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Stephanie Harper is perfectly happy co-owning Books and Brew, where she slings drinks and entertains her friends with cutting wit and a cynical take on love. She's convinced she has no time for anything deeper than sex, she has a business to run, after all. And her thrice-married mother has proven happy ever after doesn't exist.

Jarod Nolan begs to differ. Chance has him running into Steph - and giving her a ticket - one morning, but it's fate that finds him in her place of business that same evening. A sizzling one-night stand ensues, and although Stephanie escapes before he wakes the next morning, Jarod is already sure she's worth the chase.

Steph's more than willing to party naked with the hot cop, but she's adamant they're driven by lust, not love. Jarod is prepared to prove otherwise, even if it means giving up one of the things he and Stephanie do best...

What's that old saying? Abstinence makes the heart grow fonder?

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Erin says

It was alright.

I didn't really get on with the main character. She was just so jaded. I get it, this was the whole point. But I found reading page after page of her stubborn 'love doesn't exist!' to just be annoying.

I like the idea of a Bar / Book shop, having thought of something like that myself. However... what kind of bar closes at 11pm????

Lost a star for that, cause dude... reality much??

LC says

Didn't quite do it for me but not sure why. I usually love anything by Mari Carr. I think the heroine was a little too "romance hating" for me. Great chemistry between Stephanie and Jarod though.

MountainKat says

This a really sweet and pretty hot short little read! Some authors do better with shorter stories and Mari Carr is one who does! She manages to make you care for the characters and believe in the relationship without leaving you feeling that something is missing. In this story we meet Stephanie and Jarod. Stephanie has opened a bar/bookstore with three of her friends. They agreed to give it three years of their complete attention to make it a success, two years into this Steph meets Jarod when he gives her a parking ticket. Talk about getting off to a great start!! They meet up again at her bar and after a night of steamy sex, Jarod discovers he wants more. And not just sex, he wants it all. Stephanie is more than a little wary of relationships and even the idea of love. She didn't have the best example growing up with her mother having been married four times! In the end, he wears her down so we get a happy ending. I can't wait to see what is in store for her three friends!!

Heather in FL says

This was a sweet story. Not super-long, but good. I do enjoy a story where the woman is not fit, not fat, but completely comfortable in her skin. I thought how Stephanie and Jared met was unique and humorous. That he showed up later at her bar/store, not knowing she'd be there, was even better. And how he pursued her on his terms was great. While I understand why Stephanie felt as she did, I thought Jarod was pretty strong to have gone through what they went through just for the sake of proving a point. And it had a sweet HEA which I always love. I look forward to the next in the series.

Greg Dixon says

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A good read for people who are in to the series recommend highly can't wait for the next one of the series a really enjoyable read but quick shaping up to be a enjoyable series must read the next one of the series

bookmarkbelles says

2.5

??Trea says

To me, Ellora's Cave books are hit or miss, falling on either one side of the "Too short/Just right" line. This one fell squarely on the Too Short side! One thing that we can count on from Ellora's Cave is hot and steamy romances, and this one is no exception, but at the end I was left wanting to know what happened to the couple! To me, there are too many unanswered questions about if the relationship survives or not. It ended abruptly for me, and I didn't care for that at all. Glad that I picked it up for free, but I wish there was a lot more to it.

Lisa says

4" Loved Jarod " Stars!!What a sexy ,fun , spicy little read.. So good read it in a day. He closed his eyes and counted to twenty. When that failed to bring his cock under control, he headed to fifty. He was on sixty - two when Stephanie spoke " You OK?" He opened his eyes and looked at her. Shaking his head, he tried to smile. " If I try to take off my jeans, I'm going to come." She laughed a beautiful, trilling sound that resonated right to his heart of him. " This is not funny." " You're right," she said her voice belying her words, " this is a serious situation." Laugh it up now, bar girl, because I promise you , payback is a bitch." Yea baby it was. I loved this one . And Stephanie was a very cool bar girl. :) Got this for free in 2013 on my kindle .:(I always do this wait to look to read. But I enjoyed it!

Tabatha says

I really enjoyed this one and didn't put it down until I was finished. Stephanie Harper joined forces after college with her three friends to open Books and Brew, a combination of a bookstore and a bar. First off... what a great idea! I would so love to go to a place like this!

For Stephanie the hard work is paying off with business, but taking a major toll on her social life. After one hell of an awful day, she gives into her frustration and double parks not realizing that she just who she parks

in. Newly appointed Detective Jarod Nolan just got dumped for being too nice, so he is feeling anything but when he notices someone has parked him in. Sparks fly when the two meet and it is an attraction that both of them feel, but she takes off with a bit of sass and her ticket in hand. The two meet later when he follows his first suspect into her business and to keep her from blowing his cover, he decides to blow both their minds with a scorching kiss. Neither of them can deny the heat between them, but Stephanie has some major hang ups when it comes to the word relationship. Jarod makes it his personal mission to prove that they have more than lust between them, and like a dog with a bone, he won't allow her to give up on the chance they have.

I loved the witty banter between the two characters, and I could definitely feel the heat between them. That aside, Stephanie isn't an overly emotional person, but you definitely get a feel for her feelings and notice the changes in her as the story progresses. These two burn up the pages and this is one series I will continue reading. :)

Ann says

This was such a great book heart is sex on a stick and she didn't believe in love but they are made for each other can't wait to read more books by this author

Jaime Williams says

Cute fast read

Pam says

4 stars

"I'm not looking to fall in love. Lust? Definitely. Sexual attraction? I'm in. Red-hot, set-the-sheets-on-fire fucking? Hell yeah. Forever? No way."

What a fun read this was, Party Naked was exactly what I needed, something fun, sexy and HOT. On a side note, if **Books and Brew** actually existed, I'd be there all day every day...alcohol and books, sign me up ;)

Steph, has no time for love, she has a three-year commitment to Books and Brew, as a part owner along with her three girlfriends and as the resident bartender/psychologist. Who needs a relationship when when need is a warm body to satisfy the craving once in a while that even you need more than your BOB. Chance has it, after a first meeting that ended with Steph getting a ticket, Jarod's walks into her bar as part of his new assignment. Surprised they survived the night without killing each other, and how easy it is for them to talk to each other, they decide to continue their little party at his house...

Jarod realizes, she is not your ordinary kinda chick, more than comfortable in her own skin and wants nothing more than a friends with benefit arrangement and sets out to prove her wrong, that what they have could be more than just lust

"Game over. It was official. He wanted Stephanie Harper and he intended to bring her in. He'd pull out the cuffs if necessary. Hell, he'd pull them out regardless."

Steph doesn't understand why Jarod can't just give her what she wants, he is a man after all, don't all guys want a fuck buddy?!? Being born and raised without the romance gene, she has no clue what to do with him, he has too much damn control for his own good, but she refuses to go down without a fight, two can play this game

"She was going to take the lead and she'd pull out all the stops, fighting as dirty—please God, let things get dirty—as she needed to."

I love strong chicks because you know the man to take her on is an even stronger man, one who would worship the ground she walks on and won't let her push him away. Jarod was a delicious-sexy-sweet-as-sin cop, and was perfect for Steph, she was witty, sarcastic and freakin horny all the damn time. If you were wondering where **Party Naked** comes from, get your head out of the gutter, it's a drink on their menu...makes you wanna have one right?!? I will definitely be reading this series.

Vicki says

3.5

Robin says

Loved it!

Mari Carr is an amazing writer.

I have read many of her series and I'm never disappointed.

What I really love about this romance is just that...it's a true romance.

There is no major tragedy, no angsty back and forth, not even any over the top drama.

It is a sweet, funny, love story about two people who weren't looking for love, but found it.

Mari is known for her fabulous characters who live in the creative world's she builds and the stories she weaves.

If you are looking for something sweet, fun, light hearted with a Happily ever after, then pick up your copy of Party Naked.

Happy Reading:)

Charliegirl11 says

Fun Romance

This was a fun romance to read. The first in a series of related stories that can be read as standalones, it has a fun premise and likeable characters. Although there is some hot sex between the hero and heroine, it's not as erotic as some by this author.
