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Derek is an award winning football player who also happens to be out as a gay man. His college and his coach are behind him, as is his best friend and fellow player, Ford. The only person who doesn't seem to support him is his boyfriend, and the other teams aren't fond of him. When his promising career is cut short, Derek has to reevaluate his whole life. Everyone gathers around to support him, but some things he has to figure out for himself, like his relationship with his boyfriend, and his friendship with Ford. Will Derek make the right choices and find a way to get everything he wants?

Aquamarine Details

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vLadimiR says

An adorable friends-to-lovers story between college football star Derek Hoffman and his team mate Ford.

The plot isn't new and there were a few cliches but the treatment was nice so I decided not be nit picky anymore LoL. I love how protective Ford was towards Derek and I absolutely love Derek's family, especially his Dad. The world would surely be a better place if we have father's like that.

I'm not sure if this book is part of a series but I think the character of Greg (the nurse) seems like he should have a story of his own.

I'm glad this turned out to be an enjoyable read because I'm such a fan of the author's other work The Way You Say My Name.

Arthur says

Such a lovely novella.

Some of the scenes are my all time memorable dialogues in m/m romance, specifically when Derek talks to his mom and dad about Ford.

A bit sappy, but hey, I like it!

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

It was so cute

I really hated Paul but was really glade he just kind of slips out of the story and no one misses him.

John The Cosmic Wanderer says

Thank you author for giving me a huge smile on my face. Im now a fan. Cute and not overly sweet. A very satisfying read!

Katrina Passick Lumsden says

Easily an enjoyable three star read for me...if not for the very obviously user boyfriend. I hate it when an author tries to convince me that one of MCs is dumb/pathetic enough to put up with that kind of treatment.

BWT (Belen) says

Such a sweet read. This story is mega-sweet with a side of sugar. It's always hits the spot whenever I need something just this side of "too much".

I wish Sara was still writing. I always liked her stories.

Read: 05/2014, 12/014, 04/2015, 11/2015

Ami says

4.5 stars

Sara Bell has become a favorite in this genre. She can pack a satisfying story in about 50 pages. I also love how most of her stories have a heavy family theme on it. I enjoy Derek and Ford's interaction, plus the family dynamic. I love how down-to-earth these guys (and the family) are. It's great to read a family that is so supportive to the son being gay. I also love the epilogue -- a glimpse of what happens years in the future, confirming the HEA for both our heroes. Just great, GREAT story.

Heller says

Omg, this was sooo adorable. I loved it. Just a fun fluffy read about best friends who become lovers. Derek and Ford are on the same college football team. Derek has a boyfriend who no one likes because he's basically using Derek for publicity. Ford told Derek that he's straight.

Angst happens when Derek is severely injured in a game but as he loses one relationship he gains a richer, deeper one with Ford. Lovely little story with a super sweet epilogue.

This may not be for everyone but I adored the characters and story. I was totally in the mood for this romantic little yarn.

Natalie says

Sweet and full of warm fuzzies. I found this during my quest for more m/m sports stories, and my only complaint is that it's way too short.

Bev says

Lovely little feel good read, friends to lovers. Paul the diva was ditched for Ford, whom Derek has been in love with...forever. And happy families at the end. Cute. 4 stars.

L-D says

I loved this short friends-to-lovers story. Derek is an up and coming college athlete with the world ahead of him. He is out and proud with a very supportive family and a gorgeous boyfriend. It's obvious to everyone except for Derek, however, that his boyfriend is only using him to make a name for himself. After the millionth time his boyfriend made a press announcement about Derek's personal life, I was like, come on already, dude! Wake up!

I really enjoyed this story even though it was a little predictable. Ford was a fantastic best friend and Derek's family was pretty amazing.

Deeze says

A nice little solid read, Derek and Ford are not just a cute couple, but a believable cute couple.

My only complaint is, again, the length lol. I'd love to of seen a bit more before the wonderful epilogue.

ETA Its lovely to re read my first intros into the MM genre, it's like falling in love all over again.

mw138 says

[, especially after the way he treated Derek and their relationship (hide spoiler)]

♥Laddie♥ (Lee Lee) says

Dear Sara Bell,

Point blank; I loved this story. Ford and Derek were The Cuteness. Paul was Le Douchebag. Derek's family made me want to hug them all.

Seriously, you have short stories down to a science. Yeah, I adored this story the way I adored Heart Song and The Manny.

So, here's the thing, I need more stories. The talent...you haz it. I've re-read your stuff a million times and have nothing new to devour. I am adrift in a sea of nothingness. That's code for "I ain't got shit to read!".

Ok, I'm going to go back to waiting patiently now...and maybe re-reading *Heart Song* for the 20th time. See? The situation is dire.

Sincerely,
Laddie

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

So sweet! I was in the mood for sappy and sweet and almost too good to be true, and this fit the bill nicely!
