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Connor Morgan lives a life of mediocrity. Hopelessly single, he spends his time working at the video store with his insane friend Boyd. But Connor gets the distraction he needs in the form of his newest customer: beautiful, green-eyed Dane Masters. Before Connor can wrap his mind around their instant connection, he's dealing with the kind of obsession that can only lead to disaster.

With Boyd's dubious help, Connor manages to get Dane on a date, and soon they're racing towards something that looks like a relationship. But fate has no intention of letting them find happiness so easily...

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Mely says

Tall, laid-back Jared Connor works in a video store with his roommate ~~Chad I forget his name~~ Chad; pretty green-eyed social worker ~~Jensen~~ Dane meets him while returning videos. Not much happens, in an enjoyable way. Sweet but sketchy -- could have used more scene-setting (I don't even know what continent the city they live in is) and a bit more character description.

Nice enough, but you can find better J2 for free.

~☆~Dœni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

The entire story happens in a vacuum, with no sense of time or place. No one talks about vacationing in the "South East." What does that even mean?

And who works in a video shop? There hasn't been a brick and mortar video store within 100 miles of my house for five years. Even my parents stream movies.

Still, this was a super cute novella with some fun dialogue; almost no steam but lots of sweetness.

The ending came far too quickly, but I enjoyed the easy humour and Boyd the Genius.

Gigi says

I really, truly loved this book. The characters were compelling and witty and there were several scenes with MC Connor's best friend Boyd that had me laughing out loud, but this didn't pass the muster for me as a romance novella.

Video clerk Connor meets social worker MC Dane at his store and the two start a lengthy flirtation before finally starting to date. They are obviously smitten with one another and well on their way to a stunning romantic romance full of passionate, mind melting sex. But the reason I can't give this a higher rating is because of the fact that the story ends just as the romance gets going. Almost as if the author stopped writing just when things were heating up. It felt like half a book with barely a HFN ending. Just one more chapter and maybe a nice epilogue would have this book sitting on my favorites shelf.

If you enjoy sweet flirtation, a fabulous secondary character who brings the funny and the beginnings of an epic romance, please read this one! But if you are looking for passion and emotion and a grand HEA, you will need to fill in the blanks yourself after the last page.

Renée says

Pay no attention to the bad cover or even the blurb (it's not really all that accurate of a portrayal in my opinion), and listen up! This is my most favorite novella of all time! It's utterly perfect in every way.

Connor works at a video store, and he falls right into the most beautiful green eyes he's ever seen that belong to a customer. That's it, that's all I'm giving you.

I'm one who really prefers full-length to novellas, but this story is one of my all time favorite reads. The perfection of this one is two-fold.

First - it's the way we would all like to fall in love. It spans the first two weeks of a developing relationship. Every "forever" relationship should begin this way. If I were single, this is how I would describe the perfect start to the rest of my life. And not because it's lovey dovey or sappy. It's perfectly real, and I smiled through every page of it!

Second - the wit in this book. This isn't laugh-out-loud funny. It's the subtle wit on every page that will keep you smiling. It's the kind of humor we share with our friends in everyday life.

The title says exactly what this book is. It subtly creates perfection for me on every page from beginning to end. And for those who think like me, there is a fair amount of steam as well. Please read this story if you haven't. It's on my all time favs list for a reason.

Reread 3/29/15

Sara says

...it had been a couple of weeks, hardly any time at all, but fuck it—it was enough. Enough to love.

Why haven't I read this before??? ACK!! This was adorable. I loved Connor and Dane and how they fell so hard and fast for one another. But even though they fall hard, this was a believable, realistic, sweet and sexy whirlwind romance.

This was so good.

Ele says

4.5 stars

D'aww.....you guys! I loved this short story!

Lola Carson/ L.M.Turner or whatever her name is, should write MORE!

This is a pretty simple story but it definitely fullfills its purpose and captures ALL the feelings about:

...having a crash on someone and melting a little bit every time you see them.

...the first few dates when you feel all giddy and nervous and tongue-tied.

...the first few kisses and trying to not come on too strong when all you want to do is tackle them to the ground and....you know.

...the slow burn! It's slow but it burns so good.

I even liked weird Boyd. No, I LOVED weird Boyd. There is **sweetness, anticipation, humour, witty and funny dialogue, and just the right amount of steam.**

I read the whole thing with a big smile on my face. My only complaint is that it was too short.

Recommended!

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

3.5*

This is a sweet and easy read..no drama, no angst, no shootouts or homophobic family or near death experiences ...

Just Conner who works in a video store and meets Dane at work.

Dane keeps coming into the store and there really is a subtle build up to their relationship, except of course when Boyd gets involved, he is not subtle, but he is very funny!

So, I'm not sure if it will stay with me long, but I enjoyed it while I was reading it!

Kassa says

This is a very cute short novella about a video store clerk and the customer he falls for. The story is sweet and romantic, detailing the romance between Connor and Dane that mostly happens over the phone since Dane leaves town soon after their first date. The two come to know each other long distance and their connection is only cemented when Dane returns to town. This is not explicit and the roommate Boyd nearly steals the show. It's a good introduction to the author and makes for a fun, adorable read without being too memorable.

SheReadsALot says

You know those in-between reads that are just romantic and plain cute? That's this one. It was a simple man-man love story with cute characters and sweet buildup. Me likey. No drama just cuteness but I didn't get a cavity from reading.

I'm going to go find a heart shaped pillow to go hug now (don't own one but next heart shaped item I see is getting a hug, damn it).

NARF!

Lala says

Warm, fuzzy feelings all around!

Loved this little gem. Funny, sweet, light, and the characters were adorable. Especially Boyd! I wouldn't mind if author turned him gay and wrote a sequel about him. ;)

Nichole (DirrtyH) says

If you're looking for a good palate cleanser after all the angst-filled, drama ridden stories that flood the genre, this is what you want to read. It was so refreshing to read a book about two normal guys (no cops, no secret agents, no rent boys, no self-loathing closet cases) who meet in a normal way (at a video store), who flirt for awhile and then go on a date (no insta-love but no months of denying it either) and make a connection. This is what love is like in the real world and it made the growing relationship between the two that much more romantic. I'd love to read more about Dane and Connor.

Td says

This a "what I needed, when I needed it" type of book. Short, cute, light, sweet, zero drama that had me grinning. And Boyd was awesome-"Dude, are you sexiling me?" That was a first for me, lol.

Anyway, so now I see this author also wrote Resistance. I read it, I rated it, I even wrote a brief sentence stating how much I liked it...and don't remember anything about it, nothing, not even reading it. Weird, I usually remember at the very least if I read a book and the general feeling. It's like getting a whole new book! I'll be getting reacquainted with it today. :)

? Todd says

"The Subtle Build of Perfection" was just that.

My very favorite part of romances is the part at the beginning. Meeting that person, overcoming awkwardness enough to ask them out. The first few dates, feeling one another out, getting to know the other person and their quirks. It's just so much fun.

And that's precisely what this story was. It spanned the first two weeks in the relationship of video clerk Connor and social worker Dane, as they met and began to fall in love.

I loved the snark and banter in this story, especially between Connor and his best friend Boyd. When they started in on one another, there was a lot of humor on page.

The story was relatively angst-free, except for one "why did he stop calling me?" part, which was easily enough explained away in a logical, believable manner, which did actually add to the story vs. simply being a contrived distraction.

This short ended with a bit of (pretty hawt) steam and a solid HFN, working toward being something more, so extremely hopeful.

My only niggle about this one was that it was too damn short, and I would have loved many more pages, which would have likely taken it from my current **4 star rating** up to 5.

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Ami says

3.5 stars

It's a cute story about the beginning of a relationship, between a video store clerk and a social worker. The event happened for two weeks but half of them they are actually apart, and there were some cute phone exchange in between. While as a reader, at one point, I wanted to pull my hair in frustration because the two seem to tease but did not make it through more than just a couple of kiss, I still enjoy the "build of perfection" ... because it's nice to read *that point* than simply just pages and pages of sex.

Pixie says

Very sweet.
