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A whirlwind affair...or a headlong plunge into the deep end of forever?

An *In the Line of Duty* Short Story

As lifeguard Jenny Anderson keeps one eye on the rambunctious kids at the community pool, she can't help but keep the other one trained on the gorgeous, tattooed hottie peeling his shirt off near the lounge chairs. And she isn't the only woman at the pool drooling.

Right about the time her gaze drops to check for a wedding ring—which, from bitter experience, she knows doesn't mean squat—one of those kids plows into her from behind. Sending her in an ungraceful belly flop right into the deep end.

When the sleekly tanned lifeguard literally falls into his arms, her mouth opening and closing like a landed fish, Ving Duncan's special forces training kicks in. It's clear she needs air, and she needs it now.

The moment their lips collide, he wants her, all strings attached. By the time he finds out who she is—his comrade's little sister—it's too late. He's hooked, and he's already planning his next mission: to get her to say yes. To a date. Maybe to forever...

Warning: A whirlwind romance so hot and breathless, it could leave you needing a little mouth-to-mouth...

His Strings to Pull Details

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Jess L. says

Premetto che è una novella e che qui in Italia si trova alla fine de #ilsuopasticcioatallulah e tratta di Ving e Jenny. Durante la lettura del romanzo mi ero, in effetti, fatta due domande su di loro e sono veramente contenta di aver ottenuto risposte.

Questa novella è di una dolcezza infinita, un amore lampo, un colpo di fulmine

Stacey is Sassy says

It was good, but a little bit corny...

I enjoyed this very short story that was recommended to me by a friend. This is the first book in the series and I think it gave me a good idea on what to expect in future books.

I have to admit that my eyes did roll a few times with the insta-love and the...

oh no, no condoms

I'm on the pill and clean

I'm clean too and I don't do this normally...

sure...

I did enjoy this novella and it definitely caught my interest enough to buy more from this author.

Sarah says

It was good nut too freaking short!

Good but short. I like novellas but I would have loved more about Ving! I'm not surprised that he fell so fast

Brittney says

I will say I love HEA's. I'm not really in love with this story.

Not only is it really really short! (I didn't read Amazon when I downloaded so I was not expecting that.)

This story was written at a fast pace read that seemed too good to be true. I am all for cheesy love stories but even this was too much for me. I love military men(married mine). There was not enough backstory. Not enough of everything. Each situation felt like I was given a 5 second slide show.

As my first read by Cathryn Fox.... Sadly I'm not impressed.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4 Stars

Review copy provided for an honest review

This is one of those books that as a reader makes me truly happy. In book two in this series, the hero and heroine meet on a plane on the way to the wedding of their siblings. His Strings To Pull is the story of how their siblings met and it is such a good story, so in reality this short story is book 1.5 in this series. I'm a sucker for love at first sight romance and that's exactly what happens to Jenny Anderson and Ving Duncan. A chance meeting at the community pool when Jenny literally falls into Ving the sparks begin to fly and it become apparent that these two were bound to be together. Ving wastes no time making Jenny understand he wants to date her but he wants more and while Jenny is skeptical at first due to some previous bad dating history even she has a hard time not admitting there is something special between them. This is a super short story but one that will give readers who haven't read this story a look into the characters and their lives and readers who have read this series the background on Jenny and Ving we all so desperately craved. A whirlwind romance with a bit of humor and a whole lot of sexiness makes His Strings To Pull and awesome addition to this series!

Lauren says

GREAT

This was a great short story. It had instalove, a man who wanted to settle down and didn't whore around, a woman that had been hurt in the past, but wasn't jaded. This book was great because it had some cute moments, and good sex. The only down side was the Debbie downer in the story causing some doubts, but we bounced back from that quickly.

Shelley Youngblood says

His Strings to Pull by Cathryn Fox is a quick, fun novella to read. It has a storyline that quickly pulls you in and before you know it, it is complete. It is a stand alone book, that could easily become a series. Though it is a short story, there is a development of characters and chemistry. I would love to have heard more and was sad to see it end!

In this story Jenny Anderson is on duty as a lifeguard at the local community pool. She is keeping an eye on everyone, including the gorgeous man with tattoos she had never seen before. When someone knocks her unexpectedly into the pool, she lands in his arms, stunned and out of breath. He mistakes her lack of breathing for needing rescued. This sets off a series of events for both of them that could be life changing.

Brittany says

This was in a bunch of books I received to stuff my Kindle. This is a very short read. We have a military man that meets a lifeguard at the pool. Then the story continues from there. This was just a glimpse into what I assume is going to tell there story. It was a nice steamy read. I just want to know what happens next!

Victoria says

3.0 RATING- If I hadn't read other books in this series, I'd likely be disappointed by this free short story. It's really short and everything happens so quickly, there is no real development. This story could actually be skipped over completely and you wouldn't miss much except for the characters in this book play roles in the next book. They are important in the sense that they are siblings of the main characters in the next book but the events in this book are not of great importance. So read or skip...no big deal. Don't judge the rest of the series by this short story though. The other books are solid contemporary romances!

? Basil ? says

2.75 stars - this was a short, free novella and the first one I read by this author. I think I would have enjoyed it more if it was longer. There wasn't enough time to really get involved with the characters and it was instalove.

Sophia says

I got this one as a freebie so thought I would try it even though its a novella between books two and three in the series.

It was easy to slip into the story that begins with a humorous encounter at the community pool. Jenny is wary of men after discovering her boyfriend was a married man and she was 'the other woman' so even though Ving seems the perfect guy, she wonders if he's too good to be true. For Ving, it's practically love at first sight and he just needs to prove to Jenny that she can trust him.

This was a fast-paced attraction and ends on a happy for now with promises of a future. It was light and fun so now I'm ready to go back and start at the beginning with the series.

Nerdy Chic says

His Strings to Pull is a short, hot, sexy read which nestles between book one and two of the "In the Line of Duty" series. This is the story of how Ving Duncan, Tallulah Duncan's brother and Jenny Andersen, Garret Andersen's sister (Lu and Garret being the main characters from book two) meet. Jenny meets hottie Ving while working as a lifeguard and sparks immediately fly between the two. What we get is a whirlwind

romance between the two "rescuing" each other from drowning in the pool which was seriously funny and hot.

"Oh hell. He was performing CPR, not kissing her." - Jenny

That whole scene was too funny for words. Loved the dashes of laughter and heat throughout such a short read. I adore the series as a whole and this just gave us a little more background to it. I would've liked a little more to the romance because I did start getting into it and love Cathryn Fox writing but I thought it was a nice addition. I can't wait for more of this series and these great characters.

Kim says

This was not great for me. Jenny is the heroine. She's an adult woman of indeterminate age. She makes her living as a lifeguard at the community pool. Ving is the hero. He's an adult man, also of indeterminate age. He served in the military as a helicopter pilot, but he's apparently out of the military and it's not clear how he makes a living. He does have a single mother for a neighbor and he's babysitting her three children while she works (I had the impression this was volunteer work, along with the dog training stuff). Ving takes the kids to the pool and that's how he meets Jenny. In an amazing coincidence, Ving served with Jenny's brother in the military, so we VERY briefly meet a couple other eligible bachelors who will probably feature in future books in the series.

So, they meet one day. The next day, Ving asks her out on a date. That evening, they have their date. They have unprotected sex and fall deeply in love.

I found the dialogue awkward in places and I didn't buy the instant love at all.

Beate says

Short. And hot. But that's really ask there is to this story. There's just not enough to really get the characters to know, understand them in any way. I'm only guessing, but they should be twenty-somethings and at that age there's usually more than one relationship gone wrong and somewhat wild teenage years on the side of the h, and literally nothing on his side. Come on, he was deployed military.

I liked the writing, also I didn't like the way things panned out that much. It was just too short, too whirlwind for my liking.

Maybe I'm just too old and grumpy, but a HEA and wedding bells after 36 hours? Yeah, not believable.

It was a good read to get my challenge completed, but I don't think I'll read the others from this series.

Darcie says

Super fun sweet summer story! Jenny and Ving are two fun loving sweet people. I loved that they fell hard

and fell fast.
