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Tina says

This is a really good paranormal romance with comedy thrown in. This short story introduces us to a loving pet groomer who is looking for love and loyalty, but she's more comfortable talking to dogs, and a cursed knight who would give anything to be human again. I really liked that it had me laughing out loud quite often, and I am looking forward to see what other stories Christy has written.

Yves has not been in human form for nine hundred years, all because of the witch who changed him into a dog due to a misunderstanding. He has been searching all these years for a way to break the curse with no luck. When he thinks he'll never find the help he needs a beautiful woman stops to talk to him, and when she takes him with her he wonders if this is his chance to be a man again after all these years.

Regina is on her way back to work when she walks by him in the park and stops to talk to him. The love she has for animals will not let her walk away so she takes the dog to her pet salon and treats him to food and a bath. When she realizes there is nowhere to take him for the night she decides to take him home never expecting that her life will be forever changed. On the way home he pulls her into the park where he digs up a collar that he's buried and barks long enough to get her agreement to put it around his neck. But Regina never expected to see a man standing there when she looked up. This gorgeous, naked man who has the same eyes as the dog, that is no longer there, but she still cannot believe what she's seeing.

Yves tries to explain what happened to him in hopes she'll believe him, at least enough of his story that she will agree to help him break the curse. Even though Regina knows she shouldn't, she doesn't have the heart to tell him no, so she agrees to help him figure out how to break it and they will try to break it within two weeks. Since Yves is staying with her and she's buying whatever he needs he decided that the one thing he can do to repay the debt to Regina is by helping her with the duties in the salon. The time they spend together is causing them to really care for one another. If only these feelings were enough to break the curse everything would work out perfectly. Is there anything that will break the curse so they can be together?

I received this book for free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Jeannie Zelos says

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I'm a sucker for a sweet romance. Sometimes I want deep, dark, thinking novels, then others I just want to relax with something gentle and not too taxing, a nice easy read but with some sexy spice to keep it on the edge. One Hot Knight (and Yves is all that) delivers that. Its a fun read, easy to follow and with a novel storyline (hah! Unintended pun). Regina, dog parlour and doggy play-date arranger :) finds a ragged, hungry St Bernard in the park. She takes him back to work, bathes and feeds him, and is astonished when on a last trip round the park before going home he turns into a naked man. A very Hot naked man! She's shocked – who wouldn't be, and scared, but after he changes back to dog then man again she believes what she's seeing and takes him home. He tells her about the curse he's under and that the reprieve he has is temporary,

dependent upon his wearing the jewelled collar. After nine hundred years as a dog Yves is keen to break the curse permanently. I thought here we'd simply go on a search for the magic needed to sort things out – though how I've no idea :) that's why I read and not write....but Christy takes it further, with bringing some of the past into the present including the witch that made the curse. Its a question of whether Regina and Yves can find the fix before the witch makes things worse. There's lots of humour in the book, some sizzling, smoking sex scenes, and some tears in parts too.

Its not a great in depth read, but for those times you want to escape into another world without too much mental effort its perfect. Its priced at £2.18 for 149 pages, so OK VFM esp if its the sort you'd re read. For me its a one off but then my preference is for longer, deeper novels, but I do enjoy these lighter ones as a change and a diversion from the darker books.

Stars: well written, easy to read its a four star from me.

Book Reading Gals says

Title: One Hot Knight

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Genre: Romance/Sci-Fi/Fantasy

Blurb: Stupid curse!

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Thoughts: While the storyline for this one is a bit of a stretch - I mean, come on, we have a man that over 900 years ago was placed under a spell by a witch and was turned in to dog - that makes it all that more appealing for me. If the author can pull it off. There's nothing I like more than a story that is just totally out there, but the author manages to weave the tale so well that it could make you believe that such a world could exist. So, I was excited to try this novel out.

Unfortunately, in this case I was a bit disappointed. The story just seemed to throw whatever details in there as needed to satisfy the typical happily ever after storyline - whether it actually made sense or not. For instance, the witch who actually cursed Yves previously makes a return, and all of a sudden our heroine (miraculously!) discovers she's witch - even though there were no signs at all prior to point to that. And she's strong enough to fend off a witch who was powerful enough over 900 years ago to turn a man into a dog for almost a millennium! The author does attempt to make some explanation as to why that is, but it just didn't fly with me. There are other instances as well, but I don't want to give too much away. And if the author did

want to take on these slants regarding the hidden powers, etc. - then there needed to be some kind of buildup to that.

I didn't feel any particular connection with the characters. To be honest, I think I liked the first few chapters the best, and that was when Yves was still a dog! For some reason (for me anyway) it seemed like once Yves returned to his human form, I lost whatever small connection I had with the story. And once he does return to his original form, I just didn't feel any kind of chemistry between the characters.

Don't get me wrong, the author herself is skilled, but for me this story just seemed a little underdeveloped and inconsistent.

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Review by: Sarah

<http://www.thebookreadinggals.com>

Pam says

Yves has been trapped as a dog for around 900 years. He made a witch angry over a misunderstanding and was cursed to be a dog. All that changes when Regina who loves dogs takes him in and puts a magic collar on him. Now she is faced with a naked very sexy man and Yves is faced with trying to convince her to help him. As they try to figure out how to break the curse permanently things heat up between them. Even if Regina resists wanting Yves. After all she knows men are dogs this one just really was a dog before she knew it was a man underneath.

Yves is from a different time period and has some adjustments to make. He is sexy, charming and really is a knight wanting to protect people. Regina doesn't trust easy and is more comfortable with the canines she loves. You get to see her open up the more she is around Yves. She can be sweet, funny but definitely isn't a morning person. She also has a few sides you would never guess as you read the book you find out more. At first I didn't like her too much but she grew on me as I saw more sides of her. Yves had me from the start.

If you are looking for a lighter paranormal romance book this is the one. It has a great plot and the characters are a lot of fun to get to know. Yves really gives me a few laughs as he figures out more about what this time period is. He knows some from being a dog but clothes still confuse him and I love the dressing room scene with him. I will say this book has a few twists I don't see coming as they try to fix Yves' curse. The author did a great job as I did not expect them. Another great thing Regina doesn't jump right in bed with Yves. So many times now you see females or males in books jump right together the first day they meet. Not these two they actually get to know each other a little first. It does have steamy scenes to enjoy so no worries! I recommend this to all who enjoy light love stories with some steamy scenes, paranormal lovers, or just anybody wanting to read a good book.

Clare dooley says

I received a copy of "One Hot Knight" by Christy Gissender. In honor of the virtual book tour I was given an ARC to review.

By the star rating system I give this book 4 stars. By Mousehead & Tales rating the book got a 4,\$,\$,\$,\$, rating!

As a fan of paranormal romance and historical romance this book satisfied both hopes. I will say that it was light in the supernatural . I would have enjoyed more about Maeve and Lillith's past. I also thought that there was so much emphasis on the collar and then it didn't ever really come into play to break the curse?

That is very little "meh" when the rest of the book was SO much fun! Clever little things like the name of Regina's shop (Puppy Love)! The way her staff provided an amusing peanut gallery effect to the romance. I'm personally a die hard cat lover, so for any type of dog, man, Crusader to trot his way into my heart... I'll never look at Saint Bernard's the same again.

Totally aside from all things important to reviewing the book , I loved that Yves had brown eyes! The way they were described would make anyone who ever doubted the beauty of their own eyes sigh with contentment and pride.

Now, I'm sure you want to know what this book is about, no? Here goes ...

THE PLAYERS:

1. Yves - Crusader, Saint Bernard , gorgeous male
2. Regina - dog lover, owner of Puppy Love doggie salon, passionate lover, secret *spoiler*
3. Maeve - immortal witch
4. Lillith - Maeve's deceased apprentice
5. Puppy love staff & customers
6. Delilah - Regina's "best friend" & man hater

BRIEF SYNOPSIS :

Yves was a Knight destined to do great things. He fought valiantly in the Crusades, helped maidens in distress , until he was cursed by the world renowned witch Maeve. Yves was cursed to live as a Saint Bernard unable to speak with little hope of ever finding another witch who could break Maeve's curse. Only a collar that Lillith had given him before her untimely death could transform Yves back into a man... even then, possibly for only 14 days.

Fast forward 9 centuries to current day Chicago. Regina , a member of the lonely hearts club has found she is more comfortable with dogs than men. On her way to work she stumbles across an obviously stray Saint Bernard and decide's to bring him to her shop and clean him up & try to find his owners.

Yves knows he has found an honest soul in Regina. He gets the full spa treatment at her salon, then when she chooses to take him back to her apartment for the night he knows she's the one. If anyone can break the curse it's her!

Regina takes the dog for a walk through the park before going home for the evening. Out of no where the dog, now on a leash pulls/ drags her to a wooded area of the park & begins to dig furiously in the ground. The dog pulls out a collar that is studded with gem stones! The jewels on the collar must be worth a fortune! Regina removes the collar she had thought suited the large dog and placed the buried treasure around his neck.

To her complete shock there stands Yves! Naked, glorious , sexy as all hell... And human?

The story takes emotional flight as both Regina and Yves relationship goes from "mans best friend" to something else entirely!

"One Hot Knight" was a clever, romantic, enjoyable read. Steamy sex, tender hearts, and good battling evil. Dog lovers, historical romance buffs, and those who enjoy a walk on the magical side, read this book. It left a smile on my face and I think everyone needs to do that more often. Don't miss your chance. "One Hot Knight" is heading your way.

Tammy says

It might just be me but I have a huge ick factor going on when books have dogs that are actually human men or vice/versa. Which is weird because I don't mind books where men can become wolves or tigers. It's probably because I own a dog and would never want to make out with him no matter what kind of hot man he was. Anyway, that's my own problem trying to get into this book and care about Yves and Regina's relationship. Yves is a man who was cursed by a witch to live as a dog. Regina finds the dog in the park and wants to pamper the dog at her dog grooming business she owns. Regina finds out by placing a magical collar on Yves the dog that Yves turns into a man. Now if only Regina can release the curse and save the man she's starting to care about. I received a copy of this book for my honest review.

Rhianna says

She's got a curse of puppy love...

When Regina Patterson found a big St. Bernard in the park and brought him to her grooming shop in hopes of finding his owner she had no idea what she was getting herself into. When her new doggy friend digs up a bejeweled collar that transforms him into a man she finds out that he was, Yves Sucat, a Crusader who has spent the past 900 years cursed to live as a dog. But the collar's power is only temporary and Yves needs her help to break his curse.

Readers who are dog lovers are sure to enjoy ONE HOT KNIGHT. Especially those who love a goofy, humorous paranormal romance in the vein of Molly Harper or Michele Bardsley. While I often enjoy a funny PNR there was just something about this one that went past funny and into cheesy territory for me, not unenjoyable as a whole, just a little cringe-inducing at times. If you're great at suspending disbelief and don't have a habit of poking holes in a plot you're sure to love ONE HOT KNIGHT. That said, the opening scene really had me head-scratching with its abruptness. There's never an explanation of why Regina was in the park and decided to take a strange dog to her grooming shop (as a dog owner I'd have been worried the dog would possibly attack my paying clients' pets so the logic of it all—or the lack thereof—bugged me).

My issues with those factors aside, ONE HOT KNIGHT, manages to be sweet and sexy. Yves' personality is amusing as he adjusts to modern life and social differences that he's observed but not experienced as a man. Regina is a solid heroine with a good heart and a likable determination that keeps Yves from walking all over her. They made a good match and though there wasn't much conflict to keep them from a HEA aside from the curse the resolution was still quite satisfying.

A fun, quick read when you need a humorous pick-me-up after a long day or a dark read.

Notes: ARC received via publisher.

Katie_la_geek says

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One Hot Knight seemed like a fun and flirty book and I was interested in the bizarre blurb. I thought it would be a little bit different from other romances I have read recently and in some ways it was, but generally I was quite disappointed in it.

It all started well and I really liked the play on the historical romance. Regina finds a dog that turns into a man. Yves has been living life as a dog for 900 years due to a witches curse. I liked that it brought the historical romance into the present. Yves had all the characteristics of a historical hero but was stuck in a modern world with a modern girl. It should have been interesting but unfortunately it wasn't.

Nearly the whole first half of the book is Yves trying to convince Regina to sleep with him. That is pretty much all that happens. He tries to persuade her and she says no. That's it. It was repetitive and boring. By the time things got interesting I was pretty much done with this so didn't really care anymore. I don't know why he kept pushing it, but there again I don't know why she kept saying no because she really wanted him.

Another issue is the ending that was rushed and not very well thought out. Stuff happened with no lead up at all, suddenly Regina had a past life and could do things that were never even hinted at. I found the characters a little bland. Regina is a bit ditzy and silly, I couldn't really get to know her much or Yves due to the sex thing.

All in all this one just wasn't for me and I didn't really enjoy it.

The publisher provided me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

t'irla ~The Bookslayer~ t'irla's Talk Book Blog says

Take one cute as a button Saint Bernard, add a knight in shining armour without the armour, stir then add one sassy, sexy dog groomer and you have the recipe for this lighthearted sweet romance.

Description:

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This ARC was given to me by Entangled Covet Publishing for a honest review.

My Thoughts:

This book came to me at just the right time. I was looking for a shorter read but wanted a sweet, light hearted romance. Nothing too dark, or too heavy and this fit the bill totally. Christy Gissendaner has a way of taking random ideas and mixing them together into a cohesive fun story always adding in a dash of evil just to keep the blood moving. In this story our heroine Regina was a late 20's independant woman who loved her job and just stumbled into this over the top fairytale. I liked Regina although I did have a few issues with her and yes wanted to smack her. A 28 year old talking like she is over the hill, whining about wrinkles and whoah is me that I look like a Barbie doll and no one takes me seriously. umm..REALLY??? Geez if only I had those worries. Ok ok she suffered some heartbreaks and is in protective mode, I get that and because of that I forgave her superficial traits. I did adore Yves a sweet, not quite alpha male..but boy...all male his character to me had more depth and was more fully rounded and I found him much more sympathetic than I did Regina. Maeve/Delilah was a bit of a chin tapper for me. I know why CG didn't go into a lot of depth with her, the story would have gone in a completely opposite direction. I can see why she was in Regina's life but was still left a bit unsatisfied with the relationship between her and Regina/Lilith.

Reading that back it sounds like I didn't enjoy the story and I so completely did. It was a modern day fairy tale and I adored how the romance between the two main characters developed. Attraction then love, needing to solve a puzzle to have a HEA and a villain to foil. Really there is nothing not to like in this great beach read. I recommend you grab a copy and your umbrella and head to the beach or even your deck and kick back for a few hours and have a wonderful feel good read. Don't forget the sun screen!

This is a 3.75 star read and a recommendation to all the romantics out there to give the book a read. I know you won't be disappointed.

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Miriam says

Received from Entangled Publishing for an honest review

Cursed by a witch over a misunderstanding, Yves Sucat has spent the last nine hundred years wandering the earth...as a Saint Bernard. All he wants is to be human again, but to accomplish that he needs to find a way to permanently break the curse that's kept him trapped him in a dog's body.

Regina, owner of a dog grooming business, stumbles upon the saddest looking Saint Bernard ever. He's hungry, dirty, and in desperate need of a haircut. So she takes him back to her shop, cleans him up, then decides to take him home. Except a quick trip for a walk in the park has her rethinking her plan to take him home and turns her world completely upside down.

I liked Regina's initial resistance to her attraction to Yves. Each time she walked away from his attempts at seducing her only heightened their awareness of and desire for each other, making their first time together that much more enjoyable to read. I also liked the differences in Regina's personality depending on where she was and who she was a with. Amongst her canine friends, she was open, loving, welcoming. But when with her employees (who cared about her very much) or even with Yves, she was aloof, closed off, cautious. It was nice to see such different sides to the heroine.

I wasn't very fond of one of the twists in this story though. ****Spoiler Alert**** That Regina is a reincarnation of an apprentice to the witch who cursed Yves seemed to come from nowhere. ****End Spoiler**** In the end, the twist made sense but it would've been awesome to have events throughout the book prepare the reader for that particular revelation.

Overall, this was an enjoyable story for me. Ms. Gissendaner has written about an attraction that grows into a love that's strong enough to overcome the unusual--a curse that turned the Hero into a dog and the collar that turns him into a man--to bring Yves and Regina the happy ending they both deserve.

Lori Palle says

Just great; Regina's knight in shining armor happens to be a dog. Luckily, not *that* kind of dog--the ones that singer croon about and mommas warn of--Yves is one of the loyal types. Still...he's a dog until they can figure out how to break the curse placed on him 900 years ago.

Don't let the description fool you; this isn't an angst-filled paranormal romance with fighting and dangerous sorcery (well, except for the whole curse thing). The basis is two people getting to know and falling for each other **despite** the curse. Yves, aside from the fact that he was cursed and lost all that he loves, is actually a pretty cheerful (given the circumstances) and optimistic knight who happens to fall for the woman good-natured enough to temporarily transform him back into his original human form. Regina is a normal 28-year old with normal worries and is hesitant giving her heart to someone whose future is most decidedly uncertain.

Yves tries to convince the wary Regina into giving him a chance while also trying to explore the world with two legs instead of four. The dialogue and byplay is great, and there's lots of light-hearted humor. We get to read the POVs of both mains fairly equally, so we know what both are thinking as they try to navigate their budding relationship. For example, when shopping for clothes, Yves wonders if his masculinity is at risk when Regina tries to get him to try on silk pants. We also get to see Regina's viewpoint when poor Yves wakes her up to get him some breakfast (hint: she's not a morning person!).

Aside from the curse, the fantasy elements are light so there isn't much of a mythology aside from our own. The story boils down to: sexy, knight tries to win over beautiful, hesitant heroine; sexual tension rampant; and humorous interactions. It's a great light-hearted read if you're looking for a sexy and fun romance with some paranormal elements.

While I enjoyed this story and found myself smiling throughout, I wish there was a longer ending or an epilogue for better closure.

I definitely recommend this book to romance fans who like a sexy, chivalrous male trying to woo the hesitant female that he unabashedly loves. I do!!

Heat level: med-high (some explicit sexual content but not gratuitous)

My rating: 4 out of 5

Originally posted on my blog.

Disclaimer: I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest and unbiased review.

Heather book whore & shifter slut extraordinaire says

I was offered a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review that would be posted within one week of the release day, July 22, 2013. I was very excited to receive this offer as this is one of my favorite authors (and people) and being on a strict book budget, FREE is my FAVORITE price! I was already planning on buying, reading and reviewing this book so why not take the expensive part out of it? I would rate this as a solid 4 stars - I really liked it.

In the beginning of this book we meet our hero - THE DOG! Literally, when we first meet him, Yves Sucat is a Crusades Knight who has been existing as a Saint Bernard for over 900 YEARS! Never aging, never being free of the curse a cruel, deceitful, lying witch (and Bitch) placed on him. He finds himself in Chicago, in a downtown park begging for food and attention one afternoon, when he meets our heroine, a dog groomer. Coincidence - I THINK NOT! Who else but a dog groomer could see the true beauty in a dog like Yves and take the chance on him that he needs to ever become human long enough to learn how to completely break his curse.

Once Regina realized she wasn't going insane and that the dog that she had found a few hours earlier in the park did indeed just turn into a HUNKALISCOUS NAKED MAN, she had quite a few new problems on her hands. Yves needed clothes and food as well as a place to stay. Not to mention the fact that he was apparently over 900 years old and needed help to break this curse that had turned him into a dog in the first place. Right. No problems. PLUS he was freaking gorgeous and she was seriously attracted to his human self, especially as she gets to know him.

This story was all the things a good book should be - funny and sweet and silly and caring. It had a good pace and a few twists that I did not see coming which made it all the more interesting. I loved the wonder and pleasure we experienced as Yves was able to see the world as a man again. I also enjoyed the byplay between Yves and Regina - these two seemed like a couple learning to like and love each other - not just two people thrown together by fate who were stuck with each other. And Christy was, as usual, spot on with her love scenes making them smexy and HOT with just enough spice to give a girl serious shivers (and make me jealous of a book AGAIN!).

The ending surprised me in all kinds of good ways. I enjoyed it very much, especially the way it wrapped up the current story while leaving us with the possibilities of revisiting Regina and Yves and the rest of the "Puppy Love" gang in the future.

This book was a must read before I read it and will continue to be a fun reread for me for a very long time. If you aren't as lucky as I was to be offered a free copy then dig into your pockets and go buy this - it is ABSOLUTELY WORTH IT!

Glenda Bettin says

what a delightful book, made me laugh and smile

Angie says

I received an ARC through NetGalley.

What would you do if you found a stray dog who suddenly turned into a gorgeous, naked man? Take him home and fall in love, of course! That is exactly what Regina does with Yves in *One Hot Knight*. Cursed to be a Saint Bernard for the past 900 after pissing off the wrong witch, Yves has traveled near and far to find the woman who would break her curse. Then one sunny day, he meets Regina in the park and he becomes a man again. At least temporarily. After the initial shock wears off, she agrees to give him a place to stay and help him out for two weeks. Both of them definitely get more than what they've bargained for!

One Hot Knight was so much fun! I had a smile on my face the entire time I was reading. Sure the story isn't that original, and there's a twist that I saw coming a mile away, but it's such a feel good and flirty tale. I adored Yves' mix of chivalrous charm and outdated sexism. He may have been around for a long time, but since he spent most of that time as a dog, he hasn't fully come up to date with human customs and way of life. He and Regina bump heads a few times in the beginning, but the attraction is definitely there. The amount of sexual tension is through the roof! I also really liked Regina. She gets along much better with animals than she does with people, so maybe that's why she falls for Yves so quickly?

If you're looking for a quick, fun Paranormal Romance, *One Hot Knight* is definitely worth the read. I loved the mix of history, magic, and romance! It's funny, sexy, and sweet and guaranteed to make you smile and leave you feeling good after the last page. It is very short, so at times the story felt rushed, especially toward the end, but it was nothing too bad that hindered my enjoyment of it.

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Gwendolyn Radcliff says

One Hot Knight was an all-around good book. I enjoyed reading it. The story revolved around the curse as its central point of focus. I found myself at times enjoying the interaction between the characters, but at times I also wanted more. Regina was that girl that you want to be friends with, but Yves at times came across as being a little lacking in the romance department, which is a bit strange for a paranormal romance book.

As a little girl, I think most of us enjoyed reading fairy tales. I think most little girls at one time dreamed of a Knight to come galloping into her life. Knights are honorbound. They rush in and save the day! They make everything better!

The fact that this particular knight was cursed as a dog for hundreds of years also adds to the fairy-tale idea, I think, in that most little girls want a dog to call their own, to be their closest companion.

The books turned out to be a bit of an adult-fairy tale, if there is such a thing. It was an interesting read, and it held my attention, even if at times it left me wanting something a bit more romantic out of the brave knight! I would definitely recommend the book for others.
