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A promising baseball star, Dimitri Michelakakis, left it all behind when his troubled sister called, begging him to raise her baby boy. Now a chef and a single father, he runs the successful catering arm of local bistro, Terra Verde. Dimitri never suspected that one of his catering jobs would lead him to a new love. Since receiving a note about his son's birth, millionaire Mason Harrison has done everything he can to find the baby and the man who raised him as his own. Could finding his son mean finding the family Mason has always longed for?

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Karel says

This was terrible, the kind of stuff I'd give -100 stars if I could.

The book is written almost exclusively in conversations, like it's some kind of script. When it deigns to describe something, it's terribly mundane things like 'He put tomatoes in his soup. Then he sliced mushrooms.' for the length of a whole chapter.

The first 25% or so was about the MC and his kid and some gay couple talking talking talking and then a whole chapter devoted to MC and son cooking. Then it was like, 10 chapters of MC-LoveInterest conversation.

No descriptions of anything, or anyone, except some perfunctory ASL bullshit where you get a run through of someone's height and hair color and then it's back to six chapters of conversations punctuated by occasional descriptions of the love interest's wine cabinet.

Would have been great if the conversations were interesting but it was like listening to two 70-year-old sommeliers discussing wine when all you want is a beer. "Marry me because I want your son," Said rich bitch. "It will be good. Also, your dead sister left me a letter asking me to marry you, so I hope you're not expecting romance and rot."

I lied. No, it was more like:

Please, don't keep me away from him or you. not now that I've met the both of you. Since receiving that letter, I've felt like a piece of me was missing all the time. Tonight, the piece of me was beginning to click in place.

Recommended for someone you want to torture.

Nic says

This book was quite enjoyable but a number of factors meant it wasn't totally great. The storyline had great potential but the way it was written was highly unbelievable.

I loved the idea of the biological father having a relationship with the adopted father and raising their son together. However I couldn't believe in the love between Dimitri and Mason. Mason seemed so formal in his manner and conversation and making him a millionaire was just so unnecessary. I think I would have preferred it to be a love story between two regular people. (view spoiler)

I also found the way Dimitri spoke to his son a bit annoying (not too sure why) and got sick of them saying *entaksi* and was totally annoyed by the overuse of the "robin's egg blue" when describing eyes - twice on the same page is too much. I am probably being a bit too picky but found these things noticeable enough to slightly dampen my enjoyment. Still a three star read.

Mandapanda says

1.5 stars. Dimitri has adopted his late sister's son but Mason, the biological father, turns up with a letter from the sister informing him he's the father and that he and Dimitri would make a perfect couple. He arranges a meeting with Dimitri and proposes they get married and raise Theo together. Dimitri is initially reluctant and suspicious.

The first 25% of this story is about Dimitri and the very cutesy Theo. OK if you love your romance with kids but for those who don't this is going to annoy. I found the premise unbelievable. If a millionaire gay guy was going to try sleeping with a woman one time, you'd think he'd choose someone more attractive than a crack whore. And if I had a dollar for every time a sister gets killed off in m/m romance so that the gay couple can get the kids, I'd be a rich woman! The dialogue seemed stuffy, boring and unrealistic to me and there was zero chemistry. Unfortunately this book just didn't do anything for me.

Sam says

DNF for now, this book should have been something I loved based on what I know I like. However, this book was just not for me, I don't like Mason at all, I don't like certain things about the plot though I won't go into all the things I don't like because I don't want to spoil anything and I'm too tired. I used to always finish books no matter what but then I realized that I have a lot of books that I own but haven't read yet and that since my free time is limited, I should probably spend that time actually reading something I enjoy, something that I don't have to struggle to keep reading, something that I don't find myself wishing it were over. I was about 60 pages from finishing this book and I just can't do it. If I don't finish a book, I don't feel it's right for me to rate so I won't, I just had to share my thoughts. Normally I love books with children, this one; not so much.

I just had to add that I've read two other books by this author and enjoyed them, giving them four stars, I'm kind of disappointed that I didn't like this one.

Julio Genao says

thaaaaaaat's a negatory.

no author who thinks her id trumps my identity gets a single penny from me.

also, srrsly with the goodreads hysteria?

only shitty writers are scared of their readers.

Leaundra says

I loved this book because I love a sweet book. I love all levels of sweetness in a book. I love it because it's an escape from real life. It's like Calgon for the brain ;-) Dimitri and Mason were perfect for each other and add Theo in there sweet ;-) The doggies were so cute too! I would have loved to "hear" Mason's voice too but it was still great! That's why I love reading because a book makes different people feel different ways and that's why I read a book that sounds good to me. Every book isn't for everyone but that's what makes it cool that there's tons to choose from;-) I really do enjoy Nicole Dennis' writing; -)

Tailtiu says

I really love something sweet in my books but this one gave me a sugar overdose. I'm sure I gained weight alone from reading this story.

Deeze says

1.5

While I am tempted to list my niggles in detail, I really can't be bothered. Lets just say I have OD'd on the little details in this book.

Seriously I'm all for painting the picture with words, but this was just too much painting.

While Theo is adorable it was a little hard to see him as 6. In my mind he was more a 4 but with an older child's mannerisms.

The romance side was again more told than shown. In fact more detail was given to the car Dimitri drove and the food he cooked and lets not forget the shower products he used than to their actual relationship.

I also had issues with the dogs. I know some dogs are trained to obey a look or gesture. But seriously these guys were super dogs. Adorable but really too humanised for me. (What dog growls in displeasure at being left alone while greeting the owner enthusiastically?)

Overall this was simple and sweet, but just too long winded and unbelievable for me.

Pushed to a 2 because I managed to finish it, even if I did skim the sex and a few other details.

Kade Boehme says

I really tried to like this one. I like the premise and the plot, but geez the dialogue was CRAP. Theo's dialogue sounds much more like a 6 yr old girl than a 6 yr old boy. The Greek words, while they could have been a fun part of the story was in stead forced and overused. Worst was that the relationship between the MCs came from nowhere. It was incredibly unbelievable. I'm a bit touchy with these books where the women-folk die off and leave their kids with their brothers. Call me a prude but the man who had a one nighter with my sister and knocked her up does not scream "man of my dreams". In fact the idea of sharing with my sibling is a bit icky.

Pixie Mmgoodbookreviews says

4 Hearts

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Dimitri gave everything up to help his sister out, even raising her child and adopting him. He makes a new life for himself and Theo in Hamilton River and they are both very happy. Mason has been looking for his son and the man who has raised him and has finally found them. At first, he just wants to know them, but then he puts a proposition to Dimitri that he hopes won't be turned down.

This is a lovely family story that has a lot of child interaction that adds to the story. Mason has finally found his son, he has had Dimitri investigated and can find nothing wrong so doesn't want to take Theo away from him. he tricks Dimitri into meeting him and bringing Theo along so he can meet him, he eventually explains and offers a proposition to Dimitri. Dimitri is shocked and scared; he can't lose his beloved Theo he decides that he needs time to think but agrees that Mason has a right to get to know Theo.

These characters were brilliant and I absolutely loved Theo and Moru (his little bear). I really enjoyed this story even though it did have a Harlequin and Mills & Boon feel to it. Actually, if I am honest I loved the plot and story-line. I loved that Dimitri made Mason wait and they got to know each other. I loved how involved Theo and Moru were in the story. I loved Sherlock and Watson as well. what I didn't love was that there was a bit too much in the way of descriptions and details sometimes and it took my attention away from the story.

The story was well written and the characters took their time with the relationship. Yes, the attraction was there from the start, but Dimitri finding out the truth about Mason made him think long and hard about getting involved with him. it was nice that they spent time together as a family before the relationship got off the ground. The sex between them is hot and sensual and they make a great couple.

So this one I will recommend to those who love family stories, cute little boys, a sexy chef, a handsome millionaire, hot sex and a great story line.

V says

oh Dear, I start reading M/M books to leave way behind those harlequin, Mills and Boon book. I can honestly said, even this story is very similar to those I used to read, and instead of a F/M they are 2 guys here.
Lovely cover, I was looking forward to read this, I even pre-ordered it.
I'm afraid, not for me. Mind you, some readers may find this story fascinating, so don't pay too much attention to my opinion.

Edina Rose says

1.5 stars

I am a "MM Harlequin" fan (in small dose, but still), and as such I was prepared to like this MM romance with a typical "harlequin" plot. I didn't.

I did not find it well written. I did not understand why the endless description of activities/acts: it did not add ANYTHING to the plot. It just added to the words count.

The plot was not a success either. The idea is a classic in romance: a child brings together the legal guardian and the natural parent and they fall in love while trying to provide build up a family for the kid. But in this book, the details of the plot are not well thought. The logic and the timing of the MCs actions were just weird.

Now, one thing I liked about the book was reading about Dimitri's cooking. He is a chef and the author went into detail about him making delicious stuff, you have no idea how delicious! Made me SALIVATE!!! 1/2 star for the food.

Kinny says

I loved how it was such a fairy tale story. What I found a bit strange was the running commentary and detailed description of the AXE bath and body products. Not in a bad way it was just kinda funny.

♥Laddie♥ (Lee Lee) says

Ode To Sugar Overload

The first part of this book is pure Dad and Son
The Daddy being Dimitri and the son being Theo
It starts when Theo returns from baseball camp fun
and Dimitri gets a strange catering job *dun dun duuuun*

(Dimitri runs the catering side of a restaurant business and all of the food talk in this book made me SOOOOOO hungry!)

Now, this is one soap opera of a story
The catering job is how Mason comes onto the scene
Mason is Theo's long-lost biological father
and the man has so much money that it's almost obscene

(This was so daytime television how Theo is actually the biological son of Dimitri's dead heroin addict sister who gave her drug addicted baby to Dimitri who never knew that Theo was the product of a night of a drunken sex with a katrillionaire...say that sentence three times fast)

Here's where the book goes all Harlequin Romance
Because when they meet Mason is all "let's get married"
I was like "Damn, man, why don't you slow your roll?!"
Dimitri flipped him off with a "Go stuff yourself with a 3 foot pole"

(I totally made the 3 foot pole part up in case you didn't guess)

There isn't much more to this book, I must say
but stiff dialogue, a cute kid and a whole bunch of cooking
Maybe the author thought a plot would get in the way
or maybe someone stole the point of this story when I wasn't looking

So, all in all this tale was lackluster
and there isn't even that much to tell you
but I do have one thing to say to you buster...
When #2 comes out...I'll hit the "Add to cart" button

(I know that last part doesn't even rhyme but we all know that these Crack-Attack books are a sickness for me. The set-up for this one was so ridiculous that how could I not make it Crack-Attack??)

Arzu says

I know a lot of people will not like the story, because of the Harlequin feeling, but hell, why not? I really loved to read these books as a teenager and from time to time I still do.
Can't wait to read the next one in the series.
An mm Harlequin book with kids ... who would have thought? :)
