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What happens when temporary becomes forever?

Oz Gallagher does not do relationships well. Bored and jobless after another disastrous hook up, he decides to leave London for a temporary job in the wilds of Cornwall. Surely managing a stately home on a country estate will be easier than navigating the detritus of his relationships at home. Six months there will alleviate a bit of his wanderlust and then he can come back to London as footloose and fancy free as the day he left it.

However, when he gets there he finds a house in danger of crumbling to the ground and a man who is completely unlike anyone he's ever met. An earl belonging to a family whose roots go back hundreds of years, Silas is the living embodiment of duty and sacrifice. Two things that Oz has never wanted. He's also warm and funny and he draws Oz to him like a magnet.

Oz banks on the fact that they're from two very different worlds to stop himself falling for Silas. But what will he do when he realises that these differences are actually part of the pull to one another? Will falling in love be enough to make him stop moving at last and realise that he's finally home?

From bestselling author, Lily Morton, comes a romantic comedy about two very different men and one very dilapidated house.

This is the first book in the Finding Home series but it can be read as a standalone.

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Lorraine Lesar says

“An adventure Oz. You need that because you’re bored enough to make stupid decisions at the moment”.
....and what an adventure we were given!

Oz Gallagher found his yellow brick road in Cornwall. I found mine in Lily Morton.

I was laughing from page 1. By the end of the book, I was smirking, smiling, grinning, snickering, giggling, chuckling and chortling. I LOVED THIS BOOK.

So, so many memorable scenes-

The Interview! O.M.G. The best interview EVER.

The Herbert Humpadick meeting! I’m still cracking up here.

but it was the most amazing characters that has catapulted Ms Morton to my Top Ten Authors List -

Oz. Small in stature but a giant amongst men with that sassy mouth of his and a legend in Tottenham ?

Earl of Ashworth. Titled or not, he was a true gentleman with quick wit and natural charm, he so deserved Oz...as Oz deserved him ?

Niall Fawcett. You big funny bastard! (love you though) ?

Milo. You are not like that Greek statue with no arms, use them to nail Niall ?

Olivia. You made Ursula look like Snow White, but I think Oz sums her up so much better with his “I’d rather have a fucking tapeworm than that witch” ?

Henry and Ivo. I sooooooo have to read your story ?

I could go on and on and on....but just do yourselves a big favour AND READ THIS BOOK!

Five ‘Mo mhuiirnin dilis’ stars from me

J Too Many Books Too Little Time says

Loved this one. Pretty much devoured it in one sitting.

Banter is my jam. Combine that with no ridiculous angst and some scorching sex and I’m one happy girl!

Lily Morton is a definite favorite author for me!

~Volha~ says

This was my first time reading a book by Lily Morton and I found it quite entertaining! It was funny, light-hearted and very sweet. I don't regularly read this type of books but this one was very engaging. I loved all of the characters - they were so singular and quirky. They made me laugh out loud many times! And British words and setting were the icing on the cake. The good vibes I got from Oz and Silas made me feel warm and fuzzy. I will definitely consider reading more of her works when the right mood strikes again. I highly recommend it!

Lost in a Book says

4.25 Stars

Keeping it ?, I have a crush on Lily Morton with all her writery (totally a word) talents? Her books always have elements that keep me coming back for more and she has secured a spot on my automatic author list.

Humor- ✓?

Snark-✓?

Sassy character(s)-✓?

Chemistry-✓?

Great secondary characters-✓?

Depth in main characters-✓?

Oz is sick of spinning his wheels through life and after walking in on his ex bone deep inside his replacement, he moves on with the help of friends to a *highly* entertaining interview for a position to manage the estate of an Earl. Oz is a little fireball full of sass and wit with the ability to have everyone eating out of his hand. He shockingly gets the job at the estate and sets to work right away. It isn't long before he meets Silas and the stars align, angels sing, and sound of condom wrappers being torn open fill their day dreams.

Silas is an Earl by birth but a veterinarian by choice. He's huge, rugged, hairy, kind, and has plenty of ex-boyfriend baggage to go along with a crumbling estate. Silas is a lonely man bound by duty with a love of the land he calls home. He takes to Oz right away but neither can act on their lust filled visions because the whole employee/employer/banging the boss thing didn't work well in the past and they're turning over a new leaf.

”You two. It’s like watching elephants mate. Dangerous, messy, and uncomfortable, but ever so slightly sweet.”

Oz quickly begins work on the estate and his interactions are hilarious. Silas and Oz are oozing chemistry from their initial meeting and you just *know* when they finally kiss it's gonna be scorching. I adore them separately and together. They compliment each other and are able to be themselves without any pretense.

”I’d thought the moment when I fell in love would be dramatic and full of noise and energy. Instead, it’s in a quiet bedroom where a soft song plays and the light dances on the man’s hair and the planes of his face as he makes me back into me. The only man who’s ever valued that person.”

There are multiple LOL moments but the revenge on his douchebag ex, the interview, and when Oz first meets the Earl (OMG ?) are at the top. I cackled throughout with glee as Oz was kicking ass and taking names. I also want to note that Silas is the brother of Henry from *Risk Taker*. This can standalone but there are multiple characters that make appearances and having that background knowledge would definitely increase enjoyment IMO.

Oz and Silas' relational evolution is pretty low angst and ends on a HEA with a bunch of heat to pave the

way. I'll definitely continue on with the series and hope Oz's adorably snarky assistant Milo gets his turn next. Definitely recommended.

"He's nothing like I imagined but somehow everything I should have known enough to wish for."

Copy provided for honest review.

? Todd says

This story made me laugh and laugh and laugh.

From the **revenge** that **Oz** took on his posh, cheating boyfriend, to the way that Oz squared off against the **lazy builders**, to facing off against **Silas' arsehole of an ex**, to the **snark and banter between Oz and, ooooh, let me see, ummm, EVERYONE**, well, all of it had me smiling from ear to ear.

Basically, after Oz kicked his pretentious ass of a boyfriend (*who was also his boss, oopsie*) to the curb, Oz's best friend showed him an ad in an up-scale magazine for an **Estate Manager** position in the English countryside.

And the **job interview was *amazing*** to read. Thinking he had no chance at actually landing the position working for a member of The Aristocracy, **Oz said fuck it and let his freak flag fly**, with **hilarious results**.

[Oz]

Then Oz actually landed the job, because the Earl's friend thought that **Oz would be perfect for the position. And for the Earl himself.**

I adored seeing **Silas, the Earl of Ashworth**, shatter every single snobby, preconceived notion that Oz had, one by one. I immediately liked Silas, but his loneliness was almost palpable.

[Silas]

The two were obviously a match made in some bizarre version of heaven, but they worked, and seeing their bond and trust grow was pretty damn cool to witness.

When I was little I had yearned for someone to protect me from my childhood, someone to stand for me when no one that I trusted would, when I was tired from sticking up for Henry and then later for Ivo.

I'd never have guessed that my knight in armor would come to me later in life when I'd almost forgotten that I needed one. He would be small and fierce and his weapon was the sharpest tongue this side of Ireland. But he was all mine and I, in turn, belonged to him.

But Oz saw himself as **a bit of low-class, common trash caught on the sole of Silas's shoe**, so a lot of the

drama here revolved around Silas patiently convincing Oz that was the furthest thing from the truth. **Oz was Silas' "one person".**

The angst was kept to moderate levels, with the bad guy turning out to be a member of Silas' family, dead set on sending Oz hoofing it out of the estate and back to wherever, as long as it wasn't by Silas' side.

The **steamy bits were fairly frequent** and I do have to admit that on a couple of occasions, **I skimmed past some of the sexy bits**, because I felt a more abbreviated steamy scene might've fit better at that point in the story, allowing the feels more time center stage.

I loved seeing **Henry and Ivo** pulled into this story, too; although, I have to admit that I liked this story more than Henry's book, not that I can specifically tell you why. I'm weird like that.

I thoroughly enjoyed the **epilogue from 5 years on** was super sweet, but not sappily so, which helped fully cement the HEA.

Overall, I'd rate this one at **around 4.5 stars** and recommend it to those who have enjoyed Morton's Mixed Messages series, of which this is **a new spinoff series**.

**** NOTE: Morton has a short, follow-up story about Silas' (view spoiler) gone wrong on her blog at:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Q...>

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Cadiva says

Lily Morton is the Queen of Snark, no-one manages to inject just that right shade of sarcasm and humour into the biting wit which is the hallmark of her characters and in Oz Gallagher she has outdone herself.

I loved Dylan and Gabe, fell for Jude and Asa, adored Henry and Ivo, but Silas and Oz have claimed my heart as easily as the Cornish landscape owns the narrative of this superb romance.

There is such skill in making a book's setting be almost a character in its own right and having travelled some of the same lanes and visited some of the same places as this book, I can honestly say Lily has

perfected it.

While I may not have visited the exact Chi an Mor of Silas and Oz's romance, I know it exists at the end of some dusty, overgrown narrow lane, with sheep bleating in the adjoining fields and off in the distance, the crashing waves performing a constant backdrop to the sounds of laughter.

This book is a thing of gloriously funny, slow burning attraction, of ridiculously sexy encounters, of mysterious smells of pipe smoke and leather, of ginormous dogs and meddlesome friends and it's awesome.

Now, Niall and Milo next yes please and thank you :)

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Blethering uncontrollably is all my own work.

Dia says

4,5 stars

My first book in 2019 and I loved it! I really enjoy this author's writing style. I highlighted a lot!

Oz was amazing, super funny and smart! His attitude was glorious!

Silas was also a great character. I loved him! One of the best boyfriends!

I had a great time reading this and I am only sorry we didn't get more angst. This book was extremely sweet and HOT, unexpectedly hot I might add. Slow burning and sweeter than sugar! Great start of my reading challenge.

~◊~Doxni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says

~4.5~

There are numerous glowing reviews for this book, so I'm not sure what to say that hasn't been said already.

Oz is a win: warm, sexy, funny, tender, with no big misunderstanding and no undue drama.

Both MCs (who take turns narrating the story) are endearing and complex.

I loved the secondary characters (except Silas's horrible mother, of course) and was thrilled to revisit with Henry and Ivo from *Risk Taker* (Silas is Henry's brother).

The plot carries on as the MCs meet (it's not an auspicious beginning: Oz shoves Silas in the closet. Literally.), fall in lust then love (or maybe it's the other way round), visit Oz's fierce mum, and get down and dirty in the shower (and the bed and against a tree).

Oh, there's also a mean game of naked British bowling (which involves grass, drinking, and stripping; I feel like that's how this game should always be played).

The chemistry between Oz and Silas is a like a live wire, and the epilogue is guaranteed to melt even the iciest of hearts.

I hope Milo and Niall get a story!

Shin Mon Thway says

My first Lily Morton and I'm so pleased. Being someone who studied in a British university, I have to say, it was such a great pleasure to relive all these quirky very English expletives. ? I mean some of those words, I haven't heard them since one of my Irish professors who had a very short temper and a very sassy mouth. Loved it. It has a lovely amount of sass, a generous amount of wit and clever snark, and an epic love story between two very unlikely MCs. Thoroughly enjoyed it. And I hope to see more in this world. And I'm sure this is going to be the beginning of a loving relationship between Miss Morton and I. ? Loved it! ?

4.5 my white knight is a sassy pika stars

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Jennifer?Pher? says

Gush, gush, gush.

Love, love, love.

This book was perfect!

Lily Morton is synonymous with **FIVE ★'s** in my world.

Oh my God! Really! I loved the Mixed Messages Series but really, I think this new series has the potential to outshine it. This was just everything. It was so sweet and so funny. It was so very hot and so very romantic.

Henry and Ivo!

I LOVED EVERY BIT OF IT!

I never wanted it to end.

I can't freaking wait for Niall and Milo. **CAN'T FREAKING WAIT!**

My "**I LOVED IT SO MUCH**" reviews are always sort of ridiculous but for sure fun!

Oh, oh, the scene missing from the end? Yes, yes, YES!! Go find that and read it immediately!

Wendy says

I absolutely loved the "Mixed Messages" series, though the first book **Rule Breaker** is still my favorite. I loved the snark and banter in that one and Dylan is one of my all-time favorite characters. This book kind of reminded me of that one. I had just as much fun reading it ;)

Oz absolutely made this book for me. I fell hard for him the moment I met him... as did Silas. Silas is Henry's brother and so some of you already know him from "Risk Taker". Now I do believe that this spin-off series can be read on its own. That said, the books in the **Mixed Messages** series are so much fun...why would you ??

Oz has left his ex-boyfriend of six weeks, after finding him in a very compromising position... Since the man was also his boss and he recently moved in with him... Oz is now homeless and jobless.

So why not take a job as a house manager for an Earl ?? Sounds like an adventure

I had the best of times reading this book. Oz made me snort my drink more than once. It was a **fun** read but also a very **sweet, romantic** and even **kinky** read... Yes..I said **kinky**. Silas and Oz definitely knew how to get their freak on, and the dirty talk was delicious !!!

"I'm nearly there. Do it. I want your come all over me. Squeeze that hole for me"

It gets even better, but I don't want to spoil all the fun

For me, the start of this new series is a bit hit and I can't wait to see what's next. I am really hoping for Niall and Milo's book !!!

Highly recommended

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Judith says

4.5

I'd thought the moment when I fell in love would be dramatic and full of noise and energy. Instead, it's in a quiet bedroom where a soft song plays(...)

Get ready for a wonderful romantic comedy in a beautiful setting with two truly adorable characters. Lily Morton gets better and better at creating characters that have great chemistry and this is no exception. From the moment they met, **I adored Silas and Oz.** If you want to read about two characters falling in love this is the book for you. Add into the mix this Author's ability to write great banter and you've got a winner here.

After a disastrous relationship Oz finds himself homeless and jobless. Used to life in the fast lane in London he has no idea what to expect when he gets a job as a site manager in a crumbling stately home on a country estate in Cornwall. The job is going to prove a lot more difficult than he thought, especially when temptation is put in his way in the form of the owner, Silas.

There is so much to love here,

-Oz is just about the perfect character for me. Sassy, quick witted. He may be small in stature he more than makes up for it, with his personality. Just a bit flamboyant with his skin tight jeans and love of eye liner and nail polish (I might have died a bit here!)-he refuses to conform for anyone...

-Silas might be an Earl but he's down to earth with such a wonderful heart and he gets a lot more than he expected when the tornado that is Oz crashes into his life.

-These two men were just too adorable together. Opposites attract in the most delicious way and, like I said earlier, you could really *feel* them falling in love-I actually got a bit teary reading this.

-The setting, in Cornwall, was so atmospheric. A place I've visited many times and the Author captured it perfectly here.

-And the Epilogue was one of the best I've read-just adorable.

Highly Recommended.

Review copy.

.Lili. says

Good lord, there was so much to love about **Oz by Lily Morton**. In this first installment of the Finding Home series, we finally get Silas' HEA. We first met him Risk Taker; he's Henry's brother. Lily Morton has paired him with a sassy mouthed Irishman named Oz, who's hired to namage Silas' estate.

What's not to love Some highlights:

-Silas. Big, hairy, kind, patient, dirty mouthed Silas. I. Love. Everything. About. Him.

-Oz. Who doesn't love a funny, snarky, loyal friend? He was such a joy to read.

-Dual POVs

-Although we still get Lily Morton's signature snarky banter the vibe of the book was gentler overall. It wasn't as angst as her previous books.

-No drawn out drama. Of course, there was a dark moment as in all romances, but it was resolved fairly quick.

-An amazing cast of secondary characters- that I can't wait to read more of.

-Chemistry was smokin'! I wasn't expecting Silas to be a bit of dirty talker, that was a pleasant surprise.

-And the end was everything the epilogue whore in me wanted and more!

No negatives to report from me. Go 1-click, friends!

5 Stars.

Shile says

It's me not the book!

I will now go straight into the box of shame.

This book has so many rave reviews, so clearly there is something wrong with my sense of humor.

I am a Lily Morton fan but this book was missing something. I loved mixed messages book 1 and 2 and

laughed my ass off. When it came to this one, the jokes fell flat.

I liked Oz and Silas, they are very likable characters but when it came to the romance part, i couldn't feel their connection/chemistry.

Anyhoo, don't mind me. It started out very good and i was enjoying, then somewhere in the middle of the book, everything went haywire.

Ele says

4.5 stars

Loved every minute. Oz might be one of my favorite characters ever. I'm thrilled this is going to be a series.

Highly recommended!
