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Nina says

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My Thoughts:

I haven't read any stories from Tawny Weber before so Fearless is my first work from this author and it was a pleasant surprise for me. I'm usually more reluctant to read new-to-me authors because I don't know what to expect from the author. However, I found myself not only enjoying the story, but Tawny's writing style as well.

Fearless was a fun story to get lost into. Gia considers herself boring and average. Therefore, she wants to do something spontaneous and outside of her comfort zone. She wants to live out her sexual fantasy of wild, no strings attached sex with her sexy coworker Luke Monroe. When she finds out that he'll be in Vegas, she decides that this is her chance to seduce Luke and have her fantasy fulfilled. Gone is the quiet and boring Gia and in her place is Vanna, the bold, wild and sexy seductress. Luke meets Vanna in Vegas and doesn't recognize her due to her new identity, but is instantly attracted to her. They end up having some hot sex, but once Vanna's fears begins to sink in she leaves Luke behind with no goodbye. What happens in Vegas should stay in Vegas, but Gia can't stop thinking about her time with Luke and how he's more than a hot body and great sex. After the Vegas fling and much to her shock she ends up working with Luke on a project at work. Luke doesn't recognize Gia as Vanna, but something about her draws him in. Soon, he realizes that Gia and Vanna are one and the same. Will they pick up where they left off in Vegas or will they go their separate ways due to their jobs? Read on to find out what happens!

Overall, Fearless was a satisfying read. Although the story was predictable I found myself glued to the pages even though it was obvious how things were going to work out. Little drama was thrown into this story which made this a light read. The intimate scenes were very, very sexy and well-written. The main and secondary characters featured in Fearless were charming and I hope each of Gia's girlfriends will get their own stories along with Luke's friend Matt. For a quick, fun, and enjoyable read I'd recommend picking up Fearless.

**I received a review copy from the publisher via Netgalley for an honest review.*

April says

As I've been making my way through the Cosmo Red-Hot Reads, I've had a range of reading experiences from good but with a weird looking love interest to WTF did I just read. Yet, I keep plugging away with the hopes that one of these novellas will provide me with an awesome story and an awesome love interest. Fearless by Tawny Weber totally delivered. It's youthful. It's fun. The love interest isn't a weirdo. The writing isn't godawful. The main character is cool and her group of girl friends are awesome. Sure there's some familiar tropes, but this novella is my favorite so far from the Cosmo Red-Hot Reads line. Read the rest of my review [here](#)

Nicole Smith says

This book is about having the courage to take the chance and to go out of your comfort zone. I lived vicariously through Gia. This book was hot, to me hotter than Tawny has ever gone before. I loved it! The only thing that bugged me was the love scenes; the characters talked about doing certain fantasies, but we didn't see them put it into action. We got the after talk and feelings, don't get me wrong I like those parts, but I just bugs be a little when it's not delivered/ followed through. No way shape or form did that take away from the book. I loved Gia's fiends they're a mix bag, but boy are they entertaining. The one thing I love moat about them is that they're there for Gia if not to push her, but to lend a listening ear. Gia feels she has to become this seductress in order to get her fantasy man (her coworker who has no idea who she is). The plan works out great, but you know about the best laid plans. What happens when that Vegas fling doesn't stay in Vegas it follows you home to your job? Well Gia gets to experience that. Can Luke and Gia's fling turn into more?

Beky Roszman says

Not bad.

This book was more about self discovery and self realization. The sex scenes were good, but not great. It just lacked something, to me.

Dane says

****spoiler alert**** Reviewed for Romancing Rakes for the Love of Romance

A Girlz Guide to a Rockin' Life Words of Wisdom...When life gives you lemons, make yourself a whiskey sour and read a good book.

Okay, so that might not be true words of wisdom from the Girlz Guide, but I needed a fun opener for the review and I figured, it worked for the author of this novella, so why not give it a shot?

Fearless is a fun, quick read about a young woman named Gia, who feels like she simply can't compete with the raunchy stories her three best friends tell about their adventurous sex lives. She wants a story of her own! A wild weekend of mind-blowing sex because, well, what girl wouldn't want that kind of story? But she feels like she's just not that kind of girl, so she asks her Girlz for help. They come up with a plan for Gia to disguise herself in order to seduce the pants off of Luke Monroe (literally), a hottie coworker she's been eyeing (and who, coincidentally, will be transferring jobs soon!). The plan is for no-strings-attached, anonymous, wild, fantasy sex on a Vegas weekend during a work conference Luke will be attending.

Luke Monroe is one of those guys who's always had things go easily for him. He's effortlessly excellent at his job, and he's never had to try too hard to land and please a woman. So when he meets gorgeous and mysterious Vanna, agreeing to some fantasy sex is almost a no-brainer. But after an amazing night where she challenges him like few others ever have, she disappears while he's passed out from exhaustion, and he finds himself...discontent. Suddenly changing jobs doesn't promise an alleviation from his boredom, so he decides to stick around and try something else.

Which means now Gia has to worry about him discovering that his coworker is his mysterious Vanna, and there's also that whole fraternization clause in the employee contract that might cost her a job.

Not to mention the whole hiccup where it turns out, she actually likes Luke. Really likes him. That was definitely not part of the plan.

I really enjoyed this novella. It was wonderful to see four female friends who supported one another with absolutely no cattiness. Even Caryn, the character who was least inclined toward serious relationships (or seemed to be), urged Gia to face her feelings for Luke and do something about them. None of the girls tease Gia about her desire for a fun weekend, or shame her for her fantasies. There was none of that passive-aggressive that occurs sometimes when authors tackle female friendships. This felt like a solid foursome of women who genuinely liked and cared for one another, with no desire to elevate themselves by putting the others down.

I also appreciated that Gia's transformation into Vanna was not an effort for her to "earn" the guy's love and affection, but rather a disguise for her to enact her own sexual autonomy. She felt liberated in the disguise, sure, but not necessarily because she felt more attractive. More because it felt like a way for her to be free of consequences she would otherwise distract herself with. Becoming Vanna was not about making her "worthy" of Luke, but rather about letting herself be free of the Gia-reasons to not go after him.

Additionally, her transformation had the pleasant effect of allowing Gia to discover that, even without the disguise, she's pretty awesome. She was able to uncover her confidence even after washing the dye out of her hair, and this enabled her to take the steps necessary that landed her a promotion at work. Gia-as-Vanna also became a catalyst in Luke's growth, sparking him out of his slump, inspiring him to pursue challenges, rather than just skate by in life.

Some parts of the story felt a little rushed--this is another instance where we're told there is attraction rather than being shown it, but I found myself forgiving this, given the way in which the story opened. We were sitting in on a Girlz night, and received the information just as Gia's friends did. I felt like Luke could have been better developed--to me he came off as a little bit all over the place, but this might have been deliberate, given that he was at a point in his life where he wasn't sure of his direction and where he should go in his life.

The ending was a little over the top for me, considering we'd just spent the entire story with Gia fretting

about what the discovery of her liaison with Luke would do for her career, but it fit with the story, the theme, and I would be lying if I tried to say I didn't finish this book with a smile on my face.

A Voracious Reader (a.k.a. Carol) says

*Book source ~ NetGalley

Gia Renyard wants a sexual fantasy weekend with her hot coworker, Luke Monroe, so her friends help her plan how to make it happen. When he's in Vegas for a convention she shows up in disguise as Vanna and seduces him into her bed. But will reality live up to fantasy?

The sex is hot, but the rest of the story is lukewarm. Neither Gia or Luke impressed me. I really didn't care about either one of them. It may have been because the story was short, but golden boy Luke and geeky Gia just didn't strike the right notes with me. Plus, their hot sex in Vegas confused me. How long were they in the hotel room? Just one night? They sure went at it like crazy for such a short time. And if they were there longer (like that night, the next day and night) and Luke was supposed to be at a convention talking up the products why didn't anyone report him missing? So, if it's just the one short night, Gia & Luke realize they're head over heels in love in just a few short hours. They had time for all that sweaty sex AND hours of serious talking. Sorry, it just bugs the crap outta me. I had a hard time with the timeline. Anyway, not badly written, just not my thing.

Pat says

A girl has to have her best friends, and Gia Renyard is no exception. Gia and her besties met in a college class, and the bond has never broken. The Girlz meet every few weeks for a ladies night and all it entails. Caryn is known for her sexy hookups, and loves to tell all. Jesse went on a Caribbean cruise, met her soulmate brought him home and married him. Sara is the Drama Queen, from love to heartbreak and back again.

Then there's Gia. "Good ole average Gia. Dependable, nice, cute. Not phenomenal. Not horrible. Just average. Average sucked." Gia wanted a wild sexual fling, no strings, no inhibitions, caution to the wind. Something she can look back on when she's living her average life. The Girlz have the plans, Gia has a guy in mind. A very sexy co-worker. Vegas, here she comes.

Luke Monroe is not your average guy. Drop dead gorgeous, intelligent and "Bored with his job, bored with himself. Hell, he was even bored with his sex life." He was used to having women throw themselves at him, with no effort on his part. He wanted something different. He is in Vegas for a working weekend, at a club with his best friend Matt. In walks a woman, long red hair, long legs and a pair of killer heels. He was in lust. Vanna was her name, and despite a tiny niggling thought he had seen her before, he was not letting her out of his sight. Except when he woke up Sunday morning and reached for her she was gone! No note, nothing to even show she had been there at all. But Luke remembered every very sexy moment.

There is lots of laughter, some very sizzling scenes, and of course a sweet Happily Ever After. I enjoyed this book so much, and hope there are more adventures from the Girlz Guide to Gettin' It.

Janna says

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**Rating:** 3.5 out of 5 stars

**Heat level:** 2 out of 3 flames

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This sexy novella is about creating an alter ego to seduce the unreachable man of your dreams. The seduction is meant to be for just one weekend, because in real life the hot guy would never look twice at the common girl beneath the fantasy seductress alter ego. Also, the guy is supposed to move to the other side of the country. Well, that's what Gia thinks anyway. But guess what, she's wrong, on both parts.

Luke is Gia's crush, but Gia thinks he's out of her league because he can have every woman he wants and she's just a shy and common girl. When she and her three girlfriends have a 'girlz' night they come up with a plan for Gia to have her sexual adventure with Luke before he leaves their company for a new job. They give her a makeover and turn her into a hot and sexy woman.

Now, this is the part where I started to have my doubts about the set-up. Maybe it's the silent feminist in me that finds this a bit sexist or maybe I'm just not a fan of deception between the main characters, no matter how innocent. I don't know exactly, but I kept wondering why the heroine needed hair extensions, a dye job and a fake name, among other things, and why she could not just do the seducing as herself. Apart from that, I also thought that the idea of the 'girlz' club felt a bit too teenage-y and shallow. Gia's girlfriends didn't feel as real friends to me, perhaps because they hardly get any on-page time after this set-up, except for one of the friends later on.

Anyhow, the seduction takes place in Las Vegas and is, unsurprisingly, a great success. Luke lives up to his reputation, and more, in the bedroom. Gia discovers that he's not only hot but very kind and sweet too. The author is a master in writing sex scenes and mixing them with emotions, although we don't get every detail of their fantasy weekend together spelled out. Thankfully so, because that would have been exhausting considering I lost count on how many orgasms they shared. Needless to say, this part of the story is sizzling hot.

It's also the part of the plot where a connection between the main characters starts to bloom. They talk a lot, but again we don't get to read all of those conversations in detail, we're just told a few times that they talked. One important topic they talked about is written in dialogue though; it's about Luke getting bored easily and Gia's observation that he needs to challenge himself more. This is also beautifully translated into a sex scene. And it's the base for their connection; at least it's what Luke finds attractive in Gia. I thought it was a believable emotional development, which didn't feel as a rushed falling in love.

I'm not sure though about the actual falling in love part, later on, after Luke discovers Gia's true identity. Luke and Gia unexpectedly have to work on a project together after they return from their weekend of

debauchery and Gia is trying to avoid Luke as much as possible to prevent discovery. However, a pair of red shoes adds a touch of Cinderella theme to their romance when the shoes give her away. Once Luke has found his Cinderella there's no room for anger, doubts or other negative feelings. The only thing that counts is that he has found her and wants his HEA with her, like a true fairy tale.

I felt that this last part could've gotten a bit more weight. It felt light and easy, which is not necessarily a bad thing, and given the fact that this is a novella it's rather fitting too, but for me a smooth and rushed ending like that is not as satisfying as an ending where the characters have to work a bit harder to get what they want. I like to feel more tension and to see them go through some emotional struggles. But, maybe that's just me.

Overall, this novella turned out to be an entertaining, scorching and sweet read, after my initial reservations about the need for a makeover for Gia. It's a fast-paced and sexy story without much tension or angst, with a cute and happy ending that was a little too light for my taste but which fits the nature of this format. Definitely a great read for when you're in the mood for quick & dirty and sweet & sexy all in one.

Karla says

4 Stars!! Sexy, fun read! Luke Monroe...RAWRRRR!!

I was pleasantly surprised by this read, it had more substance than I originally expected. It's a story about fulfilling one's sexual fantasies, but also about stepping outside your comfort zone, challenging yourself and finding love!

I loved the interaction and camaraderie between Gia, Sara, Caryn and Jessa, the four women who created the Girlz Guide to a Rockin' Life and friends since their college days. They encourage and support Gia's decision to seduce her fantasy man, Luke Monroe, and help her to create her alter ego...Vanna!

Gia has some preconceived notions about Luke, but not is all as it seems. She comes to find that this beautiful man, who has women at his beck and call, is so much more than a pretty face and a hot body. He's also very charming and sweet. Gia lures him in as Vanna, but Luke sees past her sexy fabricated exterior and finds that he likes the woman beneath all the glitz and glamour. That was the beauty of this book, the two of them discovering how much they enjoyed each other's company, and how they connected on a more personal level and come to the realization that they both want more. It was in these moments however, that I would have liked more dialogue between Gia and Luke. We got into their heads quite a bit, but more words between them and less narrative would have been better...I love dialogue. But to be fair, there is some great dialogue between them towards the end of the book.

It's not what I would consider an erotic read, but it's definitely very steamy...the author knows her way around a sex scene...no doubt about that. Gia and Luke sizzle together, but you can definitely feel something more going on between them than just sex.

For a novella, it had all the makings of a very full read. There was depth to the main characters and the story progressed quite nicely, with more than one element playing into the plot. As I said, this was as much about self-discovery as it was about sexual fantasies.

I think this could be the start of an awesome series. I hope that Tawny Weber is considering writing books

about Gia's friends. I would love to visit with them again, see them each featured in their own books and adding entries to the Girlz Guide. Plus, it would be a great opportunity to catch up with Gia and Luke, who by the end of this book, are on their way to a happily ever after, and I would love a peek into their lives!

A copy of the book was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review

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Anne Dirty Girls' Good Books says

This story was hit and miss for me. The "Girlz" club and the fact that when they help each other out they call making a plan "gettin' it"... It just made me feel old. (And I'm not that old.) I think it just seemed a little ridiculous, and that pulled me out of the story.

I did enjoy the parts where Gia/Vanna and Luke got together in Vegas. I just wanted to see more of them. We were **told** they talked a lot about personal stuff, but it was all off page. The sex was hot, but transitions (not the sexual kind) from scene to scene were awkward. I would have to reread to understand... Ok, there was just one scene on page, and now we've skipped to the afterglow of time #4 of having sex.

I was also disappointed by Gia's behavior back at work. I know the no fraternization policy was presented as the reason they couldn't get together, but it didn't seem to stop anyone else. Her behavior just didn't make much sense.

So, I guess it was more miss than hit.

Finally, this was my first Cosmo Red Hot Read and I had high expectations of it. I enjoy novellas and I enjoy hotter more explicit reads, so this seemed like a good match. I want to mention that while this one didn't work for me, I adored *Cake* by Lauren Dane. So I will not be judging all Cosmo Red Hot Reads by this one.

Erica says

3 stars

Fearless by Tawny Weber was an intriguing read - I found the premise to be interesting, but it turned out a bit different than what I was anticipating. The characters were interesting, but the fact that Gia had to go through this drastic disguise to get Luke was what kept me from loving it. Luke was a great character.

Helen says

This book rocks it is sexy hot and very sensual as Gia helped by her girlfriends plans a weekend in Las Vegas to have the fantasy of her life with the totally hot Luke. Luke is the type of guy that everything seems to come to but life is not much of a challenge to him anymore and when he spots Gia in the club in Vegas he is drawn to her. The long night together is Gia's true fantasy orgasms a plenty but they also talk and feel so

comfortable and right with each other Luke is amazed that Gia understands him and makes him work for the perfect night together. But when he wakes and Gia has fled he is shocked no one has ever done that to him before. Then back at work for the same company things really get worrisome as Gia tries to hide from Luke thinking that he will not go for the plain Gia and recognize her as the Vanna from Vegas. But Gia is in Luke's blood and when he realizes who Gia is he wants her and wants her badly.

This book is a fantastic story that I could not put down it has everything that you want in a great story I so loved it and highly recommend it.

Heidi Ulrich says

Fun Sexy Fast Paced Read

When I heard Harlequin was doing Cosmo Red Hot reads, I was intrigued. I wondered how they would compare to the regular Harlequin blazes. I was concerned they would not have a good story. Well, Fearless put those concerns to bed (pardon the pun). This was a fast paced book, full of sexy fun and great heat between the two characters.

Gia wants to cut loose and have a memory. Luke is her crush. When they meet in Vegas, with Gia masking her appearance because she feels she could never get someone like Luke, its instant heat and flames. After a sexy fun filled weekend, that turns out to be more than great sex and fireworks, Gia sneaks off and returns to the real world.

But the weekend has consequences. Both of them see themselves and each other in a different light. When they meet again on a work assignment, Luke does not recognize Gia and Gia, still self-conscious, hides her true self.

I won't share the rest but I loved the arc of finding and accepting who you are and being true to yourself. A message I never expected to find in such a fun, sexy, fast-paced read. I hope she does spin-offs with the other characters!!!

Les Romantiques says

Posted on Les Romantiques - Le forum du site

Reviewed by Fabiola

Review Copy from the Publisher

It's the first book I read from this author who is translated in French at Harlequin for its Audace imprint. Fearless is presented as a standalone but there is potential for a series of at least three volumes as the heroine is one of four close friends: Caryn, who likes men, Sara, who is bisexual, Jessa, who is married to the man of her dreams, and Gia Reynard (our heroine). The aim is to Rock Their Life and the group's name is The Girlz Guide to a Rockin' Life. The four friends even wrote their guide that they seem to be following to the letter and that they update when needed. The hero's best friend could also become a good main character. Wait and see.

In any case, I really liked Fearless. A little drawback for the number of sex scenes which are a quite too many for me even if they don't override the story. I'm not a big fan of what gravitates toward erotica, except for some unavoidable authors. But it's a really small negative point because the scenes are well described.

The main characters are really likeable. Gia has completely fallen for the hero, Luke Monroe, and thinks she's too plain to attract his attention. She takes advantage of a weekend in Las Vegas to satisfy all her fantasies with him.

One can say the novel has two parts: the first concerns the setting up and implementation of the "satisfy her fantasies" project; the second speaks of coming back to reality and how the heroes will have their happy ending.

Each part is really interesting and well exploited by the author. I especially loved the constant humor of the second part. What's more, when I closed the book, I believed in their couple, which is a really good point, especially since the novel is short.

To conclude, this book could please you because the ingredients are gathered for having a good time. However, for those who like conflicts, be on your way.

Dottie says

A sizzling hot read, which I actually rated at 4.5! Taken from my review at RomanceJunkies.com:

Network engineer Gia Renyard met her three friends when they were randomly grouped together years ago in college for an assignment in their marketing class. Their task had been to create a useful tool that appealed to a particular market segment. Complete opposites, the girls soon found they have one thing in common; a need to shake up their lives. With that, the Girlz Guide to a Rockin' Life was born. It gave Gia her three best friends, as well as, a philosophy for life. Since college, the four friends get together for a Girlz night every few weeks, even occasionally updating their guide. Gia has been working hard lately hoping to gain a promotion. She has everything she could want; amazing friends, a wonderful apartment, a great job, but there is something missing. Unlike her three friends, Gia has no social life to speak of and listening to her mother speak of Gia's two sisters' exploits without inquiring about hers leaves Gia even more depressed. Although Gia has had sexual experiences, none of them involved adventure like those experienced by her friends...no kink, no scarves, nothing out of the ordinary. She longs for one sexual adventure...with one particular man, her coworker Luke Monroe.

During a girl's night, Gia lets her fantasy slip and soon her friends are brainstorming to help her form a plan to make her dream come true. And she has just discovered that her time may be short as Luke may be leaving the company, which also makes him the ideal candidate since she won't have to face him afterwards. With the help of her friends, a makeover, a new name – Vanna - and a trip to Las Vegas, she plans to have a weekend to remember...that is, if she can overcome her inhibitions.

Luke Monroe does his job well, but it is getting boring. Even having women dropping in his lap is losing its appeal. So he is considering taking a higher paying position with another company, even though it will mean being constantly on the road. Scheduled to work in Las Vegas over the weekend at a sales convention, he has no desire to hook up with anyone, but that is before he gets a glimpse of Vanna.

Using a pseudonym and looking completely different, Gia begins to give in to her wild side, especially when she realizes that Luke does not recognize her. After an unforgettable weekend, Gia sneaks off while Luke is still asleep and returns home. Meanwhile, upon awakening, Luke is furious to discover that the only woman who has ever challenged him has left without a word, leaving him no way to contact her.

When Gia arrives home, she realizes that she wants more with Luke. She has fallen for him, but she figures she is too plain to gain his attention. However, when she discovers that she is being given a new assignment on a step closer to her promotion, she is ecstatic...until she discovers that Luke is her new boss and he is not leaving the company after all. Will she be able to keep her dual identity a secret, or will she fight for what she wants?

Hot, hot, hot! FEARLESS, the latest novel by USA Today bestselling author Tawny Weber, is a clever, sensual contemporary erotic romance that readers will find hard to put down. I loved the idea of the four friends who are always there for each other, and although Gia is a part of the group, her vulnerability shows through as she tries to measure up to her three friends. I enjoyed watching as Luke and Gia try to overcome the fallout from their weekend together. The chemistry between them is explosive, but they connect in more ways than just sex during their weekend together, which makes it doubly hard for Gia to move on.

The sassy banter, intriguing plot, engaging characters, scorching hot passion, romance and tender love combine to give readers an unforgettable story. Although I hated to see this story end, it has whet my appetite for Ms. Weber's next Cosmo Red Hot Read in the GIRLZ GUIDE TO GETTIN' IT series entitled Fetish, which is due out in January 2014. If you are looking for a feisty, sexy story with plenty of humor, FEARLESS is the book for you. I highly recommend it!

Dottie, RomanceJunkies.com
