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A 24-page story from *The Mammoth Book of Hot Romance*, 2011, plus excerpts from contemporary romance/women's fiction novels by Patricia Ryan. When a handsome stranger rescues Maryann from a storm, she let him think she's a prostitute. A night of abandoned, no-strings lovemaking might be just what the jilted schoolteacher needs—if only she can keep from falling for her sexy rescuer.

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"*Silken Threads* is romance at its best. This one goes on my keeper shelf." *The Romance Reader*

"Ms. Ryan breathes freshness into every page and entralls readers with the power of her characters' emotions and their intelligent handling of the complex situations. She is a wonderful writer whose talent continues to enchant readers." RT BookReviews on *Secret Thunder*

About the Author: Patricia Ryan has written more than two dozen romances and mysteries, including the #1 Barnes & Noble bestseller *Still Life With Murder*. Her novels have garnered rave reviews and been

published in over twenty countries. A RITA® winner (for Silken Threads) and four-time nominee, she is also the recipient of two Romantic Times Awards and a Mary Higgins Clark Award nomination for the second book of her historical mystery series featuring Boston governess Nell Sweeney, which she wrote under the name P.B. Ryan. Pat's Evil Twin, Pamela Burford, is also a published romance novelist.

Shelter from the Storm Details

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Tracey says

3. sweet stars

I liked the short read, yes it's not very realistic but it's called fiction and that's why I read it.

It's a very fast moving storyline, girls bf cheats, girl gets mistaken for prostitute..... I enjoyed it.

Elaine says

This was a sweet short story, a good read if you're stuck waiting somewhere and need a distraction.

Despite the somewhat overused "oops, i thought you were a prostitute" trope, the story was sweet and very hot.

Annie says

This was a great little freebie. A shy school teacher decides to spice up her sex life and surprise her boyfriend only to find him with a woman tied to his bed. All tramped up she runs down the street and runs into a guy who thinks she's a hooker. LOL. Okay... so the story is a little far-fetched, but if you can suspend reality for a little while and get lost in the story it is actually quite good. :)

Jacquelyn Smith says

Marianna was a twenty two year old virgin, until she met Alan.

She had a big surprise for him only to be the one surprise, when she see him in bed with another woman.

She run out into the storm where she meet Rob.

This little short read little pretty woman, only she was pretending to be a hooker.

This was kind cute, but to unreal.

Divalish Smile says

Ohhhh I loved this shorty!!! What a great little story. Loved Rob and Marianne. I don't know what to say I

just really enjoyed is book. Who wouldn't want to find an awesome guy like Rob and ALL that comes with him!!! Love!

Ann Roberts says

I really enjoyed this short story. I expected more "using" in an encounter like this, but the characters were very life-like and the ending was sweet. I would highly recommend the fun, fantasy reading!

Antoinette Murphy says

I'd of given this four stars if it wasn't ridiculously corny! Although, I have to say, I probably laughed more than I should've of given the sheer nature of what was going on. I just...couldn't...believe...it. LOL!

Amber says

Not sure what was going on except a chick who looks like a kindergarten teacher and a man with lots of hair are constantly vacuum-sucked together by the quantum forces of lust.

Christy says

This was a cute story about a woman who went to seduce her boyfriend only to find him dominating another woman. She meets a guy who thinks she's a prostitute because of the outfit she is wearing. They have lots of sex and feel a connection. It needed to be longer because when you are just getting into the story BOOM " the end" !!!! WTF!

Mamma23 says

I actually forgot I read this book... I started to read it again, and then was like: Oh yeah, I already read this!

It really wasn't that memorable for me, obviously, and it's rather short.

The premise is what really bothered me. "Nice", rich, cute. normal guy picks up a gal he thinks is a hooker because of her clothing.... Now, if that isn't bad enough, she *goes along with it!* OK, maybe I don't get the "I'd love to be a hooker" fantasy, I guess that is somebody's turn on, not mine.

Then the plot just keeps getting more and more absurd. It got in the way of enjoying the steamy scenes, and yes there a few good ones. It was kinda yucky when I realized this guy thought he was with a prostitute. Nah.

T. says

Picked this up as a freebie. Its okay, Maybe 20 percent is actually the story and the remainder is excerpts of other stuff (which I skipped, If I want commercials, I'll watch prime time TV. The story was not very remarkable, it was predictable. Not bad, but nothing to recommend it either. Mehh.

MsRomanticReads says

Marianne plans on surprising her boyfriend on their one year anniversary. In an effort to be more spontaneous and the sex kitten that Alan wants, she thinks dressing up and waiting in his bed for him to return from his Friday night poker game is the way to go. She isn't the only one who has a surprise. When she finds herself alone, and caught in a hail storm, a sexy stranger comes to her rescue. (Un)Fortunately for her, he mistakes her for a prostitute based on her state of (un)dress. He seems to be exactly what she needs to overcome her plummeting self esteem.

The author wrote a lovely little fantasy tale with very likeable characters. Rob and Marianne move very quickly (this was after all a 15 minute read), but the passion more than made up for having to suspend disbelief to see them get their happy ending. After this short taste, I would read more by this author.

Diane Morris says

Short story where a girl dresses up to surprise her boyfriend - except she's the one who's surprised when she finds him playing dominant to someone else. So she runs out into the storm -- it starts hailing and a regular nice guy offers her a ride. They're grew up in the same part of the state. Of course it's a romance and he turns out to be a very rich nice guy and pays her \$14,000 --- well, she did price herself at \$10K. But all ends well because he finds her at the school she's teaching and she tell him she's returning back to her hometown. Nothing great but cute little love story.

Jill says

~*Short & Sweet*~

This was a quick sweet read. The only thing that I could not get passed was how Marianne and Rob met and hooked up. A stranger follows her, pulls up in a car and the next minute it's hailing outside and they are having sex in the car. In my opinion it just did not fit their personalities, occupations or who they were. Other than that, Marianne and Rob had very intense chemistry from the very first touch.

djdavis~*Sivad*Sex Pocket says

Ugh. Give me a break. Maybe I read this at the wrong time because Marianne just pissed me off something

terrible. This book left me so irritated. Marianne seemed a little weak-minded, naive, and immature.

She catches her boyfriend screwing another woman when he's suppose to be busy with work. Obviously that relationship is over, and on the way out the door she promises herself to never let jump into a relationship so fast and with the wrong guy again. So then why in the hell does she jump in the car and pounce on a stranger within hours if her 'heartbreaking break-up'. Furthermore, why is she already falling for this stranger.

I really don't like the whole damsel in distress scene and that was exactly what this was except it wasn't executed properly. I didn't get to connect with Marianne or Rob.

Nice effort.
