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“Can’t you see I need help?”

“What the hell is wrong with me?”

Detective Steven Mason was in his prime. From the Army to the NYPD, he gave it his all, until a stray bullet from a rookie cop put his whole life on hold. After all the surgeries to patch his shoulder back together, Steve’s only chance at holding a gun and a shield again lie with his physiotherapist – the guy Steve bailed on back in college

“You did this, and you’re going to have to be the one to fix it.”

Adam Little lives the perfect life. New York’s best physiotherapist, he runs a private practice and rents a fancy new apartment overlooking the Hudson river. He gets what he needs from hook-ups and goes right back to work the next day. Except today. Today hurts. Today is the day Steve Mason walks back into his life, and Adam isn’t ready to forgive him.

“I am your best hope.”

Parted by fear, bound together by need, both men must overcome their pain if they’re to find a better future. But can they work together to truly heal the scars of the past, or will their deep-seated wounds tear them apart forever?

Savior is a steamy, standalone gay romance novel with a HEA and no cliffhangers.

Savior Details

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Rachel Emily says

I enjoyed the last third of this story a lot more than the first two thirds, and I think that was mostly due to Steve and his "I'M STRAIGHT" mentality through it all, as if it was his only option of sexuality. I don't think the idea that he might be bisexual came up until 80% into the story. His mindset was "I only like women, I'm NOT gay, I don't kiss men, I can't want to kiss Adam."

I actually was worried I wouldn't be able to like his character at all when I started reading this, but he did settle down and start to question his past with Adam (which I almost wish we got to see rather than just have snippets mentioned in thought from the two) and finally come to the realization that he had genuine feelings for Adam. I wish things like Steve's PTSD was explored more fully, rather than given a mention and then one chapter really towards the end of the story. That seemed to come up out of nowhere when it was first mentioned, also possibly due to the fact that there wasn't a whole lot of detail given to his backstory of being military.

That's not to say that there weren't some great moments between Steve and Adam as they rekindle their friendship and it becomes more. I did enjoy them once they started talking and becoming friends. This story overall was sweet, low on steam, and does have a HEA. Honestly, not my favorite story from this author (go read the Delicious series!) but I still look forward to the next one!

I received an ARC copy of this in exchange for an honest review.

Mary says

The book blurb does a much better job of describing this book than I ever could.....

We have two MC's: Adam, a successful physical therapist/doctor, and Steve, a cop, wounded, not injured in the line of duty, but as a civilian coming out of a restaurant which caused a misdiagnosed PTSD. It turns out they have a history together. I could not tell if they met as during childhood or during high school. It mentions sharing an apartment during the first year of college. Adam and Steve did things together, always while buzzed, in the sauna. Adam was in love and thought Steve, felt the same. He finally kissed Steve. Steve, horrified and disgusted, ran and made his friends clean out his stuff of the apartment. This was told in flashbacks. Steve, then enlisted army for eight years, two years a cop and then five years as detective. I disliked Steve and his mantra "I am not gay". I wanted to slap him and slay "go for it". and "get a grip". Did the thought of "bisexual" ever ding his bell? It was told with both points of view which I have come to enjoy. They slowly get to know each, doing things together: such as the debate tournament; where Steve lets go and enjoys Adam's company. Then the evil devil on Steve's shoulder kept insisting he is not gay. I am not going to say any more. I enjoy Sierra 's writing: the sentence structure, word usage and her imagination. Her books are very enjoyable and this one was no exception. This one for me, I liked it but it was not one of her best, I thought.

However, I would recommend it to any one wanting an entertaining read. I have read many of Sierra's books and I know "Savior" will appeal to many readers.

Isabella ~Mikku-chan~ says

~~*ARC kindly provided by the author to me in exchange for an honest review *~*~*

It seems people have a divided opinion of the books written by the colaboration team Sierra Riley (it is no secret anymore ;)). I can say: again a great book by Sierra Riley.

I enjoyed this very much, and I wasn't disappointed. :3 The blurb sounded intriguing and it was thrilling. It was great to see a reunion of the character, two former friends who's friendship was crashed because of stupid actions in the past – or at least one of them call them "stupid". It is thrilling – and funny – to see how Steve is trying to surpress his feelings for Adam, but sometimes also very heart clenching.

Adam is really sure right from the start and he never doubted his feelings for his former best buddy. The revealing later in the book are great and it is heart warming how Adam helps Steve to overcome his problems.

Of course there is steamy sex in this book, it is hot as hell to see Steve exploring a few things for the first time, other things aren't so new for him. :D Fact is the pressure is constantly rising.

There is also drama in this book, not only according the events but also within the character development.

Great read and awesome as a lot of Sierra books. :3 They hit a nerve with me. :)

5 out of 5 stars. This can fully be read as a stand alone. :)

Review originally posted on my blog with added content Mikku-chan / A world full of words

~~Fawkes, Padfoot, and Prongs~*~* says

Minus stars!! Holy smokes was this ever horrible, absolutely horrible :-/. I assure you I WILL be posting some thoughts on this later tonight!! Stay tuned.

I'll be KUing this.

~~I feel like something light and fluffy. I need to cleanse the reading palate. This one seems like it'll do, before I continue on with my queue.~~

physiotherapist just threw him into all sorts of wonder. Adam was still gay... And Steve... Well, those old feelings were back, but there was no way he was falling for **that** again. ***It's a shame I'm straight... Adam's a good catch. A really good catch.***

"I can't be so stupid anymore, not about him! Not this time!" -- Adam

Yet Adam was just so available. So tempting. So....so, Adam! And soon Steve was forgetting to be straight and following his wants and needs. ***I know he's a great guy... but he's not my guy and he never will be. I would go there if I could, but I can't. It's not my fault I'm straight!*** But how could he ever step out and be proud like Adam when he was a man's man. And how could Adam accept the hurt and torture all over again?

If you like a little second chance love, gay for you, coming out story, one click and then tell your side of the story. Was it all that you thought? Did it meet your expectations?

I voluntarily and honestly reviewed this book without bias or persuasion from the author.

Donna Wagner says

A journey to get right with love.

Some love stories take time and patience. Adam and Steve are both committed to their occupations. And they were friends in their teens or so. They get to know each other again as patient and physical therapist. But there are a few complications. And some great fun times. Loved the guys and the work they put in to their relationship. You will hopefully be as entertained as I was. Good book!

Denise H. says

Savior, Sierra Riley
a free copy given for an honest review...

*** They were in love, learning about their wants and needs, but hiding it all.
Then Steve entered the military.

Now, as a cop, Steve needs physical therapy to recover from a gunshot.

Adam is now a doctor and each man is afraid the other

has the power to hurt them all over again.

Steve is afraid, because he knows he needs to be able to save people, to be the hero, to be the bad-ass, which has been his life. What if that injury takes it away? We have super hot flashbacks and dream sequences as to what might happen now, and what had happened before. Being in a doc/patient situation, Adam and Steve fight hard to keep it professional. It's tough, brutal therapy, to regain use of his arm and hand. There are other circumstances occurring where we see Adam's fellow doctor being a bully and threatening, plus Steve's fears of losing his job, entering psych therapy and his PTSD. His mind screams "weak" - if he asks for help. Their personal emotions and passion are emerging

as if no time has passed. They see each other as grown-ups, with need and desire. This GFY, "gay for you" theme, is well written and interesting. Can Steve keep his need for Adam hidden like he always had? These lovers need to sort out the past, the fumbblings, the lone kiss they shared back then, and deal with "now."

When they finally get together, it is explosive and sexy.

You will like the end and epilogue.

ENJOY !

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Cadiva says

Sweet story about a second chance romance

This is a nicely done romance between two former lovers who reconnect after one is injured by a fellow cop in a shooting accident and needs physiotherapy from the other.

It's been 15 years since Steve ran out on Adam after their friendship went a step too far from their college fooling around days and he's been struggling with his feelings ever since.

When he has to spend time with Adam again, all the feelings come back with a vengeance.

This is a well paced romance with believable characters and a sweet epilogue.

Erin says

Will Steve be able to overcome his internalized homophobia?

Will Adam really be able to trust Steve?

This is a slow burn that never really becomes an inferno, but it is great to watch as Steve and Adam are able to re-kindle first a friendship that spanned their childhood through college years. Their past isn't explicitly spelled out, but it is heart-breaking to imagine two people who were best friends for so long completely lose each other because Steve was so terrified to admit his attraction to Adam.

I am glad I read this. Both men have good arcs, as work to get over their past hurts and fears.

Staphysagria says

After expecting the worst heaving read the previous reviews I was pleasantly surprised.

The struggles of a man in a perceived typically male profession to accept his different sexuality were pretty realistic. Both male leads were amicable characters, and for good measure you get a real bad guy thrown in, too, to spice up the plot. So apart from their overcoming old grudges you get a bit of crime story to keep you on your toes. Once that is out of the way the story winds down. Okay, if you're really picky you could argue that the happy end drags a bit, but who would begrudge those two adorable guys a little bit of happiness?

Kendra T says

I'm voluntarily reviewing a free advance reader copy I received from the author.

Adam and Steve were best friends/lovers many years prior, and get reunited by chance after Steve gets shot and needs therapy. Adam is a doctor assigned to help him with his physical therapy. Steve is closed off, in denial, and wanting very much to fight and hide the feelings he has (and has always had) for Adam, but as a cop, he doesn't think being bi or gay fits into his world. Eventually, the guys build their friendship again, and their relationship becomes more romantic. Steve finally lets go of his denial, and goes in full force to a relationship. Adam was patient and kind. Steve was traumatized and scared. They made it through together, which was a great thing.

Overall, this is a tough one for me to rate. On one hand, the book seemed slow and frustrating. I don't mind slow burn, but this one had most of the real action and connection (of them getting together) happen off page. I wanted to see them make those big steps forward together, not get a cursory view of it from the outside. On the other hand, however, I thought Steve's PTSD was written well. His denial seemed very in character for him (from what we see), and it was nice to watch him grow to be more confident.

Valerie ❄M/M Romance Junkie❄ says

It started out promising, but it went downhill fast. I truly had a problem with the fact that at 70%, Steve was still struggling with his attraction to Adam. How can I believe any HEA if the freaking MC doesn't believe it this far into the book?

Shannon says

This one was a giant miss for me. Steve is in denial for most of the book and when they finally do get together (other than a blowjob), it's all off page. How annoying and dare I say it, lazy? I know, I'm not a writer so how do I know how hard a love scene is to write? And one that everyone is waiting for, you know the man-sex virgin kind? Double hard. The rest of the story was all on the surface so there were really no redeeming qualities. Bummer.

Jenny Wood says

Hmmm, Steve and Adam....

First, I have to say that Sierra Riley's books are hit and miss with me; I either really love them, or I just kind of like them.

In this one, my heart broke for Adam; physiotherapist who gets a new patient who happens to be his ex highschool friend, college roommate and secret lover who happens to be the only man he's ever loved.

Unfortunately, he's the same guy who hurt him by running away, cutting him out of his life completely and he never saw again because "he wasn't gay".

Steve; war hero, police detective, newly injured from a stray bullet after being in the wrong place at the wrong time brings him back to Adam for help.

Now, I think Steve is a giant douche; blaming Adam for things that happened and up and leaving him, hurting him so much because he was just convinced that he wasn't gay....Everything was at Adam's expense because he was the one that got hurt. I didn't like the way he treated Adam, I didn't like the way he regarded him because he didn't wanna be gay or whatever.

I understand being confused and not understanding lables and all that, but... until about 70 percent, he never even apologized because he never thought he'd done wrong.

And Adam just sucked it up and took whatever he could get from Steve, because something was better than nothin, right?

Ughhhh, maybe its just my mood and I've been in an unrequited thing before and I hated that I felt led on and all that. So, maybe this is a great story and I'm happy that it all worked out in the end, I just can't help feeling a little bit bitter because I think Adam, even though it worked out amazing in the end, I still think he deserved to be treated better.

And also, we see all this crap with Mitch... all the trouble he caused and we don't get the satisfaction of knowing what happened to him? That sucked too! I wanted that karmatic justice!

Overall, it was a decent story it just didn't hit me like the other ones that I love so much by this author did.

Oh well, still a good read.

3,5 for me
