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Jessica's life was in ruins...until she met him.

Standing alone in the rain feeling lost in a new city, with no job and no prospects, she's about to give up.

Until Dane Rainier pulls up in his limo and offers her a ride.

Dane commands a vast business empire, and he can have anything he wants—and he wants Jessica. For one night, at least. Now he's about to strip her bare and awaken her yearning to submit completely to a dominant billionaire.

But after the most intoxicating night of her life, will she ever be the same?

## **The Seduction Details**

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## Veronica of V's Reads says

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Plot Summary: Jessica is a down-on-her-luck gal. She's unemployed, about to be evicted and her lover, Storm, left. She travels from Bakersfield, Ca to Philly, for a job faire. While there she runs into a man who remembers her lover, but isn't upon closer inspection. Still the man is nice, and attractive, and give Jessica a ride to the job faire, as it's raining and she can't hail a cab.

The man, Dane, later encounter Jessica while she's eating alone. They eat together and she invites him to her room, for a one-nighter. The sex is ah-mazing (for them) and she sneaks out the next morning for job faire day 2.

Jess meets Melanie while at the job faire. Melanie encourages Jess to apply to her company, Ranier Inc. Jess does, and is hired a few weeks later. She moves across the country only to discover her new boss is...Dane Ranier.

Jess makes it clear that she won't be working for I'm if he's expecting sex, and they agree on a professional relationship, only.

My review: Couple things didn't make sense to me. Why is Jessica looking for a job in Philly? So many jobs in Cali...and Philly isn't a Mecca for business. No idea what her job skills are, but she gets hired as a personal assistant...so she's kinda a secretary. I have to beleive she could get hired as a secretary in California somewhere, so her trip/job hunt didn't make sense.

I've lived in Bako, BTW. Very few people who grow up there want to leave California...they will work two jobs to stay there, so it kinda made me question the character.

Now, for the other stuff--the sex was decently described--not really one I'd go back to. No "smokin' hot" label. The coincidences are acceptable for erotic fiction. It didn't blow my socks off, and it's tragically short. 30+ pages. One sex scene. Some angst. Plot pacing is pretty good. Pricey. The diction makes me question the author's origin. I smell another Brit writing American...

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## Mandy Menasco says

Good read

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## Monica Cardoza says

What are the chances that you find yourself with the person that left you heartbroken? What are the chances that you could find yourself falling into bed with a total stranger that you had confused for the person that broke your heart?

Jessica Long is in a new city needing to find a job since her cousin left the state and her job left with her. Her boyfriend Storm walked out on her one day, the man that she loved and believed loved her back. Now she is attending this career fair where she hopes to find a job or else she will find herself in a very bad position. Believe me moving back with the parents after being on your own is not a good thing.

Now enters Dane, a handsome, okay no gorgeous man that seems captivated by this young woman that has confused him with some other man. Could she be just toying with him and playing hard to get? Only now Dane is drawn to her and he must find a way to be with her again. He will find a way.

Damn this new series for Ms. Carew is totally engaging. I could not stop reading it the amount of hotness that is in this is amazing. It left me wanting more. The passion, the chemistry that these two characters have is alarming and I want more. His commanding ways set Jessica on fire. Maybe just maybe she can forget Storm.

I love Ms. Carew's writing style and the amount of passion she puts into her writing. It drew me right in and didn't me go until there was no more to read. The characters are well developed and the scenes are smokin' hot.

I can't wait to read the next installment and see how Jessica feels about her new path in life. Will she run back home or will she move forward and see where this leads her? Will Dane be able to possess her?

Thanks to NetGalley who provided me a copy of this ARC for an honest review.

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## **Brooke says**

I received this ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

The gist: Jessica has been unemployed for four months so she goes to Philadelphia for a career fair. While at a coffee shop, she sees a man who looks an awful lot like her ex-boyfriend. When she goes to say hi, she realizes it's a perfect stranger. Later, she runs into him again and they end up going back to her hotel and shagging. The career fair ends and she ends up getting a job out of it. Her new employer? Her gorgeous one night stand, Dane.

Okay, so I think I am just SO over these types of stories. They're getting to be REALLY played out and unoriginal. This "book" is the first in a six-part serial. Since the "book" is only a few pages long, it needs to be fast-paced in order to try and suck you in. I suppose I'm just over the whole girl meets sexy billionaire on chance encounter and then a few hours later she's naked and he's ordering her around. There are a lot of whores in this world, but I really don't think there are THAT MANY girls who have never been in a dom/sub relationship that just jump right in full steam ahead, no questions asked. And I really don't think there are THAT MANY billionaires willing to sleep with their employees and order naked girls around. They're ALL THE SAME! In this little snippet of a story, there is NOTHING unique about either character or their situation.

So Jessica just seems like a complete imbecile to me. Let me tell you about her ex-boyfriend. His name is Storm. UGH! REALLY??? I guess his name has to be a weather system because he's a rockstar. Because ALL rockstars have funky names. Steven Tyler, Pete Wentz, Fred Durst, Adam Levine. They're rockstars

and they have totally boring, normal names. But I digress. Storm is in Jessica's brother's band and she just met him seven months ago. Okkkaaayyyy... She must not be real close to her brother to not know his friends... So anyway, she met Storm and they had a wild, torrid affair for about six months. In that time period, she was convinced he was the center of her universe and all that other nonsense. And now she's just completely devastated that he up and left her ass. (Ummm... maybe because she's a barnacle... maybe...) Anyway, she sees Dane walking down the street and she's convinced he's Storm. I have never once THOUGHT I saw an ex-boyfriend and then chased him down only to find out it wasn't him. I have never and would never chase an ex-boyfriend down, period. But I digress.

The writing seemed so high school to me. Simple. Immature. Not that I need something really complex or anything, but I don't want a story full of choppy sentences. And I don't need to know every single detail or every single action. NOT AN EXCERPT, just an example of what I mean: 'Jessica opened three sugar packets and dumped them into her paper coffee cup. She stirred with one of the stirring straws from a cup beside the register.' That type of shit drives me batshit crazy. And I don't need to know that when she woke up and saw the time, she had to think about how if she got up now, it would take her about forty-five minutes to take a shower and get dressed and ready to go, then she'd have to put all of her things into her luggage to take to the concierge to lock up for her and she'd have time for a leisurely breakfast. I don't need to know that she laid there and thought about all of that before she got out of bed to go it.

I will read His To Possess, the compilation of all six stories into one novel, only because I also received the ARC from NetGalley. I am not, however, looking forward to that one... The one sex scene in this snippet was good in the sense that it made me want to jump my husband, but I'm just not feeling the story or the writing AT ALL.

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## **Tina says**

His to Possess is the first book and a six-part series. The Seduction by Opal Carew is an intro to a very sexy couple. This is just one episode in their lives. This book is written serial style. Not everything is tied up in this book (no pun intended)

Jessica, she has lost just about everything and is about to lose her apartment too. She is submissive and needs help fast.

Dane is rich, sexy, and wants Jessica. He dominates and knows what he wants and goes after it with all he has.

There are some very sexy moments in this book. I cannot wait for more find out how this two progress in the future.

Five Shooting Stars

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## **Tatiana says**

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## Nina says

I've read Opal Carew's *His to Command* serial and really enjoyed it. Therefore, when I discovered Opal had this serial coming out I couldn't resist. Although I do prefer reading a serial as a single novel, I made an exception for this.

***His to Command #1: The Seduction*** introduces the story of Jessica and Dane. Jessica is in Philadelphia for a big career fair and bumps into Dane, who at first she thought was her ex-boyfriend Storm. They end up having dinner together and then a one-night stand. Afterwards, Jessica flies back home and then gets a job offer with Ranier Industries in Philadelphia. Much to her surprise, her new boss is none other than the man she had a torrid one-night stand with.

Entertaining is what this first installment is. It surely whets your appetite and leaves you craving for more. Although the story starts off fairly typical, I'm still enjoying it very much. Since this is only the first part of six, the readers do not know much depth about the main characters yet. From the eyes of Jessica, Dane exudes lots of charm and charisma which I can't disagree with. He also has an air of mystery around his character which I can't wait to dive more into with the upcoming parts. So far, so good. This one gets a thumbs up from me. I'm looking forward to the rest of the installments!

**\*I received a review copy from the publisher St. Martin's Press via Netgalley for an honest review.**

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## Jamie Roberts says

**Visit Reading Eating & Dreaming for more reviews by Jamie, Dana, Morgan and Rhonda!**

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This is the first installment of a six-part serial book, *His to Possess*. The story starts off at a coffee shop. The main character, Jessica goes over to a guy to say hello that she thinks is her ex-boyfriend, but realizes as she approaches him and clearly sees his face, he's not her ex-boyfriend at all. Jessica finds out his name is Dane. She suddenly becomes a little embarrassed with the situation she created and leaves abruptly. Later on, Jessica runs into him yet again and things really start to heat up from that encounter on. One thing leads to another and before she knows it, Dane really becomes someone of importance to her.

*His to Possess* is definitely your typical, "girl in need, meets billionaire" type of storyline. I actually really liked this one and it stands out to me above others that are similar in this genre. One thing I enjoyed in this installment was the erotic sexual encounter between Jessica and Dane. Ms. Carew also has a knack for good story pacing throughout and I'm really looking forward to reading the next five installments, to see what happens next. This is a quick read, at only 35 pages and it's pretty easy to follow. If you enjoy books that are written by authors such as E.L. James or Sylvia Day, then you'll thoroughly enjoy *His to Possess*.

I rate this first installment **4 STEAMY STARS!**

**-XOXO**

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### **Becca May says**

Loved this first installment in this series. I've read a bunch of books by Opal Carew and have yet to be disappointed by anything she writes. And I must say, after reading this book, I am thoroughly intrigued and totally hooked. I need to know what happens next for Dane and Jessica and how their relationship will play out over the course of this 6 book series.

When this book starts out, Jessica's life is in shambles. She is nursing a recently broken heart, has no job, no job prospects, no money and no place to live. In Philadelphia for a job fair, this is her last resort before being forced to move back in with her parents. As Jessica is standing alone in the rain and feeling completely lost in a new city, she's almost ready to give up. That is until a handsome stranger pulls up in his limo and offers her a ride. Upon accepting this stranger's generosity, Jessica has no idea that this one decision is about to change her life completely.

Dane is a very powerful man used to getting exactly what he wants and what he wants now is Jessica. Jessica agrees to spend the night with this gorgeous charming man. Dane recognizes Jessica's deep yearning to submit completely to a dominant man and is more than willing to strip her bare and give her everything she never knew she always needed.

The explosive love scene in the hotel room between these two characters is so freakin hot and just made me hungry for more. Let me just say, if you've read anything by this author you know she knows how to write a proper sex scene.

After the most unforgettable night of her life, Jessica sneaks out of the hotel room and Dane's life with only a note as goodbye. However, Dane is nowhere near done with her yet.

I cannot wait to find out what's in store for these 2 characters and how their relationship is going to unfold over the next 5 books. Keep you posted!

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### **Sarah ♥ says**

My Casting:

*Dane Ranier <3*

Review to come at the end of the series! :)

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### **Vanitha says**

SPOILER ALERT\*\* I got this ARC from Netgalley for an honest review so here it goes:

I was not impressed with this novel at all, it was very predictable and it just didn't pull at my heart strings I'm not sure if that is because it is only the first novel in the series or if it really is just that bad.

It is about a young woman named Jessica Long, who travels to Philadelphia because she has been unemployed for 4 months. As she is on her way to a career fair, she sees a guy at Starbucks who she thinks is her ex-boyfriend, Storm. When she gets close it turns out to be someone totally different. He introduces himself as Dane and they end up having coffee. When she leaves Starbucks it is pouring rain outside and of course, the mysterious Dane offers her a ride in his limo.

Anyway, one thing leads to another and they end up having dinner and eventually a one night stand. The way Jessica's sexual encounter with Dane is described just really left me unsatisfied and to be completely honest, cringing. It really did feel like ONE NIGHT STAND, dirty, nasty and nothing romantic about it all. Jessica describes Dane's tip as a 'mushroom' (face palm), which to me sounded kinda pathetic.

After this she doesn't see him again for about 3 weeks and winds up getting a job at Ranier Industries, and on her first day she is about to meet her boss, who if you didn't put the pieces together already happens to be Dane Ranier, the guy she had a one night stand with. I knew this was going to happen and I wasn't surprised at all.

I'm hoping the first book is just like that and that the rest at least gives the characters gives some substance and back story because I really cannot relate to them and I'm not reeling for more.

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### **Vickie\*\*\* says**

First installment of this series!

I liked the storyline. I can definitely feel the chemistry that is between Jessica and Dane.

It was a really quick read, and I do wish that it was a tad bit longer, since I'm not so used to reading short stories. I do see a lot of potential though if it were to be made into a full length novel.

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## **Ilana says**

Title: His to Possess: The Seduction

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### Overview

While attending a job fair, Jessica can't help but notice the tall, dark, and handsome stranger across the conference lobby. Especially since he bears a striking resemblance to her ex, the man who broke her heart when he couldn't support her dreams. Deciding to take a chance, Jessica invites Dane back to her bed for one night of hot, no strings attached sex in a last effort to finally get over her heartbreak. However, when the night's over they find that sometimes a casual fling doesn't end the next morning.

### My Thoughts

We get a nice introduction into what will most likely be a complicated tale of a naive girl named Jessica who moves from a small town to Philly to get a job, and encounters Dane who is most likely a billionaire businessman with an edge of dominance to his nature. We see the beginning of this relationship when Jessica mistakes Dane for her ex Storm who left her heart broken and out of sorts. Of course, that means that it instantly makes her think of all things passionate and sexually charged.

There's definitely more to the story that I can't wait to uncover. What will Jessica do with Dane if anything? Will she manage to get a job or will she have to use her meeting with Dane to get something? Will her new friendship with Melanie turn into something useful to her, and will Storm make his presence known in Philly at any point and stir up trouble?

I'm going to try to get my hands on books #2 and #3 since i know that they are also available via NetGalley but until then, at least i started this journey and can't wait to see where it takes us. The heat that I've seen in other books by Opal Carew lead me to the assumption that this will be so steamy and charged that readers won't be left wanting.

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## **AngelinaT says**

I am hooked! This is a perfect introduction to this series. Jessica is attending a job fair and bumps into a handsome stranger that she thinks is her ex at first. She ends up having a one-night stand with him and takes off in the morning thinking that was the last of him. Then she finally gets a new job and walks into the office to meet her new boss and guess who it happens to be?

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## **Monica Cullip says**

His to Possess #1 The Seduction

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This book was gifted to me in exchange for an honest review.

This is the newest six part mini series by Opal Carew. I love all her books and this one did not disappoint. I knew going in that because this was the first book it would leave many questions unanswered and create cliff hangers book by book. I loved it. I hated it. I can't wait for the next part.

Jessica Long is in Philadelphia when she thinks she sees her ex boyfriend. She follows him to the coffee shop only to find she is mistaken. It is not him. It is Dane. He is dressed in a designer suit, he is large, gorgeous and of so very masculine.

He tracks her down later that evening at a restarant and they share dinner. He is invited back to her room where he informs her the reason that she is having a hard time at the job fair is because she needs to give up control, she needs to relax. He is prepared to show her how giving up control to someone can be both stimulating and pleasurable. And oh, how very right he is. The sex between them is rocking hot. She lets go and allows him to take control. She loves it. She also sneaks out in the middle of the night and returns home. Will she ever meet up with Dane again? Will she find herself a new job? At home? In Philadelphia? Oh my goodness so so many questions? We must read on to find the answers. The cliff hanger had my jaw dropping, but I can't give out any hints now, can I? That just would not be right!

Definatly a 5/5.

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