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True love isn't easy to find, even for handsome princes.

Warnings: silliness

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Lady*M says

Incredibly funny short story about oblivious (read: not very bright) prince in search of real love, his half-sister determined to help him and his loyal valet who just might be what prince is looking for. A piece of fun packed in 13 pages. I loved it!

Denise says

Very silly, very short fun. (And hey, it's free!)

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

[the prince is married with kids and of course sleeps with anyone. I get its part of the times the book is set for nobility but I still didn't like it. Then after being cursed the prince never grows he stays the same ass that he was. He fucks hundreds of people while the guy who loves him and can break the curse just watches or sets up the encounters. The Prince was an idiot

Andrea says

A cute little fairy tale and I loved the writing.

LD Durham says

Adorable, funny, and puts a lot of heart into such a short read. Loved it!

Kate Aaron says

great story, has all the tropes of a traditional fairy tale but a wonderfully ironic, modern voice. hilarious

Kiki says

2.5

NAVET says

HILARIOUS

NO Spoilers

In a genre full of "homo-angst" (i.e., closet cases, family estrangement, DADT drama - all of which I love), it's nice to run across a story of high-silliness. Somerville knows what her short story is: a fairy tale. And before reading, the reader should know that too. The tale unfolds as a reboot of "Beauty and the Beast," containing hilarious, parenthetical asides and one-liners that caused me to have a grin on my face through the entire (very quick) read. At spots, I even burst out laughing. It's lite, silly fun. Okay. One spoiler: The gay version of the "beast" is a prince that is turned old. That alone, in a gay culture of youth and beauty, is hilarious.

France-Andrée says

I was surprised that I cared for this. It's not the story, it's standard fairy tale fare. What made me like this is the asides. I find it interesting when an author speaks directly to the reader saying: 'I know this is impossible, you know this impossible so why can't I talk to you'. That sort of winking is very humorous to me and that's why I think this story is a good read.

Nikki says

A short and rather silly fairytale -- essentially a variation on the Beauty and the Beast theme. The main character is rather unlikeable, but the ending sort of made me smile anyway. The humour is mostly in snide and silly remarks about the fairytale tropes, and stuff like inappropriate nicknames, rather than being actually funny.

It doesn't fill me with the urge to read more of this author's work, but nor does it turn me off. It was free from Smashwords, anyway, so I didn't lose out by it.

Gavin Stephenson-Jackman says

A wonderful little diversion. Good on you Wat.

Jess says

I have mixed reactions to this book.

I think the author wanted the tone of the story to be very tongue in cheek or borderline sarcastic. It was kind of snide and silly and it kind of worked.

But what irritated me is two things:

1) at the beginning and the end of this free story the author says "if you like this story please check out my other stories at Smashwords" So I felt that this story was a form of advertising or promotion for her other books. I dont begrudge any author doing this - in fact I think its a brilliant idea, however I thought this story was no where near as good as Ann's other works. So in fact I would call it bad advertising.

2) The story had alot of potential. A little bit more emotional dialogue and a little less sarcasm would of made a huge difference. But this story being so short and snarky means that I loathed the prince for the entire book. He never really redeemed himself in my eyes.

JP says

This story was so funny, that I couldn't stop laughing. It was silly, really silly and I really wanted to hit Alfie over the head for not noticing Wat earlier. If you like a sweet and funny story you should read this.

M says

It's crack! Well written cliché about love being right in front of you.

Ayanna says

Okay, it was stupid and silly and much was lampshaded it and that's the only reason it has such a relatively high rating.

Alferonzo was a complete jackass and while I get that that was kind of the point, that didn't stop me from disliking him any less.

Fourth walls are broken by proxy.
