's staying with her mother's friend until she can secure a job and get her own place. Stephen McGettis is a roofer and volunteer firefighter. Once he sees Julia and her breasts, he's captivated by her beauty. I think I might have laughed out loud with the focus that both Julia and Stephen had on her breasts.

On her first day in town, Julia sees then meets Stephen and it's not soon after that they're on their first date. Julia misses the sex that she had with her ex and Stephen seems like a good candidate. It seems that Julia's attracted to guys who likes the fast life. But she doesn't want to be because she's afraid that she's going to be hurt when anyone of the dare-devil adventure sports that her current partner participates in either injures or kills him. What's funny to me with Julia is that she was so focused on the sex, she forget to get to know the guy she's going to bed with. I had no sympathy for her when she found out what Stephen did in his spare time.

I didn't feel any of the attraction between these two. Stephen didn't have much of a voice and he didn't start showing a back-bone until the last couple pages. This story absolutely didn't work for me - the sex was too fast and too much without any credible plot. Like all readers, I would like at least a modicum of plot with my erotica.

Rating: C-/D+

Smolder

My favorite in the stories, this is the story of Rayna and Marcus Holt. Rayna walked out on Marcus five years ago after a tragedy that rocked their lives and their marriage. Rayna is back in town to take care of her grandmother after she has a heart incident and is hospitalized. This is coincidental to a fire that ravages the community and Marcus is one of the volunteer firefighters that battles the blaze . During the fire he's injured and while at the hospital tending to his injury he sees Rayna for the first time since she left him.

These two worked most likely because they history and knowledge of each other. As I'm not a fan of the quick wham bam - that history went a long way with me. Their chemistry was there, maybe because we get both Marcus and Rayna's stories separately and their thoughts and actions are well plotted. The sex was good but apparently in this town, everyone likes 'scratching' and perky (versus non-perky) breast.

What I didn't accept was Rayna's explanation for her departure and I think that Marcus should have pushed harder on that because I could see that happening again when the going gets tough. I really enjoyed Rayna's grandmother and their relationship, there's a lot of knowledge to be had and gained from their interactions.

Rating: B

Spark

Talia King moved to town two years earlier and has been in love with volunteer firefighter Dylan Westfield just as long. Dylan has had a thing for Talia for the same amount of time but until now he's been unwilling to act.

Talia has been asking Dylan to go out with her and he's been turning her down - every single time. I actually felt sorry for Talia for being in love with someone who clearly didn't want anything to do with her in a romantic setting. I honestly didn't understand why she kept trying and didn't move on instead. I'm not saying go to bed with the town man-whore but at least realize where you're not wanted.

Dylan's excuse for not pursuing a relationship with Talia had more holes than swiss cheese. It was just plain silly. But the way they had sex for the first time was laughable, there's alcohol and a fire truck - so cliché and forced. Their chemistry was lacking and I didn't feel their love that I should have. Even with their previous history, I never saw what they loved about each other because they clearly didn't know each other very well.

Rating: C

Happy Reading folks!

Overall Rating: C

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Review also posted at www.redhotbooks.com

Mindy Bigham says

I received this book free from NetGalley on behalf of Kensington Books in exchange for an honest review

Singe is about a woman that moves to a new town in order to both start over and run from her past.

Julie moves to a small town in Texas where no one knows anything about her. She takes her mom's friend, Dolly, up on her offer to stay with her until she can find a job and a place of her own. It doesn't take long before Julia finds herself drooling over one of the town's local volunteer firefighters, but feels she is not ready for a relationship. However, she is willing to go on a date with the gorgeous hunk of a man.

Stephen sees Julia the first day she is in town but thinks she is just passing through and he will never see her again. He can't help but think about her body and what he would love to do to it. Stephen is a very active person staying busy with his adventurous active lifestyle and jobs and doesn't really have time for much else. When Stephen runs into Julia while giving Dolly an estimate on her roof from the hail damage, Stephen and Julia both feel the mutual attraction.

When Julie discovers he's an adrenalin junkie, she decides she can't be with him. She just moved to a new town to get away from that kind of relationship. Can Stephen change her mind about him and still do the things he loves to do?

My Favorite Moment: I loved when Stephen asked Julia “What do you think about skydiving?”

“That people are insane to jump out of a perfectly good airplane with nothing but some cloth to keep them from splattering all over the ground.”

Stephen threw back his head and laughed out loud. “Don’t hold back, darlin’. Tell me how you really feel.”

Singe deserves 5 HOT stars!

Smolder is a story of reunited love. This is a very emotional story about loss and a love that can continue where it left off.

Marcus found himself in Lanville not long after his much unwanted divorce. The hardest day will always be July 5th, for that was the day his entire world shattered. Marcus stays busy being a foreman for a construction company and also being a volunteer fireman to help bury the loss of his son and by forgetting that the love of his wife walked out on him.

Rayna left her husband shortly after the loss of their son. She vowed to never return to Texas as the memories are just too painful, but she has no choice but to return to Lanville five years after her divorce when her grandmother is admitted into the hospital.

Rayna never thought for a moment that she would run into Marcus at the hospital for his own injury and also have to turn to his company to fix the damages to her grandmother’s home after a fire destroys her neighborhood. A past like theirs is going to very hard to come to terms with when the love between them is still so strong.

My Favorite Moments: I have to say my favorite and most emotional moment was when Rayna discovers Marcus’s tattoo that symbolizes the son that they shared and lost.

Smolder gets a Blazin 4 stars!

Spark is about two people that secretly love each other but cannot seem to leave the ‘just friends’ zone.

Talia is a volunteer firewoman at the Lanville Fire Department. She decided to volunteer so she could help the community and to be close to a very handsome Dylan Westfield. Talia has asked Dylan out several times and all he ever says is no. She sees the lust in his eyes whenever he looks at her, so why does he keep trying to keep her at a distance?

Dylan secretly loves Talia, except it’s not really a secret when everyone knows except Talia and Dylan himself. Dylan has a past that he feels he cannot run from and it prevents him from getting attached to someone special. However, when Talia gets a little tipsy and refuses to accept that Dylan does not want her, she will push him to his limits of love and trust.

My Favorite Moment: I am torn between when Talia decides to eat ribs in front of Dylan and when Talia tries to blame Paige for the band playing in her head.

Spark gets a Smokin’ Hot 5 stars!

Danielle Mccoy says

I enjoyed these stories. I won't reread them or seek anything out by this author but if I see her name I won't put it back. I liked the 1st story best. fast-forwarded though the second. I'm not a big fan of we broke up but now are back together because it was a huge mistake. Then why did you break up? I did find the reason for the breakup believable in this case though. The 3rd one was good but I found the ending a bit to convenient. I made you mad so now you know you'll never it me. Really? I little more needed to be done but it is a short story so it is understandable.
