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On his first day of college, all Jeremy Miller can think about is getting away from his hellish home life, making the wrestling team, and finally getting a real boyfriend. He's sick to death of being used by closeted football players who are too afraid to admit they like guys. What he doesn't count on is losing his mind over the gorgeous, golden-eyed wrestling captain who needs to keep their attraction a secret at all costs.

After earning a full-ride wrestling scholarship and getting accepted into an elite sports medicine program, Beck thinks he's got it made. Now he's a favorite for the national championship in his weight class. Life has never been sweeter or more predictable. Never mind that he's gay and wishing he didn't have to hide it. There will be plenty of time for a social life after graduation. Until then, he doesn't need anything to get in the way of his big plans, and that includes the adorable little wrestler who's got him all tied up in knots.

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

This was a solid MM read for me. The drama and storyline were a tad on the immature side--afterall the MCs were a freshman and a junior in college--but I still enjoyed it nonetheless.

Jeremy is just starting college, trying out for the wrestling team. He's from a small town, deadbeat parents. He wasn't a closet gay but his lifestyle wasn't exactly accepted in high school and in town.

Most of the time he was just a dirty secret. Going to college meant a chance for Jeremy to find a real relationship. To not have to hide. To be free to be whomever he wants.

Beck is the school's star wrestler. He's a junior and meets Jeremy one of the first days of school. There's an instant attraction. But Beck is not openly gay. He's afraid if his coaches and teammates find out he is gay, he'll lose his scholarship.

I mean discrimination.....hello??

Beck and Jeremy hook up. But Beck is honest from the get-go....he makes it clear

Well Jeremy has already been there and done that so

Beck decides he wants more with Jeremy.

Things get hot and heavy. But just as things start to get good the drama hits.

The drama really picked up the last 25% of the book. The locker room scene I was screaming

Don't do it. Don't fall for it Jeremy. Oh damn....

Overall, I enjoyed this one. It was a quick read. Had plenty of steam and some lol moments.

Sheziss says

Seriously good.

And sexy as hell. It's not a word I use often. Sexy. But if there is a word that can describe the entire book that is the one. Hot is too aggressive grammatically speaking but this book wasn't aggressive. It was smooth, solid and with a rhythm I find enviable. I'm utterly impressed.

The characters are to be framed and put on a wall. I liked them instantly, they are that way. They were themselves and there is a honesty in them I couldn't deny that attracted me since the very beginning. Curious thing, as Beck is a closet case. And Jeremy, who was considered "white trash", wants to forget the past and get a better future for himself.

The chemistry is palpable. I could feel part of their lives as if I were diving head first into the pool. Right away it was fresh and fluid and it never declines. I liked how they tried to get away from each other but couldn't. This leads to uncomfortable and hot situations. that have you hopping and biting your lip waiting for the explosion to happen. You are all the time feeling the heat, they are pure dynamite and only a spark is necessary to start a fire.

Jeremy's goal is to seduce Beck, and Beck's goal is to ignore him. The game begins.

When you feel there is nothing left to be done and nothing else to solve, you wonder why there are so many pages to be read. So you go on and discover there are more surprising situations you never considered before. It's not that the author cheats and makes new plots out of the blue just to sell more paper. It's just that you think the love story is finished but it really isn't. There is a sense of completion the whole while, and at the same time, there is always something more to show.

And who says oneself can't learn from romance novels? I didn't know the sexy V on a man was called Adonis Belt. I tell ya, me learning a lot in every field under the sun.

I usually give 4 stars to books that are perfect. But I also stop and think for a minute or two about it and use a bit of criticism and analyze weak spots. I should point to the plot being a little surrealist. Losing the scholarship just because your mates or coach get aware of you being gay sounds stupid to me.

Also, there is a moment (view spoiler). In my world, at least in a public hospital, the doctor receives the diary nursery report and it says: "I found the patient's boyfriend in the bed with her, I ordered him to get out of the bed". It happened to me once. Yes, it's an uncomfortable situation for people who work there, the gender is not the problem. I don't know how private hospitals work, so maybe in the USA it's allowed. Anyway, this scene is so ridiculous for me I couldn't hold back a laugh.

The last straw was the (view spoiler) being a pair. It was totally predictable. When a person is portrayed like that there is no place for surprise. It was a small anticlimax. And please there are not THAT many gay

people! Thank goodness. Don't look at me like that, I want men for me, too!

Anyway, who doesn't like having fun with a sexy book and thinking about yellow and pink jockstraps? I forgive all those inconsistencies because I had a great time reading it.

„•*°*•Gwendolyn°**★°**★ says

This is Beck

*Gosh, this is how I see him. Beck was persona perfection in this book. And, he stole my heart. He was so sweet, so kind. And **absolutely ADORBS**.*

And, Jeremy (I think that is him on the cover)...parts of his story was pure cut throat angst. Nonetheless, Jeremy I liked, and he said this quote that was soooooo heartfelt.

The quote.

"Call me crazy, but I'd like to feel special to someone for a change. I need to know there's someone out there who even gives a shit if I wake up in the morning, or if I even live and breathe at all."

The book as a whole

The sex was on-page good.

The writing style....dual POV...my fav!

My issues....

The back-story of Jeremy is solid. But, Beck's back-story is missing * sad face*

The ending IMO was a strong HFN, not my fav. I prefer HEA.

The storyline was a bit all over the place, focus was needed.

The book overall has a child-like feel. (See spoiler if you must know)

The (view spoiler) I could have done without.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Score! I've been watching for this one! 80% price drop to \$0.99 and the rest of the books in the series are \$0.99 too! 6/27/15

Arch Bala says

[I do not like those kind of things especially when it involves sex – I guess, I'm more comfortable if the character got beat up or something else rather than getting raped / or being sexually assaulted. (hide spoiler)]

Vivian says

3.5 stars

Collegiate love story that hits a couple gravel patches.

Overall, very enjoyable though one or two OTT moments and a colossally bad decision detracted a bit from my reading pleasure. Jeremy is a guy who is finally escaping the prison of childhood, good riddance:

What I really meant was, *Fuck you, you drunk bastard. I'm outta here, and you can rot in hell for all I care.*

He's got a plan and he's charging full steam ahead with a passion when a bright, shiny thing distracts him-- Beck. Beck is a walking fantasy to Jeremy. Reality check. Jeremy's got to decide what he really wants because he's not getting exactly what he wants.

There's a little voice in my head telling me I'm pouting like a spoiled child and making an ass of myself, but I don't listen to that voice very often. It's way too soft compared to the other voices I've got in there.

Drama. Two steps forward, one back. Another back. Step to the side. Anyway, there's the expected friends inserting opinions and "advice" aka meddling. Though I really have a soft spot for Truck and Dan. And surprise! There are females in this book that aren't heinous.

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Truly.

Favorite passage:

“So you're saying he might not respect me if I sleep with you?”

Dan laughs. "No, I'm saying I think he'd fucking kill me."

BWT (Belen) says

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1. Jeremy is told straight up from his first sexual encounter with Beck that Beck is staying in the closet because he doesn't want to jeopardize his athletic scholarship. But Jeremy chooses to pursue him anyway. Even going so far as to do several things that could possibly (or even likely) out

Justin says

3.5 stars

I loved the first 3/4 of this book. The last part was a little too much drama and it all worked out just a little too perfectly for my taste. Don't get me wrong, I like an HEA/HFN ending, I'd just prefer it to be more realistic and less CSI/MacGyver.

The writing overall was very good and the sexy times were smokin HOT!

I'd read more from this author and I'd recommend this book to friends.

Nic says

Listened to the audio book. Great story and loved the narration - big thumbs up again for Chris Patton. Highly recommended audio book.

Isabel says

This book is so sexy and hot!!!

Heather the Queen of (Smut)Books says

Fuck this utterly poptastic book. I just wasted an hour and a half of my life I'll never get back. I DNF'd late in the game and since I had to endure this crap I decided to rate it.

Reasons:

1. One of the MCs, Beck is so far in the closet he fucks all the fuckboys on campus and apparently everybody knows. Plus his reason for being in the closet is implausible. You can't lose a scholarship due to

sexual identity....u can however be afraid of the fall out from teammates and use that fear to hide.
Understandable but inaccurate.

2. The other MC Jeremy, is escaping from small town USA where his Dad is a crazy alcoholic and his Mother is a meth addict. He is turned off by guys who drink but the minute he's in a club and offered a drug he doesn't know...he takes the word of someone he barely knows that it doesn't show up on drug testing (he's a athlete) and gets high not once but twice. WTF? Not only that but he's never been able to be free with his sexuality in his hometown and only ever been with closeted dudes and wants the chance to be out, proud and fall in love. So yeah....he latches on to the most closeted dude on campus knowing he'll never have what he wants. But he just can't stay away. Wahhhhhh.

3. Cue the random threesome with both MCs plus the guy Beck uses for sex whenever he feels like it (who doesn't even like Beck and ridicules him for being in the closet). Yuck.

4. Beck is in the closet but he's runnin around like a lunatic basically almost outing himself left and right because Jeremy is just soooooo HAWT.

5. Lots of I want you! But I CAN'T! I need you! But I just CAN'T! Wahhhhhh.

6. Unprotected shower sex without lube. Maybe they thought the water would wash away the yuckies and lubricate the way??? Nope, not gonna touch that one.

6. Asst Coach videotapes the locker room and views the MCs have sex then confronts Jeremy with going public and threatens Becks scholarship so Jeremy gives him a BJ to keep him quiet.

7. And my favorite. Beck comes out whilst Jeremy is being throat raped by the coach and everything is fine...all of the back and forth, the fear and the drama was for NOTHING.

And I'm out...I think I need to break up with NA. I'm beginning to fear for my son ever leaving the house. They can't really be that stupid...can they? Don't answer that.

Therese says

Oh what a delicious college M/M....With wrestling no less:-P

I liked both MCs a lot, and I loved the build-up of their romance (not a long one, but felt good, not like some weird insta-love).

The people around them were also interesting, both Beck's gang and Jeremy's friends.

And it was hot. Super sexy hot. I absolutely loved the scene in the club with Dan, ungh..All the sex scenes were hot, and they never got boring.

The plot around the romance was, hm. A lot. There was almost too much drama in the end (not including Jeremy's home situation).

(view spoiler)

But I'm not sure if I'm really complaining, since the book definitely never got boring at any point.

What I felt could have been removed totally was (view spoiler)

I also felt that Jeremy's character in the beginning in the book was a bit different from the end. On the other hand, maybe his tough surface was just a surface. But growing up like he did, I would have expected him to react differently (view spoiler)

Now I want to read more about hot, dancing Dan.

Wendy says

3,5 stars..review to come

Julia says

[that Beck was only in the closet in his own

Susan says

3.25 stars

I have no idea how to review this. On the one hand I quite liked it, but there were so many things 'wrong' in this book that I'm hesitant to ever read something else from this author.

- I liked Jeremy. He was cute, fun and fierce.
- The push and pull between Jeremy and Beck wasn't too bad. Beck got his head out of his ass in time for me to still have some respect for him.
- Everything felt so intense in this book. I liked that I was really into it. I could not stop reading.

But..

- I really had trouble with what the best friend, Gretchen, said about Jeremy. That Jeremy was *beneath* Beck? That he could do better? She didn't even know Jeremy! Some best friend that is...

- Even though it was horrifying what Jeremy went through, the fact that he decided to not tell anyone, had me raging!

I am never okay with characters keeping something this important and traumatic to themselves. It's stupid and only adds to the drama in a book. Not my cup of tea.

- I felt the issues with the parents were underdeveloped. Go all the way, or leave it out. Suddenly bringing Beck to Jeremy's parent's house felt off somehow. Especially because they didn't talk about it before. It is suddenly mentioned they are going to visit.

So there were things I liked and things I didn't like. Overall, this is a very intense book, with very intense emotions all around. I can honestly say I enjoyed it, but can't give it more stars.

