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Nathan Lawford, Blaine Technologies' chief financial officer, is known as the Iceman. He conducts his personal and business affairs without emotion, never allowing himself to become involved with anyone. When Nate sees something or someone he wants, he negotiates, paying a simple, set monetary price.

Now he wants Camille, the company's green-haired intern.

Camille Joplin Trent never expected to be paid to pleasure the man of her dreams. She can't quite figure out why this is a bad thing. Nate is intelligent, handsome, sophisticated, everything she's ever wanted in a lover and never thought she could have. Their contract is for a month, thirty lust-filled days of making every sexual fantasy they've ever had come true. At the end of this month, the rules state their relationship will end.

Of course, Camille has never been good at following rules.

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Biena (The Library Mistress) says

Why this book?

I signed up to review this book mainly because back when it was offered, I was trying, the operative word being trying to write a 'steamy' story myself. Aside from the scorching cover, I can tell you, this book didn't disappoint, hot it is! I don't really read much of this genre, I think, the only thing I've read in full is Bared To You by Sylvia Day and I can say I like it so bear with me in this review. This won't be steamy, I'm a very cheesy person.

The Plot

It's the typical handsome executive posing as the alpha male love interest and the lovely and pretty girl as the main character. What sets this apart from other New Adult titles though is that Camille, the protagonist is not a Barbie doll. To quote, "He isn't looking at my green hair or my piercings," yes this girl has piercings and though I barely have any aside from my the ones in my earlobes, oh I love her guts for sporting such hair. I just hope, I'll have that much courage cos I need to dye my hair green sooner or later. Ask me why next time.

Who were the main characters?

The cold and frigid Iceman, the executive Nathan Lawford and the quirky and stubborn green-haired intern Camille Trent.

Favorite character?

I don't know, but I'd love to hear any dialogue from the pinch faced lady working beside Camille. Camille can be annoying sometimes and I'd love for that lady to berate her because from the looks of it, she simply can charm everyone except that lady and the guard, Jerome.

What did you like most about the book?

Curry! Someone so dear to me loves eating curry and reading this makes me remember him. Haha. But seriously, I love the romantic vibe of the story even if it has been laid down from the beginning that this is an erotica.

What did you like least?

The excessive use of the word - also. It made me cringed! "You have something I want also", "That topic will cost me money also.", etc.

What did you think of the writing style?

It could be better but I think it's good enough, it picked up when I was near the middle and it got better since. The beginning kind of startled me though, I have to remind myself, yeah, this is erotica.

If you could change something, what would it be?

The reason why they enter into a one month contract, I find it too... forced.

What did you think of the ending?

Lovely. Or am I just really a romantic?

Favorite Quotes

"He's no longer the unapproachable Iceman, and I'm not the defiant rebel child. We're a couple."

“I walk away from him, not looking back, knowing if I do I'll run to him, cling to him, forgo the independence I've always valued.”

“I hold Nate's hand as we walk down the hallway. My coworkers stare at us, the whispers swelling in waves of sound, gossip spreading. I don't care.”

“Money has no bearing on emotions.”

“I loved it.' I love him.”

“Yes, he has definitely claimed me. Office gossip is faster than the internet.”

“Nate loves me. My chest bubbles with happiness.”

“He believes in me, he accepts me, he doesn't want to change me, and I love him with all of the passion in my wild heart.”

Chapparita says

This was one of my favorite books of this series. Camille and Nathan see in each other what nobody else sees and/or understands, and they learn to protect and fight for each other, which was always cool and sometimes funny. I enjoyed reading about their journey. Even their sex life had depth and was treated purposely within the plot. Sax used the sex scenes to break down emotional barriers, explore emotional needs, and non-verbally communicate growth and acceptance. Ok, maybe this is actually my favorite book in the series.

Babel says

First reviewed on Literaria <http://sede-literaria.blogspot.com>

I have a penchant for steamy romantic stories. I do. Not ashamed of that. So when I came across the opportunity to read and review this novella, I didn't hesitate a bit. And I was rewarded with an experience even better than I expected.

TOP REASONS TO READ

- 1 Sassy, quirky, rebel female character
- 2 exquisitely erotic narrative
- 3 handsome, tortured, sweet hunk of a male character
- 4 you'll just love every single word (and squirm a lot)

Nathan and Camille are complete opposites: he, the Iceman, all for control and no emotional attachments. Too dangerous for him. There's a reason for that self-imposed shield and she's going to find out why.

She's a hacker, a born-and-bred hippie. She's never conformed to rules nor lack of love. The sexy, aloof executive is going to prove difficult to crack, but she's in for the challenge. In the process is all the fun! I was beyond tempted by this novella. The intimate encounters are openly brazen, but there's a touching love story in here too. Even though the descriptions are graphic, they are also unbelievably tender due to the fact that a relationship is developing between two people who really need each other. I was drawn to the author's writing style. Her voice is provocative and sensorial just like Camille. What a lovely character! I've absolutely fallen in love with her non-conformist, free-spirited personality. She's smart, challenging, compassionate and so likeable! And Nate, oh, the Iceman. He's the puzzle every woman wants to solve. I loved it when Nate didn't know how to cope with Camille's unpredictable attitude. It was very exciting to watch their relationship bloom from unresolved fears to a perfect, thrilling fit. This is one of those books of which I'd be happy to have a print copy, so that I could touch it, feel it and just open on a random page and be joyful all over again.

Jennifer says

SIGH I was very impatient for this book. All the teasers I read just confirmed that Ice Man Nate needed to lose his composure and Camille aka Goth girl was the only who could do it.

Nate gave in quicker than I expected but as we read along we see it was not quick nor unexpected. Cynthia Sax brilliantly takes anything that could be construed as a quick release and works it into the story so that everything is as it should be. Don't want to give spoilers so no examples.

Nate's parents are messed up and it explains so much! I loved the interaction between the characters, the give and take of control and especially the ease of acceptance on who each of them are. They don't expect each other to be anything other than who they are already.

Wonderful story! I highly recommend this book and I am not just saying that because I am a fan. It's an extremely well-written story.

Paola says

***Received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.**

Camille Trent grew up on a hippie commune. She's the green-haired freak intern. This rebel child has multiple piercings and never follows the rules.

"I break rules. I push people. I don't fit in anywhere."

She has been attracted to Nate for long, he sure drives her wild. So, when he gives her the opportunity to sign a contract that states how much he'd pay her for their encounters and what she can expect from him, she doesn't even take the time to read it. She signs it not knowing what she's going to get into.

In other words, Camille decides to take the risk of having her heart shattered into pieces in a month by the man of her dreams. A man destined to emotionally destroy her. She knows pain is sure to come, but cautious has never been a strength of hers.

"You calm my crazy ass down." - Camille

"With Nate I'm not a freak, a target of scorn. I'm a rockstar, a woman to be envied."

Nathan Lawford is a stubborn man who likes to be in control of everything he does. Raised by unloving parents, he doesn't know what love is nor does he believe it exists. Used to use money to mask emotions, he pays for one hour of his mom's time once a month.

This ruler setter executive wants Camille and he wants her under his terms and conditions. But guys, he's a total sweetheart under his icy exterior! I fell in love with him from the start.

"My entire life sucked. And I didn't realize it until I met you"

And so it begins, the ups and downs of falling in love and a wonderful romance between a woman that is not who anyone expects and a man that doesn't believe he is worthy of love.

"If you try to change me you'll be unsuccessful," I warn. Nate chuckles "If I tried to change you I'd be a fool"

"You're perfect." - Nate

"I'm only perfect when I'm with you." - Camille

No more, I can't tell anymore! Can't give anything else away. You have to just buy this book and read it! I just hope it all continues with a next book! Cynthia Sax sure did a great job!

Talltree says

3.5 stars!

Brunette Librarian says

Originally appearing in The Brunette Librarian's Blog

Camille is almost the anti-corporate executive. With bright green hair, a devil may care attitude, a hacker/hippie mentality, and multiple piercings, Camille is used to being the outsider. Yet every time she sees Nate Lawford, she can't help but think there may be something more in his eyes than contempt. Meeting everyday in the elevator, they seem to stalk one another, as a lion would a gazelle.

Nate proposes a unique idea to Camille after a steamy encounter...be completely his for a month. Camille is at first intrigued by the idea but once within Nate's home and in his possession, they find out just how well they fit with one another. Nate's entire life has been measured and metered, devoid of emotion and parental love. With Camille, he is encouraged to be emotional and isn't bothered at all by her unconventional choices in both wardrobe and hair color.

I loved this story so stinkin' much. Oye. I knew I was going to love Camille when she first appeared in *Flashes of Me*. She's such a flower child rebel, she's so adorable and fun loving. Nate, I honestly didn't like. He seemed so cold and just unapproachable. However, he is totally redeemed when you meet his wildly crazy parents and see how he treats Camille when he's finally allowed to just be himself.

Wonderfully sexy and witty, *Breaking All the Rules*, is a sweet, sensual story that finally tells the story of our favorite green haired hacker Camille and the cold but perhaps misunderstood Nate. Camille has to fight her inhibitions and self consciousness while Nate is forced out of his unemotional shell. I thoroughly enjoyed both the eroticism of the story while also telling a highly involved character driven story. Easily read as a stand alone book, if you haven't read sort of the precursor, check out *Flashes of Me* also!

Camille Flores says

3 1/2 steamy stars!

The story in a nutshell...

Camille Joplin Trent has wanted Nathan Lawford for far too long. Elevator rides, at Blaine Technologies where she is an intern, are the only times she get to spend with the man of her dreams. But she's not one to sit idle and continue to do nothing. When she musters enough courage and opportunity to have Nate, she discovered that her feelings or at least desire is not unrequited at all. But Nate is known not just as the CFO but the Iceman and when he decides he wants Camille he goes for it... but prepares a contract for their arrangement. He needs to have rules and strictures and boundaries for everything he does while Camille is as free in her beliefs as her hippie mother raised her to be. And yet the connection between them is undeniable and almost inevitable.

What worked for me?

It took a while before I warmed up to Camille. She's smart, independent, and she knows what she wants. But somehow in the beginning I had a little difficulty in placing her character. But then I got to know more about her and I begin to understand her and by the time I read how she is as a person especially when she was with Nate, I liked her more and more. She's fierce in her feelings for Nate, not just in her desire to please him but in her benediction to make him happy, to make his life more than what he thinks he might deserve. I love a woman who fights for her man.

Nate is a bit of an enigma. I can understand how he became how he is as a person especially when it comes to relationships. His parents really did a number on him although not in the ways one might expect. I actually really enjoyed reading about his relationship with his father and mother. I also liked how he slowly was able to get out of his shell or whatever it was that he was in before he met Camille.

It was great to watch them work their relationship out. It was unconventional especially with that contract hanging over them. But I was pretty satisfied with how things worked out in the end.

What didn't work for me?

It might have been a little too fast for me in terms of Camille's feelings for Nate developing from one level to the next. I'm really not too fond of insta-love but I can't really say that that was what this was because I realized that when the novella opens, the readers already know that Camille has wanted Nate for a while now. When I had accepted this set-up, the rest of the story flowed well for me.

My over-all take on it?

A short and sweet romp of a read. Nate and Camille are both quirky characters who I think you might not have met yet and that's the reason why they will at times surprise you. In all the good ways.

Jody says

As a fan of the opposites attract theme I found this a delightful read from start to finish and the perfect follow-up to Flashes of Me where we first met these compelling characters, though this can definitely be read on its own. From its likable characters to its steamy and erotically-charged romance that shows surprising depth as their relationship develops and they learn more about each other, I found myself completely immersed in their romantic tug of war.

Camille is an entertaining and unconventional heroine with her tats, piercings, and green hair. She's a wild child from a family of hippies and never met a rule she didn't want to break and isn't afraid to circumvent the law to get what she wants. She's a carefree woman who loves challenges and sees things as a game. Her latest and biggest challenge is the Iceman Nathan whose life revolves around order and rules as these things keep you from being hurt. As a child he learned that lesson harshly and it keeps him closed off. He can't help but be drawn to her against his better judgment as something about her calls to him and makes him want to be a better man. As their relationship that started out as a game deepens they discover that love means accepting and embracing the other for who they are. Their differences make them stronger as individuals and as a couple.

From its likable main couple to their witty banter to the sexual tension of their combustible relationship theirs was an enjoyable and immensely satisfying journey to HEA. Though the storyline was familiar the delightful characters set it apart from the rest and made for an endearing read. This was another great read by Ms. Sax that will have me coming back for more!

Leticia says

One of my fave erotica. Light, steamy and fun.

Jill Sorenson says

I really enjoyed this! Be aware that it's an over the top office romance, full of elevator sex and NSFW behavior. It's also written in first person present tense. I didn't even notice that until about halfway through because the writing is masterful. So is the heroine. Camille is a green-haired hacker with hippie parents. She embraces technology but still believes in love & freedom. I liked her attitude about getting paid for sex, her

impulsiveness, her assertive personality and even her instant devotion to Nate. Sometimes instalove works and sometimes it doesn't. Here it does. It probably helps that we don't get Nate's POV, because he's the sweetest, most accommodating "Iceman" ever. I loved the scenes between Camille and Nate's estranged, uptight parents. Nate's devotion to Camille is only slightly less instant. Two second delay.

A couple of minor quibbles. The "big" fight between the couple over payment seemed forced, and I skimmed the last sex scene. The sex is very well-written and erotic with graphic language (cock, pussy, cum), but also plentiful, and sort of artistic. More fireworks & fantasy than down to earth realism. This felt distancing to me, and I'd already read my fill.

Quality writing, quirky heroine, hot stuff. Erotic done right. I will be looking for more from this author. 4.5

Gaele says

There is a playfulness in the titles that I have read from Cynthia Sax, and this one just may have the most uniquely inappropriate characters for a romantic entanglement at first glance than any others.

Camille of the tattoos, multiple piercings and green hair has a deep and unquenchable thirst for Nathan, CFO and ultimate buttoned up waspy executive. An intern at Blaine Technologies, we met her in Kat's story, Flashes of Me. Camille is steadfastly holding to her early upbringing, her parents are both staunchly unconventional conventional hippies, and her early refusal to follow the crowd, or in fact the other hippie's children is part of her integral makeup. On the other hand, Nathan is reserved and conventional, unwilling to loosen his grip on his tightly boxed emotions, emotions are messy, and Nathan is obsessively neat and tidy.

Camille has set her sights on Nathan, and researched him thoroughly, using her skills to hack into his information. She uses this information to taunt, tease and ultimately break down Nathan's quiet reserve for a fling. Nathan, however, is not the "fling" type, and insists on a contract to specify and detail their arrangement, in the hopes that he can keep emotions out of the mix.

In the space of only a few days, Camille has insulted, enchanted and destroyed Nathan's carefully constructed reserve: giving herself freely and openly and demanding he share with her. And Nathan slowly allows her into his life, craving the emotions and fierceness that she displays: her life is a daily delight for the senses, and he wants that too.

And they are steamy: his desire for her is something he can't even explain to himself, the emotions are new and confusing, but Camille pushes and prods and picks at his reserve until he has no option but to relent and revel in her control. More than anything, Camille shows Nathan that love and security are really grounded in yourself and the people that you share yourself with, and that money, control and the power that both bring are only accessories.

Camille isn't without her own issues, some self-created: she is unwilling to see that some change is necessary to be in a relationship, although the 'change' that she fights is nothing that Nathan would ever ask of her, even as he is going through major growing pains to be the man he believes that she wants and deserves. These two love and fight with equal passion and determination: each wanting to be THE one for the other, both afraid that they fall short. Full of fun, passion and characters with trust issues, hangups and concerns, this story manages to keep you smiling and wondering from start to finish.

I received an eArc copy of the title from the publisher via Edelweiss for purpose of honest review. I was not compensated for this review: all conclusions are my own responsibility.

Crystal says

Welcome back to Blaine Technologies! The motto here should be "If you haven't had sex in the elevator, what the hell are you waiting for?" If Blaine Technologies was a real company, I'd submit my application. I mean, hello... Have you looked at the covers of these books? Holy mama! Breaking All the Rules is the story of Nathan and Camille. Poor Nathan has been left with two harsh parents. One that'll only meet him for money and the other whose idea of parenting is opening their wallet. Its no wonder Nathan doesn't want a relationship. Instead, he'd rather keep his heart guarded and pay for sex. Camille, on the other hands, has had her eyes set on Nathan ever since she started interning at Blaine Technologies. She's watched both of her friends find love and want secretly wants what they have. Where Nathan is afraid of losing his heart to love, Camille is afraid that no one will love her because she's different. I have loved all of the characters that work at Blaine Technologies, but I think Nathan and Camille are my favorite. I loved that Camille was in charge of her own sexuality. She wanted Nathan and she was going to have him. Once she lures him in, Nathan immediately puts the control in their relationship into her hands. The scenes of them together are scorching hot and also really sweet, especially Nathan wanting to know her favorite music because that is what couples do. Love him!

I hope that this is not the end of our time at Blaine Technologies. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and falling in love with all of the characters that work until Gabriel Blaine. *giggles* ...under Gabriel Blaine. Whoops, sorry about that. I loved these novellas and I know I'll continue to visit them time and time again.

I received a copy of this book from Avon in exchange for a honest review.

Save Your Money For Books says

****Warning if you are prone to hot flashes and blushing, avoid reading this book in public!****

If you are a fan of the erotica genre and aren't reading Cynthia Sax you are missing out! Breaking All the Rules is a spin off of her ever popular Seen Trilogy and Flashes of Me, but could be read as a stand alone novella.

Everyone always says opposites attract and boy do they ever. Nathan is the Iceman, he is serious, he makes rules, he needs rules, rules keep his life tidy and in order. We first met Camille as the rule breaking intern in Flashes of Me. This green-haired minx breaks all the rules and pushes Nathan right over the edge.. in a good way! This isn't your typical Cinderella story- Nathan needs Camille just as much as she needs him.

Ms. Sax does a wonderful job of building this story and I was hooked from their first elevator ride together and this story kept me turning the pages. I gave this novella 4.5 Stars and you can be sure anything Cynthia Sax writes will be added to my TBR list!

Angel says

oh very good. No idea why i had this one and not the others. But I really need to read the others now.
