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Jane Spyros can build any gadget B.L.I.S.S. needs in its international fight against crime, but she soon meets a fellow who shows her how to love the daylights out of something without batteries. Original.

## **The Loving Daylights Details**

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### **Cheryl says**

OMG. This is my first thought after reading this book. I so needed this. I had recently been in a book slump and so I needed something to read that would not require a lot of my attention. I was wrong. Sometimes it is good to be wrong. The reason I was wrong is because this book was so much fun to read that I could not stop reading it. Jane, Abel, and Jane's Gram were all super stars in their own right. Take Jane for example. She was brain smart but naïve when it came to being a spy. It is a good thing that her targets were clueless. I loved the gadgets that she created. There is the tracking device that doubles as a real tampon, then there is the mini missile shaped like a vibrator, and I can't forget the shrinking condom. These are just a few of her gadgets.

Second there is Abel. He is not only sexy but a little doofy as well. Which in turn related to loveable. Which the romance between Abel and Jane were good and it did not take away from the story line. Lastly there is Jane's Gram. She really was on her "A" game. She brought the comedic relief and helped Jane being a spy. Ok well saying she is a spy is a bit of a stretch. So if you are looking for a book to read for some laughs you have to check this one out.

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### **Nora-adrienne says**

Lynsay Sands appears to have hit her stride with this new series. It's a combination of Get Smart, and every soft core spy novel I ever read in my much younger years. I LOVE IT!

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### **Donna Campbell says**

My New Year's resolution is I have to be more stingy with my stars--last year this would have been a 4, loved the gadgets that were portrayed--Kinda wished the pink d/d was on the cover--this was an amusing light read with decent background story.

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### **Kari says**

When I first started listening to The Loving Daylights, I wasn't sure if I would keep listening. It was really unlike anything else that I have read by this author. Once I gave into the silliness of the book, I found I enjoyed it. This book is very silly. I took it as a tongue-in-cheek spy romance novel. There are lots of funny scenes that had me laughing. The shrink wrap condom scene was hilarious! I started to enjoy the character names, such as Ira Maintrue and Dirk Ensecksi. Say those really fast and see what you get. The characters themselves were fun. If you are looking for a really fun read that doesn't take itself seriously, then make sure to check this one out!

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## Pansy says

Back when I was a teenager, \*mumbles 196 . . . \* just a few years ago, there was a couple of movies starring James Coburn – Our Man Flint and In Like Flint. They were deliciously campy spy flicks, obviously capping on the James Bond craze at the time. The best thing they had going for them was James Coburn who even the teenage me thought was terribly hot – for an old guy. The names were outrageous, the story line verged on fantastical, the implied sex almost had this thing rated “R” but they kept it all suggestive. Totally titillating to a teenager. One of the few spoofs out there that I actually liked.

The Loving Daylights reminded me of that. Although, the hero wasn’t a genius spy who had a harem of women. Abel Andretti was an accountant. Maybe a hot accountant, but still just an accountant who is in town to visit his sister. She seems to be missing.

So the heroine must be the spy. Not exactly. She works for B.L.I.S.S – I don’t think they ever tell us what that acronym is supposed to stand for but really, who cares? But, Jane Spyrus (See what I mean about the names?) is in the D and C department. (That one means Development and Creation.) Jane makes the gadgets. She is a “techno geek.” A rather shy one. Has no time for men or dating. Her latest inventions: “I came up with BTTs—B.L.I.S.S. Tampon Trackers.” Because one of their agents was killed the month before when her clothes and jewelry were removed. “I c-came up with the B.L.I.S.S. Shrink-Wrap Condom.” To prevent rape on assignment. AND “The . . . er . . . B.L.I.S.S. Mini-Missile Launcher is highly nonthreatening in appearance and easily-carried in luggage into foreign countries. Made mostly of polymers, it will not set off airport alarms. Should it be discovered during a hand-search of luggage, it is unlikely to raise concern. In fact, most people would be too embarrassed to look at it closely. Even if they did, however, they will find a functioning vibrator.” You can imagine what affect this presentation had on the monthly meeting. It was entertaining, considering two of the three items were demonstrated.

You may be wondering, who is the spy? That would be Jane’s gran, Maggie. She is a retired spy, but only because she is 70 years old and there was an assignment that went bad and put her in a wheelchair – forced retirement due to disability. Maggie/Gran is a hoot. Talk about your spunky grandmother! \*grin\* Jane lives with her and has since her parents – who also worked for B.L.I.S.S – died years before. She attempts to keep Gran out of trouble. Not always an easy task.

BTW, this is all in the first sample chapter that you can check it out on Amazon before buying the book. That is what hooked me into wanting to read it, as well as being a Lynsay Sands fan. I was laughing so hard and enjoying it so much I just had to see where it went from here. This appears to be an expanded release of a previously published work and stands alone very well.

What a ride it was! The group went from Vancouver, Canada to Sonora, California. All of the wonderfully delightful new inventions of Jane’s were actually used at one time or another, plus a few more. The bad guys were wonderfully clichéd with equally delightful names. The main nemesis was the Ensecksi family. This is pronounce something like “and sexy.” (It does have bearing on the story.) Oh – and look for “Dick Hedde.” The name so fits.

Speaking of ride, I need to mention the van they travel in. It has a bunch of neat gadgets like speed boost, police band detector, restraints, and a fold down bed. (Totally needed in any spy story! \*grin\*) It is soundproof, waterproof, fireproof, and yes, it floats. It can also handle Gran and her wheelchair. I so want one!

There is excitement and adventure with some romance for spice much like those old Flint movies, only with even more tongue-in-cheek humor. Although, with all the stumbling around, but still coming out smelling like roses, you might think of Get Smart. Either one, this is a delicious read for some light entertainment.

I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Sandra R says**

A fun and silly spoof on spys ('a la' James Bond) I loved the ridiculous character names. Jane is the clumsy gadget girl for B.L.I.S.S. Together with her wheelchair bound gran (a retired spy) her best friend's hunky accountant brother Abel and a bag full of crazy gadgets (rocket launching vibrators, knockout lipstick, shrink wrap condoms, exploding earrings etc), they embark on a road trip for her missing friend. This well written story is a great way to spend a few hours unwinding. One of Ms Sand's very early books.

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### **Ana Ramirez says**

The characters are hilarious!!

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### **Stephanie says**

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THE LOVING DAYLIGHTS: Lynsay Sands Spoofs Bond

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At times this book felt really silly, with its Bond movie names and female slant on the whole hot guy-spy thing. Other ties, under the nonsense there was a story about the lengths we go to out of loyalty, told with a real sense of humor and, most definitely, tongue in cheek.

I enjoyed trying to imagine all the characters as they are presented in their more or less ridiculous tableaux. I am sure there are a good many spy gadgets on the market and Lynsay has the humorous idea to make them look like sex toys and feminine hygiene products.

Until I realized the story was intended as a strictly comedic spoof on Bond, I was appalled that Sands would sink to such lows as giving the characters such ridiculous names; homonymic: Jane Spyrus (Spy-r-us) Dirk Ensecksi (Dark and Sexy) and Ira Manettrue (I remain true). They still felt silly and since I have always thought that was a very silly part of the Bond franchise, it really helps to lay out the spoof.

While Bond and his pals get up to some sexy Bond hijinks, they are not nearly as funny as all the Bondian events that Sands uses to enhance her satire right down to that waterproof whatever it was that Bond landed in the water with. The story does move slowly in some areas, setting up the house and spy equipment and it

takes a while to get to the romance which I found lukewarm. This is one of those times where the sex doesn't really do anything for the story.

This story is light, funny, a little sexy, and I don't think it is a good as the rest of Sands' work. Let's face it it is a bit silly, but is that a bad thing. Sometimes we want a silly book to read as a mood lifter or a distraction. If you need a funny light read, say for a flight or car ride, this might work for you.

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### **Cathy says**

I love the author's vampire romances, but am not into historical these days, which left me with this. Not much of a leaving. A cute, very silly premise with a government inventor forced to go off on a mission to save her very dear neighbor with her hot brother tagging along. But it was too silly even for me, without the connection to the characters that makes her Argeneau series work so well.

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### **Shannon says**

#### ***The Loving Daylights***

##### ***The Characters***

Jane Spyrus  
Abel Andretti

##### ***The Story***

The screwball-iest of screwball comedies. There are vibrator rocket launchers, bad guy loving terriers and some fun sexy times. I really liked all of the characters, even the cantankerous Tinkles. I've said it before and I'll say it again, I don't think Lynsay Sands can write a book that I don't enjoy.

##### ***The Random Thoughts***

Unfortunately my Scribd app's tendency to quit working between chapters of the book killed a lot of the joy in my reading. Nothing can take you out of the story like spending 10 minutes trying to figure out how to get it playing again.

### **3 Stars**

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### **Izy says**

*ARC generously provided by the publisher via Edelweiss in exchange for an honest review*

#### ***Rating~ 3.5 stars***

Jane's whole family has been in the spy business and she is no different. **Jane Spyrus** is a developer for

B.L.I.S.S, she makes all the spy gadgets that the agents can use. Her inventions are mostly for women agents.

The blurb describes her as shy, I don't think she was at all shy, she was insecure about herself which I think came across as reservedness. She's very quirky, highly intelligent if a slightly crazy developer and a strong independent woman.

**Abel Andretti** is an accountant. He came home to Canada for a job interview from UK so he could be closer to his family.

I thought he was sweet, protective, caring and understood and appreciated Jane for the woman she was. He was more like a beta hero than alpha one but it suited the book.

Jane and Abel along with Jane's Gran and former field agent Maggie go to save Edie Andretti, Abel's sister who has been kidnapped by her boss because she was getting suspicious of his behavior.

I liked **Jane and Abel** together. They didn't have a explosive chemistry but more of sweeter and softer connection which again suited the book. They both have many things in common such as their weird food choices and I liked that both understood each other so well even though they hadn't known each other very long.

With these kind of books, you have keep your mind open a bit since a lot of it is unrealistic like most romantic comedies but if that's your thing I think you will definitely enjoy this one.

**Quibbles:** I did not understand Jane's attraction Dirk it made no sense. I would liked if some parts of the book hadn't been so easy; like fighting with the bad guys and the super spy stuff that Jane did quite efficiently especially since she no field training at all. I also thought they moved really fast with the marriage, they only met a week ago.

**Overall**, it was a cute, quirky and funny story that makes for a good light read. *Happy Reading!*

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## **Maggie says**

Did i seriously just read this? And enjoy it...?

This book demands you approach it with a sense of humor and the understanding that it is meant to be a fun, silly care free story. I started it without reading the blurb or checking out any reviews (something new i'm trying)and all i knew was that it was meant to be a romantic crime novel.

When the government agency the protagonist worked for was called B.L.I.S.S (which btw's nowhere does it say what that stands for KMT),her dick head colleagues name was actually 'Dick Hedde' and the whole premise is that shes a inventor tracking her kidnapped neighbor via tampon with her weapons of choice being vibrators and truth serum perfume. I felt like the author was basically screaming this is the written version of the sappiest, corniest, tongue in cheek type- of - funny romcom you've ever seen. Once i accepted that it became hilarious! the play on words with the names like my favorite Dirk Ensicksy (ie Dark n' sexy),the unbelievable situations the characters got caught in like Abel with his towel and Mr Tibbs or better yet my favorite scene with the 'shrinking condom'

Though its very different from the Argeneau series we all know and love, you can still very much recognise the authors unique voice

All in all i'd say it was a quick light read that i'd recommend to anyone trying to unwind or to people like me who've grown too appreciate the curious/terrified look of people on the bus when i burst out laughing with a tablet in my hand :P

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### **Paula says**

The story didn't grab me very fast but I did find myself chuckling all the way thru it. The silly play on words keeps me laughing. I will reread this book  
rereading

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### **Martel says**

Light, original and funny :)

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### **Dani C. (Paulette's Papers) says**

I am a huge fan of Ms. Sands' Argeneau series. I get my hands on those books as soon as I can, I enjoy them so much. So I thought it would be a no brainer that I would love this book. I am sad to say I was very wrong.

This is supposed to be a romantic comedy. It started out that way, sort of. Then it ended up being ridiculous and even gross at times. I didn't feel anything real between Jane and Abel but then the whole story was just flat so I really didn't feel anything except bored. And gross. I just can't over that part...

Now The Loving Daylights is the third book in the B.L.I.S.S. series. I have not read either of the first books and I know for sure that I won't. Will this stop me from reading the Argeneau series? NO! Like I said I enjoy that series so I am hopeful that this book was just a fluke.

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