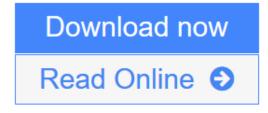


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One E.S. Carter One click. One perfect frame. That's all it takes to capture an eternal moment; although most people let them pass by without acknowledgement. I don't waste any. Not a single one. If I see something of beauty, I want to experience it, feel it and immortalise it. If I see someone of beauty, I want to taste them, worship them and memorise them. I don't have a type, if I like you, I like you. I don't have a preference. My bisexuality is a gift, not a defect. It's the freedom to see beyond gender. One blink. One touch. One night. Life is filled with so many ones. One chance to get things right. One life to live as you choose. One decision that gives you acceptance. One person to fill the emptiness. Just one? Nah, like I said, life is full of ones. My camera lets me focus on the good times; I develop from life's negatives and if things don't work out, I just take another shot. Who needs just one? Book #5 in the 'Love by Numbers' series.

Can be read as a standalone.

One Details

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warhawke says

Genre: M/M Contemporary Romance Type: Standalone Book 5 of Love by Numbers series POV: First Person – Dual (Male) Rating:

Isaac Fox was a world renowned photographer. With his good looks and openly bisexual preference, he had no problem getting any man or woman into his bed. But his busy work schedule and a wounded heart kept him lonely until he was brought face to face with a past he could never forget.

Flynn Phillips was the hottest fitness celebrity to grace TV and magazines. Even with his fame, his dark past still choked him and refused to let go. And it didn't helped when his head tried to fight what his heart wanted.

What first drew me to this book was the cover. I have a thing with photographers - which I'll explain later. Then the blurb sealed the deal. The story is as beautiful and as deep as the two elements suggested.

"We're like fire and gasoline. He will burn me alive, and I will only fuel the flames."

To me, Isaac was faultless. I love him for not being afraid and how much he did for the people around him. With his stenght, he had enough vulnerability without being crippled by it.

Day-by-day my "brand' soars, my business grows, and more and more people want a piece of Flynn Phillips. If only they knew that this perfect body houses a less than perfect man.

Flynn's actions and emotions were very volatile. Even though I wanted to hurt him at times, I do understand where he came from. The anger, fear, confusion and sadness added dimension to someone who could easily be superficial.

I love stories that stirred my emotions and this book did that. I haven't read any other book in the series so I didn't know what to expect in term of the feel, so I was pleasantly surprised by some teary moments. But since I like when characters get (emotionally) hurt, I do wish there was extra conflict towards the end of the book :p

His hand pumps my shaft while his tongue fucks into my mouth to the same rhythm I bounce on his cock. It's too good.

My wish for a certain sexy scene didn't come true, but I was pacified with other form of sexiness. I certainly like what they did to each others lol!

I want a man. Not any man, this man.

One is a story of forgiveness and acceptance - two simple act of kindness that could change a person's outlook that would lead to a more meaningful life. This book would appeal to readers looking for sexy romance laced with emotions.

Note:

I love photographers because they can see things from a different perspective – especially capturing the beauty of something someone else might see as ugly/unwanted. Once upon a time I wanted to be one. I can still be one, so one day, I might actually be one lol!

Books in the series:

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ItaPixie says

This one was a good read, packed with a lot of emotions.

We finaly get to know better the mysterious Isaac Fox and his fleeting lover. Their relationship is not an easy one,after a stormy beginning they have the courage to believe into a brighter future for themselves.

I was also glad to read more about my favorite Fox brother...Jake <3

I really hope everyone will accept and enjoy Iz story as much as I did.

E.S. Carter writing is addicting and I already need her next book in the series. I really wish to never say goodbye to these amazing characters.

ARC Copy kindly provided by the Publisher/Author.

Beth ~ Panda & Boodle says

"We're like fire and gasoline. He will burn me alive, and I will only fuel the flames."

For someone who spends a lot of time (passionately) telling people what books they should read and why, I'm surprisingly stubborn when it comes to accepting book recommendations. It's not that I don't trust my friends to know what I'll love, it's that I don't want to disappoint them if I don't feel about it the same way they do.

I read *One* based on a recommendation. I read *One* because I was told I would love it. I read *One* because someone gifted me the book.

I finished One because it was a soulful, heartbreaking story that moved me to tears.

Full disclosure: I struggled with the first handful of chapters here. I found it to be a little abrasive, and I couldn't relate—or warm to—the hero/es of this story. In particular, possibly surprisingly, I didn't much like Isaac.

To be sure, he was a sexy character, and an intriguing one, but it took me some time to get into his mind, and to see what kind of person he was. But when I did? It was wonderful. It was just what I needed, and it softened my heart to him at the same time it brought tears to my eyes.

Flynn, on the other hand, I understood. Not wholly, but ES Carter—a new-to-me author—deftly handled his actions, such that while I didn't like him at first, I didn't *hate* either. I forgave him, because I felt like that wasn't all he was.

The end result was a book that, for me, really took off after those first few chapters. I *liked* it up to that point; I *LOVED* thereafter. I fell for both Isaac and Flynn. I smiled at their banter, I mourned their pain, and my heart pounded in the hopes that all would be well.

And it was. For me, all wasn't just *well*, it was wonderful. It was engaging. It was hot. It was sweet. It broke my heart, then made me feel good. It wasn't perfect, but it was something else.

One was a recommendation I'm thrilled I took. A story I loved. A gift that made me happy.

A book that I am now recommending.

One. That's what we now are. Two bodies, two hearts, two souls wrapped together so tightly that where he ends, I begin.

 ~ 4.5 STARS \sim

Darlene Avery says

One by E.S. Carter

One, by E.S. Carter, is one of those rare treasures you find that breaks all the barriers you've ever formed in your mind about the meaning of love, and the depths true unadulterated love can take you.

Carter immerses you into every word, every emotion, every feel, every heartache, and every triumph this story has to offer. And offer it does.

I've never read a book where I was so wrapped up in the emotions, and the flaws, and the strengths of each of these characters, that I've had such a visceral reaction.

You see, these characters literally bound off the pages and draw you into their world.

Isaac Fox is the charismatic and demanding photographer.

Flynn Phillips is the tortured and yet stunning male model.

Both of these characters have so much depth and hidden passions, that you will be forever spellbound and captivated by the story that unfolds.

No one can walk away from this book without feeling it in their soul.

Carter has truly created a masterpiece, that I will read again and again.

"Acceptance is Serenity"

#LoveIsLove #GriefIsThePriceWePayForLove

"Love isn't one plus one. It's one plus one time infinity"

10 Heart-bounding, breathtaking Stars!!!!

Amo Thomson says

It was fabulous to see the Fox family back in business, I have missed this family ever since Jake sailed into our lives they've never been the same, so it was great to hear from the gang,

Bring at One with yourself seems like an easy thing, right ?

Being at One with who you are or what you do in your career, or some of the decisions we make in life should be a natural process A B C.. yes ?

Decisions, Yes or no Live or die Boy or girl Friend it foe Family or not,

For some people these are some of the hardest choices they'll make in life and for others the choice is taken away from them & unfortunately sometimes you can't take that back.

Issac & Flynn's stories are so different but also they are also of powerful, heartbreaking, Loving, honest, truthful.

Their connection was off the charts that I couldn't keep up the lust even from a look was wow !!!!! And also VERY VERY HOT

Nicola says

I have been Isaac'd. It's the Isaac Effect.

It takes an amazing book to stay with you like One does, and Eli nails it. I've loved everything she has written, but this blows it all out of the water.

This is my first rodeo with m/m and it has set the bar very high for me.

Eli has written this book in her usual style, she drags you in from the off and makes you want to give up sleep. She deals with sensitive subjects in such a way that you feel you are living it, it's so real. And you know people deal with these issues every day, somewhere. Which makes it so much better to read and harder to take.

Isaac. He feels with everything he is, from his soul. Love is love. Simple.

The words Eli uses slayed me, it's heart wrenching and soul deep. Starting certain chapters, my heart was in my throat and I knew I was done for. Get the tissues ready!

"Love hurts. It gives and it takes away. It's brutal with its beauty".

As usual, Eli injects humour and light heartedness into her story, and for me it gives it the balance needed. This is a story of love, acceptance, loss. Eli covers all bases perfectly. Acceptance is Serenity.

If your budget allows you one book this week, make it One.

Jenny - TotallybookedBlog says

'Why did I ever fight this? Why did I ever think I could win against the power this man has over me? He owns me.'

Flynn and Isaac do not have the best memory of each other for many reasons, yet is this truly so? Meeting up again brings back pain and confusion yet through personal realisations and healing comes self-assurance and an open heart and mind. Sometimes the best comes to those who wait, and who opens their soul to true love.

'His thoughts, his dreams, his wants, and his desires. This man is dangerous to me.'

Isaac and Flynn's story is one of finding one-self through the aftermath of tragedy and the overcoming of obstacles as well as healing – with family at the core. It was beautiful, passionate and quite emotional. A true journey of love, reclaiming and understanding. With love comes hope. With injustice comes forgiveness. And with tragedy comes reclamation.... *Full review can be found at TBB*

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CC says

4.5 Stars!

Isaac "Iz" Fox is the hottest photographer around and openly bisexual. He always knew his tastes weren't the norm, but his family always accepted him. Enjoying a bachelor lifestyle means Isaac's bed isn't empty often, but when Isaac makes a connection with another man, the reaction he receives is unexpected.

"I haven't changed who I am, and I haven't stopped wanting you, but I'm not an experiment."

Flynn Phillips is a fitness trainer who gained notoriety on social media. Though he is a rising star, Flynn came from humble beginnings and suffered a tremendous loss that continues to affect him. After meeting Isaac, Flynn begins to feel in ways he's never experienced and it makes him uneasy.

"This man is dangerous to me. He's everything I've never wanted. He makes me need to hate him."

From the beginning, the chemistry between Isaac and Flynn is undeniable and palpable. Being comfortable with his sexuality, Isaac exudes an easy confidence that Flynn cannot resist. But while they have this pull to each other, Flynn hurts Isaac in ways that speak volumes about Flynn's insecurities. As time passes, Flynn must accept the past and embrace possibilities in the present, which is vital to his happiness. As he moves forward, Isaac offers a level of intimacy and comfort that Flynn so desperately needs.

"You're gonna ride me, Flynn Phillips. You're gonna take what you need exactly how you want it."

For Isaac, he is a grounded character who is ambitious, loving and willing to confront the difficulties of life. I admired his selfless decision to help his family despite how it could have affected his own life.

Told in dual POV, these characters are richly developed and experience life with its ups and downs. Together, Isaac and Flynn fit and their transition to a couple is ultimately fulfilling. With firsts for both characters, their story felt unique.

In *One*, E.S. Carter pens a multifaceted story told in a realistic manner that enhances her characters and adds weight to their journey. This MM romance is a story is about self-discovery, acceptance and love. I highly recommend.

Love by Numbers series: (can be read as standalones)

* I won this book in the Shh... Holiday GIFT Giveaway 2016! https://bit.ly/2LEbp8E

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E.S. Carter says

ONE IS LIVE EVERYWHERE!!

I'm so excited for you to finally read Isaac's story! You don't need to have read ANY of the other books in the series to enjoy this story. You can 1-click and enjoy!

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Early reviewers are saying:

"No one can walk away from this book without feeling it in their soul."

"Without a doubt one of the most beautiful stories I have ever read."

"I have read several M/M books but this ONE is definitely a favourite."

"The chemistry between the two was off the charts!"

"Powerful, heartbreaking, loving, honest, truthful... and VERY VERY HOT."

dreamerinexile says

Slayed, ruined 10 millions stars

E.S. Carter has once again made my soul weep. I knew she would wreck me with this story. The emotions, the characters' flaws, every devastating words slayed me viscerally.

One is the story that will smash every perception you have about love. Love isn't a person, it's a soul, its two hearts beating as one. And One reiterates that point until it's crystal clear in our hearts and minds.

From the first page until the last, I have felt every blow, every fear, every pain, every devastating words, every euphoria, every triumph, every loss, every hope and every swoon. E.S. Carter has truly created a masterpiece of words that shakes you to your core, makes you stand up and think about love, your perception of it. I've fallen even more in love with Iz and I have hated Flynn with a passion. I've felt the debilitating pain course through me when Iz felt those words strike him raw. I felt the utter helplessness that overcame him at the news from his family. I felt the calm sooth my soul at these words 'Acceptance is Serenity.' I just felt.

Every aspect of One had my emotions running rampant. Iz and Flynn both had depths and complexities hidden in their psyche, that we discovered as the story unfolded. Two irresistible men, one devastatingly enchanted love story.

One is Acceptance!

One is Love!

One for me is Hope!

Lorraine says

5 Cherry-Poppin Stars!!!

This is the fifth book in the Love by Numbers series and it's because of that, I found myself reading an M/M story FOR THE THE FIRST TIME!!! That's right. E.S. Carter has popped my M/M cherry!

When it came to Isaac's story, I was a little apprehensive. Not having read any M/M before (but meaning to), I wasn't sure if it would be my cup of tea. I wanted to take a chance on this book because I am so invested in this series and the Fox family. I couldn't possibly miss any part of their puzzle. I'm so glad I did. Issac and Flynn's story is beautifully written. I couldn't have wished for a more gentle introduction into this genre. It had all the ingredients I love. A little angst, a touch of sauce and some seriously hot love scenes. I also love the progression of these two characters. They both grow and mature so much over the course of the story and not just within their relationship, but also with the people that surround them. There are also many lessons to be learned from within these pages and some messages of hope through the author's words. Having been through the same thing as Flynn, it really got to me at times. It felt very personal and touched my heart.

On a different note, we also catch up a little with Josh and this book sets up the scene nicely for book 6 (I'm guessing and hoping here!).

Going forward, I would highly recommend this book, not just to lovers of this series or this genre but also to those who maybe haven't dipped their toes in the water of M/M. It's gentle; it's sensitive, and above all else, it's love no matter which way you slice it.

Angie McGuire says

I love love this book!! I flove this series, and I cannot wait to see if there is more coming... So I'll be anxiously awaiting with hands shaking

I've never read a book with a plot like this.. Ever... but it was magical and beautiful and so Isaac that I just couldn't get enough. Time is captured a few times in this book, and made it very easy to allow the plot to flow so effortlessly. Flynn was an anomaly that came full force in the eyes of Isaac, but no one knew the ramifications of falling in love with someone you weren't ready for. Flynn wasn't ready for most of the book... And he had his reasons, but those are his to share and not mine. No spoilers from me!!!

There are so many things that happen in this book with the Fox family that changed the premise of some of the things that occur with this plot, but this family sticks together, and Isaac is there through it all. His reasons are twofold; to be there for his brother, and to be there for himself. So many cruel things get said to those who are different than the "norm", but Isaac lives for his beliefs and understands his goals. Not many

would continue to be accepting of the world when they don't agree with your own beliefs... which makes it harder for Isaac to truly trust Flynn in the beginning.

ACCEPTANCE IS SERENITY

This statement means more in this book than any other situation I've read about in a plot. I adored these characters, and I loved seeing some of the brothers together again, no matter what the reasons were. This book was perfect. I voluntarily reviewed this advanced reader copy of this book.

Denise - Shh Mom's Reading® says

4.5 stars http://amzn.to/2lOGNC8

Before I even start I need to thank Karen for pushing me to read this book, I had tried a book by this author prior and didn't love it. Karen said I could try again and man and I glad I did as I loved One; Isaac and Flynn pulled me in from the opening scene and kept me glued to my kindle as I was so engrossed on their story!

The range of emotions this author elicits is masterful; I went from hating Flynn (and you will to for a bit) to having my heart break for him.

The sensitive topics addressed in this book were done so well! Flynn's background was slowing revealed, slowing endearing him to the reader who likely hates him.

Isaac is such a lovable character, a man comfortable in his own skin who adoring his family! Witnessing Isaac with his brother Josh and Josh's daughter Ivy so set the stage for a man with a big heart who just need the right person to let in.

I am NOT going to share why Josh plays a role in this book but I will say I am so excited to learn that Josh, is getting a happy in Eight. I also love the use of Josh to push Isaac when the time comes.

Yes, this book has a few hot scenes but they are filled with so much emotion, it is so clear the sex is about a connection as connection it takes both sometime to fully accept.

This story is laced with emotions, filled with an honest look at grief and a tale of the power of love once you open your heart to the fact it may come to you in a form you didn't expect.

In the end the happy Isaac and Flynn found warmed my heart.

Please note I read this story stand alone.

Lo Bookfrantic says

4.5 Stars

Genre: *M/M Contemporary Romance* Type: *Standalone Book 5 of Love by Numbers series* POV: *First Person – Dual (Male)*

"If it's worth the risk, then gamble because happiness can be fucking fleeting and forgiveness can be given and accepted easily without the burden of grudges."

Isaac Fox; living life without any love commitments or attachments was a successful and well known photographer. He knew exactly where he stood when it involved his sexual desires he was open minded and liked both females and males but he prefers the male team. One night of lust became a night he never forgot with the one and only hot stuff fitness model Flynn.

"He's my every wet dream in the flesh. He's also my every nightmare."

Flynn Phillips; super smoking gorgeous man who was born to be famous got all his dreams come true when he landed in the fitness modeling industry. Woman would throw themselves at him for his attention and he always complied until that one night he started feeling different things that he didn't want to admit he liked a little too much.

"I can't even begin to understand it. This tangible link we have. It makes no sense; it's stronger than attraction, and it messes with my head because he's a man."

I loved Isaac from the beginning I first met him on one of the previews books from the standalone series. I didn't know much about him but I was dying to know. He was absolutely an incredible person who loved his family so much; he even sacrificed an entire year of his career to help the family out. It was such an emotional part of the book that I don't want to give anything away. He struggled with being understood though and what Flynn did and how he made him feel had me in angry tears. I wanted Flynn to feel his pain and boy did he felt it too?! Heck yeah.

This book was about love, family and finding out your own true self. It was such a wonderful read to understand the struggle people go thru to find themselves and within understand that what they feel don't have to be always what people think but what you want. Flynn and Isaac both were tested thru their boundaries to reach the true love they were both searching for. In all honestly this was my very first only m/m read and I have to say I had to fan myself so much it wasn't even funny. I am afraid this would not be my last either. Readers to enjoy a good love story, super steamy hot, and are not afraid of this m/m genre should totally read this book. I found myself unable to put it down and enjoyed every minute of it.

"Love isn't one plus one. It's one plus one plus one times infinity."

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Gitte TotallyBookedBlog says

'Love hurts. It gives, and it takes away. It's brutal with its beauty.'

We absolutely love this series, so were excited to read Isaac's story – which is book five – as it's the one we've been dying for. Whilst this can be read as a standalone we highly recommend reading this series in its entirety, as it's fabulous. So much romance, passion, drama and angst. So much emotion and love.

'His thoughts, his dreams, his wants, and his desires. This man is dangerous to me.'

We weren't sure where Isaac's story would go or how he would find his happiness but we were ready to find out. The enigmatic – almost stuck in life's limbo – Fox brother who's a renowned genius behind the camera needed to find his happiness, settle down and be loved. He needed to find his place as a man, not the brother or son of....

'I am lost because he found me.'

Isaac and Flynn's story is one of finding one-self through the aftermath of tragedy and the overcoming of obstacles as well as healing – with family at the core. It was beautiful, passionate and quite emotional. A true journey of love, reclaiming and understanding. With love comes hope. With injustice comes forgiveness. And with tragedy comes reclamation.

'Even now my life is divided. There's before. Then there's after. The two are entwined yet so far apart that they cannot exist side by side.'

Isaac is at a crossroad. His photography career is soaring yet his personal life is struggling as his heart feels lonely, wanting someone he believes he can never have. Flynn. Isaac's tired of meaninglessness and day to day. Deep down he wants permanence and forever whilst outwardly rebelling this. Tragedy finds him questioning everything. He intrigued us and stole our hearts from the first time we met him.

'Life gives and life takes away. It's brutal, and it's fucking unfair, and I don't understand it, but what I do know is that it goes on with or without you.'

Flynn has fought his way to be where he is today, currently working as a health and fitness expert as well as model turned actor. He's still struggling to come to terms with a family tragedy and the confusion that's risen from this heartbreak. Sometimes we question who we are and reject parts of ourselves despite the ease with which it makes us feel or what our heart clearly needs. Sometimes we hurt the ones we love. Sometimes we need reassuring that it's okay to love who our heart desires.

'Why did I ever fight this? Why did I ever think I could win against the power this man has over me? He owns me.'

Flynn and Isaac do not have the best memory of each other for many reasons, yet is this truly so? Meeting up again brings back pain and confusion yet through personal realisations and healing comes self-assurance and an open heart and mind. Sometimes the best comes to those who wait, and who opens their soul to true love.

'Acceptance is serenity. It's happiness, it's understanding, it's faith in yourself and others. It's knowing that you can't change the past, but you can choose your future. Acceptance is love.'

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