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How long did it take you to find your place in the world?

For Ethan Walker, going through the motions of life, keeping his distance and never getting attached has become the mantra he lives by. Success is measured by how many hours he can work and how little attention he can draw. That was until he landed on Beau Bennett's radar. Until Beau, Ethan had never met a man who could get him to question his own logic and even consider taking a different path.

Beau Bennett knows exactly who he is - now. It might've taken him some time to figure it out, but now that he has his bearings, Beau has set his sights on the mysteriously sexy Ethan Walker. Pursuing someone has never been his style, but something is telling him to keep at it because the end result is going to be worth it.

Now that they've found one another, how long will it take Ethan and Beau to accept that their place in the world is... Together?

Ethan is part of the Alluring Indulgence series (#4), however, this book was written to be read as a stand alone book as well.

Warning: This book contains sexual encounters and graphic language that some readers may find objectionable, including, but not limited to: m/m encounters, anal sex. Contains graphic material that is not suitable for anyone under the age of 18.

## Ethan Details

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**Shile says**

**5 amazing, hot stars**

I loved reading about Ethan and Beau . These two were meant to be. They have both been through a lot. Ethan is one tough nut to crack. He is closed off and doesn't let anyone in that is until Beau the handsome, loyal big teddy bear comes into his life and starts breaking down those walls he built.

This song is perfect for Ethan and Beau

*Remember those walls I built?  
Well, baby they're tumbling down  
And they didn't even put up a fight  
They didn't even make a sound  
I found a way to let you in  
But, I never really had a doubt  
Standing in the light of your halo  
I got my angel now*

*It's like I've been awakened  
Every rule I had you breakin'  
It's the risk that I'm taking  
I ain't never gonna shut you out!*

*“I want to be with you. By your side. I don't want us to have to hide, but I understand. Doesn't mean I agree with it, and it doesn't mean I'll do it forever, but for now, I'm here. With you. Only you”*

Their romance was believable and I loved the growth in their relationship. I felt like I was there with them. The support they got from the walker family was great and Beau finally got the family he deserves.

**This above all: to thine own self be true**

The sex was panty scorching hot, loving, sexy, and deep. These two fucked , made love , had sex and everything in between.

Im curious about Travis so i guess im gonna read his book.

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

4.5--**Alluring**--Stars!!

This book....

Um, why did I wait so long to read this again??? Silly me!

Beau has just come to accept the fact that he's gay. He's experimented in some threesome's with Zane and V, but it was being with Zane that ultimately led Beau to realizing who he truly was.

Ethan has always known he was gay but he keeps his personal life just that...personal. He knows the fact that he's gay will impact his family. He doesn't want to bring attention to them, or for them to be treated differently because he's gay. I wouldn't say Ethan was in the closet, he just didn't flaunt his sexuality.

Beau has always been attracted to Ethan and vice versa but Ethan has always denied his feelings and Beau has just kind of hung around in the back ground waiting for the right opportunity with Ethan. Honestly I was a little worried about the song and dance these two were playing...

Ethan's past experiences have left him leery of relationships and anything beyond casual. But his feelings for Beau prove otherwise. I really loved Ethan and Beau together. Their emotional connection as well as their physical connection was very HAWT!

Both men fighting to be the dominant one..

"Pack whatever you need because you've spent your last night here already. From here on out, you belong in my bed."

I loved all of the Walker family....how supportive they were of each other. Makes me want to go back and read some of their books. \*cough, cough....Travis\*

I loved that once Ethan and Beau together, the drama was minimal. It was just two people exploring their new relationship and each other. Discovering these new feelings and learning to show them to others. To not be afraid of what others thought.

"Ethan. The man was his everything. All he needed. All he wanted. The very thing that completed him and right there in his arms was the only place Beau wanted to be."

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## **Katy Loves Romance ♥? says**

### **5 Sexy but emotional stars**

I have to say I really didn't know what to expect when starting Ethan being that in her past books in every one there is always a third person if it be for pleasure, or that, that particular relationship was a ménage being it being M/M/F or M/F/M so when this was Nicole's first M/M story I didn't honestly know how or where she was going to take this. But wow I really shouldn't of been concerned Nicole has outdone herself once again with not only some seriously HOT Sexy scenes but a beautiful story which was emotional but one that had chemistry, a decent plot and one that I fell hook line and sinker with all characters in this one.

**Okay I digress this really was a rollercoaster of a ride of emotions...**

**I was totally excited...**

**And I was expecting a whole lot of....**

**But what I got was....**

This was a completely different Nicole Edwards story I'm not saying it wasn't Hot and steamy cause yes you will expect a lot of SEX and the raw kind, but Nicole really gave us something else here.

Okay Ethan is one strong cookie he has been through the thrones of bullying, dealing with his sexuality and to protect himself and his family who he loves more than life. He puts a barrier up, he doesn't do relationships, he only has flings, he never has men stay over at his house, he doesn't let them into his heart,

he thinks he is protecting those he loves from getting hurt the way he has. Ultimately he is **Lonely**

Beau has just recently started to open up to his sexuality but he wants Ethan, from early on even if Ethan wasn't letting Beau in their chemistry is off the charts and Beau is not giving in!!

Eventually Ethan lets beau in and that is where their relationship starts.

And really how Beau works hard ever so slowly to get Ethan to not only open up but to become himself. I'm not going to go on about Ethan and Beau's story because really you need to enjoy it yourself I had so many quotes I highlighted and so many moments of awe of Nicole's writing, how she developed the story slowly but surely, how she enabled us to see how Ethan has been struggling to live day to day, how he struggled with those shadows behind his eyes, and how Beau brought his emotions to the surface and helped him to live his life and be happy with who he is.

I had a soft spot for Beau back in *Zane* so when I found out that he was going to be with Ethan I was so happy, Beau has that beautiful heart that I fell in love with all over again and more in this one. Beau is Loyal, strong, loving, and is there every step of the way for Ethan.

What I adored about this story is that it focus's on family, on unity, and friendship, there was no ménage, no sex clubs but brothers all coming together to support and love both Ethan and Beau really Nicole drew a picture of the Walker family I really love those boys and not only the boys but of the girls and more importantly Curtis and Lori were centre of this story, what a strong beautiful family to be in? I love the Walker family because they are **Supportive, Loving, Caring, Loyal, and Strong** .

**Ethan**

**Beau**

So for now give this story a shot if not the others, if you don't like the pleasure side to Nicoles stories and the third person aspect of them give this one a go because it focus's on Ethan and Beau and no third person so until next time....

"I Love you," Ethan whispered against his ear. "I love you with all that I am." And that right there was Beau's future. The only thing he needed. "I love you, too."

Bring on Sawyer I'm kinda excited for him too.....

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**~Mindy Lynn~ says**

**First off I want to say THANK YOU to my girl Mirjana for gifting this to me. So, thanks again boo! xx**

**I really loved this. I totally fell for both men and wish there was more to come from them. But being as this is a series about brother's I know that wish probably won't come true. But that's OK. I can just re-read this whenever I feel the need to get me a fix of Ethan and Beau.**

**I have never read anything by this author. I will have to fix that pronto. Meeting all the other brother's in this book makes me want to read their stories as well and I am not a huge fan of MF as I use to be. But Nicole's writing is strong and I think she might do us females some justice and not make us into whinny damsels in distress. So I will for sure be reading the rest of this series.**

**Now to this lovely book...**

**Ethan is pretty closed off. He goes through the motions of life really not living. He keeps his distance away from people and his family not wanting to get too close. He doesn't like showing his emotions. He doesn't do relationships and he definitely doesn't get attached. He doesn't like not being in control of his feeling's. He just wants to be left alone and blend into the background. But Beau see's him. Beau wants him. Beau makes him feel. Beau makes him lose control over feelings he doesn't want to feel let alone show. Beau has him breaking all his rules. Beau was just who Ethan needed to start living again.**

**Beau is secure in who he is. It might have taken him some time to get there but now that he has accepted himself he has no intentions of hiding himself or the way he feels about who he loves. But getting the man he wants and getting Ethan to where Beau is, is going to take some time. But Beau is stubborn and knows what he wants so he has no qualms about taking his time and wearing Ethan down. Once Beau succeeds it is nothing but sweet from there on out.**

**I loved this story. I loved these two big intimidating men together. The way they cared and the love they had for each other was such a pleasure to read about. It was a beautiful tale and you could just feel how perfect these two were for each other. I loved how intimate their moments were. You could feel how strong their love for one another was coming off the pages. Their love scenes were off the chart hot and super intense at times. They have what I like to call an epic kind of love.**

**What I also liked about this book was the strong sense of family. I am a sucker for a book with a strong family background. I can't wait to read about all of the Walker brothers.**

**Even if your not an MF fan and have no desire to read the other's in this series, that's fine. You don't need to. This is written and can be read as a standalone and I definitely recommend that you do. Read this that is. [=**

**Happy reading dolls! xx**

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## Wendy says

As most readers know, Nicole Edwards writes all sorts of HOT steamy romances. Often times, they are MF, with some scorching mfm scenes thrown in. But she has also written some delicious MMF books (like Travis). The books I myself love most are the MM ones :P

Which is exactly what this one is. You won't find any ladyparts, or threesomes in this book. Ethan is book 5 in the wonderful Alluring Indulgence series, about the "Walker" brothers. I have read all the books in this series and I can honestly say that this one is my favorite, with "Travis" as a very close second ;)

This book is written as a stand alone, so if you don't want to read the mf or mfm books in the series, you can skip them without a problem ;)

Ethan is 28 years old and he is the Walker brother that has kept most to himself. I didn't know much about him going into this one, even though I have read the previous books about his brothers. The reason for this is that Ethan kind of excludes himself from his family.

He's gay, but he doesn't flaunt it. He knows his family knows, but he has never said anything about it and he hasn't officialy "come out" to anyone. This is not because he is ashamed of who he is.....this is because he wants to protect himself and his family. You see Ethan....he has learned this very painful lesson in the past.

He has been living his life like this for a long time....and things were pretty easy. Not exactly fun...but easy. That is until Beau starts complicating his simple life....

Beau is Zane's best friend (book 2). He has been a part of the Walker family for a long time and Beau....he has recently come to the accept the fact that he is is gay....with a little help from his best friend. Now Beau has set his eyes on Zane's brother Ethan, and he won't just give up because Ethan refuses to give him the time of day.

So he keeps persuing Ethan and since Ethan is really attracted to Beau as well....there is no other choice then to finally give in. Damn these two rocked the bed !!!

But Ethan, he doesn't think he can give anymore than that. He is struggeling with his past and his fears. So Beau will have to do his best and help Ethan finally come out of his shell and make him realize how good life can be...(out in the open)...together.



I really loved these two. Ethan may have seemed a bit cold in the beginning, but he had very good reasons. He isn't cold at all. When he loves, he loves with all his heart. And Beau...what a sweetheart. He really showed patience with Ethan, which was exactly what he needed.

*“I want to be with you. By your side. I don't want us to have to hide, but I understand. Doesn't mean I agree with it, and it doesn't mean I'll do it forever, but for now, I'm here. With you. Only you”*

This book really had everything I needed. It was romantic, hot, emotional and it had the right amount of angst. I laughed I cried and I swooned.....

*This above all: to thine own self be true*

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### **Kindle Alexander says**

I'm not sure it was possible for me to like Nicole Edwards any more than I did. Then I read Ethan. Please, do yourself a favor and just read the book. You'll love it, I promise.

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~ **Becs** ~ says

### **Read a deleted scene from Ethan at Sinfully Sexy**

This above all: to thine own self be true

**Becs:** I think it's probably a well known fact around these parts that I'm a die-hard Nicole Edwards fan. I've read pretty much everything she's ever published and loved every book. For me, as a reader, she's like the Perfect Storm of an author combining super-nova hot erotic scenes with deep and heartfelt emotions. She's my go-to author for erotic romance and she's never once let me down. Her books have always explored ménage and male/male pairings within that setting but Ethan marks a first for her - a male/male only erotic romance, I don't read a lot of M/M romance and I was really looking forward to this one and invited my gorgeous co-blogger Monique to join me so we could read and review this one together. She's a seasoned m/m reviewer and reads nothing else these days and our reading habits rarely cross over so I thought it would be fascinating to see how we both react to this - for me as someone who's deeply invested in the characters after reading the previous novels and for Monique to read Nic's first full M/M romance. As she's not read the previous books in the series I gave her a very brief run down, Becs-style, of Ethan and Beau's involvement in the series to date to get her up to speed and off we went. Over to you Mo.....

**Monique:** I can totally see where you and all the fans of Nicole Edwards are coming from... HOLY FUCKING HOTNESS! Becs... these Walker boys are a hedonistic delight of sheer pleasure... I WANT

THEM ALL! I think Nicole Edwards should rewrite the series making them ALL Gay! Starting with Sawyer... now that, would make me VERY happy!!!

Despite your reassurances I have to admit, I was a little nervous of going into this book, firstly blind, as I had not read the other books in the series and secondly because as an M/M only reader I have seen authors try to transcend the divide between M/F romance and M/M romance and fail miserably, not because they are poor writers but because the fans of the two genres tend to have a different perspective on what they want from a romance even though two men can be as gooey eyed over each other as a man and a woman there is a certain writing style needed to ensure they are not completely emasculated. Did Nicole Edwards achieve this? In the most part I would have to say yes, I could still sense the underlying tone of an M/F, M/M/F, M/F/M erotic romance, but that is exactly what this series is. Did it appeal to me as a strictly M/M romance reader? Absolutely... I loved it! And, I also love the fact that authors like Nicole Edwards are taking a leap of faith with their fans and readers, introducing them to a genre that in most cases is all very new. I have been on my own voyage of discovery with M/M romance and haven't looked back since, so I would definitely say those wanting to dip their toes in, the starting point is HERE with authors like Nicole Edwards that give you a taste of something different, which opens up a whole new world of M/M erotic romance with some amazingly talented authors and for this I applaud her because... you did good girl! And coming back to my first concern, even though Ethan is slap bang in the middle of a series, this book can definitely be read as a standalone, at no point was I lost or confused by past events as Nicole gave us a brief history and insight into the characters, enough for me to WANT all those boys!

**Becs:** LOL Mo, Sawyer is definitely straight - I met him in my birthday story, remember? Back to Ethan, the star of this show - he has been a bit of an enigma since the beginning of the series. In the first book it's not apparent that he is gay and he rarely gets any page time but, as the series has progressed, his sexuality has become obvious but he's always been a bit of a bystander to the Walker Brothers shenanigans rather than getting fully involved. He'd come across as a little bit cold and gruff, closed off and distant compared to the rest of the Walkers so it was just wonderful to read this novel and see his character develop and for him to finally open up. At long last get up close and personal with Ethan and, when Beau gets through that seemingly impenetrable facade, he's a warm and loving man, just like all his Brothers. He's never really struggled with his sexuality, he's always accepted that he's gay - what he's struggled with is explaining this to the people around him, wary of their reaction after one of his first experiences has taught him to be cautious and it's a real shocker when it's revealed.

**Monique:** Not having read the series, my initial impression of Ethan was that of a frustrated and angry young man in emotional turmoil, hurting with no outlet, internalising and hiding from his own truth, using his anger as a shield, wanting Beau and all he has to offer but fearing his own vulnerability... of being hurt, of loving and losing control of his emotions, because in his heart he couldn't deny what he was feeling for Beau, but was resigned to a life of meaningless sex and fuck buddies, who didn't need conversation, because even talking was way too intimate for Ethan. To follow his heart and go with the emotions that overwhelmed him with Beau, would mean that he would have to feel and to feel would mean the carefully constructed walls around his heart would crumble, leaving him to face those demons that had kept him distanced from those he loves... all because of that secret, which he had kept locked within those wall for the last nine years.

When we found out the truth behind his self-imposed isolation, it just about broke my heart, inside, he is so lonely and I could understand his volatile behaviour and I suppose the reason for not sharing it with the Walker clan, although they are the most big hearted loving bunch of folks you could meet. But Ethan seems to be the sensitive soul of the family and I think that's why, even though not much gets past them, they had given him room to come to terms with things himself. Beau also seems to understand this about Ethan... and I have to tell you, that man has the patience of a saint, not wanting to push Ethan too hard, realising it would

be like poking a wounded bear with a stick! ...But not for one minute letting up on his determination to get his man, making sure that Ethan is aware he ain't going anywhere until he sees the light.

**Becs:** Ah, Beau - I really adored him when we first got to know him way back in Zane. Beau is a man who's been confused by his sexuality for a long time only having sex with women when he shared them with Zane. He'd harboured some pretty strong feelings for Zane (my favourite Walker) but he only returns that affection as friendship. It's become apparent in recent books that Beau has a strong burning attraction for Ethan that he's finding hard to resist but Ethan has been pushing him away although they have shared some seriously hot kisses. I loved Beau - he's a big old alpha cowboy and he knows what he wants and what he wants is Ethan. He's struggled with confusion over his sexuality for a long time and doesn't have the amazingly loving and stable background the Walker Boys have and he struck me as a really lonely soul and I just wanted to reach out and hug him. He deserves to fall in love and Ethan is just perfect for him.

**Monique:** Becs... you are so right about Beau's family, I wanted to do some serious damage there! But, you know what... again it was Curtis and Lorrie that showed their true light, and enveloped him with the love and affection he should have had from his own parents! I felt Beau was a little insecure and a big part of that had to do with them and their attitude, plus his lack of sexual experiences, although it didn't dampen his confidence in any way! I also found him very intuitive, knowing Ethan needed to come to terms with his emotions, understanding and caring for him, slowly breaking down those barriers and it was so lovely watching Ethan let go, finding comfort in Beau with just the nearness of him finally settling his anxieties... with both men having feelings for each other neither had experienced before, learning to love and be loved in return, and I totally agree Becs, these two are perfect for each other!

**Becs:** I very much enjoyed Nic's first foray into male/male romance. I found the sex scenes to be off the scales hot - she manages to pack so much emotion into them. Their need for one another, the deep feelings that they share, when they finally admit to them, were palpable and together they're practically combustible. As I rarely read M/M, I confess I found these scenes as hot as any other m/f or m/f/m or m/m/f that Nic has ever delivered before and more than once found myself heating up despite it being 5 below outside! Air conditioner at the ready I think!! Mo, with your wealth of experience reading M/M, how did these scenes compare for you?

**Monique:** At last we get to the sex!!! I have been good so far and reigned in my effusiveness... didn't want to embarrass you too much Becs... But OMG!!! These two are, how did you put it? Combustible, yep, I would say they could set me alight anytime. They are Sexy as Fuck!! ...With two big alpha males vying for dominance, the air was thick with testosterone and so erotically charged, I was zinging... I loved their aggressiveness, and talk about the sexual chemistry between them! It was quite the heady experience I can tell you... so how did the sex scenes compare? ...well, I think Nicole Edwards has that one down to perfection.

Although there is a lot of sex in this book, it's not all about the sex, which for me is important. The emotion is intense and powerful, but there was also a passion and intimacy that was just mind blowing! Nicole Edwards, showed us these two characters, warts and all, all their vulnerabilities laid bare, with all the raw pain and hurt, which for different reasons were kept locked deep inside. They are soul mates, they really are, drawing strength and courage from each other and I could feel it all in my heart, so much it was aching... Nicole Edwards totally endeared me to Ethan and Beau... I loved them, and I am seriously hoping another one of those delicious brothers turns out to be Gay ...either that or the lovely Ms Edwards needs to start writing M/M.

I had a couple of niggles reading this, the main one would be there is some repetitiveness that I felt wasn't

necessary, same sentences repeated a couple of paragraphs later perhaps worded slightly different. And the colour of Ethan's eyes, blue-gray or gray gaze, there is a lot about the eyes in this book, which I get because there is nothing more intense than gazing into someone's eyes, especially for Ethan and Beau who were unsure of themselves, afraid of their emotions and tried to express and convey with their eyes what they were unable to express with words... personally once I know the colour of the eyes two or three times is enough for my mind to register the fact.

Other than that I loved this book... I am only sad that, as much as I would love to read the rest of the series, as you know, I just don't read or enjoy hetro romance as I used to... but I am happy that at last I have had the opportunity to read and review a book with you Becs... and the plus... we both loved it ...and hopefully between the two of us we can persuade Nicole to write another M/M!

**Becs:** We'll have to see what she comes up with next. She likes to keep her readers in suspense and often surprises us!

This series for me is a little bit like coming home. I've become so invested in all these characters and I've got to know them so well that they feel almost real to me and it's just heavenly to see yet another Walker Boy brought to his knees by the love of his life. These boys are big, growly alpha cowboys and when they fall, oh boy, do they fall hard and Ethan is no exception to this.

There's more going on here as well as they deal with small-town narrow minded thinking and I think I almost melted into a puddle when all the Walker Boys stood together against some narrow minded homophobic idiots. Sexy much??? Again, the original Alpha Walker, Curtis, is the star of the show - he may be nearing 70 but age has not dulled protective instincts and I love how he always stands up for what is right. He and Lorrie definitely raised those boys right!

So for me, this was just another fantastic erotic romance from Nicole Edwards - I think she embraced the M/M genre and made it her own and I'd like to see her explore this more in future books and future series. I think she goes from strength to strength in each novel and this is absolutely my favourite type of series to read - each book is a complete story, there are no cliffies and we get to revisit cherished characters time and again. I can't wait for more Walker boys. Nothing from the Club Destiny crew in this one but a brief glimpse of Tessa and Cooper from Devil's Bend.

Becs - 4.5 stars

Monique - 4 stars

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## Gigi says

One of the *biggest* reasons I made the switch from M/F erotic romance fiction to M/M erotic romance fiction was the simple fact that men usually didn't treat each other with kid gloves during sex. I was really, really

tired of reading about the sweet, delicate, breakable heroines. With M/M romance, the boys tend to manhandle each other most of the time, even those in love with each other and especially in the throws of wild, passionate ecstasy. Fuck, that is some *HOT* ass stuff! I can't get enough! Well, here is a book that really should just put **Manhandle** in the title. MCs Ethan and Beau like nothing more than throwing each other up against the nearest wall/door/window/building/any-flat-vertical-surface-will-do and ravishing the hell out of the other. And, my **GOD**, did that do it for me!

While the sex in this one was mind blowing and off-the-charts hot, I did have a bit of a problem with the continued (but sometimes necessary) family involvement. This is the 5th book in a series about the Walker brothers titled Alluring Indulgence. See this post by Mi???J? for a run down of who's who. I got a bit creeped out a few times with Beau's involvement with Ethan's brother. And at the beginning of the book, Ethan/Blake/Beau was almost a deal breaker with me, but I hung on and was glad I did. These two boys were great together and the angst was played out quite well and the HEA was lovely.

**Highly recommended** to all M/M romance junkies who like their sex *nice and rough* with a dab of tenderness thrown in for good measure every once in awhile.

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### **Ariana says**

This is book 5 in a series about the brothers in one family. As I haven't read any of the other books (I prefer m/m romance) it took me a little while to find my way round all the people involved - and there are plenty! (Thank you to those who made lists in their reviews which helped enormously!)

What comes across right from the start is how isolated and lonely Ethan is. His mantra of keeping himself to himself, not drawing attention and basically not allowing himself any kind of life that includes even a morsel of happiness makes him grumpy, dour and utterly miserable. No wonder. The man has built an armour so thick it would take an oil drill to get through.

What is going on with him? Nicole Edwards reveals very very gradually what made Ethan to the man he is today. And when we find out, it is horrible and sad and heart-breaking. And it has left Ethan confused, fearsome and full of distrust. That, on top of his natural stubbornness makes him almost unapproachable.

Almost. Because Beau isn't put off by Ethan's behaviour. Beau has only recently figured out that he is gay and he likes Ethan. He has known him for years because he is his brother's best friend. It seems Ethan and Beau have been skirting around each other for monts. Until skirting is no longer possible. Beau won't give up easily once he's set his eyes on something (or rather someone) he really wants.

Best part of the book was how Beau gradually breaks down the walls around Ethan's heart bit by bit. And how explosive these two are once they get together. This book is not on my hot-hot-hot shelf for nothing!

What else I really liked:

- .) Ethan's parents
- .) the sexual urgency between Ethan and Beau
- .) the tattoos (ahhh! sigh)
- .) Ethan melting at the sight of his nephew
- .) Ethan jumping over his shadow and doing all the right things in the end
- .) Beau never giving up on Ethan, no matter what (That guy deserves a medal for patience and

understanding)

) that Ethan got the chance to help out Beau, too

What bothered me marginally:

) I really would have liked to be there for their first kiss (that happened in the previous book)

) I have some reservations about what happened between Beau and Zane in the past(view spoiler) (but again

- I probably would be wiser had I read the previous book, so I can't really judge.)

) I was not sure about all the 'cowboy' mentality going about (namely trying to resolve problems with fists)

) A BDSM club in a little redneck town???? \*confused\* (but it is hardly mentioned here, I just wondered)

) the abundance of inner monologues and thoughts (some quite repetitive), taking me out of conversations and having me retrace my steps

Still, none of that can take away from how much I enjoyed this book. I loved how the author showed us Ethan's insecurities, his pain, his confusion and, when it finally happened, his happiness! And Beau ...

\*dreamy sigh\*

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## Rosalinda \*KRASNORADA\* says

Ethan was an 'okay' read. Not really. I mean, it was okay sometimes but then it was predictable another times. And the end was like visiting SugarVille as my amiga Baba would say so...read at your own risk.

But I seriously don't understand the hype.

I don't even know why I read it but I did and now I have to be honest.

It might be a case of 'it's me a not you' book so ignore my nonsense and check other reviews.

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## Snow says

### 4.25 "acceptance" stars

Aside from having some **super steamy, pretty long and detailed and scorching hawt MM sex scenes**, this book actually touches the **general subjects concerning each and one of us individually, no matter the sexual orientation, such as *acceptance, issues of being bullied, mocked, humiliated cause of one's choices, the states like depression, low-self appreciation that could potentially lead towards the "unwanted ordeal", if not prevented in time... by showing the support and help needed without singling anyone out as being different...***

cause, at the end of the day, we are all equally different as we are equally unique, first of all, for ourselves, then by making the other person as equally accepted and cherished.

cause, **LOVE is LOVE, above all...**

and the bottom line, in everyone's lives, is the goal to achieve this emotional peace and completion...even if the struggle to get there seems too hard and impossible...

*"The only thing we've ever wanted for you is for you to be happy. That's all that matters."*

*"It won't be easy."*

*"Nothing that is worth it ever is. Doesn't mean it isn't worth fighting for."*

I'd want that emotional peace and fulfillment for my kids when they grow up, just like I'd want the same thing for every. single. person. out there.

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**Mirjana *\*\*DTR - Down to Read\*\** says**

**\*\*\*\*4.75 Stars\*\*\*\***

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Nicole Edwards is my go-to when I'm in the mood for a good ol' down and dirty smutfest. The woman has a way with a keyboard that will leave you tingling all over. I know what I'll get from her books and I pick them up precisely for that reason...but here, oh Ms. Edwards you gave me so much MORE.

This book is packed full of scorching, white hot, sexy, alpha HEAT and heart-squeezing, blood-boiling, swoony, devastating, euphoric, healing EMOTION.

When their eyes met, Ethan saw the thunderheads brewing, something exquisite and exciting, and it had nothing to do with fights or fury. This was...it was more than desire. More than need. He couldn't even name it. But whatever it was, he felt it too. And oddly enough, he wanted it.

The way that Nicole Edwards balanced the passion with the emotion was fantastic!

Ethan and Beau's journeys were vastly different, yet similar in their foundation. They were both coming to terms with their sexuality, accepting themselves and navigating through the waters of what that means for their future.

While Beau was more open to the possibilities, Ethan's traumatic beginning with his sexuality crippled him when it came to love and acceptance. He suffered such a gut-wrenching beginning, that he closed himself off from everyone and everything. His parents, his family, his friends and any possibility of happiness. He purely existed.

His emotions were strangling him to the point he thought he might choke to death from the weight of them.

But somehow, he feels a connection with Beau. A yearning to open up, to share his life, his burden, his past, his heart.

The way Beau said his name, it was like coming home. Finally, a place to end up that wasn't empty and desolate, despite all of the fancy furnishings. This was what it meant to feel complete. A man who looked deep into your eyes and connected with your soul.

Beau knew he was treading on thin ice with Ethan. He may be opening up and sharing himself, but he was still harboring so much pain, still keeping a piece of himself closed off. Beau wanted to be there for Ethan, but he needed to make sure he kept a careful balance...moving their relationship forward and slowly unlocking Ethan's secrets, while protecting his own heart and making sure he wasn't putting his own happiness on the back burner.

"I want to be with you. By your side. I don't want us to have to hide, but I understand. Doesn't mean I agree with it, and it doesn't mean I'll do it forever, but for now, I'm here. With you. Only you."

Ethan and Beau may be coming to terms with their sexuality, their relationship, themselves, but that doesn't mean that the town of Coyote Ridge is as accepting. Closed-minded bigots threaten to tear everything apart.

Can Ethan move on from his past trauma and fully accept the love that Beau is offering? More importantly, can he finally learn to love himself?

Gah...I could gush about this book forever! I simply loved Ethan and Beau. I loved Beau's strength and support when Ethan needed him. I loved Ethan's angry vulnerability and fragility. He couldn't hide himself from Beau and I loved their relationship because of it. I also loved that they may have been in different places emotionally, but they were equals in the bedroom. Both able to assert dominance when warranted and submitting when desired. The passion they shared for one another sizzled my kindle.

The only reason I couldn't give this a five star is it had a little bit of a slow start for me. But once the story



took off, I was glued to my kindle. I was completely entranced by Ethan and Beau.

This is hands down my favorite Nicole Edwards book I've read to date.

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### **Christelle says**

Just as scorching hot and emotionally packed as it was during the first reads. I loved revisiting Ethan and Beau : they are beautiful together !!

----- initial review -----

Much, much above 5 stars

Nicole Edwards has been one of my favorite authors for quite a long time. I avidly read her “club destiny” series and of course, had no choice but to also read her “alluring indulgence” series. That’s how I stumbled on this book. What a revelation !!

Ethan is the reason I switched from M/F erotic romance fiction to M/M erotic romance fiction (and the “temptation” series by Ella Frank put “the last nail in the coffin”).

Gigi’s review says it all. I just want to emphasize what I really enjoyed : Ethan and Beau (triple sigh...no, endless sighs !!) who are such great characters each in his own way, so much I fell hard for these 2 guys, the beautiful development of their relationship, the scorching hot sex scenes (do I have to say it a second time : scorching hot sex !!! There it is).

I reread this book not a long time ago : once again, I was completely lost in this story, in the best possible way. I will reread it again, that’s for sure.

Highly recommended

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### **Renee W. Tyler, Battery Operated Book Blog says**

Ok first off I have to say that this has just become my favorite book by Nicole. This book will rock you to your most inner core. It will have you stopping to think about how you look at people and treat others from this point on. It is also will open your heart to have compassion for others. There were parts of this book where I felt as if I was in the room feeling the passion of these two lovers, and other times when I felt tears pooling because of the hurt and pain that they had. Nicole done an amazing job of showing what family love and support is in a strong family structure as well as friends. I can't say enough about how wonderful this book is. This is one of those stories that will stay with you for a very very long time.

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