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Former Marine and full time big brother, Bull Connor spends his days helping those in need of a second chance and his nights fighting the inner demons that won't let go. During a routine tow he comes face to face with the only person who refuses to need him and the one man he wishes would.

As a throw away, Ian Jones is used to being alternately overlooked or ridiculed but hasn't given up on the idea that with just one chance he could turn it all around. Rescued by the one person who neither overlooks nor ridicules him, he longs to be seen as more than just a man in need.

Ian isn't pining for the family he's never known but when they descend, unwanted and uninvited, Bull must prove that he's the man who will protect Ian's long neglected heart by sharing the demons that torment his wounded soul.

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Rick says

I really, really liked this book - fell in love with the characters!!!

Elsbeth says

BR, January 11th with Susan

This story was in pocket, I thought!!

Chosen by my *bestie* Susan!!

Susan's review

* **HOT sexy men**

* **topic “knight-in-shining-armor-saves-hot-boy-who-needs-rescuing-fetish”**

* **HOT SEX**

* **HOT SEX, did I mention that?**

This book is all this but this is what Susan comes up with:

* **HOT sexy men: Bull**

-- That's not right!!

This is my Bull:

That **IS** a hot sexy man!!!

Imagine reading this book with Susan's Bull in your head!!! Uggghh

My Bull, now we're talking!!!

* **topic “knight-in-shining-armor-saves-hot-boy-who-needs-rescuing-fetish**

“Ian, there is no way in hell that I am leaving you in this dump. You can either pack your stuff or we can leave it all behind. Either way you are getting back in that truck.”

So we'll sit up here until you find that control because I will not sit down there and watch you unravel again. I'll toss them out and this will all be over.”

*** The HOT sex:**

“You have nipple piercings.”

“Why?”

“I like the way they feel when a lover takes them in their mouth.”

“Excellent.” Excellent torture and yet he wanted to hear more. “Please, sir, may I suck your cock? Say it.

“Such a good student.” Bull took another kiss, backing up the praise with action. “Please, sir, may I rub my cock against your cock?”

We're on the same page here!!

So, you are "**WRONG**" with your 3 stars rating, honey!!!! It deserves 5 stars because this was just a sweet, loving story!!

Because I said so!!

315 says

Awesome. no other word for it!!

Tracy says

Re-read. I just couldnt help myself Bull and Red are just so bloody awesome. Whenever I read this I get disappointed when I'm finished. I could just read about them forever. Why aren't more m/m books this good???

Missy Fern - BFD Book Blog says

I jumped into this book after one RAVE 5-star review from a fellow blogger, but without reading the synopsis or realizing it's book 2 in a series. It is definitely a stand-alone, although characters from the other book show up throughout the story.

I found myself drawn into a world with a tough alpha male, Bull, (with a gooey center) and a sweet broken man, Ian, a "throwaway" who feels worthless, living on the peripheral with no friends, no family. So happy I took a chance on this author and this book!

Bull and Ian meet when on his way to a interview, and what he hopes is a new start in life, Ian's car breaks

down. Ian feels defeated and alone on the side of the road. He's scared, beaten down, needy but emotionally closed off, distancing himself from others. He does not want to get hurt or feel more rejection. Enter Bull, who owns a garage and towing business. Bull immediately senses they met "for a reason" and begins his campaign to win Ian's heart. Thing is, Bull is broken too and while he acts as protector and savior for others, he too feels unfulfilled until he sees Ian. Now, Bull's heart has a purpose. And Ian, who is almost completely shut down, learns his worth and purpose as well, finding the safety to grow emotionally and love in his relationship with Bull. That does not meet Ian is weak, not even close; he's a survivor, but until Bull, he was just getting by, not actively participating in life.

This is an emotional read and it was so so so well-written. There were no loose ends, no fantastically beyond belief moments (except for a little bit of insta love but it works in this story), just quiet moments of self-reflection, unconditional love, and acceptance. And, some humor and rough sex *wink*. Separately Ian and Bull were strong, together they are invincible. Awesome love story. Can't wait for the secondary characters to get their stories, especially Chris....

Wax says

This book was provided for free by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Ian is just existing in life. He has no friends and no acquaintances. Throughout his whole life he's felt alone and has never really let anyone close. After all, to him, he's a "throw away." A baby who was found in a dumpster after his crack-addicted mother abandoned him to die. He lives in a motel with pimps, prostitutes and drug-dealers and works at McDonald's. In an effort to get a new job, he drives from Fort Lauderdale to Miami, but his car dies on the way. This new setback just convinces him further that he isn't meant for good things.

Enter Bull. He's the driver of the tow truck that Ian can't really afford. He sees immediately that Ian just needs some help and encouragement. So he convinces Ian to move to Miami in exchange for working in the office of his car repair shop. Gradually, Ian and Bull grow closer and a relationship develops. Along the way, we meet the motley crew working at Bull's shop as well as the halfway house that he runs. Each character has a backstory, but nothing that overshadows Ian and Bull's story.

This is the second book in the series, but can be read as a standalone. I absolutely adored this story, from the gruff but kind Bull to the self-effacing Ian. I even loved the other characters, and can't wait to see each of them get their own happy ending.

Pati says

I received this book from the author through the m/m romance group's Don't Buy Me Love Program in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Quote: ..."this is the real hell"...."It's living on the fringe, being nobody with nothing and no one."

I knew that this book was going to touch my heart from the second that I read that quote...

Having lived a good share of my life on the fringe (ironically enough in South FL) and having these characters so closely resemble people that I've known in my life, how it could it not?

Ian is such a sweet, wounded soul...

What can I say about Bull? Big, bald, tattooed, loving, generous, damaged, family-man Bull....

I'm rarely speechless. In fact, I generally can ramble on forever. Not this time. Not about this story. I'm struggling to write this review because these characters touched me so deeply.

I read book one of this series and while I liked it, it was only that, in fact I gave it a 3 star rating. This one blew me away and I greatly look forward to reading future books in this series.

Cadiva says

Big editing improvement makes this a great read

3.5*

There's a massive improvement in the editing and proofing of this book so that the great story at the heart of it doesn't get buried.

Bill and Red are a superbly crafted as fated pair of characters, each with their own unique insecurities which makes them the perfect partner for the other.

I also really liked the whole fated theme running through this one with circumstances all conspiring to put Red in Bull's path when he needed him.

Their relationship never felt rushed, even though it happened quickly, and I loved how the wider family of friends accepted Red into their lives.

Cory says

This is the first book that I've read from this author and I really, really liked it!

Ian is a proud, hardworking, individual and he wants to take care of himself and doesn't ask for handouts. Bull is used to taking care of others without question. Sparks fly when they meet, not initially, of course, but, eventually.

Both of the main characters had traits that I love when reading a story. Ian was definitely an underdog. He had a shitty childhood (I mean REALLY shitty), yet he went to college and was trying his best to make something of his life. He was content in hiding in the background and going unnoticed. He never asked for help and wanted to do everything on his own. It was important, to him, to be self sufficient. He might not have had the best clothes, car, or living arrangements, but they were all based on what he could provide, and he wouldn't want it any other way.

Bull had an 'in your face' personality. I absolutely loved it when they first met as Bull was questioning Ian, knowing full well that it was making Ian uncomfortable, but he continued on anyway. But it was great because it was good for Ian (even though he hated every minute of it). They met through Ian's bad luck with his car, and that same day, started living together. You might be thinking WTF. Don't get me wrong...this wasn't insta-love, but rather Bull having a big heart and trying to help Ian get on his feet.

That means you have a quiet, shy, down on his luck guy who hates receiving help living with a brash and honest to a fault bad boy who will help you if he has to push you over to do it. It was an awesome dynamic between the two and it was great to read.

Bull's employees and family were excellent side characters to the story as well.

I read this a little out of order as I read this book first, but I loved it so much that I'm going to read the first book as well. Definitely looking forward to reading more from this author!

~Volha~ says

I loved this book. I loved the MCs, the close knit family that Bull created and the relationship between them. I loved Bull for his strength and compassionate nature, Red - for his resilience and fortitude. Two men who were lonely and unnoticed for different reasons were in the right place at the right time, and it felt like they both finally were seen.

There were so many feels and tears! I loved the angst, the intensity the book had. I loved all the secondary characters. There was a wonderful mix of sweet and potency in all of the interactions between all the men. Red was like a key to Bull's lock, he opened the doors for all the feelings to burst through, and finally Bull could breathe.

Red had his own past to share, his own demons to overcome. He is a survivor, yet it took a loving hand to finally be able to let go and move on. I loved everything about this book except it's editing. Well, it improved but still had some issues. I definitely will continue with the series. Very intense, very angsty with elements of danger and kink - what's not to love! I highly recommend it!

Veronica of V's Reads says

I received his book via Goodreads' Don't Buy My Love program in exchange for an honest review.

This is the second book in a series but can be enjoyably read as a standalone.

Ian Jones is a 25 y/o out gay man who has long known he was a throwaway--because he actually was, twice in his life, tossed into a dumpster and left for dead. He survived hellish foster care, barely, and even completed college. He has no one in the world who knows/cares for him, and he's moved to Ft. Lauderdale, FLA with the grim determination to build a life for himself. Despite a computer science degree, he can't find full-time work, and his clunker of a car breaks down on his trip to Miami on his way to yet another interview.

Bull Connor is a large and in-charge mechanic, who picks up Ian and his car. Bull's a former special forces soldier, but he now serves as a surrogate parent to his three younger siblings and as a mentor and rehabilitator to a group of ex-cons he's trained to work his garage, who also live in his halfway house. Bull likes to help, and he's got a serious hero complex, so refusing to leave Ian in his near-homeless Ft. Lauderdale roach motel is not even a question.

Against Ian's protests, Bull insists on taking him to his own home--offering Ian a clean, safe bedroom, and an office job at the garage. Too good to be true? Ian thinks so, but he's happy to be proven wrong.

After a week or so of both men sharing close quarters, they decide to become more than roommates. It takes time for Ian to really share himself, emotionally and physically, but Bull's patient. For both men, they find a sense of security they have lacked. Bull's used to people needing/using him, and Ian's stalwart stance on independence is very welcome. Ian wants to feel loved, and Bull--with his large family and extended family of employees--becomes the loving community that Ian has always craved.

And, then there were more....Ian is challenged when people from his past turn up, but he's able to get through the emotional turmoil with Bull standing beside him.

I really liked this cast of characters. I didn't read the first book, but didn't feel the lack-all relevant details are seamlessly woven into this story. Both Ian and Bull are such great guys, and their growing affection is wonderful to witness. There is a good amount of sexytimes with a little kink--light dominance, nothing more--and even that melds into really tender experiences for both Bull and Ian. I adored how Bull's "people" for lack of a better word, took Ian as their own, and made him theirs, too. There seem to be many stories in the offing for this cast, and I'd gladly go back for more.

Lorraine Lesar says

For some reason, I didn't love it as much as Volha, but definitely loved it more than Christelle did. So I'm going with my own logic reasoning and giving For A Reason, a reasonable 3.5*.

Sarah says

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

3.5-4 Stars

First, let me start off by saying this book is a standalone read. I did not read the first book and had no problem following the story. Yes, you do meet the characters from the first book, but there was no continuing plot from their story. With that, I really enjoyed this book. It was very different than what I expected. Basically, Ian has had a rough life. Nothing seems to work out for him no matter how hard he fights for it. The book begins with his latest struggle. While driving to a job interview his car breaks down on the highway. He is on the verge of just giving up the fight for a better life when he meets Bull, the tow truck driver.

Bull has lived his life with a focus to help others. When he meets Ian he can see that Ian is drowning in his fight to survive. Without a second thought Bull forces his way into Ian's life and provides him an opportunity to find his footing again. Ian though puts up a huge fight. Nobody has ever actually looked at him as a human being before so he doesn't know how to react when somebody thinks he is worth the time to help. Also, he's been on his own his whole life, so accepting help is very hard for him.

Both characters are interesting. When Ian finally warms up to Bull, he is incredibly sweet and funny. Bull is awesome. Though he takes on too much himself, his heart is always in the right place. Bull's family and coworkers are a great added bonus to the story. I was left really wanting to read their books.

My only complaint was Ian's attitude at the end when he meets his family. Now don't get me wrong, I understand why he felt the way he did, but his extreme anger towards his family seemed out of character for him. It was like he was a completely different person. I don't know, it just threw me off and frankly lessen my enjoyment of the story.

Overall though, the book was an entertaining read. I would definitely read more from this author and series.

Tanu Gill says

When I read the blurb for this book a couple of years ago, I knew then and there that I would fall in love with Red and Bull, effortlessly. I felt something in my heart then, which got rekindled when I read this.

Thank you, dear author, for creating such sweet and strong characters, for the amazingly supportive family, and for a beautifully written story.

Ian pulled me in, forcefully pulling my heartstrings and got me so invested that I felt like I was with him in his POVs. Bull made me fall in love with his hidden vulnerability under his fierce strength, and I cheered with my whole heart for these two to have as few troubles as possible. Ian's life before Bull is so hopeless, it made me a sobbing mess. But Bull stood by him, being his defense and source of confidence, and it was there from the moment they meet to the end.

I was drawn in, fully focused, loving the sexy times, swooning over romantic conversations, and enjoying the whole ride through the park. Amazing, amazing couple. My most favorite of the series! ♥????

Susan says

BR with Elsbeth

3.5 stars

Sweet story.

But I did feel as if there was something missing.

I liked Bull, but I hated the fact that he was called Bull, instead of his own name, Jon. I mean, I understand

Bull was a big tattooed guy, but when I read Bull, I see this.

Now try to imagine this guy having sex!

And I really did like Ian, but I did find his need to constantly defend himself when there was no threat pretty tiring.

The things I really did like:

- I loved how Bull always wanted to take care of everyone around him.
- Ian was cute.
- The guys at the garage were awesome!
- The sex, it was HOT.

Things I liked less:

- It was really unrealistic that Ian supposedly didn't know what an orgasm was or had never had one in his entire life. It also didn't contribute anything to the story. Describing Ian as innocent would have sufficed.
- Bull calling Ian Red and then everyone is calling him Red. And when Ian asks people to call him Red I thought it was a bit strange..
- The whole affair with the father was pretty boring and all I could think was, just get on with it.

(The guy even has horns, how appropriate!)

Thanks to **315** for the rec! I really did enjoy it, even though I had some issues with it.
