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Letters are magic, don't you think?

You could be anyone. I could be anyone.

And then, suddenly, we're more than anyone.

We're someone...

When Abigail Trent agreed to write a letter to a soldier deployed overseas, she expected it to be a fleeting exchange. A friendly back-and-forth that ended barely after it began. She didn't expect Theodore LaRoux.

It isn't strange that writing feels so good. It's right.

Here's my secret: I like making you feel good...

Abby didn't expect Roux to be a living fantasy, either--sexy, smart and strong enough to star in every one of her dreams. So, was it any wonder that when he asked for a photo, she sent one that would star in his dreams? The fact that it was a picture of someone else wouldn't be a problem. After all, it's not like they'd ever meet...right?

Wrong.

Written On His Skin is a sexy, dirty 30,000-word novella featuring a set-the-pages-on-fire Cajun hero and the curvy girl who wins his heart. HEA guaranteed.

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From Reader Review Written on His Skin for online ebook

Kiki says

[I mean seriously? who sends someone else's photo without their consent? The fact that hero didn't see Kelly in his wet dreams is absolutely irrelevant! What IF he did? That is wrong in so many different levers I can't even start c

Mirjana ****DTR - Down to Read**** says

*****3.5 "Magic Peen Gave Me Self-Esteem" Stars*****

I have to say that this book hooked me from the get-go.

First off, that blurb? YES PLEASE! I love books with some sort of long-distance communication. Letters, emails, texts, anything....I LOVE IT!

And this book delivered right from the beginning. An honest letter from Abby to Roux set the stage perfectly.

"You could be anyone. I could be anyone. And suddenly, we're more than anyone. We're someone. To each other. Letters are magic that way, don't you think?"

Roux has had a lonely adulthood. Losing his parents at a young age and joining the military as soon as his grandmother died, he's spent over 15 years overseas serving his country. And Abby's letter felt like a lifeline. A connection to someone that he felt deeply.....IMMEDIATELY.

Now, I am no hater of insta-lust/love. Not at all. It doesn't turn me off, and I don't even blink if I see it in a blurb/review. Sometimes it works, and sometimes it doesn't. Here....it worked, but at the same time, it was a little too much.

Roux was all kinds of turned on and hard as a rock from the moment he opens up Abby's first letter, reads the first couple of paragraphs, and sees her beautiful handwriting...he was done for. So, I'm all about a man falling for a woman in all kinds of ways...I love your honesty, your sense of humor, your intelligence, your beauty....your penmanship? *cue record scratch*

But you know what? I rolled with it.

The letters QUICKLY got flirty and naturally Roux was all *bangs chest* Abby is MINE! Which is when my rolling with it turned into an ummmmmm, let's slow our roll a bit.

Abby's insecurity with her appearance and decision to send her sister's picture to Roux had me pausing a bit. That's a little weird. I'd be pissed as hell if my sister did that. Dude, you're sending my pic to strangers and chatting them up? No.

So, let's talk about Abby's insecurity. She's a little chubby (per her), and kinda boring (per her), and nerdy (per her). Personally, (minus the insecurity), I thought she was adorbs. Her animal puns t-shirts were amazing and I want every single one of them. However, she constantly compared herself to her "perfect" sister and was convinced that a man like Roux would never want "someone like her." And there go my eyes rolling away...

Of course the inevitable happens and the two finally meet (I have to be honest and say that this scene straddled the line of creepy for me a wee bit). The sparks are there and oh boy so are the sexy good times. Roux does not hold back in his dirty talk and dirty ways. Homeboy could get it any day.

Just know....the heat has been brought.

And now we move into our hero injecting self-esteem into our heroine via his awesomely amazing dick. He bathes her in compliments of how wonderful, smart, funny, sexy she is....and *light bulb* if someone like Roux could find her awesome, maybe she is. Ugh. This is a narrative in romance that I really want to bash with an oversized hammer. Why? Why is this a thing?

One hot guy with a dirty mouth and a life-changing dick and POOF!! Look at that, I'm so amazing and love myself.

If it weren't for this pet peeve, I would have rated this higher.

Because you know what? The writing here is good. The characters were pretty well developed for such a short novella. The story hooked me, kept me reading, and had me invested from start to finish.

And I'll tell you another thing. I'm keeping my eye out for Simone Stark and her future books. She hooked me with this debut, and I'm really looking forward to seeing what else she has up her sleeves.

Shadi *save your ratings use disclaimers** says**

adorable and doesn't read like a debut book.

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

Thank you, Carla for recommending this book. This is the kind of books I search for in a novella but rarely find. It was maturely written, had a strong alpha, insta-love and just a really good storyline that had me re-reading certain lines in the book because it was just that good. Loved it!

Umaiya ?Insignificant September? says

How did I miss that this was a novella? Or maybe I knew but forgot?
Anyway had I known/remembered I'd have read this sooner but whateves.

I love books with letters and emails and texts and well you get the idea. So admittedly I was very excited to read this. Unfortunately it didn't live up.

Too fast paced but then what else would you expect from a novella?

Too much smut?

Yes it's a thing especially when you were really looking forward to the letters aspect of the book.

Also very far-fetched and something. . . I mean for God's sake he was turned on by her handwriting! I mean wtf man?

I'm getting the heebie geebies here.

Maybe you're not and you thought it romantic instead but that's your opinion and this is mine and we're all entitled to ours.

It's not a bad book by a long shot and I did have a good time reading it. Especially since I was supposed to be studying and this was super short and just enough to clear and relax my mind. xD

Alex ? says

3.5 stars

Very good for the debut novel.

Likable characters, safe, sexy.

Thanks God the hero wasn't a "player" and the heroine wasn't a virgin!

I only wish she were more self-confident. I know, I know... we, women, tend not to like and accept ourselves as we are. We have doubts, we are not perfect.

Believe me, it took me many years, but I finally reached the point when I HONESTLY say:
"Yeah, I'm not a model, but I'm damn hot, beautiful, smart and sexy! I freaking love myself!"

Well, what I actually wanted to say *lol* - I wished the heroine gained more self-confidence and wasn't ashamed of her looks and body.

EVERY SINGLE WOMAN IS BEAUTIFUL!!!

EVERY SINGLE WOMAN DESERVES TO BE WOODED AND WORSHIPPED!!!

And not only every *single*, but also married/engaged/taken/without status woman!!! *lmao*

We rock, ladies!!! Cheers!

Carvanz says

This cannot be a debut book! What an incredible little gem this was. There were so many feels from the very first word until the last as Ms. Stark places her readers into the very heart of her characters.

I fell in love with Roux the minute he saw that letter on his cot and would've tossed it away but chose instead to open it. His reactions both physically and emotionally to each letter or package that was delivered only increased my connection to him. He's a hardened warrior who has been alone for too long, living for his job when Abby unexpectedly enters his life. I don't claim "book boyfriends" but if ever I did, Theodore LaRoux would be at the top.

In contrast to Roux's strength and determination, Abby is soft and sweet. Lonely in her own way, she suffers from self-image issues. Despite the differences between them, and as hard as she tries to keep Roux away, she cannot help but yield to the call of her Loupe.

This was a beautiful read and ended way too soon for my liking. (One could never have enough Roux.) I did feel that the story was lost some once these two got together physically, but I believe that's because there was so much magic in the letters.

Dual POV
Safe
No Triggers

Mandy says

4.25 - I really enjoyed this novella but would've enjoyed it more if it was longer or if there would've been a little more to the epilogue. The writing was great- excited to read whatever this author writes next.

Duchess Nicole says

4.5 Stars

Whoa, this was hot, hot, hot! I got this rec from Sarah McLean in her Old School Romance Book Club group on FB. While this is def not old school, it was one hell of a read. Fairly short, wildly romantic, and smoking hot, it starts out with letters from a deployed Green Beret to his lady pen pal of sorts. And it ends with some explosive chemistry. Definitely a goodie.

?Tonya? says

So close to 5 stars. ...

This is a correspondence love story done right! It was so sweet. The build up to their meeting was perfect. Sexual tension and flirting. I loved that there was no cheating or ow/om drama whatsoever. It was true romance which doesn't need all of that nonsense.

The heroine pushed away for a short bit but she was so miserable without him. Roux was perfection. His Cajun dialect and dirty mouth was the stuff of dream heroes!

So, what kept it from being 5 stars for me? Well, while the epilogue was cute, 2 months out isn't enough. I want, no I NEED, to know how their lives panned out. I just didn't meet my expectations at the end.

Chitra *CJ* says

If someone literally entered my brain and wrote a book about half of my fantasies, "Written on his Skin" would be how it goes. It is the story of Abby and Roux.

-A hot military hero

-A curvy, shy heroine

-Pets called Darcy and Bennet (which are my dream names from future pets)

-A pen pal romance

-Insta love

-Dirty talk

-Sweet, devoted hero

-Mild angst

-HEA

-Epilogue

I was severely disappointed by recently published books so I had reverted to Old School romances- this has revived my kinky soul. Really enjoyed it.

Much love and thanks to Megan for suggesting this.

Safe

4.5/5

Susani says

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Safe ?

H - 37. No real info on when he was last with ow, but we know it's

Jennifer says

4.5 (Give Me More Books, Simone Stark) Stars!!!!

One of my favorite novellas EVAH!!!! Of course, I wish it was a full book, but I'll take what I can get. I will definitely be rereading this gem again and again.

Abby starts sending anonymous letters to a soldier (*cue eye-roll). I typically don't go for this type of story line, especially if it is weepy. But this was NOT weepy. I loved how the temperature was turned up very early on in the letters. These two quickly get to know each other, but Roux does not mess around and he gets right down to business.

Abby and Roux are adorable. And oh so sexy. Roux is a dream! He so...big. (*giggles) And the fact that Abby isn't your skinny-minny body-type. She is curvy and Roux loves her body!!!

The letters....THE LETTERS!! I have to admit, I usually don't like letters in a book. But these....are Hawwwt!! And then they eventually start with some sexy phone times. (*growl)

And when they finally meet in person, I was fist-pumping I was so excited. Let the sex commence!!! There are so many facets of this book that made it amazing. This short is definitely up there with another one of my favorites, Hearts in Darkness by Laura Kaye.

I WANT MORE BOOKS FROM YOU, SIMONE STARK!!! Get on it!! (*wink)

Brittain *Needs a Nap and a Drink* says

There need to be more male leads with Cajun accents. That is all.

Erin says

I just devoured this. Like a piece of chocolate cake. I ignored my entire family for an hour. It was glorious.
