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David Underwood needs to go to AA – Alpha-lovers Anonymous. His last attraction to an alpha male got him into an abusive relationship, and now ogling two hot members of the Australian volleyball team on Laguna Beach gets him harassed yet again.

Australian Gareth Marshall needs to come out. A lifetime of hiding his orientation from his best friend and volleyball partner, Edge, as well as everyone else around him, has left him hurt and frustrated. When Gareth gets a load of David posing nude as the Michelangelo statue in the famous Laguna Pageant, he knows his days in the closet are numbered. And David is more than willing to help him take the first step out of the dark.

But Gareth's teammate, Edge, has secrets of his own, and David's ex-lover will never be happy without David under his thumb. With everything stacked against him, can a gay Laguna man find happiness with an alpha male – or two?

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Katrina Passick Lumsden says

This book is awkward. The instalove is awkward, the homophobe-turned-hot-gay-boy is awkward, the menage is beyond awkward. None of it really made a whole lot of sense, especially the menage since there wasn't much chemistry between the characters.

Kel says

Tara Lain is one of my favorite authors and I have thoroughly enjoyed all of her books. So you can imagine that I was anxiously awaiting the release of her new book Volley Balls. Her previous two books Genetic Attraction and The Scientist and the Supermodel were wonderfully written. I didn't want them to end! Volley Balls was no different. This short novel is a sweet story about three men coming together unexpectedly and revealing things about one another they never expected. Oh yeah..... did I mention that it's HOT!!! The sex scenes had my heart racing and my body sweating. The image I had in my head (from Ms. Lains excellent descriptions) of how these men look made those sex scenes that much hotter!

David is a genuinely nice guy who has a past that he is trying to forget. He meets Gareth who is sweet and loving which is something that David is not use to. Can the feelings Gareth has towards David help bring him out of a closet he's lived in his whole life? Enter Edge, who is gorgeous but unkind to David at first. Why? Well, he has his own issues to deal with as well. Can these three gorgeous men find love?

Ms. Lain again did not disappoint. Her books always display an array of emotions. She has a way of grabbing the readers attention from page one and keeping it until the final page is read. Volley Balls is no different. I would have read this book in one sitting but unfortunately, life got in the way! This book made me smile and kept me fascinated. Ms. Lain is a terrific author and I can't wait to read Deceptive Attraction which follows Caleb from The Scientist and the Supermodel along with her m/m/m romantic suspense book called Golden Dancer.

So please visit her website www.taralain.com to find out all the latest information on her books. And don't just take my word for it.... go and read them all yourself. I promise you will not be disappointed with any of them. So if you want a hot and sexy read while you are basking by the pool this summer, than this is the book for you. But make sure you are at a pool with lots of hot men so you can let your imagination go wild ;-)
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Kelley1893

Nic says

I love a story with alpha males and athletes and you can't go past a combination that includes an Aussie volleyball player!

This was a nice story with a few things really going for it: Gareth is gorgeous, Gareth's mum is fabulous, David is wonderful, it has a public coming out, there's humour, there's hot sex...

There were a couple of things that I found mildly annoying (that's probably not even the right word, they

were more just things that stood out). Firstly Gareth's Australian accent - it seemed more New Zealand than Aussie (eg. 'Understend' for 'understand' and 'yis' for 'yes'). Plus it seemed he overused 'mate'. Yes, some Australian's say mate but not all the time and it sure didn't sound right in the middle of a sex scene! And the description of David just seemed too stereotypical of the effeminate gay man - hand gestures, swaying walk, high voice, tight clothes, bright clothes - I loved his nature and this is how the author portrayed him but for some reason wanted him to be a bit more unique.

The ending was a bit of surprise and it's a shame the story ended there. I wanted to read more of David, Gareth and Edge's story!

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Macky says

I read this 8 months ago and was so impressed I practically purchased every one of Tara Lains m/m books but it was before I began writing reviews. I have just finished book 4 in this series - brilliant! - and was just checking to see if there was any more new books I'd missed, when I noticed this only had one 3* review on Amazon UK. Why the problem with the condom I'm not sure... safe sex and responsible writing, surely? Didn't bother me but respect to others views.

The whole series has been a 5* rating for me and as book number 1, this too deserves 5 stars. David is adorable, Gareth and Edge are perfect as his love interests and its one of my favourite ' threesomes ', this is slightly different in so much as Edge is portrayed to be homophobic and very straight so it isnt an easy relationship but its great watching it all pan out. The love scenes and romance are sizzling hot and all the characters in Laguna Beach are quirky and loveable. Fun and so easy to read, I have loved every single one and hope there will be lots to come. In fact I'm going to have a " Balls to the Wall" back to back marathon to remind me of all my favourite characters. Putting the kettle on as we speak.....!

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Well, that was a huge miss.

This book was a disaster for me. I hated the instalove, I hated the strange homophobe-morphs-into-gay-lover plot, I hated the awkward menage, I hated the dialogue... I could go on and on.

David's hip pushed up as Gareth came down, and he knew his cock must be halfway to the big guy's tonsils, but he was taking it all, and shit, it was heaven. David couldn't help hoping that it wasn't Gareth's tonsils he was tickling. He hoped it was his heart.

Oh, gag me. And this was less than 48 hours after their first conversation, no less.

I couldn't wait for it to end.

****Read for project GRL 2014- My quest to read authors that I've never tried before****

Lacey says

[the stuff with Edge went by really fast, and the guys are only together as a threesome for one sex scene and then its over, except for a very brief (one page) epilogue. (hide spoiler)]

~ Lei ~ Reading Is An Adventure ~ says

★★★??½

Set in Laguna Beach and Huntington Beach mentions gets an extra 1/2 star from me since it's local.

David, local art gallery owner sees Gareth, hot Australian volleyballer across the beach before Edge, Gareth's bff and volleyballer partner and homophobe chases him off.

Of course, Gareth and David meet unexpectedly and sparks fly but David's not willing to go any farther unless Gareth is honest about his sexual orientation.

Gareth comes out and Edge doesn't take it so well. Edge has his own secret. HmMMMM.

Everything is wrapped up in three days and love is in the air along with the volleyballs. Cute story.

Amarilli Settantatre says

Forse sto attraversando un periodo poco fortunato con le letture, però i libri precedenti di Tara Lain mi erano piaciuti e quindi pensavo che questa sorta di spin-off di Laguna fosse dello stesso genere.

Direi: non proprio. Nel senso che ci possono essere due registri di lettura per questo libro.

Se uno lo prende come una sorta di sogno onirico, una sorta di divertissement del tutto disancorato dalla realtà, allora ci può stare come lettura scacciapensieri, focalizzata soprattutto sul sesso. E addirittura con scene di ménage a trois, consumate in grande spensieratezza e senza tanti problemi pratici. W gli amplessi multipli tra ventenni, il mondo sorride dietro l'angolo, e non pensiamoci più. Qui darei pure 3 stelline e mezzo.

Se invece un lettore – suo malgrado – volesse leggerla comunque come una storia con una struttura, al di là delle scene hot, il tutto diviene molto ma molto surreale. Dire che è poco verosimile è un eufemismo: gente che lascia un continente per pochi giorni (il tempo di fare una gara) e poi decide di cambiare vita e stato, troncando in un colpo possibili legami familiari, in circa mezz'ora. Gente che si conosce, fa sesso, capisce di aver trovato l'amore eterno in quarantotto ore, e nello stesso sprazzo di tempo capisce pure che il proprio amore è ancora più libero e va ben al di là delle solite coppie. Sorvolo infine su chi passa dall'omofobia al "proviamo una volta", sino all'illuminazione definitiva, in appena una notte.

A mio parere, si insiste un po' troppo sull'alibi dei genitori ottusi (rimasti da qualche parte in Australia) per giustificare stravolgimenti esistenziali e legami di fiducia che hanno bisogno di ben più tempo per divenire così forti.

In conclusione, poiché non sono riuscita a decidermi per quale registro propendere, rimango su una votazione media.

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

Very sweet story! I read it in one sitting. David is super sweet. Gareth is sexy, especially after he becomes "friends" with David, though their relationship felt really rushed. Edge was a total jerk, but it seems he may have seen the light. We will see. The cover is super hot as well.

My only real complaints about this story are that it was too short, felt like everything happened too fast and too many descriptions/details were left out. Still couldn't put it down though, and am off to read the next one!

Heather C says

This is my second ménage book I've read in a week...does that mean I need an intervention?

I don't think so because this one wasn't that good. I don't like insta-sex...or insta-love...or insta-ménage with the homophobic BFF. Like seriously??!! Nah, I didn't believe that for a second! It would have been more believable if it would have only been Gareth and Edge together since they've been best friends forever. But I still didn't believe Edge could be so accepting of David. Eh, worth reading if you are into all the insta-stuff.

Theresa says

2.4 stars *Extended 2017 edition.* Overall, I loved this menage the way it stood by the end of the book. It felt balanced and I really liked each MC. Unfortunately, the story was too short and had some issues. The beginning of David and Gareth's relationship was just too instant. I thought it was awkward and unbelievable. Edge's relationship with the other two men was plausible, especially since he had a history with Gareth, but the fallout with his family was left out of the story. Both Gareth and Edges' new sexuality and lifestyle adjustment weren't fully explored either. I needed just a tad more convincing, especially with Edge since he had acted like a homophobe before Gareth came out. David's emotional and mental abuse by his ex wasn't resolved.

Susan65 says

This is a really good story about 2 hottie Australian volley ball players, Edge and Gareth, and David, the man who makes both men come to terms with their closeted sexuality. The first 2/3 s of the book is about David and Gareth becoming a couple, Gareth admitting he's gay and dealing with Edge's homophobia. The reason i took off one star was because only the last chapter finally pulls Edge into admitting he's gay too and their becoming a menage. The ending was rushed and I was really wanting to know what happened to Phil, Davids abusive exboyfriend.

Barb says

This is a cute story about an out and proud gay man who meets a closeted buff volleyball player when said player's teammate makes homophobic remarks to him. The main character, David is a gallery owner so is

completely different from the two volleyball player. Gareth and Edge are the volleyball players.

What follows is a funny story involving tension between David and Edge, who eventually finds out that partner is gay, and that being gay is not as bad as he thought it was! The only part of the story that I thought was unnecessary involved an abusive ex-boyfriend of David's. I didn't think this really added anything to the story and probably could have been left out all together.
