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Going through the motions in a loveless marriage, Chris is unaware of how much he is missing--until he meets Leif.

The gorgeous, tempestuous man turns Chris's life upside down in every way.

Can Chris save himself from this dangerous affair, or will his life forever be changed by love?

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From Reader Review Indiscretion for online ebook

Cee Brown says

Loved it, end of story. 5 stars storyline, emotional angst, the relationship and the author.

Jenre says

3.5 stars

This book is about a man who cheats on his wife. If that isn't your cup of tea then you won't like this book. On the whole I don't mind infidelity in my books, but this one did make me feel a little uncomfortable. This was mainly because whilst the sex scenes between Chris and Leif were very hot, I didn't feel any tenderness. They spend the first two thirds of the book having sex when they are together and whilst I could see how much they lusted after each other, there weren't any moments of just talking or being with each other out of the bedroom, to make me truly believe that this was anything other than a hot fling. In actual fact, when they are not having sex, they are arguing.

Things did improve for the last third of the book with a number of scenes where the men just hang out and be with each other and I was happier by the end. However, we find out next to nothing about Leif other than he is snarky, snappish and too quick to anger. I also felt that any complications were dealt with in a too easy manner and so this was a book that I quite enjoyed but certainly not as much as some of this author's short stories.

M says

I couldn't tell you whether this book is any good, but I can tell you that I enjoyed quite a bit more than I expected. Thing is, it hit all my guilty pleasure spots: big blonde possessive top, temperamental brunette, gfy, clandestine romance, crazy hotness. So, um, yeah, I was really into it.

Libby says

Very enjoyable and sexy story meant to and succeeding to engage you from start to finish. I couldnt put the book down...or more like, my laptop...as I had trouble downloading it onto my kindly so it was a bit difficult sittie thng up in bed or sit outside in the garden reading (which is my absolute favourite passtime). The mc's are just tooo cute, funny and verrrry sexy, horny and sensual. The 'do' it, a lot and everywhere but the way they care for each other is toe-curling sweet *sigh*

Do get this book (not available on Amazon, bummer) but do get it as totally worth it

Aerin says

I'm a sucker for M/M books where one of the main characters is just discovering or acting on his attraction to the same sex. When I started reading this book I thought I was going to absolutely love it but for some reason I wasn't able to feel like Chris and Leif have really connected. The sex scenes were great and pretty hot but I felt like there was all that existed between them. I was expecting to feel that connection that gives me goose-bumps when I read about but unfortunately it never happened with them. Aside from that, the writing is great and the sentences have great structure, which is very important for me. 3.5 Stars!

Ann Lister says

A good solid read. The story had everything, some of it surprised me, some of it didn't, but I laughed and also came very close to crying at one point near the end, too. I loved Chris's transformation as he came to terms with his attraction/love for Lief and how he grew as a character. I also loved Lief's sarcastic comments. Some of the banter between these two men was so genuine and heartfelt. The two of them fit together perfectly and they definitely had a way of bringing out the best in each other. My negatives would be that some of the loose ends tied up at the end seemed a bit too easy for me to fully believe and that is the only reason I couldn't give this story a full 5 stars. Even still, it didn't keep me from enjoying the story and loving every lustful, sweaty detail! I would highly recommend.

Gabbi says

I am a huge fan of Jack Greene's books. I love his characters and the passion they have between them always sizzles up by ereader screen! Not only does he write stories that are almost always my favorites, I find myself re-reading his books whenever I need a pick-me-up or if I'm in the mood for a fun, sexy and well-rounded story. I was thrilled to see that Mr. Greene had finally published a longer story. Most of his books are quick, hot reads, so I felt like celebrating when I noticed that this is a much longer book than what he usually gives us.

Indiscretion is a very hot and sensual novel of forbidden love and new beginnings. When I first noticed the title and read the blurb, I admit I was a tad bit worried because I had a feeling that cheating might be involved. I am not a fan of reading about cheating characters, but I was pleasantly surprised. Why? Yes, Chris is trapped in a loveless marriage and when he meets Leif, he is not only shocked by his attraction to him, but ashamed of his need to be with him. Although, Chris is married, their marriage is definitely one of convenience. Honestly, his wife plays a very minimal part in the book. Chris doesn't think badly of her, but knows that the feelings they once had for each other is gone. She has her own life, they rarely spend time together and the sex between them has been non-existent for months. I felt badly for him (and for her) to be this marriage and was honestly glad to see them both get on with their lives. Now, I know the cheating factor will keep some readers from reading this book, but I urge any fans of Mr. Greene's work (and fans of M/M romances in general) to give this one a shot. I wasn't disappointed in it whatsoever and ended up really rallying behind Chris and Leif's relationship.

Chris is an all-around nice guy. Although, he's got a great job, takes excellent care of himself and has a life that most people would be envious of. But Chris is not happy. He wishes his personal life was as good as his professional one, but for some time now, he's been miserable. When he goes on a business trip and meets the mysterious and sexy, Leif, at a bar Chris can't believe how much he is intrigued and attracted to him. Chris hasn't ever felt drawn to anyone (much less a man) like he is to Leif, and although he's confused by his attraction to him, Chris can't keep from wanting him and needing to know more about him.

Leif...what can I say about Leif? He's intelligent, funny, sexy and can be very bratty. Although he's never been short of admirers, he's totally blown away by Chris and the intense attraction and feelings he develops for him. Throughout most of the novel, Leif is quite mysterious. I loved watching him open up to Chris and seeing who the complex, interesting man he really was. I thought these two men had a strong chemistry between them that was not only passionate; they truly developed a deep friendship and respect for each other too.

As you can tell, I really loved this book! Indiscretion has definitely earned a spot on my keeper shelf. I can't wait to read more books written by Mr. Greene and I'm anxiously waiting for his next release. If you are in the mood for a well-written novel about two men who share a deep affection and attraction between each other, then Indiscretion is definitely the book for you! Highly Recommended!

SheReadsALot says

A Hearts On Fire Review

3.75 STARS--Well you can guess what "Indiscretion" deals with, yes? In case you couldn't guess, it deals with cheating which is not a deal breaker for me when reading romance. So if it is an issue for you, I wouldn't suggest this. (But you're missing out on a pretty steamy read!)

Chris is 6'4", blonde, blue-eyed, well off, his wife is his college sweetheart, he's got a banging body and lives a huge house. He's living the American dream...except his wife and him seem to live separate lives. Their marriage? Sexless. How does Chris deal? By working out. While on a business trip, he stares at a beautiful man and can't help himself. But he's never been attracted to a man before...or I should say has never acted on the deeply closeted feelings. The beautiful man is named Leif, he's not in the closet but there's something about Chris that calls to him. And the same for Chris. And that night the two start their whirlwind affair...and it was a sex filled, steam, angst-ish, possessive love affair.

So how did I find this story? It read like a tamer version of Scarlet Blackwell MM Romance. And if you read Blackwell, she's known for the DRAMA. I have a love/hate relationship with throwing everything plus the kitchen sink when it comes to fiction but to each their own. Mr. Greene's story however was smooth sailing on the drama side until about two-thirds in. It wasn't over the top on the crazy scale(okay there is a exhibitionist scene in a sex club, but who wouldn't like reading about that? Leif was a man after mine own heart.) There was a little cross dressing too for Halloween. The kink closet was touched but not fully explored.

I see Jack Greene has written mostly short stories...and it shows. The main characters were placed in plenty of different scenes that made the story on the whole read like an interconnected number of short stories. Most of the scenes worked for me like that exhibitionist scene or the plane bathroom scene. The story worked as a full length but there were a few moments where the story dragged (the hospital scenes or the beginning when Chris described his mundane life- I was bored for him, meh)

What didn't work? While I loved Leif's snarkiness and Chris's coming out as bisexual, they had flaws (to me more in Leif but I ended loving him anyway) there weren't a lot of difficulties thrown their way. Chris pretty much got the easier end of it - He does get a divorce and there was no battle or arguments. The barely mentioned wife quietly fades into the background. (Don't worry not girly bits in here, it's pure MM)

And Chris's father? C'mon - could it happen? Yeah maybe in a perfect world but his 'happy ending'/coming out of the closet was a bit much.

And I love reading sex in my romances and there's a lot of it in this one but I wished there were more scenes with these two talking more to each other not about sex or their possessive streak. Their little spats, I totally bought. (That Leif is a prickly one) Their "love"...I guess so. Yeah, I can buy it when I think about it.

On a whole, this story was one of the better stories that featured cheating. How Chris and Leif started and carried on for their first eight months, I could totally see happening. Afterwards, there was some mush factor-marriage proposals and such.

And for my first Jack Greene, I can guarantee it will not be my last. I was entertained, I liked the ideas, I enjoyed the way the main subject was handled. I look forward to reading more from this author in the future.

The author provided a copy for my honest review.

Elizabetta says

3.5 stars

Chris meets Leif in a bar one night. The guys feel a visceral attraction that they act on immediately, damn the torpedos. Leif lusts after Chris' well-developed, cut physique and Chris likes Leif's lean, aristocratic good looks. That should be enough for a one night stand, right? But here's the problem, the guys want more...and there's that electric connection that can't be denied.

Of issue here is that Chris is married. So the reader needs to work past the fact that he is cheating on his wife through much of the story. The title itself is a warning that all is not well but we learn that Chris' indiscretion is fueled by a need not met in his loveless marriage. His relationship with his wife (a cookie-cutter, throw-away character) is pretty much dead when the guys meet. While this is no excuse, they share a sensuality that is compelling and makes it worth the patience -- they spar and yearn and burn the sheets up. (It's interesting to me that Greene seems to like to play with the cheating theme in his writing...how to make it work in the plot despite the unsavoriness. He has a clever solution in another read, Love And War, that's worth reading.)

An almost larger concern of mine is that Chris and Leif work better for me as a couple than they ever do as individuals. It takes quite some time to learn anything in depth about either of them but even that doesn't feel like enough. We know relatively little about Leif, he's brusque, prickly, and arrogant, but he's also a professional photographer who's experienced danger being embedded during the Iraq war. I want to know so much more about that experience and how it shapes him, what makes him tick. And Chris...he's gotta be pretty bright, he's a very successful executive; but his character seems dumbed down. He knows he's bisexual but has never had the nerve to act on it; so he's indecisive, he flounders in his marriage and how he treats Leif. He's not terribly articulate...but he sure can fuck. He comes off as a bit of a lunk. It doesn't help that Leif constantly refers to him as 'Neanderthal' or 'caveman' and 'dork' which reads as condescending and doesn't put either character in the best light. We need to see how Chris has a brain outside his dick and we're just not given this information. So, individually, these characterizations have problems; the strength lies in their coupling and that's just not fair to them.

I am happy to see this longer work by Greene, I've enjoyed his short stories and it's good to see him stretching more. Despite my issues stated above, there are some great things going on in this story, it sparkles

in spots especially at the beginning and I was invested in Chris and Leif's growth as a couple and in earning their HEA. More smoothly written characters (main and secondary) and crisper story flow would have earned a higher rating but I still enjoyed this sweet romance.

Read in exchange for an honest review.

Natalija says

3.5 out of 5 stars

Jack Greene is well know for his short and spicy stories that always leave you wanting more. That's why I was very excited to learn that Indiscretion, one of his latest releases, is a full-length novel.

What worked for me? First and foremost, kudos to the author for choosing a rather sensitive subject of infidelity and not turning it into a pity party, but creating a story where you get invested in the characters and become a part of their journey of self-discovery and acceptance. Secondly, although Indiscretion is written in third person limited, both characters are fully fleshed-out and the relationship development between the two is well-paced and feels natural. If I had to choose my favourite character, I would surely choose Leif. He is the exact opposite of my usual hero type, but his larger than life personality won me over and secured him a place in my heart.

On the negative side, I skipped a couple of sex scenes and didn't see a need for the trip to San Francisco, but my biggest quibble was the "let's get divorced" conversation between Chris and his wife. I wouldn't have minded if not for the fact that it was very similar to how it was done in Picture Perfect.

Bottom line, this was a great debut in full-length novels, and I will definitely buy the author's next book. Was Indiscretion better than his shorter stories? Hard to say, but only because Jack Greene has written some of the best *quickies* I have ever read.

Cole Riann says

Review posted at The Armchair Reader.

It's time for another Jack Greene review and giveaway! Jack is so wonderful because whenever he sends me a book to review he always offers a giveaway. And was I ever excited to read and review this book. For the past few stories that Jack has published, I've known that a full novel, his first, was in the works. I was interested to see what kind of story Jack would write for his first novel and how it would pan out. I've been a fan of his stories for a few years now, but he has a definite style -- short and heavy on sex.

I was really pretty blown away by what I saw. I say I've been a fan for a while now, but I've never given Jack the top rating; I've never *loved* one of his books, though I've liked many of them quite a bit. Still, I warn you that this won't be everyone's cup of tea. While I loved it, I know many won't. A fundamental part of the story is cheating, no if ands or buts about it and that will bother many. But, it doesn't usually bother me, and I could see that there were steps taken to lessen the impact, like having Chris' wife be rather standoffish. Chris even wonders if she's having an affair too, and there are some details that lead you to believe that might be the case. There aren't any wallowing in hurt feelings. Still, those sensitive to cheating in all forms will definitely want to steer clear.

I think what I loved the most about this book is that Jack did exactly what I always wanted. In reading his short stories, they usually ended before we really got into the characters and their problems, neuroses, etc. We just didn't get to know them as well as we could have and most of the emphasis in those stories was based on the sex. I usually categorize them as erotica. That's great, I love erotica as well as romance. And I hope that he isn't upset when I admit how surprised I was to find this novel so different than those stories. Not only do we get deep into the characters, but the emphasis here is definitely on romance, no matter how gritty and raunchy their sex gets. (and it's goooood...)

The basis of the story is a classic "Gay for You" story. Chris has always been straight, and he's generally an honorable man. He's never cheated on his wife and he does love her. But they've grown apart after six years of marriage, settling into a sibling-like friendship and living like barely speaking roommates. So when he meets a man who shows him some attention on a business trip, he runs with it, surprising himself by his attraction. With little angst about what that attraction means, Chris dives headfirst into his illicit relationship. In fact, he has a bigger issue in trying to earn Leif's trust and get to know the surly and complicated man than in investigating his own feelings. He only knows that he's falling head first for someone he never thought he would, while at the same time trying to lesson the hurt he's causing to his wife.

I liked quite a bit about this book. I liked that we get to see the relationship past the "marriage" phase and into the two building a life together. I like that Chris straddles the line of his own honor but still remained likable to me. And mostly, I liked the character Jack created in Leif, who remains an enigma right up until the very last page, where I finally felt like I understood him. The delivery of information about Leif is subtle and given to us in small bits, so that we get to know Leif like Chris does.

I can only surmise that all those short stories Jack wrote simply gave him lots of writing practice for his first novel, because I was really blown away by how much I enjoyed it. I'll be thinking of this couple for a while and I would love for Jack to continue writing novels. Of course, I don't want him to stop writing those super sexy shorts either ;)

Annette Gisby says

4.5 stars rounded up to five

With that title, you can guess what this book is about, can't you? If infidelity squicks you, this is not the book for you.

Chris and Stephanie are childhood sweethearts and have been married for six years. Things were all right at first but gradually the two of them grow further and further apart, with different interests and they hardly ever see each other any more. They've become more like room mates who share the same house.

Chris can't even remember the last time they had sex and both of them don't seem that bothered about it.

While on a business trip, Chris indvertently hits on a handsome guy, Leif, in a hotel bar but soon realises that maybe, yes he would like to go back to the man's room and the two fall instantly in lust.

I liked how the book progressed with Chris and Leif at first being together because they are great together physically, but as time goes on they realise there is more to it than that, espeically when Leif ends up in hospital due to his psycho ex-boyfriend.

It's very well written and the sex scenes are so scorching it's off the scale, but to be honest I would have

preferred just a little less sex and more of the two of them talking and really getting to know each other.

We don't get to see much of Stephanie, but there is always a small tendril of guilt in the back of Chris's head every time he's with Leif, but not enough to give Leif up. I think how things worked out with the divorce was a little glossed over, I'm sure it would have been more messy in real-life, but since it is a book and not real-life, I can handle it.

The story is passionate and a little bit angsty, but not too much and I was grateful that Stephanie was never turned into some uber-witch who was out to ruin Chris's life.

Chris is very much the alpha male here and I nearly laughed my head off when Chris and Leif were dressed as characters from Rocky Horror at Halloween. We'd just seen the stage show the other day at the theatre and a woman in the audience behind was heard to comment, "Oh, that's so hot!" when Frank N Furter appeared in a corset and stockings. Leif in the corset and stockings in the book - I agree, totally hot!

Review copy supplied by author

Lyn says

I was in the mood for a drama filled story, and this one seemed to fit the bill.

Chris is married to a woman. The marriage isn't working out. He goes on a business trip where he meets Leif. Chris has never been with another man, and he finds himself unable to resist Leif.

So, yeah, this book is a gfy with a cheating MC. Seems like the perfect drama filled story to me. It started off well enough, but then it veered off to cheeseville and took up residence. Chris comes off as an idiotic doofus, and Leif was a drama queen bitch. Total let down.

Andrea says

3.5/5

This was the first book I've read by this author. I really liked that the MCs weren't perfect. They had an edge to them, especially Leif, and I enjoyed that. I'll definitely be picking up another of his books.

Scarlett says

[No-one was hurt and it ended up greeat for everyone! (hide spoiler)]
