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Cole Renzo thinks his greatest challenge is to behave for the remainder of his term at Halfway House. Until he meets his new boss, Ty Calloway, a man who ticks off every box on Cole's list of interests.

A sought-after restorer and customizer of exotic and collectible cars, Ty had enough confidence to command what he wanted in life, until one fateful night changed everything. Almost two years later, he's slowly rebuilding his life with great control. He's defied the odds and works tirelessly to be the man he once was—but he still feels broken.

Cole's candor and unfiltered personality awaken Ty's barely-remembered desire to greet each new day with a smile, while Ty's unwavering acceptance of Cole's quirks and brash humor makes Cole feel as if he fits in for the first time in far too long. When a nemesis threatens Ty's personal restoration and the things he holds dear, Cole is determined to protect their relationship, even if that means sacrificing everything he's worked so hard to achieve.

But Ty will have to let his guard down, surrender control, and admit he needs Cole first, even if that puts himself at risk of breaking beyond repair.

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COLE

Motormouth and mechanic extraordinaire; bossy top; loyal friend; loves speed, exotic cars, and Ty.

TY

Kind, stubborn, professional, lost; feels damaged and guilty; carries a torch for car restoration and one feisty mechanic.

Cole and Ty complement one another well. Cole makes Ty laugh and brings Ty out of his self-imposed shell.

When we met Cole in book 2, he was a lovable, flaky kid, itching to steal another car, just bidding his time at the Halfway House. Meeting Ty forces Cole to grow up. He loves his job at Ty's shop and doesn't want to mess up a good thing.

Cole reconnects with his large, loving family, letting go of past hurts and resentments. And he pursues Ty with relentless drive. **Because he's Cole, and he doesn't give up.**

I loved take-charge Cole. His acceptance and unwavering trust help Ty heal in so many ways. As much as Cole talks, he also LISTENS.

Ty grounds Cole, and his steady presence is a balm to Cole's going-120mph-at-all-times brain.

Ty is in a dark place following an accident two years prior. He drowns in guilt and works too hard. His relationship with his brother, Aidan, seems beyond repair.

Aidan, the dark, broody police officer, and spontaneous, snarky Cole are like oil and water, but their back-and-forth interactions are hilarious.

Aidan half smiled. "[Ty's] your Kryptonite?"

Cole looked up. "Huh?"

"Your Kryptonite. Superman?"

"Nah, man," Cole said with a laugh. "I'm like Popeye and he's my spinach. He makes me stronger and I just want to gobble him all up."

Aidan rubbed his temples . . . "Do you hear yourself?"

The sexual attraction between Cole and Ty is instantaneous, but the smexy times are slow in coming. Cole and Ty dance around each other. Cole keeps telling Ty he's going to get him into bed, but Ty is hesitant and self-conscious.

Waiting for the steam made the passion burn all the hotter.

The weekends the MCs spend together are tender and sexy; and their teasing and easy affection, highly addictive.

There's nothing quite like your man cooking you breakfast wearing nothing (nada!) but an apron that says *Kiss the coock* .

Ty is into pulling off Cole's ever-present beanie and tugging at Cole's wild, unruly hair, and Cole gives Ty all kinds of silly nicknames, including Ty's favorite: My-Ty.

Cole smiled. "I think you have a hair fetish."

Ty's cheeks heated . . . "I think I have a Cole fetish."

Julian and Matt (the MCs from book 1) are fairly present in this book, especially at the beginning, and I liked seeing their relationship going strong. Plus, growly, possessive Julian is all kinds of hot.

A Restored Man is not as angsty as the first two books. It's lighter but still intense.

While the majority of the book is focused on the relationship between Cole and Ty, there is an action-packed driving sequence at the end that made my breath catch.

And that moment when Cole finally tells Ty what he's wanted to say all along?

Pure. Fucking. Beauty.

An ARC of this book just showed up on my Kindle!

And THIS is how I feel about it:

TOMORROW, it's ON.

Ann says

I'm just going to go ahead and throw ALL the stars at this installment of The Men of Halfway House.

If you are getting ready to read A Restored Man, and believe you me, you should, and you've read the first two books in the series, you'll remember Julian. You know how he's one of THOSE characters? The kind that just have that certain something that makes them truly memorable and unique. The kind that sticks with you long after their story has been told. Jaime Reese has given us readers another one of those characters. His name is Cole and he is amazing.

We met Cole at the end of book 2 and while he came across there as a charming hot mess it was obvious he had a story to tell and his story does not disappoint. Cole's got some issues, serious issues. He's all over the map and speaks WAY before he thinks. That really doesn't do him any favors and he's constantly irritating the ever loving crap out of people. Thing is, he's not mean, he would never purposely hurt someone else, he just, as Julian puts it so well, "had no social filter between his brain and his mouth".

This is a novel length story and I'm really glad it is. Jaime Reese makes consistently fully fleshed out both main and secondary characters. I appreciate it so much because I can always get completely caught up in every book in this series. I always remember every character and all their personality quirks.

The beginning third of this one is both nerve wracking and heartbreaking. While there is definite attraction between Cole and Ty, there was no insta-love. Thank goodness! I love when I can get to know each character so well separately BEFORE they fall in love. It makes the relationship and reactions make so much more sense and it was especially true for these guys. They both have some serious baggage they are carrying around but they don't turn it into an angst fest. They actually do what is SUPPOSED to happen in relationships and they draw strength from one another. It wasn't always smooth and there were a few misunderstandings along the way. But, because I already knew the characters as individuals, I could empathize with both of them because I understood where they were coming from and their motives were always clear. It's a refreshing change to read.

As the guys begin to settle into a relationship their charm really shines through. They have so many adorable "moments". I love when a couple has "moments", stuff that is totally unique to the two of them. They totally get each other, Cole can finally just be himself, be accepted and most of all appreciated for who he is. Ty can finally look forward to a future and let go of the guilt and pain that has been riding him for years. As they get closer the relationships they have with the rest of the players in their lives gets better too. It's a really sweet journey to read about all the way around.

Of course Cole and Ty aren't going to get off that easy and then just ride off into the sunset. There is an outside force that could ruin both their lives. It was stressful and frustrating, but instead of driving a wedge between them, it brought them closer together. If it had come along earlier in the book, it probably wouldn't have worked out well at all, but by this time they had strength from each other as well as the support of all the secondary characters.

My only niggle in the story was that I do wish that Cole had felt some sort of real remorse for his past chosen profession. It probably didn't help that my auto insurance just went up for no reason so I was railing against

having to pay more for no damn good reasons that were my own. Not a big deal to the story, but it did bug me a little given all his growth with everything else.

I do hope we get to see more of these two in the next installment. Which, if it's about Aiden and Jessie they have to make some appearances right? I love that Matt and Julian are consistent and getting to read about them some more makes me feel like I'm visiting old friends and I'm looking for that same feeling with Cole and Ty.

*** a copy of this story was provided by the author for an honest review ***

Susan says

Re-read August 17 2016

Greg Tremblay totally rocks!! He did such an amazing job with the audio. I love him.

4.5 stars

Cole!!!! I love Cole!! I want a Cole!

God, I loved this book. I loved Cole and his big mouth. He and Ty were the perfect match.

I never thought I would like a book about cars this much, but all the car stuff was damn sexy!

This book revolves more around character than plot (even though there is in fact a very decent plot) and I loved it. Cole was such a refreshing character with his foot in mouth disease. I fell in love with him from page one and when Ty was introduced I was so happy, because my heart ached for him (hurt/comfort, yeah baby!!). I just knew Cole would be perfect for him. And together they were smoking HOT!

Cole and Ty admit they are attracted to each other once working together. They do move pretty fast, but no insta love here. I loved the stolen kisses during work, but also the talks they had. They were just so sweet together.

Ty grabbed Cole's head and pulled him down. No way was he letting anyone else get a look at his Cole's hair. Cole turned to face him, his brow lowered in confusion. Ty reached up, pushed his hair back and put the beanie back on his head. He leaned up and gave Cole a chaste kiss. "That's only for me," he whispered.

Definitely the best of the series.

(Just one complaint, I don't think Jaime Reese writes very good orgasms. Poof, and it's over. I had to re-read

some parts twice because I missed it.)

Dia says

4,5 stars

This is my favorite book in the series so far!! I really LOVED both Cole and Ty. Cole's NO filter mouth was precious!

Ty was still healing physically and emotionally. He just needed someone who wouldn't look at him with pity. Cole made him laugh and working together on cars was super funny but also hot.

I loved their banter. I also loved the banter between Cole and Aidan.

This was a slow burning romance but it really made my heart warm. Super sweet!

It pains me that I can't give it 5 stars but I would have wanted more relationship angst. Overall I enjoyed the writing and I highlighted a lot. Can't wait to read Aidan's story!!

.Lili. says

[The whole dinner with Aidan and Jessie- why? (hide spoiler)]

Jaime Reese says

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Although part of a series, this book can be read as a stand-alone.

This story is all about the characters. No mystery/suspense element in this one.

Characters who reappear from Book 1&2 as secondary characters: Julian, Matt, Aidan, Jessie, Luke (briefly)

Elsa Bravante says

Aburrido, con una trama tipo fairytale sin sentido y pueril, un gran y enorme MEH.

No me apetece nada extenderme, siempre lo siento por los autores, pero me cuesta decir algo bueno del libro, no es que sea ofensivo o algo parecido, es que creo que es malo.

Sorry.

Sheri says

I greedily watched the countdown clock for this baby....I wanted it soooo bad!

Cole was a firecracker in the previous book and I had a feelin' his book was going to be fun. I wasn't disappointed. If you haven't met the boys in The Halfway House yet...you are missing out. And though it

certainly can be a stand-alone, I would encourage you to start with 'A Better Man'. *sigh* This is no hardship, I promise. I believe it flows better having the history of the guys and the house.

Cole.

Cole is a bottle of high octane; feisty, primed, and ready to go. Problem is, his brain is continuously running past the redline and lacks any necessary filters. He is mouthy. He is honest. He's a total spaz. But he's so damn lovable.

Cole is a people person. Not only does he come from a large family but he also made a second family of his own, his crew. Growing up he failed to compete with his siblings on every count, but finally found his niche with cars. Boosting them to be specific. He was the best of the best, but slipped up and got busted. If you've got a thing for speed, custom cars and exotic's...you and Cole will get on fast and furiously.

After finishing his time behind bars he was assigned to six months at the Halfway House. Hunter Donovan saw the crossroads Cole was dancing around and dangled a shiny and enticing carrot in front of his nose. He left the keys, title, and a strict contract for Cole...and Cole wants that damn car. Then he starts his new job at Callaway's and discovers something else he wants even more.

Ty.

Ty is quiet, guarded, and damaged. He is cautiously walking through life, avoiding mirrors and the pity he finds in the eyes around him. Tragedy struck two years prior and he lost his parents, his confidence and his smile.

His brother Aiden handles him with kid gloves and tries to protect him from every possible threat. He never expected the spark Ty needed was behind a pair of mismatched eyes. Sometimes the best medicine is laughter. Cole ignites something in Ty, something he thought he would never find again.

Julian and Matt have ample page time (yay!) and the seed for Aiden's story has been laid.

I loved saucy savvy Cole.

I loved sweet splintered Ty.

I loved them together. Their banter was addictive. Their healing was beautiful, for it wasn't single sided, they restored one another. I adored the unhurried burn...it was appropriate for Ty's renovation in learning to love and forgive himself. A copious amount of blue balls made for a fiery 'at last' moment.

So what didn't I love? I didn't love the 'bad guy'. The *Gone in 60 seconds* flashback was not my favorite. I didn't love Mami's birthday party. Julian's doppelganger twist was...weird. Those are not the moments that stuck with me.

The moments that stuck with me included intimate tousled hair pulls, the power of a mirror, and the strength in surrendering to love. Ohh, and super hero undies!

Reese's boys always hit all my buttons. I'm craving a mai-tai and a double dose of a tightly wound car nut and his perfectly fitting metal man.

4.5 red-hot-red-line-ready-or-not stars

Trisha Harrington says

So this was me when I first heard about the book.

And this is me now that I've read it.

Honestly, I knew I would love this the moment I heard about it. I'm such a huge Jaime Reese fan. Her books tick all the boxes for me and always, always leave me wanting more of her amazing characters.

A Restored Man is just so amazing. I loved it from the first page and I fell a little more in love with it as I continued to read. I kept smiling and laughing and just having fun while I read this. There were times I wanted to jump into the book and hug Cole or Ty and make everything better for them. They both had issues to deal with and each had their own guilt. And that added something to the story and made it more emotional for me.

These guys are just perfect. Cole and Ty connected and I felt them. I loved them as friends and as a couple. They were funny and got each other hot and bothered, which is always fun.

We also got to see Julian and Matt again, which was so awesome. I love the relationship Julian and Cole have. It's fun and made me laugh more than once while I was reading. I loved most of the secondary characters, to be honest. One might have made me angry at one point (not saying who) but the support they gave these two was awesome. Cole's family were so wonderful and I adored Jeff.

I loved so many moments in this. The sweet, tender moments just melted me. Ty's hair fetish. Julian and Cole. Aidan and Cole. Cole and his family. And also the moments Cole and Ty were working together. Those scenes made me smile.

The ending was perfect. I could have read more (just being honest) but the way it did end is perfect and these two definitely get their HEA.

Lyn says

5 My-Ty Stars!!

I started this book almost a year ago and paused it. I have no idea why, because when I picked it up again, I didn't want to stop reading it. Cole and Ty are totally swoon worthy.

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

*****4.5 Stars*****

"Look at yourself in the mirror. Why can't you see how amazing you are?"

"I see it in your eyes when you look at me."

Hands down my favorite in the series so far!!

I'm gonna give you just a quick review here, because all I really want to say is...

Here we go...

♥ **Cole** - He was a charming, vulnerable, verbal diarrhea, rambling sweetheart!! He had good intentions, a kind heart and zero filter from his brain to his mouth....and I loved every second I spent with him.

♥ **Ty** - Sigh....I'm a 100% guaranteed sucker for a broken man brought back to life by love....and Ty gives me that here wonderfully! I love being on a journey with a character when they find themselves again....and come out of the other side stronger than ever.

♥ **Cole & Ty** - I'm not gonna lie....you're gonna be awwwww'ing all over the place here. These two were just so sweet and affectionate and perfect together. But, my favorite thing about them? The vulnerable and raw honesty and emotion. Neither man let the other hide or make up excuses or be less than his 100% true self. And with that freedom to let every facet of their dreams and fears see light, they found such a sense of peace and calm with each other. I absolutely loved it!

♥ **Cole and his bromance with Julian and Aidan** - Seriously. Just awesome. Quirky, sarcastic, snarky fun. You know how they say you pick on the ones you love the most....yeah, there's some mad, crazy love between these guys.

♥ **The slow burn/romance** - No rushing here, folks. The attraction is evident from the beginning, but both men were hesitant in moving anything forward too quickly. There was lots and lots of kissing and touching and affection....and that fire burned at a steady sizzle for a long time. You're not gonna get a lot of steam here, but what we do get is quality stuff that's wrapped in passion, tenderness, intimacy and love. Do I wish there was more? Yes. The intimacy that Cole and Ty shared deepened their connection with every touch and I wanted to see more of that.

This is a series that I've really enjoyed and definitely recommend. Jaime Reese creates endearing and flawed men that you can't help but root for....and I've never cheered or waved my pom poms more than for Cole and Ty. These two give good swoon!

Pavellit says

Wow, what a cool gem! This story was so much more than I was expecting. Suddenly after closing the book, a wave of enjoyment circled my mind a million miles per second. Okay, in the end we went through a full-fledged car chase, but still that was a hell of a show. I can not remember the last time I felt so energized (usually after I watched 'Friends'-tv series). Not that there were not dark clouds hovering over them, neither lack of having a hard time trying to get over the guilt, nor a bad guy. But as a matter of fact I had a helluva good time. Nobody counts it, but I read lots of reviews (probably more than books), and deeply appreciate the different viewpoints (regardless of my personal agreements or disagreements), because they help me to pick the right book for my particular mood(believe me it varies a lot). And that the reason why I'll try to pinpoint what exactly I loved, and under what circumstances!

Okay, there were these Santino Hassell's sexy-teasing moments and creating a gay fictional society (The Men of Halfway House here) where there's an interesting bunch individually, but collectively, they were extraordinary. Also, there were Eli Easton's threats of actual angst but at the same time mix up with the heat, the warmth, the feeling of being exactly where the MCs were supposed to be. Of course, there were TJ Klune's funny bits that make you see the 4th of July fireworks and our MCs surrounded by such a large (Italian-Cuban here)family with such strong personalities- the best support system anyone could offer. And there were Aleksandr Voinov's passion of creating comprehensive and realistic business world (A High-end Automotive Service here), which impact further builds the MCs. In the 21st century almost nothing could be revolutionary, but none of them has **the devilish-charming personality traits of COLE**. A natural-new-generation American character. The guy with the twisted sense of humor who loves to drive others crazy with the teasing. I was amazed by his art of pushing- carefully and knowing when to stop before he crossed the line. He might not know how to control his mouth, but he know how to handle a car. *'Exotics, they were breathtaking and captured the essence of everything he loved about cars—their sleek design, the non-traditional line and slope of each angle, and their undeniable power. To him, it wasn't about the status symbol, it was about the ability to have control over that much unmistakable power that drew him in the most. He closed his eyes and turned the key, letting the roar of the engine filter through his body. The growl from this beast vibrated the seat as if angry that Cole was sitting still rather than gunning the engine.'* Don't get me wrong, I loved Ty (*Mr. Sexy Twisted Spider Monkey Metal Man*) too. His presence and acceptance made Cole stronger and gave him an inner strength to let him be the man he could be. But discovering additional layers of Cole's personality left me wanting more. He is not only hot, sexy, funny full of endless teasing and vivid fantasies but also he is the planner, the methodical one. Their chemistry hit all the right buttons.

I enjoyed to the fullest listen to this during few nights, then crash in bed to get ready for another workday. If you fond of audible, Greg Tremblay will drag you in to the story. He is one of the most busy narrator for reason. I replayed some of Cole's iconic expressions many times. Just pure recharge of the battery after long working hours. Enjoy!

Meags says

5 Stars

This series just keeps going from strength to strength. The characters are relatable and ridiculously lovable; the writing is smooth and polished; the storylines are simple, yet engaging; the romance is palpable and the sex is hot! But I think my favourite aspect of Jaime's writing is how well she paces her stories. Nothing is rushed. The slow-burn romance is deliciously fulfilled, no sooner or later than it needs to be. It's timed to perfection.

The sheer number of relationship dynamics that I loved in this book was staggering. (view spoiler) These *Men of Halfway House* have easily established themselves amongst some of my favourite book characters, and the series itself is officially cemented within my prestigious "fave series" list. I'm positively giddy with anticipation for Aiden and Jessie's story. The wait might just kill me! (view spoiler)

impatient pouty face

Re-read: April, 2016

Just as fantastic as the first time; such effortless, enjoyable reads. If it's even possible, I ADORE all the guys even more now!

I~♥?~Books says

★4.5 Stars★

Ele says

This is the story of Cole

(*clears throat*well since Dani pretty much destroyed all our chances of finding a better Cole than hers i thought i 'd give you his other parts, the superhero ones)

and Ty (yes my Greek friends this is who you think it is)

Cole was a car thief. Fresh out of prison he starts working for Ty,a car restorer. Match made in heaven right? And they were a perfect match.

I loved Cole's personality. His struggle to control himself and his mouth was adorable. I liked how he pushed Ty's boundaries in order to help him find himself again.

What i loved the most in all the books of the series is that the characters had the guts to admit their feelings. They didn't hide their emotions, they took the risk and owned them.They made love, not just sex.

The slow burn almost killed me in this one but it was worth it because their chemistry when they finally got together...

There was a Fast and Furious scene which almost made me pass out and then the epilogue.Holy shit what an awesome epilogue it was.

"I love you, My-Ty. More than you can imagine. I'm glad I got arrested. I know I sound crazy, but I'm here with you, right now, because of that.

SIGH
