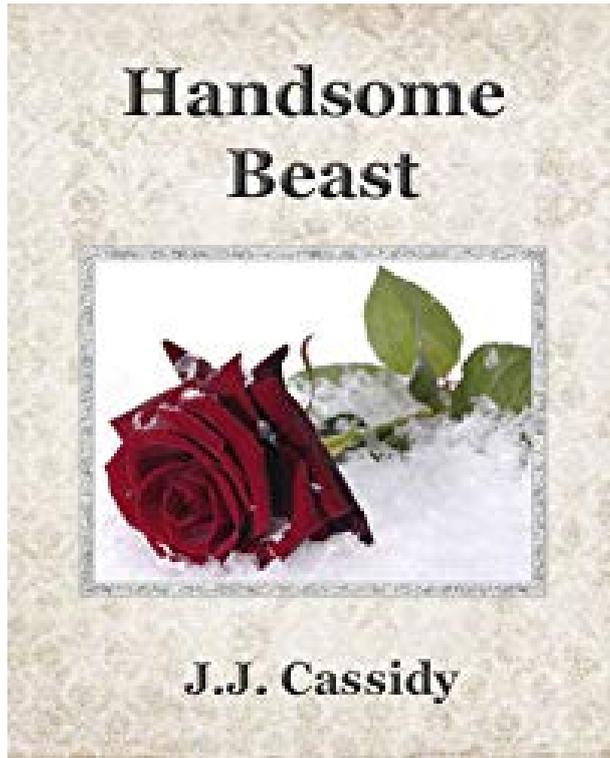


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Once upon a time ... A modern re-telling of a favorite fairy tale -- with a twist. On the day after Thanksgiving, thirty-year-old lawyer Nic Graziano takes a bus to remote upstate New York to carry out his foolproof suicide plan. Apparently, he needed an idiot-proof plan, because now he's soaking wet, cold, and hopely lost in the woods -- who would have thought dying of exposure was so difficult? Wide awake for what feels like the first time in weeks, he blunders through the dark, following the scent of wood smoke to a remote house. Pounding on the front door gets him nowhere, so he breaks in, passes out on the kitchen floor, and wakes up naked -- and alone -- in Gavin Lovatt's sinfully comfortable bed. Instead of calling the police, Gavin offers Nic a hot meal and a change of clothes. And more, if Nic can believe the looks Gavin is giving him, making Nic think that a few days of hot rebound sex with a good-looking man is exactly what he needs before going home and rebuilding his life. Gavin turns out to be funny, affectionate, and sexy as hell, and if Nic can just keep reminding himself this is temporary, everything will be fine. And yes, Nic has questions, lots of them -- like how come a wealthy man in a huge house has no apparent household help -- but he can't seem to remember to ask. On top of that, Gavin disappears every single night, only to reappear in the morning. Nic doesn't expect Gavin's life to stop because he's here, but he will not tolerate being lied to again. Nic is the first guy to admit that everybody has baggage, but not everybody has creepy supernatural baggage ... and the truth may be stranger than Nic could ever imagine.