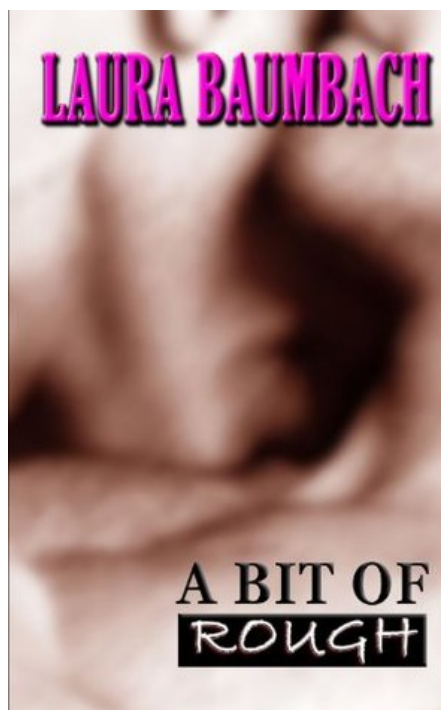




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Architect James Justin impulsively lets himself be picked up in a biker bar by seductive hunk Bram Lord for a one nightstand that turns into something bigger. The physically impressive, forceful stranger mets, matches and exceeds James' sexual fantasies, but can shy, uncertain James be everything the strongly committed Bram wants?

A Bit of Rough Details

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1-Click Addict Support Group says

Smokin' hot....

This was the first m/m book I ever read and it broke me for all others for a very long time.

James Justin hid what he was from most of the world. His deep desires were kept under wraps, admitting them to himself only in the dark, and anonymity, of night. A chance encounter with a cowboy allowed him to embrace that side of himself, at least for a little while. What he didn't expect was the wealth of emotion the stranger invoked in him. Physical desire, certainly, but the need to see him again was unusual, and scary. Bram Lord was everything he ever wanted and more. Bram was secure in the life he led and his place in it. Would Jamie's insecurity ruin any chance for both of them?

I thought I was blushing through the first half of the book but everything was fine once the fan kicked in. Jamie and Bram went together from the start; drawn to each other physically – and then emotionally – in a love story that speaks of honest, human emotion. Don't get me wrong, this story is beyond HOT! Honestly, that alley/truck scene set the bar for crazy sexy. And an Italian dinner will never be eaten with at least one heartfelt sigh.

While I expected a sexy romp what I didn't expect was the tender, rough, and loving relationship that developed between the two. Jamie seemed so hesitant at first, seeming to be uncomfortable in his own skin while Bram was the older, more experienced and much more sure of himself lover. Volcanic, explosive, hot, scorching, combustible but also tender, protective, loving, funny, and generous are just a few ways to describe them and the relationship they are building. While the relationship did develop faster than the speed of light, I was more than happy to give up some poetic license to embrace this entertaining romance. Five, scorching, sheet-burning stars! ~ Diane, 5 stars

Eden Winters says

A Bit of Rough was the very first m/m book in a collection of that consists of about 400 at present time. Bram Lord is the strong, protective lover we all dream of, and in James he meets his match. Over the the years I've told many that the first chapter alone was worth the price of the book. That sex in the alley scene is a scorcher!

It seems right that this book was my introduction to the genre. It's a well-written explanation of why I'm now hooked on m/m stories.

Deborah says

I originally read this book years ago in fact I've I've lost count of how many times I've actually read it but this was all years ago back before I was reviewing.

I have such fond memories of James and Bram it was like reconnecting with old friends but while I enjoyed

this book it wasn't quite the book I remembered, I don't remember it having quite as much sex, all the "baby" got on my nerves, after all 129 in such a short book seems excessive.

James is in need of a distraction which is how he finds himself in a biker bar caught in the sights of a huge handsome man. Bram never expected to find a diamond like James in the seedy bar but now he has he doesn't want to let him go.

Bram knows James is the guy for him now he just needs to convince James that he fits perfectly into his life. I still enjoyed this book and I love these two, it's a hot and heavy read with loads of sex but it just wasn't the book I remembered.

Nile Princess says

I did enjoy this book in bits and pieces and I loved Bram and James as individual characters and as a couple (eventually), but the way they were thrown together didn't do them justice. Insta-love, outside of paranormal matings (and sometimes even then) is not fulfilling. The pacing was way too fast, especially when you throw in Bram's uber alpha personality. If you were James' friend in real life, you would tell him to ditch the psycho, change his locks and possibly skip town. Bram just came on way too strong, wanting commitment and professing love after all of two days.

There was too much sex. I always hate saying this because it makes me sound like a prude, but I was skipping pages and pages of sex scenes that, for some reason, didn't work for me. I've read books with lots of sex where I read every detail but I didn't here, and I'm not sure why. It just felt like they were trying too hard to be sexy.

Outside of that, there is a good story in here. This is my second time reading it. A solid 3 stars.

Emanuela ~plastic duck~ says

This book is very hot. If you're looking for a steamy read, that's for you. Bram is a professional dirty talker. The problem for me was that I got a little bored and I had to stop reading it at 50% and then pick it up the following day, because even if the sex scenes are not repetitive, I wanted to know something more about the characters.

If I take out the sex scenes and concentrate on the plot (and that's the only way I could concentrate on it), I think there's a decent story. Jamie is a young architect, who's keeping some detachment from his co-workers because he's afraid of being rejected for being gay, because that's what happened with his family. Bram is the out and proud owner of an important construction company, he's self-confident and it seems he's been waiting for Jamie all his life. Jamie needs to be taken care of and that suits Bram just fine, because he's the ultimate caveman, protecting his mate physically, feeding and pleasing him.

So, the story is very sweet, but I wanted to skip the sex scenes to get to the story. No, I didn't skip the sex scenes, but as I said before, I didn't read the book in one go, like I usually do with books of this length. I was a little bit bothered by the violence displayed by Bram when he defended Jamie from his attacker the first time. It's only when you understand the drama in Bram's life that you realize the reason (view spoiler). I sort of doubted Jamie's common sense because Bram's attitude was a bit intimidating and Love was spoken almost immediately. These things usually worry me, because Bram seemed a bit crazy.

There were a few typos and I think sometimes the point of view shifted in a strange way. The book is almost completely in Jamie's point-of-view, but sometimes we got a few paragraphs that could only be in the point of view of Bram or someone else.

It's a very entertaining book, with a good main couple and a lot of hot sex. I want to read the sequel to know what happens to Bram and Jamie. I really wanted to see Jamie introduce Bram at his boss' party.

Christine says

DNF

Macky says

Having read and really enjoyed a couple of Laura Baumbach books I kept looking at this but then deciding on something else at the the last minute, but seeing all the high reviews I finally gave in and downloaded it. I think my subconscious must have been trying to tell me something all along! There were a few problems for me, one was the dialogue between the two guys during their (many) love scenes. Brams constant and repetitive use of " shake for me baby", " tremble for me baby" etc etc began to grate and in the end I started to find the ' dirty talk ' extremely cheesy and a tad annoying. In fact I just wanted them to stop talking and get on with it! The endearment 'baby' was also overused and last but not least was the instalove. I prefer it when there is a good dose of sexual tension and we're made to wait and watch the relationship develop a while before love is declared but after the hot scene in the alley, the sex was coming thick and fast and bobs your uncle, within a couple of days they're in love! I,m partial to a good love scene or two but in this case if the sex had been reduced and a bit more story introduced it would have worked better and personally I'd have enjoyed it more.I can see why this book would appeal to a lot of readers so I'm not saying its bad but sadly it didn't rock my boat - my own likes and dislikes obviously coming into play. I'm not a great lover of D/s in my m/m romances so even though this isn't hardcore it still has that dynamic. I did love her book Details of the Hunt and her collaboration, Mexican Heat with Josh Lanyon though. A shame, but disappointed.

Nancy says

I really enjoyed *A Bit of Rough*. The scene in the alley was one of the hottest sex scenes I've come across in a m/m romance.

Jamie's shyness and insecurity were a perfect match for Bram's loving dominance, although both men had stubborn personalities. It was fun watching these two men adjust to each other and overcome Jamie's trust issues in and out of bed.

Looking forward to more of Bram and Jamie.

Karel says

I'll just like to put down an equation for this book.

$$nP = 2nS$$

Where P is the pages with plot and S is the pages with sex.

For every 10 pages of plot, there were 20 pages of sex.

Yes, *twenty*. I counted.

I hesitate to call this a romance story. It's more like Porn With Very Little Plot. It's good writing that manages to save it: I like the two characters, even though to be frank, I'd run away from Bram screaming like a banshee if I met someone like that in real life. He's aggressive to the point of creepy; the kind of character that could easily be a villain and the only thing stopping him is the intention of the author.

Frankly, he'd make a very convincing villain.

Tami says

This contains SPOILERS!!!

After meeting in a bar, a one night stand evolves with the speed of light into a “relationship” with D/s and bondage elements. Bram, the dominant “big man”/”cowboy”/”caveman”/ construction guy (nearly a one man stand in for the village people) more or less runs the show. He owns a big and important construction firm, which is convenient, as Jamie is a struggling young architect. This is the cinderfella-element (drop a huge, old mansion, a yacht, a hunting lodge in Canada and loads of money on top).

Bram and Jamie have more or less constantly sex, they don't even make it through the appetizers on their first date – the make it a take away and go straight to Bram's place to – well, guess what, yes, to have sex again.

A lot of “Baby”s, “I want you”s, “Shake for me”s (for real!!!) and A LOT of sex scenes (in case you missed the first two mentions of them in this review :-)).

Here a little example from their first date: *"The sight of Bram caught in the peak of orgasm was like a holy experience for James. Like some bronzed god from ancient mythology, the man loomed massive and proud, sculptured body held rigid as stone, rugged face a mask of feral ecstasy, enraptured and euphoric in the release of his ravenous lust."* - NOT SEXY.

At least not for me. I had a “bad 90ies m/f historical romance” deja-vue (which keeps reappearing with Jamie being rescued from the mean neighbour, being carried around in Bram's strong arms etc...).

Insta-love and flowery prose at its worst.

First date, skipping the condoms already and mentioned the L-word... Though this is not a shifter-novel, Bram feels “mated” after this second meeting/first date. He has a “gut feeling” that they are meant to be together and Jamie is totally special, and this is right – well, it better be, because they already skipped any safety measures. I don't see that they shared much (body fluids aside) on which this “feeling” is based upon. No, that's not fair, I forgot: they both like Italian food. Well, see, great basis for a lasting relationship right there.

And then some small, kind of artificial hick-ups on their way to the HEA: Bram is out and Jamie not so much, so he struggles a bit with inviting Bram to an office dinner, boohoo. Jamie doesn't trust Bram enough yada yada – in the end love conquers all, and if you have a love for Italian food in common, then you're all good to go.

There was not much about this book I liked. Now that I think about it, there was indeed nothing I liked. The writing was flowery and over-drawn, the story didn't make much sense to me and both main characters remained stereotypes without real personalities and development.

On a last note: I dislike insta-love per se, but accept that in real life it might happen to people, that they fall in love at first glance – BUT I just don't find it interesting to read. It is boring and the authors always give away a great opportunity to let me get to know a main character, so that I care about him/her. There are some – very few – books, that technically have insta-love and I still liked them, but mostly I try to stay away from that theme. Very few authors can pull that off and still write a novel that I enjoy reading.

Vio says

4.5 stars

Its one hot sexy read with the gorgeous Bram and adorable Jamie getting it on every which way possible and anywhere they can. The desire and smouldering fireworks between them is very real and beautiful to see. A lovely romance, I especially loved all the kissing drool worthy!

Katherine says

A Bit of Rough is a story about a shy architect named James who meets a confident cowboy named Bram at a biker bar. The two have a sexual encounter in the alleyway behind the bar and quickly fall in love with each other. Bram loves the timid behavior of James, and James admires Bram's forcefulness. The two meet up for dinner the next night, but their sexual hunger is stronger. They head off to Bram's place where there is a hot sexual scene in the kitchen which they then move to the bedroom.

This book contains some light bondage. There is also a very hot phone sex scene. Although this book is more erotic than romantic, there is some heart pulling loving scenes as well. I especially loved the way Bram saved James from the homophobic next door neighbor Williams. I could really relate to James and Bram was my idea of a near ideal man. Baumbach does a very good job of not overly feminizing the characters and making them seem very believable.

The sex scenes were very hot and I had to put the book down a few times to cool myself off. My favorite scene was the shower scene in chapter seven.

The reader is left begging for more by the end of the book and is in luck, since the romantic tale of the two lovers continues in *Roughhousing*.

Skye Blue ?*~??(´?`)~*? says

Hot little story...maybe a little bit too much hotness, without enough story to back it up.
The sex part was good...it's just, if you took out all the sex, the book would only be about 10-12 pages long.

What story there was, was actually good. I enjoyed it, and wanted more.

The beginning...Holy Hotness.

Things went a little downhill, when within about 36 hours, they decided to ditch the condoms, and they were in love. Nothing wrong with either of those things, but 36 hours? Really?

Bram--Oh I loved Bram. Even if he kinda acted like a werewolf, wanting to screw James. But it was hot.

I think, if the sex to story ratio was a little more balanced, this would have been a 4 star read. I just needed a little more story to get there.

Ayanna says

This story. Oh, this story. Where to start?

This is my impression of this story:

First off, what the hell is up with the names? You've got Bram Lord, or wait, *Abraham* Lord (like towards the end oh, yeah, btw, his name's Abraham, and you're supposed to get it right away and no, what are you talking about, I didn't purposely try to keep that from you as a "surprise!" moment wait what do you mean you don't care? You have to care! You're the reader. ...Oh, all right, fine. [sotto voce: jerk]).

And then Justin James. Or is it James Justin? No, it must be James Justin; they refer to him as James all the time. ...but what if it's one of those that refer to people by their last name all the time? But no, there's Bram, and he's Bram. All, right, James Justin. And his sisters, J-something, J-something, J-something. Oh, yeah, and don't forget that Nurse. Nurse Jill.

I dunno. I mean, I found myself accidentally skimming a lot of it. There is a lot of sex. There is a lot of weird sex. But I mean, hey, at least they're consistent with the construction theme, right? You've got gravel and sandpaper and callused sex. There are malapropisms, but I'm going to ignore that because the rest of it outweighs that in weirdness. I got lost during the sex scenes. Wait, what's gripping his dick now? And what exactly is causing this sandpaperiness if it's not the dude's hand (it can't be, cuz bit later, his hand's all silky and smooth or something. Unless it's not, and it's something else completely).

The rest of it with all the other characters was so...somehow subtly cliché that I'll be damned if I can put my finger on what it is, but it's...off-putting somehow. Like the MC's got just a bit too much Main-Character-Power and now everything he goes through is pointless because we know everything is going to go perfectly well for him in the long run, because he's got MC-power and all that shit.

Oh, yeah. What's up with Bram and casually snapping the neck of a dog? That's freaky shit, man.

Also, that Chinese myth about a cheetah and lion...I'd like to know this story, as a Chinese person who is interested in Chinese myths and has heard stories growing up, but has never heard of any cheetahs in Chinese

stories. I'd like to hear the basis for the heavy-handed profusely used analogy.

Bev says

Having read some of Laura's previous stories, thought I would take a look at this and the two sequels. This was one very hot story, indeed the sex between the two MC's seemed to *be* the storyline, so if that's your cup of tea, then great!! 4 stars

There were more than a few niggles with the editing, and I'm sure most of them could have been eradicated if someone had bothered to look. I also had a problem with the amount of baby's, the 'shake for me baby' and 'tremble for me baby' got really irritating after a while, and it would have been so much better if the author had made more use of the creepy neighbour. Having said that, what sex there was...and there was plenty, was well written, there was oodles of desire, smouldering looks, lots of sexual tension, and I loved that Jamie called Bram his caveman.
