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Love runs wild on the Appalachian Trail in the latest from the author of *Out of Frame* and *Focus on Me...*

Levi Grainger needs a break. As a reality show star, he's had enough of the spotlight and being edited into a walking stereotype. When he returns home after the last season of *Trip League*, he expects to spend time with his family, only to learn his sister is coming back from her deployment in a flag-draped casket. Devastated, Levi decides the best way to grieve will be to go off grid and hike the Appalachian Trail—a trip he'd planned to do with his sister.

His solitary existence on the trail is interrupted when he meets Thad, a quiet man with a hard body and intense eyes. Their connection is stronger than anything Levi has ever experienced. But when Levi discovers the truth about what Thad is hiking to escape, their future together looks uncertain, and uncertainty is the last thing Levi needs...

Overexposed Details

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Simone says

Rating and review removed!

Adam says

'Overexposed' works great as a standalone. I haven't yet read the other books in this series, and I didn't have any trouble.

It would be hard not to love both Levi and Thad right off the bat. With the story told from his POV, I could feel Levi's grief every time he thought of his sister. And while Thad's story is revealed more slowly, it was clear from the beginning that he had his own demons that he was dealing with.

The only window we get into Thad's thoughts are a few texts he sends to someone identified only as 'M'. However, those texts were enough to feel how lonely Thad was, and how much being around Levi gave him hope.

Levi and Thad become friends before becoming lovers, which I really liked. It happens slowly, as the two hike the trail and share bits and pieces of themselves with each other. This is one of those books where you really get to *see* the characters fall for each other.

And underneath the slow discovery was a sexual tension that leapt off the pages. The UST was killer! I was anxiously waiting for the two to give in. And once they finally did, it was **hot**.

However, both Thad and Levi have their hang-ups, which almost ruin their budding romance. When it looked like the two might not make it, my heart hurt along with them. But they do pull through, and it's in a spectacularly romantic fashion.

"You don't have to be perfect. Perfect's boring...But you're perfect for me. You fill in all of my cracks, all the places where I'm not whole. I can only hope I do the same for you."

"You do. You so do."

'Overexposed' has it all - two complex and well-developed characters, a sweet and heart-grabbing romance, a fair amount of angst and emotion, and the kind of well-written storytelling that will capture your attention.

I'd definitely recommend this book for all lovers of MM!

Ariana says

Megan Erickson has outdone herself again. She has created two characters and a plot I absolutely adored. Levi and Thad are just amazing for different reasons.

Levi is naturally outgoing, bouncy, bubbly, charming, cute - well, anything you would expect from someone who's a reality TV show celebrity, just that he follows through in real life, too. Not that his time on TV has gone to his head. His normal upbringing has a lot to do with that, with his mum and sister rooting him firmly on the ground. Levi's good-natured chattiness, his 'high maintenance' (view spoiler) and tendencies to act a teeny bit like a drama queen make him utterly endearing, and he just made me SMILE.

He is a genuinely nice guy, so when his sister gets killed in the line of duty he finds it difficult to cope. His way of trying to come to terms with her death is to go on the walk they both had planned before her death. On his own - even if he isn't the most experienced outdoor guy.

Right on day one he notices the tall, dark, brooding guy who seems to be heading the same way as he does, but he doesn't really think about the stranger until he meets him outside his tent in the middle of the night, sitting on a rock and looking at the moon.

What an original way to have two characters meet! Loved that first 'conversation' which is so symptomatic for what follows - Thad barely speaking and Levi babbling excitedly. XD

And yes, then there is Thad. Tall, strong, well-built, with all the gorgeous body hair and the scruff on his cheeks - sigh. So silent, so with-drawn, so blooming mysterious. He is an enigma that Levi wants to solve, wants to find out about more despite Thad's lack of communication skills. I loved the way Megan Erickson lifts the veil of mystery very very gradually and that by telling the story from Levi's POV only (with the exception of the very cleverly inserted texts between Thad and someone called M) we know as much about Thad as Levi.

Thad appears gruff and rough, and he doesn't speak a lot. He hardly opens up and doesn't give anything about him away for a long time. If you wonder how this can lead to two characters getting together - it works beautifully here! I adored Thad, and although we don't know a lot about him I was pulled towards him, just like Levi. He shows with tiny actions and some of the most romantic lines I have ever read in m/m romance what kind of person he is.

I near melted when (view spoiler)

Or when he says things like:

"I'm not looking at the moon right now, Le," he said. "I'm looking at you. Those gorgeous eyes. Those lips. That body. You're the moon I get to see during the day."

Argh - I turned into huge puddles of goo when he came out with stuff like that! The main thing is that Levi can see who Thad is despite his quiet demeanour (and Thad opening up more in the second half of the book helps too)

"I'm closed off and broody and don't give enough." (Thad)

"You're quiet and caring and a good man." (Levi)

More sighs and ahhs and tear-wiping. Riiiiighht.

Of course all Thad's mystery comes with a secret that's pretty much soul-destroying for Levi when it's finally revealed. I was in tears when I found out. Argh. Beautifully done, Ms. Erickson. Beautiful anguish!

But in the end the two of them fit, whatever, and I can't help quoting this again, simply because it is just wonderful.

(Thad:) "I'm not perfect."

(Levi) "I don't want you to be perfect. Perfect's boring. But you're prefect for me. You fill all of my cracks, all the places where I'm not whole. I can only hope I do the same for you."

.... "You do. You so do."

Ok. I may have swooned a little here. But that's how I feel. Totally LOVED this book, the MCs, the intense chemistry, the delicious heat and sex between them, the plot, just everything. Ah and not to forget the humour and banter.

"What did one say when they were dry-humped in the middle of the night by a man who spoke in sentence fragments? Nothing apparently." LOL!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Jewel says

Review removed.

Heather the Queen of (Smut)Books says

Geeeeezus! This woman's writing just gets better with each book. I absolutely devoured it.

The next book is obviously about Matty. I'm not sure how I feel about that. He rubbed me the wrong way but was oddly likable. Either way, I trust Megan to make me love him.

Read this book.

~☆~Dαni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

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Karen says

Rating & Review removed.

Arianna◆*SteamyReadsBlog*◆ says

'Overexposed' is the fourth installment in Megan Erikson's m/m series entitled *'In Focus'* and like its predecessor it can be read as a standalone, although I highly recommend reading the other installments too since you don't want to miss the awesomeness this series is. This fourth installment, was without a doubt, my favorite in the series with its perfect blend of sweetness, sexiness and drama. Megan Erikson always delivers entertaining tales that grab my attention from the very beginning and this fourth book in the series certainly did with its well done comfort/healing theme, two endearing characters and a very swoony romance.

“The kiss was rainwater and want, and all the words Thad wasn't capable of saying.”

Levi (character we met before in “Out of Frame”) was until recently one of the stars of “Trip League”, a travel reality show. He had always planned on moving in with Layla, his sister after leaving the show and also hiking with her the Appalachian Trail, but Layla died. Despite that, Levi decides to hike alone, to do this for Layla, to find who he is and what he wants to do with his life. He's still grieving, but he knows at some point he will have to move on. Levi stumbles upon Thad a few days into his hike.

“I didn't know anything about him, but yet I felt it, too, this draw to be near him all the time. Every day.”

Thad is a quiet, with a hard body and intense eyes man who tries to find who he really is and like Levi what

he wants to do with his life . Thad is closed off, but all Levi wants from the moment they meet is to find out everything about the mysterious man. When the two men agree to hike together, their connection becomes stronger with each and every day, but what will happen when Levi will discover the truth about what Thad is hiking to escape?

“You’re perfect for me. You fill in all of my cracks, all the places where I’m not whole.”

'Overexposed' was well written, sweet, sexy, emotional and overall pretty perfect. I enjoyed the story-line a lot and I appreciated the fact the story wasn't filled with too much overwhelming drama. Both main characters were fantastically portrayed, had so much depth and were so endearing. I liked the fact they were so different from each other and also how well they completed each other. They were good for each other in every way that counts and with every chapter and I fell more and more for them individually and together, as a couple.

"I'm not looking at the moon right now, Le," he said. "I'm looking at you. Those gorgeous eyes. Those lips. That body. You're the moon I get to see during the day."

Levi was a fun, sweet character I fell for from the beginning. I loved his loyalty towards his sister and the love he had for her, his sassiness and wittiness and also his relationship with his mother. I loved the way he made Thad feel, how he slowly showed him that he's so much more than he thinks he is.

Thad was that kind of character I love to read about – a man of few words, broody who loves to growl. But Thad was so much more than that. He was loyal, caring, protective, supportive, a good listener and perfect in every way for Levi. I loved his character growth and how safe and protected made Levi feel as the story unfolded.

“I love you.”

“I love you, too.”

And then in front of God and everyone, he kissed me.”

I also loved how these two characters' relationship progressed. Nothing felt rushed, both of them being so sweet and caring with the other. But they were also sexy and passionate and I have to say I really enjoyed the beautiful written sex scenes between them. You can feel the connection and chemistry between these two with every one of their sweet or sexy interaction.

Overall, a delightful read that I highly recommend!

Find me on:

J *deep in the heart of Texas* says

4.5 Stars!

Most definitely the best of the series!

I read these all out of order. I think I started with book 3, then book 2 and then book 1. Liked books 2 and 3, didn't like book 1. Needless to say I went in to this one knowing I would like it, but not expecting to love it.

And what do you know?

Not sure really what made this one stand out specifically. But both characters were likable. Again, the setting probably had a lot to do with it.

I liked that they were both out on the AT to "find themselves" or the version of themselves that they wanted to be.

None of the cheesy dialogue that popped up in the other books here and there. No dumb drama.

This was a quick read - clocking in at under 200 pages. Once I started, I had no desire to stop.

A great addition to the series? A great end to the series? Either way, I definitely recommend this one!

.Lili. says

Dear Book,

You were everything I hoped for and more-

Overexposed by Megan Erickson is the story of Levi and Thad. We first met Levi in Out of Frame. In this story, he's no longer on the reality show and hiking the Appalachian Trail. While hiking the trail, he meets Thad. Quiet, intense, yet thoughtful Thad. What ensues is a romantic hurt, comfort, healing love story.

My highlights:

-The cover. It's gorgeous and drew me on right away.

-Levi and Thad. I fell in love with them. There's something special about their stories and backgrounds and how it molded each man. The character growth was excellent.

-Relationship development. This is the best Megan Erickson's ever written. The way she built the sexual tension between them and developed their fingers as they hiked together. Gah, so freakin great!

-Angst. Never overwhelming but enough that it will make your heartache and at least tear up. I'm not ashamed to admit I cried a few times. LOL

-The romance!!!!

Y'all are in for a treat!

-The end. I need a book for Matty!

Any negatives?

Do you need to read the previous books? No, but you should. You'll be missing out. Seriously.

So do I recommend it?

I can't recommend this book enough. Overexposed took me on a beautiful journey of family, healing, and love that had me feeling butterflies in my stomach and left me feeling all warm and fuzzy. 5 Stars!

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read**** says**

*****4.75 Stars*****

"I don't want you to be perfect. Perfect's boring. But you're perfect for me. You fill in all of my cracks, all of the places where I'm not whole. I can only hope I do the same for you."

"You do. You so do."

Where do I even begin with this book?! I thought it was going to be hard to top Trust the Focus, but damn this one managed to inch just a little bit deeper into my heart.

Levi and Thad are both on the Appalachian Trail to look deeper within themselves.

Levi needs to grieve the death of his sister Layla, move on from his reality TV life and figure out where his place is in the world.

Thad, similarly, has also lost his identity. He's looking to find the man he truly is and more importantly, the man he wants to be.

Levi stumbles upon Thad a few days into his hike. It's the middle of the night and he spots Thad sitting on a rock, gazing up at the moon. Thad notices Levi, quietly appraises him and simply scoots over to make room for him on the rock. And just like that, the two form an effortless companionship centered on a mutual respect and understanding that this isn't just a bucket list adventure for either man.

Thad is quiet and introspective, while Levi is more outgoing and social. Thad doesn't say any more words than are necessary, and Levi finds comfort and security in Thad's careful conversations. But it's clear to see that the feeling is mutual, and that Levi's chatter and stories calm something inside of Thad.

Their attraction to one another is constantly bubbling below the surface, and the sexual tension between these two grows as their time together on the trail goes on, until one night where the chemistry can no longer be denied.

The kiss was rainwater and want, and all the words Thad wasn't capable of saying.

But can Thad, who's accustomed to being guarded and stoic, handle the growing emotion that consumes him? What happens when a secret is revealed that rocks Levi to his core? But more importantly, what happens when they reach the end of the trail?

I absolutely loved the evolution of both of these characters. They helped and supported each other to become the best versions of who they were meant to become. Yes, there were bumps along the way, but no road worth traveling guarantees a smooth ride.

There was such a wonderful balance between Levi and Thad. They were equal parts caring and tender and passionate and explosive. I was glued to my kindle and completely absorbed in their journey. Nothing felt rushed or forced. There was the perfect amount of emotion, humor, steam and angst.

This was an honest and emotional story about hope and healing. It's about finding your footing, following your heart and opening yourself up to the vulnerability of love.

"You're smiling. Like a real honest-to-God smile."

"I'm capable of it."

"Well, I wasn't so sure."

"You make me smile. That's all you."

"Nah, I think it's just us together."

Even though this is book 4 in the series, it can easily be read as a standalone. But, this whole series is great...so just go read them all....

*****ARC courtesy of publisher, via Netgalley, in exchange for an honest review*****

Wendy says

This was a very sweet and fast read. So far it's my favorite of this series.

Levi and Thad meet, while both hiking the AT. Levi because he is grieving his sister, who dies while serving her country. Hiking the AT was something they were supposed to do together.

Thad, because he has lost his way and is dealing with a loss of his own. They both figured that hiking the AT would give them the answers they were searchig for. Instead it gave them each other.

I liked how these two were opposites. Levi was loud and talkative and out there. Thad was a it guarded and quiet.

Somehow these two fit like a hand in a glove :)

There wasn't any unnecessary drama. Just two men trying to heal and falling in love.

The steam was pretty nicem although my inner perv could always use some more ;)

All in all, a great read and I hope there will be more...like perhaps about Matty. 4,5 Stars from me.

Ami says

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And I hope that gave her peace in the end. Because I was still angry as hell

Overexposed is the fourth (and maybe final?) entry of Megan Erickson's *In Focus series*. And this book gripped me right from the very beginning, with that line that ends the prologue. To be honest, when I requested this ARC, I didn't fully read the blurb. I wanted to read without having any ideas what the books was about. When I read that prologue, and then Levi going to hike the Appalachian Trail in his s

Catherine says

Note (added 11/03/2018):

In light of recent events, I can no longer recommend this book to my friends (or any reader, for that matter).

However, my Goodreads review space provides me an opportunity to rate and review books, expressing how they made me think, feel, question, or react at a particular moment in time. Sometimes, I use my review space to share stories about my life or comment on the world around me, drawing comparisons between myself and the characters and plot lines that I read about. As such, they are a time capsule of sorts and the historian in me won't let me erase them from the historical record.

So I am going to leave my ratings/reviews intact, but reiterate that **I can no longer recommend this book to my friends.**

Originally rating and/or review:

Erickson's stories of emotional journeys and self-discovery are a hit with me every time. This is a special series. Period.

Megan Erickson says

Aaaah this book. It took a piece of me. If you liked Focus On Me, then I think you'll like this one, as it's similar in tone.

This whole series has my heart. I know I've said this is the last book, but I'll never close the door. So. Stay tuned.

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