

**SPELL OF LOVE: FLAME IN THE RAIN**

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An erotic romance e-book

When the tire blows on her Jeep, Kat finds herself stranded on the side of a road outside Cairns, Australia, and literally starving to death. Or undeath, really. As a vampire, she needs blood and she needs it now. A light in the dark is her only hope, so she follows it to find a tall blonde stranger. Just what she needs—and perhaps she'll play with him awhile before she turns him into one of the undead.

Unfortunately, Thurston isn't what he appears to be. He is immortal, blessed—or cursed, depending on his mood—by a powerful wizard. He's lived alone on his private little beach in Australia since he was transported here as a prisoner centuries ago. He can't feed her hunger for blood, but he finds himself unable to resist satisfying any other craving she might have. What he can't give her is his heart; he lost it long ago with the death of his wife and newborn son. Can the undead convince him to live again?

Ms. Brooks penned a sweet, sexy tale with a unique twist on vampire romance. With as little room as the author had in this novella, she certainly delivered fascinating, well-developed characters, and sizzling romance. *Flame in the Rain* flew by so fast, it was over before I knew it—and I definitely want to read the next installment in the Spell of Love series. Readers who object to ménage or same sex contact should pass this novella up, but they'd be missing an appealing story.

**4 ½ Kisses**