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Cinderella is Going to the Ball!

A Novella

Harmony McMahon, Mensa member and computer genius, needs an escort for her ten-year high school reunion. A nerd wallflower in high school, she wants to flaunt her adult financial and professional success. Her problem? She's still a nerd wallflower.

When wounded warrior Marine Corps officer, Major Conner Talbot, offers a day and evening with him in a fundraising auction, Harmony knows he would be the perfect impressive date for her reunion. She can bask in his reflected glory. Conner falls for the woman Harmony hides behind the wallflower exterior. But his ex-wife fell in love with him because he was in the military. Can there be a happily-ever-after with another woman who only sees his uniform? And if he can't get back into fighting shape after his injury, he might not be wearing it much longer.

## **Cinderella and the Major Details**

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# **From Reader Review Cinderella and the Major for online ebook**

## **Elaine Breault says**

### **Nerd/Geek to Cinderella**

Funny how perception changes from an impressionable teen to adulthood. This is like taking a modern-day Brainiac Nerd from high school into today's successful but still Female up and coming Techo Geek turned Computer Wizard at a crossroads to go to her 10th reunion and wanting to show everyone who knew her then just how far she has come, from a Cinderella type transformation including being squirted by a Major in the Marines. There's lots more along the way but no spoilers given away. So check out this fun and contemporary story including some surprises along the way.

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## **Becky says**

### **Gotta love a marine**

Harmony is a girl I can relate to. Not quite fitting into a clique during high school can color your outlook not on just yourself but those around you. Harmony didn't realize her own worth and I loved how Conn helped her open her eyes. This was a sweet sexy read and I would highly recommend it.

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## **Geri says**

Cute.

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## **Kristi says**

This story was short and sweet. There wasn't any unnecessary angst or constant miscommunications between the main characters like there are in some books. We actually have a couple that discuss their issues with each other. It's a nice treat. I'm looking forward to checking out more from this author.

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## **Bonita says**

### **A Short, Sweet Delight!**

This was a sort, sweet and well written novella. I loved the plot, and the main characters, Marine Corps Major Connor Talbot and Harmony McMahon. He's recovering from war injuries awaiting news if he will be able to return to active duty. She's a computer geek who used her talents to open her own business and become a very wealthy young woman. Harmony is invited to her 10 year high school class reunion and has managed to win and bid and won an auction where Conn has offered to take the winner on tour of the Blue

Angels and then take the winner out to dinner. Harmony has other thoughts in mind where she wants Conn to take her to her class reunion in his dress uniform. Thoughts of doing this dredges up some sad memories for Conn and Harmony as she recalls her awkward high school years. Can the fulfillment of this auction help the charity and this adorable couple as well?

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### **Tanja says**

This was an incredibly sweet story! I started Reading and I could not stop. Even though it's a short story, the writer succeeded in creating two strong characters. The chemistry was good and the whole story was just well put together. If you like sweet romance I'd surely recomend you read this one.

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### **Janica Gómez Vereá says**

I think that Cinderella, Harmony McMahon, considered herself as an outsider to life, not fitting in anywhere, first in High School because she viewed everyone as excluding her for being a tech nerd. When mostly, it was her considering herself like that. As she was going to go to her 10 year High School reunion, she considered who to go with as her friend backed out and left her stranded.

In to the scene comes Conn Talbott, a marine helping his sister out by being part of a silent auction.

Harmony gets the top prize, Conn and asks him to please not take her to what he offered but to go to the High School reunion with her as she doesn't know how or want to face all her ex classmates.

This is a great book, with a sweet HEA. Very recommended for all that love Fairy tales with a twist.

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### **Teshia Elborne says**

#### **A nice romantic story!**

This short story between Major Connor Talbot and Harmony was a real surprise as i found the storyline quite different to anything I've read. Both are flawed with their own personal issues, only to discover that everyone had their own lives to deal with and not everything is as it seems. It's a fast paced, sexy fun tale that i know im be reading again. ..and probably again!!

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### **Megan says**

The synopsis made this book sound really cute and it was. The romance moved very quickly, of course, but while it felt rushed it still felt genuine. I really like quirky, nerdy girls who are wicked smart and Harmony met and more than fulfilled that brief. Conn was a bit jaded but quickly turned around and appreciated all that Harmony is and offers to someone who could really see her. Together they were cute and got a lot of the misunderstandings out of the way by actually addressing issues which I appreciated.

Overall, this was a quick romance, super sweet with a little passion, and superficially great.

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### **Avid says**

I should really just stay away from anything less than 60k words, anything that could even remotely be considered a novella. As with this novel, they're never written with a realistic timeline. Three meetings and two sexual encounters make the declarations of love simply ridiculous. Could there not be a good time at the high school reunion weekend and then six months of dating resulting in a serious commitment? A talented author could easily do this in a novella, but I guess that's just too much to ask for. Otherwise this novella was decently written, if not generic in its plot. Glad I got this for free. Here's my honest review.

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### **Sometime says**

This was a cute little opposites attract story. Both MCs were great. Due to the short length, the romance was a bit too rushed but it was a sweet story nonetheless.

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### **Karen Voitik says**

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>I am an independent reviewer. This is a standalone romance with an HEA. Harmony is the ugly duckling that is waiting to become the swan. She was too smart in high school to have any friends. Her one goal is to go to her reunion with a hot date and successful. She is wealthy and successful, but no hot date. At a fundraising auction, she bids on a date with a marine and begs him to take her to her reunion. Conn is trying to rehab after an injury. He starts to fall for Harmony, especially after her make over.

>The story was short and sweet. Conn is struggling with women using him for his uniform, while trying to recuperate. Harmony is trying to be something she is not. They both start to learn to like each other for who they are. If this story is trying to say anything, I think liking yourself for yourself is a good theme.

> This book is appropriate for an adult audience. I am giving this novel 5 stars. The interesting aspect of finding out your high school enemies were really in awe of you was a fun touch.

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### **Rachel Smart says**

#### **Really cute book**

This is a really cute novella. A little over 100 pages it was a sweet story about a nerd girl who needs a date for her 10 year reunion to prove to her "mean girls" classmates how she is no longer a loser. Enter a stud

muffin marine who has been burned by an ex wife and you have the beginnings of a wonderful story about letting go and falling in love. I enjoyed this book and you will too! There are some sweet sex scenes but nothing trashy.

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### **Nicole Normand says**

Found this book for free on Amazon; this is my honest review.

The editing needs another pass: intimated vs. intimidated, blonde vs. mousy brown and so on. Not just once or twice but a few times per chapters and I was getting annoyed.

Fun read but missing heart and warmth. Predictable, mechanical, no teasing or flirting or anything else that would help understand the "falling in love" idea in the story. Sex scenes, so-so.

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### **Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says**

This was a free book on Amazon. It turned out to be as cute and fun as it sounded. Harmony McMahon is a Mensa member and computer genius. What she is not is a social success. Her 10 year high school reunion is coming up and she need a date. Enter Major Conner Talbot. He is up for auction and Harmony has the winning bid. From there it is fun and cute. Conner really likes a lot about Harmony and some of the things that she thinks will turn anyone off he finds adorable. Harmony is very insecure and very attracted to Conner. Both have some issues that they work through as they get to know each other. This is novella length so pick it up for a fun short read.

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