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Strip Back brings you back to how the Naked Night's began. This is Eric's story. Back when life was a little less polished, and a whole lot harder.

Before there was Strip Teaser, there was Eric; manager and founder of the Naked Night's male stripper troupe.

You wouldn't think you'd be past it at 34, but that's the position Eric found himself in, as well as newly single after finding his girlfriend in a compromising position.

Setting up the Naked Night's wasn't easy, it wasn't fun, and it wasn't without sleaze, but somehow he did it.

Strip Back is a humorous and steamy tale of one man's journey to fulfill a dream. Not all male strippers are the same.

Strip Back Details

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From Reader Review Strip Back for online ebook

DJ Sakata says

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

“The sorrow of my loss hits me harder each time I have the dream, and remember how much she meant to me.”

“She’s moved on so quickly I’m suffering mental whiplash.”

“I’ve seen everything from a pole dancing caveman who fell off the pole, to a cross dressing priest in a cassock and suspenders who wouldn’t know rhythm if he fell over it.”

My Review:

Male strippers, hot steamy sex scenes, new love, funny and witty writing... today has been nirvana for this old cougar. A fun, quick, and enticing read. This little novella was smokin’ hawt and I could not put it down, other than when I needed to use my kindle to fan myself.

JG ~ Jezabell Girl & Friends says

3.5 Stars

Copy provided by the author in return for an honest review.

Well we're back seated front and centre with Naked Nights once again in this novella telling the story of the group's inception.

In this book, Eric tells us his story and it's a story of determination, loss and love. It's sweet, sad and passionate but most of all it brings us into the arms of Naked Nights right from the very beginning. We get to witness auditions by Jackal, Guido and Alex and also how Tiny and Alison fit into the group as Eric takes us through making his dream a reality; from seedy stripper to running his own group of performers.

As expected, this story sets out how Naked Nights was formed but for me it is a little bit too simplistic in its telling. I don't know if I would have preferred to read this before book 1, Strip Teaser, but I was expecting more twists and turns and background to the group's creation. This story focussed slightly more on Eric's love life with Christy than the Naked Nights but that is not a bad thing but it just left me wanting more from the story.

Writing novellas must be extremely difficult. How do you get across the story without it developing into a full blown book? This is exactly how I felt this story came across. Perhaps more would have taken the story out of the novella grouping but at the same time I felt it was more of a step by step guide to Eric and

Christy's lives right up to the first performance of Naked Nights. I would prefer a full book on Eric and Christy and I hope that we get to read more about them in the future.

As always with Ava, this book was well written and entertaining. I look forward to reading more from the Naked Nights group and to get to know each of the remaining performers intimately!!!

Reviewed on behalf of Jezabell Girl & Friends...

<http://jezabellgirlandfriends.com>

Vickie says

Strip Back is Eric's story and i loved the extra insight into the manager of Naked Nights. After been told he's too old to be a stripper and finding his girlfriend in a compromising position with his friend, Eric takes a good look at how his life's going and decides to make some changes. Determined to set up his own classy dance/strip group he enlists the help of his friend Tiny. While doing this he meets Christy, an american nurse in the UK temporarily. Will she stay when her job ends or will she go home? I loved getting to know the Naked Nights men better and Eric comes across as really sweet. I was rooting for him and Christy all the way to the end. Definitely need to hear more of their story. Another really good, light hearted romance from Ava Manello.

Rebecca says

It's all about the tease...the strip tease that is, and that's exactly the kind of sexy show that Eric envisioned when he set about creating Naked Nights. The venture was risky to say the least, but he was willing to do just about anything to make his dream of running a classy group of male performers come true.

In this prequel to Strip Teaser, readers get Eric's back story and grow to understand why his all male review is more seducing than raunchy, more smooth moves than letting it all hang out, and as readers learn the steps he took to get Naked Nights up and running, we also witness the man himself change his ways and realize the value he has as a business man, performer, and someone who deserves a classy woman instead of the whores he's used to warming his bed.

I love that Ava took readers through the auditions, so we were able to see how Eric put his team of dancers together. It helped explain the eclectic nature of his guys and the different personas that they would come to play in book one.

Coinciding with Eric's new endeavor is his new relationship with Christy. It's supposed to be just a fling because she's heading back to the States after her stint at the hospital is complete, but the chemistry between them is scorching as illustrated by the steamy scenes they share, so regardless of how much neither of them want their feelings to come into play, they do, which makes it that much harder to say goodbye.

Eric's novella is a closer look at the man behind the sexy performers and their seducing show. It helps readers to understand a bit more about why and how Naked Nights started, and it also shows readers a bit of Eric's wild side - something that we don't see in Strip Teaser. It's a fun and sexy read that will readers wanting more of Eric and his sexy nurse.

A complimentary copy was provided in exchange for an honest review.

4 poison apples (The Fairest of All Book Reviews)

Not Another Damn Blog says

NADBB gets to read a blog favorite and review? A win-win!

Synopsis:

This series revolves around the Naked Nights. Hot stripping men and their drama filled lives and the way the obstacles they face in having personal relationships. This story is of Eric the founder of Naked Nights and the struggle he had to create this stripper group.

The Good:

The writing in this entire series is superb. I mean Ava Manello can write people. Eric's story I loved even more than the first. There's humor, laughter, drama and heat. Yes I think the heat cannot be overstated here.

The Bad:

Male strippers aren't who I look at and say traditionally, yes this is the book boyfriend I want for life. That said if you start this series you won't regret it and you will definitely want more. At least I know I do.

The Rating: 4.5 stars. We're HUGE Ava groupies.

Tracie Podger says

I read Strip Teaser and thoroughly enjoyed it. It was with delight that I noticed Ava had produced the novella, Strip Back. Strip Back gives us Eric's story and the start of the Naked Nights. We get to learn how the group is put together and meet the characters we came to love in Strip Teaser. What we also get is a wonderful love story between Eric and his American nurse, Christy. Some nicely written sex scenes, no juvenile terminology - thank you for that Ava :) There are some great lines and humour throughout the book, Ava has captured (not that I'm an expert in strippers) the characters well. I loved the auditions - what a wonderful job! What I think is very clever with Ava's writing is the introduction of the music throughout the book. We saw this in Strip Teaser and again here, in Strip Back. As a reader, I could really connect with the scene with some of the music playing through my mind as I read. I loved the ending and look forward to more. Highly recommended.

Alice Smith says

Strip Back
Naked Nights Series - Eric's Story #0.5

by Ava Manello

I was provided an ARC of this story as a member of Ava Manello's street team. I have been eagerly awaiting this release from author Ava Manello. Strip Back is the prequel to the Naked Nights Series, with book one, Strip Teaser, available now.

Eric is the founding member of the Naked Nights. Eric is a veteran of the all male review scene. He knows what he does not want in a show, and what he does. When he is unceremoniously let go from his job as an exotic dancer for being "too old" at age 34 to be one of the featured performers. Eric decides to use this opportunity to start his own male review. He has the goals of having a show that is classy, sexy, and not filthy. Eric has this single minded goal until he meets Christy.

Christy is a nurse, temporarily studying medicine in the UK, where there is advanced technology in emergency medicine for her to learn. Her goal was always to have the position to be for a few months, and to return home to her family in the US. Will Eric through a wrench into her plans when their chemistry is too much to ignore?

I love Ava Manello's writing style. Her characters are charming and have a sense of humor. You truly route for their happiness because they are so likeable. This story also has a strong plot, and is filled with steamy scenes.

Anny hernandez says

I was provided a copy of the book by the Author for an honest review.

WOW I am so happy to finally read more about Eric, if you read Strip Teaser than you all ready met Eric, and let me tell you I felt in love with this book, and love it how the Naked Nights started, this is Eric story, I am gone keep this short since I don't want to give anything away. and cause this is a book that you could read withing in a few hours.

Eric is thirty four year old Male stripper, he loves performing, but he works for someone that don't like to hear ideas, and like to hire younger guys, one day before practice he was called in to his boss office, that's when his boss told him that he was thinking of hiring some one else, and that his age is not right for striping anymore, well Eric left and that's when he started thinking about the dream that he always had, to crated his own show, that's when he came up with NAKED NIGHTS, during his time with audition and looking for the right guys with talent, he end up meeting Christy, now Christy was their working for six month as a nursed, once she started to hang out with Eric she end up having feelings for him, will they get their happy ending.

I love Eric his attitude his way of thinking and the way that he is with Christy, I kust love Eric and I want more of him, I love Christy and they way she treat Eric, I love the chemistry that they have with each other from the start.

I really love and enjoy reading this book, and cant wait to read more, but what cant I say I love the way Author AVA Manello writes, and I look forward to read more of her books, AVA Manello THANK YOU for this awesome book and amazing wonderful characters LOVE THEM.

Nikki Costello *Crazy Cajun Book Addicts Blog*** says**

I was given a complimentary copy of this book through Crazy Cajun Book Addicts for an honest review. Strip Back is a short prequel to Strip Teaser. In this book we find out how Naked Nights came to be and how Eric came to meet the sexy guys he now works with. We also get an insight into Christy the girl that stole his heart but with her only working in the UK for a short time will their relationship survive.

This is a short but fab read from Ava Manello and can be read either before or after Strip Teaser.

Michelle ♥ The Romance Vault ♥ says

Well I am so pleased to have had me some more Naked Nights! Ah Eric, it was his turn for the spotlight and what a spotlight it was. I totally saw 'him' this time, not the boss trying to put together routines and shows but the man behind the shows, and I was hooked on him.

Ava has fantastic penmanship to bring to life a band of male strippers with her own style of panache. It was great to see how Eric put together his team and how Guido the Italian Stallion from (hahahaa not gonna tell you if you haven't read Strip Teaser ?) got his spot too.

I really connected with Christy, I hope we get to see a lot more of her because I hope beyond hope this isn't the last of the Naked Nights! I need me some more ripped Abs and oiled buns!

Well done Ava, this was a perfect addition to Strip Teaser and like I say I cannot wait to read more of this band of Nights!

I received a copy of Strip Back in return for an honest review my reviews are my own and are 100 honest.

Nadia Debowska-Stephens (Obsessed by Books) says

Part of Ava Manello's beta team

Hello and welcome to the very beginning of the Naked Nights. From the low of being on your knees (well ..finding a certain someone in a dubious position!) through cringe worthy auditions to a victorious opening night. This book is a fast paced entertaining look behind the scenes of a male strippers act. We follow Eric as he is sacked from his current job and decides to use it as an opportunity to achieve his goal. He sets up on his own and follows his dream of an act that is about the beauty of the male form, the music and the interpretation of the lyrics. Eric has a vision and this is his story of making dreams become a reality.

Christy is his leading lady and without saying too much they fall head over heels in lust and this develops into a shoulda woulda coulda type thing which I hope we pick up on as suggested in the next book! Their sexy time scenes are hot, realistic and you can almost feel the heat between them as you read.

The beginnings and Eric's past also make re reading Strip Teaser fresh, as we gain insight into why he acts as he does. This was a quick, humorous read that ticks all the boxes. A four star sizzling read.

Fiona Sheldon says

Received a complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.

If you have read Strip Teaser then you definitely need to read this. You get to know more about Eric and why he set up Naked Night's, who steals his heart and why.

It's a fun and sweet novella to read either before Strip Teaser or after. I found myself rooting for Naked Night's getting off the ground and wishing i was there during the auditions (my imagination was having all kinds of fun with those). It's also sexy and romantic with a little bit of hot thrown in.

Only downside for me is that there is no closure for Eric and Christy in this book. Next book in the Naked Night's series please lovely Ms Manello

KFForever says

Reviewed by Donna Elsegood for **Kindle Friends Forever**.

I had previously read and thoroughly enjoyed Strip Teaser (Naked Night's #1) and was delighted to hear Ava was going to write Eric's Story. But I am ashamed to say it has sat on my kindle for a while and I am pleased that I finally decided to devour it.

Firstly, at thirty-four, Eric discovers from his sleazy boss that he is too old to be head stripper. This gives him a push in the right direction. Making his dream a reality and forming his own group but more tastefully than what he had been used to. So let's take a step back when Eric sets up the strip tease dancing troupe. How he overcomes all the problems of bringing together a show that would eventually become successful but with a price tag attached wasn't an easy feat. Eric wants a dance troupe that do not strip down completely leaving nothing to the imagination, therefore he sets about finding a venue and advertising to hold auditions.

Eric has had past conquests that meant nothing until he meets Christy who is an American working temporarily in the UK. They embark on a very passionate love affair; however, both try to guard their hearts as they know it cannot last due to circumstances. These two certainly have some very steamy scenes and I really liked the way they interacted with each other. Talking and laughing as well as the pure attraction made them such a sweet couple.

I was totally besotted with the male and female characters in this story. The author certainly knows how to create good strong characters. I do not want to give too much away as this is a novella. There is also a very good playlist to this book which is definitely worth listening to. And whilst I would love to read more from these characters, it's on my understanding that it's not the normal contemporary erotic genre most read. Perhaps because it's not about bikers, rockers or CEOs which may prove more popular. My interest in this series was purely for reading a little something different from the norm, certainly not for the hot strippers who feature in it! "Essentially they were for intensive research purposes!" I jokingly quote.

A very well deserved five stars and my fingers are crossed as I'd love to read more about the super-hot men of Naked Nights.

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

This was a really refreshing and entertaining quick read.

This is Eric's story. It's the story of how Eric and some sexy men get together to form a team of strippers. I loved the chemistry between Eric & Christy.

Really good story. Must go read book one, Strip Teaser, as this authors writing is superb.

Emma says

Stripped Back is a brilliant prequel novella by Ava Manello and focuses on answering all those burning questions we had over Eric and why he set up the Naked Nights from Strip Teaser and how all the men we came to love Alex, Tiny, Guido to name a few joined him.

We see his journey from unhappy, miserable and disillusioned seedy stripper to a new troupe manager and all that that entails suffering through: dire dance auditions, laughable job adverts and very bizarre clothing choices!!

He also has some red hot moves at play with a very lucky lady and the saying you don't know what you've got till its gone has never been more true. This is the perfect one sitting read: fun, hot and entertaining with a great soundtrack too!!

*** I was fortunate enough to Beta read this book ***
