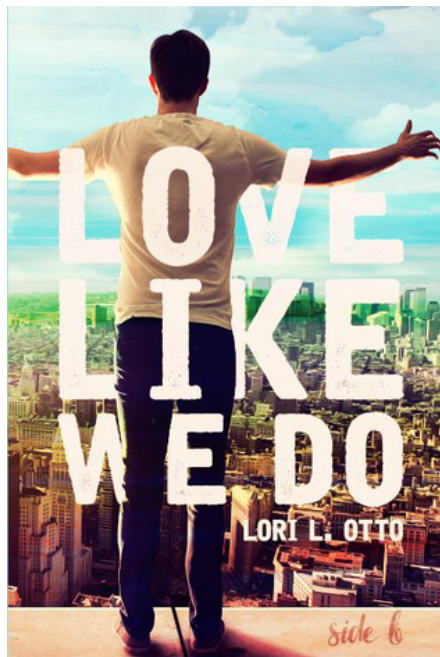




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Four narrators. Two books. One story of love. Side B tells the story from the insider's perspective.

In the second book of the LOVE LIKE WE DO series, SIDE B, the reader sees the story introduced in SIDE A from Max and Callen's perspective. Max experiences the excitement of first love and the crushing disappointment of rejection when he realizes that the person he cares for is too ashamed to be with him. For Callen to be honest with himself and to live the life he wants to live, he knows he risks becoming ostracized by his own parents and society. For someone who's always been strong and confident, he's never felt so weak or afraid to stand up for what he believes is right for him.

This is Max and Callen's side of the story. This is not a standalone. Side A should be read first! While you may know the ending of their story, the majority of the content in Side B is entirely new.

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Nikki says

What happens when you realize that you're not like everyone else...? This is how I started my review for Love Like We Do Side A. In Side B we see this question answered in all sorts of ways. As I said, these are hard questions for anyone to face, let alone a teenager.

After reading Side A, in Side B we get to see the story from the point of view of the two teenage boys who are living through these questions. One boy is comfortable with who he knows he is, even though it has already made his life more difficult. He might be comfortable with himself but he's also a realist. The second boy is doing everything he can to deny who he knows he is. He has good reasons.

We have met Max before, although very briefly. Max is the youngest brother of Jon Scott, Livvy's husband. Max has grown up around the Hollands, and Livvy's brother is his best friend. He is a level headed, awesome young man, and being inside his head is just a really good place to be. Callen, on the other hand, we have not met before. And we didn't see much of him in Side A, even though he is at the center of the story. Callen knows who he is, but he is running away from that as fast as he can. He is the typical "golden boy" and he is terrified of disappointing the people he cares about.

Callen desperately needs to take a page out of Max's book.

Side B is my favourite side of this story, but I don't think it would have the resonance that it does, without the foundation laid in Side A.

Once again, I can't tell you how much I love these books. Lori has a way of showing the good and bad sides of people, without vilifying them (except Kiersten. Don't even get me started on Kiersten. And maybe Manny. Okay, maybe my head vilified them.) She shows how people are just people, each struggling with their own story. What's right for one person might not be right for another. In fact, it might seem impossible. These struggles within ourselves, often make us behave in ways we wouldn't ordinarily. Lori writes with compassion and emotion, showing us every side. There is one minor character, who has a huge influence on Callen. Not a good influence. He violates Callen in the most awful way. And while I hated what he did, I was (and still am) sincerely worried about what happened to this character to make him behave like that, and how desolate his future looks. And this is what Lori's writing evokes in readers. Sympathy and understanding.

Which is one of the reasons why this story, in particular, is so important.

Warning (if you need it): LGBT be gloriously here.

Kristine GPI Bookblog says

GPI RATING: GOLD LIPSTICK

"I am everyway I'm intended to be..."

My heart sat in tatters at the end of Side A, not because it broke me, or but because my heart was over full,

bursting at the seams, I felt every emotion ravage me while reading, I felt anger for the hatred people spew in the name of religion, I felt pain and hurt for those who stood by doing nothing more than just trying to support their loved ones, I felt shame that anyone could make another feel so low that they would consider living anything but an authentic life, for them being willing to sacrifice what they truly know will bring them happiness and joy in order to appease others, I felt deflated knowing with certainty that even in the 21st century we live in a world with enough fear and bigotry, that love which should be the purest of emotions can bring about so much hatred.

"You make me a lot less ashamed."

"I don't want you to be less ashamed, Callen...I want you to be proud of who you are"

In side B we finally see Callen and Max's side of the events that transpired, we see the fear, confusion, shame and regret that both Callen and Max have felt at some point, we see two sixteen year old boys face something that so many of us take for granted, I know with certainty that I will never have to justify why I am attracted to men, I'll never be questioned or looked down on because I'm a heterosexual woman, because it isn't a choice, I was born this way, it doesn't define who I am, it doesn't change affect the way people view me. I have a large network of friends, some of which are homosexual, I've had them come out to me at different points in their lives, and it's never been an issue, I remember many years ago, when I was still a teenager sitting on my front porch, anxiously waiting for my friend to come over, he had messaged me saying we needed to talk... it sounded cryptic and ominous, he pulled up in my drive way and we hugged each other, we sat across from each other on uncomfortable metal chairs and chain smoked nervously while making do with small talk, I didn't know what was about to be said, he sat there fidgeting when he blurted out "Kris I need to tell you something....basically I'm a fag" I blinked, looked him in the eye and said "yeah I know but what do you have to tell me?" tears formed, we hugged, him relieved, he told me later that he was nervous, scared of my reaction, he was the first close friend to come out to me, he wasn't the last and every time single time when I've had the same conversation with another friend scared and nervous waiting for my reaction, I still feel the same things I felt all the way back then... joy because in those split seconds they look as though a weight is lifted from their shoulders, I'm one more person they don't have to be fearful of their reaction, but also full of sorrow, that they were scared in the first place... I'll never know what it feels like to carry that burden, I've seen the devastating effects of hiding who you truly are, hiding your authentic self from loved ones in fear they can't accept it, but I will never truly know how it feels to think that you should be ashamed of who you love, that that one facet of the person you are somehow holds more credence over everything else, that being attracted to the same sex is somehow wrong.

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"For the record, I don't love any differently than you. The love I feel is the exact same love you feel."

Side B was honest and raw, and heartbreaking and poignant, I felt every single word of this story, I felt pain and shame, and hurt, and anger, heartbreak and weariness, I felt it all in spades, not just for Max and Callen, but for so many friends who have lived through this, for friends still living through it, for people struggling to live a life in which they have to sacrifice their own dreams for the future in order not to upset or anger those around them, being a teenager is hard enough, in the day and age of social media, body shaming and rape culture, where differences are scrutinised instead of celebrated, we live in a world that is slowly becoming more enlightened, but for anyone who has held a friend while they sobbed their way through the

shame and confusion they wear as a cloak, where they believe that ending it all is an easier option than living an authentic life, we know it's not changing quick enough.

Side B has a beautiful message about coming out, being yourself and finding acceptance from within, it's message of strength, and healing and acceptance moved me in a way not many books have, it made me hopeful for a brighter future, and kinder world, where bullying of any kind will be a distant memory, but mostly Love Like We Do reminded me that love is love, and when you find it, it's glorious.

Daniela (Lost in a Book Blog) says

"You are bigger than these events, Callen. You are strong. Wise. Brave. Good."

Wow, I really don't know where to start. You guys know how much of a fan I am of Lori. I love her and her stories quite a lot, and being able to be a part of this story has meant the world to me. I know I already told you this, but I have to thank you Lori, for trusting in me and for letting me be a part of this.

Love Like We Do is definitely not like any other story I've read before. This story talks about a complicated topic, and it's complicated only because people have made it like that. It shouldn't be, but sadly, it is. In this book we are facing some heartfelt revelations, some good and some bad choices and their consequences. We have Max Rosser and Callen McNare. They're both part of this amazing group of friends, which is the most supportive and loyal group, but they're both hiding something from them, something that might change their entire relationship forever. What can you do when the kind of love you love is considered different? Not normal? Not okay? Read this book and you'll find out.

If you're like me and you've read all of Lori's books before jumping into this new series, you've already met almost every character featured here; you already have a relationship with them, even if they're only "acquaintances". If you haven't then this is all new to you, but you'll end up loving these characters as if you've known them your whole life (and after reading this series, I encourage you to read the rest of Lori's books. Trust me, you won't regret it!).

I have to admit, when I first heard about these books, I was a bit scared. I'd never read an m/m book, and I never thought I would, not because of anything bad, I just never felt it was my cup of tea (just like 50 shades of grey isn't my cup of tea). But, since this was something written by Lori, I had to give it a try. I trust this woman's instinct, taste, mind and heart, so of course I was going to read it, and let me tell you something, I've never been more happy to try something new. This book is heart-warming and more importantly, life-changing. Love Like We Do is **not** a story about two guys who like each other and then trying to be together. It's definitely not a story about two guys having sex. It's so much more than that. This story has depth, one that goes straight to the heart. It's the perfect way to tell the world about the difficulties gay teenagers have to face every day. Love Like We Do tells the story about two guys who are trying their damn best to be comfortable in their own skin, in their own family, in their own lives. The physical stuff is part of the deal, yes, but let's face it, that can't be all a story is about. And let me tell you, everything is tasteful, it's subtle, and it's gentlemanly. Lori L. Otto is a genius, she knows how to tell a story in the most heart-breaking and beautiful way there is, and she knows how to create characters you'll fall in love in just a matter of seconds.

"The kiss will be... unencumbered. Unafraid and unashamed. It will be honest and real. It will be unrestrained and absolutely free. I've always wanted to be able to kiss someone like that."

I didn't know I could love Side B even more than Side A, but Lori, I do. Callen's and Max's story got me and I just don't want them to let go just yet. I love them too much. They're these two amazingly strong guys who are facing an obstacle in their lives. There's discrimination and hatred, but want to know something? They have something more important than all that negativity in their favor. For starters, they have people who support them and love them, just the way they are, because there's nothing wrong about it. They have people they can trust. They have love. Max must be one of the strongest characters ever. He's confident in who he is and what he wants and once he's free of any restraint that was pulling him down, he's the most beautiful guy. Callen has a hard time dealing with everything, but little by little he gets stronger and more confident, and starts believing that he can have the life he wants. They both do and deserve to have it.

Max and Callen have won a huge part of my heart and have become family to me.

Each character that appears in this book means something to me. I've seen them grow (yes, I have) and become the wonderful characters that they are. They're this beautiful family that sticks together no matter what, and I admire that. Emi and Jack are the best example anyone could ask for as parents. Livvy and Jon (even though I'm pissed at him) are the perfect example of the saying "follow your dreams", they dreamt a life together, a life full of rewards (and I don't mean the material things), and they got it, because they fought for it. Margie Scott is the best way to show you that life does give you a second chance. Matty and Nolan are just the personification of good. And Will is the perfect example of people not being what they seem on the outside, he will show you that there's more to a person than what they do for a living and their hobbies. People tend to forget that quiet often.

This is not an easy story, at least it might not be that easy for a lot of people, because they might not be that open to hear or read about everything that happens in it, but I truly encourage everyone to read this, because it **will** leave an impact in your life and how you see it. I know it marked mine. I honestly hope everyone gives themselves the chance to read, understand, enjoy and love this book. It's absolutely worth it.

"Love is love. It can never be ugly or hateful, no matter how many people try to put that spin on it."

Dina Littner says

FIVE Stars for Love Like We Do (Side B)

Lori Otto writes a story like no one else. In the first part of this two-book series, Love Like We Do (Side A), we get Max and Callen's story from the viewpoint of two important characters who are not the main characters. She pulls this unique point-of-view twist off in a meaningful and effortless manner.

We finally get Max and Callen's views in Love Like We Do (Side B). Each young man is drawn to the other, but cannot be open about it. Each young man experiences confusion and pain, but from different sources. Each young man must find his own path, but doesn't know whether they will eventually be together.

Bravo, Lori. For writing and releasing two books simultaneously and giving your readers two completely original and satisfying experiences.

Luna Sol says

Love Like We Do, Side B is the perfect companion to Side A. Lori Otto intertwined these two books in a

remarkable way. In here you get Max and Callen's side of the story and all the missing puzzle pieces from Side A are revealed brilliantly and eloquently by an author who masters storytelling like an art.

I absolutely loved this story so much. I was so happy to see that I just wanted to read about them and for me it was just about Max and Callen and how to solve these hurdles. I fell in love with both Max and Callen. Everything that they had to endure to be accepted by their loved ones just the way they are. This is a book about the emotional aspect and the challenges and hardships that accepting yourself the way you are brings, especially when the person you love is of your same sex.

Sometimes we take for granted so many things in life but we fail to provide love and support in meaningful ways to those who need us the most. I can't wait to read more about these families that have captured my heart and can't wait to see what awaits Max and Callen as they grow into more mature men. Another winner for Lori Otto!

LeAnn says

"Love is love. It can never be ugly or hateful, no matter how many people try to put that spin on it."

Before I say anything else, I want to reiterate once again how proud I am of Lori for putting Max and Callen's story out for the world to see. It took guts and passion and I admire her even more for that.

I immediately started Side B after Side A because I needed to know Max and Callen's POV. I needed to know the whole story and I wanted a closer look at their relationship. And it did not disappoint. We get a better understanding of why Callen is so insecure about his sexuality and where those insecurities come from. He feels ashamed of who he is, but he's so much stronger than he realizes. It's only when we're tested that we truly begin to realize how much we can handle, how strong we are, and this story is Callen's crucible. But thankfully he has an amazing support network.

"I'm Max Rosser. I'm gay. I'm witty. I'm brusque. I'm honest. I'm emotional. It's how I'm wired. It's how I'm going to live my life. No apologies. Take it or leave it."

Like Max, for example. I am so, so proud of him and the man he's become. He owns who he is and does not feel an ounce of shame. Why should he? He doesn't know how to be anyone else, and that was part of Callen's problem. He's had to pretend to be someone he's not for most of his life and that can be very taxing. Well, a person can't lie to themselves forever and Callen reached a breaking point. I don't blame him. I can't imagine what an LGBT youth has to endure. Thankfully our society has come a long way in regards to sexual equality, but we still have much to learn.

Another key player in this story was Will Rosser. In Side A, I thought he was being a jerk, but there are always two sides to every story. I poorly misjudged him. He's amazing. Incredible. Everyone needs a Will in their life and I'm so glad that Callen had his support. So Lori, I'm asking you right now for Will's story. I think it's time ;)

I mentioned this in my review for Side A, but this story is so important. I want everyone to read these books because each and every person will come away with a change of heart or a deeper understanding of the LGBT community. I want an LGBT youth to read them and feel safer, more secure in who they are and gather the courage to be who they were always meant to be. Words have the power to change people, and I know Love Like We Do will do just that.

"Reinvent. Create the person you want to be. Be original. And then go live that Callen McNare life like no one else can."

Joyce Dobson says

Loved this book. Actually enjoyed it more than side A. It's just been great getting to know all these characters again as it's been a few years since I read the emi lost and found series then the spin offs. Am now moving on to love will. Would highly recommend reading all of lori otto's books.

Michelle says

2-2.5 Stars

Going into this book I knew it was going to be a retelling of side a. That didn't bother me. I was excited to read Max & Callen's side of the story. Fill in all the blanks I never got in the first book. Because there was a lot missing for me in side a.

Right off the bat... I wasn't feeling it.

I just wasn't feeling Callen's explanations and reasonings for everything he did.

He slept with his girlfriend all the time. (I hated his reasoning too about that) He flaunted his relationship in front of Max constantly.

Then turned around in private and say he was sorry to Max...and basically told him he's the one he wanted to be with.

I just hated that!

He was so scared to come out.

But... he just strung poor Max around throughout this book.

In side a... Jon and Livvy get their sex scene. Trey and his girlfriend do some pretty heavy stuff too sexual. And of course Callen and his girlfriend.

I found it weird that the main characters didn't get anything.

Now... I wasn't expecting full on sex or anything.

But... I was expecting more from them.

One time things got pretty far between them.

But... That was cut too short.

Then nothing at all.

That's what I found so weird. I just never felt Callen was that into Max. And I hated how Max would practically beg Callen for more action between them.

For the rest of the book Callen pretty much stops it from happening. Leaving Max frustrated.

When Callen ran away... I thought he was so selfish for doing that. He took off not even considering his actions would hurt the one person he supposedly liked.

To be honest with you... I had a hard time feeling like Callen did like Max. Because it felt like Max was constantly trying to convince Callen to take the leap with him.

I just think he was attracted to him and lusted after him... But nothing else.

Max was always showing in private how much he wanted Callen. And it was like pulling teeth for Callen to do anything with Max.

It was just so irritating.

Even after he came back from running away. He treated Max like he had some contagious disease.

It was hard to read.

I wanted Max to take a stand and see the light! I wanted him to move on.

The role Will played in this book... I felt he should have been more loyal to his brother. He saw him suffering. Blaming himself for everything that happened.

I just thought that was wrong.

Overall... I needed more from the main characters. I was hoping for better explanations & better reasonings. Because we really didn't get that much from the side a book.

I wanted to feel the falling in love between the boys. I wanted to feel the need they both had for each other. That they just couldn't be away from each other.

I wanted to feel the butterflies in my stomach.

I did not feel like that at all between these characters...

Which was kind of sad.

Sadly... I had high hopes for this book...

But, It just wasn't what I was expecting.

I still love Lori's writing... and will continue to read her books... just these two books weren't for me.

ARC provided by author for an honest review

Danni says

I absolutely love this series and Lori's writing but even with all of that I knew reading these 2 books in the series were going to be just a little difficult. Even though the story was basically retold we got to hear from Max and Callen. I just adored Max and thought of him being the sweetest kid ever. It took me almost until the end of the book to like Callen partly because I didn't like how he treated Max. At some point my heart was heavy because I know there are people in the world that just can't be themselves. I have always voiced my love for Trey but oh my gosh Will was amazing and I'm so ready to get inside of his head and heart!!! I highly recommend this whole entire series started with Emi and Jack's story.

ARC GIVEN FOR HONEST REVIEW

Beth says

4.25 Baby I Was Born This Way Stars

The things we do for love. The love of a parent. A sibling. That special person. But most importantly....yourself. The things you do so you can respect yourself. Sometimes that is the hardest.

Warning: This is the companion book to Love Like We Do Side A. I don't like to say it is the same story, because it is not. It is the same time frame as Side A but it is a different story. It is the story I wanted after

reading Side A. You don't have to have read Side A first, but it would help. It's what the author intended, I think. I'll have to ask her.

Max doesn't go to the fancy prep school. He isn't a star athlete. He isn't dripping in money. Unlike his best friends. Also unlike his best friend, he knows who he is. He knows he is gay. He knows he is in love. He has a great support system in his brothers. His mom...not so much. He doesn't where all his other friends are going to fall on the "OK With It" spectrum.

You made me into this human being with two arms, two legs, one brain, two brown eyes, two ears, a nose, a mouth, and additional appendage that I'm grateful for, tow lungs, some other internal organs and a heart, with the natural inclination to be attracted to guys and the capacity to love and and care for another human being. Shame on you.

Cullen is one of Max's best friends. The friend he has had more that friends feeling for. Cullen has it all. He is from a very well off family, goes to a great school, is super athletic....yes, he has it all. Except the self confidence and faith in his family that they would be accepting of him.

I don't know what you want from me.

And that's the problem. Cullen has been so worried about what others want from him, he hasn't been able to figure out what he wants.

Cullen needs to figure out his life. And he can't do that at home. There are lots of pressures at home. At school. He needs to escape. And escape he does. But at what cost?

I am trapped in an empire fabricated around me....I can't keep up this act.

This is the YA story of two teens coming to terms with who they are. Their sexuality. And the story of their families. Their friends. Their acceptance. This could be a really cheezy story. But it's not. The story of Max and Cullen is told with dignity and compassion and a delicate hand.

I would recommend this book to teens and adults alike. The subject matter is timely and presented in a way that humanizes without stereotyping or being preachy. Side B is the story I wanted. The story that will stay with you and make you want to tell someone else about it.

Melissa Jones says

"Love is love. It can never be ugly or hateful, no matter how many people try to put that spin on it."

After reading Side A I wondered if reading Side B was just going to be a retelling of the same story by different characters, No it definitely is not.....Side B is from Max and Callen's perspective with lots more to add this love story that should not be missed!!

It's so sad that so many of us are blind to "love is love" and that it shouldn't be withheld/denied/degraded/torn down just because it doesn't fit into a certain box! It's so sad that kindness is so scarce when faced with others being different than what so many see as being normal/accepted.....We all are different and should be loved and allowed to "love like we do"!!!!

I have three boys, ages 16, 14, 7.....If I would only have one wish for them above any other is to love and be loved with no boundaries of race, gender, sexuality, or any other restrictions, just experience love because what is this life without LOVE!!!!

In this duet Max & Callen experience the ugliness of the closed-minded leading to doubts and so much worse that two young people experiencing love should never have to endure but also and most importantly they get to see and feel the beauty of those that know that love is the ultimate gift and should be experienced freely with no boundaries.

I truly urge any and all readers to read this duet, to experience this touching story that could be the story of your son or daughter or any loved one.

Billie Lawson says

After reading side B, I adore Max and Callen even more! It was so heartbreaking to get the story from their perspectives as they were struggling with their emotions on such a deep level. The theme of the book is one that is near and dear to my heart and I am beyond happy that one of my all time favorite authors went there. I wish we had gotten a tad more of them together to witness the build of the relationship, because I loved the scenes with the two of them together. I felt the tension and the angst. I'm really hoping we get more of these two in the future!

Karla Urrutia Fernández says

En español: <http://locasxloslibros.blogspot.cl/20...>

“I am gay. I know it. I feel it. I live it. I breathe it. I am it. And I don’t apologize for it.”

This Book is almost pararell to Side A, however, we can see a couple Of scenes that, temporaly, are before we start the whole story. We can meet more Callen on those scenes and know more about his hiatory, personality, actitud that he couldnt see on Side A, cause he wasnt there in a big part of the book.

I believe this Book can be read without reading Side A, but you cant read Side A without reading Sidw B too. Thia book bring a lot more information about the relationship between Max and Callen, first, because, is their pov, and second, cause we know here their relationship.

"How could something that feels this good–this right–not be okay?"

As i mentioned, the main characters Of this Book are Max and Callen. Hiding from everyone, included their best friend, they have a relationship. Max is counscious that he is gay, however, not Callen. Calleen lives in a fantasy life, in a life aparently perfect, where he has a girlfriend, money and friends, where he is the best sport player Of his school and he is very popular.

However, inside is full Of conflicts and battles, and The only one who knows this battles is Max.

I must Confess, i wasnt a 100% Callen's fan. If i compared Him to Max (i know, its not good to compared), it seems to me that hes very, very, inmature. I understand that if he told the truth his life will change dramatically, but i feel he hurt people on his way, his girlfriend, and specially Max.

This Book center on Callen journey to know himself, but above all to accept who he is. Its a dificult journey, where he learns the value of himswlf, he is alone and see from afar all that happens since he left New York.

"Funny how, on a journey to find myself, I look nothing like myself at all."

On the other hand, i Love Max. I feel he is so, so mature for his age, he knows what he wants, who he is, i feel Pride reading Him. He is always telling Callen that he has to accept who he is, telling Him he is not damaged, OR wrong, he always encouraged Him to be better.

“Reinvent. Create the person you want to be. Be original.”

In general, its a very good book, its interesting to know how thinks so diferently two boys that are living simlares situaciones. They are both 16, they are both gays, they have doubts on how people who surround then are going to act, pero they act in diferents ways

If we Focus on another character in this Book, this has to be Will. Will is one Of the older brothers Of Max, and he has a complex personality, his actituds are dificult to describe, and he is a character that grabs the attention Of the reader, and through Max's eyes we know a little more.

“Two things shut everything out. Two: music and sex. Sleep doesn’t even do it.”

I think Lori should explore his story, cause, seriously, he is a magnificent character.

Overall, it was funny to read Lori again , but sometimes i got tired Of reading the sames scenes, but 80% Of the Book is totally new, so it made faster its reading.

"That kiss looks like love to me, and I want to be loved."

Naroba says

I think somewhere between my first Lori Otto book and Livvy I fell in love. I have found another favorite. Each time I have opened something Lori has written I have been left with sheer happiness. She has a way of sucking you into her worlds. *Love Like We Do Side B* did not disappoint. I am so happy I finally got to hear Max and Callen’s side.

Callen broke my heart. Multiple times. I can’t imagine hiding who I am for fear of losing everything, family included. Here is a kid who has it all and he’s not happy. Because he can’t be himself. He can’t be who he is meant to be and that breaks my heart. Reading this I was angry for Callen, then afraid for Callen, then anxious for Callen. Did I mention frustrated? Yeah, he frustrated me a bit. No matter, I understood his reasons. I love him nonetheless.

And this:

“for the first time in my life, I felt like everything in me was working in sync. My body, my mind, my feelings... I wasn’t having to pretend to like something. Didn’t have to imagine being with someone else. I was me. For the first time in my life, I was confident in being me.” OH CALLEN.

Oh and this too:

“Fuck you, Wilder Shaughnessy... but I forgive you.” Everyone who has been in any shape way or form in a situation with a Wilder should also be able to do this.

I <3 Callen

And I was so glad to be inside Max's head! Oh my heart. Max's whole self was amazing. Smart, quirky, quick tongued, spunky, FUNNY. I felt like his biggest cheerleader. He had quite a bit to overcome, and it was all out of his control. No matter what he stayed true to his self the whole time. I loved that he didn't waver.

"You made me into this human being with two arms, two legs, one brain, two *brown* eyes, two ears, a nose, a mouth, an additional appendage that I'm grateful for, two lungs, some other internal organs, and a heart, with the natural inclination to be attracted to guys and the capacity to love and care for another human being." Max Rosser everyone. I <3 Max.

To my surprise there was an additional star in this book. His name is Will Rosser. I can't go into detail why. But I loved his involvement. I loved him as an adult. I can't wait for more Will Rosser. I hope there's more Will Rosser.

If side a was about acceptance, then side b continues that theme, but expands on it. Side B was about *self* acceptance. Sometimes it can be extremely difficult to be accepting of others, but it's even harder to accept ourselves.

MJ says

After reading Side A, I was quite anxious to watch the secret love story between Max Rosser and Callen McNare unfold through their eyes in Side B. And I can happily report that Lori Otto wrote it brilliantly.

In this version of events, we are privy to Max and Callen's thoughts, desires and heartache firsthand. I felt like I truly was a part of them in every single scene. Even through the difficult encounters with family and the tortured time being apart, both Max and Callen were ingrained in my heart. I felt for them so deeply that at times I literally was lost in the pages of this book.

And even though I knew the eventual outcome, it somehow felt like a whole new story. The author continues to amaze me with her writing talent. No detail is overlooked and the spirit and overall drive of her characters to be who they want to be and live the lives they were meant to be made my heart soar like nothing else. There is always a positive vibe that is carried throughout and with Love Like We Do dealing with the continued sensitivity in embracing one's sexuality, I'm still in awe of the love and the deep connection the characters have for and with each other. There is deep respect even for those who don't approve of this pairing and the maturity held by these young men, Trey Holland included, is wildly uplifting.

The entire Holland/Scott/Rosser crew is present once again and oh my goodness, both Matty Holland and Will Rosser are stand-outs once again. Matty with his sincere and encouraging attitude and the true empathy he has for Max and Callen, he is the true diamond in the Holland family. And then there's Will. We haven't had much time with him in the author's books until now. And wow does he shine. His ability to keep tightly-held secrets, his no questions asked demeanor and his huge heart. He was the glue to this story. Wanting no credit for simply doing what he'd do for anyone in need. Oh my goodness, I fell for him hard. I want to be there when everything is completely revealed one day to his brother Jon. Will Rosser is one complicated man. It is my hope his story is next because we have only just skimmed the surface where he is concerned.

This is a duet of books that is worthy of your time and must be read back to back. It's a story that is current and thoughtful and well-written from start to finish. There may be those who don't care for the subject matter but I encourage you to just remember one thing: love is love and we all deserve that chance to embrace it.

A solid 5 stars!
