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When Dr. Theresa Fallon meets a long, lean stranger in business class, she's suddenly ready for anything. There's something about Damien Black that makes her want to surrender immediately...Which is why she accepts Damien's spontaneous offer of a sizzling getaway. All in the name of research, of course. And once the pretty professor slips between the sheets with this hard-bodied man of mystery, she discovers the meaning of the term erotic pleasure...

Books 2-4 in the series are published under the Susan Fox pen name.

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From Reader Review Sex Drive for online ebook

Cecile says

This book is my first review for Night Owl Romance. I am a reviewer there now!!! I am so excited!! So, with that said, I did receive this book for free... for my honest opinion of the story. So, all thoughts and comments regarding this book are solely mine!

Now, on to the review....

Meet Theresa Fallon, one of four of the Fallon sisters. She is the oldest of them. With her IQ being around genius level, she is the organized, realistic, cynical, and a little dull. Her sisters would never think of her letting her hair down and just going with the flow. In her own right, Theresa is a very straight forward kinda person; what you see is what you get.

She wasn't always a cynical person towards love and men; however, thanks to Jeffrey, her first husband of three months, she has now sworn off men. Before Jeffrey, she had not thought highly of herself. Then after him... what she had left went down to hardly nothing. Now academically, she knew she rocked. That is her area in life where she excels. So, what self esteem she had of herself, Jeffrey took that away from her. She never thought herself to be sexy, attractive or one of those woman who could attract a good looking guy. That is all about to change... She is about to meet one man that is going to rock her world from inside out!

Damien Black is a every woman's fantasy. He is definitely my walking sex on a stick man. He is charming, very easy on the eyes, body of a very athletic man, and was voted one of the country's ten sexiest bachelors (in Australia). He is man who believes in himself, exudes sexual awareness. Oh yea, and is a wee bit cocky about his sexuality. Being single and "famous" - he is an author - sometimes is not all what it's cracked up to be. What does he heart really want love or lust. Will looking away from those that fall at his feet prove to be what he has been looking for...

A ten hour flight from Sydney, Australia to Honolulu, Hawaii. Then from Honolulu to Vancouver, B. C. is the itinerary for Theresa Fallon. Theresa is on her way to her parents home in Vancouver, B. C., to meet up with her other two sisters to give their baby sister the wedding of her dreams. Damien has the same itinerary, except he has a lay over for the night in Honolulu. He was headed to Vancouver for a book tour. A New York publisher bought the U.S. rights to his books and was sponsoring the tour. He was in demand.

What could two people do on a ten hour flight? What happens when one person never steps out of their comfort zone and the other lives to skirt theirs? Can you find love, or at least the start of love, 30,000 feet in the air?

I absolutely love the whole book. Ms. Lyons had me mesmerized from the first page to the last. I could not turn the pages fast enough, nor get enough of the story fast enough to satisfy the inner hussy within. It was a non-stop ride - kinda like the flight!! I love the character tension Ms. Susan created right off the bat with Theresa and Damien. The banter between them is very realistic and the sexual tension is very hot! I love how Theresa, being a little naive as she is in some areas of life, never holds her tongue or backs down. She knows that she is not cut our for this kinda thing (what thing... I can not tell you), but she tosses common sense out the window and takes what is being given to her. Can she do this and keep her heart out of it?

Damien enjoys life and all it has to offer; including women. But when presented with a challenge, he is one not to back down. And Theresa is his challenge. She intrigues him in ways no woman ever has... but just how well could he get to know this "all work and no play" woman within one flight...

Ms. Susan made sure to give dimension to the sisters as well... I have a feeling I am going to love to see this family grow, lol! I found myself completely absorbed in the Fallons. I can say that I can not wait to see where Ms. Susan takes us next.... I hear it is on a train... Woohooooo!!!

I can say that I loved this book. I always found us saying that - for short stories: I would like to have seen more of this or that, or this did not give much time for this or that... but it is a short story - take it for what it is; a short story. Ms. Susan wrapped me up in her story and I was left craving for more... but reminding you are reading a short story is the key. This story was NOT short on romance, banter, sexy loving and just plain fun! She has it all in this book and I so can not wait for the next story.

My pro: I enjoyed how Ms. Lyons wrote each chapter in the mind set of Theresa & Damien. What was even more enjoyable was that each chapter picked up where the last one left off.

My con: The over use word of queue.

I am proud to say that I have found me a new to me author that is going on my automatic buy list! Planes, trains and automobiles... I am so ready to see what else Ms. Lyon has in store for us!!!!

Auntee says

This is really crazy. I was looking for a "smutty" book to read--one that wouldn't take too much concentration, so with a title like "Sex Drive" you'd think *pretty smutty*, right? But no, actually, this was a really *good* book--I was pleasantly surprised. It had a good story, wonderful characters, was hard to put down...and okay, it was pretty *hot* (not smutty)! And I actually learned some things too (about Australia, about famous authors and how they sell, write, and market their books, and a little bit about Aboriginal Australians--some fascinating sociological stuff). Of course all this was included in what turned out to be a hot romance between a brainy, slightly uptight, bit-of-a-control-freak, divorced-and-I've-sworn-off-men sociology professor (Dr. Theresa Fallon) originally from Vancouver, but working in Sydney, and a best-selling (in Australia), up-and-coming paranormal mystery novelist (Damien Black),(and one of Australia's 10 sexiest bachelors) who was just about the hottest, most playful hero I've read about this year.

Theresa and Damien meet on a flight from Sydney to Honolulu (she's on her way to her younger sister's wedding in Vancouver, he's about to embark on his first North American book signing tour). They actually briefly first make contact in an airport book store, where he overhears her dissing his books as "glib and superficial"--but doesn't take offense to it. Of course they end up seated next to each other (business class) on the flight out of Sydney, and she doesn't recognize him as the author of those books she dismissed. When she sees him flirting with the flight attendant, she takes him for the 'player' that he is (although he's tired of meaningless hookups and would like to find a woman who he can have a 'real' relationship with). They get to talking, he finds her intriguing and works to win her over. At first she finds him full of himself but then admits (to herself) he's charming and incredibly sexy...and after a few hours when the lights are dimmed for the long 10 hour flight, they're making out under the blankets in their seats, and Theresa has discovered her "sex drive". When they make a stop-over in Honolulu, Damien convinces "Tezzie" (as he nicknames her) to spend the day/night with him--and Theresa decides to allow herself to live a little this one time and have a fling with this hottie. And boy do they ever...Could this fling be the start of something bigger...and better?

I can't believe how much I enjoyed this story. Theresa and especially Damien were such wonderfully written characters, and even though their relationship started incredibly fast, they made such a connection it was like

they'd known each other for years. They were the perfect complement for each other--like two halves of a whole. He got the academic Theresa to relax and have fun and be spontaneous and carefree for the first time in her 32 years, and she got 33 year old Damien to be a little more serious and think about the direction he wanted his life and career to go. They had such fun together, had a great sexual energy, and quickly developed an emotional connection. Just a great job by the author for making me fall in love with these characters and care about their relationship.

So it wasn't "smutty", but it was plenty hot. Plenty of make-out sessions (under the covers on the plane; in the ocean) and some hot sex scenes (in the airplane bathroom; on Waikiki Beach under the stars), and just a general sexiness about the whole book. Loved the whole atmosphere.

The author also touches on some stuff about Theresa's career studying Indigenous Australians (Aborigines) and gives a little history lesson about them and the native Hawaiians, which was rather interesting, and ties it into Damien's career--Damien is 1/4 Aborigine and the protagonist of his mystery series is an Aborigine.

Anyone looking for a well-written, super sexy romance between a couple of opposites should give this hot romance a try. For me, the pages just flew by. Susan Lyons has a wonderful writing style, and I can't wait to try more of her books. Luckily I have her **Awesome Foursome** series on the TBR pile--I think I'll need to make time for them! 4 1/2 stars

**Added note: This book is partially written in first person, but only from Theresa's POV. The rest of the book is written in 3rd person. Honestly, it made no difference to me, and I usually don't like reading first person--it was just a very entertaining read.*

Lori McD says

I was surprised at how much I enjoyed this book... the title and the cover photo (and even the categorization) sort of put me off. Was this another sleazy novel disguised as a romance? NO! In fact, it's quite the opposite.

Yes, there is some steam. Yes, the steam is hot! Yes, the characters are virtual strangers who meet first in a book store and then on a plane. And yet... there's something sweetly romantic and surprising and funny and realistic about Damien and Theresa and their whirlwind romance. (I love that he gives her the nickname "Tezzie".)

While I'm not sure about the switching back and forth between 1st person POV for Theresa and then 3rd person for Damien switcheroo, I did enjoy getting both sides of the story, so to speak. The disconcerting part was the quick switch from 1st to 3rd - it just seemed incongruous.

I loved the differences in their personalities, how he lightened her up and how she gave him a bit of "heft". They balanced one another nicely. It's so unusual for a gal like Theresa to allow herself to just have fun and to have a fling... to take that chance. And I also liked that the Big Misunderstanding didn't last for pages and pages and cause a lot of unnecessary heartbreak and confusion; I liked that the two of them found a way to talk through it and get past it fairly quickly.

And while I liked the way their relationship was heading, I wasn't too keen on the quick ending. Seemed like suddenly, WHAM - the book was over. This might be the 1st book in the series, but Damien isn't seen in person in the other 4 books, and Theresa is there mainly for her sisters. All we hear about is his book tour and their phone sex. I liked that the two of them were taking the relationship slowly, yet seriously; it felt like something these two would do. You get the idea that they'll last and stay together, but...

Mariana Maiz says

I didn't like how the book seems not to have any closure of the story between the main couple. It was like a part of it was missing.

Isabel Roa says

Theresa is an idiot with a stick up her ass ,she feels she's better than everybody else because she's a professor.

She also thinks that everyone wants to use her because her first husband stole her research (or whatever) and passed it as his own .

Adis says

I judge this book by its title. I thought this book just about bang bang and bang, so-so erotica romance with absurd storyline and lot of sex scene. But hey, this book actually had decent story, even a good one. There was some racial issue which was great element to the story.

Jane Stewart says

Dreamy wishful thinking experience for women, being charmed and seduced by a sexy stranger on a plane.

STORY BRIEF:

Theresa was smart. She got a PhD in sociology at age 22. Always with kids older than she meant she never had youthful flirting and first loves. Jeffrey, a professor, wooed her and married her in order to steal her research grant. Since then she has never trusted men and is happy to live alone. She considers herself plain-looking. Her younger sister is getting married. Due to a recent illness the bride asked her sisters to plan the wedding for her. Theresa is flying from Sydney to Vancouver B.C. to do that. In the seat next to her is Damien, an Australian author of a mystery suspense series. He is also considered one of Australia's sexiest bachelors. When Damien first boarded the plane he flirted with the stewardess. But as he gets to know Theresa, he wants her. The stewardess wants him, so he asks Theresa to pretend to be his fiancé so he can get out of the flirting. She says ok. He kisses her, and soon they find themselves hot and heavy with desire. They do things under the blanket and more in the lavatory.

REVIEWER'S OPINION:

Theresa has never felt desirable or sexy. But Damien truly sees her that way, and she loves this new feeling. She desires and lusts after Damien as well. The book is written for women in a wishful thinking way, not expecting it, and being wooed by a sexy stranger. They spend time together. They do a variety of things together. The more he sees the more he likes. It's almost too pleasant. It was missing the excitement that keeps one drawn in. There is a lot of conversation. It's good conversation. I liked one of their arguments. She said he should take up the cause of discrimination against aborigines in his fiction books. He was one-quarter aborigine. He countered with she should take up the cause of discrimination against women in her work. She

conceded, point made.

One scene bothered me. Toward the end, she heard him say something (out of context) and assumed the wrong thing. She immediately became cold and treated him bad. This was the formulaic fight/separation that most romance novels have. Why? It wasn't necessary. It felt like someone forced the author to put a separation in the book. All Theresa had to do was ask a question to clarify what she heard. But no she was cold for a period of time until she accidentally learned the truth. Not fun. I would much rather have seen a little excitement or danger by having a third person cause conflict, like a pick pocket, a rude person, the paparazzi, etc.

On balance it was a pleasant reading experience. It wasn't the kind of thing that had me eager to get back to it each time, but it was good. There were many sex scenes. They were explicit and somewhat sensual, but not as hot as others.

Minor problem: Damien has black hair to his shoulders. Cover guy has a short haircut.

DATA:

Story length: 313 pages. Swearing language: strong, including religious swear words. Sexual language: strong. Number of sex scenes: 8. Estimated number of sex scene pages: 41. Setting: current day airplane, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Vancouver, B.C. Copyright: 2009. Genre: erotic contemporary romance.

Aidê Nagib says

Quando li o livro da Kat com o Nav e a Theresa foi apresentada estava muito ansiosa para ler a sua história e fiquei muito decepcionada com tudo que li. Não chegou aos pés do livro da Kat no quesito de romance e muitas partes eu tive vontade de bater na principal porque estava deixando tudo muito cansativo. Uma coisa é certa a autora melhorou em seus próximos volumes deixando tudo uma escrita mais leve, ao contrário do livro da Kat esse não foi um romance leve e divertido para passar algumas horas, não via o momento que chegaria ao fim e poderia pegar algum outro livro que me deixasse mais empolgada, apesar de que tiveram algumas cenas muito boas e engraçadas. -

Angie says

Good Book.....

The Romance Reviews (Carole) says

it's one wild ride, for both the characters and the reader. I like the way the Damien and Theresa gradually developed feelings for one another, fraught with all the highs and joys, doubts and uncertainties of a new romance. Like how Damien found himself floundering, wanting to say the right words at the right time, because it mattered now in the way it didn't before. I also like the way they helped each other to grow and expand beyond what they already are into better persons. Susan Lyons is an amazing storyteller, creating characters that wrap around your heart.

Reviewed by Shana for The Raving Readers

Full Review

Thea says

Well this had a warning on the back about all the sex in the book, yet I don't see why. Sure it had some sex in it but I didn't see why it had to have a warning. All in all it was a cute story and a fast read.

Bookaholics says

Sex Drive by Susan Lyons
Contemporary Romance- Nov. 24th, 2009
4 stars

Sex Drive is an amazingly sensual read and one sure to please fans who love a lot of spice in their contemporary romances! This book starts what appears to a new series involving sisters and the love they find in their travels.

The first installment features the eldest sister Theresa Fallon. Theresa is a genius. She values her control and acumen. She is comfortable with her intellectual side but not so much with the physical and sexual side of her personality. She has always thought of herself as the 'plain brainiac' among her sisters. When her youngest sister suddenly decides to marry, Theresa feels as the eldest and most responsible it is her duty to organize the event. When she meets a disturbingly attractive man in a bookstore while picking up bride magazines and then later is seated next to him on a flight to Canada she is fascinated. Her unusual sexual awareness of him won't seem to stop. She finds herself suddenly tired of living a life on the straight and narrow. When she decides to take a risk and inadvertently discovers a fun and free side of herself. She finds a part of herself she never knew existed.

Damien Black is a successful author and when he hears the snobby woman at the bookstores negative comments about his latest book he is intrigued. When he meets her later on the plane he is fascinated by her intellect and subtle charms. As a popular author he is tired of women throwing themselves at him and in Theresa he sees a refreshing woman whom he can be himself. When the unwanted attentions of the stewardess become to much he asks Theresa to 'pretend' they are engaged. And when he convinces her to extend their short layover in Hawaii with him he finds himself drawn to her hidden charms.

Susan Lyons sees into the heart of writing romance as she brings real emotion to her characters. I really enjoyed the relationship between the main characters. I particularly loved Theresa's transformation. The way Theresa opens up and lets herself be liberated and empowered made me feel empowered, too! When Theresa impulsively decides to stay with Damien and finally starts enjoying life for the first time I it exhilarating to read. Damien was the perfect foil for Theresa, super sexy and understanding. This was a sizzlin' hot read. Readers who love steamy romance will not be disappointed!

Reviewed by Steph from the Bookaholics Romance Book Club

Kathleen says

I really liked this book. It was one of those where the H&h meet and instantly connect. Despite how fast the relationship took off I felt that through the 3 day's these two where together that they really got to know each other well. Of course the love scenes where HOT and well done. The only thing I can complain about is I wish the book would have gone on for another 50 pages or so. This could have very easily have been a 5 star book for me.

Adriana says

Sex Drive by Susan Lyons

Wild Ride to Love Series Book 1 follows the Fallon Sisters. Books 2-4 transition to Susan Fox as the author.

I loved this series and this story was my favorite. I enjoy stories about brainy women falling in love. They try to do it so intellectually by reasoning the encounter (relationship) should I or shouldn't I... Inevitably the body and heart align and the ride is wild. The 'mile high' scene at the beginning of the book was so wicked/sexy/hot I re-read it several times.

Susan says

Dr Theresa Fallon is a university professor who has been burned by a man in the past. Burned badly enough to move to another country and change her studies. She has sworn off men. She is an academic with a all work and no play mentality and view on life. Theresa is going back home from to Canada to help her sister's plan a wedding for the youngest sister.

Damien Black is a fiction novelist. He is starting his first North American book tour. He is no stranger to being with women and having them throw themselves at his feet due to his celebrity status and good looks. Theresa and Damien are seated next to each other on the flight out of Sydney. Immediately there is an attraction between them. Damien Theresa, being the reserved academic, does not believe that Damien is attracted to her. He crumbles her walls allowing her to enjoy the sexual encounter that undoubtedly will take place. Damien invites Theresa to spend the day with him in Hawaii. Tired of being the smart, inhibited woman that she is Theresa decides to take the plunge. Damien realizes that she is more than just another sexual encounter to him. Spending time together proves to be the best thing that has ever happened to them. In and out of bed.

Full of incredible sensuality and a a rich love story. Lovable characters. Hard to put down.
