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Does love stand a chance between two men from different worlds, when they're both being pulled in opposite directions?

Sawyer MacNeil is looking for answers. His time in the Army didn't go as planned, and he's still reeling from the end of a relationship that never should have happened in the first place. Now he's trying to get his life together, while struggling to come to terms with a side of himself he's always kept hidden.

Sparks fly when Sawyer meets Alastair, an upper-class British graduate student whose future has been mapped out since birth. Alastair can't promise anything more than a hook-up. He doesn't have much time left in the States, and a mountain of responsibility and a disapproving family are waiting for him back in the UK. And yet, whatever's happening between them feels like so much more than a fling.

When tragedy strikes and the two are separated just days after meeting, will Sawyer risk everything to follow his heart?

Worlds Away is the thirteenth novel in Alexa Land's Firsts and Forever Series, but each book is written to stand alone, so jump in anywhere. This gay romance is approximately 98,000 words. Please note: contains adult language and graphic sex and is intended for adults only.

Worlds Away Details

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Denise H. says

*** This wonderful set of stories, "Firsts and Forever," continue here with Alistair, the British student/car racer, Jessie's friend. the adorable nerd...

Sawyer is just out of the Military and finding his way.

These two are worlds apart and opposite in so many ways, but when together, they are electric. We hear about Sawyer's failed relationship of unrequited love, and his douche ex, plus the fact that he's yet to come out to his Dad. Alastair is so open and giving, so genuine. Sawyer tells Alistair his "secret" nearly right away,

so it won't be a deal breaker, but Alistair opens his arms and welcomes Sawyer completely.

We see lots of the fun previous characters, but each book can stand alone.

Our guy's characters are well formed, with an engrossing story, and explosive, electric, erotic, and totally hot sex scenes, including some first times !

Deep emotions top it off ! The plot flows beautifully, and it's "unputdownable", as we follow the progress.

We also see the firehouse LGBT redo, the coffee shop, London and more surprises. I loved Alistair because he's so open, genuine, caring and solid, plus unpretentious.

Sawyer is tall, big, hunky, a very opposite (monetarily and physically) of Alistair, but he's equally lovable, giving and has a zest for life, too, as he can finally be his true self.

LOVED IT ! Highly recommended ! ENJOY !

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Debbora says

Another 5 star read. Fresh and better than ever. Love it!

Elle says

Hmmmm....

I have to say that I was a massive fan of this series, I have read and re read all of the books up until the last two. I don't know if it's that I've 'outgrown' them, or if the stories are just getting so outlandish and unlikely that I've had enough. I rolled my eyes so much while i was reading this one, they practically fell out! Alistair was like a cross between Dick Van Dyke in Mary Poppins and P G Wodehouse's Bertie Wooster. I cringed at the rampant stereotyping of the British, the dialogue was often majorly embarrassing, especially when Alistair's underlings were speaking. Also, I 'm unsure where Ms Land got her info, but since when in the UK

were we concerned about the Americans taking our jobs? Pur-lease!!!! I will read the next book, because I find them strangely addictive. I do hope, however, that the next one is a keeper. I hate having an incomplete series, but found that I've deleted the last two with no qualms whatsoever.

namericanwordcat says

I really enjoyed Sawyer's and Alistair's romance.

This is a much mellower book than many of the others in this series. For me, this is a good thing.

A lot of the attention is on the love story. Alistair's plans seem a little not thoughtful as a conflict but I loved Sawyer's journey to come to understand himself and also find his way after the army,

Alistair is a wonderful character in his kindness and genuine acceptance. I love the new characters that come in and the time in London.

Can be read as a stand alone much more easily than the other books in the series.

Daniel Mitton says

(Originally reviewed for Love Bytes Reviews. Rated 4.5 out of 5.0 Love Bytes.)

Yet again, an Alexa Land book keeps me from doing anything else until I can get to the end, sigh, and think damn I liked that. And I'm not joking. I really enjoyed this latest book in Ms. Land's The Firsts and Forever Series. Just when I think she might run out of characters, more show up. And lest you think this series might get stale, let me tell you it doesn't. Every time I pick up one of her books I'm enthralled and spend way too much time with my eyes glued to the Kindle screen.

A little background. I had read and reviewed the first eleven books, but hadn't had a chance until yesterday to pick up Who I Used To Be, Book 12, which someone else reviewed on the blog. I read that one yesterday and this one today. I loved them both.

In Worlds Away, our story turns to Sawyer who we met previously in the series. Sawyer is ex-military, and a big tough motorcycle riding man with some dark secrets from his military past and his relationship with his abusive ex-lover who was also his Commanding Officer in Afghanistan. Sawyer also has another huge secret which he hasn't shared with anyone...and it is a doozy.

Sawyer has been eyeing this sexy British graduate student named Alastair, who those of you reading along with this series will remember well from several spots in the series, beginning I think (if I remember correctly) with his stint as a street racer. Sawyer thinks Alastair is beyond his reach. Little does he know that Alastair has been eyeing him right back. I loved the tale of these two men, their inner insecurities, and their wildly divergent backgrounds. It was truly a Prince and a Pauper tale. But as always with Ms. Land, you know there is going to be a happily ever after in there somewhere. But...there might just be a lot of crap, and some surprises along the way to that happy-ending! No further spoilers...I'll just say that I'm really happy they both got their tale.

I highly recommend this book and the entire series. I can't wait to read the upcoming novella and other books in the series in the future. If you haven't started reading the series, I'd recommend you do. You could read them out of order, but I wouldn't. Characters flow from one book to the next in this series, especially my favorite character Nana. If you don't know Nana yet...get reading!

Line says

So I LOVE the 'Firsts and Forever'-series, BUT I had a hard time getting started with the series, since the writing in the first couple of books was... Paced?! Simple?!

It got better however and with the introduction of Nana, I was hooked.

This book though, was a sort of a backslide to the first books in the series. The storyline wasn't bad (it wasn't my favourite), but the writing felt simple (!) and/or paced (!).

I didn't connect to these MCs as I have with others in this series, BUT this is not the last FsandF-book I will read.

I am a fan for life I think, because they are humorous, warm and a fun break from the -sometimes-convoluted books found in the MM-genre.

Katie Townsend says

Loved so much

World's away was such a beautiful written story it was so wonderful how part was in San Francisco and London England it was awesomely written that way

I fell so in love with Alistair and Sawyer their relationship was so intense it was perfect

Worlds away had me on the edge of my seat I couldn't put the book down from page one I was hooked

I loved the way we saw previous characters from previous books

I loved following Alistair and Sawyer's journey they stole my heart

Thank you Alexa Land for another installment from the first and forever series

Vanessa Brisette says

Great read! By far, one of the best books in this series. I felt that it was a more mature read than some in the past, good depth of characters.

Debra says

Review originally posted at Sinfully.

Number thirteen is not unlucky for fans of Alexa Land's Firsts and Forever series. Sawyer and Alastair's story contains much of the sweetness that touches all the series' prior couples. Book twelve, *Who I Used to Be*, dealt with some heavy subjects, but *Worlds Away* definitely falls on the lighter side, concentrating on Sawyer and Alastair falling for each other and doing what it takes to make things work even if an ocean separates them.

Alastair doesn't resent the expectation that he will take over the family business, in fact he is proud of the family legacy, the many people they employ and the charitable acts that are made possible by their money. What he does resent is the way his family expects him to change to fit their mold. They expect him to return to London when he turns 21 in a few months and to not only devote every waking hour to the business and family name, but to hide his personality and his sexuality. His grandfather told him he needs to marry a suitable woman and if necessary, discretely take care of his homosexual proclivities on the side like it's always been done.

Sawyer allowed himself to be pushed into the Army by his father, who is not subtle in his disappointment about Sawyer not re-enlisting. Their relationship is tenuous even though Sawyer is currently living with him, but he has an amazing relationship with his father's ex-wife Sherry who lives on the other side of their duplex. A bad relationship while he was enlisted has left him a shell of who he was. He has given up everything he used to enjoy and is just sort of going through the motions of life. If you paid attention to the brief times Sawyer was on page in the prior book, you probably know that he has a bit of a secret that involves feminine clothing. It's a side of himself he's always hidden, even from his closest friends.

Sawyer and Alastair have been nursing crushes on each other since they briefly met a few months back. Alastair finally makes a big move at TJ and Zach's wedding. Knowing Alastair only has months before he will be moving back to London, the two agree to a casual arrangement that soon goes flying out the window. On paper they are as different as can be, but they fit perfectly and quickly fall for each other as they find they can both really be themselves around the other. In fact Alastair so loves the side Sawyer has always hidden it makes for some incredibly sexy moments. I absolutely adored Sawyer learning to embrace who he is and express himself even if others don't approve and had no problem picturing his changing looks in my mind. We don't get Alastair's point of view, but it is always very clear what he is thinking since these two have no communication issues at all. Even the reappearance of Sawyer's ex and Alastair's disapproving family can't really shake the foundation these two men build.

Alexa Land again works her magic, not only endearing the two main characters to us, but building up some of the secondary characters that have been introduced in the last few books to full-fledged members of the Firsts and Forever family. Sawyer and Alastair become a support system for Darwin, Elijah and Gabriel, all of whom I expect will have their stories told in the future. Of course there are a few new characters that will have you begging for more, especially Alastair's bodyguard Roger.

Half of the story takes place away from San Francisco, but that doesn't mean it's forgotten! It wouldn't be the same without Nana making an appearance. Although she has been toned down recently, she never fails to make an impression and her love still knows no bounds when it comes to her extended and always growing family.

This installment, more than some prior ones, would work well as a standalone since the number of recurring side characters is smaller and Alastair and Sawyer have only had small roles in the last two stories. While I love the emotional punch Alexa Land can deliver with some of the heavier books, it was also nice to read a no-angst story full of romance and fun.

Natalie says

After a dozen books, I'll never remember how every single person got drawn into this ever-expanding circle of friends. But I remember Sawyer and Alastair's names and their romance is like most have been; issues are defeated and following the heart wins. Sawyer's memories of his affair in the military with Tracy was a tad disturbing but even he gets redeemed eventually. Nana is far less front and center, which I appreciated, as there's only so much inappropriate old lady I can handle.

I like that Alexa adds diverse characters, in this case Sawyer likes to cross-dress, blending the binary with his clothing and makeup. Prejudice and homophobia isn't ignored in any of these books but always gets beaten back with the perpetually upbeat characters, acting as the worlds biggest support group. It's nice, having a lot of unique people, with differing looks, tastes, sexuality types, all finding this group where they're accepted as they are. It's a very positive sort of message, although it's oftentimes very Disney-esque and perhaps a little saccharine. Sometimes you just need a guaranteed warm and fuzzy, happy ending.

Monika says

I'm not sure what to say about this installment to the Firsts and Forever series, I have to give it some thought but for now I'll say.....I didn't love it but I also didn't hate it. There were some things I had issues with and those are the things I need to think about before I write a proper review, if I'm even able to write one. At the moment I'm a bit perplexed about this story.

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I've given it some thought and I still don't think I can write a proper review so I'll just note the two things that bothered me the most.

The first thing was the really strong sense of deja vu I had when I started reading. At first I thought I'd read this before but there is no way I could have since it's a new release. I'm **NOT** saying I've read this in some other book because honestly I have no idea if I have or not it was just a really weird feeling. The deja vu feeling **didn't** continue past the beginning but it was enough to throw me.

The second was the amount of characters that show up in this story especially at the beginning. Having read all the books in this series I remember them all but holy crap it was so freakin' overwhelming.

So overall not a good start and I think that may have clouded my judgement of this story.

Katrina Passick Lumsden says

Yet another disappointment for 2016.

Is there nothing this year can't ruin?

I wouldn't say Alexa Land is one of my favorite m/m authors, but I have sincerely enjoyed this series...for the most part. This is one of those books that just seemed like a waste of time. Land appears to be moving further away from the stories heavily featuring Nana Dombruso, and while I applaud this because it was beginning to get old, I also miss the humor. Because in its place, Land seems content to add a lot of smarmy, cheesy romance and unrealistic dialogue. And I absolutely hated how pathetic Sawyer could be. He was just a doormat in heels.

This series appears to be tiring at a quick pace.

Vfields Don't touch my happy! says

[If you're that damn rich you don't need to hid a lover. EVER! (hide spoiler)]

Jenny Wood says

Sawyer and Alistair.....

First, gotta say... there will probably be spoilers, although I'll try not to... I'll also not try very hard, because my reviews are either ranty or gushy.... I don't care if you thumbs down me, or comment to complain... I likely won't see it because once my review is written, I don't go back and check it..... So... SPOILER ALERT POSSIBLE..... that is your warning....

I think this one might be my favorite of this series and I didn't think one would top Charlie and Vincent... This one felt different for me though and I loved it so much!

Sawyer is kind of lost; after a terrible breakup from a forbidden/hidden romance in the army, he moves back home to his fathers house where he never felt accepted or that he could be himself. Attending a party with all the guys from previous books, he gets a chance to formally meet Alistair who'd been staring/flirting with him all night. When they finally meet, its a whirlwind romance to say the least. They're adorable cute together, they have fun and take chances and they make each other feel safe and loved and even though they agreed to keep it casual because Alistair has to go back to the UK at the end of summer, they still fall for each other..... and what a beautiful fall it was... It was so genuine and perfect. I loved it for both of them. The whole story was set in Sawyers POV, but it was so easy to see how Allie felt and where he was at the whole time because he always let it be known. He showed Sawyer how much he cared about him all the time.

Now, Alistair, is a multi-million dollar tycoon from the UK. He came to the states for education and I believe

to run away from his familial obligations because his family was just awful... Suggesting he hide who he is and go against himself to make them look good.... blah, terrible people. I wish they'd have gotten a better karmatic kick in the teeth, but.... whatever, they still didn't get their way in the end....so that was good. And Alistair, he truly fell for Sawyer, the REAL Sawyer, which I have to say I did not see all that was him, coming, but I absolutely adored the side of him that he no longer had to keep hidden when he met his Allie.

I have to say, the ending was a bit predictable when he took Sawyer to see his childhood home but I was pleasantly surprised how that turned out. I loved seeing everyone else (specially Nana) and watching this epic love story play out... I could honestly gush and gush about this series and this story in particular, but I don't want to sit here and give everything away and I know I will if I keep going.

You should definitely give this one a chance though... you will not regret it.... It's perfect!!!

Pati says

First I must say that this is one of my all time favorite series. I buy every book as soon as it's released. I have loved all of these characters and their stories so much that I've purchased the whole set for family members to introduce them to my beloved m/m genre.

Sadly, though while I love the characters, I didn't love the book. I liked it and I enjoyed seeing Nana and many of the others. However, as a devoted reader of this series I already know ALL OF THE OTHER CHARACTERS AND THEIR STORIES! I WANT A NEW BOOK!! NOT a book riddled with gratuitous introductions of ALL OF THE OTHER CHARACTERS AND INFO DUMPS OF THEIR STORIES! I want to watch the main characters work through problems not have the potential problem introduced then settled with a simple conversation or self reflection or simply being surprised to discover that it wasn't actually a problem at all except in their own heads. SMH

Sadly, this is not the first time that I've had this complaint about this series....

Sadly, I've stopped reading several other series in 2016 because of this same problem...

Once a series gets so big the authors need to decide whether they want to give their LOYAL readers a FULL STORY or if they want to give new readers ALL OF THE OTHER CHARACTERS AND THEIR STORIES!

Ms Land has added a "Who's Who and How They're Related" section, which I applaud. However, if the author truly wants NEW readers to be aware that these are characters in previous books, in my humble opinion, it should be in the beginning, not the end. That way as the main characters interact with characters from previous books new readers will have some idea of who they are yet LOYAL READERS WON'T be bored with the info dumps and new readers can be encouraged to actually buy the other books in the series.
