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Mitchell Askett, the recovering alcoholic bad boy, meets Doctor Liam Wolfe, the man who shows him it's okay to love...

No one has ever understood Mitchell Askett. The bad boy. The alcoholic. The loser. Buying into the Ellery Mountain resort and placing down roots in the community for himself, his sister and his niece puts him on the radar of the Fridays and Doctor Liam Wolfe.

He soon realises he has friends in his new home who don't judge him for what happened before and finally begins to escape his past. When he falls hard and fast for the doctor, he even sees a future for him in Ellery.

But when his new happiness is threatened first by family interference then by disaster, he begins to lose faith, until Liam shows him it's okay to ask for help.

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Lena Grey says

There are two sides to every story and I believe everyone deserves a second chance. Mitchell Askett of 'The Bad Boy and the Doctor' is haunted by his past. Everyone judges him, not by who he has become, but by his behavior caused by a series of bad decisions he made in the past. He's aching to make a new start for him, his sister, and his niece. Mitchell takes his savings and buys into the Ellery Mountain Resort and relocates there. He expects to be rejected, like he always has been by everyone in his life, except his sister and niece who love him dearly. He tries to keep his distance from everyone; but fate intervenes, putting Dr. Liam Wolfe directly in his path.

Mitchell can hardly believe how open the people are in Ellery. He's amazed that they don't hold his past against him; they actually encourage his integration into the community, offering support he's never had before. Mitchell is bewildered. At first, doesn't quite know how to react. He soon realizes that he loves the people, especially Liam, and the town; Mitchel finally has hope that things may be all right after all. His niece and sister love it too; they fit almost seamlessly into the friendly town. If it were not for his parents' interference, things would be idyllic, but they are determined to disrupt Mitchell and his family's life and tear them apart. What Mitchell's parents are not expecting is the overwhelming of support he receives from the Ellery Mountain community.

Liam is a good guy and an excellent doctor. He's a bit melancholy lately because his close friends have found their soul mates and are so blissfully happy that it makes him sick. He's glad for them, of course, but it makes him feel even more alone when he watches them together. It overemphasizes the fact that he's still single. When he and Mitchell meet, Liam is thunderstruck at the visceral reaction he has to him and soon realizes that Mitchell is just as affected. Liam is able to see through that bad boy exterior and into the wonderful, loving, considerate man underneath. There are some complications; the first being that his niece is Liam's patient and she comes first, before any feelings Mitchell may have for Liam. But, where there's a will, there's a way and the two men are determined to find it no matter how unlikely it may seem. Soon they are in each others arms, beds, and hearts and there's no turning back.

I liked this book even more than the other Ellery Mountain series books, because these men were determined to do what was best for their family. They put aside their personal feelings to ensure that their relationship didn't interfere with Mitchell's recovery and new start, so important to him, his niece, and his sister. Liam and Mitchell's relationship felt genuine and their loyalty, nurturing, and selflessness endeared them to me immediately and I was steadfastly cheering for them and their relationship. If you like romantic love stories filled with wonderful, realistic, unselfish characters, then you will enjoy this book. Thanks, RJ, for another visit to Ellery Mountain and its lovely residents.

NOTE: This book was provided by Love Lane Books for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Jayded says

so, I'm halfway through this book and I have to say I like it less than the others in the series. I've read several

of the reviews here and I can't find anyone who mentioned this, so I guess I'm unique. My problem with this book primarily is Bobbie, the niece. She should have been made 6, not 12. I've never seen a 12 year old act the way this child does. I keep telling myself "just pretend she's six" but it's not quite working :/

Denise H. says

*** Bad boy, long haired Mitch has changed his life. ***

Now he's caring for his niece, Bobbie, while his sister is in rehab for depression. His hometown, Ellery, remembers only the bad. He's been sober 6 years. While arriving in town, Bobbie is sick and ends up in the hospital.

Dr. Liam Wolfe removes her appendix,

and Mitch is completely humbled by the handsome doctor. Liam is a terrific person, who helps with various projects in town, and with the returning veteran's home Daniel is opening soon.

We see strong men, devoted and passionate, and beautiful Mitch struggles to stay steadfast in his resolve. He and Liam sneak to get some time alone, and when they do - it's sparks and flames. These men fit together like puzzle pieces. Mitch has everything Liam likes, with his long hair, leather and sexy eyes. Liam is strong, solid, loving; perfect for Mitch. These men need and want each other deeply.

We get some family drama with Mitch's folks wanting to take Bobbie, and then when the accident excitement that puts Bobbie in the hospital again. This is a great short story, with smooth flow, marvelous characters, and hot loving. We get everything we need in the short read.

Some reviewers want more length to these tales, but we know going in that these are short romantic tales that relate to one another,

and we get full-bodied writing.

ENJOY !

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Bev says

Another decent read from the Ellery Mountain series. 4 stars and

This was the story of Dr Liam Wolfe and Mitch Askett, a pseudo trust-fund baby who has bought into the resort and whose past has included a whole lot of drinking and sleeping around.

Needless to say, Mitch is not quite the b*****d that everyone understands he is, and has brought his niece Bobbie with him to Ellery to look after while his sister is recovering from depression...and I just have to say that if I'd had a mum like theirs, I'd have been depressed too!! Will leave this review here, and just say many thanks again RJ. x

Cadiva says

Yet another lovely romance with the Ellery Mountain gang. This time we see doctor Liam falling for a former bad boy who has escaped back to his home town bringing his 12 year-old niece.

Mitchell was a sweetheart, he knew he'd screwed up his life but was willing and fighting to change and deal with his alcoholism.

He and Liam were really sweet together and, as has been the case with all these stories, even though they're short, plenty of work goes into crafting believable relationships.

V says

I think this was the sweeties of them all, not toothache sweet though. This is my favorite from the series now. I'm so glad it gets better and better, I hope the ex navy seal will get his own story because I look forward for more sequels to come, there is plenty room for more and so far this series it's not going down the hill, quite the opposite.

Wonderful sequel.

Doug says

This review is not so much a review of the book, but a description of the choice that I made to give this book only 2 stars.

I gave the other books in this series 3 stars. This one I downgraded to 2. I'm thinking I must have been in an awesome mood to have rated the others as 3 stars.

There was nothing bad about this book, but there was nothing great either. It has the same flaws as most shorts that I read. Just as I am getting to love the characters, the book ends. Leaving me wanting more. Most series are able to overcome this to a degree by incorporating the previous book's characters into the new books. I'm not saying this didn't do what I wanted, but I'm thinking I may have been in the mood for something more. I have recently read some books that I thought were great, and rated 4/5 stars. Sadly, I think this one suffered because of that as well.

WycEd Reader says

Check out our *The Doctor & the Bad Boy* post on Wicked Reads.

Reviews by the Wicked Reads Review Team

Ruthie – ????

This is the fourth book in the series, and I would definitely recommend that you read them in order, as each one builds on the last. They are great anyway, so why wouldn't you want to read them all?

This installment tied in some previous loose ends about the change of ownership of the cabins and gives another of the Friday club a chance at happiness. Some difficult issues have dogged Mitchell in the past, but he has made significant changes to make the life of his sister and niece a better life. I loved that Liam doesn't judge him for his past but falls for him in the present.

It has got to be Jamie's turn soon, so I am reading on!

Reviewers on the Wicked Reads Review Team were provided a free copy of The Doctor & the Bad Boy (Ellery Mountain #4) by RJ Scott to read and review.

Trisha Harrington says

Another great book from RJ Scott. This was really sweet, it had a good story and the MC were just perfect. Can't wait for the next book in the series, and to catch up with these MC's again.

Nic says

There is something about this whole series that gives me the warm and fuzzies!

Mitchell arrives in town, niece in tow, and is immediately thrown into drama as they make an emergency dash to the hospital. Here he meets the gorgeous Liam.

Mitch also meets the group of Ellery friends that we have come to know through the previous books "**Jeez. Was anyone in this town ugly?**" but even when faced with all these wonderful men, it is Liam who sparks something in him.

Mitch is a man with a past, plagued by rumour due to his alcoholism. But in reality is a strong man, taking responsibility for his actions and also taking huge responsibility for his sister and her child. I enjoyed that the story had the group of friends accepting Mitch, not judging or making him prove himself.

Liam is looking for love, wanting what his friends have. "**He had to be content with what they had now. Not everyone was like Max and Finn, Daniel and Luke or Kieran and Jason. Some men came together when circumstances were right. Didn't mean there was a happy ever after for every gay man in Ellery.**" But us readers know better and of course Liam will find love!

There are some misunderstandings, there is some drama and heroics, there are confrontations. But there is also romance, sexy sex and a happy ending!

"It turned out that even an alcoholic bad boy like him deserved to love and be loved."

Sammy Goode says

Once again we head to Ellery Mountain and the ever-growing population of gay men who end up inside this small town. This time we are introduced to the man who will become the sole preoccupation of Dr. Liam Wolfe. Mitchell Askett is no stranger to Ellery, having frown up there and coming from one of its wealthiest families. However, time has not been kind to Mitch or his sister, leaving them both with addictions they must grapple with, unfeeling parents and a lovely child who happens to now be in Mitch's care as he heads to the very cabins of which he is now half owner.

That's right, we finally meet the man who helped Daniel and his mother Brenda out by buying up half the rights to their families luxury cabins. And while Mitch wants to become more than an owner on paper, his little niece is terribly ill and he is plagued by demons from his past that may mean his time in Ellery will not be the safe haven he desires most. When he and Liam meet there is, as always, an instant attraction but Mitch is so very aware of his shortcomings and tries his best to elude the persistent doctor. But Liam has a mind of his own and he wants Mitch, flaws and all and is determined that Mitch at least give him a chance to be the one thing that goes right in Mitch's life—the one thing that stays and puts down roots.

As always, we are talking instant attraction when we discuss these sweet little novellas written by RJ Scott. In this case, I found the normal chase scene to land his man was written with greater restraint than usual. I appreciated how flawed Mitch was and the sensitivity that the author used in writing about his addiction and his genuine remorse over a past that was less than stellar by anyone's measure. The tenderness Mitch showed for both his little niece and his ailing sister was heartfelt and had depth, giving us a keener sense of Mitch's overall character.

In fact, it was Liam who I felt seemed a bit shallow. I came away from this story knowing little about him other than the idea that he loved Mitch and wanted him to stay. All in all, this was a well-rounded story—with a bit more depth than the previous one and characters that were finally not so easily fixed. The addiction didn't magically go away and this made The Doctor and the Bad Boy a much more compelling read in my opinion

Heller says

2.5

I think I needed to read the others before this one to refresh my memory. I had a hard time putting faces to all the names and trying to figure out who belonged to what story.

The story and characters here were nice but not something that really held my attention. Alcoholic Mitchell coming back to his hometown and hooking up with the local hottie doctor. This seemed more a set up of future stories with the buildup of the rehab facility with the romance of Mitchell and Liam taking a bit of the back burner. An okay story but not a memorable one for me.

Dani Elle Maas says

Let me start with the fact that these series is a series you either like or don't like; there are very diverse opinions on this. Me – I happen to like them. It feels like a comfortable, easy read that has a bit of drama but is mainly focussed on love.

The first three instalments in the series left me anxious for more and also made me curious as each of the three main characters (the three friends from the books – Finn, Daniel and Kiernan) were now paired up with a partner (Max, Luke and Jason). That had me very interested and curious to see how this series would continue seeing the many interesting characters that live in Ellery.

In this fourth book we meet Liam – a doctor working at the town clinic and we also find Mitch – former bad boy, drunk and trouble maker. Having lived in Ellery, when he was younger he returns to share ownership of Ellery Cabins with Daniel and his mum Brenda. Mitch returns after changing his life drastically along with his twelve year old niece. Mitch takes care of Bobbie while Annabelle (his sister) is in rehab.

Despite Liam's first hesitation towards Mitch and his own past, there is an instant attraction between the two guys and Mitch finds himself accepted by the gay friendly community of Ellery and the couple that lives there.

Building a place for himself and Bobbie and his sister for when she comes out of rehab builds a solid relationship between all the guys. We see the relationship between Liam and Mitch easily evolving into more than just friends and you find situations where Mitch and Bobbie are making a life in Ellery settling in their new house and life in general.

Annabelle is joining them in their home when she comes out of rehab and the parents – not totally surprising – make objection about Bobbie living with both Annabelle and Mitch.

So what to say about the story? It reads good and flows nicely but it is kind of shallow...? I didn't really feel a connection with the characters whereas in the other stories I did. Liam and Mitch easily get together and there is not really a big adventure or sparkling way there. There are no surprises or anything. It is hard to sum up what I think about this story. Disappointed, if I am honest, I guess.

Did I expect too much? Was I too excited upfront?

I love the characters, especially the fact that you see all of them coming back in this story. The companionship between them is great! The sex is hot, as always and the story is easily read.

That being said this story needs to be read in order of the series as too many things wouldn't make sense to read it as a stand alone.

To sum up, I'll give this a rating of three stars mostly because of the easy read and the wonderful characters and because I still really like the men (and women) of Ellery mountain.

Review posted on [http://sidlove.wordpress.com/2013/07/...](http://sidlove.wordpress.com/2013/07/)

Ije the Devourer of Books says

A good series of comforting romantic reads.

Don Bradshaw says

Reviewed on Hearts On Fire... <http://heartsonfirereviews.com/>

Just when you thought Ellery ran out of hot gay men Mitchell Askett rolls into town. Actually, the Askett family was influential in Ellery years ago but moved away to Knoxville. Mitchell has purchased a half ownership in the Ellery Mountain resort and has returned with his niece in tow. Bobbie needs some emergency surgery which is taken care of by Dr. Liam Wolfe. Mitchell has a reputation as a bad boy bed hopping alcoholic and Liam has been feeling left out of the Friday night get togethers being the only single guy left.

This story is part of the Ellery Mountain series of fairly short romance stories and should be read in order or you'll soon get confused with the cast of characters. I liked the way that Liam and Mitchell met at the hospital which made for a nice change as Mitchell met the professional doctor first and the man second. The rumor mill in Ellery is constantly in high gear so Mitchell and the Annabelle's arrival has the town jumping. This story is tight, neat and beautifully written and the getting to know you before falling in love style is RJ Scott at her best. I love the way that Mitchell just poured everything our to Liam and held back no secrets. Mitchell's devotion to his niece and sister was endearing especially with his harridan of a mother. The way the Friday night gang all pitched in to raise the cabin gave an easy feel of camaraderie in the growing gay community. The fact that all of the guys hold fairly important positions in Ellery portray the gay man in a very positive light. This wonderful series just keeps getting better and better. I recommend that you pick up a copy of The Fireman and The Cop and get lost in Ellery.
