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The war that won the country its independence also lost many of the men who fought to achieve it, including Brom's lover. Years later, he still feels as if he left half of himself on the battlefield. When a new schoolmaster comes to Sleepy Hollow, a spark and a whiskey-flavored kiss ignite feelings he thought were long dead. But in order to be with John, he'll have to let the past be the past, or risk letting it destroy his opportunity to start over. And even then, loving another man is a dangerous endeavor.

Book 1 in the Sleepy Hollow Series (serves as a prequel to the novel Haunted Passions.)

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From Reader Review Whiskey Dreams for online ebook

Macky says

Sexy m/m spin on the legend of sleepy hollow, in which we are introduced to John Crane (Ichabod?) and Abraham Van Brunt or Brom Bones, as he is known, with mention of Katrina Van Tassel. No headless horseman in this one but the stage is being set, this is obviously a prelude before book 2 where I believe more paranormal aspects will be introduced. I don't particularly like m/m/f menage (this comes in book 2, Whiskey Dreams only contains m/m love scenes) but this wet my whistle - so to speak - and because I found it enjoyable, I've actually downloaded the second book. Both are probably stand alone books but it does make you want to read more about John and Brom so I guess the choice is yours. I caved in! There was great chemistry and sexual tension between John and Brom with promise of more to come so would definitely recommend it, especially as it is one of the best freebies up to now from Kindle. A very nice surprise!

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

This book was okay but I'm just not into historical romances unless they are REALLY REALLY good. It was nice enough (except for first time M/M sex with just spit! Come on!) but I wasn't wowed. I heard the next in the series is M/M/F, which is always a bit of a let down for me.

Kisses A says

Taught this would be a smart spin on the legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington but it just turned out to be plain ole erotica =/

Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says

Quick review:

Cover: Hot

Rating: NC-17

Thumbs Up: 4

Overall: Solid writing for such a quick read.

Characters: Want to know more.

Plot: This was a quick nibble into a story I that's going somewhere

Page Turner: Yes

Series Cont.? Yes

Recommend: Yes

Book Boyfriend: Brom

SUMMARY (50 words or less)

Short but good. I was surprised by this one. What should have been predictable wasn't. There is more to

come I'm sure. I'm waiting for the other shoe to fall, but so far so good. As soon as I can, I'll be diving into the next one.

To see my full review and yummy pic, check out my blog post below.

<http://mybookboyfriend.blogspot.com/2...>

Daniel Montgomery says

I'm not much a fan of romance novels. I read this as a quick palate cleanser between other books I was planning to read. The first romance novel I read was a straight contemporary romance. This is a gay period romance. They read almost exactly the same. Same graceless dialogue, cardboard characters, overwrought sentimentality, clumsy overwritten passages, thudding plot.

What's funny is that there's a scene at a party that indicates an interesting story independent of the requisite sex. I was interested to see a story develop that this novella was ill equipped to consider. It's a bad sign when you're reading steamy sex scenes and thinking, "Get back to the good stuff!"

T.M. Smith says

Short, Sexy and Steamy! My three favorite colors! This is the prequel to Haunted Passions and introduces us to Brom, John and Katrina. It can be read as a stand alone Novella, but I strongly urge that you follow it up with the more full length novel, Haunted Passions.

Brom is still recovering from the loss of his lover during the war when the Enigmatic new school teacher, John Crane, arrives in town. Brom is immediately drawn to John's innocence, and even though he's an educated man he has a naivete' about him that reel's Brom in even further.

John hides his attraction to Brom initially until the pair share a glass of whiskey and a passionate kiss. Then Brom slips and address's John as his former lover while THEY are making love, quite possibly destroying any chance he had of building something with the sexy school teacher before it even begins. But loving another man is dangerous enough as it is. Even if John can get past Brom's slip of the tongue, so to speak, can he get past the lying and sneaking around for the few stolen moments he and Brom can share?

Blending into the background we have Katrina Van Tassel, quietly planting herself into Brom's life as well as John's. Given the name of the town is Sleepy Hollow and the names of the characters, it's almost immediately obvious that Rose is giving the Headless Horseman classic tale a revamp, with a heavy dose of M/M action!

Spoiler Whore-Momoa says

Really really liked it! Looking forward to the sequel.

Lyndac says

Lots of feels in a short story. Looking forward to the next in the series.

A??ela W. says

This was book one in the "*Sleepy Hollow*" series. This was a short quick read that I liked. Abraham "Brom Bones" Van Brunt is a former Continental Army soldier who is mourning the death of his lover/fellow soldier during an ambush more than two years ago. John Crane is a schoolmaster when these two become lover's. I have read this author before this book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

Tracey says

This was a freebie book, it was a short read too.

John the new school master, and brom the horse man get it on. Not enough character development for me but as was only short that was to be expected. Steamy scene in the woods though.

Worth a quick read.

2.5 stars from me

★Ruth★ says

I've read better & I've read worse.

I was more intrigued by the snippet at the end which would suggest a m/m/f scenario in the next story.

Dan says

Once you begin this free read you won't want to put it down.

Whiskey Dreams The prequel too Haunted Passions, Ranae Rose has (imho) a wonderful writing style.

Andrew says

Review Taken From The Pewter Wolf

America is recovering from the American Civil War, and Brom Bones is recovering for the lost of his lover. So when a new schoolmaster, John Crane, arrives to Sleepy Hollow, a spark forms within Brom that he

thought he would never have again. And when the pair share a whiskey-filled kiss, Brom knows he wants to be with John. But how can he when the past won't stay in the past? And how can they be together when being in love with another man is dangerous thing?

I read with within two sittings and yes, this is erotica. There are three sex scenes and they are very explicit. But it was a fun, steamy read. I'm not going to say it was excellent but it was a fun fast read. And who can say anything bad about that?

Of course, this isn't perfect. I know that. I know, as I have listened to the audiobook version of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, that the schoolmaster is Ichabod, not John. And yes, I know that in the original that Brom and Ichabod hated each other and wanted Katrina Van Tassel's hand in marriage (and she makes a brief appearance in this story, though she's more in the sequel *Haunted Passions*). And yes, there was no sign of the Headless Horseman (he, again, appears in the sequel if I read Amazon right...). And I know that there are other erotica novels/novellas based on *Sleepy Hollows* which will shock you all, no doubt. But this is a quick fun read with some steamy sex scenes. Something to pass the time with...

While I won't be buying the sequel (a M/M/F erotica novella, just so you know), this was fast, fun and a tad naughty so if you're into gay erotica stories (and free at the time of writing), this might be up your street. If not, avoid.

Tonileg says

Brom is a damaged man. As all men are after surviving a war, it is almost punishment for having lived when beloved friends and family have died. But each day starts with Brom still breathing and finally healing little by little of the pain and grief that all survivors feel.

One day a new school teacher arrives in *Sleepy Hollow*, John is in his early twenties and this is his second post as a teacher. He is a virgin but has thought about M/M action although he has never acted on it. Brom kisses John after some pie and whiskey. There are some sexy scenes and a possible bi-sexuality with Brom, but that isn't developed in this story. Sweet and sexy first time sex for John with some healing for Brom as he learns to let go a little of the past to start a new future.

This is historical M/M erotic romance.

35 pages and free on All Romance internet site.

Karma♥Bites ^.~ says

★★★1/2 WHISKEY DREAMS, the prequel to *Haunted Passions*, was a fast, pleasurable read because the incredible writing let me relax and simply enjoy the story. I highly recommend this to anyone looking for a sweet yet smexy M/M historical romance.

Having forgotten everything but that WHISKEY DREAMS was an M/M historical, a mental fly kept buzzing about my head while reading. Not until @ 40% in did I finally realize that the story was a clever re-working of Washington Irving's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. (Yeah, I know, took me long enough but c'mon, I read that decades ago.)

Set in 1784 *Sleepy Hollow*, New York, Ms. Rose's version re-casts Abraham "Brom Bones" Van Brunt as a former Continental Army soldier who is haunted by the death of his lover/fellow soldier during an ambush more than two years ago. Ichabod is replaced with the more agreeable John Crane, who is still a

schoolmaster but becomes Brom's lover instead of his rival. And apparently, both are bi-sexual, which sets up nicely for the intro of the lovely Katrina Van Tassel in the latter part of WHISKEY DREAMS (as well as the story in *Haunted Passions*).

Given its short length, Brom and John's relationship occurs at hyper-speed. Everything is from Brom's POV so the reader gets a very limited understanding of John. The sex scenes are highly erotic but their first kiss...
... *Slowly, recklessly, stupidly, he drew John close. Close enough that he could see bright flecks in his grey eyes, truly silver in the moonlight. ... With a last rush of whiskey-scented breath, Brom pressed his mouth against John's. ...*

Technically, I noticed certain oddities (such as narrative text combined with dialogue) and there were minor edit/proof errors. Nonetheless, it's been quite some time since an author's writing style meshed so well with my mental reading cadence.

I don't know how or why I never heard of Ms. Rose or read any of her books. But I'll certainly be remedying that as quickly as possible, starting with *Haunted Passions*. Because contrary to what the blurb for WHISKEY DREAMS says, it's a stand-alone title only insofar as the main characters meet and the foundations of a potential relationship is set. That's the tease. It's almost—but not quite—an HFN, which pretty much requires the reader to get *Haunted Passions*.
