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In *Erin's Kiss* by Lora Leigh, ex-Marine Turk has become Erin's sworn protector. The consistent target of her CIA-operative brother's deadly foes, Turk is the only port Erin has to cling to in a storm. He promised her brother long ago never to touch her—but how can he resist a woman who aches to be with him as much as he burns for her?

In *misTaken* by Laurelin McGee, Jaylene Kim is a strong independent woman whose feminist values run deep. Even though attractive men are her weakness the last thing she wants is one telling her what to do. Until she meets her mysterious new neighbor. He makes her realize that you can still be strong and relinquish control . . . in the bedroom. But as their passion consumes them both Jaylene isn't so sure he is who he says he is.

In *Burn for Me* by Shiloh Walker, Tate longs to spend his nights with Ali, a woman he's loved for years. But while Ali's heart pines to be with Tate, her head has reservations. Ali knows that Tate has never forgiven his father for the fight he had with his mother right before she left the house—and was never heard from again. Tate's unresolved anger is a force to be reckoned with . . . but the heat that blazes between them is undeniable. Now both Tate and Ali are left to wonder: Can love really conquer all?

In *Tangled* by Kate Douglas, Nate shows up to work at Tangled Vineyards ready to do all the things he loves best—work with his hands, grow the grapes, and craft award-winning, full-bodied wines. But when something better comes along in the form of Cassie, the winemaker and former owner of the vineyard, Nate becomes completely love-drunk. Getting involved with Tangled's number-one mixologist is a bad way to start off a new job, but with Cassie as a constant temptation, Nate doesn't stand a chance...

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Dark Faerie Tales says

Review courtesy of Dark Faerie Tales

Quick & Dirty: Four short stories of love, lust and strong men!

Opening Sentence: "The night had finally wound down, the last customer urged out the door and the Broken Bar was closed up for the night."

Excerpt: Yes

The Review:

Erin's Kiss: Turk has the job of protecting Erin, but can he stay out of her bed? Erin is drawn to the wounded warrior and she can't resist him, but with her life on the line is it too dangerous for them to be in love? Erin and Turk are hot, and this short story is just enough to draw you and leave you wanting more. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough.

misTaken: Jaylene and Noah are neighbors, but can she learn to let someone else be in charge? Jaylene is a strong woman, too strong in some cases. She has turned off plenty of men by her actions of their own inadequacies. Noah brings her into a whole new world of bondage. I liked Jaylene and was glad that she met Noah, because she was dating some real winners in the beginning of this story. Well not dating, gone out on a date with a guy that made me want to vomit. Noah, however, was a breath of fresh air.

Burn for Me: Ali and Tate are damaged and unwilling to be with each other. However, as their passion grows hotter it becomes harder and harder for them to resist each other. Once they finally give in it is all or nothing. I really liked how open the two of them are with each other and the relationship is on fire once they give into each other.

Tangled: Nate and Cassie have a working relationship, so a relationship has the potential to cause major problems for them. Initially when they get together it is a no strings attached type relationship, but soon they find themselves falling in love. Will they be able to work together and be in a relationship? I always enjoy stories that involve a hookup turned into something more.

I must admit I just don't like anthologies, I find that these days I like to know my characters in order to enjoy a short story, so I usually find one I really like and then the others are just okay for me. Don't let my personal dislikes deter you, these were good, quick, and steamy reads.

Notable Scene:

"He loved the feel of her in his arms, but he had to admit, having that little "no promises, no commitments" clause in the conversation left him feeling enormously relieved. He had no time for commitments beyond the one that had brought him here. Not when he still had to prove himself capable of the job he'd be starting tomorrow. He didn't have any concerns about proving himself to Cassie tonight. It should have felt awkward, carrying a woman he barely knew into her bedroom, but nothing had ever felt quite this right before."

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Heather / Obsessed With Myshelf says

This is an anthology, which means that you get four awesomely hot & delicious stories for the price of one book. It's a pretty genius concept, right? I devour novellas like candy, so it's no surprise that these types of books call to me. And when there was the promise of dominant alpha men, there was zero chance of me turning down the opportunity to read this collection. I was not dissapointed!

The first two novellas have male heroes who are decidedly more dominant than the last two. But I am NOT complaining. I loved each story in their own right.

In Erin's Kiss, Turk and Erin have a serious case of instalove. If there's a cure, don't give it to them. I was a-ok with their passionate kisses and near nakedness in public places. Once they turned that switch on, there was no off. Carry on.

misTaken made me want to punch Jaylene in the cunt. You'll probably understand when you read it, because she spouts every misconception about romance readers that I hate. We're all smutty idiots who have never read a literary book in our lives, have zero self respect, and just want to be degraded. OH FUCK ALL. I totally understand why the authors did this – it was necessary for her character – but that doesn't mean that I didn't get all ragey and that my fists didn't ball. It's a damn good thing that there was a substantial amount of awesome sex in this one. It calmed me. There's also a love of adorableness that made me smile excessively. Overall, it's good. I really liked it – you'll just have to deal with your rage. ;)

Burn for Me melted every inch of ice that may have surrounded my heart. I was a puddle of heather at the end of this one. Tate's broken, hurt, confused and angry – but when he's with Ali, none of that matters. But can he give her more? Can he give her what she so desperately needs? I loved these two and will gladly read anything with them in it. Lots of emotion & sizzingly chemistry made me fall for this story.

Tangled is last, but definitely not least. I don't think I could have loved Nate any harder. He's like the cherry on the sundae that you leave for last because you know you're going to want that one last taste of deliciousness. He charmed the pants off of Cassie in about two seconds flat, but he's not "that guy" and it's evident. He skirts around the awkwardness and shows Cassie that what she thinks she wants and what she needs are two very different things. Cassie is one strong, awesome chick and it's no surprise that Nate falls in love with her. There's lots of drama, a major case of instalove that I welcomed with open arms, and sweet kisses that had me swooning.

Each story complimented the last and I tore through these with delight. LOVED!

[I received an ARC of this anthology in exchange for an honest review]

This review looks prettier on my blog: <http://obsessedwithmyshelf.com/2015/0...>

Marta Cox says

I always think an anthology is a great way to sample new authors or even catch up with favourite ones who have short stories to share. I've read quite a few books by Lora Leigh, Kate Douglas and have recently discovered Shiloh Walker but Laurelin McGee is a new name to me so discovering this assortment of stories with a Hot Alpha theme picqued my interest.

The first story is Ms Leigh's offering of *Erin's Kiss* and is probably the only one that truly seems to offer an Alpha male as the hero. I felt a little lost at times as it's clearly part of an ongoing series with several interesting characters but as a short sexy read it worked well and the ending with Turk the hero proving just how much he loved Erin, sigh!

MisTaken is my first read by Ms McGee (a writing duo I believe) but sadly it felt a little disjointed and the dialogue didn't quite work for me. Alpha? Er that would be no because Noah whilst enjoying orchestrating what happened in the bedroom felt quite hesitant at times and indeed it was Jaylene who felt more dominant. I've read a similar plot recently with the hero having the same secret occupation and that brings me nicely to the next story.

Shiloh Walker writes stories with heart and *Burn for Me* is no exception. Ali has found the man of her dreams in Tate but he keeps pulling away and won't commit. Sizzling chemistry is no match for love though and Ali throws him a curve ball that leaves him reeling. I didn't expect much character development in such a short story but Ms Walker truly came up with a very satisfying read.

Tangled by Kate Douglas was a quick and steamy romance that let the couple connect instantly and although it's not exactly instant love there's enough hot loving to keep the reader entertained. Sadly I didn't really feel that Nate was particularly Alpha but the story was interesting if a little predictable although the intrigue added to it immensely.

So a great way to try new authors but I don't feel the title is terribly appropriate. The saving grace though was each offered a happy ending and that satisfies the romantic in me!

I was gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review

3 and a half from me

Kari says

Meh. The only one I remotely liked was Shiloh Walker's story, which I had read before. Lora Leigh's story was awful. I read Cooper's Fall too long ago to remember any back story so I had no real idea what was going on. I couldn't get into the other two.

Shauni says

Originally Reviewed For: Tea and Book

In this fun little anthology, authors, Lora Leigh, Laurelin McGee, Shiloh Walker and Kate Douglas, give us a bit of sensual delight. Each story tells its own tale and brings us closer to characters that we might just want to read more about.

Erin's Kiss by Lora Leigh:

What a delightful story. Ex Marine wait is that the right term? Former Marine Turk (is that a great name or what) leaped at the chance to join a covert organization that works behind the scenes to save the world. But it's been 10 years of rage and revenge and his personal walls are crumbling. What is it about sexy Erin that

captures his attention and makes him dream of more?

Erin has been sent undercover to spy on the spies.. and she's actually on the same team. Step daughter to their boss. She's only been there three months but she's learned one thing, Turk is the man for her. Can she get him to lower his walls and take a chance on her?

It's hard enough having a romance with someone you work with, even someone who is fighting the connection but add in super spy and people out there with a grudge and life just gets crazy. For such a short story this packed a powerful punch and left me wanting more.

misTaken by Laurelin McGee:

A sweet and simple story about a woman discovering her sexuality.

Jaylene Kim is strong, independent and a total feminist but like many feminists today her attitude is based on what she's been told. Learning that sexual submission does not make you weak or an anti feminist was a hard lesson but fortunately for Jay, she has sexy neighbor Noah to help her along the way.

Noah is strong, determined and oh so sexy. He's also Jay's new neighbor. While his brain is what initially attracts Jay *smirk* his body isn't far behind. And his strong sense of self works high on her list. He's a nice guy, who runs, likes books and is interesting. Oh and he's a sexual dominant who writes erotica...

This one was fun but sometimes seemed to drag on. Trying to fit an entire story in this short story made it seemed forced and lacking chemistry at times.. if I were reviewing this alone, it would rate probably a 2.5

Burn for Me by Shiloh Walker:

This was a poignant story about letting go of the past and living for the future. For forgiving and accepting. For learning how to live and love. It was sad yes but it also made me cheer a bit when the Hero finally grew up and accepted that bad things happen in life and sometimes they couldn't be explained.

Growing up in a small town has to be a unique experience. Both Ali and Tate did so and both of their lives are pretty much fodder for the gossip mill. Ali had a pretty decent life but got pregnant and married her HS boyfriend.. Two kids later and she left him in the dust. For the past three years she's had a Friends with benefits relationship with Tate.. only it's not enough. She loves him but she needs all of him not just the parts he is willing to give her.

Tate's world fell apart one night when he was 14. After a brutal fight (verbal) between his parents his mom walked out and was never seen again. Tate always blamed his father, even to the point of believing he murdered her. He's never really been able to accept that life isn't always that cut and dried. He's also never been able to completely love again, or trust in any relationship. But his refusal to let the past go is destroying what he could have with Ali. Now Tate needs to decide, a tortured past or a future worth living?

Shiloh Walker wrote a beautiful Short Story. It wasn't action packed but it was emotion packed. It was a story the resonates and makes you believe that if you let it, love really will conquer all.

Tangled by Kate Douglas:

In Tangled Kate Douglas takes us to the vineyards. Ann aging father, caught in the beginning stages of

alzheimer's loses the family vineyard. Now Cassie is working for the man who purchased her heritage. A nice man, a good man but not her father. After hiring a manager for the Vineyards he is off.

Nate is the perfect man. Charming, sexy, interested in the Vineyards (good thing since he's managing it) and falling fast for Cassie.

Ms. Douglas is known for her steamy sexy shifter books but Tangled is more of a romance, a love story. Two people who fall for each other and manage to create a life on the ashes of Cassie's family's dreams.

An excellent secondary story when Col Mac's past comes to find him. Not only did he own the vineyard but he worked amongst the nation's leaders and knew too many secrets. And someone wanted those secrets destroyed..

There was a lot packed into this story and it was well written. Not rushed or over manipulated.

Four good stories working between 2.5 stars and 3.5 so I give this book a solid 3 star rating

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of Hot Alphas, provided by netgalley.

WhiskeyintheJar/Kyraryker says

2.5 stars

I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Overall, the stories didn't really work separately or together as their feeling and themes didn't mesh well under the title Hot Alphas. The first story probably fits the bill the best for what you're looking for when you pick up such a titled collection, plenty of boners and wet panties. Shiloh Walker's contribution was the best written and most interesting with the rest barely making a blip on the radar.

Erin's Kiss by Lora Leigh

2 stars

This story is obviously supposed to be part of a series and if you haven't read the other books you are going to be lost, like I was. Our heroine is working undercover for her stepfather in his undercover security business and suppose to spy on his employees to find a leak. Our hero also works for this undercover security company and has the hots for our leading lady. There were a plethora of characters bobbing and weaving in and out but as I had no reference point, they were mostly a jumbled mass of people who I kept getting confused in my mind (J.D. is the name of the stepfather and John D. is his son, come on help me out a little bit to help keep people separate!). The purpose of the heroine's job made little sense without a greater context and our hero was a very one dimensional, well, alpha. They were zipper bulging, wet panty hot for each other, banged, were in danger, can't possibly be together, and finally in luv together forever. I finished

the story having more questions than answers and no steamed up glasses.

MisTaken by Laurelin McGee

2 stars

In this story we have a feminist finding herself attracted to a Dominate male who writes erotica. I see what the authors were trying to do here, an overall commentary on how women who read erotica and identify as submissive can be viewed harshly by society and other women, unfortunately, it didn't work. Our feminist heroine comes across as an aggressive stereotype of a feminist and quite judgmental. Now, our hero is suppose to act as the mirror that reflects our heroine's negative judgments back to her but without the depth and breadth afforded to short stories in collections like this, there was not enough follow through. We don't get to see a realistic and sometimes any, growth from our heroine. In the end, it seems she only accepts the validity of D/s relationship because she has found out she likes it, therefore, it's acceptable. There were also a couple moments where the heroine calls a group of women Basic Bitches and the hero author remarks about how readers review books. I know all about irony/satire/meta or what have you, these points came off like neither and instead left a bad taste in my mouth. Our alpha from the story was mostly hidden and their romance felt forced.

Burn for Me by Shiloh Walker

3.5 stars

As I said, Burn for Me was the best addition to this collection and the first book (.5) in the Shadows and Secrets series by Shiloh Walker. The story centers on Ali, a single mother of two and Tate, a man still tormented by his mother's disappearance from more than a decade ago. For three years Ali and Tate have had a friend with benefits relationship but lately Ali has begun to feel too attached to Tate and wants and needs more from him. As Tate can't escape the dark voices in his head while reliving the night his mother disappeared and the thought that his father killed her, he's scared to fully give himself to Ali, least he turn out to be too much like his father. It's a tormented and dark read that didn't feel like it fit in with the rest of the stories but sets the reader up nicely if they want to continue on in the Shadows and Secrets series. (I've read the second book in Shadows and Secrets and if you're looking for an incredibly, seriously, INCREDIBLY dark small town mystery series this would be a go to) The first half of the story focuses more on Ali and her desire for more from Tate, the middle is Tate being scared and trying to work through his issues, then a little bit of Ali and Tate coming together, and finally Tate coming to a reconciliation with his past and father. It's a heavier read with the romantic relationship taking more of a backseat to Tate's emotional issues.

Tangled by Kate Douglas

2 stars

For a story included in a collection titled "Hot Alphas" I'm not sure there was one to be found here, unless you say it was the heroine's father and that just seems wrong (he is former Secret Service and takes out the bad guy in the end) . Cassie had to sell her vineyard after her father's dementia becomes too much and they are in danger of going bankrupt. Fortunately, the new owner allows Cassie to stay on and run things. When Nate, the new wine manager arrives, sparks fly immediately, like say hello and jump into the sack immediately. Cassie and Nate's romance was rushed and felt more like two characters who just had sex and discovered each other to be the others one true bang. I didn't feel or believe their chemistry, which could definitely be laid at the feet of this being a little over 50pg story. Cassie's father and his shady secret service past was the most interesting aspect of this story but the fall out of his super secrets buried in a brief case and the danger it put Cassie in felt very tagged on, there just weren't enough pages to work with here. Our couple knows each other a total of two months before the all important question is popped and forever happiness

reigns; rushed and not very investing.

Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

I only read 3 of the 4 novellas in this book. So those are the 3 that I will be rating.

Erin's Kiss by Lora Leigh- 2 Stars

I used to be a huge fan of this author. She was the one that first introduced me to erotic romance with Wild Card. But it's like she just stopped trying lately. The stories have become regurgitated drivel. They all sound the same. You've read one, you've read them all. Change the characters' names, rinse, lather and repeat. Another undercover operative with commitment issues and a sassy heroine that wakes him up? Been there. Read that. As this is an ARC, I'm hoping that the heroine's eye color changing 3 times in the book will be fixed before publication. The writing? Made me roll my eyes so many times I thought they'd permanently get stuck that way...

*That pleasure was immediately followed by a pulse of arousal so sharp it clenched her womb.
The sensitive flesh between her thighs grew more sensitive...*

and not 2 lines after

Her breasts pressed into the heated width of his chest, her nipples hardening to immediate, painful sensitivity as her breasts began to ache for touch.

Honest to gawd, if I read that his quivering member quivered, I may have thrown my kindle across the room.

Having read most of this author's backlist, I've also noticed every single one of her characters lately sounds the same. That same "Damn you. Damn you, you witch" line makes an appearance in practically each book. At this point, I'm just over it.

misTaken by Laurelin McGee-1 star

Never has a book infuriated me as much as this one did. And I consider myself a fairly laid back person. I don't take my fiction too seriously, because it's just that...fiction. Let's look past the writing style that didn't work for me at all. Let's also forget that the dialogue between the characters read like something out of a YA novel. Let's also overlook the fact that the hero is supposed to be an alpha, and yet he actually stumbles over his thoughts as to whether or not to **hug** the heroine after walking her home when he first meets her. YES, you read that right. HUG.

But then the nail on the coffin was this...

...you won't catch me dead with a romance novel." She shivered again, but this time in mock-horror.

"What's wrong with romance novels?" He looked genuinely puzzled.

What the hell? It wasn't obvious?

"They're completely ridiculous. Hot alpha male with a broken past and massive bank account is healed by the golden vagina of a naive girl he meets under completely contrived circumstances. No thank you. That's just smutty fairy tale for the Basic Bitch. It's demeaning, and unrealistic. Besides, the sex in those books is always weirdly dominant and controlling.

I only have 2 questions here

This is a conversation between the hero and heroine within a ROMANCE NOVEL

Burn for Me by Shiloh Walker- 3 stars

This was the saving grace of the anthology for me. I love Shiloh Walker. This is a novella that has been previously published, Burn For Me and is the first in what was 3 prequel novellas. The story gives a HEA for the couple introduced, but the story ARC continues throughout the next 2 books.

I read Erin's Kiss, then Burn for Me, and misTaken next. Sadly misTaken managed to totally kill the vibe of the book for me and I just couldn't find it in me to read the next novella, Tangled by Kate Douglas. I may come back to it on a later date.

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Darcy says

Erin's Kiss by Lora Leigh

I think what amused me most about this one was how Erin seemed to control all the men. She was so subtle with things, yet everything went her way. Of course JD thinks Erin did what he wanted, but we know better.

misTaken by Laurelin McGee

Both Jaylene and Noah surprised me. I wasn't sure if I would like Jay at first, she was a bit overbearing, but when she interacted with Noah she was cute. I guessed Noah's secret early on and wondered how Jay would take that. I was glad it didn't really seem to phase her.

Burn for Me by Shiloh Walker

I liked the journey that Tate went on through this book, that he was able to let go of the past, reconnect with his family, and grab the best thing that is in his life. I especially loved that Ali called Tate on his crap, forcing him make the changes.

Tangled by Kate Douglas

While I found this one pretty predictable, I still enjoyed reading it. I loved the connection that Cassie and Nate had from the start and loved that they didn't shy away from what happened that first night. Things with Cassie's dad happened the way I thought they would, but I loved the conversation that he had with Nate. I

loved the gift at the end, it was a way for Marc to keep his employees very happy.

Tanja ~ T's Book ~ KT Book Reviews says

I'm sorry to say that I didn't really find much Alpha in Hot Alphas. Being that these are four short stories I will piggy back off of the write up of each for this review, with my first thoughts after reading each.

Erin's Kiss by Lora Leigh

I'm little perplexed. Is this part of an ongoing series? I felt completely out of the loop and because of that I became disinterested in these two. (3 STARS)

misTaken by Laurelin McGee

Okay, don't dis romance novels with a snarky attitude and then expect the reader to then enjoy yours. Total turn off. It made me extremely dislike this character. There's nothing Alpha about the guy either.
(1 STAR)

Burn for Me by Shiloh Walker

I am a Shiloh Walker fan, but damn it all. You screw this single mom for three years and then won't commit because your parents would fight when you were a kid? Grow a pair and be a better man. Alpha my ass. (2 STARS)

Tangled by Kate Douglas

The saving grace of this book was the final story. Fun, sweet and sexy. I wish there was more, or that it was a full length book. (4 STARS)

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Jessica Alcazar says

I was going to wait and give feedback on this anthology until I finished all the stories, but it won't be for a while before I can get to Lora Leigh's **Erin's Kiss**, so I shall go ahead and review the other stories

misTaken by Laurelin McGee: OK, I don't know what the author was trying to accomplish with this story line, but creating a lead that basically puts down your reading audience is never gonna turn out well. That's just my opinion. It made it really hard to actually like the story itself. SO I kinda just skimmed it It wasn't

badly written, It wasn't lacking in literary form, but the leads weren't likeable in the least so

Burn for Me by Shiloh Walker: I'm not gonna lie, I'm a Shiloh **fangirl**. She's not always perfect, but I've never not liked her books or ever found them grossly lacking. This was no exception. There was passion and chemistry, deep emotion and pain and a little mystery thrown in. She captivated me from beginning to end. It's a really sexy read.

Tangled by Kate Douglas: This was pretty good for a short story. The only thing I found weird was the whole mystery part of the story with our heroine's father ... I'm not even sure why it was even part of the story...maybe i missed a page LOL

Bottom line is this ... When it comes to anthologies, not everyone is going to like or enjoy every story. If you liked one or two, you're doing good. It's a good way to try new authors. It's also useful during those times when you just can't quite figure out what you want to read next from your TBR, so you need something short and quick. And this anthology hit the mark for me on all those things. Maybe it will for you, maybe not, I don't know. But you won't know until you try! :)

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? BookAddict ↗ La Crimson Femme says

Why are alpha males so attractive? Four talented authors show us why romance readers are attracted to them. I picked up this book specifically because of two authors: Lora Leigh and Shiloh Walker. Both are marvelous authors who write steamy romances.

In Erin's Kiss, those familiar with Ms. Leigh's trope will find this one to be a bit of a letdown. When I first started reading Ms. Leigh, she created a very erotic series, Bound Hearts. The kinky stories in there pulled me in and captivated me. This one, it seems as if Ms. Leigh has lost her erotic mojo. The characters Turk and Erin are cookie cutter and forgettable. The chemistry between the two characters is lackluster. It is disheartening to see a talented writer recycling an old and worn trope.

In Mistaken by Ms. McGee, I thought I'd stop this anthology and graciously decline reviewing the book. I'm so disgusted with Jaylene Kim in this book. She's not a feminist. She's a femi-nazi who gives women a bad name. The chip on her shoulder is the size of a boulder. Her deprecating sneer about erotic books is annoying. Everything about this character makes her unappetizing and honestly, it's a mystery as to why any man, let alone an erotic man writer would want to date her. Her lack of self-esteem and crazed repressed sexual desires screams "WARNING! Back away slowly". She's not worth it. Any alpha male with a lick of sense would ignore her and walk away. For me, if I can't stand the lead character, the book is not enjoyable at all. At the end of this story, I'm close to a do not finish for this book.

Between the first two stories, I'm hovering over a 1.5 star review and I'm distressed. I had such high hopes for this anthology. My eagerness to read this book wanes. Since I'm not a quitter, I pick this collection back up. The last two stories pulls the anthology up.

In Burn for Me by Ms. Walker, it's an angsty story about a pigheaded alpha male who has daddy issues. It's sad and I can't help but feel bad for Tate. He let one event in time completely destroy his present and future. This is not to diminish the event. It's tragic and painful. His avoidance to deal with his pain and trauma

makes him not qualify as an alpha male. Instead, in this story, it's an alpha female. Ali is what saves this story. I'm moved to tears with her pain and love. Ms. Walker excels at pulling the emotion out of me so that by the end of the book, I'm exhausted. This one, she does in a loving way. The chemistry between Tate and Ali is so good. The conflict is believable and it seems insurmountable. Yet when Tate finally comes to terms with his past, it becomes incredibly apparent that Tate has only been hurting himself and others. The evil villain in Tate's mind is not who he's been accusing all these years. Tate is the one causing all the hurt. And this is what makes the story so tragically angst filled. Loved it.

The surprise story which caught my attention is *Tangled* by Ms. Douglas. This one is a moving story about a strong woman who seems to have lost so much and yet she continues to truck on. Again this is an alpha female story rather than an alpha male. Cassie is a woman who expected to inherit the winery her father created with her mother. This small family business is her father's legacy. When they lose it to bad financial decisions, it breaks both father and daughter's hearts.

The sex in this story is good. The sexual tension between Cassie and Nate is delicious. These two characters are admirable and easy to relate to. Even the mysterious new owner who is absent throughout most of the story is a nice guy. This is an all-around feel good tale with suspense, love and redemption. Ms. Douglas does a good job of writing a tightly focus story which captivates my attention from beginning to end. Best story in this quartet.

**provided by NetGalley*

Stephanie G says

Four stories where staying single doesn't stand a chance against a love that is determined to conquer all objections in these riveting contemporary romances.

Strong, compelling characters grab the reader's attention from the very beginning of each story and while the writing styles are different, readers can't help but enjoy each story as fiery passion, emotional turmoil and romance claims each couple. In all four stories, attractions burns hot and the sex scenes are scorching but that where the similarities end and the differences begin because each hero and heroine are special in their own way. Each story is fast paced with smooth flowing plots that keeps expectations high and the emotional turmoil adds depth to the story as reaches out and captures the reader's heart.

In *Erin's Kiss*, Turk is supposed to protect her but finds that he burns for Erin with an intensity that he can't resist. Jaylan is an independent woman who doesn't need a man telling her what to do until the fiery passion between her and her neighbor consume them both in *misTaken*. Tata and Ali will discover if love really can conquer all when the heat that blazes between them becomes undeniable in *Burns for You* and in *Tangled*, Nate knows he shouldn't start his new job by getting involved with Cassie but when he becomes love drunk – Nate doesn't stand a chance.

The authors bring their stories to life with well written scenes and great attention to detail that makes it easy for the readers to become completely caught up in each one, or at least I certainly did. Individually each story in this entertaining anthology rated between three and five, so sit back relax and enjoy!

- Eva

Beth says

I rather enjoy anthologies as a whole. It either gives you a taste of each author's writing style and/or whets your appetite for a series or author you already follow. In *Hot Alphas*, I was very familiar with three of the authors and found a new one that I will be checking out in the near future.

Of course with anthologies, you must be able to overlook the insta-love and don't get your hopes up for in-depth character development. There is a little bit of development in both the relationships and character depth but not as much as you'd expect to find in a full length novel.

Bottom line, these novella length plots provided fast, easy and enjoyable reads, the perfect reading material for when you don't have a lot of time to invest but want to find some hot and steamy romance. 3.5 Stars

I received this ARC copy of *Hot Alphas* from St. Martin's Griffin in exchange for a honest review. This book is set for publication May 19, 2015.

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RachelW (BamaGal) says

NG invitation sent from publicist...

Ehhhh...average in every way. Not one story stood out. This was like a compilation of second and third rate stories thrown together and put out based on the supposed strength of the author names. LL's addition was repetitive and lazy writing, and she used to be pretty good.

Jen says

DNF at 45%

Sooooo...I really did try. A bunch of authors I don't love, but I definitely like. I just can't seem to get into any

of it and I'm calling a truce! Sorry book gods :)
