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Never Stop Reading or Dreaming says

I just couldn't get into this book. No matter how hard I tried. I even read half of the second one

Goth Gone Grey says

Interning in the arts, erotic and otherwise

Hannah Cohen - who does not look like her name, thank you very much - received an intern position she's been dreaming of for years with Bruce. She had a childhood crush on the older man that lingered through the years. He also was thinking of her all along, which is slightly creepier since he's six years older. (Ew. Waiting for her to be of age or not, ew.)

There's not a lot of disclosure for what the job involves, and it frankly makes me wonder if all internships in this company are run the same way. Long hours, experience with assessing artwork, a private apartment, spankings and oral sex. Oh, and he happens to be a Dom. Perhaps she missed that in the fine print? Lack of full consent or disclosure is a big no for me, as much as the older guy creeping on a minor - so this book won't make it into my favorites list.

As well as all of the above, let's add in some miscommunication for dramatic effect! Because sulking (him) and being upset or in tears (her) is hawt. Rawr. And subspace - of course, subspace, and subdrop, and Domspace because why not. After a first, fairly mild encounter - a pet peeve of mine for BDSM books that's almost as bad as collaring after the first scene or a short time period.

Despite my rants above, the actual writing style is engaging enough to bring the characters to life in this short story. As a series, side characters will doubtless develop their own tales, but I'm not intrigued enough to continue the series. An example of the writing:

"I will show you which sensations are more delightful than the tender touch. There are so many ways to light an inferno between your legs. I will show you all those that I know, and we will explore and invent new ones. Some of my ways will seem strange or barbaric at first, but I promise you, I will make you crave them."

Cinthia says

This was a nice quick read. I loved that Hannah was not the only one crushing and even though it was kinda weird cuz she was only 12 when Bruce first noticed her and he was already 18 it's not really bad cuz he never even acted on it... Anyways, I liked the way this was told, I think things happened rather quickly because it was such a short book but it still kept my interest piqued. I liked that Bruce wasn't over glorified but he was described as really good looking and bossy. I loved that Hannah was able to do her internship on her own without having to ask her parents to put a word in for her. I liked that Tab was so interesting. At first I felt bad for Elise, especially when Bruce practically kicked her out of her office but then I understood why he did

that. I liked the whole romance and how bossy Bruce was. I hope they get to be happily ever after.

Carrie says

As He Bids by Olivia Rigal is the first part of the erotic romance The Curve Masters series. This is not a full story as it's one that ends rather abruptly and will continue on in the next installment so it's more of a novella length beginning to the plot.

Hannah has just begun an internship working for her long time crush Bruce at an auction house. For years she's had a this crush and now being so close to Bruce Hannah's imagination runs wild but that is before she thinks she's fired. Bruce however had other plans in mind and gets Hannah back to work where things heat up between them.

I'm not a huge fan of the continuing stories that don't give a reader much depth in one book but the writing in here wasn't too bad for a freebie so that was a plus. There isn't much given in this one other than finding out Bruce is basically a Christian Grey type and Hannah doesn't mind following orders so I'm sure things will heat up a lot more in the rest of the series.

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Battleaxe Betty says

It's ok

I gave this 3* because it is ok but I just didn't feel it. It was like someone with no emotions wrote this. I didn't like Bruce, he fails epically at being a dom, and I didn't like Hannah. I didn't think she portrayed as a sub, even an unknown sub. I thought she just came across shy from finally being in the presence of her schoolgirl crush. Shy isn't necessarily submissive.

Gea says

At first I thought I recognized the story but that is probably because of the internship. After a few pages I knew this story was very much different than what I have read before.

This was invigorating, intense and also a bit informative of the art scene!

So happy that the second part was also included!

Megan Hubble-Roney says

Good quick read

As He Bids was a just settling into bed to relax read. It didn't take me long at all and I get the feeling that there are books that As He Bids break off from. I'm not complaining, it was a quick read but I either didn't

read the synopsis or just forgot that this has D/s storyline.

Again not a bad read. Felt rushed to give information which left me a little confused but it was good.

Brianna - Coffee Books and Bullet Journals says

This was a good novella with a good description of the BDSM world that goes a little more in depth than I've seen in the past. Being a novella though, there just wasn't enough relationship building between Bruce and Hannah. I did enjoy that Hannah was a plus size protagonist which is always nice to see, and I enjoyed the friendship between Elise, Tab and Hannah as well.

Sarah Hamilton says

It Wanted to Be an Interesting Read

I didn't hate this novella, but I didn't love it. Being an art history geek - I enjoyed the art side of things, but the whole plot/circumstances were way too farfetched for me. I enjoy a good BDSM type novel, but I felt it was being forced rather strongly on the main character, Hannah. The timeline seemed way too quick for everything occurring. I also felt both main characters had an unhealthy previous obsession with one another and were both behaving highly immature for their ages/profession. While I'm slightly curious where the storyline is headed, I don't see myself continuing the series.

Teresa Lawson says

Interesting

I loved the story line and leaving things to my very vivid imagination can be very exciting. However, after all of the lead up to finally getting Hannah to communicate what she wanted, I found it a little frustrating to not know exactly what she said. Other than that I found it very well written and a riveting read.

Hearts on Sleeves Book Blog says

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My Review

So this story centres around beautiful, smart young intern Hannah Cohen, who nurses a secret obsession with one of the most eligible & successful art auctioneers in Manhattan. She is born to art royalty but retains her humility and refuses to use her name to get ahead in the art world.

She is thrilled when she is assigned to work along side the object of her desires, the very sexy Bruce Nelson, as his intern, but quickly realises that working in such close proximity to this man is as unnerving as it is arousing and the sexual tension that develops between them is positively palpable.

Bruce Nelson... well HANG ON...SWOON... this is a man who knows his place in the world, he exudes a sexy confidence that has women falling over themselves to be with him, but he gives nothing away. He holds his cards close to his chest.

Slowly it becomes evident that perhaps the feelings Hannah has developed for this domineering, sexy man may not all be one sided. The question is, can Hannah be prepared for the events that transpire between them? And can she be the person he wants her to be?

If your after a raunchy lunchtime read then this short but steamy little pocket rocket of a book is for you, I loved it!

I gave it 4 shining stars ****

Kathy says

To Sub or Not to Sub!

This is a story about a woman who is curvy and very independent. She has longed for Bruce since she was twelve and he was a senior in high school. Her parents were highly educated in the art world so she knew art . She loved Bruce from afar for years. When an opening came up to work as an apprentice for a prestige art auction house, that Bruce also worked at, she applied and was accepted. The rest of the story you will have to read. I really don't want to give away anymore hints.

Cathryne Slaughter says

A Unique Story You Don't want to miss!

This is a new author to my, and I am looking forward to reading others. A short story of a relationship that brews between a couple who knew each other years ago, and now are working together. Bits of dom/submission, etc. But this book is the beginning of that, and the story ends there.

Lisa Aiello says

Well there's a workplace sexual harrassment scenario if I never saw one...and when that's all I can think about, then I know this isn't the book/series for me. Recent art graduate gets an internship and works with the man she's been obsessed with throughout her college years and, it seems, even adored from a distance when he was in high school with her brother. And he's equally entranced with her and determined to make her his own little submissive. I didn't find much new in this story and don't think I'll continue on in the series.

Fiona Moran says**Thank feck it was free**

I really didn't like the way that this book was written. It was as if the author read 50 shades and tried to make a BDSM book from that. Unfortunately E.L. James didn't know anything about BDSM, nor does this author. If you're looking for a D/s book, or just a great boss/employee relationship book, this won't be it.
