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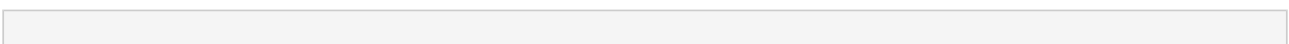
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Meags says

3.5 Stars

There is just something about this author duo and their edgy and compelling stories which continually serve to entertain the hell out of me. This first story in their new rock band series is fun and sexy, featuring some enjoyably quirky storytelling and a cast of colourful characters that I found unique and memorable.

Manic Pixie Dream Boy follows The Underdogs, an up and coming band made up of four distinct male members, including lead singer Dusk, his best buddy Mage, the drummer Sid, and Dusk's younger, extremely shy, song-writing brother, Dawn.

This first installment focuses on the bands initial rise to (moderate) success, and is told through the POV's of Dusk and his love interest, Lolly/Abe.

Lolly and Dusk are both fun-seeking, live-in-the-moment, characters. Their initial gas station meeting is explosive and hot, resulting in Dusk's impulsive decision to have Lolly join him and the boys as they travel across country on their bus tour. What starts out as some fun, no-strings, casual sex, quickly morphs into something more when tabloids out Dusk as bisexual and label Lolly his boyfriend. The positive attention this (otherwise inconvenient outing) brings the band is too good to pass up, so Dusk and Lolly throw themselves into a fake relationship for the public eye. But like all good fake relationship stories, what starts off as pretend quickly develops into much more complicated fare for young Dusk and Lolly.

I had a lot of fun reading this story. Dusk and Lolly were amusing characters that shared a lot of heat, but both acted so brash at times – especially Dusk – that I had some concerns about the possible longevity of their relationship, particularly considering the impetuous nature of their personalities.

Regardless of my apprehensions, I still very much enjoyed this story. Dawn was such a sweetheart of a secondary character that I'm positively giddy with anticipation for his book with Mage. It will be a one-click download for me, instantly upon release.

A special thanks to Kat and Agnes for gifting me a copy of this book.

River says

4.5 to 5 stars.

Dusk: is the leader of the Underdogs, they are a band trying to make it big in the music scene. During their tour they make a stop at a gas station and that's when Dusk's life becomes more brighter and colorful.

Abe: is Dusk's lolly, he is a boy that grew in the system and it's finally tasting freedom, he wants to

experience everything he can and have adventures. He loves to draw and it's just a magical unicorn.

Dusk and Lolly start an affair while the The Underdogs are playing gigs in different states, Lolly know is nothing permanent and doesn't really know what he is going to do next but he's trying to make the best of it. For Dusk, he is overwhelmed by his attraction to Lolly, he gets carried away by his iridescent beauty and even if he doesn't mean to, he makes some mistakes.

This is Kat and Agnes's cutest story so far, if you are expecting darkness then look elsewhere because Abe's rainbow aura leaves no space for that.

It still has the K.A mark, their quirky characters with different personalities and interest.

The story is short and very enjoyable, the characters start a relationship pretty fast but the way their individual stories, specially Abe's, are handled does show a growth.

In the end I wanted so much more because I was just enchanted by Lolly, I swear I had a big ass smile the whole time I was reading this book.

I can't wait to read more about the other characters and their stories and hopefully see more of this couple in future books.

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Susan says

[the relationship angst and the harsh words and the break up. It really ruined most of my enjoyment. I always have a hard time with the pain that a character feels during a break up. That longing, that 'why doesn't he want to be with me'. And OMG d

Ele says

4.5 stars

I loved it. Loved, loved, LOVED it! *Manic Pixie Dream Boy* is the first installment of the *Underdogs* series. **It's light on the angst but has an edge too. It's sweet, funny, sexy and it reads easily, but the ending packed a punch and made me tear up.** It also includes Abe, who turned out to be one of my favorite book characters ever!

Dusk is the lead singer of The Underdogs, a rock band on their first real tour. He's your standard long-haired, tattooed badass. The band doesn't have a big following yet, but all they need is an opportunity for breakthrough. But first, Dusk needs to...find some peanut butter. Which is how he meets Lolly.

Abe, aka Lolly is all pastel colours, cotton candy hair, and stardust. He's a rainbow pixie with boxer braids,

denim shorts, and a septum piercing. He's a real unicorn who set Dusk's world on fire.

“You give me something sweet, I give you something salty.”

It was meant to be just a hook up, but Abe will be stuck with the band for a while. Fate is weird like that. So Dusk will learn that under all the glitter, Abe's really talented and smart, and Abe will see that under Dusk's gruff exterior, there's a big heart.

Their connection and chemistry is off the charts! The sex scenes are scorching. There is also **the hottest bunk bed sex scene EVER!**

But Dusk was brought up by hippy parents and has never been in a real relationship before. He doesn't *know* how to handle a real relationship, and how to put the other person first. He's impulsive and screws things up, even though he means well and his heart is in the right place.

Abe, on the other hand, has always been on his own. And letting other people control things for him, just won't end up well.

I absolutely adored *The Underdogs*, which is actually a bunch of misfits; sensitive Dawn, reasonable and organised Mage, Sid who always carries a chip on his shoulder, and of course, Dusk. I loved the dynamics among the band members, and I can't wait for everyone's story. I have my theories about potential couples, but we shall see...

The **only** reason I'm rounding down , is the somewhat abrupt ending. It's still a swoon-worthy HFN, but I wanted something more solid. Or maybe I'm just greedy like that. There's no doubt in my mind, though, that we 'll be seeing Dusk and Abe again in the future.

Highly recommended for everyone, especially for those who like the sweet side of K.A.Merikan.

Jewel says

?*Manic Pixie Dream Boy* is pure ?sugar. Strawberry bubblegum, cotton candy, and lollipop sweet. Not my normal fare from this very talented duo. And, sadly, not my favorite, either.

The cast of characters is an unknown band, by the name of The Underdogs, whose members are two brothers -- Dusk and Dawn -- and their two friends, Mage and Sid, along with a spontaneous hitchhiker, named Abe, who is all cotton candy --- pink hair, strawberry lollipop, Disney tattoo, sweet -- or is he? Abe has actually been around the block a time or two and is definitely no innocent lamb of a unicorn.

It was supposed to be a quick hookup? in a gas station restroom? between Dusk and Abe, whom Dusk has dubbed "Lolly", but circumstances required they make a quick getaway and so Abe hightails it out with the band. And then stays.

Dusk and Lolly had an instant connection and that kept up through the story. The sex was super hot and served up extra dirty. And the characters were likable, though I don't feel like I really got to know any of them as well as I would have liked.

Manic Pixie Dream Boy is an entertaining read, for sure, but I admit I've come to expect more from these authors, and so was somewhat disappointed. There wasn't enough depth to the characters or the feels and the conflict? and relationship development? came too late to catch my interest. I was dying to feel something real, but Dusk and Lolly don't have a conversation with any substance? or any real conflict? until around 70%?? and there was too much miscommunication, or non-communication, really.?

I do seem to be in the minority, here, though, so if you're a fan of these authors sweeter books, please do give *Manic Pixie Dream Boy* a shot. Hopefully, book 2 will be more my speed.

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K.A. Merikan says

Rockstar romance :)

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<http://kamerikan.com/manic-pixie-drea...>

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Chris says

Well that was cute and unexpected.... this felt very contemporary for the KA ladies in a sweet way. Lolly / Abe was adorable and I can see why Dusk became mesmerized. It wasn't only about looks, it was the whole charisma & vibe of Lolly's personality - which at time screamed " be careful I'm vulnerable " Dusk was awesome once he realized more about what was actually required when loving another person, the bulldozer that Dusk was really needed to ease up ! His band made for interesting dynamics and I hope they all get their own books so that we can continue unpacking personalities. I wished for more Lolly & Dusk at the end so I'm hoping their connection grows in later books ? As always, these ladies are an insta buy for me so it looks like I'm on the Underdogs bandwagon!

~Mindy Lynn~ says

4 Stars!

This is the first book in the *Underdog Series* and what a great start to a new series it was. I really adored this story and its characters.

Dusk is the lead singer of the band, The Underdogs and looks like your typical bad boy with his long hair and tattoos. But as we get to know him he turns out to be quite the softy and has a tender side that will have you swooning.

Abe is hitchhiking his way to California. He's a colorful character from the studs in his ears, to his pink hair, and his colorful tattoos that cover most of his upper body. He's Dusk's real life unicorn who colors his world and brings him all the cotton candy sweetness he can handle. I absolutely adored him.

Dusk first see's Lolly/Abe when they stop at a gas station for some peanut butter that Dusk needed to have. At first sight Dusk describes Abe as being someone who had stepped out of a fairytale with his pink hair and colorful tattooed skin. Dusk new instantly that he had to have him. On their first encounter Dusk tells Lolly, **"You give me something sweet, I give you something salty."** And were off, and so were they to get off. ;))

Their first time was hot and the ending was epic. That's all I am saying about that. Don't wanna give that goodness away.

That epic ending throw these men together when it was only supposed to be a quick hookup. But it also started one of the sweetest relationships I have read in a long time. I LOVED them together. Chemistry coming off the pages with these two. But these ladies are spot on every time with their characters and really know how to balance them out making them fit perfectly together.

Soon lines get blurry when Abe and Dusk are pictured together and are outed. Abe has been out since a young age but doesn't exactly enjoy being plastered online. Dusk isn't out. He's Bi and wanted to keep it private because he didn't want it to effect his rise to fame. But when they realize that people are being positive about it and is gaining them more fans and followers they offer Abe money to stick around to be Dusks fake boyfriend. Except things don't feel fake and that line of fake and real is blurry leaving Abe in the end frustrated and confused. Dusk tries to fix things only to royally mess them up more. Feelings get hurt and hearts get broken, but it's not long before they are healed in the most sweetest ways.

As always it was a complete delight reading these authors work. I can't wait for the next book. I want Dawn's book SO bad. LOL

This was one of the author's more tamer books that shows their more softer sweeter side. I like all their sides and enjoy their stories especially when they are funny, sweet, sexy, and have a touch of angst like this one did.

Pick this one up dolls!

Happy reading! xx

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Lorraine Lesar says

Like Lolly's lollies, I got sucked in right from the start.

It's a rare occasion when this writing duo lets us see their softer, sweeter style of writing. But when they do, it's a confectioners delight. All sugar and spice and all things nice and to get your taste buds sizzling, a great big fat dollop of dirty talking and filthy sex! (I really think they have cornered the market on that one).

The Underdogs (love that name by the way and the inspiration it inspires) are struggling to make headway in the Music Industry, they just need that one big break. On one of their on-the-road pit stops for refreshments, Dust spies the unique and colourful, Lolly (Abe). His whole somewhat ethereal demeanour calls to him like no other has ever done before. And what started off as a one-off quickie in a petrol,station, becomes so much more -

"Abe was like glitter. No matter how hard Dusk were to try, he'd never be able to shake all of Abe off"

This book sang to me. How the authors pieced together their storyline, their characterisation of all the Band Members was perfect, I couldn't fault it.

But what's with that title? Is it just me that doesn't get it? And let's not get started on that ending. WTH!!!

I seriously need Book 2. Like now.
LOVED IT. LOVED IT. LOVED IT.

~☆~Dœni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

The first time Dusk sees Abe, Abe has his pink hair in braids and is sucking a lollipop. Dusk thinks he's gone to heaven and seen a gay unicorn. Abe is delicious, and Dusk has to have him. And have him he does.

Forget the slow burn. **The attraction between the MCs is immediate; by page 3, they are screwing in a gas station bathroom.** They go at it so hard, they break the sink and the pipe connected to the sink, which is how Abe (Lolly to Dusk) ends up on Dusk's band tour bus well & truly fucked and soaked to the bone.

The MCs are in their 20s, but they act younger. They are both spontaneous and don't talk much about the future. They don't talk much, period. Dusk adores Lolly, but he sometimes pushes ahead without thinking and hurts Lolly in the process.

Despite the dual third-person POV, Lolly remained an enigma. He's not all cotton candy and Disney charm bracelets. He has an edge and seems to give up on the relationship before it even begins. I really hated how Lolly treated Dusk at the end.

I needed a stronger resolution, an actual conversation, before the HEA. As such, the ending fell flat; I wasn't nearly as happy about these two staying together as I should have been.

However, I really liked the other Underdogs, especially Dawn, Dusk's younger brother who's the songwriter and behind-the-scenes producer; he's much too shy to be on stage performing. I would read his story yesterday.

I love K.A. Merikan's fluffy books, and *Manic Pixie Dream Boy* is low on the angst, high on the sex.

I should have gone gaga over this story, but I ... well, I didn't dislike it, but there was something missing. **The MCs lacked depth, and the chemistry was all on the surface.** I just wasn't feeling that OOMPH.

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

3.5 Stars!

Eh, this one was just okay for me. There was just something about it I didn't connect with. I'll admit I've not read a lot by these authors. I've tried maybe one other book and it didn't really wow me either.

It was a pretty easy read. Not a lot of angst. But it almost felt, I don't know, superficial? I just didn't feel the love, the chemistry, the connection, between Dusk and Abe. There was plenty of sex but, again, it didn't pack the emotional punch I was looking for.

I liked all of the Underdogs and would consider reading some of their stories, especially Dawn. But I don't know, maybe this author duo just isn't for me?

Virginia Books says

All the stars!

Every time I read the blurb of a KA Merikan's book it talks to me. I feel attracted to their synopsis like a moth to the light, so I keep adding them to my shelves. But **until now, until Manic Pixie Dream Boy I'd never tried this duo before**. This time I've gone beyond the interesting blurb and to the whole experience and, let me tell you, **what an incredible experience this one has been!**

My first book by this authors and, for sure, no my last. **I'm kinda obsess now** and I guess this is the beginning of a huge fangirling thing so, helloooo Merikans! You have a new fan in me. Not a creepy one, promise, just a fan with a healthy obsession... or not...

So now, about the book:

This is the story of Dusk and Abe. Two guys who met in a stop in their way to LA. They crossed paths (swords too, figuratively speaking) and start a new *journey* together. **This is the story of The Underdogs**, a rock band that makes my heart sing, and my panties melt. This is the story of the their guitar and lead singer- Dusk- who wants to shine in a competitive and difficult world and a shinnny man-Abe aka Lolly- who doesn't belong anywhere and who is always waiting for an upcoming storm.

Manic Pixie Dream Boy starts directly into action and with action I mean taking care of the business, doing the dirty, a filthy encounter in a gas station restroom. That action.

Narrated in dual POV, in a simple and absorbing way, this book caught me since the first page. It starts **hot and steamy**, it's true, and also **funny and fast paced** which is always a plus, but the real hook for me, came from the characters themselves and the depth it started to show in them over time and pages. **The sweetness and insecurities behind all the layers**.

One of them is openly gay, the other bisexual and not out.

One all pink (literally) and the other all dark in the outside (long hair, rock star looks and owning a name like Dusk) but so sweet and lovely in the the inside.

Both so scorching hot together and so gorgeous I couldn't find any visuals to give them the justice they deserve. My mind has a perfect picture of these two though, and that's enough.

I really loved all the Underdogs members. Dawn's shyness and sensibility, Mage's kindness and conscience, and Sid's blatant and grumpy ways. **They are a bunch of misfits trying to succeed and, at the same time, trying to hide who they are, knowing the spotlight is a tricky place.**

The style is fresh and light. The characters are young (all of them in their twenties) and the plot and interactions according to their age and personalities.

The book is extremely easy to read, super entertaining and very, very sexy. I couldn't put it down. And I have to confess **I cried a couple of times** from 68% till the end. Not ugly crying, just my hormones talking. And I loved it. I love to feel this kind of emotions.

It is true that I have a soft spot for rock stars so, to me, the setting was a winner itself, even if **music is not the main theme.** There's no talking about idols or influences. There's no detailed gigs, songs or music talk among the band members. Non of this. But it worked for me as it was and **the characters are very well sketched and very likable. Lovable. All of them.**

I want book 2 right now. Sid? Give me. Dawn and... omg Mage? In the same book, maybe? Could they be an item, please? Give them to me. I can't wait!

I've been happy clapping since the beginning like the not-creepy-at-all fan I am. So, **thank you KA Merikan, it has been a hell of a ride. Sweet and hot.**

Highly recommend! I loved it!

Eugenia says

Cotton candy & unicorns...

Fluffy and cute, I enjoyed this flavorful tray of sweets delivered by KA Merikan. I'm more in synch with their darker stories, so this one threw me for a loop at first.

Insta-love on one side, insta-guard on the other, Dusk and Lolly were hot together. Low angst, low depth, but a fun, lickable treat! Enjoy!

.Lili. says

My initial reaction when this book was first listed:

THAT COVER!

THE BLURB!

Dude!

And did it live up to my expectations?

Anyhoo, I have to write a super quickie because there's a hurricane heading this way, and I don't have time to make any images. Once things calm down, I will. I need to tidy up the last few ends, but I wanted to post a little something because I loved it.

This book had two things that generally irritate me:

- 1. Insta-love**
- 2. Lack of communication**

Did they bother me here:

In fact, the insta-love was one of my favorite things! Dusk & Abe (aka Lolly) are explosive together, and there's something about a possessive rock star that just turns my crank. Mixed in with a kickass supporting cast, a teeny sprinkle of angst, some vulnerability, a sweet (strong) HFN, and I was golden.

Great start to a new series, and I cannot wait for the other books to come!!

P.S. Again, I'll make a pretty pic when I can and cross post when I have the chance. Sorry!

Judith says

4.5 Stars.

Well, this was just **delightful**.

-cute,

-sexy,

- a bit of angst,

-great characters, I think I fell a little bit in love with all of them.

These Authors are the best at creating completely different characters and making them fit.

Dusk is the lead singer of The Underdogs, a band used to doing low key gigs but hoping for more recognition. Not one for relationships, his world is about to be rocked by a pink haired tornado.

Dusk stopped breathing and just watched the dreamy, pink-haired creature move along the aisle, headbanging gently to music he was listening to through his mint-colored headphones . There was a lightness to his step , and Dusk followed the guy as if he were a rabbit leading Dusk to Wonderland. (...)

Abe aka Lolly is most definitely a free spirit. He's sassy, strong willed and is used to only looking out for himself. All that's about to change when he catches the attention of Dusk.

Everything about Dusk seemed to extend its tentacles to Abe's skin and grab on tight.(...)

These two go at it pretty much as soon as they meet and the sex scenes are smoking hot! With the band heading for California and Abe to L.A, he can't resist the offer of tagging along with them and Dusk doesn't want him out of his sight for a minute.

When a picture of them surfaces online the band are suddenly thrust into the limelight so why not create a fake relationship and get more publicity?

But lines get blurred and Dusk's impulsive nature certainly doesn't help.

I adored Dusk and Lolly together and my penchant for sassy femme men was truly satisfied here with Lolly, I loved him as soon as he was introduced.

This looks set to be another fantastic series by these Authors and I'm hugely excited for more from The Underdogs.....especially Dawn, I already adore him...

Highly Recommended...

Review copy.
