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Can a boy from the country and a guy from the city ever make it work?

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Rustic Melody Details

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Marte - Thunderella says

Easygoing, next to no angst, heartwarming and sweet story set in Australia. Recommended as a perfect pick-me-up book if you need one, or something light and sweet after a heavy angst read.

Claire Potterton says

Now and again I find a book that turns me into a big puddle of goo.....this is one such book. Joey and Adam are completely adorable and their story is just lovely!

Rustic Melody is a simple, straightforward, but by no means ordinary love story. Beautifully real, superbly written characters, angst free, low drama, high romance. It is sweet and tender, sexy and heartwarming; and the love between these two young men oozes off the page. The way they spoke to each other, touched one another, just the looks they shared.....I did lots of sighing reading this book. Feel good, heart melting romance with a capital R!

Reviewed for Divinemagazine.net

Sonia says

Lovely story likable characters

I really liked this story, which I found both believable and interesting. While at first it seemed a little slow paced it soon picked up.

I specially liked that there where no ridiculous misunderstandings or unnecessary drama, just the natural progression of the relationship with real difficulties to overcome.

Jaime says

This book is a very easy going book without much conflict or angst. This makes it not the type of book I typically enjoy as much I am all for the conflict and that good ol' gut wrenching angst! However, every now and then its nice to just read a straight forward book that is sweet - this would be that book.

Our two MC are Joey and Adam and both of them are struggling with family expectations. Joey is trying to keep his father's pub alive and keep his mother living comfortable. Adam on the other hand is working in his father's property-development company. Neither of them are happy with their lives. During a rare night out at a festival they celebrate with each other and afterwards they wonder if there could be something more between them than a one-time hook up. Adam and Joey move from friends to a relationship while learning what the other expects from the other and having some pretty awesome sex along the way!

The story-line is pretty smooth and flawless, it is almost too smooth - as I mentioned I love a good conflict and when its lacking I have a bit of difficulty fully enjoying a book. The author has a good writing style and I am curious to see what becomes of this series.

CrabbyPatty says

3.5 stars. Rustic Melody is a sweet, low-angst story set in Australia about two young men, Adam (23) and Joey (21), each searching for what direction their lives will take. Their paths meet at the famed Tamworth Country Music Festival (the second biggest country music festival in the world, after Nashville, and where Keith Urban's career was launched) in New South Wales. Because accommodations are scarce, Joey offers to share his room with Adam, hoping his gaydar is still operational, despite it getting little use in Armisdale, a small town with few gay men. Adam is charmed by Joey's open and honest nature, as well as his lean and tightly muscled body, and they find their one-night stand turning into something more. When Joey has to leave the festival early to return home due to a minor family mishap, Adam soon finds his way to Armidale, and Joey.

It was refreshing to read a M/M romance without angst and/or miscommunication being important plot points. Adam and Joey connect fairly quickly, with each needing to resolve their issues with family in order to be together. The sex scenes, while not sizzling, are alternately tender and pretty darn hot! I felt the book slowed down a bit too much in the middle with some "touristy" activities that seemed more like filler rather than necessary to the plot, and the ending came about in a bit of a hurry. But these are minor complaints – if you are looking for a sweet read – look no farther!

Reviewed for

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Melissa Mendoza says

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Blurb:

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"A smattering of freckles dusted across his nose and decorated his cheekbones. Joey's lips were plump and pink, but the stubble gracing his jaw added masculinity. Adam thought again how attracted he was to Joey's clean-cut good looks."

5 musical stars! Beautiful and fun and that's just the characters....

Adam's relationship with his father has never been easy and he's supposed to take over his family's property development company, but he's not looking forward to it. Needing a breather, he leaves life in the city and decides to go out to the country to explore. Still debating what he wants to do with his life, he runs into the Tamworth Country Music Festival. While there he meets the gorgeous Joey Callaway. Joey too is looking for a break from his family's pub that is slowly eating them alive financially. When Joey and Adam meet, sparks fly and they are both excited to relieve some stress with each other, even if that means a one night stand. Both are dealing with family problems and have more in common than they realize, maybe even having feelings for each other? Can these two figure out what they each want and make it work together? Or will it just be a one time thing?

I was engrossed in this book the second I started reading it! I ate it up in one sitting and I was so sad when it was over. The dynamic relationship between Adam and Joey was fun and beyond sexy. I loved the witty banter between each other and all the commonalities they have. This is the first book I've read by Nic Starr, but I will say I'll be reading more from this author in the future!! Including the rest of this series!

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Tina says

Heartwarming, easy going, sweet, low-angst Aussie romance... loved the Aussie slang!!!...just what I needed after the book I've read before.

Loved Joey and Adam... and Joey's mom Marion. What a wonderful woman!

All in all, a very enjoyable, well written story and I look forward to reading the next book.

Recommended!

Rachel says

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Gigi says

This was a slow, nice and easy low-angst read. I felt the loneliness of Joey's situation weigh me down a bit during the story, but whenever Adam and Joey were together, all was well.

This is a perfect read for folks who love a wholesome love story, but still want the good sex. You get both of them here.

Recommended!

Coco.V says

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Daphne says

Very sweet, super low angst, meandering, "I'm trying to find myself but I found you" story. And lest that sound milquetoast, there is also a perfect amount of heat. Set in Australia, so fans of NR Walker and Renae Kaye books might also enjoy this one.

Jodi Ciorciari-marinich says

This is the first book from Nic Starr that I have read. This is the story of Joey and Adam. Both young men looking for something but not sure what. Joey runs his family pub and Adam refuses to work for his father in his company. They meet at a music festival and the chemistry is instant. They spend time together at the festival until Joey has to leave to help his mother. Adam stays awhile then decides to visit Joey in his hometown. The story builds from there. Their isn't a big misunderstanding or anything in this book. It is a

straight sweet love story which I liked but feel it could have used some kind of conflict. All in all I enjoyed the story and will definitely read book 2 in this series. Reviewed by Jodi Marinich from Alpha Book Club .

Tracy~Bayou Book Junkie says

4.5 Stars

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Adam has been traveling for a few months. He went to college and got his business degree, but the last thing he wants is to work for his father. But he isn't sure what he wants to do, so he's been traveling. Trying to find himself and what he wants to do with his life. Along the way he attends a country music festival in Tamworth. There he meets Joey.

Joey is a 21 year old that runs a small pub and hotel with his mother. He works seven days a week. He is worn out and dragged down. The business isn't doing well and he isn't sure how to get it back in the black. When his mother forces him to take a vacation and go to the country music festival, he attends it reluctantly.

This was a sweet story. These two young men were both extremely likable. I loved the story. It was a little slow in places, but still a well written story. Joey and Adam were an amazing couple. They had an awesome chemistry and the sex was steamy.

Extremely enjoyable and highly recommended. Can't wait for book 2!!

Racheal says

Fucking delightful

Lisa The Novel Approach says

4.5 Starrs ~ Nic Starr is a new author for me, and given how much I enjoyed Rustic Melody, this will certainly not be my last novel by this delightfully talented writer. This novel is a sweet and slow building love story between two men who both want more than their current life offers them.

Joey is torn between wanting to sell the family business and making sure his poorly sighted Mum is taken care of in a way that gives her the best quality of life. Knowing his Dad worked feverishly to set them both up with some sort of financial security and, unfortunately, failed to do so prior to his death only makes Joey more determined to see their pub business turn a profit prior to selling it. Not only that, but despite living in a Uni town, Joey has few prospects when it comes to finding a guy to fall in love with and hopefully one day share his life. Trying desperately not to feel trapped by both a barely scraping by business and a lonely existence, Joey reluctantly takes a vacation and stumbles into a sexy guitar playing man who makes him want more than just a one-night stand.

Adam has been on leave from the family business for a few months, trying to figure out exactly what he

wants to do with the rest of his life. His domineering and critical father drives his business much like his life—sharp, a bit shady and like a dictatorship. Adam can abide many things, but it's the less than above board tactics his father uses in his business dealings that leave a decided distaste in his mouth. After a few months on the road, he decides to take one last detour before returning home to check out the country music festival. Little does he know that his life is about to get both more complicated and perhaps a bit happier.

The real beauty of this sweet love story is the incredible depth of characterization that takes place over the course of the novel. Both Joey and Adam are revealed to be caring and grounded sons—the kind that cherish family and refuse to see them as a burden. Both refuse to pursue only what they want, and so it is then painfully realistic when Adam finally must leave Joey behind that he does so with such mixed emotions. Each chapter of this carefully crafted love story is filled with real emotion, and we are privy to what makes both Joey and Adam tick. I cannot begin to say how much I appreciated this when so often m/m romance novels are one-sided—with the reader only really getting to know one of the main characters to the detriment of the other. Instead, author Nic Starr takes us inside the heads of both young men and allows us to see their fears, their burdens and their worry over failing both themselves and those they love. Honest dialogue, some very sweet and hot sex, and strong female side characters who give sound advice to both men all combined to make *Rustic Melody* a lush story with a hard earned happy ever after.

Reviewed by Sammy for The Novel Approach Reviews
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