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Evan Wainwright's good relationship karma is paying off. After helping his friends, Sean and Michael, discover their sexuality—and each other—Evan meets the love of his life. Their new housemate, Daniel Collier, is everything Evan could want in a boyfriend. Now if Evan can just work out why Daniel panics whenever Evan tries to get close.

Daniel has finally met his soul mate. Evan is perfect for him—at least, he would be, if Daniel could find the courage to overcome his demons and leave the past behind. But his mental scars prove difficult to heal, and Daniel struggles with his heart, even though it tells him Evan is the one.

Life in the student house goes on despite the usual interruptions: a wedding, a trial for a hate crime, a gay couple with exhibitionist tendencies. Through it all, Evan and Daniel remind themselves they are meant to be together. But until Daniel trusts Evan with the secret that's tearing his family apart, "meant to be" is on hold.

Evan & Daniel Details

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A Girl Has No Name says

I find it very difficult to rate this book, as I really enjoyed the plot and the story behind the MCs. However, the frequent kisses, touches and overly sweet interactions between most of the male characters of the book made the story somehow unrealistic. It was way over the top and I caught myself rolling my eyes many times. As I liked the idea behind it I will give 3 stars to this story.

Lauren Marks says

Book 1 in K.C. Wells series learning to love was good, great even. Book 2, Evan & Daniel, rolled all of the brilliance of book one and expanded it to make a phenomenal read. Sean and Michael take over the role of support and use everything we learned from Evan in book one. The couple grow in this book and make you love them even more.

Then it comes to Evan and Daniel. Daniel is such a well-rounded character. He is certainly a favourite. I felt from the first moment that he would end up capturing hearts. His shy nature and past experience just make him so much more. His growth throughout the book is a journey worth reading. Don't get me wrong Evan was great too. The emotion the pair have is wonderful.

My only real complaint is lack of sleep – and as I am half way through book 3 I don't really see this changing tonight.

Angela says

Sweet and sexy romance. Slow and gentle paced romance with two people meant for each other. Tackles a very serious issue sensitively. If you loved the characters from the first book you're in luck because they're very prominent in this story too. We also meet the characters from the third book - looking forward to reading their story. All in all a lovely romantic tale of true love - what's not to love! The only reason this is not a 5 star like the first book is that we don't get their first meeting and the initial feelings that develop from their point of view. It's seen through the eyes of Sean and Michael in the first book. I feel the book does lack something because of this. But I do still love it.

Christy says

Considering I usually like my characters and my stories with a little more drama, I surprised myself by wanting to read this second installment in the 'Learning to Love' series. I liked the first book, very much, and as I stated in my review, it was exceptionally sweet and somewhat predictable. So why, you may ask, would I want to read more? Well, for one thing I despise not reading all the books in a series. I'm a little too anal

retentive to not finish a series. And, another thing, I liked Evan a lot from book one and I was betting this story might be a little edgier and, perhaps, have more angst and drama. I wanted to see if the author might break these characters out of some of their cookie cutter molds they've been written as and do something shocking.

Evan initially came across as a bit of a twink, always with the ready wit, the hugs, the kisses on the cheek, and the 'honey' and 'sweetie' forms of address for everyone. There's so much more depth to him, though. Evan has been a bit of a man-whore and he is most definitely out and proud. He doesn't want the one-offs anymore, he wants what his housemates, Sean and Michael, found. A deep, abiding, and committed love with a man who will cherish him always.

Daniel is a shy, sweet, unassuming young man with a painful past. He has some deep scars from his childhood and they are holding him back from being able to have the full relationship with Evan that Daniel so desperately wants. He knows that he will need to tell Evan the truth about himself, but he's also terrified that maybe Evan won't still love him afterwards.

Evan and Daniel's love story is different from Sean and Michael's. The first couple dealt with discovering they were gay and all the trauma that can follow that. Evan and Daniel are dealing with creating a lasting relationship in the midst of childhood trauma and the effect that finally reporting it to the police can cause. This love story seemed deeper to me and I liked it even better than the first book.

This story was fairly long but it also dealt with a lot of issues and continued to have equal representation within the story by Sean and Michael. The wedding of Sean and Michael plus the trial for the hate crime committed against Michael along with slowly introducing two new characters that are to be the focus of the next story, Josh and Chris, filled the book to overflowing. There is considerable angst and drama in this installment and I'm constantly surprised by how perfectly all the characters seem to respond to all the trauma. It was also interesting to note the sexual situations all four men got up to together with there seemingly being no issues amongst them afterwards.

It is a very good, sweet, but with a little more drama, love story that I enjoyed. Just remember that it is quite long so don't expect to be done with it for awhile.

NOTE: This book was provided by Dreamspinner Press for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Bev says

Second part in the Learning to Love trilogy featuring Evan and Daniel. 4 stars

Well, I don't know if it's the house the guys are staying in or something in the water, but they're at it like bunnies all the time...sorry I'm talking about Sean & Michael...our married couple, not Evan and Daniel. Evan would **like** to be at it like bunnies I'm sure, but something about Daniel's past is holding their relationship back. I did guess what this was, it wasn't difficult, but that didn't make any more pleasant to read about I'm afraid.

This story continued on where book 1 left off, Michael having survived his hate beating and now the guys responsible are awaiting their turn in court, Evan still randy as hell but reluctant to press Daniel in view of what he perceives the problem to be. Daniel talks to Michael and Sean, and of course his therapist, and eventually tells Evan what happened in his past, and how he is taking steps to lessen the impact the (view spoiler) has on his future with Evan, because yes, they've definitely got a future. Unfortunately, things are not all sweetness and light now...it would appear that (view spoiler), and in view of his trauma, Daniel reports things to the police (God, a very sympathetic detective, who happens to be the father of one of the guys in the next book in the series Josh), and his mum goes berserk, accusing Daniel of telling lies, of trying to ruin her marriage...stupid cow!!

I'll leave this review here, and get started on book 3 LtL : Josh and Chris.

~Mindy Lynn~ says

3.5*

Candice says

[1. Daniel being terrified to have sex, then talking about it with Evan and all of a sudden he's a great top. He doesn't seem to think about the abuse at all while having sex..oh I am sorry "making love". Everything about it was beautiful and magical. He even got a little dominate and pinned Evan's hands above his head.

2. Is it me or are Michael, Sean

DaisyGirl says

[the m/m/m encounter in book 1 (hide spoiler)]

Debfirpo says

I love this world that KC has made here. I love the flow of this book, it's a smooth read. I'm so happy Evan as gotten his happy ever after. Looking forward to the next book!

A says

3.5 Stars. <http://joyfullyjay.com/2013/04/review...>

In the first Learning to Love book, Michael and Sean explore their sexuality and each other with help from their roommate and best friend, Evan. Now Evan is getting his own story, one which follows his new relationship with Daniel, who moved into the house at the end of the last book. They are attracted to each

other and are headed toward a committed relationship, but the physical aspect of being together sends Daniel into a panic, and Evan needs to remain patient and figure out what is causing such a reaction in his lover.

In the meantime, newlyweds Michael and Sean are happy and horny. Pretty much all the time. Since Evan had a little bit of a fling with the duo before he realized that, unless he wanted to have his heart broken, he needed to stick to friendship only, they all have a history together that plays a big part in this story. All of the housemates are a very friendly, affectionate bunch and support each other completely. Michael is in the middle of a hate crime trial following his beating the previous year. Daniel is struggling with some issues none of the rest of them can begin to understand. But through it all, their friendship and love for one another is what keeps each of them grounded.

If you've read the first Learning to Love book, you know pretty much how this book is going to go as well. Wells sticks to a formulaic pattern. The only thing that has really changed here is the names. We have two young boys (both only 19 years old), who are loving and outwardly affectionate and use a constant stream of endearments, including sweetheart, honey, and love, with each other and their friends. They are completely committed to each other from the beginning, though there is a major obstacle standing in their way. They work through the issue with the help of their friends and, at the ripe old age of barely 20, decide they have found what they want for the rest of their lives.

I'm not denying that it's sweet to see these lovable boys find each other. Perhaps the reason these four (and a couple of strays they pick up along the way, as a setup for Book 3) migrate toward one another is because they share such abundantly loving sensibilities. The problem I have here is that they are all the same. They come from the same precious cookie-cutter mold, so that it actually becomes difficult to tell them apart. My favorite parts of the book are when someone has the gall to do something a little different from the others. In one case, Daniel shows his dominating side and commands the three boys through a steamy sexual encounter. In fact, and I know I'll have some dissenters here, I really enjoyed the sexual interaction between the four boys. Maybe it's too taboo for some, but for me, it was something different, that cut through the monotony of one sex scene after another.

Be warned that this book has a lot of sex. Those of you who are looking for a lot of sex will be sure to come away satisfied. But it was too much for me. The major problem with this book, and most others that are well over 300 pages, is that it needs to be much, much shorter. Cut down to 200 pages, I think this would've been a much tighter, much more interesting story. With the addition of another 130 pages, it inevitably becomes monotonous, especially when we are dealing with a group of such similar characters.

This book is highly romantic. It deals with some truly sad, horrific situations, but it's the power of love that gets them through it all. I like this group of boys and want to believe that such a sensitive caring bunch exists in real life. I just want them to break out of their molds and do something bold and unexpected. I want them to become individuals, instead of replications of each other. I'm hoping in the next book, Wells throws the formula out the window and gives us something new and exciting. The framework is there. Let's hope the next couple — Josh and Chris — are the ones to do it.

Lynn S. says

I really enjoyed the story of Evan and Daniel and especially enjoyed the author letting us revisit Sean and Michael (and not just a little bit either). I look forward to the next book!

AyoDollFace says

These characters made this book very difficult to finish. I often forgot they were men, there was so much crying and emotional bullshit. I had to skip A LOT of this book. When I read an m/m book, I wanna read about two freaken men and not a bunch of blubbering chicks.

Cindi says

3.5 stars

While this is titled *Evan & Daniel* it is every bit as much about the two main characters from the first in the series, Michael and Sean, as it is those two.

This is a nice (though long) story about one man whose secrets are preventing him from moving on and the man who saves him.

Full review **with spoilers** can be found at On Top Down Under Book Reviews.

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Nic says

[Michael and Sean got married in the first book and in this one Evan and Daniel get engaged at age 19 after knowing each other only 9 months - this doesn't seem realistic. Some of the sex also didn't seem natural in light of Daniel's previous abuse and lack of other experience. (hide spoiler)]

Becky Condit says

This absolutely wonderful story takes a sensitive, but no holds barred look at the tragedy of hate crimes, the devastation of sexual abuse, and the heartbreaking struggles to overcome the physical, mental, and emotional scars that they leave behind. With a smoothly flowing, character driven plot, the characters show a loving, quiet courage and support to each other that absolutely jumps off the page. The backstory from the first book continues into this one without overwhelming with a bunch of unnecessary detail. The sex in this story is hot, passionate, and filled with so much love, that I felt it myself. The author's style of writing is poetic, eloquent, concise, and demonstrates a sensitive, in-depth knowledge of just how devastating the aftermath of hate crimes, and sexual abuse can be. It makes the MCs HEA ending that much sweeter for me. I thoroughly enjoyed this absolutely beautiful story and would DEFINITELY recommend it to everyone!

Trish's complete 5 sweet pea review appears at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....> on May 7, 2013.

