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Damon Sinclair is a simple Marine with simple needs and after five years of active duty in the sandbox, he's ready to settle down and feed people's souls. But when the rest of his Brothers sign up with the 1Night Stand dating service, the opening night of his new restaurant includes a date with Madame Evangeline's hand picked choice.

Helena Blake has focused her entire life on her education and legal career. But, there must be more to life than legal briefs and the Styrofoam take-out palace decorating the interior of her refrigerator. And finally, a year after signing up for the 1Night Stand service, Eve has found her a date.

Wine is poured, incredible food is served, and sparks fly creating a total seduction of the senses as Damon prepares a birthday celebration that Helena will never forget.

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Sassy Moms Say Read Romance says

Sarah's Review:

Damon has signed up for Madame Eve's 1NS service along with his fellow Marines. His date falls on the opening night of his restaurant. Damon has hired non active duty Marines or family of a Marine for his new restaurant as a way to give back. I had to giggle when Damon describes Matt working the bar. When Damon's date arrives, she mistakes Damon as a waiter, but that is when Damon puts the magic on.

Helena is a lawyer that was asked to be partner in his law firm, she celebrates with a 1NS. When she mistakes Damon as a waiter, she believes that she was stood-up. Damon doesn't correct her either, but begins to break down the walls that Helena had up. At one point, Helena wondered if Damon was actually her date but was playing a game, so she played along. Then she came to the conclusion that it didn't matter.

The description of the food that Damon provided in addition to the way the food should taste was amazing! I have never eaten at a fancy restaurant before, so hearing the descriptions was a sensual thing for me. I love that Damon took his time and found a way to make Helena comfortable with him.

Sabine Honig says

The 1 Night Stand series is a series of short novellas that are about the matchmaking efforts of a mysterious yet very successful Madame Evangeline. People who have nothing left to lose but everything to gain come to 1 Night Stand to find love or a connection with another human being.

I love these stories and have read so many of them and yet I have never been bored as they are all different and feature so many different characters. In the Always a Marine series, this is book number 4. Proud to Serve Her by Heather Long has to be the most sensual and seductive book that I have read so far. It is set in a restaurant and it involves a lot of food and drink, but I have to be honest and say that food was the last thing on my mind! This was one hot and sexy gastronomic feast!

Damon Sinclair is a chef and owner of the restaurant Lagniappe and he is a marine. Helena Blake is a high powered attorney who first of all runs late for the date, which is not really her fault, but for Damon the marine that already puts her into his crosshairs.

Then add to this the fact that he serves her and doesn't tell her who he is, and she confuses him for the waiter. Where will all this confusion lead? To more heartache and confusion or to some very sensual experiences as Damon attempts to turn the evening into one that Helena is not going to forget?

I loved this story. As soon as Damon started talking about the food and feeding Helena it all took on much more of a sexual overtone. It wasn't just a date and eating of food. This was a sensual tour and one the reader went on as well. I found myself wanting to taste the divine food that Helena was getting served and drink what she was drinking! Heck I wanted a Damon of my own! What made it more amazing was that the woman was going to eat a salad and yet courtesy of Damon she got a taste of great food and also how food could heighten senses already heightened to breaking point!

To say this was hot and steamy doesn't do it justice. I was amazed at how Ms. Long turned the very simple act of eating into something so sublimely sexual and sensual!

I loved both of the characters as well. Helena had some issues, and not just with food, but Damon overcame these and he was just perfect for her. The way he used to food he fed her to tease, tantalize, calm and just get Helena to relax and enjoy herself was absolutely amazing. I also loved the way that Damon was a take charge kind of guy and the way that he cared about Helena and worked to ensure that this would be a night she would never forget!

Will the date continue after the food is long gone? Can the chef perform as well in the bedroom as he can in the kitchen? What about Helena will she grab this opportunity to taste and experience the flavours of life and love with both hands or will she retreat back behind the cool façade of the attorney that she is?

This is definitely a hot, hot book well worth the read! Just make sure you have something on hand to eat and or drink because otherwise you will be like me, jealous of all of the food and the experience that came with it!

Reviewed for Manic Readers

April says

Cover Art – Oh hell Yes!! I could lick this cover it is so hot!

My Review - Suddenly chefs are hella sexy!!! Great story and build up to the steamy!! These Marines are a real fantasy!! This author really puts thought into the characters and it is not a typical erotica. Hautt!!!

Peacock says

This one was not for me. I was a little lost on all the food talk. I'm not in to food for pleasure. I'm into eating it because I'm hungry. I'm also into wine in a box. I just call it " my big girl drink box." But I refrain from putting a straw in it.

Brandy says

Totally made me hungry and want a restaurant experience like Helena got.

Carole says

Fun sexy hero who seduces with words and food. Heroine is working through discovering she wants a fuller, more well rounded life with his help. Very clever and fun, witty dialogue. Loving the series, and even though the premise is the same generally for each date, the characters have all been different with unique backstories.

Bookish Michelle says

I love it when there are references made to the earlier books in the series because I want to read more about the characters. There were some references but not too much and there wasn't a lot of interaction between the past and current characters. *sigh*

The owner of the restaurant, Damon, had a date with a lady arranged by Madame Evangeline's 1Night Stand Service. However, Helena was running late and Damon wasn't very happy about it. So, when she arrived, and he showed her to the table, she assumed he was the waiter and he just decided to play along...

I find the scenario a little funny. An owner who was mistaken as a waiter? Can you imagine how awkward it was for the owner to actually correct her? I find Helena a little daring to confess about her experience and how Damon responded to that. Overall, the author did a good job again with the series. Hope to see more reference to other characters in the series for her future works!

****Disclosure:** I receive a review copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Darcy says

This one takes food as foreplay to a whole new level. I loved that Damon seduced Helena with all the different course of the meal and the wine. I allowed her to get rid of her nervousness and be comfortable with him. I also loved what she left behind at the end. You know she will be back and that they both will be happy.

Kendra says

For full review including excerpt and dialogue highlight, please visit Reader's Edyn at:
<http://bit.ly/SO92xn>

Review:

I must be a moron. Some of you may notice that I posted a review for Book 5 in this series yesterday. Would have been nice had I paid attention and saw that I had book 4 to read first. ARGH! Anyway, I apologize. I read them out of order and consequently posted the reviews out of order. Moving on ...

Holy onslaught to the sensual senses Batman! I swear to you I will never think of food in the same way again. Never! And I do not in any way mean that in a bad way. I only wish I could eat like that every day of my life! In fact I just ate and I am starving again because of the mouth-watering food described in this story. But you all don't want to hear about the food, right? *whispers* But seriously ... I want to eat like that EVERYDAY!!!

Damon is a Marine. No longer in active duty, he now concentrates on cooking. And in fact it is opening night for his restaurant when his 1 Night Stand takes place. His staff is comprised of former military or a relation

of military. And they are beyond capable. Opening night is going off without a hitch except for one problem ... his date is late.

Helena is wicked smart. She flew through school, high school, had a degree at 19, and a law degree by 22. Her entire life has been nothing but studying, working, eating out of a box or bag, and catching what little sleep she can. Now, on this her 30th birthday, she has decided to try something new. Just invited to become partner in her law firm, Helena craves something more if only for one night. But the night starts off ending badly in court, causing her to be late for her date. With no mystery man in sight showing up, she finds herself drawn to her waiter, but there is something about him and she hopes that somehow he ends up being her date.

Super cute and highly sensual, this quick read at around 40 pages is highly recommended. And like me, you will probably never think of food in the same way. Highly evocative, I loved the way Ms. Long incorporated Damon's love for food in his sensual assault on Helena's senses. Any woman would cave under such ministrations. Neither had an overly sad story to tell. They were just two people wanting to try something new; Helena to break out of her monotonous life and Damon to fulfill the promise he made with his fellow Marines to try one night arranged by the infamous Madame Eve. This story is light and enjoyable with some sizzling hot sex to wrap it all up. If I wasn't already a fan of Ms. Long's ALWAYS A MARINE series, I would be now. Try it for yourself and find out first hand. You are guaranteed to be pleased with your time spent with Damon and Helena.

(eBook copy provided by publisher in exchange for an honest review.)

Adriana Caceres says

I think this book makes food a foreplay... I love Damon and his very playful side.

Jen says

I am seriously enjoying the "Always a Marine" series by Heather Long! ^.^ Each book is short but gives a complete story with characters that you can't help but like and cheer on. So far, the lead characters meet via the 1 Night Stand dating service and, instead of just "loving and leaving", they end up making lifelong connections. ^.^

Book four in the series is "Proud to Serve Her" and has former Marine turned restaurateur Damon meeting high-achieving lawyer Helena. Before he can even introduce himself, Helena assumes Damon is her waiter, making Damon decide to play the role for a bit longer than necessary. Helena has certain insecurities and ends up thinking that she's been stood up by her date, who she suspects is her waiter but is beginning to seriously doubt it. Weird eh?

I loved the whole food angle. There's something about seducing someone with food that's just sensually multi-sensory. ^.^ I ended up needing a snack while reading the book because my tummy started grumbling in the middle of it all. Haha.

Four stars for "Proud to Serve Her"! ^.^

? Renée says

I have never experienced foreplay through food before, but Damon took me there!

This was a delicious read, full of amazing descriptions, good fun, and a great connection. Damon and Helena were good together. With him, she was able to let go of the loneliness and insecurity and just be herself. I liked them both. They were a sensual treat!

Sarah says

Another great short story. I don't know if I will ever look at food the same again after this one!!
Updated review [HERE](#)

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://whippedcream2.blogspot.com/201...>

1Night Stand does it again. Another blind date - another perfect match.

This time it's prodigy attorney Helena Blake, a woman who has spent nearly every waking moment working on her education and then her career. Desperate for some personal contact, the kind only a man could provide, she signed up for the 1Night Stand service. A year later, she was finally at the restaurant, waiting to meet her date.

Little did she know the restaurant was owned by that date, Damon Sinclair. Damon is a Marine - inactive, but once a Marine, always a Marine - who is juggling opening night of his restaurant with his date, but as soon as he sets eyes on Helena, his goals shift. She mistakes him for her waiter, and although he initially plays along, he ultimately confesses his identity, but not before slowly seducing her with the sights, smells and tastes of his incredible cuisine.

I loved this story, just as I have loved many others of the 1Night Stand series. The connection of the two individuals was perfect, the sex was smoking hot, and the promise of a future was clear. My only negative with this one was it was a little heavy on the cuisine aspect. Ms. Long definitely knows her stuff. She writes wonderfully, and I felt I was sitting at the table while Helena was being spoiled with the wonderful foods. I enjoyed it, but considering the short duration of the story, there was a little too much time spent on the food, and not enough on the ultimate coupling. Much of their life stories was told over the meal, and I enjoyed that, and I am amazed at the details included. There were just a few too many. It didn't take away from my ultimate enjoyment, however!

Overall I can't recommend this one enough. A hot Marine, a beautiful woman, and the promise of only one

night. What an excellent premise for a story!

Puna says

Food is about caring for, nurturing people making them feel loved. Damon just used it to act know-it-all. Foodies are great but the pretentious are the worst. He's whole schtick with the wine, bread, cheese, etc left a bad taste in my mouth. It ruined, for me, any chance this book had.
