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Rachel Gibson, the New York Times bestselling author of *Crazy On You* and *Rescue Me*, once again shows that there's nothing quite like a man in uniform!

They say you never forget your first time, but there's nothing Blue Butler and Kasper Pennington would rather forget than their brief but fiery teenage love affair. Yeah, it was hot while it lasted, but then he went off to join the Marines, leaving Blue in New Orleans. She's tried to block him from her mind for good, but nothing can really erase the feeling she had when she was with him.

And now he's got the nerve to return—leaner, meaner, and strong enough to pull her into his arms and kiss her senseless. Blue's a successful businesswoman now, with no time to figure out what went wrong all those years ago. But Kasper knows she's the one woman for him ... and now he's got to prove it to her all over again.

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Debbie "Buried in Her TBR Pile" says

Started good and I liked the characters. Unfortunately, it was too short to develop the story. The beginning held my interest and then the wrap up/ending. The part where the relationship should have been fleshed out and developed was missing. 2.5 stars.

Heather says

The premise of Blue By You roped me in – lovers reunited, family mansion, set in a (slightly) unusual setting for contemporary romance. Plus, Rachel Gibson is typically fabulous. But...Blue was too short. There was a good bit of time given in the book to the flashbacks, and in a short story, it gave even less time for them to discover each other as adults. Their romance happened so quickly – I would have loved to see a bit more tension, perhaps some additional ‘conflict’ that would have drawn out their admission of mutual love. I know it was meant to be a short story, but even another 20-30 pages might have made this a more satisfying read.

Stacia (the 2010 club) says

Sometimes love is sweeter the second time around. I'm thrilled how my second short story of the day turned out to be a success, especially since I struggled to connect with the previous story I'd read earlier.

This was my first time picking up anything by Rachel Gibson and I'm happy to report that it was a positive experience. I'm not sure why I hadn't tried her before, but I think I might have been under the impression that I'd be reading bargain-priced-grocery-store-style-basic contemporary romance. And maybe this wasn't all that far off in style, but I don't care because I honestly enjoyed *Blue by You*.

It was :

Cute
Funny
Sweet
Sexy

...and managed to fit my current mood perfectly.

Kasper and Blue met when she was 18 and he was 21. Their instant chemistry fueled a passion-filled experience. Then before Blue could even process what had happened, Kasper was gone. Over two decades later, these two cross paths again. The magic is still there, but Blue doesn't feel like she's able to open her heart up to the man who broke it once.

I don't always like flashback scenes, but Kasper and Blue's original meeting was handled in such an intense

and beautiful way that I was completely caught up in their chemistry. The first stirrings of young love is a feeling which so many of us can relate to.

By allowing us to see the past, it guides the reader to dare to hope for what could be. I was drawn right back into Kasper and Blue's love affair when they met again, even though twenty two years had passed. Because I knew the past, I was invested in wanting their lives to come full circle.

"You make me ache," he whispered against her cheek.

The "deep south" setting felt like a third character and the history of the rivalry between Blue and Kasper's families was downright amusing - think Hatfields and McCoys. The relationship was built on teasing banter, and was revived on teasing banter. These two were quite the pair.

"Believe it or not, we have better things to do at Dahlia Hall than gossip about your family."

"Like marry your cousins and make big-headed babies?"

Weren't the Pennington men supposed to be sugar-mouthed? "That hasn't happened in a hundred years!" Or so. It was kind of a touchy subject.

It's rare that I find a short story which manages to include enough detail to make for a rewarding read. *Blue to You* managed to do this and leave me satisfied when I was finished. I will definitely be looking to read more Rachel Gibson in the future after being impressed by this short little gem of a story.

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Anne OK says

You take what you get and you don't throw a fit! But I wanted to because this was only a short 100 page novella!!

Sweet and sexy romance with some sizzle in a second chance at love (22 years have passed since the h/h, who are 40 & 43, have seen each other). The characters and their story drew me in with a setting in the deep south and I think there could easily have been a full novel. A bit disappointed that it's not.

However, this is the introduction to a new series by Rachel Gibson.

Oana says

For such a short read, it was impressively boring. I really digged the writing though.

†† ?aisy ♥ †† says

Blue by You is the sweet contemporary love story. You have a hot Marine, Kasper in it. What can go wrong? Rachel Gibson is one of my favorite authors and I saw this one I was so excited!

Kasper and Blue had one night stand during their teenage years and now after 22 years, they meet again!

Only thing, I felt their journey together was rushed and wished their family history was shorted in order to give Kasper and Blue a nice slow paced relationship!

"I know you said you're a grown woman, but do you know where grinding against a man leads? "

Overall, it's a nice short read!

****ARC provided by publisher****

Brittain *The Baddest Female* says

Super cute novella about lost love and second chances. It was short and sweet.

ShoSho says

Great little novella!

Laura says

Firstly I think the product description is a bit misleading. Blue and Kasper didn't have a 'fiery teenage love affair' they had a one night stand when she was 18 and he was 21. I didn't get the impression Blue had tried to 'block him from her mind' and that she still had feelings for him because the one night stand had taken place 22 years ago!

I have always been a fan of Rachel Gibson but her last few books have been disappointing. She did a similar thing last year, release a novella before her next full length novel. Whilst last years novella was good, the full length novel disappointed and this year the novella has disappointed! It started well as the author writes good characters but it went downhill fast for me after I read of what happened 22 years ago as it then became totally predictable. The sex scenes in this book were a bit lacking as the author normally writes a good sex scene but not only that, both the teenage sex scene and the ones 22 years later featured no mention of contraception?!

Blue and Kasper's families have had a two hundred year old feud. They had always been taught to stay away from each others families. That is until Blue and Kasper met and had an instant attraction but after their one night together, Kasper did something that let Blue down. Fast forward 22 years and both are living back in

their family homes. Kasper has been married and divorced twice with no kids and Blue has been married and divorced with a 15 year old son (who doesn't feature in this book).

I think the author should have taken out some of her descriptions of Blue and Kasper's homes and family histories and concentrated more on their 'love story'. After they re-connect it was very rushed with more telling than showing. I know it's a novella so we don't get to know how their HEA panned out...how did Blue's Son react? How did their families react? Also Kasper telling Blue he regretted not having children but that he would like her to have a few of his children when she's aged 40?! (not impossible I know but still?!). Most puzzling of all after Kasper's declaration..why had it taken him so long to tell Blue this when he had been living back in New Orleans for 5 years?!

In all honesty I think this book would have worked much better as a full length novel. There is a teaser at the end for the new full length book which features characters from her last book but after reading the teaser, it hasn't really stirred my interest. It may be time to move on from Ms Gibson I fear...

Dee says

2.5 Stars

This is not something I have come to expect from RG. It was a nice little story but I felt no connection/tension between H/h and there really isn't any romance - instead of reading their interaction over the week they got together we are just told that time of them seeing each other every day has gone by!We got a beginning, we got an end (of sorts!) but where was the middle??

Michelle [Helen Geek] says

09/05/2013 --

Overall Rating = 2.5 Stars

Book Cover / Book Blurb / Book Title = 3.5 / 3 / 4 = 3.5 Stars

Writer's Voice = 2 Stars

Character Development = 4 Stars

Story Appreciation = 2 Stars

Worth the Chili = 3 Stars -- [\$1.99 on Amazon]

Okay, I knew this was a short story. I'm not a huge fan of them, but I am a HUGE fan of this author. I've read other shorts by her and they are very good. I'm not sure what happened here...

First, a few things I thought worked fairly well:

1 -- I just love the way this author pulls you in. She creates these situations .. *sigh*. Then she creates these really great characters. I was hooked for the 5th page. HOOKED!!

2 -- For this author, the price was good. I paid it for a short and didn't even blink.

3 -- Loved the geography on this one. Louisiana, post Katrina. Very few romances in that neck of the woods. Very nicely done.

Okay, now for those annoyances:

1 -- What the hell did I just read?!! It was rolling along nicely and then ... I love you. I love you too. The End. WHAT?? Seriously? Did the author not know this was going to be a short story or what?? Very poor planning. Almost like they decided to cut down a full length book and make a short. Had to get the HEA in before the end. An awful shame. TERRIBLE!

2 -- Ditto what I said in #1.

3 -- Ditto what I said in #1 & #2!!

I feel cheated. I've read shorts by this author and know, KNOW, she can do these well. This one SUCKED!! I want more and I shouldn't. I'm sad ... 8(

I hope you do better with this one. I really do.

Happy Reading!!

Janga says

I loved these characters. Blue and Kasper are both funny and smart-mouthed and believably Southern, and the chemistry between them sizzles. I loved that they are both over forty and that, although they have lived full lives, they have not forgotten their brief time together. In fact, I love Blue and Kasper and their story so much that I think they deserve more than five chapters. I want them to have their HEA, but this HEA happens too quickly for me to believe in it.

For readers who have never read Rachel Gibson, "Blue by You" is a quick, inexpensive introduction to her style. My guess is that many such readers will be delighted with her characterization skills and her ability to craft a sizzling love scene and will be ready to check out her upcoming novel Run to You. But I suspect most Gibson fans will share my longing for Blue and Kasper's story to be more.

See full review at Just Janga:
<http://justjanga.blogspot.com/2013/08...>

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

Blue By You is a second chance romance, and wonderful story with so much passion packed into just 144 pages. It's my first experience with Rachel Gibson's writing, and it most certainly will *not* be my last!

Tanja ~ KT Book Reviews says

A short story of love by an author I have not had the pleasure of reading. Instantly I was transported back to my roots. From the sound of a screen door closing, to the thick air the afternoon heat brings, I was transported to another part of this great earth. One of the best parts in my mind the deep south.

The slang was a welcome reminder to me: water headed babies, catawampus, and sugar mouth slang I had long forgotten that brought a smile.

Blue and Kasper reunite and within the story transport us back to the night they first met. Its youthful fun and sweet a great introduction to Rachel Gibson an author I will be reading more of.

4.5 Stars

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Save Your Money For Books says

Blue by You an eBook novella by Rachel Gibson was released this week. I read this book in one sitting and while I love RG's writing, I have trouble with her novellas. She does such a beautiful job with her characterizations and storytelling that she pulls you in and you want MORE, way more than 100 pages. I loved these characters, but would have been over the moon if this story was expanded into a full length book. I would buy it guaranteed.

This story centers around Kasper and Blue two descendants of New Orleans plantation families that have been feuding for generations, they had a past encounter years ago, but reconnect and their sexual chemistry ignites a fire that draws them together, but will they be able to overcome the obstacles to avoid history repeating itself?

I love the banter from Kasper's grandmother, the opening scene in graveyard when she is confessing to Blue's grandmother's grave had me smiling and laughing. While reading this novella I kept picturing scenes from Gone with the Wind and it made me want to go to New Orleans and visit one of these old plantation homes (hence, proof that RG can tell a great story-even in 100 pages).

Please don't let me dissuade you from purchasing this novella, it like everything else Rachel Gibson writes is a good read. I am giving it 3.5 Stars and I think for any RG fan you will want this novella for your collection.

COMING SOON FROM RACHEL GIBSON:I had the pleasure of reading Rachel's next full length book, Run to You, set for release on September 24th. I will be reviewing that book next week, but let me tell you, Rachel Gibson is back on her A game. Run to you is FABULOUS, AWESOME, AMAZING... can you tell I loved it? I love most all of Rachel's books in general, they are all on my read and re-read shelves. I think Run

to You may be my new favorite of all her books! I highly recommend pre-ordering it now! (At the time of this posting the Mass Market Paperback for Run to You was available at an INSANE pre-order price of only \$4.79 (subject to change-Click here to pre-order Run to You).

I was given ARC's of Blue by You and Run to You for an honest review. The opinions expressed here are my own opinion and was not compensated in anyway for this review, other than being given access to these books
