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A looming hurricane has nothing on the storm raging inside...

Karina Valdez loves a good adventure, but jetting off to the Bahamas with a complete stranger is taking it to the extreme. She can't believe her meddling best friend entered her in a radio dating contest. Even more shocking? Karina won! A tropical getaway she can do. Making a love connection with a hot local bachelor, not so much. Especially when she's not looking for a man.

Meteorologist Andrew Romano is psyched over winning the radio contest. He's ready to settle down and get married, prove once and for all that he's not a player. The contest will surely help his chances—he's been matched with his perfect woman. Too bad she doesn't want him. To make matters worse, an erratic storm has shifted direction and is whirling toward them. Andy will do whatever it takes to win over the elusive beauty and keep her safe. He can handle a hurricane. But what about the other storm waiting to be unleashed?

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From Reader Review Passion Storm for online ebook

Pilar Seacord says

Karina Valdez wins a getaway vacation from a contest her friend unknowingly entered her in. Andrew entered the contest because besides it being a vacation it was a love connection. He wants to settle down and she doesn't. The location the end up going to is the Bahamas even though Karina thought Andrew was a player and she wanted no part in that. Her friend Jackie and her roommate Tino end up going to the Bahamas to check up on Karina because she was so adamant that she wanted nothing to do with Andrew. I found her friends, especially Jackie to be immature and a jerk. Tino wasn't quite the jerk but enough. Started off with a good premise but that faded fast especially since they added a hurricane. It was ok. but I wouldn't recommend

Livin' la Vida Latina says

Reviewed by: Celia

Review: Karina has won a free trip to the Bahamas. Nice! But there's always a price....

"What the heck had her best friend gotten her into? She didn't want to go on vacation with some stranger. Why couldn't Jackie and everyone else butt out of her life? Why were they always trying to fix her up? A girl could be single and happy. She didn't need her mother, sisters—the whole darn world badgering her to settle down, get married, have kids. She was only thirty-one, for God's sake. They made her sound like an old maid." (3)

"Karina liked her independence, enjoyed coming and going as she pleased. She wasn't selfish. She just liked things the way they were: uncomplicated. What part of that couldn't they understand?... She planned to live life on her terms, her rules." (3)

Most chicas will be able to relate to Karina every step of the way!

While Karina chooses to live for today, Andrew wants to plan for tomorrow and settle down with the perfect woman. Their first meeting was in a blind date—literally, they were both blindfolded. Imagine getting turned on by someone you've never even seen!

Even though Karina is hell-bent on staying single for the rest of her life, she goes on the trip with Andy to the island of bliss, where sparks continue to fly and Andy slowly, but surely, breaks down the armor that surrounds Karina's heart. "He was patient. Forceful. Wild. Tame. Safe. Dangerous. ...Forget the hurricane. A storm named Andy had already ripped through her tidy life." (128)I wouldn't mind being stuck on an island with Andy.

Well-written and full of fun characters, this book is a tidal wave of zest and passion.

"Life shouldn't be taken for granted." (8)

Ramblings From A Chaotic Mind says

What an effortlessly sexy, quick read! Passion Storm is Diane Escalera's newest novella, and I have to admit, she's kinda a guilty pleasure author who I love to indulge in. If you've never read her before she writes romance with a Latin flavor that never fails to entice me, even when I'm in a reading slump.

When Karina wins a contest she didn't even know she had entered (thanks to a meddling best friend) she's less than ecstatic with the parameters. A trip to the Bahamas is something she's always wanted to indulge in, but going with a stranger in an attempt at a blind date love connection? So not her thing. When the stranger turns out to be super sexy, local meteorologist Andrew, she's both excited and turned off. She's seen him around town with his bevy of beauties, the man never leaves a bar alone. She has no intention of being one of those women because the last thing she wants is a man.

Andrew has achieved success in his professional life, now the only thing left for him to do is find that special someone and settle down. Being a player was never his thing so when he's accused of just that by the beautiful Karina, it pisses him off. Intent on showing her he is the exact opposite of what she envisioned, he sets out to seductively change her opinion of him.

I read this in one sitting and I mourned a bit when it was over. Escalera is really good at setting the scene and the Bahamas made for excellent fodder. The slow heat up was expertly done and I thought it fit the two characters really well. Karina had built up walls around herself that took a while for Andy to break through. He took his time, never rushing or pressuring her until she finally acquiesced on her own.

The addition of the impending storm made for a great way to move the story line along as readers learned of Karina's heightened fear of them. However, being stuck on an island with an excellent meteorologist made things a bit easier for her. Even if she still freaked out a few times.

As with everything I've read of Escalera, the Latin flare was there and definitely on fire. I love how she weaves in the subtle culture of the importance of family, the flavors of the food and need to remember ones beginnings. Passion Storm is an amazing experience, an excellent contemporary romance and incredibly well done! I only wish I'd have been able to stay a little longer.

I give Passion Storm by Diane Escalera 4 stars!

InD'tale Magazine says

3.5/5.0

This jaunty contemporary love story takes off from the first page and keeps the pages turning until the very end.

Read full review in the 2016 June issue of InD'tale Magazine.
