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She would only be there for twenty-four hours...

When Carmen Mitchell left her hometown of Brunswick Georgia, the last thing she wanted was a reunion. Then, her only mission was to attend college, pursue her modeling career, and leave her past hurts behind. But when Carmen receives some startling news, she decides the time to make her final appearance has arrived; however, reemerging could open old wounds and the obstacle of facing the man she left behind presents the biggest challenge of them all.

Dominic Johnson has long since put thoughts of Carmen Mitchell out of sight and out of mind. Circumstances would bring her back to Brunswick, but there was no repartee to be spoken to the woman who'd left him years ago without so much as a goodbye. It isn't until Dominic gains a first-hand glimpse of Carmen that old memories spark and a detonation of what was, and what could be, set off a myriad of images in his mind. Now Dominic is faced with a battle that's waging internally, to stay out of her way or to succumb to Carmen Mitchell, again.

The Lunch Break Series is not a continuation of the same story in parts. It is a series of standalone novellas that you can enjoy on your lunch break hour. These stories are written purely for your quick gratification.

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Lee Holden, E. says

Excellent read

Excellent read, I enjoyed the characters and storyline. Dominic and Carmen appear to be soulmates. Their love withstood the test of time and distance caused by Carmen. She ran away from her family demons and Dominic was a casualty. Carmen returned for her grandmother's funeral and reunited with Dominic. I recommend this book.

Pamela session says

Amazing love story

I loved this story from the beginning to end Stephanie Norris is the best I read one if her book in I fall in love with ? family and other books by her yes and this series had started off with a bang Carmen and Dominic found their way back to love ... can't wait for next book in this series congrats ?? ? and rose and Valentine's series ????

Margie Cobbs says

Lunch Break

This novella is the perfect recipe for lunch break. If you love urban fiction the author gives you a good recipe for love ; something to keep your mind right. It doesn't matter the amount of time that past, if it's meant to be it will happen. Thanks Stephanie Norris for this little five star banger.

vickie0822 says

Lunch into dinner Series.....

O. M. G! Started reading this book while at work, on my lunch break. Unfortunately, interruptions prevented my reading excursion. Excursion! Yes, this author takes you on a romantic ride with the most intricate details, you can picture, in your minds eye, every scene so vividly painted. You won't be disappointed with this read, but as a lunch series.....I suggest you, bring a bib or large napkin along. The romance will make you drool.

Lisa says

Loved it wish it were longer!

I loved this short story! Carmen and Dominic were meant for each. Just so happy they realized it before it was too late. I wanted more but it was a great quick read. Waiting patiently on the next one! Great job Stephanie!

Georgiana says

If I could stay

All I have to say is WoW. This was very emotional for me loved every second of this book. Stephanie Nicole Norris. Keep them coming ?. You are a Beast with the pen craft.

Tramaine Green says

I absolutely loved it!

Loved every single moment of Dominic and Carmen's reunion. This novella was soooo good. Can't wait to read more of the lunch break series by Mrs. norris!

Carolyn King says

Very Good

This is just the type of book I need to read on my lunch break. Carmen leaves home leaving her boyfriend Dominic and not telling him why she left. She comes home for her grandmother funeral. When she sees Dominic the chemistry is still there. I am glad they reconnected and she told him why she really left home.

Darlene Daise says

A Great Short Story

This book tells a story about true love it's doesn't matter the time length if it was true it doesn't evaporate it strength like the two main characters in this book

Arlena says

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Reviewed By: Arlena Dean

Rating: Five

Review:

"If I Could Stay" by Stephanie Nicole Norris

My Thoughts....

"If I Could Stay" was a beautiful touching novella that this author gives the reader of Carmen and Dominic. With Carmen holding it all in and telling no one was truly a story that will only touch ones heart. If only Carmen had felt that there was someone she could have spoken with about this situation. When Carmen has her eighteenth birthday she leaves for New York. For eight years Carmen had been gone only returning now due to the death of her grandmother. And as life would have it she sees Dominic and he recused her from a horrible situation that had occurred at the funeral. This will only lead them to being together and being able to talk that will lead to so much more. Will these two finally be able to talk and will Dominic fully understand just why Carmen had left in the first place? After all is said and done will Carmen leave Dominic again and return to her home in New York? To find how this story will continue you will just have to pick up "If I Could Stay" to see if this beautiful emotional story will all come together for Carmen and Dominic. Will they finally get their HEA?

Karen Alleyne says

Carmen and Dominic novella was short and sweet. I particularly love Dominic ability to forgive the pain he endured by Carmen leaving to pursue a better life.

Carmen had a whole lot of issues to work passed in order to let love in . I first I taught she took a damm long time to see what right in front of her , but then it's so true to real life that if a person had received that much hate and rejection that Carmen had he / she would in fact find it impossible to let love in .

Then there is what I must label reunion sex! Wow !!! It was steamy and intense . So steamy I looked around in work to see who's watching.

The ending brought me such joy . I am so pleased to read Carmen has finally found her happy end . I wish is for Miss Norris to provide an update for Carmen to let us know how she's doing after a couple years of marriage.

Thank you Author Stephanie Nicole Norris.

Marissa says

Great Read

The storyline was developed enough to read as a full story, even though it was written as a short story. The storyline and character development will grab and keep your attention. I recommend this five star read to all who enjoy fast paced, interesting quick reads. I always enjoy this author, and look forward to reading more from her.

Latasha Martin says

Sweet Love??

I'm so glad that Dominic and Carmen rekindled their love and relationship. I understand her leaving due to her grandfather, Benjamin, blaming her for her mother passing away during childbirth and treating her so harshly. I think that Carmen knew that Dominic would get into trouble if she had told him how her grandfather was treating her but it still seems as though her dad, Donovan, should've done something to help her because he was old enough to raise her when she got in her teens. At least Grandma Ada stood up for her somewhat. I can't wait to read the next book in the series.

Elysa says

Awww..short & sweet

A nicely woven tale of lost love between two people too young to truly grapple with all that is entailed in a mature relationship. But the emotions were pure & real enough to last and grow over time and distance. Carmen & Dominic were obvious soul mates and fate would not be denied. A long overdue homecoming, a bittersweet reckoning and voila-Magic! ?

Rena says

Can't let go

Carmen returns to her hometown on a sad occasion, but she ends finding more than she ever wanted. Dominic is still hurt by Carmen abandoning their relationship years prior, but his love for her didn't diminish. After reconnecting and getting to the truth of the matter, they realize that they can't let go of each other again. Fate steps in and helps them get a second chance to love.
