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At 19, Beck Barretti is living two lives. To his family, he's a young man trying to find his way after years of battling a mental illness that nearly cost him everything. But to the rest of the world he's just another privileged kid with problems. The truth doesn't even lie somewhere in between because Beck's entire life is actually about keeping secrets.

From the people he loves.

From the ones he doesn't.

From himself.

Spending a summer in Dare, Montana with family friends isn't about starting fresh – it's about escaping the crippling darkness that threatens to consume him.

Until one encounter that was supposed to mean nothing ends up changing everything...

Quinn Donovan had the life he'd always dreamed of until a brutal act of violence ripped it all away. Even though he's found a new future working at the CB Bar Ranch in Dare, Montana, he's not interested in trying to get back what he once had. All he wants is a quiet life that includes a job that's worth getting up for each morning and hanging out with his best friend, a black and white Paint stallion named Koda.

But nothing prepares him for the strange twist of fate that brings not one, but two men into his life...

Brody Wilder is done hiding in the closet. As the son of a political scion, he's spent his entire life hiding the truth about who he is just so he could inherit a legacy he never wanted. But those days are behind him and he's starting a new life in rural Montana where he's saving lives as a paramedic and building a successful construction business that would surely horrify his old-money, society-loving family.

After years of denying himself, he's taking advantage of his newfound freedom by indulging in random, meaningless sexual encounters that are about pleasure, not emotion.

So no one is more surprised than him when one night in the back room of a sordid gay club leads to something more...

Can three men who came together by chance find the hope they need to build a future with each other, or will they end up letting their fears determine their destiny?

## **Finding Hope Details**

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## From Reader Review Finding Hope for online ebook

### Christelle says

4 stars for this new addition to the “finding home” series. Could be a standalone, but then, Sloane Kennedy mixes the characters from this series and her other ones more and more, so it’s better to read her previous work before.

Back to Dare where Beck, one of the “Barretti” kids, will spend a summer working with horses. But also with Quinn and Brody, 2 older guys he previously met one night in a bar and had a sexual and quite unforgettable encounter with.

All three men have baggage from their past, but most of all Beck, the quiet, depressed and skittish Beck. And it leads to a beautiful journey for the 3 of them. It was moving, angsty as hell in pure Sloane Kennedy’s style, and once again, the sexual chemistry and hotness were there **in spades**.

I’m not a fan of MMM, but this author makes it work. And it’s great to follow up on all the previous characters for her series.

I’m really looking forward to the next one with Nathan. I have a feeling all the characters from “Barretti securities”, “Finding home” and the “protectors series” will be mixed.

A final comment (view spoiler)

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### Susan says

#### Re-read November 2018

Still one of my favorite Sloane Kennedy's.

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This was awesome! So much hurt/comfort in this MMM story.

Quinn is a 33 year old cowboy, looking for a hookup in a club. When he spots the young man walking towards him, he knows he has to have him. When the two are walking towards a bathroom stall, their eyes lock with a stranger and sparks seem to fly. The three end up having hot and heavy sex, but afterwards, the young guy seems to panic and flees.

Beck is the 19 year old adopted son of Rafe and Cade Barretti (Redeeming Rafe). He was out looking for a hookup to escape the demons in his head. But the sex wasn’t supposed to feel good. Especially not with two men instead of one.

When Quinn goes to work at a friend’s ranch the next day, he encounters Beck again, who is spending the summer on the ranch helping out. Neither man expected to see the other one again. And when it turns out Brody, the stranger from the club, is also spending several weeks on the ranch to help out, it seems they can’t escape each other.

But Beck has some serious issues regarding big men and sex. Quinn and Brody need a lot of patience in

dealing with him. But when all three of them become friends, it's not long before they can't deny their attraction any longer, and when Beck takes the first step, Quinn and Brody follow...

I really liked this. There was so much hurt/comfort in this, it was wonderful. Beck was hurting so much, and Quinn and Brody were so sweet with him, and each other.

I liked how these men fell in love with each other at the same time. The angst was mostly because of Beck's past and all of them learning to love (again). Lot of communication in this one, no crazy misunderstandings.

What I really like in Sloane Kennedy's books is that all her characters are hurting in some way, but somehow the angst never feels overwhelming to me. It is like they all take turns in comforting each other's hurt. It is so very well done!

The sexy times were plentiful, but definitely not too much. It had the perfect balance between smut and plot.

I absolutely loved it.

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## **Wendy says**

Re-read 7/26/18 and 7/16/17...still one of my favorites by this author !!

I am a huge Sloane Kennedy fan. Over the last year she has become one of my favorite MM authors. Every book she writes is an auto-buy for me and I have been patiently waiting for Beck's story. Thankfully, Sloane Kennedy never makes me wait very long ;) When I saw this baby on Amazon yesterday...I screamed...

Now before I go any further with this review, I want point out that this book has some major triggers. To know what they are, you have to look into the book though, but I am gonna explain them right here, because for some people this can be a very serious issue. This book deals with depression, suicide attempt, (sexual) child-abuse and rape.

Now for the book.....damn this book broke my heart. I can honestly say that this is my favorite book in this series...maybe even out of all the series. I read it all in one go. This is also the only book that had me wiping tears off my face from beginning to end....Plenty of Sloane's books have made me cry, but not from the beginning to the last page.

Thankfully there were also some really bright and loving parts ;) Not to mention..HOT parts.

Beck (19) is Cade and Rafe's son (for those of you who have read Rafe's book). He was adopted by his fathers when he was 13/14 years old. He has been struggling with depression for most of his life. His struggles got very bad 15 months ago and now he is ready for a time out. Time away from his dads who are analyzing his every move and all the people who look at him funny. He is about to spend his summer in Montana working on a ranch. But before he get's there...he makes a little detour that will change his life forever.

Brody is a politician's son and 3 years ago he finally escaped the clutches of his family and jumped out of the closet. He is working as a paramedic, but he also has a small construction business on the side. He is happy living out and proud and doing what he always wanted. The only thing he misses from his former life is his twin brother Nathan.

Quinn is a rancher. Two years ago, his happy life was ripped apart. Now he just goes to gay bars for hook-ups, because he isn't interested in something more. He already had his happily ever after...even though it didn't last forever.

These three men come together (pun intended) and have a very hot encounter in a bathroom stall at a gay club. And let me tell you....they were HOT !!

All three of them are surprised by how good it felt being together that way. But none of them are as surprised as Beck. Things weren't supposed to be like this for him....so he panics and runs.

That was supposed to be the end for the three of them, but fate isn't done with them yet.

They come face to face again and even though all three of them have issues about relationships, one more so than the other, they can't help the pull they feel towards each other. Things aren't easy though. Beck has a lot of baggage he carries around. My heart and the hearts of both his men broke, when he finally confessed his story....

They were so perfect together though...I love MMM books, but no one writes them as good as Sloane Kennedy. You can feel their connection right from the start and you just know that they belong together.

As hard as it was to read this book...I loved every second of it. It hurt so good.

The sex scenes between these three men were amazing. They were very hot, yet so loving and intimate and I kind of felt like a peeping Tom....

I also loved reading about all the old couples. Cade and Rafe, Jax and Dane, Hunter and Roman, Callan, Rhys and Finn. All Sloane Kennedy's men are connected in some way and I love being a secret part of this awesome family she created.

So, for me this one is going on my "deserves 6 stars" shelf. I can't wait to see what's next. I also hope we'll be getting a book about Nathan, Brody's brother. Pretty please ????

## **Manfred says**

I love to read mmm romance, it is one of my favorite tropes and when the m/m romance groups member choice awards 2017 were announced, I decided to go with the winner in the polyamorous category first. As expected, with a book that is loved by so many people, you can't go wrong.

It was a fabulous read and I was hooked from the beginning.

I especially liked that it took quite some time for the three men to figure out, how their unusual relationship might work.

The only thing I didn't enjoy was that from time to time it got a little too much with the drama, especially with Beck, the youngest of the 3, there was so much shit thrown at him, it got a little hard to bare (and to believe).

Still this was a fabulous read for me and I would definitely say one of the best I have read this year. Make sure to have enough tissues at hand before starting this! 4.5 stars and recommended.

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## **Sanaa ? Sanaa's Book Blog ? says**

**5+ stars.**

“It takes just seconds to destroy trust, but a lifetime to get it back.”

WOW!

That's all I've got.

This was my first book that was M/M/M and one by Sloane Kennedy but *Finding Hope* was so much more than that. It was about reinventing and finding yourself, being happy, making new family out of your friends.

Now before we go any forward, there will be triggers in this book that's not for everyone. There's mention of suicide, abuse and depression. Brody, Quinn, and Beck. The three men who meet by chance at a bar and than are together again when they see they'd be working together.

As much as this story was about love, it was also so much more about Beck who had to overcome so many things in order to be happy.

And let me tell you, I sobbed.

And sobbed even more.

And that ending was absolutely worth every tear I had shed. It was magical, wonderful, and filled with so much happiness. This book had every single emotion you could imagine.

“It’s not as hard as you thought, is it?” Callan asked.

The question confused me so I tore my eyes from Beck and Brody to look at him. “What is?”

“Loving two men at the same time.”

I went outside of my comfort zone and it was worth everything that I had to go through to get here. If you have ever read a M/M and need someone outside of your zone, than definitely give this book a try. There are no words to describe how much I loved this.

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### **Lyndy Ann ? says**

**I started reading Defiance Protectors book 9, I read the prologue and the first chapter but there were gaps in the story as Nathan is Brody's twin brother and Dom mentioned something about Beck so I decided to put it on hold and jump into Finding Hope even though I haven't read any of the previous books in this series.**

This is a m/m/m book the story of Beck, Brody and Quinn the prologue was steamy and I enjoyed how the guys get to know each other while working together and the sex between these three WOW.

My heart broke for everything that Beck has been through his story reminded me of what Rafe went through as a child I wished they would have spoken about this with each other.

I enjoyed this story but it did not grip me like The Protectors series has, I missed the suspense, twists and shocks.

The epilogue was sweet and I loved the banter with the guys at the end.

**Even though this is the fifth book in the Finding series and I met all the men from the previous books, I will admit I got confused with all the names and I can't remember who was with who so I don't think I have spoiled anything for myself. I will read this series after I am done with The Protectors.**

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### **Bev says**

Not a SK favourite for sure. If I'm honest I was bored at times, I definitely didn't get the feels I usually get from this author's books and I've read virtually all of them. I don't know if it's just me but there seemed to be an awful lot of telling in this one.

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## **Tina says**

4,5 stars.

Another wonderful hurt/comfort story written by Sloane Kennedy. Loved Quinn, Brody and Beck.

Can't wait for Nathan's book, which will be part of the Protectors series.

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## **Cadiva says**

### **Epic introduction chapter kicks off another brilliant story**

I don't think I've ever read an opening chapter that was at once both incendiary levels of hotness and intriguing enough to lay out the main narrative until this one.

Seriously, Sloane Kennedy is one of the finest writers of MMM I've ever read, she has a supreme talent for not only making them volcanic levels of sexual tension, but also deeply emotional and erotic where one of the three never feels like a spare wheel.

This book takes us back to Dare, where there's an extended level of connection with both Ronan's Protectors and the Barretti security guys, but which we've not had a story from for quite a while.

Beck, eldest adopted son of Cade and Rafe Barretti needs to get away from Seattle and so goes to spend the summer with Cade's former military partner Jax and his husband Dane, where he's going to work for Callan at his ranch.

Along the way he has an encounter in a club bathroom with not just one man but two, both of whom he never expects to meet again, which leaves him reeling from the intensity.

So he's shocked into panic when he discovers the man who made him fly on emotions is Quinn, Callan's right hand horse man. On his panicked flight from Quinn, he crashes his car and discovers the second of his bathroom partners is Brody, a paramedic.

Where the story goes from here is cleverly woven through the lives of both the close knit family in Dare but also ripples back to the extended Seattle crowd. Beck is drowning until the point at which he gives in and lets himself float with the support of Quinn and Brody.

Beautifully unravelled throughout the romance, we find each of the three has fears they have been struggling to live with but which they find a way of coping when they're in the arms of the others.

No magic dick in this one either - yay thanks Sloane! - happiness is worked for, professional help is sought, and communication is had to make these three work at their relationship.

The scene where they exchange I love yous is beautifully crafted and feels truthful and well earned. I loved this book and was ridiculously happy when I saw it released early.

Now Sloane, bring out the next Protectors book early please!

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## **JustJen "Miss Conduct" says**

If you've been following this series, you know there are a lot of characters to follow. Many of the relationships are triads, and they are all somehow connected, either by family or by work.

Beck is the 19 year old adopted son of Rafe and Cade Barretti. He had a pretty rough life taking care of his younger siblings, and even though his dads have done everything they could to try and help him, things have kind of spiraled for him. In an attempt to get a fresh start, he is going to spend the summer at their friends' ranch which will hopefully also help rebuild some of the trust lost after a previously unsuccessful suicide attempt. He is going through quite a bit more than he let on though, and as a way to cope and put things in his control, he makes a stop at a gay club where he has an encounter with Quinn and Brody that ended up surprising and turning the tables on him.

Quinn works at the ranch taking care of the horses. He is grieving the loss of his husband who died at the hands of a gay bashing approximately two years prior. Thinking he had his one love and lost it, he isn't looking for more than the casual hookup.

Brody is an EMT with a side business in construction who is doing some work at a resort that works in conjunction with the ranch (see, the guys are all connected in some way, shape or form). Having left home after his coming out didn't go over very well, he is now living his life on his terms.

These three never expected to share a connection like the one they realized they had. While it is clear that Beck has to be handled with kid gloves (no pun intended), they nevertheless want to help and be friends if nothing else. But, none of them can deny the chemistry the three of them share. It takes quite a bit of nurturing to get past some of the roadblocks Beck's past has created, and his maturity level certainly doesn't help any. However, they make it work, and clearly are what each of them needs.

I admit that I struggle with age gaps such as this where one MC is a teenager (albeit legal). I have a hard time seeing how the maturity levels can last or mesh, so it isn't my favorite trope. However, that does not take away from the quality of the story or the emotions it invokes. Ms. Sloane manages to bring that out in every story I've read, which is why I continue to go back every time. It is easy to care about her characters and their stories. It's a wonderful world (though often hard at times) where so many can live in non-traditional relationships showing that all that matters is the love that exists between the parties. I'm already looking forward to the next one and highly recommend you give this or any of her other series a try.

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## **Jaime says**

***"We don't get to pick and choose the people our futures are with or the circumstances under which we meet them."***

*Finding Hope* is book number 5 in author Sloanne Kennedy's *Finding Series*. This is my first book of this series, although I had no trouble falling quickly down the rabbit hole and loving this story, in addition to welcoming characters from another well-known series, *The Protector's*. So, don't worry if you have not read books 1-4 in the series, I hadn't and I was just fine. I want to just state clearly, if you have a problem with *ménage, hot sex*, this book may offend you. In addition, if you may be triggered by *abuse, suicide, and/or prostitution*, go into this book with caution. While these aspects don't "take over" the story, this is a romance after all. The abuse, prostitution, and suicide are there, and they are part of what makes one of the MC so in need of love.

So, *Finding Hope*, is told from alternating first person POV, rotating through our three MC, Beck, Quinn, and Brody. I always enjoy alternating well plotted POV stories as it allows the reader to get inside everyone's head and fully understand all the intricacies of the characters.

This story takes place mostly at CB Bar ranch in Montana and then a resort being built in Dare Montana. I am a sucker for cowboys so I loved that aspect. Since I grew up riding horses, I appreciate the accuracy that Ms. Kennedy detailed different aspects of ranch life and the equestrian way of living. So a A+ for setting and world building, yet again, I don't think this author has let me down yet.

The character's in this story initially meet while letting off some steam. When they part ways, none of them ever expect to see the other again...yet, our author knows what our men need and weaves their second meetings quite spectacularly.

Throughout the story, these three Beck, Quinn, and Brody learn to trust each other and fall in love. This is no easy thing as all of these men are broken and bring a past full of hurt, hate, loss, grief, and loneliness - each one has a unique past, but all the same, they all need love and hope. Which they quickly find comes in all forms, and is found when you are least looking for it..even on a horse ranch in Montana.

**"Until he'd kissed me...until he'd made me feel something I'd spent a lifetime not feeling. Alive."**

I don't want to share the back-stories of our characters because each reader needs to experience it as intended. While getting to know the MC and reading the book.

This story is full of passion and heat.. these guys have a lot of fun together as they learn what makes the other moan, while exploring each nook and cranny of each others bodies.

**"He was a fucking lamb among wolves. But I knew it was far too late to stop. I wanted him too badly. And I could tell he was too far gone in his need for anything but release."**

Overall, this is a solid 5 star romance that with have you laughing, crying, yelling, and smiling...it shows how letting go and healing from past wrong doings, hurt, and loss...can allow you to find a second chance love that is magical and will change your life!

**"I was...happy. Such a simple word and yet it was changing everything for me. Colors seemed brighter, food tasted better...the list was endless. I was finally living my life and I no longer cared if I was "normal" or not. Normal was relative. Many would say my relationship with two men at the same time wasn't normal. My thoughts on the matter...so be it. I would choose them over some predefined notion of "normal" any day of the week."**

**"And I knew in that moment that was exactly what was ahead of us. *Our whole lives.*"**

I am adding this series to one of Sloanne's I now need to go back and read all of the books because this book was so good! In addition, I can't wait for her next story - I have included the character tree created by Sloanne Kennedy, this shows you the overlap and intricate weaving of worlds that Ms. Kennedy has created and continues to build on...it's brilliant!

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The Protectors Series - The Barretts Series - The Finding Series Character Tree from Sloanne Kennedy

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**Natalie says**

**The Barretti's strike again!**

Beck, Cade and Rafe's adopted son, has made his way to Dare, Montana to try to restart his life after a terrible trauma. Jax and Dane, from Finding Trust have found him work at the CB Bar ranch, featured in Finding Home. Beck has an encounter with Quinn and Brody the night before he starts work and later finds out that he'll be working around both men. Quinn and Brody hadn't met before that night either, so the story revolves around the development of a relationship on relatively equal footing.

Beck has big mental and emotional problems though and much of the book is centered around those issues. I spent a great deal of time quite puzzled by how Beck's parents wouldn't have helped deal with his issues long before. Especially Rafe with his history. It does all get explained eventually but it wasn't until later in the story. It bothered me so much that it kept me from enjoying the first part more. I was also uncomfortable that Beck was only 19. I understand it's fiction but that's way too young for me to not feel a little icky about sex scenes or believe they can sustain these complex relationships. Or maybe I'm just too old.

I appreciated that it took time for the three of them to actually get involved. It did make it more believable and I was also glad to see therapy included. I still think things turned around a little too quickly. A new character is introduced that I'm sure will be in a coming book and likely connecting the three series again. I'm a bit addicted to these series but I can rely on a fairly exciting storyline and a good amount of smexy.

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**Chris says**

I loved this ... I gave up sleep and any semblance of sleeping to finish this in one hit. It was beautiful, tragic and compassionately written. Such a difficult topic, handled with care. At one stage I needed tissues and kept telling myself this is fiction - but my reality reminded me that this trauma happens in RT as well. I can only hope that anyone in trouble eventually finds their protector/s. The chemistry between these three characters was intense and so compelling...Quinn fed off Beck, Brody fed off Beck and Quinn & Brody together just continued to fan the flames. I adored their romance and respect for each other. If you are a fan of Sloane Kennedy I highly recommend this one ♥

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**Barb ~rede-2-read~ says**

Sloane Kennedy is my new chocolate--I can't get enough of her stories. This is the last story in the Finding series and it's my favorite to date. I love menage and I honestly don't think anyone does it better.

In this one, Quinn, a widower and horse trainer, along with Brody, a paramedic and construction worker (and brother of Nathan Defiance) get together with Beck, one of the adopted children of Rafe and Cade Barretti Redeeming Rafe. The story principally surrounds Beck and his issues with men--primarily due to past instances of abuse. And, of course, the story also deals with the three men finding their way to a long lasting and loving relationship.

Most of the story takes place in Dare, Montana, where others in the Finding series are located, including Jax and Dane, with whom Beck has come to spend the summer at the request of his fathers. Though they're hoping Beck can come to terms with some of the depression he's been suffering from, Beck gets so much more than he ever bargained for, and by the end of the summer he has found his forever men and is well on the way to emotional recovery from his dark past.

It's hot and it's sweet and it's heartbreaking and it's heartwarming. Everything I love all in one place.

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**Addicted2M/M says**

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