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Jolene "Jo" Miller has been panting over her crush for years. He's everything she wants: a gentle giant with kick-ass ambition and a rock-hard body that she's dying to ride. The problem is, she's stuck in his friend zone due to one embarrassing reason - she's a virgin.

Jo's crush has no interest in popping her cherry. She'll need to take some drastic measures to get her crush's attention, and Jo has the perfect candidate to punch her v-card.

Kevin Harris is an unapologetic manwhore. With his panty-melting smile and chiseled body, he has his choice of tits and ass. His motto: hit 'em hard and leave them aching for more. Relationships aren't his thing, and they never crossed his mind until he met Jo. She's everything Kevin doesn't know he wants. She makes him tingle, and not just below the belt. But Jo's not into it, she's the only girl who doesn't want to ride the Harris express. They're just friends until Jo asks him to help her with some sexual education.

One kiss, one taste, he's hooked. Now Kevin has to convince Jo that he's the perfect man for her. He craves being a permanent fixture not only in her bed, but in her life. Will she give him the chance?

Warning: This novel contains a fed-up virgin who thinks she knows what she wants, and a reformed bad boy guiding her down a kinky path. No cheating, a guaranteed HEA, and lots and lots of steamy sex.

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From Reader Review Giving It Up for online ebook

ellieisuhmabookworm says

Final Score - 5 Stars!

Jolene "Jo" Miller is a beautiful dedicated student who hasn't took time to party and go out a lot during her college days. She does have her eye on that one unattainable guy and will do anything she can to get his attention - and she desperately wants the hot and sexy Regi to be her first. But Regi doesn't "do" virgins. So, she enlists her friend Kevin to help her loose her pesky v-card.

Kevin is a hot and sexy trainer who she became friends with after his one night stand with her roommate. But, he is also good friends with Regi. And the kicker - he hates seeing her so hung up on someone like Regi. What's a poor guy to do when the object of his affection wants him to help her land someone else?

What happens next is a comedy of errors but in the end helps these two sort out their true feelings - they are hot for each other and together, they perfect for one another. Of course there has to be some drama thrown in - courtesy of his ex - to make him run scared and have them each questioning if they are the real deal.

With extremely hot SEX, heartbreak, and a push/shove by Kevin, Jo nearly walks away to seek out Regi. Will Jo seek comfort in Regi's arms? Will Kevin realize the colossal mistake he's made? Will Regi grow up and stop being a manwhore?

This was not my first book by this author, but wow! I do believe I've fallen in love again with her style & wit of writing. Ms. Dodd is FOREVER on my TBR list! This book is not only HOT and SEXY, but it will leave you in a constant state of blush - so much so that your read time commuting will have you fanning yourself in any type of weather. You will not be disappointed with the story - it's the perfect blend of a good old fashioned friends to lovers romance with just the right amount of humor, kink and especially drama.

This a very entertaining college romance. Not only is it hot & steam to read, its funny and sweet as well and will keep you on your toes to as to who will end up with whom. I can't wait to see the follow up and what happens next to these characters.

I am literally on pins and needles waiting for the next book in this series. Bring it!!!

Mette says

Giving it up was a sizzling hot read. It was fun, sweet and sizzling hot.

Jo is a student who is in love with Regi, another student. He is a real ladies man and finds Jo very attractive; the only problem is that he doesn't do virgins and that's what Jo is.

Kevin is secretly in love or lust with Jo, and he is more than willing to help Jo with her "problem." Jo and Kevin soon discover that they're perfect for each other and this is when the angst sets in.

“She didn’t fight me. Instead, she let me lead her into my den of iniquity like the virgin sacrifice she was.”

Jo and Kevin are really sweet together, and I liked their chemistry. Ms. Dodd made me feel the lust and love between them.

I really enjoyed the play between Kevin’s bad boy image and Jo’s good girl image, and how they were merged together in one big kettle of lust and love.

"I'd never felt more beautiful, more wanted, then watching Kevin watch me."

The supporting characters were good, and I’m really looking forward to discovering what happens with Mia and Regi.

Thanks to the author for this sizzling hot advanced copy

Karin says

This was my first book by Holly Dodd but, won't be my last. This was such a adorable story. It was steamy & funny.

Jo is about to graduate college and feels like her window is closing on something happening with her college obsession Regi. Regi is a man slut who doesn't sleep with virgins so Jo decides to fix her virgin status asap. She enlists her friend Kevin who is slut himself.

Jo meets Kevin after he has a one night stand with her room mate and they become quick friends. Kevin doesn't do relationships so he jumps at the opportunity that Jo gives him.

Jo is beyond adorable. She's funny, sassy & determined when she makes up her mind. Kevin was funny and sweet even when he was trying to talk himself out of certain things. As much as I liked Kevin I wanted to cut him for what he pulled on Jo!!!

I can't wait for the next book!! This is a stand alone but, you are introduced to the characters in this book.

I voluntarily reviewed a ARC of this book

Samantha Ortegon (Books, Wine & Time) says

Giving it Up is my first read by Holly Dodd and I have to say that I was surprised with how much I blushed while reading it. This story caught me from the beginning with it's sexy paced characters with every turn of a page there is humor, kink and some drama.

Jolene "Jo" Miller is a virgin who has a massive crush on the hottest guy in class but for some reason he has a thing with avoiding virgins. Jo comes up with a plan to have her friend who is a known manwhore to be her first and maybe even give her a few lessons on how to please a man. What she never expected was to get

caught up in the emotions and all the gorgeousness this man radiated.

Kevin Harris is a personal trainer and a volunteer at a pet shelter all the qualities a sane woman would want except for the fact that he finds most women that walk in his direction irresistible. He's not good at relationships and has been avoiding falling in love, he is the perfect person who Jo needs to lose her v-card in her mind. This Adonis is up there with one of the dirtiest smooth talking alpha males that will piss you off and win your heart.

The chemistry between Kevin and Jo is sizzling. I love how they are with each other, their inhibitions are totally down and they are funny together. If they could only see that they are perfect together. This is one extremely sexy, fun and heartfelt read, I 5 Star love it!!!

Wendy Fisher says

Oh how I love these kind of books. Girl wants hot boy, hot boy doesn't want girl because he refuses to take her v-card, so girl goes to plan b, not knowing he has a thing for her. So they decide to take it slow and in the process feelings change. Now what? Can he change his man whore ways? Can he try loving again or is ending it the best solution? I loved this story and the characters. Change can happen and everyone deserves a HEA. One click worthy!

Samantha Larkin says

2:5 stars! This was a bit kinkier than I realised! It was good but I struggled with a few things 1 I love a book that builds and this was a quick sexy read 2 when he broke her trust I would have preferred a lot more grovelling 3 the regi drama (there would never be any recovering for that in the next book for me!

Angie says

Actual rating: 3.5 almost good stars.

This started okay and very very hot. Just wow. And the plot is somewhat similar to The Deal, I was really pumped to read this.?

Midway, I started noticing words that were misused. And some analogies that doesn't make sense or weird or awkward. Then the story was somehow not deep. It was a bit shallow and the conflict was a lame attempt.

I still did enjoy reading this. I think I won't be reading the next book; Regi and Mia's but I'm really curious on the third book about Angela. We'll see. ?

Rhiannon King says

I love this kind of story. Jo is the shy girl who is tired of still being a virgin when the guy she is crushing

hard on refuses to take her v-card, Jo comes up with a plan, she asks her man-whore friend Kevin to help her out. Jo and Kevin have become great friends after a chance meeting one morning, little does Jo know Kevin has a little crush of his own. They have great chemistry and together they will make quite an explosion. Reason I'm only giving it 3.5 stars is because I felt like there was something missing from the story, I would've loved to have more of a backstory even though we got a glimpse in to Kevin's past it would've been great to have a bit more. I would still recommend one-clicking it and reading for yourselves.

Diana Munn says

I was given this book in advance for my honest review. This was my first book from this author and OMG I fell in love. She is will definitely be on my to be read list for all her books. This book is so HOT and SEXY it will have you blushing as you read. It will not disappoint you if you like a good romance and love story with just the right amount of humor, kink and even drama to draw you in.

Jolene "Jo" Miller is a beautiful dedicated student who hasn't took time to party and go out a lot during her college days. She does have her eye on one guy and will do anything she can to get his attention. She desperately wants the hot and sexy Regi to be her first. She tries hard to hide her feeling towards Regi but gets all hot and bothered when he is close by. When she does finally get the nerve to ask him to go out he turns her down stating she is not his type mainly because she is still a virgin and he is a manwhore.

In desperation to loose her v-card she ask her friend Kevin to help her out. Kevin is a hot and sexy trainer who she became friends with after his one night stand with her roommate. He is best friends with Regi and hates seeing her so hung up on him. Him and Jo have grown to trust each other and can enjoy each other. He has even had thoughts of more with her and that is not his style at all.

When Jo ask him to help her out and teach her what she needs to know he agrees the only problems is he hates the feeling he gets when she mentions doing this all to win over Regi. These two are hot together and perfect for each other in so many ways. They grow closer even though Kevin knows he is going to loose her. What they both can't see is how right it feels when they are together. How they fit together and how perfect they both are together.

Be prepared for some extremely hot SEX and also heartbreak when she does walk away to seek out Regi. Will Kevin be able to convince Jo that they are prefect together? Will Jo be able to see what feeling she has for Regi is just lust and what she has with Kevin is real?

This a very HOT and STEAMY college romance which is funny and sweet as well. I can't wait to see what happens with all of these characters and where Holly takes this story. I am anxiously awaiting the next book. Bring it on.

Jamie says

Where to start...I mean the book would've been halfway decent for me had I not been so annoyed by the grammatical errors and spelling errors. I mean, this book is pretty small, just over 100 pgs or so. Did no one

edit it at all? Also, I mean I'm not totally into BDSM, which is like a thing in this book. I can overlook that, the problem with me was there was really no build up, at least not in my opinion. It was like the writer wanted to pack everything in really quick and finish up. Or maybe she thought adding in some BDSM or portraying the virginal main character as an inexperienced sexual deviant would make it all the more attractive. It was just a turn-off for me. And the use of the word "creaming?"....Dear Lord stop, please. I'm saddened to say, I actually hated this book. Take my opinion with a grain of salt and see what you think. I just thought it was crude and gross. And for me to say that, takes quite a bit.

Janna ♥ I'm A Sweet And Sassy Book Whore ♥ says

***This and other reviews can be found at www.imasweetandsassybookwhore.com ***

ARC

Giving It Up was a quick paced sexy and funny read about the girl who thinks she needs to give up her virginity so her crush will want to spend time with her. I was able to read this one in a couple of hours and I really liked it. Then again I also do tend to like a friends to lovers romance especially when it has that added twist of let me show you I am the right man for you not him plot line. Oh and add in a virgin and for some reason I love these.

Jo and Kevin will have you laughing, hot and bothered and wanting them to have their happily ever after. Even when Kevin does something that I personally would have dumped a hot pot of coffee over his head for (yes we all know my anger issues by now so are you really surprised?) I still couldn't hate him. Jo was sweet a little awkward at times but I loved her character as well.

I am looking forward for the next book in this series; I think it will be full of fireworks to put it mildly. I may have found a new author to love in Ms. Dodd. I look forward to more of her books in the future.

Tre Talbot says

This was a sweet and sexy read. Jo is trying to lose her V-Card and whom better to help rectify the situation then your friend right?. The story is the perfect friends to lovers romance that had me hooked. Kevin is known for his "sharing the love" ways but as the lessons move further along with Jo his whole perspective changes little by little. Great read and where introduced to other characters that Id love to hear their stories on as well.

Catherine Bibby (Rochelle's Reviews) says

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review

I absolutely love reading books by new authors because it is like indulging in a box of chocolates ...you just never know what you are going to get. The minute I read the blurb, the only thing I could think was "this sounds like my type of book". I was quickly engrossed in the story line and was turning pages as fast I could

to experience every moan and pant of Jo and Kevin and to watch them fall head over heels. And let me tell you, Jo and Kevin are a “pulse pounding, steam your glasses up, make you sweat” kind of hot! They couldn't get enough of each other and I couldn't get enough of their story!

Jolene Miller or “kitten” as Kevin loves to call her is a virgin with a kinky imagination that she would love to make reality. The only problem is the guy that she wants to make it reality with, does not sleep with virgins. So while she is blushing and salivating over Regi, there is only one man that she feels is in her comfort zone and hot enough to show her everything that she needs to know. Little does she know he has been dying to make her sweat and shake up her whole world. I loved Jo's fresh faced innocence, her brand of kink, and her unapologetic way of owning her love of kink. One minute she is blushing over sex and the next she is talking about wanting to be dominated and pleased. She is an enigma and I took to her character like a duck to water.

All I can say after meeting Kevin with his delectable muscles and sexy man bun is whew! I would love to ride the Harris express! Kevin turns out to be so much more than his gorgeous outer surface and I loved every minute of getting to know him and experiencing the explosive passion between him and his “lil tinkerbelle”. Kevin soon wrapped himself around my heart and had me begging and calling him “Sir” right along with Jo.

Holly Dodd delivers a scorching ride through the turbulent innocence and kink of a small town college girl that finds more than what she was looking for. Holly shows her readers that sometimes our future is different but far more exhilarating than we could have ever imagined. I highly recommend Giving It Up for a romance with a little sweet and a lot of heat! I am so excited and ready and willing to be pinned down in Mia and Regi's story when it releases. Who knows what steam and emotions that Holly will write for her readers.

Sybil aka Lala says

This book was an absolute treat to read and spun everything I love about NA Romance together perfectly. It was filled with angst, sexual tension, humour and romance so sweet I'm sure I gained five pounds.

Kevin is a manwhore. A bad boy. A cynic. But his loyalty and squishy centre won me over from the start. His confusion about his many feelings towards Jo had my toes curling in pleasure and I ate up every single dirty thought and word that spilled from him.

Jo, on the other hand, is the good girl. The virgin. The girl desperate to catch the attention of her crush. I am sick to death of the virgin trope, but in this case I didn't even mind it. Jo was an excellent character. Her honesty and determination was a refreshing change.

Together these two made for some entertaining banter, moments that squeezed at my heart and sexy times so hot they burned off the pages. The story of Jo and Kevin is by no means one that I haven't read before but in the hands of Holly Dodd it became a page-turner – not because I didn't know how it all would end, but

because the road to the ending was just so damn entertaining.

If you're looking for a sweet read that will make you laugh and leave you with a big fat goofy smile on your face then look no further.

(ARC provide by author in exchange for an honest review)

Barbara says

Oh how I loved this book! You have two main characters that are total opposite. Both are just so personable that you can't help but love every moment with them. You have Jo who is a 23 year old virgin that is so hung up on Regi that she's willing to get someone to teach her the ins and outs of lovemaking and you have Kevin who wants Jo but doesn't do relationships. So when Jo ask Kevin to "teach" her so to speak, he thinks he's won the lottery: he'll get Jo in his bed with no strings as well as be her first!

The story is hot funny and wild all rolled into one. Does it work out for them? Does Jo learn what she needs in order to get Regi? Does Kevin get what he's looking for out of Jo? Or does life suddenly get really complicated for everyone? I highly recommend grabbing this one and enjoying the ride. 2 Thumbs Up!
