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I was on the fence about my rating because in a lot of ways this is exactly what I'm looking for in a piece of erotic fiction: the writing is excellent, way above average; the sexual chemistry between the MCs is both hot and convincing; the story is not simply an excuse for some titillating scenes; rather, the author takes her characters seriously, delving into their motivations with insight and respect; the relationship itself, between a young man and his best friend's father, is challenging, uncomfortable even, but taken seriously, and the treatment is never clichéd or smarmy. All of this is true and made the story in a lot of ways better than 90% of what I read. Still, I did not feel it was as good as it could have been: it felt unpolished, with certain parts rushed over or underexplored. Javier's background was mostly provided in a confessional info dump, and yet there were inconsistencies in his characterization that gave me pause: what exactly is his education and family background? He's a teen parent, garage mechanic and former addict, but his speech and casual familiarity with books like *Wuthering Heights* seemed to indicate a middle-class upbringing. There were weird mistakes about the difficulty of getting into a school like Stanford or the usual timetable of applying to and hearing from colleges generally that made me scratch my head until I realized the author is not American. Small point, but I hated the book's title: it fits a far cheesier, clichéd book than this, probably one with misunderstood vampires, destined mates, and world-dominating maniacal villains. Added in response to helpful comments by better-read GR friends: I'm probably wrong about my complaints on the title, which is a quote from a great poem by Neruda, but I'll keep my initial response as is for what it's worth. Lastly, I hate, loathe, despise, and condemn the present tense in fiction; I associate it overwhelmingly with *Fifty Shades of Grey*, and want to coerce all writers I admire into taking a blood oath not to use it. Truthfully, I think these complaints all point to the fundamental absurdity of attempting to evaluate all books ever written on the 1-5 star rating system rather than any problem with this short novel. After all, if, say, *Bleak House* and *Austen's Persuasion*, two of the best books ever written in my opinion, get 5 stars from me, then should I really be giving the same rating to *Bone Rider*, a book I enjoyed immensely and also admired, but seriously folks, even if I were high on crack could I really say it deserves the same rating? I apologize for the rant, but this is why I can't take the ratings all that seriously. Bottom line: I'm giving this four stars because I think Frost is a seriously smart, talented writer, and even this flawed novella shows her huge potential. Obviously read the blurb and decide if this material is for you. If so, this is a well-written, very hot little story. In *The Blaze of His Hungers* possesses a blunt, raw, down-dirty, rattle-the-tool-bench type of power that reeled me in. Throw in age-difference hotness with a dash of kink and snarky banter well, damn I am hooked and happy. This little gem hit my re-read again and again list with HEAT. Ryan has been lusting after his best friend's father, Javier, for months.

Fantasizing, staring, blushing, and popping boners But Ryan never dreamed Javier would notice him Never mind reciprocate and care But can Ryan and Javier keep their risky, addictive relationship a secret Should they view spoiler What I want is to tie you up and blindfold you and make you learn my touch, so you can't come with anyone else touching you, can't sleep in the dark without remembering my hands on you hide spoiler I started this one without reading a blurb. My first thought at 6% was WTF And my next thought was to give it up and rate it with 1 star. I'm so glad I didn't do it and gave this short novel a chance. It began from the first sight like a cheap porn and grew to a wonderful well written story about an unusual relationship that had much heart than some full length novels. I'd recommend to read a blurb before to decide if it is something for you or not I'm eager to read of Dominique Frost. I absolutely loved this book Javier and Ryan were such a solid couple right from the word go and you can't but wish for everything to turn out right for them in the end I'd love a follow up to their story free on at the moment

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Thank you Amaranth for putting this on my radar and telling me it was free on What a delicious, naughty read view spoiler I wasn't expecting much from this 75 pages story But it packed quite a punch in such a small frame Ryan was a wonderful surprise with his sassy mouth, love for his father and best friend and healthy and enticing sexual appetite as well as his ability to look beyond the surface Javier proved to be just as captivating Initially he is depicted as the scumbag dad coming back to town after 13 years and you end up caring and sympathising for him at least I did While told only from Ryan's POV, the story still manages to portray Javier's feelings, Pete's and to some amount, Ryan's dad and Pete's mom The sex scenes were intensely torrid and I could really see the two of them fit to it But then, with a few careful phrases their searing couplings turned into something and you realise both have invested themselves than just for a few hours of fun And then, Ryan and Javier have to struggle with their feelings as well as handling a whole world disapproving of their relationship hide spoiler How to rate this book On the one hand, it's different, steamy, and smutxy On the other, it's tinged with elements of dub con, and the ending can only be labeled a HFN, because I'm just not seeing an 18 year old Ryan and a 37 year old Javier making it work for the long haul, particularly when the older man is the deadbeat, ex druggie dad of said teenager's best friend. Ryan is a virgin and head over heels in lust with Javier, who moves back to town and opens an auto shop in order to make amends with his son, Pete Ryan's BFF, whom he abandoned than a decade ago Ryan tells Javier off, and, just like that drop your pants and suck me, they begin a torrid affair, with Javier taking the reins and Ryan begging for They keep the whole thing secret, since Ryan is fairly certain Pete wouldn't appreciate him screwing his father, and Ryan's own father wouldn't want Ryan sleeping with a dude than twice his age Don't expect a lot of plot from this novella If the power differential freaks you out, skip it, because while Ryan REALLY WANTS Javier, Ryan is also a virgin and barely legal, and Javier's been up the mountain a few times and back, so their footing is not exactly equal Granted, Javier comes to rely on Ryan too and tries to let him go A big minus for me was the third person, present tense POV Ryan's, which can work, but in this case made the book feel jumpy and hyper, and didn't offer enough analytical distance I really wanted Javier's point of view and perhaps some kind of resolution to the keeping it secret deal. &DOWNLOAD BOOK ? In the Blaze of His Hungers ? Ryan Doesn't Mean To Sleep With His Best Friend's Hot Dad It Just Happens Ryan Is Eighteen, Inexperienced And In Lust With Javier, His Friend's Divorced Father Javier Is Dangerously Charismatic, Confident And Overwhelmingly Sexual, And When Ryan Hints At His Desires, Javier Takes Every Opportunity To Fulfill Them However, What Begins As A Torrid Affair Soon Becomes Something Than What Either Of Them Had Anticipated, And The Forbidden Nature Of Their Feelings Threatens To Rip Their Families Apart With Ryan Slowly Discovering About Javier's Dark Past And Javier Trying Desperately To Overcome It, Their Bond Has The Potential To Become Something Truly Transforming But Can They Keep Their Relationship A Secret, Or Will Their Story Be Forced To End Before It Even

Begins Bad title good potential and initial heat. Advice intertwine the sexy heat and the emotional issues throughout the story instead of having all the detailed and hot hunger up front and all the substantiating gravity toward the back Plus there were some areas that needed fleshing Ryan's father after there are no details Pete's mother and her take on Javier You set the scene, do the work Ps this author's ratio of page count to kindle price is too high Want to read The Art of Touch but woah This was a fab little story I really like the way the situations eventually brought them all closer together I would still like to read about the characters To know what happens next

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