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Myka's dream was to someday own his shop, making and spelling suits that were prized throughout the world. Instead, he rejected an apprenticeship with a master who proved to be reprehensible—and touchable—and lost everything. Now, he works in a derelict shop in the wrong part of town, and it's only a matter of time before he's caught spelling without a license or thrown out by his odious landlord.

The only bright part of his days are the occasional visits from his best client, Johan, a man who works in the palace and always brings the finest suits to have spelled. When he accidentally leaves behind an invitation to the royal ball, Myka takes it, determined to have one evening where he can enjoy himself—and perhaps even spend time with Johan as something other than a spell weaver.

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~3.5~

This is an adorable little story about Myka, a tailor who weaves spells into fabrics (his specialty is suits), and Johan, the handsome, mysterious client who visits Myka's tiny shop in the bad part of town.

Myka is highly skilled but not yet a certified spell weaver; when his master passes away, Myka is stuck as an apprentice, without the legal rights to practice spell weaving. One night, in a moment of fancy and desperation, he puts charms on one of his own suits and sneaks into the palace ball.

You can see where this is going. ***Spell Weaver* is a Cinderfella story, but without the lost slipper and kisses that go somewhere.** Instead of an evil stepmother, there's a nasty landlord who wants Myka to pay his rent with sexual favors.

Because this story is so short (600 locations on my Kindle), I didn't fully connect with this couple. Johan, especially, is not a fully fleshed out character. We get but a glimpse into his personality.

Even so, this is a lightly sexy, romantic story with a tentative HEA. I enjoy Megan Derr's engaging writing style and the sweetness of her stories, especially when the sweetness is tinged with SPICE.

Nerea says

I wish this story would be longer and with more development!!
Hot fairytale ~

Tam says

Myka is an off-the-book spell-weaver. When his mentor died, he refused an offer from a questionable tailor although the most famous in town. Now he works in the poor part of town hoping no one ever checks if he's got his license. He has a rich client named Johan who he's crushing on and when Johan drops his invitation to the ball, Myka decides to embellish his clothes with a spell and go. Sure enough, he meets Johan and they end up having sex in the garden until he has to make a run for it at midnight before Johan figures out that a) he's not rich and titled and b) Myka. Of course Johan figures it out and helps Myka solve his license problem and HEA. :-) I always enjoy the little shorts like that that the offer writes. They just have a lovely feel to them and you can just submerge yourself in the world she creates.

Tess says

3.5

This was cute, but not a whole lot of magic for me.

Adam says

A sweet dose of gay Cinderella.

Myka has had a rough time. Since his master died before Myka could become a fully certified spell weaver, Myka has been practicing illegally in one of the poorest parts of the city. He's near destitution, and will likely be on the streets soon, as his landlord has raised the rent too high for Myka to pay.

The only bright part of Myka's life is one of his clients - Johan. He's a kind and handsome man who works at the royal palace, and wears some of the finest suits Myka has ever worked on. Myka knows Johan is out of his league, but he can still dream about it. When Johan accidentally leaves behind an invitation to the royal ball, Myka decides to take a chance. He'll enjoy himself while he can at the ball, and maybe even impress Johan.

But Myka goes to the ball disguised in a mask, so Johan is left wondering who his mysterious dance partner was.

I grew up on Disney, so I can't help but equate fairy tales with the movies I watched as a kid. 'Spell Weaver' has a different take on Cinderella, and it works well. There's no evil stepmother, fairy godmother, or pumpkin carriage. Instead, we've got a lecherous landlord, Myka's own magical abilities, and a steam-powered carriage. The clock striking midnight still spells trouble.

While Myka's predicament is quite gloomy, this is a very low-angst story. Myka and Johan's interactions with one another are sweet and fluffy. They flirt a bit, but for the most part they're pretty reserved with one another. It's not until right near the end, when the truth about the ball comes out, that Myka and Johan admit what they feel for each other.

This is a fairy tale, so it's easy to believe that the two are going to live happily ever after without too much effort.

Unlike a Disney movie, there's some hot steam in 'Spell Weaver'. There's even some manties. Given how short this story is, I was impressed that the author was able to pack in some heat.

Overall, 'Spell Weaver' is a short, sweet, and slightly sexy fairy tale. Recommended if you're looking for a quick read.

Can I request a Hercules and Aladdin mash-up next? Pretty please!

Vivian says

Poor Myka Grey, a gifted, but impoverished tailor and spell weaver. He works hard just to keep afloat, and watches other less honorable men succeed. Nonetheless, he takes joy in what he can, and his craft is what he loves. He just wishes he could do more of it.

There are bright spots to counter all the dreary, and less savory aspects to his existence, and Mr. Johan Pierson is one of those pleasures. A rush here, a slip there, and forgotten things tempt. Tempt Myka to take.

Love the characters; Myka is a dedicated artisan and Johan is the charming if roguish palace attendant. Their crossed spheres create magic, and more than what Myka is spinning. The tale is a sweet retelling of Cinderella that guarantees a smile. Derr has been respinning fairy tales and I've enjoyed their updating and charm.

Overall, a pleasant diversion to while away a bit of time.

3.5 stars

~Copy provided by NetGalley~

Deeze says

A sweet read but not long enough to really get a feel for Johan and Myka.

Normally I fall into Megan Derr's worlds with ease, and this was no different, but sadly this one was far too short to really get comfortable. It was a nice idea and with time I could have fallen deep. But sadly as much as I liked Myka and Johan, a brief hook up does not equal romance for me. I never got why Johan suddenly recognised Myka the way he did either.

Overall a quick fix but left me feeling hungry for more.

Lila Hunter says

Rating: 3.5 stars

My View: Spell Weaver is a fresh take on the Cinderella troupe. Myka has been working hard since his master died to keep his little shop open, but without his license, he doesn't see his life changing anytime soon. The only bright part of Myka's day is the times when Johan visits his shop. And the work he gets from him is an added bonus.

It's easy to fall for Myka in such a little story, and the way he talks about Johan makes the reader want to

cheer for them. There are some unique twist and turns in the story that might get the real Cinderella blushing, but worked well with the story. Other elements like the fairy godmother, the animals, etc. are absent.

The spell weaving concept is fascinating and I wish we had more time to learn more about it and to see Myka succeed. The resolution felt a little rush, but that's to be expected in a short story. Overall, this is a very sweet and sexy story--easy to read and love.

What I liked the most: How much the MC wanted each other.

I wanted more: Time to enjoy the MCs' relationship.

Who should read it: Fairy tale lovers.

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Kristie says

4.5 Stars

Just... buy this book, okay? I really loved it. Like, a lot. My review is up on the blog, right here. Click the thing... then go and click another thing. This really is a delightful short story. I simply can't say enough nice things about it.

BWT (Belen) says

Cute.

Renée says

Short but so steamy and sweet!

This twist to Cinderella was so nice and refreshing! Spell Weaver is a tale about Myka, a spell weaver, who is very down on his luck. His Master whom he was apprenticing for has died just before Myka could take and pass his exams to become as Master himself. The rent is due, and the landlord is raising it or bartering for sexual favors. And Myka's crush, a returning client, is so far above his social status, he's in a different stratosphere.

All of that changes when Myka finds a left-behind invitation to the Royal Ball. He weaves a spell on himself that will only last 4 hours, until midnight (hehe), because he just wants to see that side of society and to enjoy fine foods, drinks, and dancing for one evening. He is surprised when Johan, his crush, asks him to dance. Johan can't recognize him, thanks to the spell Myka weaved, so Myka indulges. Dancing leads to kisses.....and a little more. But midnight comes too soon.

This was adorably cute and sexy. Megan Derr fans and others will like this one.

Lucy says

Fairy tale all the way. This is a lovely short story of Myka, a spell crafter who happened to overhear something that made him turn down an apprenticeship with a master after his own master passed away without getting him squared away with final tests to be a master. Now he's in a tiny shop in a worn down part of town, giving up eating at times to make the rent. Which is now going up 100 silver a month, either with money or payment with his body because his landlord is a true scumbag. His only really good thing in life right now comes in the form of his beautiful client, Johan, and his luxurious, expensive suits. Johan coming in for a special glamour to his suit to wear to a party turns this into our Cinderfella fairy tale, only hotter. When Johan picks up the beautiful suit, he leaves behind an invitation to the royal ball by mistake. Myka, who is a good, decent person and works hard, just wants this one night to experience something for himself. So he takes the invitation, sews and spells himself a glamourous suit and heads to the royal ball. Imagine how he feels when the beautiful man hitting on him is none other than his lovely Johan. Of course they are both glamourous but Myka recognizes the suit. Johan doesn't recognize Myka, but they have a connection regardless. It is after the ball that things get a little scary and Myka is taken to police headquarters.

I loved the whole idea of the spelled suits and clothing. I found that so unique and interesting (and I could so use some of those spells). I liked the characters and found the fairy tale aspect to work well. Recommended.

Ami says

I thought it was a cute Cinderfella story. While I might not completely be able to grasp the whole spell weaving element (and why it would be truly necessary to have a separate spell weaver/tailor) I was charmed by Myka's pining over Johan ... and how he ended up at the royal ball.

However, the graphic sex didn't match the tone of the story, IMHO. It ended up distracting.

Or maybe that's just me :)

Saioa says

3.5*

This was a lovely fairytale-like short story.

It would have been perfect with 100 pages more tho!

Megan Derr created another charming universe here, I love her imagination, it's such a pity she didn't develop it more. The whole spell weaving thing was interesting and Myka was just adorable, but it was too short to fully appreciate the love story, maybe if we would have had Johan's point of view too...

Still, I enjoyed it a lot :)

Achim says

3.75

No matter the mood I'm starting with a Megan Derr fairy tale I always leave it with a smile.
