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Charlie Richards says

It's not often I find a book that I've enjoyed just as much the second time around, and even rarer a third time. But this is one of them. Funny, sweet, heart-wrenching, sensual, this book gave me a wealth of emotions to feel. Wonderful! And I can't wait to read more from this author.

Meggie says

I loved this book. The story was really awesome and the slow romantic build between main characters is totally hot written and drawn. Everything is just perfect in this story, at list for me, lol. I totally Recommend it.

Katie says

1.5 stars

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

3.5 stars. This was a sweet story with a lot of steamy sex. I mean a lot of steamy sex. Robert is a professional MMA fighter who is lonely and looking for love, which he has been unsuccessful at due to his remaining in the closet for the sake of his career. Lucky for him, Justin is an understanding guy and doesn't let that keep the relationship from progressing. Robert's family is caring and understanding, while Justin's has blocked him from their lives. Things move along with Robert winning fights bringing him closer to the championship. Justin is reunited with his sister which brings on some funny, sweet and even sad moments. All in all, this is a quick read with a little something for everyone.

Asynia says

Paramedic Justin is a one-night-stand kind of guy, until he meets hot but closeted MMA fighter Robert. The latter is mainly in the closet due to his fighting career, something he believes is important for his continued success in the MMA world. However, at their first meeting hot lost flares between these two men and it's no longer enough for either of them to only have one meeting with the other one.

This book is fairly short and very sweet. It's a little "Coming Out of the Closet 101" maybe, and there's very little angst, given that this subject can be difficult. Justin's fundamentalist family disowned him when he came out to them years ago, but he's still a strong man with a positive outlook on life.

There are no prizes for guessing that Robert too comes out during this book, and yes, that might have seemed a bit too easy, much easier than Robert had thought, but hey, not everyone's a bigot!

The hot sex is there though out the whole book, and it didn't become boring to me. The love is something that grows during the book, it's insta-sex, but not insta-love, even though they pretty soon realize that they have feelings for each other, Like I said, this isn't a very long book so things have to happen fairly quickly.

To sum it up, if you feel like reading something light and slightly fluffy this might be the book for you! For me it came along right when I needed it so I'm giving it 4 rainbow colored stars.

Tam says

An okay story. I'm not really a fan of MMA, seems too much like just beating the crap out of each other to me, but that's personal. Seemed maybe a bit too easily wrapped up and resolved but if you are in the mood for something kind of low angst a good choice.

Jimmy Hanson says

A bit too 'goody-happy' perfect. No semblance of conflict, everyone is all happy-giddy about the relationship between Rob and Jeremy, and the fact that it's an in-the-closet relationship is absolutely okay and wonderful with everyone. If someone gets upset and has their feelings hurt, it's immediately resolved with some wonderful prose [ie. "You're right. I'm sorry. I guess I'm just projecting my fears on the general population." - "It's okay. I understand."] It's all hearts and stars and roses and rainbows everywhere!

Cavity-inducing, really.

There were no major inclines or declines in the story, or at least none that registered worth being a shock. I just wasn't pulled into it, didn't really find myself caring one way or another for either character [or both], so when someone from Jeremy's past comes back into his life [and then, rather predictably, goes right back out], it was more like a shrugging, 'oh, well, okay' type thing.

Final word: disappointed. I was really looking forward to it being a whole lot better.

Seregil says

Couldn't finish it. It needs another look from an editor because there are some mistakes here and there, plus the point of view changes were very confusing. The plot is filled with MM clichés such as demon like fundamentalist Christian parents, blushing, carrying to bed your tall and well built lover, insta-love, etc.

xbmbgrl says

3.5 stars

Justin and Robert have a lot in common including sexual orientation. While Justin is not in the closet, Robert with his athletic profession has been all his life. Can these two men make a lasting connection?

The characterizations, while overly simplified were good and encouraged me to care about both men. The sex scenes were imaginative and interesting. Somehow the common bedroom dirty talk managed to seem fresh and inspiring between the men. Spread out nicely to allow the plot to mature and with a surprisingly tragic twist in the end the story unfolded at a nice pace. More time in the novel for true, honest introspection and adversity between the men as Robert struggled with his first long term relationship and life in the closet would have gone a long way in making this book a stand out.

Perhaps a tad too much time was invested in some of the car restoration details and both main characters and plot were often too good to be true but likable all the same. Light on any real angst and quick on falling in love it was an easy, light read. Although the ending does have some heart wrenching moments they come too late (and are actually a bit too easily resolved) to add any real weight to the story.

Clover says

a sweet and kinky story !

Alina says

Too sappy and lacklustre :/

The MCs didn't have enough personality to care about them, they didn't act like men AT ALL (I don't mind sweet and cute, but here I couldn't fathom any guys would ever say things like that to each other, sorry). Way too much sex, which wasn't hot to me, unfortunately, just dull, so I kept skimming and skimming.

I knew right away, that the sister's gonna die giving birth, so the guys could adopt the baby, but still there was too much of her before that. Seriously I'm not interested in seeing so much pregnanacy in mm book and she was too intrusive for my liking.

Sorry, didn't like this book.

DL says

Spoiler alert: This book was sweet. The main characters were nice guys. The families were nice. This book could have won awards for feel good book of the year. And then. At the very end, Here is the spoiler...

Ms. Lane kills off J's sister. Why? It wasn't necessary. Justin and Robert could have had a lovely family that included the sister. The story ended with them taking possession of the child. Then jumped to a "we're still happy after 5 years" epilogue. So Why did she ruin the book (at least for me!) by letting the sister die in childbirth?

I gave the story 3 stars originally but just remembering the ending to type out here killed off a star.

Sonya says

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A solid story without major angst between the main characters. Robert and Justin are extremely likable and I enjoyed them. I would recommend this story if you are in need of sweet romance between two men secure in themselves.

Lily says

3.5 stars

Robert Lansing is a mixed martial arts fighter looking forward to a championship season when he meets Justin Floyd, a paramedic who works part-time in a car restoration shop. As they work together on Robert's car an attraction develops that soon neither man can deny. But Robert is deeply in the closet due to his profession and wary of anything more than a quick, anonymous encounter. Amidst the pressures of preparing for the championship fight, beginning a relationship in hiding and unexpected family issues Robert and Justin fall in love. As they struggle to find a way to balance everything going on in their lives they will come to learn that the most important things in life are love and family. It may be a painful lesson, but in the end, it will be worth it.

Taking the Chance is a sweet and fairly uncomplicated story despite the storyline. Robert and Justin are both likable men and even though I'm not a huge fan of the 'closeted athlete' theme I enjoyed reading the book. Overall it's a simple, easy read and even though the potential was there for lots of conflict and angst-filled moments it never really went down that road. There are some emotional moments, especially towards the end of the story, but for the most part it's just a feel-good story. The cast of secondary characters is varied and interesting and they all add something to the story.

Although Robert has been deeply closeted until this time as he slowly comes out everyone is supportive and wonderful about it. This aspect of the story doesn't quite ring true nevertheless worked well within the framework of the book. It's a shame the reader never gets to see how the protagonists would handle a truly negative reaction as that would have added an interesting layer to the story. As it is the book is sweet, quite sexy at times and has, until the end, a happy, upbeat feel to it.

My biggest problem with the story comes at the end. I don't think it was necessary for the author to have given Justin and Robert their HEA in quite that way. I won't spoil the ending by giving details but I'll just say that it felt predictable, too convenient and like an easy out to take. That said it was overall an enjoyable story and fans of the author and readers looking for an uncomplicated, easy romance will enjoy *Taking the Chance*.

Robbie says

Sweet and kinda sappy. I still liked it though.
