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“You can't let him get into your confidence.”

“Man up, face Luke, and sell the damn gym.”

Three years ago, Mitchell Keane's marriage was called off when his close friend Luke thought he spotted Mitchell cheating on his wife-to-be in a gay club. Mitchell fled to a new life as a New York City realtor rather than defend himself against the rumors flying around his small Nebraskan hometown. After all, Luke accidentally got the gay part right. Since his abrupt outing, Mitchell's been too wound-up to even date until he's forced back home.

“This is all I've got.”

Luke Hanson never forgave himself. Low lighting, one too many drinks, and an overactive conscience led to a terrible mistake. Luke tamped down his feelings and threw himself into his career instead. All Luke wants now is a white picket fence and a career as an MMA fighter. Then his trainer, Hugh, tells him Mitchell is coming back to town for two weeks... to sell the gym, after the death of Mitchell's uncle, gym owner Toby.

“Don't play mind games with a fighter.”

Luke convinces Mitchell to let him run the gym rather than sell it on the spot. But Mitchell's parents can't accept who Mitchell is, and Luke's future rides on winning his first big promotional fight. With a ticking clock, hothead Luke has to finish things... but hopefully not with Mitchell. Does a small town MMA fighter even have a chance with a high-powered realtor in backwater Nebraska?

Takedown is a steamy, standalone gay romance novel with a HEA and no cliffhangers.

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Nerea says

Friends -> Enemies -> Lovers

After an incident, the two MCs friendship broken apart ~ Then years later they must affront to see each other again in a new circumstances.

The sexual tension is BIG and then their relationship have a really good chemistry!

This is my first book of this author!

I really like the double point of view, The book is also written in short chapters and some scenes are repeated to be able to know the thoughts of the two main characters about the happening event. Nice detail!

I will look after other books from the author :)

~Kristin~ says

3 Stars

Ally says

So, yea, that was a book

Setting / Time / Genre: Modern day Nebraska no less. Corn bred and fed.

Length: 276 pages

Series: Not to my knowledge

Sexy times: Yes. And they could be considered descriptive. I glazed over all but the first. Fur seals (for reals).

Plan on reading more by the author: I have one more in my Kindle library so sure, I will tackle it. Not with glee though.

Synopsis in one sentence or slightly more: Apparently Luke thinks he sees Mitchell in a gay bar and outs Mitchell to his female fiance (who the fcuk does this)? And years later, Mitchell has to come back to town to either sell or deal with the gym where Luke works, trains, lives that has been left to him by his uncle. Things happen, fights happen, talk happens, and there you have it.

Hero: Let's start with Luke. He sounds delicious on paper (hehehe that made me laugh), but seriously folks, this guy tattles on his best friend when he thinks he sees him in a gay bar and he is supposedly not gay.

Who does this? Other than that. He was a fine character. Nothing special. Just fine.

Hero: Mitchell. So this guy is screwed six ways to Sunday and no pun intended. He's outed. He moves to New York where he's successful but all alone. His parents are absolute arseholes. AND he insta-forgives the Luke dude. Fine. Whatever. He's got better karma coming to him than I.

Why it did or didn't work for me: It was just boring. That's the problem. Sure there were moments of tension like hate crimers but everything seemed so glossed over. Like no real feeling. Apparently, I like a little angst or something. I'm over the parents are horrible bit. In fact, this was wayyyyyy over played in this book. And does someone ever stop being gay if they are gay to begin with? So color this b!tch confused that that would even come up.

Jennifer?Pher? says

DNF at page 62.

I don't like it and it has taken me all day to get to page 62.

Denise H. says

TAKEDOWN, by Sierra Riley
An honest review for the free advanced copy.

***** Young men, full of testosterone, and hotness, yummy !! Mitchell and Luke, friends during their childhood in a small Nebraska town. *****

Slim, sweet, Mitchell is a Real Estate salesman in New York. Luke, big, muscled, tattooed, MMA fighter, still trains at the Nebraska gym, and has an important fight coming up in New Jersey. Both need the same thing ... someone to love them.

Mitchell became the Gym's owner when his Uncle left it to him in his will. Mitch is meeting with the Lawyer, tax men, and settling some business before he decides if he will sell the gym. Everything centers on Luke winning or losing the fight.

When the guys realize the attraction is there, and that Mitchell has never been with a man, we get hot, hard, and fabulous first time sex, and these two are explosive ! It's more than just sex, deep feelings are involved. Of course there is more happening, some bullies, a buyer, bigots, and especially the evil in Mitch's family. Gosh, I hate small towns. I grew up in one !

Then we have the big fight, the crowd roared, the bell rang ... !!

Well written, an interesting plot, and great sex, make this a worthwhile read.

Highly recommended. ENJOY !!!

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Elizabeth says

This book was a slow start for me. Once I got passed the first 20% things started to move. At first I thought it was going to be an enemies to lovers theme but it really didn't play out that way for me. There was no hatred between the two mc's because of issues from their past. They seemed to immediately get over their shit and get to working together towards a common goal. There is some angst and Mitchell 's parents are absolute assholes. The relationship between Mitch and Luke is super cute. They dig each other and even though this is a MMA romance I loved that there wasn't any shame or hiding of feelings. It drags in parts but overall it was a cute story. 3.5 stars.

Tanu Gill says

This was a really sweet book, just not as amazing as the others I've read. But I would like to mention that the author has a tendency to italicize completely random words, interrupting the smooth flow of reading. But a great story generally makes me refrain from deducting a star, which sadly isn't the case here even though it was in others.

Raj says

I was a bit apprehensive going into this book. Firstly it was an ARC kindly provided by what assume is a first time author. Apprehensive mainly because I did not fully finish the last book I bought & that I had highly anticipated. A dark book. lol

I'm usually one of those that revels in black pain frothing from the depths of the soul & this book is surprisingly a rainbow of emotions somehow missing that darkness I would have expected from the blurb & craved yet I enjoyed it.

We have a man mistakenly outed for being gay & accused of cheating by his best friend & he is forced out of town due to these unfounded rumors. You would think when he returns he would have hell fire on his mind for that aforementioned friend & yet he walks back sweet, kind & extremely forgiving which highly puzzled me. Once I got pass this strangeness & truly immersed myself in this sexy tale of MMA I was gathering along the way the stars to shine on this uncomplicated book.

There is little internal conflict to plague our heroes. The majority of the drama is external & easily resolved. Due to my addiction to twisted heroes & darker journey's I did not get the arrow straight into the heart but this novel is going to have a wide appeal for those that do revel in the lighter side of romance.

Natalie says

I'm being a little generous

So, this wasn't terrible but there were distinct issues. The blurb mentions that Luke outed Mitch after supposedly seeing him in a gay bar. After 3 years, Mitch returns, sees Luke and there's little to no awkwardness. They were supposed to have been good friends since high school, yet the author NEVER had Mitch ask why Luke didn't talk to him first, instead of going directly to his fiancé. I guess that's too normal. For much of the story, neither of these two seem altogether normal in their reactions. I also don't know exactly what purpose of the visits with the ex and her new fiancé had.

There were editing issues. Grammar, spelling and punctuation mistakes were minimal, so kudos for that. But there were parts that really could have used either a sharper editor or more beta readers.

Luke was widely known to be gay, once he outed Mitch. There was this first with Luke and Mitch talking:

"...He'd been wrong about Mitch cheating, not him being gay. Mitch had never seemed like the cheating type, but Luke had never guessed he was gay in years of knowing him. Mitch furrowed his brow, figuring that one out. "It would have been better to be wrong about me being gay?" "You never denied it." It had driven Luke mad for the last three years not knowing why Mitch hadn't defended himself. "I... I'm glad you outed me,..."

Shortly AFTER that, Mitchell thinks of Luke:

"Was he still gay?"

Really? Was he supposed to have somehow stopped?

They get together and have oral sex. Then the next day, Luke thinks:

"The slight possibility Mitchell was straight and just fooling around with him, or that he'd just realized after that encounter that he was straight..."

Didn't they recently have the discussion that Mitch was gay, above?

Next, there's this conversation:

"I haven't dated anyone." "In a while?" "No, in... well... three years." It took Luke a few seconds to put two and two together. Then he straightened up, his expression clearing in shock, then understanding. "You mean since you, uh, broke off the...?" "Yeah." Mitchell gritted his teeth, praying Luke wasn't going to judge him for this. "And before that, I've never been with a man either. And even with Emily, we never..." "Oh," Luke breathed out. Mitchell's stomach twisted. Idiot. No guy ever just admits they're a virgin..."

Then just as they're getting ready to have sex a SECOND time:

"Was that your first time?" Mitchell hesitated, embarrassment crawling up into the pit of his stomach. How sad would that sound? Would Luke judge him? Worse yet, had he been able to tell?"

He'd already told him he was a virgin before sex the first time!!

It was like the author couldn't remember what she'd written. The pace of the book was slow. If I had to hear about the paperwork Mitch was doing one more time, I was ready to DNF. No real chemistry between the

two characters. The sex scenes weren't written too badly but not passionate. In spite of contradictory passages, I did want to know about the fight, it was readable and it didn't have a lot of grammar issues, so I gave it a three.

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

3.5 Stars!

Overall, this one was pretty good. It's one of those books that didn't really wow me.....I never was just dying to get back to reading it.

But on the flip side there was really nothing wrong with it. There was no annoying drama, it was low angst. It had some good steam.

The writing was pretty good, the story-line was pretty good.

So yeah...I didn't love it but I would definitely read more from this author.

Victoria love books says

Overall book rating:3.75 Stars

Audio book: n/a

Book cover: 3 stars

ARC provided by author for honest review.

If you like to read a book without over thinking it I am sure you will love this book. Just because it didn't work for me doesn't mean it won't work for you.

This was a very difficult book for me to rate because there were pieces I liked and other parts that I didn't like at all. I liked the characters and most of the story line. What I did have difficulty with was the fact why Luke decided to go behind his best friends (Mitchell) back and and outed him with his wife to be... If they were best friends why not talk to the guy???? This bothered me through out the whole book. The thing is just when I start to like Luke I start to think about what he did to his best friend and then I feel guilty for liking him.... I know it's stupid but that's just how my crazy head works. I like strong alpha characters but there were just not enough alpha in either one of these MC's for me to go gaga about.

Judith says

*****3.75 Stars*****

Luke and Mitchell were good friends until one night just before Mitchell was due to be married Luke thinks he sees him in a gay bar and 'outs' him....

Mitchell neither confirms or denies this,he leaves his home town and moves to New York and works as a realtor.

After three years circumstances bring him back to his home town when his Uncle dies and leaves his Gym to Mitchell.

Luke is training as a MMA fighter at the Gym so the two men inevitably start to cross paths...

The two men find they are strongly attracted to each other and start a relationship,having to deal with bigoted views from people in the town and Mitchell's own parents along the way.

This is a good debut read but I really wanted more of the friendship between them explained when they were young.I wanted to get inside their heads and know what their feelings for each other were before Mitchell was going to get married....I'm all about the angst...

On the plus side..Mitchell has never been with a man before Luke and I love that in M/M books.

Overall,an enjoyable M/M book that I would recommend.....

****Arc from Author****

Saioa says

3.5*

God the sexual tension was killing me!

I liked this book, I was hoping for an 'enemies to lovers' one and it turned out to be more like an 'awkward friends to lovers' instead, but I still enjoyed it.

I liked having a chapter per character, I enjoy my books a lot more if I know what both of the MCs are thinking and feeling.

Nice debut, I'll keep reading her books.

Wendy says

I received an ARC from the author, for an honest review ;) Thank you Sierra Riley, for giving me the opportunity to read this lovely book !!

Mitchel and Luke used to be friends, but then one night, Luke made a decision that not only destroyed their friendship, but also Mitchel's upcoming marriage and his relationship with his parents.

Luke, thinks he saw Mitchel in a gay bar and was convinced Mitchel was cheating on his soon to be wife. Luke could not let this slide and informed Mitchell's wife to be of this fact, outing himself as gay in the process. Turns out, Luke made a huge mistake and in doing so he ruined Mitchells chance of marriage and much more. Mitchell, doesn't feel like denying everthing to everyone, because Luke was right about one thing...he is gay. However, he has never done anything about it. Mitchells packs up and moves away to New York, leaving his bigoted small town behind.

Fast forward 3 years and Mitchell, now a hot shot realtor, has to take a trip back to his home town, because his uncle died and left him an MMA gym in his will. Mitchells has not been living it up in the big apple and is still the same gay virgin he used to be.

When he arrives home, his parent are on him about selling the gym. They also warn him to stay away from Luke, because he's bad people (by that they mean gay). Damn I hated Mitchells parents, what a fucking bunch of bigoted assholes !! They know their son is gay, but they choose to ignore this fact and try to push all sorts of shit on him.

Luke is an MMA fighter, training and living above the gym. He's got a big fight planned and is also doing his best to keep the gym up and running. He was good friends with Mitchells uncle. Now his future is in jeopardy. He knows Mitchell will be coming back to decide what to do with the gym. He still feels so bad for fucking up Mitchells life 3 years ago. Luke also doesn't have it easy, being an out gay man in a small bigoted town.

When Mitchell arrives at the gym, the two of them feel an instant attraction to one another. Mitchells has forgiven Luke a long time ago, after all, he did prevent him from making the biggest mistake of his life.

Once these two give into their attraction for each other...the sheets catch fire. These boys were pretty hot together !! The only thing that I would have liked, was a scene with Luke bottoming. This is personal preference however, I just love my gay men vers ;)

Between bigots, asshole parents, a rude buyer and a big fight in the planning, Mitchell and Luke have their work cut out for them.

I really enjoyed this book, but I would have loved to have known more about their friendship. The book only stated that they were friends, but what kind of friends were they and how long ? Not knowing took away a bit of the connection between the men. I think a bit of their past would have made this better and it would have made it easier identifying with the characters and the relationship they had and have with each other.

Mitchell irritated me a couple of times, especially while interacting with his parents. Them they were such assholes and eventhough he responded to some of it, I think he took to much of their shit without standing up for himself and Luke. Luke however was awesome...I really liked him ;)

3,5 stars from me. I'm very curious to see what this author has in store for the future :)

Polly says

This was my first read by this author and it was decent.

I found the story to be a bit predictable and the main characters a bit awkward with each other.

I will for sure read more from her and hope that her writing develops more with each one.

Solid 3 stars.

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