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FBI Special Agent Aaron Pearce is recovering from his injuries suffered while on assignment in Detroit, stuck in the offices of the FBI running database searches for agents in the field. He is bored and edgy, and takes it out on those closest to him, including Mark Beecher, who lives with him.

While Mark cannot deny the heat between them, he struggles to find his place in Washington, DC, and in Pearce's apartment. He notices a car following him back and forth to work and panics, certain it's the terrorist mole Robert Morgan who escaped them in Detroit.

As Mark and Pearce try to identify the driver, Pearce is drawn into an investigation concerning the disappearance of data discs from government employees. During research, he discovers the catering company where Mark works may be at the root of the thefts, and, when the company is booked to cater a prestigious party, Pearce realizes it is the perfect setup for an undercover operation. He doesn't think twice about disobeying orders to stay out of the field, and risks not only his career, but his life as well, to join Mark in an undercover operation that will change their lives forever.

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Lena Grey says

Mark Beecher and Aaron Pearce are back in 'Shacked Up', Book #2 in the 'Holed Up' series and they find that getting together in a relationship is a small feat compared to making it work. Both have a lot of adjustments to make, the biggest of which is new to Mark and Aaron, and that is whether they truly want to be in a committed relationship.

Mark gives up a lot to be with Aaron. He's moved into Aaron's apartment, left his job, home, and friends to be with the man he loves. Aaron is protective and territorial. Mark isn't sure where he fits in literally and figuratively; he valiantly struggles to find his place. He's physically with Aaron, but not completely. It's Aaron's city, Aaron's home, life style, Aaron's restaurants and bars but Mark is having trouble making them his too. He's trying to deal with Aaron's overprotectiveness, trying to see it for what it is rather than that Aaron thinks he's not capable of caring for himself. Mark is still rattled from what happened in the past and he is scared, but he doesn't want to live in constant fear of something bad happening. Mark would rather stand and face his enemy than hide from him. He's tougher than Aaron thinks.

Aaron doesn't believe that Mark is helpless without his protection, he worries because Mark is the first man he's ever cared about and the fear of losing him is almost unbearable. Being stuck at a desk, not out on assignment, doesn't help his mood either and Mark bears the brunt of Aaron's aggression. The situation comes to a boiling point between them and, fortunately, as they did in the first story, they communicate their needs, fears, and joy and work on figuring things out together rather than each wondering about what the other one is feeling.

'Shacked Up' can be read alone, but without knowing what happened in the past, there's no way to feel the intensity of their relationship, understand its importance, and know how much they've grown. It will be much more enjoyable if you read the books sequentially. I suggest this book to fans of the first book and people new to the series who enjoy a well-written, easy to follow, fast paced book with passionate characters. Even more amazing action, mystery and intrigue, and, of course a happy ending. You won't be disappointed. Thank you, Hank, for bringing the boys back with a flourish and once again entertaining us with your talent.

NOTE: This book was provided by the publisher for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Bev says

Another tale featuring Aaron and Mark. Not as good as Holed Up, but still liked it enough to give 4 stars and a

Oh Aaron....you **are** a naughty boy. Shackled to a desk whilst recovering from the injuries sustained in the last book....he absolutely **hates** it and takes it out on Mark, who has moved to Washington from Detroit to be with him, but is struggling to cope with Pearce's mood-swings and all round pigheadedness....and the fact that Pearce's apartment is **his** home and not somewhere Mark feels particularly comfortable - Mark's belongings are still in boxes in the spare bedroom!! Mark gets a job as a part time chef with a outside

catering company, and thanks to the strange behaviour of one of his fellow employees, who keeps going awol every time they have a booking, overhears another conversation (my advice Mark...start wearing earphones all the time!!) where Brenda the co-worker obviously mentions an FBI agent, meaning Pearce!! Puzzling...however, Pearce is discreetly working on a case involving a Korean supermarket and some strange goings-on there, together with data cards mysteriously going missing from government employees. When Mark inadvertently drops some information that allows Pearce to link the two things together (yay Mark!!), Pearce and his fellow agent Izzie are drafted in as 'waiters' and things go from there.

The book ends with (view spoiler)Looking forward to number 3.

„• * ° *~Gwendolyn~° **★° **★ says

3 Intriguing Stars...♥

This is the 2nd book in this series, and I found Pearce and Mark have some issues to resolve...I love them, and I am still disappointed that the author did not delve deeper in their lives/background, as I was in book 1...BUT...

I Still Loved The~

♥Action

♥Mystery

♥Romance

This a an fun intriguing plot read...it held my attention and my favorite part was they had gun's...and, they use them... I love that!

BUT..in reading this book I found that for me this one was not as good as the first book, thus 3 Stars, as the first one rated 4 solid stars with ease.

This Book~

I really like both made character's, but their personas I changed a wee bit, at least to me. I did not like quite like them as much as I did in the book 1, IMO their character's were weakened .

The storyline was interesting and easy to follow, but, I still wish this book (series) had more substance within the plot and MC's never-the-less it is a light and easy enjoyable fun loving FBI read.

The end...wrapped up and resolved thier issue's nicely and, gosh,I so look forward to reading book 3...♥

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

As adorable as the cover is, and as much as I liked the first one, this book fell flat. The thriller part fizzles. There is little excitement. Much of it felt contrived, like the publisher demanded a sequel and Edwards had to come up with something.

I still love the characters. They're both so freakin' sweet it's ridiculous. Too sweet. Any time there was any

tension between the two of them it was dealt with almost immediately. There was little conflict and all resolution. I wanted them to not be quite as mature for just five minutes. It's tiring reading about grown-ups who are always grown-ups in a romance. ;)

I do like how something from the first book was pulled in that had nothing to do with the first plot. I didn't like how they kept talking about the first book's plot and nothing related really happened. I thought the end "battle" was boring and too quick without enough danger and fear and peril.

But the romance between the men is so sweet as I said, and how the two handled their own personal issues was very nice. If I hadn't read the first book I would only give this two stars. Because I did, I'm giving it 2.5. I'm rounding up to three because I do think they're adorable and that's what I'm really looking for in a book. Mostly.

A.B. Gayle says

I enjoyed this story. Sequels can be a hit and miss, but this one was a natural progression of two people who are both new at this "commitment" and moving in together concept. Their fears and reluctance to commit felt very realistic to me, and I enjoyed watching them work through them.

Overall, Hank's writing continues to improve. He has always told a good story, but there were little touches in this one that really set it above its predecessors. The secondary characters added just the right touch, none were stereotypes or shallow. Even Pearce's office rivalries felt unforced.

Sharon says

Awesome story! Great follow up to Holed Up. Love Pierce and Mark. It was nice to learn more about Pierce. I enjoyed the twists and turns in the story. Nice mystery. I hope there will be a third book, because Morgan is still out there.

Alina says

I literally screamed with glee, when I found out about this book, coz I absolutely loved the first story - Holed Up))) And the sequel didn't disappoint!

Loved the continuation, the conflict between Pearce and Mark and how they've dealt with it and most of all - that they actually talked about their problems and stayed together through the hard times! I hate it when MCs break up in the middle of the book, so I'm happy that's not a case here.

I hope there'd be more books to follow! :)

Awilk -never sleeps- says

A good follow up to Holed Up. I will be reading the next part soon.

Tina says

I loved 'Holed up' and couldn't wait to read the follow up.

The conflict between Pearce and Mark continues and they try to figure out where they are in their relationship. Mark is now living with Pearce in Washington and works with a catering service. Pearce is not happy with his forced light duty desktop job. When a red Ford begins to follow Mark to work the fear that Morgan - the Ex-FBI agent, the man that tried to kill them before - is back...

The mystery part of the book is easy to follow and rounds up nicely the issues both men are struggling with in their life together. I didn't know how hard it can be adjusting to living with someone else and looking at unpacked boxes, not sure if you can handle sharing your space.

The situation comes to a boiling point between them and fortunately they work on figuring things out together.

The end resolves their issues nicely and I'm looking forward to reading book three!

Terry says

Loved the characters, loved the story, a worthy follow up to Holed Up the first book. Hopefully now that things have settled between Mark and Aaron there will be more to follow. Easy read with only one loose end not tied up - why was the guy in the red Fiesta following Mark? That did not detract too much from my enjoyment of this book though

Five stars

JR says

This started up where Holed Up left off. Mark has moved to DC to live with Pierce. God, I love these two. Pierce is on light duty, meaning he is chained to a desk. He is chomping at the bit, he's miserable, which doesn't make for an easy transition for Mark. Mark is haunted by the previous events, and is uncertain if he belongs with Pierce. What they discover over the course of this story surprises both of them. I love, love love this. Can't wait for May 7th, so I can be immersed in their world again. Again the sex is hot and the writing is tight.

I give it a whole DC FBI office full of stars.

Gigi says

I had planned on writing one review for this book and it's prequel Holed Up, but after reading it I can't do that. Holed Up was a hot, fun, FBI protection/stake out quickie that had my blood pumping and the sexual tension shooting in all directions and was easy to give 5 stars to. Not the sequel unfortunately...

While I did enjoy this book and am glad I read it, it just wasn't nearly as satisfying as the first book and really kind of meandered along. It was almost like the author didn't quite know what book he was writing. Is this a Morgan revenge book? Is this a stand alone new case for the FBI? Is this a romance? Are Pearce and Mark really going to make it? Are they really in love? I actually stopped caring after awhile.

And speaking of the romance aspect, (view spoiler)

The redeeming factor in this book was the ending. *I loved it*. It was perfect and it gets 4 stars for the prequel and how much I like the characters and the ending alone.

Recommended if you like FBI Agents, hot M/M sex, secrets and lies and hero types.

Anke says

Better than book #1 although the 'mystery' was rather harebrained. But the romance worked - the interaction between Mark and Pearce was believable and the lack of communication, especially their working through it, was fitting.

Susan says

Meh. **just barely** 3 stars

It was ok. Weaker than the first book (which, was not great...but I admittedly liked it for unknown reasons other than my hormones going crazy over the thought of a junior varsity version of Zane in the MC, Aaron Pearce.)

Book 2 started to annoy me. Pearce was kind of a dick. And Mark was kind of a whiny mess.

And the "mystery" plot might as well have been blinking in neon lights over Times Square...it was THAT obvious.

Now, there were parts, especially as Aaron and Mark tried to figure out their relationship and push past some of the miscommunication, that are actually emotional and felt real and elicited a flutter in my heart. And, true, though I'm increasingly annoyed with the MC's, I'm still kinda drawn into relationship.

So, yet again..."add to cart", "complete transaction", "download book"...read...book 3 here I come...

Natalie says

1st read 8/14 Rereading for a new book in the series!

Liked this almost as much as the first. It had some problems, as the red Escort following Mark was kind of dragged out and a little pointless. I did like that it showed their relationship really becoming solid. They had real conversations about things and Pearcecwas actually better about it than Mark! There was still some excitement and I liked the action scenes. I really need to read more Hank Edwards. I think I'll skip book 3 though, as it was my least favorite and go straight to the new book 4!
