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Tonight's sinful dessert special Valentine's FantasyThe tasty dish from Benedict restaurant is everything Jessica Lafayette could want or crave. And it's not the dessert in front of her—it's her waiter. A guy with dark, intense eyes that suggest he wants to slowly lick whipped cream off her skin. A smile so wicked it makes her insides lava—cake gooey. And a too—hot—to—handle body that was meant to be tasted Yup, Sam The Waiter is better than chocolate.But what Jessica doesn't know is that her one—night—waiter is actually Sam Benedict, Upscale Restaurateur. And that her little lie about being from out of town is going to turn into a Big Deal. Now Jessica is in deep hot chocolate because her Valentine Fantasy is starting to look a lot like a red—hot reality!

Her Valentine Fantasy Details

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From Reader Review Her Valentine Fantasy for online ebook

Jennifer Gallagher says

This is the first book by Nancy warren I have read.. and it will not be the last...This book is a fantastic afternoon read... The chemistry between Sam and Jessica was so intense.. thought my kindle would catch fire....I thought the ending was too sudden and hurried... I would love to read this couples life after the end of the novella in a full length book..If you like Erotic romance you have to read this book..I highly recommend it..

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Reviewed by Kim
for Read Your Writes Book Reviews

Jessica Lafayette and Sam Benedict originally meet each other on a date. Well, sorta. Jessica is on a date with a banker she met online, while Sam is serving as their waiter. Sam has been in the business long enough to be able to read people and his instincts tell him that the couple is on a bad date. Honestly, bad date is an understatement. The banker ends up leaving the restaurant and Jessica is left with the bill. While in a fog over what happens, Jessica ends up forgetting to leave her credit card to pay for the bill.

Sam ends up tracking her down and delivering the restaurant's special dessert to her, as a way to cheer her up. One thing leads to another and Sam ends up spending the night in Jessica's hotel room. Jessica who went into the evening with Sam only wanting a one-night stand, gets more than she bargained for. But these two are inadvertently hiding something from each other. Through multiple emails, these two realize that they are meant to be together. This Valentine's Day, both Jessica and Sam are going to have their Valentine fantasy fulfilled.

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Lexxie (un)Conventional Bookworms says

I received a free ARC of Her Valentine Fantasy from Cosmo Red Hot Reads by Harlequin via Netgalley in exchange of an honest review

Whirlwind romance, humor, sexiness and longing. Very cute story in Her Valentine Fantasy!

This and all my other reviews are originally posted on my blog **(un)Conventional Bookviews**

Nakeesha says

Have you ever loved something that made you so mad! That is Her Valentine Fantasy. Jess and Sam are awesome characters that deserve each other. Their romance over one physical day together and then a series of emails is stuff of every single woman's dreams. Warren builds the tension of will they come back together all the way until the last paragraph. And then I got to the last paragraph, which is the perfect ending, but it pissed me off! I'm grinning-mad! I'm happily-angry! I'm huffingly-satisfied! Well done!

Patty says

2.5/3 Stars

I gave Her Valentine Fantasy 3 stars for writing, structure and a great plot. However, it gets 2.5 stars for the fact that there was a lie told and Nancy Warren spent a good chunk of the pages talking about it but it was never resolved or mentioned! This seriously bothered me, Her Valentine Fantasy should have ended with the truth coming out between Jessica and Sam and then they could have their steamy Valentine's Day night together.

Judy says

Her Valentine Fantasy by Nancy Warren

Sam Benedict is the owner of a restaurant that is taking Seattle by storm. He didn't mind playing the waiter when needed, like the night he met her. The woman at table 12 became more than a patron, more than a seat number. And he wanted her.

Jessica Lafayette set out to have good hot sex before Valentines Day. Her date was not going to be it. Especially after his disappearing act before the dessert even arrives. In her distress she leaves her room key instead of a credit card. Was it the worst or best mistake she ever made?

What starts out as a woman determined to have casual sex, just a one night stand, becomes much more. Sam and Jessica have both left out important facts about their lives and yet as they email back and forth they build a relationship. Something much stronger than just a night of pleasure.

****Sexual content**

****Received through NetGalley for review**

<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

Darci Goodman says

This review pertains to Her Valentine Fantasy, by Nancy Warren. Thank you to Cosmo Red Hot Reads from Harlequin and Netgalley for the opportunity to read and review. I loved this book. It was a quick fun and steamy read. I really am loving the Red Hot Reads! I have read works by Ms. Warren in the past, and she does not disappoint to deliver a fantastic story with characters who are easy to love and relate to. I think her work shines in the newer Red Hot Reads format and I look forward to more. All in All, a great fun read and Highly Recommended to romance readers looking for a hot romance!

The Book Junkie Reads . . . says

"Good for the length this fantasy needed more"

Sam and Jessica met under in opportune circumstance for them both. This did not bother the desire and passion brewing between them. Neither really knowing anything about the other find that they have a connection. It was what it was. The fantasy bit could have went further but restraints for these types of stories don't allow for much. Lily Bask did a good job. Nothing truly stood out.

Jess says

It's fine, except both leads lie to each other and Warren ends the book before dealing with that.
2.5

Landslide says

I received this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

One night Sam Benedict, owner of the famous restaurant Benedict, is working as a waiter, because one of his employees had to miss work, one of the couples having dinner at the restaurant catches his attention. More specifically the woman, to whom he feels immediately attracted and cannot understand what she is doing with that jackass... And a jackass is what he proves to be when he fakes an emergency to leave before dessert and leaving her stuck with the bill.

Mortified and humiliated, Jessica Lafayette ends up leaving her hotel key card instead of her credit card and Sam decides to go after her to the hotel and taking her the dessert she ended up not having, the specialty Valentine Fantasy. Sam and Jessica end up spending the night together and keep contact by email. Because they've both kept things from each other: Sam that he is, in fact the famous Benedict, owner of the homonymous restaurant; and Jessica that she doesn't really live in another town. Both want more than one night, but can they be forgiven for their lies?

An interesting novella, with an amusing premise and very hot scenes, that is a good and fast read.

Ashley F says

This review was posted at Tsuki's Book Blog on March 3, 2014.

So I'm a little behind on the times when it comes to Valentine's Day but aw well. I'm trying to work my way through my NetGalley backlog all while keeping on top of my March list and library list. Daunting, I know... Anyway, I read this one which came out on January 1 but then I switched to my March list so this is the only

one from the backlog. I have a love/hate relationship with the Cosmo Red Hot Reads. I find them too short and too pricey but enjoyable nonetheless. The problem is over the shortness of the story leads to underdeveloped stories and characters.

The romance follows a chance meeting between Jessica, an events planner, and Sam, a restaurant owner and temporary waiter. When Jessica's blind date falls flat, her sexy waiter Sam is willing to step in with dessert and some sexy times. When the one night stand isn't enough both worry whether the lies of omission they told will be the relationship's undoing.

Okay this was a lovely little novella of a Valentine's Day romance and hopeful for the future ending. Jessica was interesting in her inability to commit when her relationships has been duds. Sam was scared to be honest because he was afraid she wouldn't be interested in a business owner versus a waiter. Weird, I know. Apparently Jessica was in the market for a normal man instead of a career man and Sam was afraid to ruin the relationship. For the record, Jessica pretended to be a tourist (yeah...that was going to be a problem when he found out).

It wasn't amazing when it came to story but it was a fun little read for an afternoon at home. It was sexy and cute and contained some characters I would have been interested in. Unfortunately it had the same problems the other ones in the series have had. The shortness led to lack of character development and lack of story development. The story ended abruptly with no real conclusion and no actual resolution to the problems. Neither character ever fully comes clean with the other. Bummer.

Not worth the price but a cute read nonetheless.

3 Stars

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Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

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4 STARS

I've really been enjoying these offering from Cosmo Red-Hot Reads by Harlequin but the one thing I have to remind myself before I read one is that it's most likely going to end in a happy for now and that the story will have unanswered questions. It's hard for me to do because I want every question answered, no stone left unturned but I've found I really love the authors featured in these offerings so I'm working at being happy with what I get. Her Valentine Fantasy is a sexy, lovely, and funny romp between a woman who was dumped on a blind date in one of Seattle's finest restaurants but picked up by the man who she thinks is just a waiter but is the owner covering a shift.

I really enjoyed this story of what was supposed to be a one night stand that led to much more. Jessica

Lafayette made a New Year's resolution to have some hot sex before Valentine's Day, with the holiday one week away she's on yet another boring blind date with no hope of hot sex until she begins to notice her attentive waiter. Sam Benedict loves waiting tables on occasion in his restaurant; it keeps him in tune to what's going on and tonight it's led him to a beautiful woman he can't seem to stay away from.

Yes, these two go from 0-60 in the space of what seems like minutes but holy hell the chemistry is there and the sex scenes are intense. They both aren't quite honest with one another regarding their personal lives but then they both assume it's just for one night. One night though turns into sightseeing the next day, which turns into daily emails with both of them realizing they want to see each other again.

I did enjoy this story and yes, it did leave quite a few questions unanswered but it was still quite good and I found author Nancy Warren's writing to be fun and entertaining. Her Valentine Fantasy is perfect for when you need a sexy story to rev you up but are short on time.

Kate Dirty Girls' Good Books says

Her Valentine Fantasy by Nancy Warren

C+, blaze, no kink, contemp

Jessica is on a first date at one of the city's ritziest restaurants with a total douche, who leaves her holding the bill at the end. Flustered and shocked, she accidentally leaves her hotel room keycard in the bill folder instead of her credit card, and then leaves. Sam, the owner of the restaurant, was filling in for a waiter that evening and had flirted a bit with Jessica. Now, don't go thinking that Sam is a jerk for flirting with her while she was on a date, because he didn't start flirting until after he noticed the nose-dive the date was taking, and even then, the douche had left the table. When he finds the keycard, he decides to take it back to her at the hotel (a convenient few blocks away). What else would a non-douche-y guy do?

I struggled a bit with the ending. The main conflict in the story came from the fact that both Sam and Jessica were hiding something. Sam was hiding the fact that he was the owner of the restaurant, and not just a waiter. Jessica lied and told Sam that she was from out of town. (view spoiler)I would have liked to see the ending handled a bit differently, but that might have been expecting too much in such a short book.

All in all, this was a fun, flirty read. Just right for Valentine's Day. I would recommend it for anyone who has a soft spot for Valentine's Day or who likes their romances to be low-conflict. I'll definitely be looking into more books by Nancy Warren.

Each year I try to read at least one Christmas romance, but this is the first Valentine's romance I've read. Are you a fan of holiday romances? What recommendations do you have?

Andrea Guy says

This story is 90 pages of hot fun! It's a super quick read for Valentine's Day. (Yup, I'm a little late on this one)

Nancy Warren is one of my favorite writers for the Blaze line, so I was excited to see what one of this short

novellas would be like and I wasn't disappointed.

Nancy treated us to a hot holiday read that was full of great sex and a touch of romance, topped off with a pleasant HEA that doesn't lead Jessica and Sam straight down the aisle. (Which fits the Cosmo theme better than love and marriage)

Jessica really had it bad, trying to have hot sex before Valentine's Day and getting the worst possible date ever and Sam was fabulous. I loved that they kept themselves mostly anonymous. It made their relationship hotter. I only wish, Sam really was what he appeared to be.

I secretly think it would be fabulous if a hero weren't always gorgeous and wealthy. (Cos we all know they aren't out there!)

I loved how Jessica and Sam got together, and it was made better knowing it was rooted in something that actually happened to Nancy! Oh and the dessert at Benedict made me so hungry!

Considering this was a novella, I found all the characters to be well developed and it was easy to connect with our hero and heroine.

A fantastic quick read!

Maggie says

This little novella totally blew me away! I've come to expect that these little Cosmo Red-Hot Reads are quick and fun, and this one definitely was, but it was also so much more.

After I requested this one on Netgalley I actually got cold feet. I was worried that the fact that the main lady character, Jessica, was hesitant about dating a waiter would bother me. I mean, it's a job, it's respectable, let's not be a snob about it. But that never came up when I was reading and Sam, the main guy character, put Jessica in her place when she kind of implied he shouldn't want to be a waiter his whole life.

I'm getting ahead of myself though. This book first surprised me by having the book open with Sam's POV. I don't know why, but I always expect the female POV first. Sam owns the hot restaurant in Seattle and he's acting as a waiter, something he occasionally does to interact with diners, the night that Jessica comes in on a first date. A first date that does not go well. Luckily Sam and Jessica get a little flirty together and after she mistakenly leaves her hotel room key rather than her credit card and he has to chase her down (why was she leaving without her credit card? I mean wouldn't he have to chase her down if she just left her credit card?) and they end up back in her hotel room for some steamy sexy times. Another surprise was how much of the book actually takes place after Sam and Jessica's hot one-night stand. The book follows them both afterwards as they both spend quite a bit of time thinking about each other.

Sometimes novellas leave me underwhelmed and wanting more, but not in a good way. I know it's hard to tell a complete story in less than 100 pages, but Nancy Warren pretty much beat all my expectations. Unlike many novellas I really felt like I had a good grasp on Sam and Jessica's backgrounds, who they are, and who they want to be. This novella left me wanting more, not because I felt sold short, but because I loved the writing and the characters so much that I wanted their story to continue.

Bottom Line: This is a great short read that features likable, interesting characters and fun situations. It's very modern feeling and, for those like me who are kind of "meh" on Valentine's Day, not any mushy, over-the-top Valentine's things.

I received an electronic review copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley (thank you!). All opinions are my own.
