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Growing up and falling in love...

Sometimes family is a blessing and a curse. When Tino Robbins is roped into helping his sister deliver premade dinners when he should be studying for finals, he's pretty sure it's the latter! But one delivery might change everything.

Channing Lowell's charmed life changes when his sister dies and leaves him her seven-year-old son. He's committed to doing what's best for Sammy... but he's going to need a lot of help. When Tino lands on his porch, Channing is determined to recruit him to Team Sammy.

Tino plans to make his education count—even if that means avoiding a relationship—but as he falls harder and harder for his boss, he starts to wonder: Does he have to leave his newly forged family behind in order live his promising tomorrow?

The Virgin Manny Details

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Calila says

Really enjoyed the couple in this. The plot is kind of meh but they have a great chemistry and banter so that makes up for it. Sammy was great. Not too precious but not adult. He's dealing with some tough stuff and it felt realistic. The side plot with the maid/guard was so unnecessary, I don't really know why it had to be included. I liked that Tino and Channing talked about the complications that come with signing up for a ready made family and an age gap. It feels like they fall in love fast, but they actually have a decent slow burn and months are covered in the book. The side arc with Tino's sister and her guy was cute, but what happens at the end really just annoys me. But like I said the main couple were good guys with great chemistry and I was rooting for them.

~☆~Dαni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

One word: ADORABLE. This amount of cuteness should be illegal. When Amy Lane writes feel good stories, she doesn't spare the sweetness.

The premise here is actually kind of sad: Channing's sister passed away recently, leaving him with custody of his 7-year-old nephew Sammy. Channing is a good guy, the BEST guy, but he has a demanding job and needs help yesterday.

Enter Tino, who's most definitely not Box Dinner Girl. That would be his sister. But Tino shows up in time for dinner and basically invites himself over. He wants to hug Sammy and his uncle too.

Channing makes Tino an offer he can't refuse, and Tino, new college graduate, becomes Tino the Manny. This is a temporary arrangement for the summer only, except, as Tino's mom tells him, life is what happens when you're making plans.

Tino's plans include a full-time job and independence; they don't include falling in love. But fall in love he does. Channing gives Tino plenty of space, but the morning kisses turn to caresses turn to Tino being a virgin no longer.

There is a loooong slow burn, and the steam is on the lower end, but I didn't mind. Much.

Tino and Channing are just so good together. And Tino is wonderful to Sammy, who's like a lost puppy, devastated by the loss of his mom. I have a boy Sammy's age, so I found Sammy's grief particularly poignant. Sammy is not a brat; he acts out because he's hurting.

I liked all the secondary characters, especially Tino's friends Artie and Jacob. I could have done without the side story about Jacob and Tino's sister, however. I'm sorry, but (view spoiler) is not something to celebrate.

We can celebrate Channing and Tino instead. ***The Virgin Manny ends with rainbows and glitter!***

I'm looking forward to more books in this series.

? Todd says

This one was **cute, fun and sweet**, but didn't totally blow my skirt up over my head. I think the main reason I was **left wanting a bit 'more'** was the low level of conflict, both between the MC's and with the moody 7 y.o. nephew.

Both **Tino**, the 22 y.o. recent business school graduate, and **Channing**, the 32 y.o. wealthy business owner, were just so completely nice that I can't remember either of them having anything close to what I would consider as being a flaw. Yes, Channing worked too much and Tino worried too much, but I don't think that really falls into the character flaw category here.

By half-way through the book, they were both into one another and worked well as a team to take care of the little family that they were creating, but nearly all of the conflict was external, which left me wanting a bit more from the MC's.

When there was banter between the MC's, I did especially enjoy those interactions and look forward to more of that in the rest of the series.

I suspect that the next book may be **Taylor's** story (an immature, amorous, recent high school grad) and since he seems like he can be a bit of a bitch, I would definitely be looking forward to see how that plays out on page.

As I mentioned before, this story is very sweet, so it did hold my interest and keep me entertained. I just wanted the volume turned up another notch or two on the drama and the feels, so I'd rate this one at around **3.75 stars**.

My ARC copy of the book was provided by the publisher in exchange for a fair, unbiased review.

Barbara? says

****3.5 Stars****

Very sweet and cute MM story. My biggest complaint is that Tino held on entirely too long to the belief that he needed to "do something with his degree" and continued thinking their relationship had an expiration date...the end of summer. It annoyed the crap out of me. I would have liked an epilogue too because I felt it ended a little abruptly. We know they've worked things out but I wanted to see them a little into the future with their dreams coming true.

Jaime says

Amy Lane brings you *The Virgin Manny*, the first Dreamspun Desires book of 2017 and one that is perfectly adorable with everything you expect from Amy. This is a feel good story, with lovable characters who both find themselves meeting after Channing's sister dies and while Tino is delivering boxed dinners for his sister. From the moment Channing and Tino meet, Tino is in lust over Channing, and while explaining how to cook the meal in a box he just sorta invites himself to dinner and becomes a part of the family all at once.

These two are adorable together as they try to help Sammy adjust to life without his mom, Channing's sister. When Channing offers Tino a job as a Manny - live in, car, and enough money to pay off his student loans -- *"I promise you, young Mr. Robbins, if you ever come asking me for extracurricular activity, I'm not going to turn you down. But it has to be your choice. Right now I'm just offering a job. A very good job."* Tino quickly finds himself trading in his apron at Panera for the keys to a house and a brand new Tesla, along with all the eyecandy he can take in the form of his yummy new boss. When he finds out his boss is bisexual...well, hallelujah---

Oh dear Lord, the man was a unicorn. A shameless, flagrantly bisexual unicorn.

This story moves quickly and there is little conflict as is typical with any category romance. There is definitely instalove here and of course instalust-- it is a feel good story. Sorta like that first bite of apple pie...yummy or snuggling with a soft blanket on a chilly day - it's a "just right" story.

I would have liked to see more. I know this is book one of the series and I am sure Amy will blow us away with books one and two.. but for some reason I just find these stories, The Dreamspun Desires, lacking - whether it be they are too short, too much focus on the meeting versus the actual relationship, too much side story going on and not enough digging into the characters brain, too much instalove...I am not sure what it is..but no matter who writes them, I haven't found one yet that is unforgettable. I had really high hopes for this story - so maybe it's just me.

4 stars ~ A perfectly cute story.

Morgan Skye says

What do you get when Amy Lane is given some "parameters" and a directive to write a sweet, low-ish steam romance with a classic trope?

Well – you don't get any "cocks" – which I found hysterical!

You get a 22 year old virgin!

You get Channing – an older man who holds out on sex til the younger guy's willing to commit!

And very little (really almost no) angst!

In other words, a lot of stuff that this author who tends to put a lot of "grit and real" in her stories, would typically avoid.

(Spoiler)

I could totally see her sitting on her hands and wanting and needing to do SOMETHING to make this more

“her” style, so she makes the sister get pregnant! I was howling! Amy’ll keep it real. Have no fear!

As far as the story goes, it’s sweet, light, and lovely. It absolutely follows the “troptastic” theme of the good-hearted virgin who lives with the billionaire and all his/her heart’s desires are fulfilled. (I was SO ENVOUS of the student loan thing – OMG – that’s so REAL!!!)

The sexual tension only made sense in this “line” of books. I think these boys would have been boning early on! In fact, the actual status of his virginity didn’t add much or detract much from their decision making process. I think they moved at a pace that made sense simply because of the importance of moving forward given Sammy’s presence.

I cannot tell you how much I loved the side story of Jacob and Nica – it added back into this story some very needed reality and I loved the family’s response to this as well.

I’m not sure what purpose the evil maid served – especially the break-in. I didn’t see it bring our boys closer together – but I do love –again – the family’s response to the news ?

So... I’m totally hoping Taylor gets to be MC in Mannies #2 – I can totally see him with a very Dominating MC who pulls him back in line!

I devoured this in one sitting. It’s fantastic and wonderful and anyone who loves the Dreamspun series, Amy Lane or the virgin/billionaire trope will love this!

I really hope Taylor is our MC in book 2!

(view spoiler)

Ami says

On one hand, it fits the purpose. I wanted to read something light and easy; and this delivered. It was low on angst (even with the 10 years age gap) and pretty fluffy.

In addition, I thought Amy Lane incorporated all the elements of "rich single dad -- although in this case it's a rich single *uncle* -- and the nanny" category theme really well. Just like I remember from reading Harlequin M/F category series in my teen years.

On the other hand ... I really didn't find Lane's (rambling) dialogs charming anymore *shrugs* I found it difficult to even smile at them, actually. It was okay, it wasn't bad -- but not really "sizzling" for me.

Also, I felt that interaction between Tino as the manny and Sammy as his charge to be a bit lacking (or at least not as many as I expected from this theme)

Shile says

Audiobook by John Solo - 4.5 stars

Story-2.5 Its me, not the book stars

Ugh! i really wanted to enjoy this more but i couldn't connect with the characters. And honestly i don't get this authors writing style at some point, i was lost. But i will still read more of her books, until i get it, that would be like an achievement.

I enjoyed the narration, but the story was just ok... I am still living in the Risky Behavior world.

Shin Mon Thway says

Since I can't think of finding a better description myself, let me borrow one of my very dear friends' remark on this series, "it's like Amy wrote these books on happy pills". ? Lol ? And it's exactly what it is guys, fluffy, adorable, sugary sweet and overall, just so damn cute. ? I have always found mannies to be such alluring and interesting creatures. You gotta admit, it's incredibly sexy and satisfying to see a man taking care of a little baby and fussing over it. ? So I was thrilled when I found out Amy Lane has a whole series on these lovely mannies. And I wasn't disappointed. ?

After delivering lunch boxes to an exclusive and rich neighborhood because his sister, the real lunch box gal, was busy, Tino found himself being literally dumped onto his lap with an opportunity working as a manny which would pay for all his college tuition debt. And did Tino mention the man he's supposed to work for is the most gorgeous man he's ever laid his eyes on? ? Despite being a virgin, Tino knows how to take care of children and is really good at it. But the thing is, Tino not only want to take care of the nephew but also his gorgeous uncle. ? Meanwhile, there is a thief terrorizing their neighborhood and a insolent and lazy maid who Tino can't wait to get rid off. Welcome to the instant fatherhood and domestic bliss! ?

If you are looking for a low-angst, fluffy, feel-good romance, this definitely is the book/audio for you. Tino is endearing, sweet, caring and innocent and Channing is strong, loving, understanding and incredibly patient. I think they are a match made in heaven. Although the big twist in the end isn't that big of a twist, I enjoyed this whole audio because there are just so many "awwwwww" moments in it. ? And John Solo did an amazing job narrating this story and I was pleasantly surprised to find out that he sang in this audio! John Solo sang guys!!! ??And he does have a very lovely voice. ? I think his superb narration really elevated this fluffy, sweet romance because I think I wouldn't enjoy it as much if I'd read this instead of listening it. For now, I have a toothache for all those delicious sweetness and I can't wait to devour the remaining series ASAP. ?

4.5 Channing loves plucking Tino's flower stars

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Audio rating

Story - 4 stars ????????

Narration - 5 stars ??????????

Performance - 5 stars ??????????

Overall - 4.5 stars ??????????

Disclaimer. An audio copy of this book was provided by the publisher for an honest and unbiased review.

Pianka *call me PIU* says

“The Virgin many” is a sweet and fluffy read with an HEA full of feels, hearts and roses.

We have Tino, a 22 year old business school graduate who can’t wait to use his new degree to become a “Captain of the Industry” in the near future like he has dreamed forever. He meets Channing, a 32 year old rich businessman while delivering food to his house. Channing has lost his sister recently and is now the guardian of his grieving and difficult 7 year old nephew, Sammy. When Tino comes in their house and helps prepare dinner while putting the bitchy housekeeper in her place, Channing wastes no time in pursuing Tino to be Sammy’s resident manny. Channing would pay off Tino’s student loans completely for being Sammy’s manny for the summer. Tino is conflicted but he finally decides to accept Channing’s generous offer.

Tino develops a huge crush on the kind, gorgeous and awesome Channing while also caring deeply for Sammy. Channing also seems to reciprocate his feelings but he does not want a single night tumble in bed. He wants an honest to god relationship and commitment from Tino. Tino feels that his dream of having a job and living an independent life is not possible while looking after the family he has readily become a part of. That’s when Tino’s sweet, caring and so very understanding parents impart their sage advice: **“Plans are what you make when you are starting your life. Life is what happens when you’re making your plans”**

What happens next is a sweet glide towards Channing and Tino’s HEA while battling a few pesky burglars and housekeepers on the way.

This story is pretty light. There is no such angst in the romance. Channing is the perfect gentleman. He does not take advantage of Tino in any way. He was confident about making Tino a part of his life for the long run from the get go. He never considers Tino as a fling which made me dreamily sigh and pray for more such men in the real world (He was swoon-worthy and as rare as a unicorn!) Tino and Channing’s attraction is ever present but the romance develops slowly. There was no rush or “heat of the moment” sexy sessions. The couple take their time and fall into bed together when they are confident about what they really want from each other. It was a bit too perfect in my opinion but it kind of worked for the story.

“There was nothing disposable about his relationship with Channing Lowell. There was no planning to start another life, another relationship, another path. Channing was his path. He’d had it all wrong. He’d thought he would have to find a way around Channing to have his career. He was going to have to find a way around his career to have Channing and Sammy. Because there was no other way.”

There is a slide plot of Tino’s sister and her relationship with Tino’s BF Jacob. I found this part a little unbelievable (view spoiler) The author used this part to help Tino understand that “life happens” but it was a very poor example.

The secondary characters were all very nicely done. I loved Artie, Tino’s siblings, Jacob and most of all Sammy. That kid was very sweet and I really felt his pain trying to cope with the loss of his mother. His acceptance of Channing and Tino’s relationship was great. He also gives the couple permission to get another kid after he is 10 (Coz being in two digits is very much necessary to have a sibling who is zero: Sammy’s logic *LOL*)

Overall, this read is a slow-burn romance with minimum to none angst and a sweet HEA at the end. Fans of Amy Lane would love it. I can’t wait to read the next story in the series!!!

This review has been cross posted at GayBookReviews

Amazonaute says

Speedy DNF.

I kept away from this series, then noticed book 4 looked interesting, and then thought I would start at the beginning of the series.

I was already a bit toey, because of the whole mannies/little Susie homemaker romance trope. But sometimes, a book with a trope I normally dislike can become a favourite, as in the Lilah Pace Prince books.

So anyway, story begins. Manny-to-be meets up with little kid. (Manny seems to be from a shit family who treat him like shit which he and the book sees to be okay with). Little kid wants a snack, and being properly brought up, demands fruit and/or cheese.

The Manny then produces a big cookie for the little kid to eat.

This is clearly considered by the narrative to be a good thing, and the Manny a bit of a hero.

I sat there, looking at this books thinking, “can I even?”

I really couldn’t.

There is no doubt in my mind that before the end of the book, they are eating a salad with marshmallow in it.

Christelle says

It's all fluff and sweetness, with a sexy uncle who has to take care of his 7-year old nephew after his sister passed away and falls for the nanny he hired for the summer.

And once again, the author's writing clearly highlights that English is not my native language : I had to reread a lot of paragraphs to follow the story . Conclusion : "it's me, not the book" is really appropriate here.

Elsbeth says

"Life is what happens when you're making plans...."

Very slowwwwww burn but sweet and cute.

*C'est tout!!

Tess says

Paused at 14% ... I'm starting to think Amy Lane just doesn't work for me anymore. I'm not connecting to the characters or the story.

River says

this was an OK read for me. maybe it's one of those cases of it's not you it's me but I just didn't connect with the characters.
