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Love blogger Kate Bell is finished with men—*especially* the hot ones. Of course her only chance to save her career requires snagging an interview with the man who literally wrote the book on love, reclusive and super-sexy relationship expert Jake Wright. Who happens to be her boss's brother.

The last thing Jake Wright wants is to be dragged back into the spotlight as a bachelor for his sister's dating website. But when a sweet and sexy blogger crashes onto his island in the middle of a storm worse than his love life, keeping his hands *off* proves to be a challenge—especially when they're stuck sharing the same bungalow.

Each book in the Smart Cupid series is a standalone story that can be enjoyed out of order.

Series Order:

Book #1 Breaking the Bachelor

Book #2 Unexpectedly His

Book #3 One Little Kiss

One Little Kiss Details

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Hilda says

3.5 Stars

This is a feel good romance. It starts out as both the lead characters skeptical of love for different reasons. What this book developed into was a great story of two people fighting the feeling.

Kate was scorned by her previous live in boyfriend but still believes in love. Jack was humiliated by his ex-wife and she destroyed his thoughts on love. Throw in her boss who happens to be his sister and you get an explosive physical relationship that could be more but won't because they are both not looking for it.

Kate and Jake bring each other out of their shells and by exploring a friends with benefits/no strings relationship. Yet having a no strings relationship with a sexpert can be amazing and concerning at the same time.

Will they each face their pasts to have a future or will they be two passing ships?

Maggie Kelley brought a feel good novel, that is sexy, funny, and sassy. With twists that will make you scream, a meddling cupid that knows no bounds, and a couple that have amazing chemistry, meaningful conversations, and begin to break the walls around their hearts. I loved the epilogue...

I received this book via NetGalley.com

Laura says

This is a great book, this is the third book in the Smart Cupid series written by Maggie Kelley. This is a great book with a wonderful story and well developed characters. This book will keep you reading long into the night and you will not want to put this book down until you finish. This was such a great read and full of surprises. I am looking forward to reading the next book by this great author. I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader's copy of this book. The free book held no determination on my personal review.

Shalyn says

****Received an advance reader copy in exchange for a fair review****

This was such a cute book. I really liked the characters in the book and I finished it in one setting. I would give it a higher star rating, but it didn't blow my mind or leave me shocked. I loved how cute and flirty it was and I knew it would have a happily ever after and that's why I wanted to read it. I've been reading a lot of heavy stuff lately and sometimes it's nice to take a break and read a light love story. I would want to be friends with Kate! She was so nice, down to earth, and never gave up on love. Jake is a hottie and a really nice guy. He is always prepared, looking after others, and can be pretty funny. I was so happy when he started to warm up to Kate and show her the other side of him, the side he thought had been broken. They

make an adorable couple and the chemistry felt real between them. Even though this is book #3 in the series, it can be a standalone. I haven't read the first book yet, but I didn't feel like I missed anything important. I actually plan to read the first book in the series soon since I did enjoy this book so much. I would recommend this book to someone who is looking for a cute light romance story!

April Symes says

This is a sweet romance that is a quick read that is great for light and sweet read. This author paints the romance and backdrop of NRW YORK CITY perfectly.

Kate Bell is an optimistic small town girl seeking romance and also a career in the big city. Now things haven't been working out for her but she doesn't let that get her down, she just keeps pushing forward. She loves her job as a blogger and her job is going to get her into bigger and better things at Cosmo but she possibly screwed things up unless she fixes things by interviewing a reclusive bachelor., more like doing everything she can to get this interview off the ground with this bachelor since a} Kate is a bit tipsy upon their initial meeting and b} Jake Wright is recovering from a bad divorce and wasn't ready for Katie. These two smoldered when they meet and they sizzled. Kate and Jake bring each other out of their shells when neither expected this would happen when they would meet. The hurricane and their proximity during the dark, rainy night will change the course of their lives. Will they open up to love or will they let it fall away? Only way to find out is to read this sweet, delightful romance.

My Rating: 4.4 stars *****

"I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book in exchange for an honest review***"

Heather andrews says

Kate and Jake have strange communication issues at times, "you're goddamn right you shouldn't have. Who do you think you are?" She looked at him with the intensity of an atomic bomb about to go off. She was either going to kill him or... She grabbed him and kissed him. Deeply. Completely. And he kissed her right back." I found this to be a cute and fun read.

Paris says

I thought this was a really cute, fun read. I liked Kate and Jake a lot. I loved how different they were from each other, yet similar in many ways. I loved Kate's determination. She knew what she wanted out of life and she was going to do whatever it took to get it. She wasn't going to let Jake get in her way.

There were some great laugh out loud moments in this book, like when Jake and Kate first meet. The chemistry between them is great, but the banter is even better...especially since Kate is a bit tipsy upon their initial meeting. Watching these two go back and forth and the finally give in was a ton of fun. And they are super sexy together.

I also really enjoyed the secondary characters in this book. It makes me really want to go back and read the first two books in this series. This book is the third, but it stands alone perfectly. I did not feel like I was lost

at any point while reading this. I highly recommend this book.

Arc provided by the publisher via Netgalley for an honest review

Isha Coleman says

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One Little Kiss by Maggie KelleyMy rating: 5 of 5 starsOne Little Kiss has romantic comedy written all over it. Move over My Best Friend's Wedding, because Maggie Kelley is gunning for you. Full of precious moments of humor and heart. This story screamed winner right from the very start. Kate's red hot love life is singing the blues. Jake has all the answers while doling out relationship advice, but clueless is his middle name when it comes to his own love life. A deserted island, a freak storm and lots of sexual tension could end up putting this clueless duo in a perfectly awkward position. Perfect movie material.[View all my reviews](#)

Danielle from Short and Sassy says

I loved this sweet book! It was what I needed after reading some doozies lately!! This was a pick me up that made me happy when reading it!

Kate is a blogger set on assignment to interview writer, and recluse, Jake Wright. Jake write a "how to" book on love and relationships, and when his own marriage fell apart, he didn't want to face the world knowing he was wrong about the advice he dished out to millions of readers. Now, he lives on an island and keeps to himself.

Kate is nothing what he expected. She challenges him and makes him laugh, heck she makes him feel things he hasn't felt in years! But. since they don't live near each other, neither expects anything more than what they have the few days Kate is on the island.

I thought this story was cute and funny. I really enjoyed it!! I must read the rest of this series ASAP!

Heather says

Technical stuff: I love this cover. It is sweet and colorful and fits well with the other books in this series. This book has both cursing and on-screen sex. If those things aren't your jam, you should give this one a skip rather than leave a bad review. This is technically book 3 of the "Smart Cupid" series but you do not have to read the first two books to enjoy this one. It comes to a lovely, swoon-worthy conclusion and DOES NOT end on a cliffhanger.

HAPPY SIGH. This book. This book is EXACTLY what I wanted and have come to expect from a Maggie Kelley book. It made me laugh, it made me groan in frustration at a character's obliviousness, and it curled my toes more than once because oh my gosh can this author write a smoldering and sexy kiss!

I have very much enjoyed this series, and I am so sad to see it ending. I thought that Nick and M.A. (whose story I love and have re-read multiple times) were my favorite couple in this series but Jake and Kate might possibly have dethroned them...they at the very least pulled up neck-and-neck with them. I loved Kate's ridiculousness caused by her inability to hold a drink, and Jake's inability to resist Hurricane Kate from the very moment she blew into his life. My only "complaint" about their relationship is that I would have loved more background on Kate and her life/family. But that is really just me being nit-picky and wanting MORE of this book, it did not affect my enjoyment of this book one bit. I just wanted more of these two!

If you like characters that have sizzling hot chemistry and who will make you laugh from start to finish even when you're wanting to shake them, I HIGHLY recommend this book.

I requested and was so generously granted an ARC of this book. I was under absolutely no obligation to write this review or to pre-order the book, I did both of those things because I LOVED this book.

Valeen Robertson says

What do you get when you combine one sweet, looking for The One, love blogger and one disgruntled, cynical ex sexpert? You get a cute, sexy rom com called *One Little Kiss*. Kate is a love blogger who, due to one little slip because of her ex dumping her, has one last chance with her boss and best friend, before she might have to move back to Ohio with her career in the toilet. So off to Paradise Cay she goes, with the goal of interviewing Jake, her boss's brother and set to be Mr. July for Smart Cupid. But, when she lands in Paradise Cay, slightly inebriated after having downed too many martinis, she finds Jake is unwilling to be interviewed and is only going to allow her to stay on the island until the on its way hurricane has gone.

But, the chemistry between the two can't be ignored, and soon they're indulging themselves a paradise fling, but one that has an expiration date. 6 weeks after their little fling, Kate's still in New York, but Jake's back, to turn in his newest, last, book for his ex-agent (the one Jake's ex-fiancée cheated on him with) when he sees Kate again, and it's as if no time has passed, and they're steaming up the sheets again. But, once again, it has an expiration date, because Jake's only in town for 3 days. But, can Kate convince Jake that he's her One, even if she's not looking for The One any longer? Or will he break her heart again, because he's still so afraid of commitment, of opening up his cold heart?

One Little Kiss is perfect for when you have a couple hours to escape into something sweet and sexy. It's not heavy or deep, but it is good reading with a heart. Jake and Kate are both likable characters with tons of chemistry. If you like your romance with a healthy dash of sexy thrown in with the sweet, *One Little Kiss* is just the thing.

I received an ARC through NetGalley for an honest review.

Pam says

3.5 stars - This is a feel good story about how love finds you when you aren't expecting it. Both characters are done with love & relationships. They've both been hurt in the past & are determined not to open themselves up for it again. Kate Bell was in a relationship when her boyfriend emptied out his side of the closet & left her stuck with the lease & a box of donuts. She has to get a job that pays better so she can afford 100% of the lease or give up & move back to Ohio. Jake Wright was a successful married author when his wife decided she wanted his agent instead. He moved to Paradise Island & out of the public eye after the divorce. His sister owns a matchmaking site & is Kate's best friend/employer. She sends Kate down to interview Jake in the middle of a hurricane/tropical storm & things take off from there.

I enjoyed the character development & interactions between them all. Kate talked a good game but still believed in love. Jake is completely disillusioned but has gotten to the point of acknowledging he ignored some danger signals. This was a nice sweet read.

Gata Leitora / Cat reader says

I'll start by saying that I really loved the cover and the title, both combined perfectly with the relaxed mood of the book. The story is the typical lightweight and entertaining romantic comedy plot that likes to prove that two opposites attract.

Kate is a Smart Cupid blogger and has a column in the company's magazine, but her position is threatened and she will need all the strength she has to write great stories.

She is totally disillusioned with love, none of the boys she fell in love with were able to take good care of her heart. Following the tip of her friend and boss, Jane (the protagonist of Book 1), she defies her fear of height and flies to the quiet island where, Jane's brother, Jake lives in order to make an interview with him.

Jake does not want to know about love or flirt anymore, broken after a loving disappointment, he's determined to send Kate back to New York without the interview she needs so much to boost her career. But the arrival of a hurricane on the island changes their plans, and their proximity in this dark, rainy night will change the course of their lives.

With several hot scenes in fetish settings and several ultra-romantic scenes in New York sighing scenes, I was falling in love with the confused and vulnerable couple and dying to get into the book to shake them both.

The book has lots of cute and funny moments at the beginning, then it gets a bit repetitive that Jake thinks that he was not born for love and that Kate thinks that the love needs to find her, it is kind of reflected in the end and where the writer could have better developed the resolution of the conflict between the two of them. Anyway it's a nice read and recommended for anyone who likes the genre.

4/5 stars.

Torre Che says

A fun, flirty, sexy story about two people who've been deeply hurt but still manage to find ways to let love find them anyway. Lots of humor and romance, plus some hot, sexy times. Cute island setting that wraps up back in New York, my favorite of the series so far!

Linda Quick says

I loved this book - it has probably the best first kiss scene I've ever read....sweet, sexy, and oh, so very hot at the same time. It was perfect and the book earned five stars for that scene alone.

This is a feel good, fun romance, with just enough angst to make it feel more real. I immediately fell in love with the characters - from the clutzy Kate who lands way out of her comfort zone, to the sexy Jake, a best selling author hiding from the world. The author made me care about their story and feel invested in it.

If you are looking for a fun romance, this is a great choice. While it is book three in a series, it is a stand alone novel.

Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says

If you need a cute, sweet romantic confection to entertain you, ONE LITTLE KISS fits the bill completely. The author perfectly captures the romance of New York City, from walks in the park to the pleasures of Coney Island and everything in between.

Kate Bell is an optimistic small town girl seeking romance and a career in the big city and it doesn't matter that things haven't exactly worked out like she planned. She's in love with love and her job as a blogger is the perfect stepping stone to her dream job at Cosmo, but a blunder may have jeopardized that opportunity unless she can fix it by undertaking to cajole an interview out of a reclusive bachelor.

Jake Wright has enjoyed the fame and bright lights of the celebrity lifestyle but crashed and burned spectacularly and is now jaded by it all. His island paradise has been the perfect place to get away from everything and he's not willing to entertain some spoiled city diva for a minute but thanks to his sister's machinations, he has to ride out the coming storm with a stranger. But Kate is very far from what he was expecting and very much his kind of woman, if he was looking. And with the sizzling chemistry between them what's wrong with enjoying each other for the one night she'll be on the island? Well, Cupid definitely has a lot to say about that.

Will Kate's cheerful and optimistic take on life and love be the thing that Jake needs energize him or will Jake's bleak view of relationship and romance take the air out of Kate's bubble? And what does Cupid have in store for these two?

I really enjoyed both characters, especially Jake. I like that even though he took a break from relationships in the wake of his divorce, he was willing to get back in the game for the right woman and the right reasons. Kate was a little too fresh off the farm for my tastes but she somehow grew on me (maybe it was the power drill and knowing her way around a construction site). This was a very enjoyable and quick read, perfect for a lazy day.

Disclaimer: I voluntarily reviewed a copy of this book. All opinions stated are solely mine.

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