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Espionage is a woman's game.

Berlin, 1942. Caroline Reed is a newly minted American spy, eager to prove herself on her first mission: to recover vital information from behind enemy lines. But she's not the only one. Iris Bell is after the same information. When fate brings them together, they're forced into an uneasy alliance that takes them from the glamorous parties of the Third Reich, to a group of rebels in the French countryside, to the Paris mansion of a debauched Countess. Against their will, against their training, and against all common sense, Iris and Caroline come to trust each other. Or perhaps it's something more dangerous than trust. But what does love matter when the fate of the world is at stake?

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Valerie Anne says

Hot damn. This book. It was not nearly long enough, if you asked me. I'm going to need Elaine to write more books. Like, yesterday.

victoria.p says

A novella about lesbian lady spies in WWII! Short, and ended a little abruptly, I thought, but I really enjoyed it and would like more Iris and Caroline, please. The writing is decent - it reminds me of fanfic, actually, except for the romance novel euphemisms that crop up during the sex. Still, though, lesbian lady spies in WWII! <3

Erin says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I love romances but I'm especially a fan of stories that include thrills along with the romance and Atwell handled all the elements deftly. The precariousness of their situation made my pulse pound and the sweetness all the sweeter. And the sexy parts, just wow. I really loved this and I'm very excited for Atwell's next story. The only issue I might raise with The Music Box is it's length, but for four dollars that's not a big deal either. I just hope the next one is longer and I'll gladly pay full price. I recommend this to all fans of lesbian romance/thrillers.

Linster says

Disclaimer: Author is an acquaintance who writes funny blogs, so I already was inclined to love this story.

That said, I think I would've loved this story regardless -- I just probably wouldn't have read it to begin with because I wouldn't know about it. The Music Box is a brief, alternately suspenseful and funny story of two women spies with an inconvenient attraction to each other. And yes, it has a sex scene, which is spot-on (heh) -- not gratuitous or overly explicit, but not constrained either.

Excellent first novelette -- I hope more are, um, coming.

Karly says

I've never read lesbian romance before but I read Elaine Atwell's TV recaps online and they are hilarious, so I decided to give it a shot. It's a really quick book and once I was about 30 pages in (on ebook), I could not stop reading. Pretty much starting from page 20, you're just shouting "KISS HER!" until .. well, I don't want

to spoil it. I hope Atwell writes more of these spy novels.

Lisa Ess says

Far too short, but a nice read nonetheless. I want to know more about these two and especially the history with Iris and Natasha. So nice to have lesbian stories where neither dies. That satisfied a particular need I have right now.

Nenya says

I enjoyed this one as much for the spy shenanigans as for the romance, which was so slow burn that I'm not sure it quite ignited by the end of the book! I feel like this might be the start of a series, though? If the characters return, I'd love to see more of them.

Generally a lot of fun.
