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Titan Douglas has a brilliant NFL career of legendary statistics until he blows out his knee. For two years he mourns the loss of his career, status and lifestyle -- until the day he wakes up with a strange man in his bed and realizes he needs to go home. Slowly, he rebuilds his life, keeping his sexuality safely secret. After a painful breakup, Chandler Stowe leaves behind Los Angeles with all its memories and returns to his hometown to take care of his parents' estate. Then Chandler meets Titan and his heart leaps back to life. But a relationship with a closeted gay man is risky. When the town folks turn against Chandler and want him to leave, Chandler's not so sure his lover will get his back. Titan must determine what his heart truly longs for -- and if he willing to step out of bounds for a chance at true love.

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Linda says

Titan is a retired NFL player who has returned to his hometown of Cholla and is now the high school coach. Chandler has also returned to Cholla to regroup after a split with his partner. He has agreed to teach the after school art class.

Emotions run high when Titan and Chandler meet but there are some who want Chandler gone, with some dangerous consequences.

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Tara says

I loved this book, I was gripped from start to finish. The chemistry between Titan and Chandler was powerful from the get go, no matter what they couldn't stay away from each other, even with the battles they had to overcome. It was a beautiful read and I highly recommend it.

Ami says

3.5 stars

Chandler Stowe returns to his hometown, Cholla, Arizona, to take a position as art-teacher, after a painful break up with his lover, Alan. Being the only gay adult in the small town is definitely not easy, but Chandler has his best friend, Robyn, and he tries to build his new life. Until he meets Titan Douglas, an ex-NFL player, who also works at the High School as Coach. Titan is gay but he is still in the closet for fear that everybody will shun him. Things turn for the worse, when one of the student's father is accusing Chandler of molesting his son, and people in the town are determined to get rid of him. Will Titan overcome his fear to stand by the man he loves?

Another book from the "Coming Out Celebration" releases in Loose Id, LLC. I enjoy Chandler and Titan's relationship, though of course, I want to smack Titan sometimes for his behavior handling the issue of Chandler vs. the town. Though at the same time, I understand his fear. The things that others can do to one gay man are vicious!! It still saddens me to read about it. The ending might be the *best thing* for them at the moment.

I can't give it 4 stars because there are still few issues that I *wish* are tied-up namely the accusation. But still, a good addition to the "Coming Out" series.

Penny says

Premise:

Ex- NFL player, now Football coach (in the closet) falls for the local art teacher(Opening Gay.) Problems

occur when a student's father accuses the art teacher of making sexual advances against son. Drama Ensues. Will the coach come to his senses in time to save the relationship??? Enjoyable read, but predictable. **Three Stars**

Kirsty Mckenzie says

Brilliant book

This was a very enjoyable book. Chandler was a wonderful character who was quite strong in his character, and even if at times he didn't think he was. Titan was one hell of a man, as he came across in the book. Such a thoughtful character, like in life we all struggle to make that one hard desicion it is almost always complecated but ultimately we need to stand up and stick to our guns.

This is my first time reading a Viki Lyn book, but it definitely won't be my last.

This is one amazing book, that really sucks you in and doesn't let go until the end. Just the kind of book we all like to read. I recommend this book very much, it is a definite must read.

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Esther says

I really did not like Titan. There was also so much hate in this book. Titan should have manned up way sooner and that last scene was awful

Cassandra Carr says

Viki Lyn nails the complex emotions behind the issues homosexuals face every day, even in our modern society. Despite this weighty subject matter, the book is still, at its heart, a love story between two extraordinary men. The chemistry between Chandler and Titan is clear from the beginning and the action only gets hotter as the book goes on. You definitely root for these two characters to make it, that's for sure! If you're looking for a m/m romance that's more than just a couple of guys knockin' boots, Viki Lyn's books are for you!

Emily says

3.5 stars

This was a good book. I enjoyed the fight for their relationship, but I had a hard time liking Titan. He came off as flaky for a good part of the book. I thought he was a coward too. I mean, I understand his potential problems, but come on. He wasn't a current NFL player anymore, had more than enough money, a supportive sister, a loving boyfriend and even when his boyfriend needed him the most. I like how he made everything up at the end (in my mind), but I still thought he needed to do more begging for forgiveness. All in all though, I did like the book and would recommend it.

Amy says

Small town, small minds. Mob mentality. This story spoke to me about the prejudice of people with fear of the unknown. The idea that being gay is contagious or that because you are you have no control of yourself. I loved how Chandler knew who he was and was willing to take a chance on Titan. Growing up means learning to accept who you are and love yourself regardless of other peoples opinion.

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Kassa says

Out of Bounds is an ok story with some decent characters. The actual plot is pretty well used and familiar, nothing too exciting or different. The characters stay within pretty typical stereotypes with some mild sex scenes thrown in. There is nothing especially offensive about this offering, but nothing exciting either. It's a stock contemporary story that's been done and read before and likely to appeal to the author's fans the most.

Chandler is an artist that moves home to a very small town after a bad breakup. He is the only openly gay man in the entire town. He becomes involved with closeted football coach, Titan, and the two begin a very quiet relationship. Of course the town bigot (well the entire town qualifies really) decides to run Chandler out of town and accuses him of molesting a young boy. Titan is too afraid to come out of his closet and support Chandler so their relationship hits predictable issues.

The story is easy going and pretty familiar. The plot of a closeted relationship followed by ignorant accusations in a small town is one that many readers have read before; no doubt several, several times before. Therefore this offering fits with those and offers the same kind of story. It's not offensive and stays true to predictable actions but it's also the feeling of having read the story before and easy to guess what happens. No one really steps out of their box, even at the end with the over the top gesture that doesn't make any sense or reality, but you knew it was coming.

The characters themselves easily stay within their stereotypes. Chandler is the talented artist, just wanting to help kids and get over his bad breakup. He seems to have endless amounts of money so he doesn't need to work, which makes the story's focus on the relationship easier. Chandler of course wants an open relationship and tries several times to break it off with Titan due to Titan's poor behavior. Of course Chandler loves Titan so always gives him another shot. Titan behaves as a scared closet case for most of the book and alternates between being in love with Chandler and fearful of coming out. Again these stereotypes feel real but they don't really offer anything new.

The writing is decent with a few technical errors and mistakes and I did appreciate the variety in sex scenes offered. The characters don't just do the same scripted events but change things up and show some nice variety. Having said that I didn't connect with either character and felt they were too familiar as re-treads to really care. Not a bad book but it's simply one of many contemporaries that deals with these same situations and characters. If you're looking for a comfort read this might offer satisfaction.

Penny Ellgass says

Loved this book.

Chandler an artist goes back to small town he grew up in to take care of his parents passing. Out and proud gay man becoming well known as a sculpture.

Titan football coach at local high school, former NFL player. In the closet deep, never been in a relationship. These 2 are attracted to each other and start to see one another. Can they make it with one being out and one in the closet.

Great characters, dealing with bigotry, violence and lies; with compassion and fairness.

This is a great LGBT BOOK.

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Jason Bradley says

[In the last scene, Chandler is having his first art exhibit since his break up with a overly controlling lover who also managed his art career. This is his chance to prove he can stand alone. His shining moment. Titan picks this event to stage his 'coming out', unannounced to Chandler. Titan shows up with a reporter in tow

Patti Nelson says

Titan returns home to be a high school football coach. Titan is a closeted gay. Chandler came back to town to get over a broken heart. Chandler and Titan meet at the high school. They start to spend a lot of time together. Titan starts to have feelings for Chandler but is afraid to go public. Can they have a healthy relationship?

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Lisa says

Chandler flees to a small Arizona town after he breaks up with his boyfriend. There he meets Titan, the local high school football coach, who though gay is deeply in the closet.

Instead of everything being sweetness and light with the townsfolk we got a look at some of the hostility towards Chandler.

He is accused of interfering with boys from his art class and then his studio is torched.

The guys didn't get their happy ever after but I would have loved an epilogue to find out where they went after the show and how their lives turned out.

Lily says

Deep in the closet, ex-NFL player turned high school football coach meets gay artist in a bigoted small town setting. This was a nice story although I didn't like it as much as I had expected. Titan and Chandler are hot together but I really felt for Chandler as he struggles with a painful past relationship, his new and also frequently painful relationship with closeted Titan and the stereotypical bigot trying to run him out of town. There were several times throughout the book where I really didn't like Titan at all but at least Chandler had a good friend in town for support. Despite not totally loving this story I would read more by this new to me author in the future.
