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Friday and Adrian are friends. Friends who joke a little too personally, sit a little too closely, hug for a little too long, stare a little too intimitely, touch a little too often and care a little too much. Right. Just friends.

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Charmed says

Wow, I hated Adrian so much i could not finish this story. I didn't know i had a self dilusion limit, but this story hit it and hard. I know teenagers are selfish and self absorbed but were we the readers supposed to LIKE Adrian and want him to get together with Friday? Are we supposed to think he in some way deserves to be with friday? Is there some redeeming quality about him we are supposed to see? maybe i didn't read far enough to find it but if i was supposed to have connected to the character of Adrian by the time he is getting back together with the girl who with Adrian's help devistated Friday the Love interest we are supposedly to be routing for, then the author missed the mark.

Chris says

Very good m/m romance about two high school seniors who have been best friends since they were small. Now love professed but not returned and a girlfriend are coming between them...

Tamara (?) says

Excellent story. Got frustrated with Adrian a LOT, but he was so sweet at the end. Just found a pic that reminded me of the beginning of the story.

Leah says

Just Friends is the story of Adrian and Friday. Friday has been in love with Adrian for years, but Adrian seems to be the only person who hasn't noticed. When Adrian starts dating Alexa, he continually hurts Friday and refuses to acknowledge the fact that Friday might feel something for him. Finally, it is out that Friday is in love with him and Adrian, well, Adrian freaks out. He thinks it's wrong and weird and won't accept the fact that he has similar feelings for Friday. After a few skirmishes involving Alexa and Friday, and an enlightening conversation with Friday's father, Adrian finally realizes that he loves Friday. He tells his parents, Alexa, and finally Friday, and the two live adorably ever after.

This story is a bit of online fiction that I found here on Goodreads. I wasn't expecting much and I think that was a good thing because it let me actually appreciate the story. It was by no means perfect and there were things I would have fixed, but it was a very cute story.

Friday was so freaking adorable. I just wanted to wrap my arms around him and squeeze. He was so huggable! And I, personally, thought that he was stronger and smarter than Adrian. He wasn't afraid to

acknowledge what he wanted, even if he knew he might not get it. Some may think that Friday was the one who was naive in this story, but I would strongly disagree. While I don't think any of the characters in the story were very worldly, I would apply that term to Friday before anyone else. He was just so...so damn cute!

Adrian was a fucking pussy. He was ridiculously naive and willingly ignorant. I still do not think that Adrian is worthy of Friday. He was just so...ARGH! He made me want to punch people with how he continuously hurt Friday.

Alexa was a bitch and I hate her. She was fucking horrible to Friday! I can understand someone being jealous when there is someone else who is in love with your partner, but she took things way too damn far. If I hadn't been in school when she told Friday that Adrian only hung out with him because he felt bad for Friday, I would have thrown my laptop on the freaking floor. Pussy-faced bitch!

Like I said, this was a cute story. I wasn't overly impressed but I wasn't unimpressed either. I would recommend this if you want a light, adorable, m/m read.

Snowtulip says

This is a great coming of age story. Friday is such a wonderful, gentle soul that it really hurt to see him put through so much pain. The trials and tribulations of understanding your adolescent feelings and confusion are truly captured in this story. Great read!

Sylvia says

I thought I would like this story but there are some things that bothered me. I love Bob Marley but the lyrics at the beginning and end of every chapter pulled me out of the story, that and the chapters were to short for my taste.

In the first chapter I thought Adrian was feeling more for Friday then just friendship and that he worried about Friday not feeling the same. The rest of the book was about Adrian not wanting to see how Friday really felt and denying his own feelings.

I loved Friday and because we see him trough Adrian's eyes it's a little unbelievable for me that Adrian can't see what's so obvious. That really put my patience to the test. On the other hand I must say that I really felt for Friday and I could feel the pain he was going trough.

Jessica `~Blahyze~` says

This was an amazing story. I just loved Adrian and Friday, especially Friday, though Adrian was a bit of a frustrating character with taking so much time to realise what his true feelings were. I hated Alexa and what

she did to Friday, manipulative, jealous girl, couldn't handle Adrian and Friday's connection. A wonderfully written story, a great read.

Angelica says

This was a story about friendship and a confused teen finding his identity. I was not impressed with the cliched characters, and Adrian really grated my nerves because he was too dense even for a teenager, but I was interested enough to see where it would end and it didn't disappoint.

Karyn says

You need to read this.

This was a very sweet read about two childhood friends, Adrian and Friday, who love each other and are always together. They're just friends, real close friends.

This is a coming of age story where Adrian discovers his feelings for Friday.

I loved Friday with his pacifist ways and big curls and flowers in his hair. What I liked best was I didn't have to dislike one character to root for the others. This is written well enough that you can see things from all the 3 main characters points of view.

I wonder what Friday and Adrian are up to now.

Every chapter begins and ends with a snippets of a Bob Marley song. I've been singing Bob Marley since I read this yesterday. Isn't it great when a book leaves you in a happy mood

Btw, there's a sequel or more of an epilogue to this story: Johnny Was

Siina says

This story was really cute, that I must say. I really liked Adrian and Friday as well as the fact that everything was complicatedly simple. Natasha5 made her characters interesting and wonderfully odd! Friday was a nice exception to the generic pretty boys and Adrian was a cute simpleton.

The only thing that bothered me a bit was that Adrian seemed chick-like in his way of thinking. The same thing goes with him being somewhat a simpleton. A very girl way of seeing and doing things - was it intended or not, I don't know. Also, I would have wanted to know more about Friday, since we only got information about him through Adrian and well, he was not all that much into describing (except his looks). All in all, the story was still sweet and nicely coherent. A great read indeed.

Mel says

Adrian and Friday have been best friends for over half their lives. They met when they were eight and have been inseparable ever since. Adrian spends most of his days -and almost all of his nights- at Friday's. Friday's mother is more of a mother to him than his perpetually surly stepmom and Friday's father is more of a father to him than his always aloof dad. But Friday is not like a brother to him. Oh no, no way! Adrian doesn't love his own brother as much. And he doesn't hug his own brother as much. And while he feels he could live without his brother, the thought of being separated from Friday is just unbearable...

From the beginning of the story it's apparent that what Friday and Adrian share is much more than friendship. Much, much more. These boys have a bond that transcends everything. They live and breathe each other. They are good together. They belong together. It's obvious, you'd say...

But it isn't so clear for Adrian. He needs to find out how and what he feels, about himself, about his life, about Friday. *Just Friends* is his journey of discovery, a coming of age (or out) if you will. A journey filled with very touching and sweet moments, but also heartache, pain and betrayal.

A moving and endearing read with instantly lovable characters, 4,5 stars.

Lauraadriana says

There are stories that I start to read and something in them just connects with me, and I know that I will love them...This short story starts and ends every chapter with a verse of a Bob Marley song...How could I not love it?

Adrian is best friends with Friday. They've been best friends forever, they love each other and are ALWAYS together, but just as friends. Adrian is a regular kid, good looking, smart, artsy and has enough friends. Friday is this beautiful Jamaican/Italian hippie boy who hates animal cruelty and wears flowers in his long hair...

This story is about the road Adrian and Friday travel for Adrian to finally see how he really feels for Friday...I loved Friday and hated (while feeling sorry for) Adrian for not making up his mind. I enjoy these stories that are about kids discovering who they are and who they love...Some times it is so hard. The world can be such a harsh place.

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery
None but ourselves can free our minds...Won't you help to sing
These songs of freedom?
'Cause all I ever had
Redemption songs...Good good words...

Thanks for the recommendation Valentina.

Valentina Heart says

God, this was beautiful.

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Camille Adams says

Adrian is weak. The token girlfriend relationship is not a relationship at all, in that Adrian and Alexa's dating and feelings are instant, awkward and poorly constructed. The Jamaican dialect is stupidly and wrongly written (I am Trinidadian). There are too many errors and the story is all over the place.

It is written to trope (evil stepmother, evil girlfriend, good sibling, heterosexual relationships not all they're cracked up to be) and is thus an unenjoyable read. This work is transparent and amateurish. It is without real material

Chrys says

Friday!

Friday is an unforgettable character that pulls at your heartstrings. I loved this gay for you story and wish I could find more like it. Thanks Val for recommending it!