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Love. Betrayal. Revenge. When Kane Rider's partner is murdered, he has no time to grieve. He is quickly thrust into a world of secrets and lies, pursued by criminals for something he knows nothing about. He thought he had the perfect life, but all that changes the night Ryan Cassidy is stabbed to death. As Ryan's secrets slowly come to light, Kane must challenge what he thought to be the truth with what he knows could kill him. With nowhere to hide, and no one to turn to, he has only one choice - survive or die.

Rider Details

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From Reader Review Rider for online ebook

Meghan says

The love the foundation couple have was done quite well, plus I'm an emotional romantic cuz I was a wreck. I cried a lot for what is lost and the road forward for the protagonist. The story also has a good twisty plot. It's primarily a mystery/suspence novel

A.L. says

The MC doesn't get a Happy anything because his lover is killed at the beginning of the book. The story that follows in the investigation into the lover's death and flashbacks to their happier times. I really loved this story even without any happy ever after.

Martin Belcher says

I've been meaning to read this novel for ages, it sat on my kindle hidden until I discovered it and started to read. I was hooked immediately and taken with the storyline. A real page turner, slick, sad, emotional, highly charged, a wonderful read and a totally unexpected ending.

Kane Rider is joyously in love and settled with his partner Ryan, they live in Belfast and are very happy until...Ryan is murdered in front of Kane, tragic events afterwards start to unwind and it begins to become apparent that Ryan was involved in things Kane had no idea about. A dangerous cartel, Europe-wide and connections to Ryan's stepfather. Events move quickly from Belfast to London and Kane's own life and that of Ryan's mother, Margaret are endangered....nothing will ever be the same again.

K says

Buddy read for part of the scavenger hunt starting on 8th August 2013

Okay, let's start with the caveat... this isn't a romance and there is no happy ending.

Kane and Ryan have been together since they were sixteen and 12 years later are still happily in love, but Kane's world falls apart when Ryan is murdered as they leave a night club one night. Forced to question not only why it happened but whether Ryan was the person he thought he was Kane starts to investigate. There are run ins with armed thugs, a fair bit of violence and death, an Interpol investigation and corrupt police officers before Kane discovers the reason and person behind Ryan's murder.

This could have been a dark and depressing book, but with the regular flashbacks into points in Ryan and Kane's relationship (both from Kane's pov and that of Ryan's mother, Margaret) I found it over all to be

hopeful. The ending itself gave promise of both Kane and Margaret being able to move on from what had happened and although they wouldn't forget Ryan it did give them a chance of a future.

Elisse Antczak says

Clever!

As an avid reader I often find plots becoming very similar in suspense novels. This one stands out for it's originality. It was one of those books where the "voice" of each character emerged easily. A very good read. I look forward to reading more of this author's books.

jules0623 says

3.5 stars.

Emma Sea says

OMG, so sad! One MC is murdered on the first page, and so we get to learn about him through the memories of his partner, as he tries to find the reason for the killing. If you are approaching this as an m/m romance I would advise considering carefully if you are prepared for a tearjerker with no hint of redemption. As a thriller it's a letdown as there is no mystery as such, we learn very quickly who did it and why, and then just watch the fallout. To add insult to injury, the motive for the murder is (view spoiler)

It's competently written, and I love both the MCs: I just wish they could have had their life together. I need some fluff to get over this one.

EDIT: If you like the premise, but want something that has an HEA, then I recommend *Broken* by Dawn Kimberly Johnson. This also has an MC recovering from the murder of his partner, but who eventually finds redemption from his pit of emotional despair.

Elaine says

I loved this story, it was sad true, but a good story. More suspense, but it told of a true romance between the main characters Kane, and Ryan.

Tami says

A crime drama with a m/m touch

It had some inconsistencies, but it was well written and the story was gripping.

I liked the flash-backs, and that really means something, because normally I hate inconsistent time-lines.

Kane was an unlikely "hero". He is an interesting character and he carried the story.

It didn't have a very original crime story and as said above, it doesn't really feel like a logical story flow, so I deduct a star for that.

Estevam says

Simples e apaixonante!

Peter consegue escrever com maestria um romance policial que envolve a vida de um homossexual e os percalços que é envolvido na vida. Sem exageros, sem apelar para pornografia, mostrando a normalidade que deve ser encarado tal fato em nossa sociedade.

A dosagem das cenas é perfeita, alternando entre os pensamentos de Kane, seu amor, seu ódio e relacionamentos, e as cenas policiais que chegam a tirar o fôlego.

Jamie Belt says

Neat story with some fun twists and turns.

Amanda says

I quite enjoyed this one. A mildly suspenseful book with a romantic storyline woven in. It was a quick read, and held my interest up until the very end. The ending is a bit anti-climactic; I understand why the author chose to wrap it up the way he did, though.

Jane says

Actual rating 3.5 stars. The following review was originally posted on my book blog [The Book Challengers](#).

If I were a crier, I would have cried at least three quarters of the time I spent reading this book as it was sooooo sad and bittersweet and did I already mention that it's sad? I think it's not a spoiler when I say that our hero's partner of eight years gets killed as it's both stated in the blurb and it's also the first thing that happens in this story, but man, their love story ... those flashbacks... they were killing me as they were so sad and bittersweet and even I was close to thinking that this is something I could cry at.

Their mystery/suspense part of the story was pretty good as well. At least I thought so. While I managed to guess a few things ahead of them happening there were also things that surprised me and kept me on the edge of my seat nibbling on my snacks really nervously even though the perpetrator of the crime is found actually pretty early in the story. It just takes a while for the good guys to nab the bad guys.

This isn't your typical story of a loved one getting killed and the one who survives starts investigating, it's something different as Kane gets dragged into this against his will when his grief for Ryan is way too fresh still. Yes, Kane's thinking about who might have killed Ryan, but I don't think he was actually anywhere near the state of mind necessary for a good investigation.

But the grief Kane feels gave me all the feels and I feel pretty safe in saying that this was the strongest part of the entire story. Yes even when I liked the mystery part as well. But really, if you're a crier make sure that you have your tissues real close to you when you decide to give this story a chance.

Harshini says

Great thriller, you get to feel Kane's love through flashbacks, and it is so sad, but Kane is an ordinary guy whose life is turned apart and who survives.

DeeNeez says

A gay thriller mystery. The story opens with Ryan's dying in Kane's arms, murdered. Kane and Ryan's love story is told in memories and flash backs, as Kane is thrown into grief and a whirl wind of nightmares trying to find out why and who killed is soul mate and true love. This was such an intense thriller, and heart sobbing romance. A great read...and a tear jerker. I'm still sobbing for his broken heart.
