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I picked this up for the short story by Vicki Lewis Thompson A Calculated Risk Because Roni the heroine of the story is frequently referred to in Thompson s Sons of Chance series.Sadly this was actually the worst of the novellas Most of the story is taken up by drama between Judd Roni s love interest and Tucker the driver of the car I like that Thompson picked a crew chief and a mechanic for a NASCAR story, something a little different, but inevitably as the story s focus isn t on the couple it falls flat An Outside Chance by Nancy WarrenThe second story in the anthology is about Lucy a thirty something who succumbs to a lame dating advice book She knows it s lame but follows the advice to go where the men are right to Daytona before a race Unfortunately her internet date is a married man and a total scumbag In a fit of rage she punches the air, accidentally hitting Sawyer Patton.Sawyer s a rookie driver about to race for the first time and he finds Lucy a great distraction for his nerves.The story is sweet and enjoyable This Time Around by Dorien KellyMegan is a rookie driver back from vacation Only her vacation fling Chris followed her to Daytona There s some unnecessary angst between Chris and his father who is a team owner, but Megan and Chris are really cute together.The anthology on the whole is good if you have a spare afternoon. Stumbled on this Valentine anthology totally by accident and just grabbed it because I m a fan of Vicki Lewis Thompson but I was so happy I bought it because I really loved this book Three stories set during Valentine s day with a

NASCAR theme I don't know much about NASCAR but it was great to get a glimpse into the behind the scenes stuff of this very popular sport. *A Calculated Risk* by Vicki Lewis Thompson about Veronica Roni a car chief who is secretly in love with her crew chief, Judd, whom she thinks only sees her as one of the guys, or does he? So she attempts to turn their professional relationship into a personal one as well. *An Outside Chance* by Nancy Warren is a cute and funny story about 32 year old Lucy. She meets an online date in Daytona for the NASCAR race but he turns out to be a dud and definitely not what he portrayed himself as online. So while venting her frustration on the beach she bumps into rookie driver Sawyer Patton. They befriend each other and then soon friendship turns into love. Very sweet story. *This Time Around* by Dorien Kelly is a sigh worth story. What I loved about this story is that the guy was the first one to realize he was in love and he did the chasing after the girl instead of having the girl wait around for the guy to realize he was in love. Another cool thing about this story is that the heroine is the NASCAR driver.

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*They're in for the ride  
of their lives!*

*New York Times* Bestselling Author  
**Vicki Lewis Thompson**  
Nancy Warren ♥ Dorien Kelly

With only 0.5 flames out of 3 as the heat level this anthology, *Racing Hearts*, is not my usual read. It's way less sexually explicit than a lot of the other books I review. This is of a sweet and cute kind of romance anthology. From the three authors Vicki Lewis Thompson, Nancy Warren and Dorien Kelly, I've read some Blaze novels from the first two before and did enjoy those pretty much. Anyone who has ever read a Blaze knows that in those stories love scenes never take place behind closed doors. Sex scenes are fairly explicit and erotic in Blazes. Not so much in this anthology. Ms Thompson and Ms Warren can't be accused of showing any naked body parts, except for an occasional man titty maybe, but it may have been that the bare chest was part of Ms Kelly's story, I'm not sure. Anyway, this collection of three stories wasn't bad, it was pretty okay. Some parts I did like better than others. It's always difficult to rate an anthology, since the different stories are somewhat diverse. These three stories do have a few things in common though. First of all they're all taking place in the setting of the NASCAR races, in Daytona. And second they have the time of the year in common: Valentine's Day and the opening week of racing season. But every story is a stand-alone read, they don't share sub characters or anything else. Every author brings her own vibe to the story, and has her own writing style. Therefore I'll talk about each story separately.

**A Calculated Risk** by Vicki Lewis Thompson: Roni is one of the guys because of her occupation as car chief of a racing team. She has the hots for her crew chief Judd for over a year now. But he doesn't see her as a woman, she thinks. Only he does so, and thinks she's attractive, but doesn't want to date a team member because of the complications a fall-out could cause. Besides, Judd is having a conflict with the race car driver of their team, who happens to be Roni's friend. This conflict is causing a lot of trouble for the team because of the distrust that comes along with it. And Roni tries to mediate. At the same moment as she has decided to dress feminine and wear make-up to get Judd's attention. Of course, she was sweet to try to mediate in the conflict and Judd appreciates that a lot. And he starts to notice her kind personality where he first mainly saw her attractiveness and professional skills. What I don't understand though is how he gets from not willing to date a team member to being okay with it. That's because *A Calculated Risk* is overly well plotted but with little attention for inner conflicts or feelings between them. I would have liked to see a bit of that and I don't mean a sentence like "Liquid heat poured through her" p. 100 only because the guy cups her face in his hands. But the story did give a nice view behind the scenes of a NASCAR team.

**An Outside Chance** by Nancy Warren: Lucy and Sawyer are quite a cute couple. She's a funny, happy, average-looking girl and he's a young and hot race car driver. They meet because Lucy sucker punches him by accident in the stomach while he's jogging. She came to Daytona for a blind date that she met at a NASCAR fan website. And the blind date turned out to be a complete loser. Lucy and Sawyer's unusual meeting leads to a cup of coffee and a tour on the racing tracks. Sawyer discovers that Lucy can make him forget about his nerves for the race because of her well-natured, light-hearted chitchat and personality. And he wants to keep her around. Luckily for

them there s also a physical heat between them of which we don t see much, mind you plus Sawyer s family really likes Lucy I totally hoped that he would see that she was the one for him. What almost threw me off was a thought Sawyer had about Lucy being on a blind date with someone she met on the internet Maybe she had an older brother But if so what was the guy thinking letting her go on this crazy stunt p 136 137 I couldn t believe this old fashioned way of thinking Luckily, Sawyer turns out to be pretty okay and his eyes open quickly about Lucy She had me laughing a few times with him, although one time my laugh wasn t accompanied by his and had of a mocking undertone This was when she thinks their first kiss, a mere brushing of the lips, is exceptional she d never experienced a kiss that left her quite so breathless p 171 Sorry, I think that s ridiculous in 2010 But oddly enough it didn t make me enjoy this story less. This Time Around by Dorien Kelly I didn t know this author s work like that from the others, but Ms Kelly s story turned out to be pretty enjoyable It s the least old fashioned of the three, the heroine is the race car driver here and the guy is travelling all over the world for her Chris wants to see Megan again after they met on the island where he lives and runs a successful celebrity restaurant, and where they spent a few hot weeks together before she left him because of her career In order to be with her again Chris has not only to hope that she wants to see him, but also has to face up to his stepbrothers and father who turned out to be Megan s boss The family complications were worked out very nicely, first they caused some troubles for the couple and in the end everything is peaches again Imo the father is turning a little quickly from a really big jerk to a peace loving father, but alas he s not that important Chris and Megan are and the two of them have nice little conversations, cute loving moments and Chris has an adorable bonding thing going on with Megan s twin brother. Overall, this is a sweet collection and if you like to read about NASCAR drivers and mechanics this is certainly a nice anthology If you like your romance a little spicier or emotional and your coupling worked out and insightful, these stories might not do it for you. Rating 2.5 3 stars out of 5. Heat level 0.5 flames out of 3. Racing Hearts Analogy Harlequin NASCAR Library A Calculated Risk Vicki Lewis Thompson After one woman s actions destroy the team camaraderie another woman tries to repair it Roni Kenway works for Lovejoy Racing She has secretly been in love with the crew chief Judd Timmons for two years and she is good friends with the driver Tucker Merritt Still her main focus is the team and she s determined to bring the two men back together And secretly she hopes that Judd will see her as a woman this Valentines Day. An Outside Chance Nancy Warren Lucy Vanderwal felt like a spinster on a shelf Following the advice from a book for a last chance at love she ends up at Daytona week to meet a fellow NASCAR fan It went all wrong with the guy she went there to meet, she d been duped Big time Thank goodness for Sawyer Patton the rookie driver she accidentally meets Her vacation isn t a total loss after all, and maybe her love life isn t either. This Time Around Dorien Kelly Megan Carter enjoyed a relaxing vacation before heading for her first NASCAR Sprint Series with Hammond Racing Her time with Chris Donahue was amazing and she

really missed him but leaving him was the right thing to do Their lives were too different and he had his restaurant far away and she had her racing If only she could convince her heart she did the right thing And now she seems to be hallucinating because she could have sworn she just saw Chris here in Daytona far, far away from his island paradise.<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com> ( Download Book ) ? Racing Hearts ? She S Plotted The CourseCar Chief Roni Kenway Has A Plan She LI Save Her Racing Team And Hopefully Convince Her Crew Chief, Judd Timmons, That She S The Perfect Mix Of Business And Pleasure But Will She Coast Down Victory Laneor Crash Into The Wall She S In DaytonaHaunted By A Sadistic Book About Last Chance Love, Lucy Vanderwal Hopes A Trip To Daytona Will End With Love But When She Discovers Her Last Chance Guy Is A Lemon, Lucy Meets Rookie Driver Sawyer Pattonand Learns Even A Late Starter Can Be A Winner And She S Behind The Wheel Driver Megan Carter Just Got Back From A Dream Vacation Sun, Sand And A Sizzling Fling With Chris Donahue Now All She Needs Is To Prove Herself On The Race Track But How Can She Do That When Chris Turns Up In Her Garage In Her Real Life And Says He S There To Stay I stopped reading this book when I realized I wasn t going to get a sex scene Sorry if that is lame or shallow, but I read romance books so that I get to see the whole picture The writing was good fine not bad at all It was just personal appeal for me I stopped reading at page 72 because the topic was getting boring for me I hate everything to do with NASCAR and did not realize when getting this book from the library that it was about NASCAR I was just getting it based on one of my fav author s having written part of it, so that was also my bad I flipped thru and found a hint of a sex scene but it was a bluff Then I flipped thru the whole book and nada So I just decided to stop reading Like I said, my score is based on what I expect from a Harlequin romance novel This book just didn t deliver what I was wanting or expecting based on previous experience with this genre or publisher. I don t know why I continue to read short stories when I ususally find myself hoping forfrom each story Oh, wait It s so that I can find new authors to read about Well, this time I discovered Dorien Kelly, who wrote about as good a short story as it could get The real test, however, will come when I read one of her novels I really hope that she doesn t dissappoint It was also good to see the world of NASCAR take over the world ofauthors And, although I haven t convinced myself to sit down and watch one of the races, I appreciate the impact NASCAR has made on the world so that I can enjoybooks about this high octane world. I liked this book It s good for a quick read I would read it again, butas when I don t have a lot of time but want something to read I liked the dynamics and how the stories were all different as in they included the different roles of nascar The stories weren t all about the same situation about a driver Enjoy It was alright.it was really weird to read a Harlequin novel without sex scenes.especially one by Vicki Lewis Thompson.luckily the NASCAR storyline only interrupts the romantic storyline in one of the stories.. Great book Three short romances that I would be happy to recommend to my daughter As a friend of mine likes to tease me, she refers to me as the soft romance

reader I don't recall ever reading a story about race car drivers before fun read and a bit different than my usual stories.

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