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A little sweet, a little dark just enough to ignite a spark.

This Valentine's Day, prepare to have your darkest desires and hottest fantasies realized in one explosive anthology as four dark romance and four contemporary romance authors join forces to bring you eight all new tantalizing tales.

From a deranged stalker to a sweet-talking matchmaker, immerse yourself in this pairing of scorching hot romance and depravity in an action packed experience certain to satisfy all of your delicious and dark desires.

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From Reader Review Hearts and Daggers Anthology for online ebook

Skye Callahan says

Read INSURMOUNTABLE (An Irrevocable Novella) exclusively in this upcoming anthology!

When a slave with no future meets a man with no boundaries, will their heated encounter ignite their lonely hearts or send them down in flames?

They took my life and freedom at the age of sixteen.

my prison

I live in their walks by their rules with the false and deluded hope that one day things will be different. That one day I'll no longer be merely an object of their perverse fantasies. But deep in my heart I know there is only one end to my nightmare--death.

Until him...

my Master

Some call my home paradise, others know it as hell but it's the only life I've ever known.

My legacy

At the age of ten, I saw my mother's dead body carried out of our room. The organization became my family, molding and shaking me in their image, but I never forgot the lesson my mother taught me. I only live by their rules to get what I want in return... Her.

My Little Dove

Christy McCurry says

Dirty by Kimberly Blalock certainly lives up to its name. Liv is living a double life. You have the good girl who has fallen on hard times and becomes a dancer. She is in a dead-end relationship, and a boss who sits secretly on the sidelines admiring her, until a fateful twist of events brings her forefront in her life. Only he knows the secrets that she holds within.

This story grabs you and doesn't let go. It's filled with intriguing twists of events that will keep you turning the pages and leaves you wanting more.

While this story was graciously provided via ARC I have pre-ordered my copy of the Anthology and will be providing a full review on each story.

Christy

Radical Reads Book Blog

Sandra Shipman ~ Two Book Pushers says

Repentance

4.5 Hearts

Repentance is the first book I have read by Cassia Brightmore and it left me wanting more! I am reading it as part of the Heart & Daggers Anthology and this is definitely one of the darker stories...

Sam got his revenge and now he is being sent back into society after being in prison for the last seven years. He feels that he deserves more time for the sins that he made years ago but the state doesn't so he is free. He wants to start over and decides to move to Tennessee and open a carpentry business. He lost the love of his life almost ten years ago and he is not looking for love again. He doesn't think he deserves it and who would want him after the sins of his past? Then she enters his life...

Emma is tired of being treated like a kid. She wants her Uncle to see that she is ready to start her own business, a bookstore and wine room. To prove that she is ready, she has to work in a business setting to see the behind the scenes activity. She didn't want to work for some mysterious new man that came to town but then she sees him and melts. Sam's body is made for all the sinful thoughts she has going the minute she sees him.

Sam and Emma don't have an easily formed relationship. Not even a friendship really but she wants to know more about him. She wants him to want her but she can sense he is a closed book that she wants to badly open. Sam feels guilty for wanting Emma so much, he doesn't think he deserves her. Will he ever forgive himself so he can find love again?

This story isn't just about Sam and Emma, there is another story tied in and that makes it even more suspenseful. I thought it was a great story, it is short but had a lot packed it. And the end...oh man, I want more!

Quotes:

"No. No, I don't want to move on with my life at all; but we all have to play the cards we're dealt. And for me...it's time that I see where the chips lie."

Their embrace was angry, delicious and full of dark desires.

He was better off alone and she deserved much better than him.

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Savannah's Desire By Danielle Jamie

5 Stars

Savannah's Desire is the first book I have read by Danielle. I didn't realize it was a short story to go along with her Savannah Series until afterwards but without reading those, it was still great. I can tell they love each other so much.

It's Savannah's birthday and her husband Kayden wants to make it special. They love the life they have made, it can be chaotic with busy schedules, diaper duty, and craziness but they still make time for a mind-blowing quickie when they can. But, family is the most important thing to them so spending time with them for her birthday is all she needs. But the gift Kayden gives her is exactly what they need. A trip alone for 3 days.

It's Valentine's Day Weekend and it's a hot one. Kayden plans everything to make Savannah feel sexy, desired, and loved. It's the perfect weekend for a busy couple with two little ones at home. Some relaxing and some sexy times.

This was a short story but I can tell this couple is amazing. I know if you read the rest of the series you can't wait to read it. To get a little more of the couple that you loved.

Quotes:

It's my birthday, dammit. I want to scream at the person persistently calling. I deserve melt your panties off sex. Not lady blue balls!

"Thanks, Brax. It's the gift that keeps on giving seeing Whiskey makes my girl frisky."

"I love when you beg, Angel."

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Lost in Shadows By Courtney Shockey
4.5 Stars

Lost in Shadows is the first piece of work I have read by Courtney and it's a short story that gave me a taste of her writing. I will totally be checking out her other books.

Jasmine and Malcolm are engaged. He is overseas as a doctor helping others while she is home worrying about him. She knows he needs to be there but she can't wait to see him again in 19 days. Even sooner than that is Valentine's Day...

I don't want to spoil anything so I will just say it was a great short story.

Quotes:

"Good morning, my lovely Jasmine," he said.

"It's okay, my beast. It would only be a tease, anyway. Besides, there would be way too much for people to see over there. I don't have any bubbles in this bath so you can see everything..."

Tracy says

DIRTY-KIMBERLY BLALOCK (4stars)

Liam owns the club where Olivia works. He is in love with Her, and is waiting for the right time. Olivia has

an alta ego that is dark and dangerous... But will love be enough for their HEA? A deep story yet the characters were perfect, i loved the twist in the plot and the sex was hot!!!

REPENTANCE-CASSIA BRIGHTMORE (5stars)

Sam is released from prison after a 7 year stretch. He moves to a different town still nursing a broken heart over the death of his wife Hailey. Opening a new business he needs help in the office, Emma comes along and knocks him sideways. This story has one hell of a mind blowing ending that will leave you gob smacked! Cassia really does write one hell of a story and again it is fantastic!!!

INSURMOUNTABLE-SKYE CALLAHAN (5stars)

Miles only knows his life as right hand man to his boss Ross. They deal in all things illegal especially women. When the new girls arrive, he spots Alley and for once in his life, he wants to feel. Alley is confused with her feelings towards Miles as she has been a sex slave for many years and yet he's protecting and looking after her. How can two broken people be together? A wonderful short story with a lot of darkness in the background, but i totally loved it!!!

THE MATCHMAKER-HEATHER DAHLGREN (5stars)

Davis left Seattle to help his sister and her kids after her divorce, he basically left everything behind. His sister wants to thank him by finding him a date. She approaches Amanda who owns the matchmaking service. Eventually Amanda agrees to help and she goes on a date with Davis! I loved this story it was so sweet and yet with the buzz between them so clear, and the sex was off the charts, it came together and made the perfect story!!!

HEART IN LA-ELLA EMERSON (5stars)

Jessica is Valentina, she is a world known author and is on her way to a convention for authors and cover models. She meets Carter at the airport bar and they share a few drinks. Carter is a cover model and is looking to meet Valentina for work on her next book. With the twists and the wonderful story, this book was brilliant! A light happy read with a really perfect... Everything!!!

SAVANNAH'S DESIRE-DANIELLE JAMIE (4stars)

Savannah and Kayden have been married for a few years and they have twin toddlers. It's Savannah's birthday and following a family/friend dinner, Kayden presents his present... A 3 day trip to Aspen, just the two of them. The sex is hot as hell and you can feel the love literally glowing between the two of them. It is a wonderful short story that i really enjoyed!!!

LOST IN SHADOWS-COURTNEY SHOCKLEY (5stars)

Jasmine and Malcom have been together since they attending school. Malcom is a doctor and is doing charity work abroad. A fatal disaster happens and this story takes one hell of a twist and is heartbreaking! I would ensure that you have a box of tissues handy for when you read this beautiful but heart wrenching story!!!

HEARTS IN FLORENCE-AM WILLARD (4stars)

Raven and Pierce are trying to buy the same piece of art which causes problems at the auction house. They end up spending the weekend together until they can get things sorted. The story flow was great and the characters were perfect but i found a huge let down with the sex scenes, they seemed to fall flat, i mean flat as a sheet of paper! For a nice light story its great but not if you like it hot in the bedroom!!!

All in all i totally loved this whole book! I did enjoy that it was a light read, based around St. Valentines Day. The couples in each book were perfect for each other and the love flowed through the pages perfectly!!!

Michelle "Chelle" Thompson says

What an amazing combination of stories and authors!!! If you want suspense and angst, then this is the anthology for you!! But a fair warning- you will beg for more with each story. Every story kept me on the edge of my seat and turning the pages. I have only read books by one of these authors before but I promise I will be reading all them from now on.

I received an ARC for an honest review.

Le Ann Foster says

??Reviewed for CherryOBlossoms ??

I gave this book 4.5 stars!

Anytime you have a Anthology you get to know more than one author. I have had the pleasure of reading several of the authors in this Anthology. The ones who were new to me, caught my attention and I will be checking out more of their work.

With that being said, lets get down to the heart of the review. Most of the stories caught my attention and I was hooked. The character and storyline was easy to get into with out knowing any of the characters previously. The words flowed easily and showcased how the writer wanted to feel about their characters.

I did find on a couple of the stories that I had to really pay attention and I did have to just keep reading but I think it was more of not knowing the author and their previous work, but I will still check them out and read their books.

I would recommend this Anthology to anyone looking for a quick read, HEA's and a good Valentines day read.

Phyl says

Great set of reads if you love this genre, don't hesitate dive right in.

You know you're in for a hell of a ride when you're captivated by the first paragraphs. Lots of unexpected twist or expected if you know these ladies's work.

Cassia is the only one I know in this anthology.

I am a fan of Cassia work so I know what to expect, well sort of because you never know with her. Mind fuck is her forte and specialty. She will takes you on a trip, you will hate her, scream at her then you calm yourself and end up forgiving her.

Hot cover by the way as well

Lil says

What an amazing set of reads!! A lovely mix of Authors! I was gifted an ARC and delved straight in! My favourite has to be Repentance By Cassia Brightmore though, she is one talented twisted lady! A heart wrenching, thought provoking finale to an amazing series. Excellently written as always by Cassia, with just the right amount of suspense, romance and naughty stuff! A few kickers in there that leave you wanting another book in this awesome series! I can't wait for more from Cassia!

The entire anthology is a good selection and variety of writing styles & content from stalkers to matchmakers and slaves. Some more suited to my reading choices than others, I personally prefer darker romances with murders thrown in here and there, mushy isn't really my style but overall, I will be recommending to everyone :)

Oh and the cover is pretty awesome too ;)

Kathy says

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for a fair and honest review. And oh am I so glad I applied for this ARC. This set of books has Kimberly Blalock, Cassia Brightmore, Skye Callahan, Heather Dahlgren, Ella Emerson, and not but most definitely not least Danielle Jamie. When I first picked up my kindle to begin reading this set of books I was hooked. First you get Dirty by Kimberly Blalock and wow just wow that book took me on a roller coaster I didn't see coming. And I am hooked Mr. Black I will be seeing you again soon I hope. Then you have Repentance by Cassia Brightmore and once again I was taken on a ride that I didn't want to get off of. I couldn't put these stories down. So now I move on to the next in this set which is Insurmountable by Skye Callahan and Miles just had me from the word go and then you add in Alley and you have a story that once again you just can't stop reading. So then I moved on to The Matchmaker by Heather Dahlgren and Not that I wasn't already a fan of hers but I would read this one over and over again. Amanda, Davis Carter and Jessica sure do have a story to tell you. But you will have to read it to know what it is. After this wonderful story we move into Savannah's Desire and then Lost in Shadows by Courtney Shockey. And then Hearts in Florence by A.M. Willard. And the only reason I am not giving you more on these books is because this review is getting rather long and I may have already lost you. But know without a doubt that each and every book in the set is very well written and keeps you wanting more and more with the turn of every page. These are all very amazing authors and they give you their all in this set. So go know and pick up your copy now.

Tammi says

So far I have only read Savannah's Desire by Danielle Jamie in this anthology.

Absolutely loved getting a peek into Savannah and Kayden life after babies. A stressed and a bit sexually deprived Savannah gets every woman's dream Valentines day get away. Oh boy even after twins these 2 still heat up your Kindle!!

H-O-T!!

Danielle took me right back to their story in the very first chapter making me remember how much I loved the Savannah series!

Sophie says

Savannah's Desire - Danielle Jamie.

It happened, it finally happened!! Danielle Jamie gave us more Knox, more Savannah, more kinky fuckery and more southern sausage. Yay!

This sweet, sexy, fast paced read set me alight from the very first page and deliciously built the heat within my core. Danielle is an absolute tease, especially with where she left things but once again she never fails to reignite the love not only for her writing but her characters! And now I can't wait for more of this hot and spicy novella!

Kathleen says

All I have to say is wow. You get several different authors and several different amazing stories that kept me wanting more each and every time. I think that my favorite was REPENTANCE-CASSIA BRIGHTMORE. I have never read any of her books and it was a very good read. I never expected the way the story to turn out the way it did...Sam got out of jail after being in there for 7 years. Moved to a new town and created a new life for himself. Emma came into his life as his secretary. Then there were murders starting up around town....

But all in all...each and every story was great. I would most definitely like to see where each of these stories go if the authors decide to do so.

Felicia Grover says

read Danielle Jamie's story,its was amazing!! I wanted more !!! Savannah and kayden are amazing love them !! must read!!!

~lil maso~ says

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Jaime says

I reviewed Repentance by the talented and twisted Cassia Brightmore.

Sam Ridley was one of the characters from the beginning of the Darkness Series that left an imprint on our hearts.

Sam has tried to live without his love Hailey when she was brutally murdered and serving time for his dealings with bringing down the vicious Mila, he has to start his life over again.

Emma Danvers just wanted to live her own life and do what she loved but her overprotective uncle had her jumping through hoops. Insert job with Sam.

Attraction, hot sex and a brooding Sam make this book a great read.

Oh, I forgot to mention the murders going on in town.

Someone is taking these women from around town as he waits until he can get to his true love.

The question is, will Sam be losing another love?

If you are a fan of the Darkness Series, then this is a must read.

I received this book for an honest review
