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Thompson and Caroline Gray were living their dream until Caroline's untimely death just two years after they'd bought the Thundercloud Marina. When Caroline died, she left Thompson alone and emotionally disconnected—until Thompson's longtime friend and towboat owner Hank Charming tows Garner Holt, a recently retired psychiatrist, and his boat into the marina for repair. Thompson and Hank are both drawn to the sailboat captain, but for very different reasons.

Since high school, Hank has secretly carried a torch for Thompson, even though Thompson remained committed to Caroline, even after her death. Hank is totally caught off guard when his initial attraction to Garner makes him realize this stranger might be the one to help him move on with his life. Thompson establishes a platonic friendship with Garner and starts to see the psychiatrist as his only lifeline to sanity. Life improves until Thompson sees Hank and Garner together, and old feelings Thompson thought were long buried begin to resurface. Garner quickly identifies the unresolved feelings between Hank and Thompson and decides to tap his professional skills and work behind the scenes to help Thompson and Hank see what has been right in front of them all along.

## **Sunrise Over Savannah Details**

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### Lidia says

3,5 stars

Probably was I who wasn't in mood , but this story not convinced me completely, especially the first part, in fact I have thought to a threesome relationship to beginning for how the three protagonists interacted. Though, I liked very much the character of Hank so sincere and honest and I would wanted that was him to heal Thompson , much less that of Garner , for Thompson instead I don't know what think,his story is drammmatic but a bit extreme into his devotion to Caroline . I think the story was too short and a lot of things to write about. I have , however, loved the last part with Hank and Thomson together,where I truly recognize the sweet and lovely writing of Mr Cade.

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### Suze says

I want to go to Thundercloud marina - seems that's where all the good looking guys are!

Garner has got out of the rat race and is moseying on his yacht - engine trouble lands him at the marina. Hank 'Prince' Charming has lived in the area all his live and comes to Garner's rescue - and piques his interest.

Thompson owns the marina but is just existing after the death of his wife. He has known Hank since they were boys. He knocks Garner for six, but there are troubled waters beneath his surface.

Once the story got going, my main thoughts were (view spoiler), though the story did twist away from that for a while, enough to make make me wonder what would be the outcome.

Enjoyed this one a lot, it was a fairly gentle story, most of the angst having happened long before the story is set. Some bits were a bit a sappy, but as a nice, heart warming story it was great. 3.75\*

Only remaining questions - where will Garner go next, who will he help and will he get his own Prince Charming!

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### Tori Thompson says

There are three main characters to this book, Thompson, Hank, and Garner, plus the memory of Caroline, Thompson's deceased wife. Thompson married his childhood sweetheart Caroline, bought their favorite marina, the Thundercloud Marina, and settled down to leave a happy life. Fate had a different plan, and took Caroline from Thompson very early. Hank and Thompson were friends back in the day, it appears there some attraction on Hanks side, and possibly Thompson's as well. Hank, called Prince by his high school friends, sticks by Thompson through Caroline's death, trying to help him heal. Thompson wants no part of healing, and pushes Hank away. Four years later, Thompson is still wallowing in misery and loneliness, greeting every sunrise from the dock were Caroline died in his arms.

Enter Garner. Garner is a psychiatrist from New York. Tired of his busy, unfulfilling life, he buys a big beautiful boat and heads out to explore the world. One morning near Savannah, his lovely boat won't start.

He calls the boaters version of AAA, and Hank comes to tow him in to the closest marina, the Thundercloud Marina. Garner learns his boat has an issue and he settles in to stay at the marina for a bit, accepting a job from the somewhat surly Thompson.

That is basically the set up for the main act of the story. There is this wonderful developing dynamic between the three men, building trust, sharing past stories, and creating a friendship. But there is occasionally this bit of jealousy, Hank is jealous of Garner and Thompson, Thompson is jealous of Garner and Hank. At the half way point, I still wasn't sure if this was Garner and Hank's story, with Thompson as a side character, or a soon to be threesome. Or if Garner was there as a conduit to get Hank and Thompson together... And no, I won't tell you which it is! You'll have to read this wonderful book to find out.

Each of the three men brings something of value to this story. Thompson is so wonderfully miserable, caught in some sort of guilt/angst drama thing over not just Caroline's death, but their whole relationship. Hank is strong, independent, confident, and has loved Thompson one way or another for years. But there is possible something building between he and Garner. Garner is just a great guy. Strong, confident, and independent as well, but he's also an intelligent, caring thoughtful healer. He sees Thompson's pain and starts to work subtly to get through to Thompson for a while, then they just get in to it and get it done.

I loved following this whole mess of a story, these men are tangled up and confused, about themselves, about each other, and about their relationships. The healing that Garner brings to Thompson probably saves his life. He is likely to wallow in misery for ever, never finding happiness again. Hank is another story, he's invested in Thompson, but he's been pushed aside before, more than once. I think he would have been just fine without Garner, and possibly without Thompson. He seems stable, has a wonderful house and business. Maybe he would have found someone to love at some point. Garner is a ship passing in the night...

So. I'll stop there before I say too much. I will say this is a beautiful story. Well written, deep characters, lots of drama, especially toward the end. There is not a lot of sex, this is a romance, but not erotica. When it does happen, it is special and meaningful. It was just perfect. This is about building characters and a strong story. I've read a book by Scotty Cade before, I can't remember which at the moment, and I enjoyed it, but not enough to get me to read more. I read *Sunrise Over Savannah* to give a review, and I am so glad I did. I WILL go buy books by Scotty now, I get it. This was a lovely book.

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<http://sidlove.com/2014/02/17/release...>

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**Shahreen says**

## **Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says**

**My first book by Scotty Cade might be my last. This one didn't work for me, not at all.**

To answer many of your questions, no this isn't a menage book. The blurb is a bit ambiguous about that, and I don't want to turn people off from the story because they are afraid of some three-way action.

Now, on to why I didn't like this one. **It mainly boils down to the writing style + Heather = me no likey.** I'll break it down for y'all.

**Everything is described. In EXCRUCIATING detail.** Are you curious about what every character is wearing in every single scene? Fear not! All will be revealed.

*"Hank was wearing a nicely pressed blue chambray shirt over a bright-orange T-shirt, khakis, and brown driving shoes."*

*"Garner felt underdressed in his amber-colored V-neck T-shirt, blue jeans, and blue-and-gold Nikes."*

Worried that you won't get enough descriptions of the setting? Unfounded!

*"Garner followed in awe, certain his mouth was hanging open from the sheer beauty surrounding him. There was a royal-blue tone-on-tone striped camelback couch sitting in the center of the room with two tapestry-upholstered Martha Washington chairs flanking a large fireplace. End tables and other accent pieces effortlessly placed here and there donned the room and created a comfortable but elegant feel. There was a hall at the far right, which Garner assumed led to the bedrooms, and closed double french doors across the back wall. But before he could ask where they led, he spotted a triple mahogany chest of drawers with shiny brass pulls against the back wall..."*

For some readers, they may love these details. I, however, did not. I found all of the descriptions to be both dull and distracting.

I also found the writing style overall to be just ill-suited for my tastes. It felt very tell-y and not show-y with the emotional details. I felt like everything was explained for the readers versus letting them discover facts for themselves. It made it so I didn't feel emotionally invested in the characters.

There was also a melodramatic, soap-opera/harlequin feel to the story that I didn't care for.

Now, underneath the stylistic issues there is a meaningful story. I started to enjoy it a little at about 60% and finished it easily whereas I was struggling before. I think the characters grew on me a bit.

Maybe other readers will connect with the story more than me, but I think I'll pass on this author in the future.

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### **Marbea E. Logan says**

This was a light and moving story. I really knew there was more than what was being said grieving Thompson. When he said he love Caroline although there was no passion, it had to due to abuse. I'm happy Hank got what he needed, and Thompson found peace. As far as Beatrice Reilly goes I am not malicious but her death should be hard and suffering!! Letting a man rape your child so you can have a fake social life. Ughh I'm disgusted and she deserved to die of AIDS(God forgive me!) Her dirty peen husband got off too easy as is! I'm hoping Garner finds his happy ever after being he was a blessing to Hank and Thompson.

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### **Jamie says**

Having read all of Scotty Cades books, this one really caught me quite off guard in the best of ways. Initially, I thought this was going to go in an entirely different direction than it did. Frankly, I certainly like reading his books because in the end Man gets Man. I mean, that's the audience it's written and for as far as I am concerned.

In the other reviews I have read thus far, everyone has focused on the relation of the 3 men and how this plays out. Not quite so. Even though the Character of Caroline has died, the memory of her is just as strong as any of the other Characters. The complexity of how this develops and plays out is like a roller coaster of emotions between 4 personalities. Each with a story to tell.

Unlike some of the other charcaters in past novels Like An unconventional union, I really cared about the characters. In this novel, the conection is much deeper almost as if you know these people. If you have ever been a man who has lost a love and still searched yet again for a Happy ending, this will certainly bring a smile to you heart. Yes this is a book for the heart. The most tender and heartfelt book to date by Scotty Cade.

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### **GayListBookReviews says**

A bittersweet story of friendship, devotion, commitment, loyalty, grief, and love. There are several things happening in this story that will change everything.

Told from all of the main characters' points of view we get to know all three men very well. Each voice is distinctive and I was glad that I was not left guessing with how complicated and changing the relationships between all three men were as the story progressed. Many times each man was unsure of what he felt and wanted. There was a lot of denial going on.

Garner is burnt out and looking to find some peace and happiness again, and maybe a little adventure as he travels around in his beautiful new boat. He comes into the situation knowing that he won't be staying long, but quickly realizes that he needs to use his psychology skills to help his new friends, if he can. He is instantly drawn to both men and begins to date Hank, even though he cannot stop thinking about Thompson, or what he would like to do to him in bed.

Hank, "Prince" to his friends, is a sweetheart. He has been in love with Thompson since they were boys, and try as he might, he can't seem to move on. There will always be a piece of his heart that belongs to Thompson. He likes Garner and is smitten with the intelligent and funny man and hopes that maybe he can be the one who helps him let go of the past.

Thompson has become locked into his grief. Rather than healing and allowing his wife, Caroline's memory to be of moments of happiness and joy tempered with loss, he has kept the wound of her passing an open and festering sore that is destroying him. So his days seem filled with little more than grief, guilt and bitterness. He needs help if he's going to ever be anything more than a shell of his former self, simply existing and in nearly constant pain.

There is no menage in this story. All of the men are attracted to each other to differing degrees and they are all very good friends. But even though Garner and Hank go out on a few dates they soon realize that there will never be anything more than friendship between them. Garner likes Hank too much to love him and leave him and Hank is still so in love with Thompson that he can't really see anyone else. As for Thompson, there has never been any man for him but Hank, and there never will be.

One thing I have learned with Scotty Cade's books is that you must expect the twists. You will not necessarily be able to predict what that twist will be but there is a very good chance that at least one of them will break your heart.

There were some moments where I was nervous about how things were going to work out for our guys. I became a little frustrated at the possibility that Garner could come between the men, but Scotty Cade managed to bring it all together and make me curious about what is in store for Garner on his journeys.

Reviewed by Nina

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### **Barbara ♥~Lindt Ninja~♥ (Careerist Gangster™) says**

I thought about giving this 1.5 stars but in the end, just couldn't because I hated the descriptive writing style. From the blurb, I couldn't tell if this was going to be a menage - it isn't - but as soon as my friends saw it on my TBR list, they wondered if it was one, so I think the author really failed to convey that.

This book just wasn't for me. A non-professional reviewer.

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### **Carol says**

This book was quite unusual in that one of the MC's Garner Holt is not the "romantic lead" though the book does pivot around this character and a lot of the book is told from his viewpoint. Garner was the Head of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai in New York and by the time he hit is late 30's he was burnt out and took early retirement, bought a boat and is travelling down the coast. His boat broke down and he was brought to

Thundercloud Marina in Savannah by Hank 'Prince' Charming and meets Thompson Gray, the marine dock owner.

The book is both lovely and unusual in that the romance between Hank and Thompson doesn't really take place until the last third of the book, but I could accept that because they were best friends all their lives, until the course of Thompson's life was changed drastically when he was 13. It was a poignant and emotional read at times. I would have liked to have seen more of Hank and Thompson together, but even so by the end of the book I felt that I knew them very well and really liked them through their interactions with Garner.

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### **Kobie says**

I spent most of this book wondering when it would end and then just as it was going to end, I couldn't finish it. I liked the characters, hated the description of furniture (ugh, I mean, part of the reason to read M/M is to avoid all the flowery description!), and didn't like the way the 3rd wheel was disposed of. Man, why am I giving this 3 stars?!

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### **Bea Gerard says**

Loved this book. Scotty Cade paints a picture with his stories! Love Love Loved it!

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### **Julio Genao says**

**I did not enjoy either the blurb or the sample.**

DNF at 0.01 percent.

further and largely verboten context in the comments.

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### **Bitchie says**

This was slow and easy, and surprisingly, not too angsty, considering the subject matter.

My one major complaint was the book featured three guys, but their personalities were all really similar. Nothing much to tell them apart. Plus, once I started reading, I had to come back here to read reviews, to find out who the main pairing was going to be, and then they don't get together at ALL until right at the end. There was a lot of time spent on all three guys getting to know each other, in pairs, but not a lot of time spent on the romantic part.

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**Jacq says**

**Ooooooh Yea!**

**New, Scotty Cade Book For Me....**

ok, I just finished...let me just say..

**Scotty Cade you Rock...**

**And soooo, dang, worth it !**

This is what my brain got...Just HOLY-HOTNESS!

This was storyline is quite Intriguing...I even got Scotty's classic signature, a mention of a~ Smooth song  
**"Tennessee Waltz" by... Norah Jones and of course Ella Fitzgerald"**

Truly a Treat.

— Sigh... A well thought out love story. ~ WELL DONE!

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