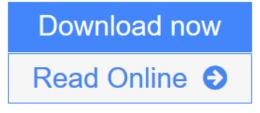


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jaxnsmom says

3.4 stars

Kim Alan says

Oh God, it's that very fear that's never actually realized in most friends-to-lovers stories. Sam puts himself out there, taking that chance (that always pays off in the stories, right?) but it just freaks Devin out and upsets the whole balance of their worlds. It's crushing.

Overall, I caught a few gaps I just filled in for myself, but I spent half the book with my throat aching with Sam's devastation while facing that not really expected rejection. That, to me, spells success. It wasn't some kind of literary genius at work, it was simply the words put together in that way that gets the tension across. I felt the author had in mind that gut-deep reaction she wanted to express, and she did it.

Hannah says

The character interactions in this story did not ring true to me. I've never met any young men in real life who spent so much time talking about their feelings.

Nancy says

Posted at Shelf Inflicted

Michael, Sam and Devin are roommates and best friends. Dev wants Michael, but Michael is straight. Michael feels strongly that Dev and Sam would be good together, but Dev vehemently disagrees. Sam quietly likes Devin even though Dev treats him like shit. Dev doesn't care for their attractive neighbor and rugby teammate, Lee, because even though he doesn't want Sam and can't have Michael, he doesn't want Lee to either.

Oh, the drama!

I knew that Sam would get his man in the end, and it was fun spending time with the guys while they're playing rugby or chess, and during their long, soul-searching discussions while still managing to evade their feelings for each other.

As much as I enjoyed this story, I'm still not convinced Sam and Dev belong together and I don't really have a desire to spend more time with these characters, except maybe Lee.

Alex is The Romance Fox says

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This is a rather short, well written story of unreciprocated love and I really wanted to love it but somehow just could not feel a connection to the characters – though I liked Michael, caring for his friend's happiness and his total honesty.

Dev was not a likeable character to me....using his insecurities and blowing hot and cold on Sammy's emotions and feelings....it felt a bit unreal and unbelievable some of the things that happened with them and in fact most of the characters. I had a hard time seeing them in my feeling head....what they looked like.

The dialogue was fine but the story kept moving from one place to another that after a while I wasn't sure what was going on. Perhaps if the story had been a bit longer, I might have become more involved.

Not saying I hated this book exactly but that I wanted to feel more emotional about these guys, and I never had that.

I did love the cover.

Julesmarie says

This one just wasn't at all believable to me. As Hannah said http://www.goodreads.com/review/show/..., I've never known ANYONE who talks about their feelings so much.

Not only that, but there was way too much back-and-forth here. I ended up losing interest in whether or not Sam and Devin ended up together by about the third "yes, I've been in love with him for years, but I'm scared, so I'm going to push him away... Wait! Kidding! Come back!"

Exina says

Michael is straight and he has two gay best friends. And of course both Dev and Sammy are crushing on him.

Michael thinks that Dev and Sammy are perfect for each other, so he decides to help them to see it, too.

Truth is a funny thing. I requires perspective.

The problem is with this story that it is soooo boring. Endless conversations heading nowhere, resulting in no development.

I love friends-to-lovers stories, but this one was so slow, I lost interest.

Ryoma Gartre says

It began good, and then it all changed.

I don't like Devin, everyone was too easy on him, but I do agree with him that he doesn't deserve Sam and I'm not even talking about his past behavior, I'm just taking in consideration the way he treats Sam when the story begins, He wants to have Sam and Mike's support but he doesn't want to give anything back, He doesn't want to step up his game, too much work for him I think.

But then Sammy began acting like a little slut and my respect for him fell to the floor, one thing is acting brave and strong and make obvious for Devin that he wants him, and another entirely different thing is to throw himself at Devin's feet, the change of personality from the first part to the second was startling, it felt almost like two different characters.

More, when they are trying to talk Sam flirts and touch instead of listening to Devin, and Devin doesn't really say exactly what he's feeling, so free drama.

Salsera1974 says

This story is more of a promising first draft, as opposed to a well-crafted finished product. It needed an editor to sharpen the believability factor (it didn't make sense to see the rapidity with which Dev "discovered" his feelings for Sam, right after being talked out of his feelings for Mike), to make the characters more engaging (I had a hard time caring about any of them), to ensure that character behavior in one scene did not seemingly contradict the character's stated intentions from the prior scene, and to carry out line edits so that the dialogue was stronger. The story has good bones, though. It would be interesting to see a re-write.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

3.5 stars

This novella gets an extra 1/2 a star for being free (yay!). Overall I enjoyed this one by I think Dev went from "I only see you as a friend" to "I love you" way too quickly for my taste. His obsession with Mike also

was brushed aside rather easily, and the whole relationship between the three guys seemed a bit implausible. And what straight guy hangs out exclusively with gay men? The story rang a bit false to me but it was still surprisingly cute and pretty well written.

Tami says

A nice little love story - what I liked especially: The characters talked to each other. You know those stories, where the whole drama comes from "THE BIG MISUNDERSTANDING"? The one, that could have been solved in two minutes of honest talk? This one is missing here.

The interaction and communication seemd very natural and realistic to me.

And it was a free read from Amazon :-)

Callinda Beale says

Found it hard to finish this book. It is difficult to connect with a main character you dislike, and that was certainly the case with Dev. While I did enjoy the first half of the book, I found Sam's character changed too quickly from very shy to being so forward, this didn't seem realistic. I would like to read more from this author in future as I did enjoy her style of writing.

LutaWolf says

Look Seriously some of you leaving shitty ratings and reviews need to take a chill pill and re-evaluate. For Starters if your going to give a low rating on a FREE BOOK that was a GIFT then you better be able to back it up, whining like a two yr old that the story just wasn't believable isn't going to cut it either. Again you come off as immature and many of us even wonder if your old enough to be reading this kind of story if ya get what I mean. The fact of the matter is you are not going to get chocolate drizzle and sprinkles on your free ice-cream so STFU!!!!

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

Wow dev seems like a real jerk. And can't say I'm a fan of the way he's bragging about how he likes to hook up with married men. Yeah home wrecking whore not an endearing character IMO. Especially when that's the first thing you learn about him. Besides he thinks of Sammy as garbage

Wow and then dev is all passive aggressive and power hungry. Abuses his power as coach to take his frustrations out on players. Especially Lee who is competition apparently.

That's great but why are we suppossed to like this douche? Or feel sorry for him that he's such a douche he

has to try and make other people miserable?

Then he throws little hissy fits and pouts. For no reason. He's such a slutty dock and everyone goes out of their way to be nice to him.

And of course he doesn't like Sam but gets mad when someone else flirts with Sam. For no Other reason than he thinks Sam is a worthless bore so why should any attractive guy show interest in him? Dev Giant douche

Then Sam tells him he throws hissy fits. I like we used the same word. Then dev threw another hissy fit about how he doesn't get in a hissy.

Also pretty annoying how Sam pretty much just begs and begs for his attention. Only to not even get a second thought. Unless dev wants something.

I marked as unfinishable at 54%. The main character is just a bore. Now he sitting by himself brooding and pouring and this story is just repetitive. Nothing has happened but they having same conversations and thoughts over and over. I couldn't care less at what happens at this point. I see no connectiOn with these guys at all.

For some unknown reason Sam has loved slutty douche for years. Right, can't see that at all. And now slutty douches thoughts are 180 degree turn around from the beginning. Like everything he thought in the beginning wasn't true? I'm not sure this makes no sense and is just redundant.

Elizabetta says

I didn't believe these characters at all. A lot of discussion about *feelings* between three guys. Just didn't ring true to me -- guys don't talk like this. And Sam sure was a glutton for punishment with the repeated rejection from Dev who never showed me why he was all that important to fight for in the first place. I appreciate the effort but this story was just ok for me.