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*Just one taste isn't enough...*

I ran into Rex Keene—literally—when I was trying to catch my flight and his muscled, tattooed arms stopped my fall.

Then our flight gets canceled, and we're stranded in the same hotel room together...it ended up being the steamiest night of my life.

All I knew is that I had to see him again.

I just didn't expect him to show up a week later in the restaurant I manage...as our new head chef. But the generous, tender man I spent that night with is gone; instead he's arrogant, demanding, and terrorizing the staff.

But he won't give up until we're together – and I'm not sure I can stay away.

Which man is real?

*Who is Rex Keene?*

From bestselling author Opal Carew, take a bite of *Meat*.

## Meat Details

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## From Reader Review Meat for online ebook

### Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

#### RATING 3.5 STARS

Meat, by Opal Carew, was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review by NetGalley, St. Martin's Press, and by the author.

I was first drawn to this book by that cover, I mean, just look at that muscled mass of...yes, I have to say it...meat! Rex Keene is on his way to Minneapolis which was to be his new home. But his flight was delayed due to a terrible snow storm. In the airport he was quite literally bowled over by a beautiful woman when she ran right into him. It seems she was on her way to the same gate, not realizing the flight was delayed.

Rebecca Winston has been away from work for three weeks. She is a manager of one of the restaurants in a large hotel in Minneapolis. Her beloved aunt became ill and then passed away so Rebecca stayed until after the funeral. On her way back home, while rushing to make her plane, she runs into the most beautiful man she has ever seen. When the flight is delayed overnight, well, you can guess what happens next. A night of passion like either of them has ever experienced.

*“It was like he was a part of her that had gone missing long ago, and her heart and soul shimmered in delight at the completion she now felt.”*

Rebecca is taking an additional week off to grieve so when she returns to work, she was shocked to say the least to see the same man she shared the most erotic night of her life with, working as head chef in one of the restaurants in the hotel where she works. But this isn't the same man. This man is intimidating, over bearing, and has fired fellow workers that Rebecca thinks of as family.

#### “Who is Rex Keene?”

Rebecca has trouble fusing the man she met in the airport to this man. But still, that attraction is there and she can't get away from it. As soon as he touches her, her body says yes.

It doesn't take long, though, for Rebecca to realize there is more to this man than he is willing to share. Is he really just a chef? What will happen when he is through doing whatever it is he is doing? Is she going to end up with a broken heart?

This is a short, very sexy story about a VERY well endowed chef with secrets, and the woman he is willing to do anything for to gain her trust. What will happen when she finds out who Rex Keene really is?

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### **Lyndy Ann ? says**

Meat was a quick sexy hot read.

Rebecca and Rex are sexy together, this is pure instant lust/love, very predictable but enjoyable, over to quickly.

Rex was sweeter than I expected for a Dom.

One point that annoyed me (- one star) is that they are practically strangers when they have their one night stand and there was no mention of using condoms or any of the usual questions.

First time reading this author and enjoyed her writing style.

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### **Denisa says**

Good part? It was short.

I admit, I skipped the sex parts (they were awful!). Don't get me wrong, I like some sexy time in books, but this one was about 40% sex (and bad one), 30% annoying stuff and well, the rest wasn't so bad.

The plot was interesting, and it could have been a great thing, if not for the annoying characters and the author wanting to put too many stuff in too few pages. I'm surprised the main char didn't end up pregnant, by the way their relationship was going.

As I said, the plot is interesting, so if you're willing to skim a good part of the book, it's worth reading. Ok, maybe it's not... but ah well, you win some, you lose some.

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### **Amanda says**

\*\*\*Spoiler Alert! Pretty much this entire review is one big fat spoiler, but I feel you should read the spoiler to know what you're getting into.\*\*\*

This book is literally one of the worst books I have read in a very long time. I don't usually give out too many 1 star ratings especially if I managed to make it to the end of the book. In the case of this book I can't really find much in redeemable qualities well except two things.. 1. The cover.. It is glorious! It's why I requested this title. I was thinking we were going to have a super hot tattooed bearded chef on our hands. And 2. The way they met was cute. They literally ran into each other in the airport and ended up being on the same flight. As a traveler I wouldn't mind that happening to me.... And now that's about all the good I have to say about this book.

So whats wrong with this book you ask?! Im so glad you asked, I would be delighted to tell you why this book was a glorious fail...

(view spoiler)

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I think those are the major points on this book and why I disliked it. Personally if any of these things irritate you, save yourself two hours and skip this one. I wish I had. Sadly this is my first book by this author and Im pretty sure it'll be my last. It left a bad taste in my mouth.

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### **Maya says**

*ARC received via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.*

I went into this story knowing absolutely nothing except that I loved the cover and the blurb also sounded good. So imagine my surprise that this book turned out to be quite good and on top of that the sexy scenes were mild BDSM that I enjoyed a lot. ;)

It all starts with a flight delay and with two people that got stuck at the airport because of it. They start talking, find each other to be a pleasant company and decide to explore that attraction a bit furder, since it's cold and all that. I mean somehow they have to keep themselves warm, right?

Anyway, once they return back to their normal lives, they find a surprise or two about who they will be working with in the future. And lets just be honest, we don't always like who we work for...

The book isn't a very long one. It's a mix of sexy and suspense. There is also a cover up going on, so that ws a bonus, too. Rex or the T-Rex as they call him is a great character and I really liked him. He knows how to be in charge, in and out of the bedroom. I wasn't such a huge fan of Rebecca's at times but otherwise she's not such a bad character. At times naive but with a good heart. I found it quite enjoyable and I definitely don't regret reading it.

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## Kathleen says

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Story Rating ~ 3 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 3.5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 3.5 Stars

Heat Level ~ 4 Stars

Ending ~ 3 Stars

Overall Rating ~ 3.5 Huge Plum Stars!

**Meat** for me was a fast HOT read. The book is only around 114 pages and is filled with LOTS of sex! There was also a bit of a story too.

Rebecca literally crashed into Rex trying to catch her flight in an airport. She was not expecting to look up into a sexy stranger's face. She was expecting anger from this stranger but what she got was a total gentleman.

Rex was immediately attracted to the lovely woman with the big doe eyes that just ran into him. When he sees that she is upset, he goes over and comforts her. Of course the weather is bad and their flight gets canceled. All the hotel rooms are book but Rex has a suite and it's not long before he convinced her to join him there.

Things move offal fast between these two and before you know, Rex is getting her ready for his enormous cock. They spend most of the night having lots of sex. The next morning, Rex makes sure he has her phone number and tells her that he WILL be calling her soon.

This is where the storyline picks up and I don't want to give too much of the story away.

I liked both Rex and Rebecca's characters. She was so sweet to everyone and never seemed to notice what they were really up to. Some people who read **Meat** may think that she was dumb, liking everyone, being so trusting and caring about those who are around her in her day to day life.

As for Rex, I thought he was a total gentleman were Rebecca was concerned. He was always there when she needed him giving her comfort and watching out for her.

Some of the reasons I did not give this book a higher rating was because things seemed to move just too fast for me. Their relationship and the fact that they fell in love so fast. And also the ending, WAY too fast! I really wished Opal Carew would have made this book a bit longer.

My overall thoughts, I liked it. I like my reads hot and erotic and that's what I got. If you're in the mood for a fast HOT erotic romance, you might like to give this one a try.

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## **Jen says**

**DNF @30%**

*Life was so strange. Having a large cock was generally considered a desirable thing. Even having a monster cock like his was considered a positive trait. Most men wanted what he had. Most women expressed excitement at the thought of being filled by one. But in reality, it was a challenge.*

*Once they saw the thing, most women backed off.*

Yet somehow he finds the strength to soldier on.

I'm not connecting with the writing and I'm expected to be down with some bdsm "relationship" stuff after only an hour of character interaction? For so many reasons this book's not for me.

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## **Vivian says**

One night in Bangkok...

When you're built like Donkey Kong you can't jackhammer. Thankfully, Rex is well aware of the limitations of his endowment. He knows how to use his Monster tool, and is a gentlemen, too. Well, that is until he's Master.

That whole other side of Rex practically pumps up as he exudes dominance in public and private. And our dauntless heroine Rebecca is a brave girl going head to head in and out of bed.

Sugar Kink Alert!

This was slap and tickle, call me Master, and come when I say fun. The kink was so light it almost floated away. But size queens, THIS is your read. Big as a plum and frankly, I think you need to be a python to unhinge your jaw. If being stuffed is your thing, then this will please.

All is great until Rebecca and Rex's moment of heaven is disrupted by reality. They head their separate ways with promises to meet up again. Just not as quickly as either thought. Oops. Workplace shenanigans!

Fraternization. There's a reason momma told you not to f&^K where you eat. And Rebecca proceeds to load us onto the Loop to Loop rollercoaster where we plummet when she can't separate work from pleasure. \*le sigh\*

Meh. Pet peeve of mine and she is a bit dim at times. But that's okay, Prince Domming will take her under his wing and sweep her away. This is fantasy, so safe sex is not observed either. Been awhile since I read Carew, but it was sexy fun that is light and gives the "take me away" sensation.

Overall: Quick little escape read.

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### **Lana says**

#### **2 STARS**

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Let's start with the cover because I was like....this must be amazing book!!!

Word "meat" in book give us something to think about, hey I know what you did there

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I liked first half of the book but other half...um not for me. Rex was such asshole and from beginning he was another man but later um no thank you!

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### **Kelly (and the Book Boar) says**

Find all of my reviews at: <http://52bookminimum.blogspot.com/>

What's that? We should all go to NetGalley and request allllllll the pornos, you say? Sure! I'm right behind yoooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo . . .

Once again, it didn't take much more than the title to get me to press the ol' clickity click. You do realize what is being talked about in a book like this with a title like *Meat*, right?????

And when I found out it was about a dominating alpha male in the form of a chef????

Don't tell me you haven't fantasized about Gordo calling you a "bloody donkey" in the best way possible too. But then I actually read the book and I was all . . .

So many problems. To begin with, this was short. I mean REALLY short. I'd let you know the exact length, but unfortunately it's not referenced anywhere. I can assure you, however, that it is waaaaay shorter than Rex's wang which was the equivalent of a baby's arm with an ~~apple~~ plum at the top. Now, short is not necessarily the worst thing in the world, but to try and cram a full plot into this was like playing a record on the wrong speed. Bet I lost half of you there. A record? What a dinosaur I am! Translation is this puppy was on fast-forward so there was a LOT happening (like the meet/cute to the one-nighter when they couldn't even slow down to put on a rubber to the second (not so) meet/cute to the luuuuuuuuvr to the dun dun dunnnnnnnnn to the big reveal to the high speed finish), but not much of it was really talked about. Except the sex. That was talked about. A lot. Using words like . . .

*"slick petals"* and *"thick corona"* and *"back passage"* and *"suckle"* . . .

And also . . .

*"His big tongue glided over her again, enthusiastic and thorough."*

Nope.

I'd say I learned my lesson, but today I logged back on again and found I had a "wish granted" for a different porno that I had completely forgot I even requested. I have a shame . . .

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Kathleen is the porn pusher this go 'round. She hasn't even finished this one yet so I don't know if she liked it or hated it, but I covered my ass by shoving her back over to NetGalley and not letting her leave until she requested another porn in order to balance it all out. She's also the person whose review got me to "wish" for the other book I forgot about so you'll be seeing her name quite frequently. She's the ~~worst~~ best ; )

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### **Jenny (Reading Envy) says**

Well I'm not sure how this happened, I was perusing my pre-approved titles in NetGalley and saw the cover on this. The very overt cover made me laugh and I thought, why not, I like chef characters, I like kitchen romance. You can guess practically the entire story from the cover and title, except it isn't clear that it's a male-female romance (it is.) This takes the old plot line of a sex filled one night stand only to find said love interest is new boss/coworker and puts it in the restaurant world.

The short book (hardly longer than an erotic story really) is full of issues but let's be honest, that isn't why someone would read this book. Let me highlight a few that stuck out to me. No chef is going to smell like cologne when he hugs you in the kitchen after a long day, I mean come on, he'll smell like wood smoke or charcoal and grease and garlic and the walk-in and probably cigarettes or alcohol. And the speed at which trust and love develop between Rex and Rebecca is insanely unbelievable even for a romance, but bonus points for alliteration. Clearly they are made for each other. (Perhaps it is all the meat? Oh please do not make me spell this out for you.)

Sigh, I'm not sure why I'm even pointing these things out because it doesn't matter, I wasn't the audience and read it anyway because my review copy was about to expire. Thanks, publisher. I read the excerpt of the next novel(a?) and it seems to follow a very similar formula, same word choice even. (And I should say there are a lot of thrummings to be found in the barely 100 pages, because it's a great sex word. The more you know.)

Okay, so, there is a line between erotica and romance. This is not romance. The signs were there, from the hunky headless man only wearing an apron on the cover to the title. So as long as you know what you're getting, I think my job here is done.

Yours truly,  
The reluctant romance reader

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### **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

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Super Short - Super Hot.

I enjoyed this one for what it was. A short and sexy read.

Rex claimed to be a DOM, but he really needed to work on those skills because he came off as more of a "wannabe" Dom, than an actual one. Still I rather liked him in all his "monster cock" glory.

Rebecca gave me whiplash with all her back and forth behavior towards Rex. How hard is to have a CONVERSATION before jumping to conclusions?? Apparently extremely hard in this book.

The plot felt a bit rushed. There was A LOT going on apart from the romance of the main couple. Most of which was never resolved in a satisfactory way. A lot of loose ends, with a rather abrupt ending.

All that said, this gets a solid 3 stars from me because it did keep me interested enough to keep turning the pages.

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## **XxTainaxX says**

I'm actually surprised I finished this when I paused a few times to laugh my tail off at scenes I don't think were intended to be funny. Romantic comedy this is not. There were some decent parts and I did end up liking Rex to some degree but I feel this book was trying to be too much in short page space and it fell short for me. The biggest area for improvement was consistency. It starts off as a decent enough airport hookup. It seemed to progress alright there. Then they introduce the MONSTER appendage Rex can apparently almost sling over his shoulder. Some of those references are definitely eye-roll material. Then they decide to throw in some "light" BDSM and let me tell you that it reads in a less sexy, more awkward way. More eye rolls. Then they return to the regular romance again. Girl meets guy again at her job. They clash there. Then they clash in the bedroom. Enter awkward BDSM Master/slave play that made me cringe. Then they're in love. Trouble at work. Blah blah blah. They get their HFN. I liked it a lot more when it was just straightforward guy meets girl at airport. Wish it would've stuck to that. Kudos on the hot cover. Safety: No OW/OM/Sharing. Neither were Vs. No rape/abuse.

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## **Auntee says**

This is my first time (whoops, correction: Apparently I've read Twin Fantasies) I've read anything by Opal Carew (even though I think I own at least a half dozen of her books on my TBR pile). And for a first read...not too bad.

I had a few issues, but I think the good out weighed the bad.

For the good:

I liked the first meet scenario. Our heroine (pretty, hotel restaurant manager Rebecca) is running in the airport to make her connecting flight to Minneapolis when she crashes into our hero (hotel chef-who-specializes-in-'meat' Rex). Snowy weather ends up delaying their flight, and after some chit chat where serious sparks fly, they decide to have dinner together. When the flight gets cancelled, Rebecca accepts Rex's offer to share his hotel suite. Of course you know what happens next. To make a long story short, they end up in bed together, where Rebecca takes on the challenge of accepting Rex's *enormous* member.

**"My God, that thing belongs on a horse."...The shaft was as big around as her forearm. Maybe bigger.**  
(Me, shuddering...)

**"If it's too intimidating, I understand."**

**His words soothed the roiling of her stomach at the sight of that monster.** (isn't he a gentleman...)

*Rex...*

Yada, yada, yada, they decide they want to see each other again in Minneapolis (after she takes some time off to grieve for her recently deceased aunt and he takes care of some 'business'). (She doesn't know what he does for a living). Back at work managing an upscale hotel restaurant, Rebecca discovers that there's a new

chef and he's been firing a lot of her friends who work there. What's going on? Rumor has it that the hotel will soon be under new ownership. Why does a chef have all this power? Imagine Becca's surprise when she's finally introduced to the new chef in town...and it's her one-night-stand: big, tattooed, and hunkalicious Rex. Awkward.

So yes, I liked the premise. I like a bad-weather-meeting, and didn't mind that they fell into bed together. They talked, they had chemistry, so all's good. And despite the fixation on Rex's girth, it thankfully didn't revolve around that. Okay, maybe it did just a bit...

There's more to the story, but maybe if it was a bit longer (I feel this was novella-length since I finished it so quickly) and more developed, I would've given it another half star. This is part of the bad. The other part is the ILYs came far too quickly (as did (view spoiler)) and the description of part of Rex's member (don't care to hear that word 'corona' again).

Some more good:

The sex scenes were hot. Rex seemed like a decent guy, if a bit controlling. He claimed he was a Dom, but he didn't seem too over the top in that regard. (although he did like for Rebecca to call him 'Master'). Ugh.

Rebecca was okay, if a bit naïve. I don't want to say much more about that, because it involves a bit of a plot twist. I also didn't care for how she didn't let Rex explain himself to her. Although on the other hand, he could've been more upfront with her. But then there wouldn't be much of a story without a 'misunderstanding', would there?

So, the title? A little double-entendre/euphemism, I guess. I get it.

All-in-all, not bad. It moved quickly, had some serious steam, and okay, maybe I rolled my eyes a time or two, but I didn't mind. It was just what I was looking for at the time. Now, maybe I need to dig out some full-length Opal Carew books from that TBR pile. A slightly generous 4 stars

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### **Mindy Lou's Book Review says**

This was a short, hot read! I'm not a fan of BDSM but it wasn't so blatant in this story so it didn't bother me.

I loved Rex. Rebecca annoyed me a little just because she kept cutting Rex off when she should have let him explain things in a few scenes, but overall this was a fun read.

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