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What if you could have everything you've always wanted, but it cost you the life you've always known?

Rafe Ranier was my boss and secret crush. A rock musician by night and head of a billion dollar empire by day, Rafe could have any woman he wanted. But I was just the shy secretary he never noticed. For years I obsessed over him, until I finally realized I had to walk away. I needed to leave my secure life behind to discover who I really was. I never expected Rafe to follow me. Now I'm on the road with his band, Savage Kiss, and all my secret fantasies are coming true. But I fear I've made a huge mistake, because if I get any more attached to a man I can never truly have, my heart will be broken beyond all repair.

First published as a six-part erotic serial, His to Claim is the intoxicating tale of a woman torn between a tattooed, bad boy rock musician and the life she's always known. Now available for the first time as a complete book, this edition features sizzling new bonus material.

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Jennifer says

Read this book as a serial so I will do the review by its parts

1 - I read the first book/serial His to Posses and remember Jessica (her bff) and Dane (his bro) but I don't remember Melanie. I feel like I should. That being said...this was a nice start to the serial. I like where it ended with a knock on the door. Now on to the second installment

2- Oh boy. Hot rocker sex. Now is it a relationship or fling? Curious readers what to know.

3- Uh Oh...the feces has hit the oscillator. (the sh** has hit the fan)

4-A drunk Diego is not a good friend to have.

5-Why do guys give you want and then get all stupid because they did it? Really Storm. Now this one ended with a cliffhanger. And I don't have part 6 yet. Tears.

6- Great conclusion to a great serial. I enjoyed Rafe/Storm and Melanie. Glad to see Storm find his Dom side. Now are there any plans for Travis or Diego to get their own HEA...

Crazy for Books (Stephanie) says

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4 HOT & SEXY STARS

Rafe Ranier is Melanie's old boss. When he stops by the coffee shop to ask her why she left, she can't tell him the truth. That she just couldn't be around him anymore because she'd fallen helplessly in love with him and he had been in love with her best friend Jessica, who is now marrying his brother, Dane.

Well the book goes on to a tangled web of misunderstandings, miscommunications and two people falling in love, but scared of what it means. Mostly Rafe. But the best part of the story is that Rafe is also a Rock Star. He'd taken some time to find himself and that's how he'd met Jessica, who is also sister to the lead singer in the band, Savage Kiss. Travis doesn't know who Storm aka Rafe really is. But he's made it his mission to steal every girl away from Storm to keep him from doing to them what he did to Jessica. Well, he sets his sights on Melanie, even offering her a job as a Roadie when she's fired from her job as a Barista, which is probably the best thing that could have ever happened to her.

What happens on the road, when Storm shows up is just yummy, and that's all I'm going to say.

I liked the set of novellas, as they are turned into a full novel here. I would definitely read this author again. I would like to read a full novel with more immersion into the story than a set of novellas turned into a book, to see what she could do with more depth into their world. But this was a great intro for me to this author.

I love a Rock Star Romance and love A Dominate story. The two together worked here.

Kathleen says

Review posted at: Swept Away By Romance

Story Rating ~ 5 Stars

Hero Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 5 Stars

Romance Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heat Level ~ 5 SCORCHING STARS!

Ending ~ 5 Stars

Overall Rating ~ 5 Stars

WOW WEEE, His to Claim was one SCORCHING hot romance and I LOVED every moment!

This story starts off with the heroine Melanie working in a coffee shop. She just recently quit her job working at Rainer Enterprises, because she was desperately in love with Rafe, her boss. This is a BIG step down from the job she just quit, but Melanie is trying to make a new life with more freedom to figure out just what she really wants out of life. Her birthday rolls along and her best friend Jessica, who just happens to work at Rainer Enterprises and is Rafe's ex girlfriend, gives Melanie a gift card for her to get a tattoo, something that Melanie has always wanted, but would never spend the money on. When Melanie goes to the tattoo shop, she runs into Rafe who happens to be getting a tattoo too. Rafe can tell that Melanie is nervous so he offers to sit with her while she gets her tattoo done. At this point, I immediately fell in love with Rafe too.

Rafe comes from a rich family, but he did not have the perfect life you would think he'd have had. The back story here was well written and explains a lot about why Rafe is the way he is. Rafe was the lead guitarist for a rock band and he is known by the name of Storm. He loves being in a rock band but quits and joins his brother Dane in running the family business. He is a billionaire, EXTREMELY SEXY, rides a motorcycle and has many tattoos that are easily hidden under his perfectly fitting work suits.

I loved reading about these two, how they finally got together, and how they helped each other figure out their dreams for the future and how they achieved them. My emotions were totally engaged, the story line and ALL characters were excellently done. I loved that there was humor, and gut wrenching moments too. One thing that I felt was particularly well done was explaining about Melanie's talents, this really added a lot of interest to the overall story for me.

THIS IS AN EROTIC ROMANCE and let me tell you it's a complete SCORCHER! There are many of heated moments and I loved reading every single one. Just a warning, for those of you who DO NOT enjoy reading a consensual love scene with more than the hero and heroine participating, this book is not for you. This particular scene is one of the reasons my heat level is 5 stars so be prepared for your panties to get wet while reading all of the HOT scenes.

In the end, we are treated to a lovely epilogue that wraps up Rafe and Melanie's story on a very good note. I'm really looking forward to reading more of Opal Carew's books. She writes stories that are absolutely the perfect type of romances for me.

I had no idea that there was a previous book, His to Possess written, and despite this fact I was able to read and follow His to Claim without any problems. I HIGHLY recommend His to Claim to all erotic readers who love a sexy alpha male, billionaire, rock star, motorcycle riding, tattooed hero. I definitely plan to read His to Possess and any other book that may be written in this series.

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djdavis~*Sivad*Sex Pocket says

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The Book Wrangles

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Refer to Goodreads synopsis.

The Best Thing:

There were moments of hotness that definitely got the blood flowing. The chemistry between Melanie and Rafe/Storm was extreme. Then you have a hot little triangle that really caught my attention and left me wondering where it would leave their relationship afterwards.

The Worst Thing:

There were things in this series that just bugged me. I read the first short story by itself (not from the above serials that were combined) and let's just say I was sorely disappointed. I decided to read the entire first collection of books, hoping that the story of Melanie and Rafe would become better and it did, but not enough for me to suggest this to anyone.

First, I had an issue with the name switch. We are introduced to Rafe as a successful businessman who may or may not have been into Melanie, his secretary. As the story carries on Melanie begins to refer to Rafe as Storm once she realizes he's a member of up and coming band. **My problem with this is...throughout the story the businessman and the rock star is that same person, but as he makes appearances Melanie starts calling him Storm (even when he's not performing). As a reader you never really know which one you're going to get.**

Can anyone say whiplash.

Second, I had an issue taking Melanie seriously. She ran from a great job because she loved Rafe and couldn't be around him, but blamed it on needing more time to focus on her art. Then she lands a barista job that doesn't allow her time to focus on her craft, and she ends up with Rafe anyway. Finally, she throws her weight in with the band and travels around as their assistant so she can be inspired and start drawing and selling her work. ****This just seems sooooo unrealistic...she's all over the place.****

Third and last, the switch with Rafe from **[I'm not sure how I feel about Melanie, but I definitely don't want a relationship and I definitely don't love her] to the new 'Storm' [I want Melanie and no one else and I think I love her now. She's mine] Yeah...that ish is just confusing.** This wasn't a smooth transition,

if anything I thought that maybe Storm and Rafe were actually different people because they totally wanted two different things.

Overall: Not the best book in the bunch.

Karinosa says

Now, this is what I am talking about!! The fact that it is a novel is so much better. It is more fluent and didn't feel choppy. I am not sure if that is the correct description. Rafe is a very real strong character and has a lot to work through. This is a good read and has some differences in the serial novella series that are very quite this author. The type of writing THIS AUTHOR HAS IS VERY VERY GOOD. I am happy it is alla down to one book

Good ending to this book so much better than the novellas ending.

I received this ARC from the publisher for an honest review Thank You, Net Galley!

Cyndi says

This might have been a better book if all the work that went into the many, many sex scenes would have gone into developing the story. Long involved back stories are given in one sentence while the sex scenes take up pages and pages. There's gratuitous sex and then there's this book. I feel like the author sacrificed the story and all the characters at the alter of more copulation.

Jen says

This was just okay for me - I hadn't read any of the previous connected books, so I wasn't familiar with either character in advance, but I don't think that really mattered anyways. It was honestly more smut than anything, so you never really feel connected with the characters. And the plot isn't exactly believable, although it does become predictable.

So Rafe is Melanie's former boss, but he's also "Storm" and a member of a popular rock band. When I first heard this, I assumed it was a local band. I mean how many successful headlining touring bands do you know that have a lead member who is a billionaire and works a successful full-time corporate job as well? Yeah, that's not how it works in the music business (I used to work in the business). So that part was totally unbelievable. Once you make it big, you'd have to decide between the two and I doubt they'd just let you jump back in when you have the time to play.

And then there's Melanie, who quit her job as Rafe's secretary because she liked him too much and wanted to find herself and pursue her art career. So she becomes a barista and then does nothing with her art? Seriously? That's just a total lack of motivation and didn't make any sense. Yeah, she lusted after her boss,

but with her normal hours corporate job, she could have still gone to night school or something, especially since she was making good money there versus that of a barista. Yet another unbelievable part of the plot - it just made her look stupid. And what was up with the long descriptions of nail polishes and painting her nails? *yawn*

Then there's the part where she ends up kissing two of his band mates, yet she's claiming she's in love with Rafe and only wants him. Really? Doesn't sound like she liked him that much if she was willing to cheat on him (I considered it cheating since they hadn't technically broken up). Now, what comes after this was totally hot, but predictable.

There was one part towards the end where we really begin to see how much Melanie cares for Rafe when she doesn't want to leave his side. I began feeling a connection between them at this point, but that wasn't until the end of the book and by then, it was too little too late for me to connect with them.

I will also note that the narrator for the audio book was terrible. It was almost as if she was given a time she had to finish reading by and so she rushed through the book to get it all in. It was like one big run-on sentence listening to her. That didn't help with my enjoyment of the book, but regardless, this book still lacked a whole lot of substance and was just a smutty erotic read (not that I have anything against that, but when you're expecting a book with a romance story thrown in, it's disappointing to only get non-stop sex scenes).

☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

We all remember Melanie from the first book - His To Possess - and how she was so unhappily in love with her sexy boss Rafe.

And now that she's not working for him anymore, she thinks she can finally move on. But then they meet again and it turns out that he's not only this sexy billionaire businessman, nope - he's also the smoking hot guitar player in a famous rock band - tattoos, Harley and all!!! ?

Rafe can now admit to himself that he was always attracted to her, but he didn't want to start something while she was still working for him. That would've made it a bit uncomfortable at work once he broke it off. Because that's what he does. He doesn't have time for anything serious. But he can't get Melanie out of his head.

And now she's going on tour with his band?????

Well, if he can't stay away from her - or she from him - they have to make the best of the situation ?

And they do - but Melanie doesn't want to get her hopes up - Rafe, or Storm as he's called when he's with the band, wants nothing serious!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MELANIE & RAFE???
WILL THE TWO OF THEM GET THEIR HEA???
WILL THERE BE A HORRIBLE CLIFFHANGER???

NOPE . . . I'M NOT TELLING YOU ?

I don't want to spoil anything!!!

(OK, there's no cliffhanger, of course - but that's all I'm telling you!)

I REALLY LOVED THE BOOK!!!

You HAVE to love a book that not only has a sexy bad boy rock star, but also a sexy billionaire businessman.? And here we have those two things in ONE SINGLE GUY!!!

fangirl-swoon

The only thing that could top this for me would be if Rafe was also a former Navy SEAL ;)))

I really enjoyed this book!

I was looking forward to reading Melanie & Rafe's story. I was so sad for her in the first book - she was sooo unhappily in love with Rafe and he was in love with her friend Jessica :(

But now Jessica is getting married to Rafe's brother and Melanie finally gets her chance!

It was really adorable to see how they finally got together - it takes them a while - it takes Rafe a while to get over his problems....but it's sooo worth it - and it was reallllly hot too!!!!

Phew! Very very sexy!

HiS TO CLAiM:
Hot bad boy biker rockstar aka sexy billionaire businessman = the perfect erotic Romance!

Celeste says

This was almost a DNF for me. It was so bad. No just no.

Hazel *Craves the Angst Reviews* says

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His to Claim is an Adult, Erotic Romance written by *Opal Carew*. In exchange for an honest review, I was gifted a copy from the *St. Martin's Press* through *NetGalley*.

3 Sexy Yet Wavering Stars!

The Review:

This is a six part serial combined into one full length novel. I'm not a huge fan of serials so I was excited when I saw this was a combined book and I wouldn't have to wait for any of the story parts to be published before being able to read it in full. I jumped all over it because the blurb sounded awesome and I'm a fan of this author. And honestly, there were many parts in this story that I really enjoyed. It was sexy, supremely hot in some places and it deliciously sweet in others. I also liked the idea of Melanie getting in touch with her inner bad girl and living out her fantasies. I also really enjoyed the band, Savage Kiss, and their members. I loved Rafe/Storm. He was steamy and his possessive yet open mind blew me away.

Here's where my disappointment comes in. The whole situation was confusing and sticky.

Melanie leaves her corporate lifestyle to work as a barista because she's in love with her boss who sees her as nothing more than an employee. She also wants to become an artist and shy away from the structured life her parents mapped out for her. But she goes about this in a bad way. She's broke, she's drifting and she seems lost. She doesn't seem to have any control and she's floundering. She might be living out some of her sexual fantasies but her life has taken a downward turn. She just had no direction.

Rafe comes to visit her at her new work place to find out why she left, in hopes of reconnecting with her as they were good friends when she was working for him. Suddenly he sees her in a new light and recognizes feelings he thought didn't exist.

But Melanie gets an opportunity to go on the road with Storm's band, Savage Kiss... without Storm! She goes, even though her long time crush has suddenly found her interesting and he lets her go. She finds an attraction to two other men and then there's a yummy foursome involved. All the while, Rafe/Storm is getting past the loss of his ex who's marrying his brother. See, sticky!

Maybe I missed something, but it felt like all the characters were drifting. No one knew where they were going. Rafe/Storm's name changes kept me wondering which guy I was going to get in which scene. And Melanie not being able to hold her panties up kind of grated on my nerves because she longed for Rafe for years and the moment she gets him, she leaves to "find herself", which I totally understand but she can't be on the road with two hot guys paying her loads of attention without succumbing to their charms and sultry

kisses? Yeah, ok, I probably wouldn't have either, but I expected more from my heroine.

I love angsty books. I love characters who believe "sharing is caring" because lets face it. Three guys and one girl is effing hot. But what I don't like are characters who are indecisive and who are still floundering when the story ends and I felt Melanie was that kind of heroine. And much like Melanie, this story had very little direction.

I guess I just wanted more from the actual story itself.

If I was to base this on the steam factor alone, it would rate a solid four stars! But with such a distracting story that left me unsatisfied, I had to come down in my rating. I still enjoyed it but again, I wanted more. I still very much love this author and I'll be going on to read more of her work because she's awesome and her stories give me the happies! This one just didn't do it for me.

Laura says

Melanie quits her comfortable well paying job to get away from her boss. For too long she's had feelings for him and the pain of not having those feelings reciprocated is too much, so Melanie sets out to work on her bucket list. Through a series of chance meetings, her coffee shop, and a tattoo parlor, Melanie is reminded why it was so important to get say from Rafe in the first place.

Rafe is back in the corporate world after spending a year pursuing his music. He was devastated when his secretary had quit, and now seeing her outside of the office, he wonders why he never gave her more attention.

This was a quick read, and I am looking forward to the next one. I believe this book is the beginning of the second set of stories in a series, although I didn't feel lost at all having not read the first. So far the chemistry is great, and the story looks promising. 3 stars

Emily says

When Melanie walked away from her boss Rafe Ranier it was because of the feelings she had kept under wraps for two years. Melanie had always carried a torch for Rafe, but he seemed oblivious and at one point more interested in her best friend. However now that she has moved on with her life in a new job and exploring what her next step will be he reenters her life.

Rafe has been dabbling with his band Savage Kiss. He quickly begins to realize that Melanie might like him more than a friend and acts on it. However Rafe is more interested in living in the moment and not looking for a relationship. When he realizes that with no strings that leaves Melanie to explore other options he reigns her in. Now that she is touring with the band though everything changes and Rafe has to decide if he wants to hold on or let go.

Full review on Sensual Reads
<http://sensualreads.com/review-his-to...>

Jay says

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another great story from Opal Carew.

much prefer these editions than the individual parts :)

Stephanie says

Opal Carew's HIS TO CLAIM Doesn't Lack for Polish — NAIL Polish

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Career choices and BDSM are examined along with a boss manicure.

Well, I would say this was one of the worst books I ever read or listened to, but the narrator was competent, and the characters were fairly well developed. But, the billionaire businessman/and rock star and the poor girl is just way overdone unless it is stellar and has something new it is not for me. There's a BDSM subplot that is pretty amateur to my mind. There's talk of D/s but no agreement to terms or safeword. There's some big time kink in it though. While I still enjoy BDSM books, there have just been too many with this nearly the same set up.

Oh yes, there is something new and unusual, descriptions of nail polish and its application . But the weirdness of this particularly trite detail wasn't enough to make me sing its praises.. Seriously, I do my nails probably a little more than average but, I don't describe it in detail to my husband or friends.

I also found the sex and the male character's ego and his commitment issues, and need for sex to soothe his ego ridiculous. Nor did I enjoy the sex scenes. While some of the action might have been novel and passionate the writing was not.

I forced myself to get through it but HIS TO CLAIM did absolutely nothing for me, except check my own nails for chips and snags!

Mojo_Mama says

DNF

Holy shit this was bad.

So bad I'll never read another.

PASS!! PASS!! PASS!!

The writing is juvenile. The characters are ridiculous. This was just utter tripe.

