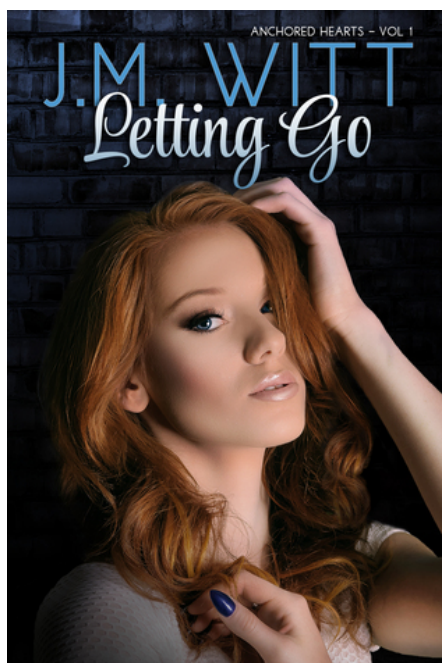




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What happens when the girl who's only read about BDSM meets a flawed Dom?
Will their tortured souls find love amidst the pleasure and the pain?
Or will misconceptions and unrealistic expectations destroy them before they've even begun?

James Benedict III, local playboy and successful real estate investor, hasn't stopped thinking about Cassidy since the horrific events that occurred in his bar several months ago. Working hard to protect her and still blaming himself for her grief, he's unable to stay away any longer. Crashing back into her life, he discovers he may need her more than she needs him.

Cassidy Charles is slowly putting the pieces of her life back together once again. She's managed to leave everything to do with that horrible night behind her, including James. When he reappears, she finds the attraction undeniable and falls into a lifestyle that rivals her fantasies. As her demons come head to head with his, she worries that his world will destroy her.

When your past threatens to destroy your future, how long will you hang on before Letting Go?

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Cheryl says

The beginning of this story starts off with a life changing tragedy, but then picks up and forward. It is fast paced and straight to the point. Just how I like it. :D

Cassidy and James under the best of circumstance both had so much going on for them both when they first met. They can sense a connection between the two of them whenever their eyes met. A tragedy strikes and their connection is severed by betrayal, lies, and mistrust. A few months later with persuasion or rather fate, they meet again and the sparks ignite and over flow. Their attraction is palpable enough that there is a constant tension from both of them whenever they are around each other. After talking about the tragedy that took place that one fateful night they get close. At this point in the story is where I have to give a warning because it gets HOT! Some people don't like them, but I do. It gets hot and heavy in the bedroom with James and Cassidy and it is smoking. The smoking is the kind where you need a fresh towelette or two, and wear shamwow underwear or none at all. Either is fine. The relationship that James and Cassidy have is an all consuming one. When they are around each other they only have eyes for one another and the connection they have is deep. An old nemesis shows up and makes trouble for Cassidy and James and makes it harder than it should be for them. The lies that this nemesis plants has the potential to rip these two apart. Can James persuade Cassidy that they are lies? Can Cassidy trust James? One Click this book to know. It is worthy.

All the characters have a purpose in this story and it warms my heart that it is both smutty and adorable.

They are all a bunch of good people with a good head on their shoulder. They bring out the worse and best in each character. The story is witty and humorous with a lot of hotness. I think I have to mention Jane and Calvin because they are so cute and I hope that there will be more about these characters in the next books in the series.

Awesome 4 Stars!

Liz Stephenson says

Letting Go

By J.M.Witt

4/5

A Cracker of a First Book

When I was asked to read Michelle's first book I had little to go on, however I like that means I am not looking for stuff to happen.

Chapter 1 is the quiet before the storm , chapter 2 packs a punch, Michelle is very brave to have this as her second chapter, and she really pulls it off, and you don't find out the what and why of chapter 2 until later, (very clever).

Cass is level headed with an overly protective Cop of a brother, Calvin is so sweet, and I just love how he would do anything for his sister.

Cass's attraction for James go's back months I just love how they re- meet, and as it turns out James is just as protective as Calvin just I don't think he sees it, however its as clear as the nose on your face as you read this book.(James can't see the wood for the trees)

Cass has had more than her fair share of trauma to deal with in her young life, this makes her slightly

insecure, and has a tendency to doubt others intentions, as it turns out James is just as insecure, on the outside he is a real cool playboy however inside he is insecure and is scared to open up, he try's to keep people at arms length and handle his turmoil on his own, it takes some time for him to finally let Cass in. I really loved how you got to see this story from more than one point of view, made is so much more interesting and enjoyable, there are a couple of low life's that try to spoil everything, however one of their backgrounds I did not see coming , great twist (I so love twists you don't see coming). There are a few things going on in this book, and I'm sure they will appear in the future books, I am also sure there will be more surprises and twists to come, however that does not mean that this book ends on a cliff hanger, not all the loose ends are tied up however there is enough unresolved to leave you wanting more and still have an enjoyable ending to the book.

BooksandBeyondFiftyShades says

J.M. Witt

What begins as a chance meeting changes two lives forever.

Cassidy Charles is happy with life until tragedy strikes and everything turns upside down. Picking herself back up, she runs into the one man who was with her on that fateful night, James, and she has no idea what to do next!

James Benedict III, also known as JB3, is notorious in his town. A playboy and real estate investor, James can't stop thinking of Cassidy. He holds the key to the secrets of that horrible night but is afraid of losing Cassidy.

Will they discover that the truth can set you free and allow their love to thrive or will they let the past ruin them before they even begin?

J.M. Witt knows the meaning of a page turner! With little pieces of the puzzle being gathered along the way, you just can't help but turn the next page in hopes to solving it! With heat and passion that can't be matched, this book both thrilled me and made me need a huge glass of ice water! A must-read in my book, make sure and pick it up today!

***Review has been done in conjunction with BooksandBeyondFiftyShades.

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Shih-tzus Happens says

Wow this is a powerful work of art here. The Author takes you on journey of love, heart break and murder even. The story is laid out well and the plot is very well thought out.

James the main male character in this book is tall, dark, handsome and rich. He has had his eye on our Cassidy for a while as she has had her eye on him; can they overcome all the odds and end up together? This is an adult book and has some BDMS in it but is well done and not violent. I cannot wait to read book two. A job well done.

C.M. Johnson says

Like many contemporary romance novels – There is a LOT more to the lives of the main characters than the readers sees at the beginning of the story and what a wonderful journey that is!

Starting with two best friends, Cassidy and Holly, who often feel as if they are all there is for each other we get to enjoy a snapshot of their relationship – One where they feel, even to the reader, as if they are closer than sisters and support each other as such. But that happiness is soon lost and, as we find out, the true root of evil that nearly destroys our young heroine, Cassidy, is hidden behind secrets.

But, Cassidy is a survivor who picks up the pieces and finds a new direction until she finds, James, the man she believes responsible for Holly's loss, again. He has demons in his closet as well, and Cassidy's overprotective cop brother, Cal, is aware of some of them and more than willing to fight to help his sister keep her sanity and her heart intact. Soon, however, circumstances force their secrets to be brought forward and we find out that, while James is struggling with a great many issues, Cassidy is still trying to conquer her troubled teenage years.

Not just a survivor but strong-willed as well, Cassidy refuses to listen to everyone and follow her heart, by surrendering to James, completely, and through the ecstasy they find with each other – she also begins to learn to trust again and leaves the reader waiting and wanting the next installment of their story. But theirs is not the only love story hidden in these pages, Cal, also finds someone to care about and love, James' cousin, Jane. Then J.M. Witt ends by sharing a secret with the reader, as the epilogue shows us that Jane may have even more secrets in her past.

Letting Go is a journey well begun and one I cannot wait to continue.

Books&Dreams says

This is book one in the Anchored Hearts Series.

I gave this book 5 stars.

This is James and Cassidy's story.

Cassidy love her life she has a best friend a wonderful job and when she isn't working she is out with her friends partying with them. Her boyfriend Dan is just what she needs because she is not really looking for anything serious. But when she meets James the owner of the bar and they shake hands there is an instant attraction. James feels it and so does Cassidy. They don't act on it. Yes, she wants to see him as much as she can, and I am sure that he feels the same way. But she stays faithful to her man. Even though it gets harder and harder to think straight when she is around James. One night while Cassidy is in the bathroom she comes out and runs face first into James' chest , just as they are about to talk tragedy strikes and things are turned upside down.

Cassidy's life is not the same she goes to live with her brother and doesn't see James for quite sometime.

Once she does seem him again that is when things start to change. She still has feelings for him, but she is unsure of him and not sure if all that happened before is his fault.

I loved James. He was caring and loving. He listened to Cassidy and he had patience. That girl has a fiery temper, just like her hair!! Man watch out when she gets mad. But James knows what he wants and he wants her. He has secrets and when she finds these out will it be a game changer for her? Cassidy has been hurt and crushed and is just starting to put her life back together. Can James help her heal? These two damaged souls are just what the other needs. She needs James' strength and his love. He makes her a better person and vice versa.

Cassidy and James set the pages on fire. There was so much sex I was a puddle in the middle of the couch while reading this. It is one of those books that sucked me in and before i knew it I was at the end and didn't even look to see how long I was into the book. (I do that a lot) Not only did I love Cassidy and James I loved her brother Cal and James' cousin Jane. These two had sparks flying off the pages as well.

I cannot wait to have their story continued in book 2 .. but first you will get a taste of Cal and Jane in book 1.5 a Novella. YOU do NOT want to miss this series. There is Sex, love, pain, raw emotion, and more sex!! A story that will captivate you from page one all the way to the end! Thank you J.M. for a spectacular book!!!

Heather says

I have been waiting for this to come up on my calendar to read. I have watched the launch party, other bloggers enjoying the books, I have loved being a part of it. (Thank you J.M. Witt for an early copy of Letting Go too!) It finally arrived, the day I had planned to read Letting Go and I jumped right in.

I really liked it. It was a hot steamy ride through a very ... I don't want to say fragile ... but kind of delicate relationship. I feel like if James had made just the wrong move in one direction, Cassidy would have definitely taken off, at least until she got to know more behind his explanation for... all those months ago. I will let you read the book. :)

When I say hot and steamy, I mean hot and steamy, it was almost too much for me. Almost, not quite. Y'all know I like some raciness with my romance, so don't be judging me as someone who just can't handle it. :P It wasn't what they did (think a little lighter than FSOG), but how often that was the focus of the book. Luckily, there was a great story line to go along with the hotness, so I was good.

These two go through so much sadness and pain, it draws them together when they let it, it separates them when they let it do that. There really is a beautiful story line of love and loss – or not quite loss yet – in one of their cases. I cannot wait to see what comes next for them. I think there will be a lot of struggles for them down the path of their relationship, but I also think they are going to come out of it stronger in the end. I hope.

I think the only thing that I can say I did not like was that it was almost too ... real? I tend to be one of those ladies for whom bodily functions do not happen in front of anyone ever and I prefer my characters to be the same. Don't laugh. I know, it is not the 50's. Be kind. I was raised that way. Not that James was letting toots rip (I am cracking up as I type this), it just seemed like there was a huge focus on the need to pee. I was waiting for there to be a logical reason for it, I mean there is in another series that I love, the guy has a reason for why she needs to go to the bathroom after sex. There really was no reason given, they just peed. Maybe.... J.M. was just making them real life like we are, but I seriously will freak out on my husband if he walks in when I am in the bathroom. It is just who I am. I am a prude when it comes to bathroom stuff, not

so much when it comes to my books.

K. Get it out.

Done laughing at me?

Let us move on.

Great debut novel for J.M. Witt. If you like your romances to be highly erotic with a great story line, you will love this book.

You're still laughing at me aren't you? For the record, my husband is laughing at me too after I read that part of my review to him.

Man, I hope she lets me read the next book after reading my review.

:)

Margaret says

What a great read! 4.5 Stars!

What an awesome debut novel by JM Witt! The story she weaves around James and Cassidy draws you in and wraps you up, making you want more and wishing you had a James all of your own!

Both Cassidy and James have secrets and scars from their past. James has wanted Cassidy since he first met her at the bar he owns, but fate intervenes...Cassidy's best friend Holly is killed during a drug/gang related shooting that occurs outside of James's bar, and Cassidy spends the next several months immersing herself in work, trying to get through each day and avoid the memories of that tragic night. When Cassidy's job as an event planner leads her back to James, who happens to be the owner of the hotel that is hosting the Masquerade event she is planning, sparks fly between the two. Although she is drawn to James, the depth of her attraction scares her.

"I'm scared of what I feel when I'm around you. You scare the hell out of me." He looked stricken and dropped his hands from my face. "Not afraid of you, afraid of this," I waved my hand between us. "I've never been so drawn to someone."

Even though the sexual chemistry between the two is off the charts, there are many bumps and detours as they try to navigate through their relationship. James and Cassidy have to learn to trust each other, which doesn't come easy to either of them due to events in their past. When Cassidy learns of and is subject to the consequences of James's very public persona, she is faced with having to confront the demons of her own past and decide if a relationship with James is worth it.

"We all have a past; you know that better than anyone. His just happens to be well documented. Don't let his past dictate your future."

James and Cassidy are both great characters. James is both hot and sweet...scorching in the bedroom (or the couch, or the elevator, or...) but also a total romantic. Cassidy is smart and sassy and although she is willing to let James dominate her in the bedroom, she is not afraid to stand up for herself and take the initiative on occasion.

I wiped his lips with my thumb then proceeded to lick my thumb clean. James let out a groan. It was sexy as hell and I knew what I was doing.

The supporting characters were also fabulous – Cassidy's brother Cal and James's cousin Jane are great by themselves and even better once they start dating. Can't wait to read more about the two of them! And even though Cassidy's best friend Holly was only in the beginning of the book, she definitely factored into the entire book, especially for Cassidy. One of my favorite passages from the book is when Cassidy shares with James why she has a tattoo of an anchor:

"We were all the other had for a long time. Cal was in Afghanistan and Holly didn't have any family. It was just the two of us."

"So was her anchor in the same spot?"

"Actually, she got wings on her back. We were inspired by a sign we saw once in a store window. 'You are the anchor that keeps my feet on the ground and I am the wings that keep your heart in the clouds' or something like that. I was her anchor, she was my wings."

The only minor issue that I had with the overall story was that there was a couple of times during the POV switches where things got a bit choppy, but once my mind caught up with the words the story continued to flow.

Although this book wasn't a cliffhanger, there is definitely more to James and Cassidy's story, and I can't wait to find out what happens next! What a great read!

Obsession Is A Book - Terrie says

(ARC received from author in exchange for an honest review)

This is a debut book for J.M Witt and she has done a great job with it.

The synopsis reads as though this is a second chance at love but this is not really the case. If you avoid books that are second chance love one DON'T avoid this one. Cassie sees/meets James while out and about but they do nothing about the obvious attraction between them. Cassie has gone through numerous tragedies with one being quite recent. I love the way that the author has managed the order in which the book has been written. You read the first few chapters and it leaves you wondering where on earth she can take the book next. Which is fab because you just don't expect the rest. This is definitely a book that keeps you hooked by keeping you guessing.

The main characters really complement each other well. Cassie is a strong woman, she's been through the mill few times but has come out on top. A little damaged but not altogether broken. James is a playboy, he's high profile and everything he does is broadcast to everyone who will read it. He's not dominating and I like

that about him. He's protective sure but he doesn't try to walk all over Cassie.

I'm not sure if I like how the author changes the POV through the book. At first it was quite difficult to grasp. However, after a while I did manage to grasp it and the book moved smoothly for me after that. The book doesn't end on a cliff-hanger but the story of Cassie and James is far from over and I really can't wait to see what happens next because there are no clues as to which way this story will go!

Karen Hrdlicka says

I have had this book on my Kindle for awhile and am so glad I finally got to read it. For me the the plot built slowly but it was a nice literary device. When the plot lines came together, they hit the reader full force. I enjoyed Ms. Witt's characters, all of them are strong and resilient. Cassidy has had more than her fair share of tragedy in her life. These things appear to come back to haunt her, but the support of her brother and James will see her through any issues that she encounters. She has overcome a lot and deep down is a strong, sensual woman. James is developed nicely from an enigma into a strong, sexy, alpha male, who wants nothing more than to love and protect Cassidy. The progression of their relationship is well portrayed. The sex is steamy and the passion intense. I loved the meddling minor characters. They have more insight into the relationship developing between James and Cassidy than they do. Sorry no spoilers here, just a nicely done debut novel. I can't wait to see what the author has in store for these characters in the next books. While there is no cliff hanger, there are plot lines that leave the reader wondering. I hope to see more wonderful books from this author in the future.

Dimaris rossy says

This guy is amazing with her! I got a little disoriented with the changes in POV but got the hang of it. He has everything. Sexy, alpha, hot, responsible, sweet, honest, you name it- he has it. Also the book is just enough down to earth. You get to read about real every day things that we do. Really looking forward to the next one to know more about their journey...and the family. They are made for each other but I would really like him to manhandle me...

Julie says

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Lisa says

I was given the ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Let me start by saying that this book certainly did not disappoint in the Hotness category! I feel like I needed a cold shower after some chapters. There's one section where Cassidy and James go for a bike ride and they end up back at Cassidy's place... That is hands down my favorite section of the book. The whole ride on the motorcycle scene shows a tender side of James and you really see how crazy he is for Cassidy. Plus, after

they get back... Holy Cow, talk about STEAMY!

Just when you think you have an idea what's going to happen, you're given new information to deal with. At around 85% in, I found myself saying 'wait, wth just happened?!?'. Then, certain things start to click into place. The author also does a great job of giving you information then spinning it around. There's something that happens right in the first few chapters that had me wondering... Why did this happen so early? and where will she go from here? Then much later you start getting pieces of the puzzle.

This book doesn't end in a cliffhanger, but by no means is anything tied up (no pun intended... Read the book and you'll understand).

Overall, a great first book by this newbie author. Can't wait for the rest of the series!!

Melodi Mance says

OH LA LA! MUST READ!

This book is H.O.T.!! I loved it! Right from the beginning it captivates you.

I loved how honest Cassidy is with her self, she's a strong female character. She deals with some tragedy (ill try to not give to much away), but she holds her own. she doesn't let it destroy her, but there's a lot about it she doesn't know. Until a blast from the past walks back into her life sweeping her off her feet and filling her in along the way.

James Benedict III (JB3). MY OH MY where do I begin with JB3. Millionaire playboy, Hottest bachelor in the city, Sweet heart, a man who knows what he wants and is not afraid to go after it. He s had it bad for Cassidy since the first time he laid eyes on her. Tragedy happened and kept them apart until he found the courage to see her again.

Cassidy is a party planner and JB3 owns the hotel hosting the masquerade she's been working so hard on. It was lust at first sight. She couldn't resist him, but to be fair no one could. He treats her like a princess and falls in love with her (although he wont admit it at first). He finds himself going out of his way to please her both in and out of the bed room.

Things get very heated between these two, VERY heated. Jb3 introduces her to his kinky side with some mild bdsm. (I think he was testing the waters, per say) Cass was more then happy to oblige.

One of my favorite things about this book is that it keeps you on your toes. you are constantly second guessing what you think you know is going to happen. Its raw and believable. They are very playful with each other. The chemistry between theses two is through the roof!

After reading this I sall that people were comparing JB3 with Christian Grey, and although there are some similar quality's in my opinion James is a better boyfriend the Grey. He's not obsessive or controlling. He's nurturing and loving. He only takes control in the bed room and even then he lets her take the reins and take him for a ride.

I gave this book 5 stars because it had me hanging on every word. Its one of those book you can read over and over.

Please J.M Witt Finish the second installment to this series I simply can not wait.

Skye Turner says

I really enjoyed this book! There were a few similarities to other books, but in my opinion, this book was better written.

I do want to warn you though, there is a lot of sex. A lot. If you do not want to read that, then you want to skip this book.

Cassidy is a fierce redhead (which I love). She has the passion and the intensity, as well as the temper, associated with redheads. She's been through some traumatic events and is moving on with her life.

James is a sexy, mysterious, character and I went back and forth from loving him to hating him. Often within a few sentences. He is drawn to Cassidy.

These 2 love hard and fight hard.

There were a couple of small things that I found, but nothing that really took away from the story.

There's intensity, passion, drama, suspense, and hot sex in Letting Go.

Supporting characters are really great and I found myself really liking Cal and Jane.

There are some temper tantrums in the book, but I am a redhead, and I do know that I personally have them too when I reach my limit, so I actually really appreciated them in the book. I thought it made it more "real".

Is this is A+B=C happily ever after book?

No, it's not, but it IS a book that if you like rollercoasters and books that engage you, you will love.

I give Letting Go, 4.5 stars and I can't wait to read more from JM Witt.
