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A record-breaking heatwave engulfs the Five Boroughs, and emotions run as hot as the temperatures.

In *Rerouted*, Chris Mendez is trying to live a drama-free life. That doesn't include another threesome with Jace and Aiden Fairbairn. But then a citywide blackout leaves them trapped together, and Chris is forced to re-examine everything he thought he knew about relationships and his own heart.

In *Gridlocked*, former Marine Tonya Maldonado is keeping real estate heiress Meredith Stone on permanent ignore. Mere isn't Tonya's type. Not even close. Who cares if she kisses like a dream and has the filthiest mouth this side of the East River? But then a security detail at a summer party ends with her saving Mere's life and discovering they have more chemistry than she'd ever imagined.

In *Derailed*, Stephanie Quinones escapes the heat and her complicated love life by going on a company retreat. Trouble is, it's a couples' retreat, and she lied about having a boyfriend. Unfortunately, the only person willing to play pretend is her on-again/off-again fling, Angel León. They're currently "off again," but after a week in the woods, Stephanie realizes she wouldn't mind them being permanently on.

## Citywide Details

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## From Reader Review Citywide for online ebook

**Elle the ClosetRomanceReader aka Leftie aka Shoebelle says**

[Guess this is my last read of 2017 and boy, am I glad. Given the kind of reading year I've had, just glad that I'm end

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**Jan says**

Review removed.

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

Review and rating removed.

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**Judith says**

4.5 Stars.

**Rerouted. 5/5.**

*“And you’ve been what’s missing, baby. You weld all our pieces together. When you’re with us , or just texting us , your presence in our lives makes everything . . . better.”*

After getting Jace,Aiden,and Chris's story in Third Rail I couldn't wait to get more of these three men's story and this Novella was just perfect.After a few hook ups,Chris has been trying to distance himself from Jace and Aiden-not because he doesn't want to be with them,it's more a case of he's terrified to get too involved and let his feelings for them become more than just sexual.

When a record-breaking heatwave puts New York at a virtual standstill the three men find themselves together again and this time there's no escaping the deep feelings they're beginning to develop for each other. If ever there was a perfect M/M/M combination...this is it! They're hot,sexy,sweet,and so right together.

Just delicious...

### **Gridlocked.** 3.5/5

*“So I’m special,” she murmured. “Special,” I confirmed. “And mine.”*

Ever since Mere was introduced in previous books I've been a little bit fascinated by her and it was great to get an insight into her character a bit more here. Her and Tonya couldn't be more different. On the surface it might appear Mere has a privileged life but she's not without her emotional baggage. Ex Marine, Tonya is tough, straight talking and she's never been interested in a relationship before—that is, until she can't get a certain Blonde out of her head.

Even though this is a Novella their relationship developed well and their sexual chemistry is HOT—I would never have thought I'd enjoy F/F sex scenes so much!

I definitely wanted more....

### **Derailed.** 4/5

*“We’ve got this, Angelito,” I said softly. “I promise.(...)”*

Stephanie and Angel have known each other since they were young....

Stephanie is strong, independent, and definitely doesn't want to depend on a man,

Angel... what can I say? I absolutely adored him. Seriously, who wouldn't want an Angel in their life?... he's one of my new favourite characters by this Author.

There's an obvious connection between them and it's not just sexual. They've been on/off fuck buddies for a while, both of them skirting around what they want and mean to each other. But what happens when they find themselves doing the *fake* boyfriend/girlfriend thing for a weekend?

Stephanie did infuriate me at times but by the end I definitely *got* her more and where she was coming from.

### **Conclusion:**

This is a fantastic addition to the *Five Boroughs Series*. I'm desperately hoping we get more from these characters in the coming books....

- the sex is smoking hot,
- the feelings and connections are there,
- the writing is just as brilliant,as always,
- and the way all the characters lives are interwoven is just perfect.

Highly Recommended.....

*My reviews are posted on DirtyBooksObsession*

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### **Truuss says**

Review and rating removed

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### **Nile Princess says**

\*\*\* Due to recent revelations, I will no longer be reading/reviewing/rating this author.\*\*\*

I will, however, leave my reviews up because I took a long time writing them!

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Only read Chris's story, but I enjoyed. the dirty talk didn't work for me so much, but I love these three together. I'm not sure if the resolution of the poly situation was believable. I kind of feel like this needed a longer story, but I do absolutely feel that these three men love and care for each other, and that they fit in an adorable and very real way.

3.5

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So I'll pretty much only be reading the first story, but I have been wanting Chris's story since Book 1 so yay, Chris!

11/13/17 - Update! Having just finished Third Rail, I'm interested in Angel and Stephanie's story as well. It's m/f but I do read that from time to time lol. Second story is still a no go.

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**Aleksandra says**

**Rating removed. Review removed.**

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**.Lili. says**

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**IT'S LIVE!!!**

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**Citywide by Santino Hassell: Angsty, Raw, Emotional, and Sexy As Hell.**

Fair warning: this book cannot be read in public- cannot! This book is hot af! I felt as if I was about to self-combust while I was reading.

Anyhoo, back to the review...

Citywide is a Contemporary Romance collection of novellas about some of our favorite secondary characters from The Queens Crew.

**Rerouted: M/M/M**

*Chris, Aiden, a*

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**Rachel Reads Ravenously says**

Full disclosure, I only read Rerouted. Before all of you jump on me, I am allowed to read what I want to read, and I honestly was only interested in Chris, Jace and Aiden. Not that I have to justify my reading choices to anyone, but I have no desire to read the other two novellas because those characters don't call to me.

That being said, I LOVED Rerouted. I could read about these three men for, well, forever. I wish they had their own full length novel. It's about Chris, a bisexual man who finds himself as the extra to a married gay couple Jace and Aiden. Jace and Aiden have been together 20 years and are polyamorous, but lately they only want one man to make them a trio. When a blackout leaves the three of them stuck together, it's up to

the couple to convince Chris he's perfect for them.

As I said before, I loved this story. Chris I wanted to hug the entire time, I understood all of his insecurities and where he is coming from. It's easy to want him to fall into his happily ever after, but some things needed to be worked out and I think Hassell did a great job of covering all those issues.

Citywide can technically be read as a standalone, but I think maybe you should read Third Rail a short story first to get some background.

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## **Jewel says**

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

Overall a solid **4 Stars!**

It was fun to get more on some of the side characters of this series. But I remain partial to Santino's MMs.

Rerouted

**5 Stars!** Obviously this one was my favorite. I mean Aiden, Jace AND Chris.

SO HAWT!

Gridlocked

**3.5 Stars!** I liked this one more than I thought I would. But Tonya was kind of mean.

Derailed

**4 Stars!** This one was my second favorite. I felt kind of bad for Angel, Stephanie was kind of mean too.

All three were good. But I'll take more Aiden, Jace and Chris any day!

*ARC kindly provided by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review*

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## **Natalia says**

The rating is for Rerouted! I loved it so much!! Didn't read the other stories.

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## **Adam says**

Overall, 'Citywide' is an enjoyable and easy-to-read collection that I'm sure all fans of the series will love. My only complaint: it felt as if Santino Hassell was trying to fit as much of the complex emotions and situations into these short stories as he does in his full-length novels. It made the short stories feel cluttered at times.

But even so, I loved catching up with the Queens Crew again!

### **Rerouted**

**Rating: 3.5 stars**

I was really excited to read the conclusion of Chris, Jace, and Aiden's story. The couple of freebies up on Santino Hassell's website were absolutely titillating. These three are **hot, hot, hot** in the bedroom. 'Rerouted' adds some emotional context to their relationship, and I thought it was really sweet and cute. Though I'm glad the author made it obvious that it wasn't insta-love, I still thought Aiden and Jace's decision to go from an open relationship to a closed relationship for Chris was a fairly quick one. Even so, I'd love to visit these three again!

### **Gridlocked**

**Rating: 3 stars**

This short story was quintessential Santino Hassell - a not-so-easy romance in a sinfully sexy package. Tonya and Mere actually reminded me quite a lot of Raymond and David - especially their hot-and-cold routine. Mere is easy to love, while Tonya takes a bit getting used to. Because Mere and Tonya had already fallen halfway for each other before the beginning of the story, it at first felt like I was missing some key info. But things cleared up as the short read progressed, and I thought their relationship was cute, with a strong HFN ending.

### **Derailed**

**Rating: 3 stars**

I've been wanting more of Angel and Stephanie ever since the drama on the QFindr cruise. I knew these two



would be a bit messy, but I was sure they had it in them to work things out for the better. And I wasn't disappointed! My heart hurt for Angel, but I also understood where Stephanie was coming from. And the two were so obviously meant to be together. Also, this was definitely the sexiest read in the collection! The ending felt a bit rushed, but I was glad to see the two get their happy ending.

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## **Apolishedreader says**

I feel like we waited decades for this book...specifically Chris, Jace, and Aiden. Finally getting their story was a relief. And yet...it still isn't enough. \*she says in her greediest voice\*

This book does not disappoint, which is a relief considering how much I was jonesing for it.

Rerouted was life. These three...they fit. It is weird, ever since I read First and First I knew something was missing with Jace and Aiden. They were committed and long-term and in love, but I knew there was more for them. Chris was the perfect missing piece. Yes, this story was HOT AF, but it was also touching and emotional. Chris standing up for himself and his needs was everything. I loved to see that side of him as he became more confident in who he is and honest for what he knows will make him happy. If Santino ever writes anything else about them I will be alllll over it.

Mere and Tonya's story was too short! I wasn't sure about these two at first. I really wanted Tonya's story, but I wasn't convinced that it would work with Mere. A HFN for these two that solidifies more when we read Derailed. It is also the story that has convinced me that I NEED Kenneth Stone's story and he has to be bisexual and hooking up with some dude. And I want to read all about it.

And then Derailed brings us Steph and Angel. Surprisingly, this was my favorite story of the set. I didn't enter this story particularly invested in the outcome. In the previous books, we don't get to know Angel very much. He was an enigma. Let me tell you, that is a good thing because if I had known this much about him since Sunset Park I would have been an emotional wreck waiting for his story. Angel is beautiful, sexy, kind, patient, loving. If Steph had turned him down I would have jumped into the book and offered myself up as tribute.

All in all, this landed just shy of 5 stars for me. They were all a bit too abrupt in the endings, which was a bit jarring. I can't wait for the next 5B books to catch up with some of my favorite characters.

My Citywide inspired nails:

Citywide inspired nails

Close ups of the same design

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This book is going to have everything. Every. Thing. All the things. And I just can't wait.

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## **Dia says**

4 stars for these 3 stories

I absolutely adored Chris, Jace and Aiden.

It seems like FF is NOT my cup of tea.

Angel and Steph were just OK. The writing was great, the sex scenes were super hot, as always, but I had a big problem with Steph's insecurities and well she did hurt Angel too much.

Overall it was a great anthology and I was glad to revisit Ray, Oli, Caleb and the whole team.

Looking forward to the next books in this series.

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