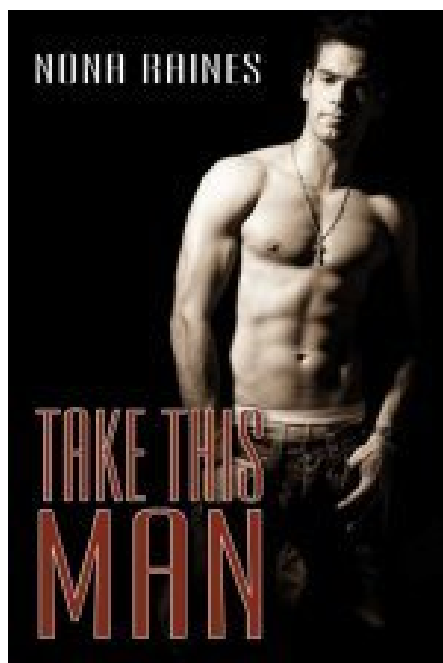




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A contemporary erotic romance.

The biggest mistake of Elyse Zemanski's life was falling in love with Adam. When a night of sexual fantasy went too far, she was crushed and couldn't leave town fast enough.

The biggest mistake of Adam Vostek's life was letting Elyse go. He'd been afraid of the love she promised and pushed her away--into another man's arms...and bed.

When Elyse returns to Summit to help a friend, Adam wants a second chance to prove he's worthy--in and out of the bedroom. She claims she's over him, but one look from those smoldering dark eyes, and she throws caution to the wind. Elyse offers him seven days of wild sex, hoping to get him out of her system. Adam's good to go on the sex. But will a week be enough to win back Elyse's love and trust?

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Cristal says

Nona Raines does it again, her writing draws you in and her characters although stubborn tend to find their way into your heart and you find yourself cheering for them and their HEA.

The BookWhisperer says

“Take This Man” started out great for me. I was wrapped up into it and ready for it to blow my mind. And at first, it did. I loved that it started out with the night that went too far and it threw me for a loop. It fast forwards a few years and Elyse finds herself back in Summit and right in front of Adam and this is where it kind of lost me.

Warning... stop reading if you don't want to know what (kind of) happens.

What I didn't understand is, both characters (Adam and Elyse) are furious with each other because how the night ended two years ago. You would think that they could be civil to each other and start rebuilding a relationship first. Nope, SI (sexual intercourse) happens right off the bat. They can't even make it through dates (or even to begin one) without being together but they still have that anger in them about each other. I, personally, would like to work out the problem that I have with the man first before sleeping with him.

But other than that, this book had some pretty steamy scenes and is worth giving it a try.

~BookWhisperer Reviewer MC~

Liz at Fictional Candy says

A few days ago I reviewed One Good Man, which is book one in the The Man series. Now Take This Man is book two. And things just got kicked up a notch. I wasn't expecting to like Adam Vostek more than his brother Matthew. In fact, I kind of thought he was a jerk when he made his appearance in book one. Yeah, sure, he had his reasons...whatever. He was a bit of a jerk. But now in this book we get to peel back his layers a bit, and there is really quite a gem of a man there.

This story has a few flashbacks in it, and they really help round out the story. This one is split between Adam's and Elyse's point of view. Elyse is Adam's ex, and she has a pretty good reason to have a dislike of Adam. At one point its said that she could actually hear her heart cracking as it broke, and I can totally believe it. The woman has been through a lot in her relatively young life. She's in her early 20s, but she definitely has the wisdom of an older woman who has had more experiences. I definitely felt connected to Elyse, even as I wanted to push her to move forward with this situation or that one.

And then there is Jason. There is not a whole lot I can tell you about him without giving up some major spoilers. But I like him. He is funny and intelligent, and he cares a lot about the people in his life. He is quite the character, and I can only imagine that it was fun to write him.

“With her heart beating in her chest, Elyse crossed the street. Her feet slowed, and her eyes remained glued to the truck. It felt surreal. Had her thoughts about Adam somehow conjured him?”

The thing about real true love is that you never ever get over it. Even when love does you wrong and you don't end up with the person you are supposed to. You still never get over it. That person is always there. They are in the back of your mind, living as a benchmark for every love that will come after them. You think you've moved on, you think you can forget them... but you are wrong. You'll see something the exact shade of their eyes, someone will walk by in a crowd wearing their cologne, you'll pass their favorite food in the grocery store – and just like that they are right there in the front of your brain. So when you subconsciously place yourself right in their path, you should not really be surprised. And this is what happens in Take This Man.

Much in the way any dramatic and wonderful love story must go, there are misunderstandings galore within these pages. What is it about two people in love? Do they forget all rational means of communication? Sometimes it leads to funny situations, sometimes frustration, and sometimes tears. And in this book you will find all of that.

“By the time he manned up and faced his feelings for her, she was long gone.”

This book has its bits of humor. And there are cameos from some of my favorites from One Good Man. And if you can't tell by now, I think you should read it. But start with the first book. This book is a great emotional story, and now I am totally geared up for the next book in the series, Her Perfect Man, which I have coming up on a review post for Nona Raines tour in the beginning of November. See you then!

Pat says

The storyline was good and the well defined characters kept my interest throughout the whole book!

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book.

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://whippedcream2.blogspot.com/201...>

Can the pains of the past really dictate how your future goes? That is how Adam Vostek feels. After growing up in a less than stellar home, he hasn't been able to open up to anyone. But after meeting Elyse Zemanski, he can't seem to get enough of her, and when they are apart this pain starts in his chest, but that isn't love....is it? But when the emotions get too thick, Adam has to find a way to push Elyse away, because if she knew the truth than she would run from him as fast as possible. But will pushing her away make him feel better, or when Elyse leaves is she taking his heart with her?

Elyse Zemanski has been madly in love with Adam since the first day they met at the Hi-Lite Bakery where she was working. But when Adam brings another man into their bed, she is taken aback by it and then a cold realization hit: if he loved her he wouldn't ask her to do this.

This was a really good story that I truly enjoyed reading. The characters were well thought out and the story line believable. It moved at an easy pace. I read this book in one sitting, but felt there needed to more to the story because of the other characters involved.

I really enjoyed Nona Raines work. The writing was smooth, the sex hot and the ending satisfying. She will definitely go on my short list of go-to authors. This book does not disappoint.

Heather in FL says

My heart was breaking from the get-go on this one. And I'm not sure why I thought this was going to be a continuation of the first one... never dawned on me we'd get to find out what Adam's deal was.

This one starts out with Elyse slipping out of bed after having a threesome with Adam, who she loved and whom she thought loved her, and Jason, a guy they'd picked up at a bar. She takes off with Jason. Literally. He was in town visiting family, but lives some distance away. After the threesome, after Adam basically gave her away to another man, she feels like she has no reason to stay in town. Her plan is to just pack up and leave, but Jason somehow can sense what she plans, and he's not about to let her go out on her own. Especially when he can tell how upset she is. So she leaves town with Jason.

Two years later, Jason is coming back to town after his first love, a man, has told him he's divorcing the wife he left Jason to marry. Jason talks Elyse into coming with him, and right off the bat, Elyse runs into Adam. And they get into a huge public argument.

But Adam isn't about to just let her walk away this time. And Elyse isn't about to let him take her heart again. So it's a really big struggle, with push and pull, feelings hurt, hearts broken... like I said, my heart was breaking from the get-go and it didn't really stop until the end. So much pain in Adam... and so much pain in Elyse as well... from before they even laid eyes on one another.

And LOTS of sex. While they may say stupid things that hurt each other out of the sack, they were completely compatible in it.

I wish there'd been a little bit more resolution on the Don thing, but I'm not sure what could have happened differently and still been realistic.

Kat Morrissey says

I was really glad to read Adam's story. The hurt he and Elyse caused each other, and their inability (and refusal) to communicate was heartbreaking but it made sense. I really liked that the two didn't spend half the book apart. The next book focuses on Kim (Adam's ex from the first in the series). My only complaint was that we didn't get to see Andi! (Matt is in the book, but Andi is only mentioned).

Gaele says

Again, Nona Raines has created a stand-alone romance that deals with the real-world issues and difficulties in a very realistic, slow-burn romance. Adam has returned; cocky and smart-mouthed. But we see how his mouth and gruff are just defensive, they keep people at arm's length and protect his heart. Of course, his attraction is to Elyse, the most difficult of the women he knows.

Vulnerabilities and old wounds are cleverly revealed, in a smooth and even methodical way, as the characters come to discover their interest in each other, they also are getting to know one another: testing the waters with their more “unappealing” sides and issues. Not a “hearts and flowers” romance; not overly angst-ridden or full of white knights and damsel rescues. It just was an engaging and believable story, with plenty of hot sex scenes that spiced up the plot. There is a slight question left at the end - which leaves a real opening for a book that focuses on this couple, but that didn’t diminish my enjoyment of the story at all.

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Fleur says

I really enjoyed the characters as you could relate to them and actually connect as well as relate to them. Adam is an absolute heel and has no idea how to talk to Elyse without it coming out wrong and having the complete opposite effect which doesn't bode well for him when she returns to Summit after he ripped her heart apart years ago. She had hoped when she came back to summit to support Jason on his own love life risk that she wouldn't see Adam but also knew it would be too good to be true. Can Adam finally explain how he really feels or will his fears and jealousy of her friendship with Jason be too much. Plenty of will they, won't they and finding out more about their relationship early on makes for excellent reading.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Judy says

This is the first I’ve read in this series but I really enjoyed it so now I have to check the others. This is a very emotional story. Not only the relationship between Elyse and Adam but the ongoing questions about Jason. I was hoping the story would go one way and then the other and was happy to learn the background to Adam so I’m glad the way the author took this story. Adam sure did not start out as likable. I maybe was hoping for a little more violence concerning Cooper. I’m not a violent person but his guy just deserved it. I also felt as much for Jason as the main characters. I think the character development is great and the story flow sure held my attention. I think this is a really good story and I can’t wait to read the rest in this series

Magali says

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Who can organise an threesome with his girlfriend to scare her and let her leave him : Adam. Elyse escaped with the other man, Jason, because she couldn’t stand what had happened and what Adam had asked her. Two years after, she comes back to town with Jason, who is definitively gay, but at the first meeting with Adam, she understands that the sparks are still here and she need to avoid him. In the same time, Adam understands he can’t live without her.

It’s a great story, well written with some hot sex scenes. The story is about a couple who has a problem with

commitment and who are searching what they could do.

Lillie Spencer says

This isn't the type of romance I usually go for. I tend to want to be swept away, whether by romance or angst or a fantastic world, and this had none of that. It wasn't a hearts-and-flowers romance, nor was it overly angsty. It just... was. And I liked it for that very reason. The characters were incredibly normal, the kind I'd be friends with and bond with over coffee. Their problems were real, everyday issues (well, maybe not the menage, but certainly the motivations behind it), Even when they were running away from their problems, there was a maturity about it. You could understand their flaws, their screw-ups, and their reactions to the screw-ups of the ones who let them down. When redemption came there was no grandiose romantic gesture driving it. But the story was down-to-Earth and believable, and I found myself truly caring for the characters, even the minor ones.

My only reason for giving it four stars instead of five was the ending was rather abrupt, and really didn't seem like an ending at all. I felt a bit cheated, and would have liked at least an epilogue to leave me with some warm-and-fuzzies.

Yolanda says

This book ok i think i liked the other better. It surprised me the lengths he went to for her to leave him and it seemed he did this with every woman he was with just found different men. And she went along with it just to prove her self right about how he felt. They had problems but all of them stemmed from their child hood.

Sandra Singleton says

<https://www.amazon.com/review/RL3QT67...>

Sarah says

Take This Man is Book Two of The Man series by Nona Raines. While we meet Adam in Book One and learn some of the back story, it's not necessary to read these stories in order.

Due to some of the experiences in his childhood, Adam has chip on his shoulder and has always tried to keep women from getting too close, first Elyse, then Kim. Now Elyse is back in town and while deep down both of them want their second chance to work out, they are both too stubborn and afraid of getting hurt.

This story was enjoyable the first time around and the 2nd time around with this re-release it was no different. Even though Adam wasn't the most likeable character at first, I found myself rooting for both him and Elyse and their HEA.

I look forward to Kim's story and while I'm not a huge fan of m/m, I would love to know that Jason gets his happy ending as well.
