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Larry Kincaid isn't ready to be a parent, but when his sister dies in an accident, he takes his nephew, Angus, into his home. The change throws Larry's life into limbo until he meets Joshua Langdon.

To Joshua, Larry is a lion: growly and strong, but too proud to ask for help. Joshua gets past his defenses and finds a place in Larry and Angus's family, but Larry's pride gets in the way. Can they turn their holiday romance into a relationship that lasts into the New Year?

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Thais says

DNF. The story was too rushed, nothing really good or exciting happened.

I couldn't quite care for the couple either, I can't say it was insta-love, but the fact that they're both being man didn't do anything, it was like they were a straight couple all along. I like my books with a little bit more drama.

The narrator was ok, I mean he was great but not for this book.

Barb ~rede-2-read~ says

Audiobook narrated by K.C. Kelly

Five-year-old Angus was left orphaned a few months ago and his Uncle Larry was named guardian. Alone since breaking up with his boyfriend, Derek, Larry is a personable guy who really loves being Angus's guardian, even when he's afraid he's going to screw something up. His formal holiday party is coming up soon and, since he's the host and Angus has him wrapped around his little finger, he agrees to allow Angus to attend.

The first order of business is to get formal wear for the little guy and when Angus spots the formal jacket with tails, his eyes light up and his uncle is a goner. In fact, Angus wraps the salesman, Joshua, around his little finger too, and finagles an invitation to the party for Joshua. At the party, the chemistry between the two men burns so hot that Joshua and Larry end up in bed together at the end of the night but Larry is very disappointed to wake up all alone the next morning and vows to forget Joshua completely. He then gives Joshua the cold shoulder when he returns the rented formal wear and even Joshua's apology makes no difference.

Fortunately, they run into each other as they are picking out Christmas trees and Joshua has a chance to talk sense into his "lion", the lion who is being too cowardly to pursue a relationship with him. The story ends on the possibility of a HEA as the men celebrate Christmas together with little Angus.

This is a nice, short audiobook story, very well narrated by K.C. Kelly. I recommend it to those who love a story about men with children, fans of Andrew Grey and, of course, those who enjoy a sweet holiday romance.

3.5 stars

Shelby P says

This wasn't as heartwarming as I thought it would be. Not quite sure what was it about Joshua that Angus

just gravitated to. Had he not met any other adults in the four months he was living with Uncle Larry? Now if Joshua was dressed up as an elf or Santa or something I could see it. I guess I just didn't buy the connection between any of the guys.

Christy says

Life can definitely hand out some surprises and for Larry that's just what's happened in the past few months. He's a financial advisor and when his sister was killed in a car accident, she left the raising of her son, Angus, to Larry. He is doing the best he can, but basically he feels like he hasn't got a clue most of the time. He doesn't know that most parents feel that way, and Larry just wants the very best for Angus. In preparation for Larry's annual Christmas party he holds at his home for friends and clients, Larry takes Angus to rent a tuxedo for the evening and they meet Joshua.

Angus responds to Joshua more than he has anyone else, except for Larry, since his mom died, so when Angus asks if Joshua can come to the party, of course Larry invites him. The fact that Larry finds Joshua attractive has nothing to do with wanting to see him again. The party is a hit, and the attraction between Larry and Joshua heats up when the guests leave. Can Larry figure out how to have a healthy relationship when he's been used in the past, and still have all the time he needs with Angus? Can Joshua help Larry to see how great they could be together and what a nice family they could all be?

This was a nice story that reminded me that family and love are way more important than gifts. A good one, Andrew!

NOTE: This book was provided by Dreamspinner Press for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Candice says

Like most Christmas stories, this was another sweet, angst free read and it is what I come to expect with holiday stories. I felt so bad for Angus losing his mother at such a young age and spending his first Christmas without her. But Larry, while he is great with Angus is just so lost and doesn't think he can do this. Along comes Joshua who just seems to breathe life into both Angus and Larry and makes both of them begin to heal and live again. Lovely story.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

I like Andrew Grey books, they are usually a sweet read, reliable for a fuzzy feel good story with little to no angst.

Larry is raising his nephew after his sisters death, meets Joshua and they hit it off very quickly, Angus (the kid not the beef) is likeable and cute.

I did get a little annoyed with the constant Lion references. But yeah, it's short and sweet, but not my favorite Andrew Grey book.

Caydenspia says

My thoughts: I give it ♥♥♥♥ This must have been exactly the type of very light read I needed to get out of my book slump. Little to no angst with both men wanting to have a relationship but finding that life has a way of interfering with your plans. The plot is predictable but not boring and the interjection of men as a type of animal with all of their characters was entertaining. It dealt with deep subjects very superficially, but isn't that what we are sometimes looking for? Not a way to heal and cope in our own lives but a story about people doing just that.

Annery says

4.00 *** 'cause it's almost Christmas is coming & I'm not the Grinch***

A Christmas story in August? Yep. I'm shocked too and even more so that I enjoyed it.

This had the potential of going sideways for me real quick: I've only done one Andrew Grey book before, and though I didn't hate it, I didn't run out to buy his backlist; I'm not a super fan of Holiday stories with their propensity for cheese and maple syrup; and I'm not a huge fan of kids in books, cute or otherwise *ducks*. Color me surprised and chastened on all fronts.

After the unexpected death of his sister, Larry Kincaid, becomes the sole guardian to his six (6) year old nephew Angus. They're both still adjusting and grieving but life goes on. Larry is preparing for his annual business holiday party and Angus wants to attend for which he needs formal wear. At the store they meet Joshua and Angus is immediately taken with him and maybe Larry is a bit smitten too.

I liked the progression of the story, necessarily insta due to length and trope, but believably so and not overly-done. I liked Joshua. Very much. Though the younger, poorer, smaller guy in this duo he's no pushover and in fact is the party that gets things going and later keeps them going. Makes sense. Larry is in mourning and being the older of the two has had the chance of being burned & disappointed. Perhaps my favorite surprise was Angus. His child's grief and fear of being left again is well done but not made trite or maudlin, nor is he one of those "oh-so-wise" kids I never happen to meet in RL.

However what brought it all together for me and tied it with a nice bow was K.C. Kelly's narration. Really good. Slow, deliberate and a nice touch with the voice for Angus. The emotions ring true.

Joelle says

This book was a mix of sweet and sad. I felt bad for little Angus. He was such a sweet little kid and it sucked that he had lost his mommy. But I liked how taken he was with Joshua. It was really cute. Him dragging Joshua to play video games was adorable. I felt bad for Larry too but I also loved how attentive he was to Angus. I liked Larry and Joshua together and I really liked seeing Joshua call out Larry and seeing Larry step up and become the guy Joshua and Angus needed him to be.

James says

I know I've said this more than once, but it's so true and deserves repeating; I'm always delighted to pick up an Andrew Grey book. He entertains with a realistic approach to genuine life situations and makes sure the characters are thoroughly introduced before he allows any hanky-panky to develop, and then it's usually a matter of love making as opposed to just plain happenstance sex. This realism keeps me turning the pages, causing me to feel like I'm existing alongside the characters as if Mr. Grey had deliberately written me into the story.

So make yourself a coffee, a hot toddy or my personal favorite, a tall glass of OJ straight up; sit back, relax and enjoy this delightful little Christmas tale of tails. Oh, and don't forget the tissues.

Sayletta says

Audible romance club. Very good. Was to short but sometimes we need a short book. I would love to see where these characters go. Must read.

Anke says

Nothing much to say about it.

Catherine says**Wonderful!**

I loved the story. I laughed, cried, giggled, and even snorted a few times. I wouldn't mind spending more holidays with them. :)

Sarah says

A super short and sweet romance with an adorable little boy leading the way. A story of healing as well. Def. a Christmas season pick.

Justin says

I listened to audiobook version of this story and really enjoyed it. The story was good and the narrator, K.C.

Kelly, did a great job narrating it.
