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Captain is not a title Alejandro “Alex” Cantu takes lightly. Elected by his teammates to helm the US Men’s Swim Team, he proudly accepts the role, despite juggling endless training, team administrative work, and helping out on the family farm. And despite his ex-lover, Dane Ellis—swimming’s biggest star—also making the Olympic Team.

Dane has been a pawn in his celebrity parents’ empire from crib to pool, flashing his camera-ready smile on demand and staying deeply in the closet. Only once did he drop the act—the summer he fell in love with Alex. Ten years later, Dane longs to cut his parents’ strings, drop his too-bright smile, and beg Alex for another chance.

Alex, though, isn’t ready to forgive and forget, and Dane is a distraction he doesn’t need on his team, until an injury forces Alex to accept Dane as his medley relay anchor. Working together, their passion reignites. When Dane’s parents threaten reprisal and Alex is accused of doping, the two must risk everything to prove Alex’s innocence, to love one another, and to win back their spots on the team, together.

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## From Reader Review Relay for online ebook

### Marion says

I enjoyed this story and can't wait for the second book in this duology. I read the reviews and was totally prepared for the bad behaviour at the beginning of the story. I was still entertained. It's not perfect, the MC's are sometimes annoying, the story perhaps jumping the rails a bit near the end...but I was still entertained. Sometimes, that's all I'm looking for, to be entertained.

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### \*J\* Too Many Books Too Little Time says

While I didn't enjoy this one \*quite\* as much as the Irish and Whiskey series, it was still good.

Yes, there's some martyrdom going on with Dane and some lack of communication but I was still almost always engaged in the story.

My one complaint would probably be Dane's heinous parents. And while, I didn't always agree with or like the way Dane acted....in the end I thought he made up for it.

I'm definitely looking of forward to Jacob and Seb's book.

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### .Lili. says

I have to admit that the cover whore in me was immediately intrigued- cause, well gorgeous cover! Then the blurb finished hooking me in.

**Relay by Layla Reyne** was different than I anticipated but in a right way. I was expecting a fluffier enemies to lovers story. You know, some UST that eventually led to an HEA, but what we got was way more than that.

#### Some highlights:

-Dane and Alex. These men came from two different places, but once they came together, it was... beautiful.

-Enemies to lovers. I love sexual tension, and this book had some severe UST. Hate lust FTW!

-The flashbacks. We were given flashbacks of Alex's, and Dane's past from both their perspectives and they helped see the full picture of how they got where they were. I'm not always a fan of flashbacks, but they worked in this case.

-Suspense! It kind of came out of nowhere, but I rolled with it and found myself actually intrigued.

-There was some martyrdom and sometimes that can be a turnoff, but it didn't bother me in this story.

-I found the writing engaging and smooth.

**My only niggle** was the conflict/miscommunication. It felt a little contrived.

All in all, this was a great read. It delivered the whole package.

-Chemistry

-Outstanding character development

-Some suspense

-A strong hfn ending

-And an excellent set up for the next book in the series!

4 Solid Stars!

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*Pre-review*

*(view spoiler)*

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## Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

**2.5 Hearts**

**Spoilerish?**

I was so excited for this book and trust me when I say I wanted so badly to love it. There were things that I liked but on the whole it was mostly a miss for me. However, please bear in mind this is coming from a sports fanatic so, grain of salt.

It started off rough. Both Dane and Alex have tempers and tend to become physical when they're angry. Big 'no' for me there but I pushed on and things did approve somewhat after Alex called the truce around 30%. They continue to be pitiful communicators overall but they do make headway on their relationship. What

puzzles me about this is how this story can become almost didactic on certain buzz topics yet still deploy violence as a means of showing how "strong" the feelings are between the protags. I, personally, have trouble believing in a relationship when one can so easily resort to violence against someone whom they claim to love, but that's me.

However, a large part of what drew me to this story in the first place was the lovers to enemies to lovers/second chances thing happening in the blurb and minus the violence it was a decent interpretation of the trope. Dane and Alex met at a swim camp when Dane was 16 and they fell in love. Unfortunately, Dane comes from Southern parents that are almost caricaturish in their religious fervor that reads more like villainy and at 16 he was ill-equipped to defy them, thus Alex was left heartbroken. Dane then proceeds to pour all of his energies into swimming to become the face of the sport in all his ginger glory.

As a sports fanatic if I can marry romance and sports I feel like I'm having my cake and eating it too which made this book an instant add. The problem is there's no sports in this sports romance. We start in the pool with Dane slapping the wall just before his teammate and mentor Mo. But after that... essentially bupkis.

I haven't the words for how disappointed I was at this development and, honestly, I don't understand why it happened. Since they are readying for the Olympics there is some training and talk of improved times, but IMO opportunities were missed. No mentions are made of international competition and you can bet money almost all of these guys have an international rival that they keep up with. Injuries, relationship woes, controversy, coaching changes, training changes or anything they could potentially use to their advantage is kind of a benchmark in sports but elevates when one is involved in an individual sport. If you don't believe me check out this vid from the Rio Olympics and watch Phelps squish his tiny little head, figuratively of course. What's more, the whole team is hyper-focused on winning the medley relay but there's no mention one of Team USA's biggest rival, the Australians?

Instead the narrative fragments into a kooky plotline involving the evil parents and an even kookier hacking scheme. For me, the evil parents cruel machinations didn't add up. The father is some big whig evangelical pastor who's known far and wide and the mother is a former beauty queen who supposedly has a successful business all her own, so why is Dane's sponsorship money the "golden goose"? As far as the hacking goes, it seemed like an cockamamie choice for a sports romance. Then again, there was next to no sports in this story. My only other quibbles are the timeline that somehow prevented Dane from competing in the previous Olympics doesn't jive and either we didn't get introduced to everyone on the team or there aren't enough members on this team for an Olympic squad.

On a positive note, what I did like were the team building and Dane and Alex's sexual chemistry. They do a good job of convincing me of their devotion to one another by the end of the narrative. But listen, the bottom line is I already like the mojo happening between Bas and Pup and I am truly looking forward to the next one. I think I see the end game of building towards the Olympics so I'm hopeful there will be more sports going forward and this was just a fluke.

Recommend to contemporary and second chance romance fans.

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Pre-read gibberish

(view spoiler)

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### **Mirjana \*\*DTR - Down to Read\*\* says**

**\*\*\*3.75 Stars\*\*\***

He'd loved Alex from across the pool and across a dorm room, then from across the country and across the years. Across everything that had stood between them.

Oh the HATE LUST is strong in this one!

Dane and Alex were each other's first loves, and 10 years ago Dane turned his back on Alex because of his parents' stronghold on him. Parents whose entire focus is on their image.

Now reunited as teammates, Alex can't let go of the anger, disappointment, rejection, and still ever present desire. While Dane turns his yearning for Alex into defensive arguments and stubborn cockiness.

These two could hurl some hurtful insults without blinking an eye. They were slinging barbs left and right while all that desire boiled just below the surface.

Alex couldn't understand why Dane was willing to be a puppet? Why he wouldn't stand up to his parents when it was clear he was miserable? But even with all that anger, memories from 10 years ago flooded his mind and heart. Two teenage boys dancing in the dark in their dorm room, discovering each other's bodies, and falling in love.

Dane was bombarded with the same memories, but he kept those memories locked tight...buried in an encrypted folder on his computer and deep within his heart...away from his parents, his sponsors, and the media. The anger and jealousy taking over whenever he saw Alex and his teammate Bas so comfortable in their skin and getting to live their lives how they wanted.

To be that easygoing, to be that carefree, to focus so little on what other people thought, to live and love as they pleased...the jealousy nearly strangled him.

But you can only hide for so long. A night away from training where Dane can let his guard down and an

unexpected turn of events in preparation for the Olympics puts things in perspective for both Dane and Alex. Maybe it's time Dane finally grabs hold of the future he wants? But can Alex trust him not to walk away again?

I do enjoy a good enemies to lovers trope, and this one definitely delivered. My heart broke for Dane and his yearning for the life he didn't think he'd ever have. To be around the one person you want more than anything was a torture that Dane lived through every day. He lashed out to hide the pain.

Same for Alex. He resented Dane's privileged behavior and resented the fact that it was so easy for him to walk away all those years ago. The love never went away, but he didn't think he could handle Dane rejecting him all over again.

The push and pull dominated the first half of this book, while the second half kinda went in a direction I wasn't expecting. First off, the switch was flipped a little too easily for my tastes. And second, certain elements felt out of place and didn't fit with the overall feel of the book. I didn't expect to pick up a book about swimming and have a suspense element thrown in?

And speaking of swimming, there really isn't a whole lot in here. It appears that the arc of the series will be the team preparing for the Olympics in search of their elusive gold relay medal. Maybe there'll be more in the second book since the team is now on their way to Madrid for training and gearing up for that final push.

Since this is a duology, I hope we get to see the final races and it's not glossed over. I really missed more of the swimming in this first book.

And speaking of the second book...GIVE IT TO ME NOW!!! I'm beyond curious about Bas and Jacob!! Tatted, carefree guy + shy cinnamon roll = ♥ ♥ ♥ Yes!! This speaks right to my heart.

Overall, this was an enjoyable and satisfying start to Layla Reyne's new series. And I'll tell you one thing....the cover branding for this series is A+++ WOWZA!!

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(view spoiler)

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**Diana says**

**4 Te amo Stars**

I am a huge fan of this author and I couldn't wait to get my hands on this little gem.

Alex Cantu is Captain of the US Swim Team getting ready for the Olympics in Madrid. Although he didn't really want to be Captain, he takes his position seriously working with the Olympic veterans and mentoring the newbies. What he is not used to, is having to deal with the "poster boy" of the Olympic Swim Team, Dane Ellis. Ten years ago, Alex and Dane had a teenage romance, and since Dane thought he had so much to lose being outed, he turned his back on Alex to please his evil, domineering parents. Now ten years later, Alex still holds onto the anger, as Dane is on top of the world, or so Alex thinks. It is until Alex is in trouble, that Dane stands up for himself to prove something not only to Alex, but to the rest of the team.

I honestly struggled with the first half of the book. I did not like either Alex or Dane. Alex was acting ridiculous for not only what happened when they were "kids", but also the way Dane acted so "privileged". Dane was being controlled by his parents even though he is 26 years old. The second half of the book, I couldn't read fast enough. My heart was pounding hoping they finally get to the bottom of who is out to ruin Alex. I also felt they became more real with each other, communicating their true feelings. By the end of the book, I adored both of them.

I did enjoy the secondary characters, especially Bas and "Pup" Jacob and can't wait to not only read their story, but to find out what happens at the Olympics!!!

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### **haletostilinski says**

#### **4.5 Stars!**

I loved Layla Reyne's debut series Irish & Whiskey, it was one of my favorites that I read this year. So I was excited that we were getting a brand new series from this author, I was excited to see her writing outside of the Irish & Whiskey world.

And I've been waiting to read this for months, just waiting for it I was that excited! And I can honestly say that Layla Reyne did NOT disappoint with her first book outside the debut series that put her on the map.

From the first page, I was hooked. We get an immediate connection between Dane and Alex, and their fire and passion as well as heartbreak for what could have been left me wanting to just get to the end so I could read them getting their happy ending already, but shit had to happen before that could be achieved.

- Alejandro "Alex" Cantu is a out and proud hispanic swimmer who prefers to keep his head down, out of the spotlight, and help at home as much as he can with what little money he makes swimming professionally, seeing as he doesn't have the endorsement deals other "privileged asses" have.

- Dane Ellis is an in the closet white southern boy who grew up with loveless, controlling parents who only care about their, and his, image. It's all about keeping up appearances, and they've trapped Dane in their web his whole life, and Dane has been afraid to break free of it partly out of fear of coming out, part of it fear of

the unknown, and probably fear of change. Nonetheless with all of that, because of his parent's riches, Dane has endorsement deals left and right, and he's the 'poster boy' for swimming (kinda how I think Michael Phelps is. I mean we know of other swimmers like Ryan Lochte, but Michael Phelps is the most famous swimmer out there, no question) and he is considered the best, or on his way to being the best.

Due to an injury he had, Dane hadn't been able to compete in the Olympics four years prior, and because of personal drama with Alex's best friend Bas (who will be the focus of the next book, woot woot!) that affected the medley relay team in the Olympics four years prior, they took home silver instead of the coveted gold.

But Alex, Bas, the whole US Olympic team is determined to get gold this time, except now with Dane around, who Alex has a very personal, fraught past with, they both threaten to ruin the chances of the team winning gold with their complex relationship.

Dane and Alex have to find a way to get along, or risk fracturing the team with their anger, jealousy and resentment of each other.

They had a thing for one summer ten years prior, and I was glad that this book didn't go into flashbacks. Depending on how the author uses flashbacks, they can work really well with the story, or work somewhat with the story, or not at all. I feel like if the Reyne had tried that with this book, it wouldn't have worked well, so I was so happy when flashbacks never came.

We get snippets of their short-lived 'fling' in both their meandering thoughts - because thankfully we get both POVs - and obviously they were totally in love. But 16 year olds don't always make the right choices, and that is what Dane did. He'd been in his closet his entire life, and instead of stepping out of it with Alex at 16, he turned his back on him to stay in the closet, breaking Alex's heart.

Ten years later, it is still not easy for Alex to forgive and forget. And Dane's own hangups and fear manifest into anger and jealousy at Alex for being able to come out and free, and so they go at it, a lot, for the first half of the book - and in not in the sexy way.

But one can only take the strain of pretending almost 24/7 for so long, and eventually Dane just can't take it anymore. And he starts to break free of the strings tethering him to his parent's manipulative, controlling ways.

This book was a case of one person's out, the other's in the closet - but seeing a character get from being so afraid to come out of the closet to feeling so free once they're ready to always makes me so happy to read. And Alex may have been angry at Dane for not coming out and getting away from his parents for so long, but he never pressured Dane to come out or told anyone about Dane.

I love when characters respect another, even when they 'hate' each other. It had to be Dane's choice, otherwise he and Alex would never have worked.

I hate when stories - or even in real life - when someone takes the choice of coming out away from a person. It means that person wasn't ready, and they didn't want it, and whether or not they're out, they still haven't accepted themselves or what others will think.

I loved both Alex and Dane, separate and together, and the contrast of their lives - and how perfect they were together anyway.

Alex grew up poor, with not much - if anything at all - handed to him, he had to work hard for everything, he's the oldest of 4, and so as it says in the book, he's taken on kind of a 'third parent' role and he's grown up to be a nurturer, always taking care of others first, and rarely takes care of himself. But he also had the unconditional love and support of his family, his friends, and he's no doubt still had it harder than Dane, but in so many ways he was so much more free and alive and happy than Dane was.

Dane grew up with money, with everything handed to him, and basically all his actions controlled, but he had the least loving home. His parents are THE worst. Not one redeeming quality about either of them, like even when parents are shitty, you hope they have something redeeming about them, something that makes you understand them, but Dane's parents had none of that. They were attention, money grubbing assholes who liked the ideal more than reality, and would stop at nothing to paint the picture of happiness than to actually try to have happiness.

And Dane was more their puppet than their child. Makes me wonder if they just had a kid to further project that perfect image - which yeah, they probably did. To bring a child into the world knowing full well you'll never love them, that you're just using for yourself, is a horrible thing to do and Dane's parents were just so horrible. UGH. FUck them! What they do to Dane throughout this book is despicable.

But bit by bit, Dane starts to get out from under their thumbs. starts to accept himself and his love for Alex, and seeing Dane get there was beautiful.

I love how it was complicated, that I couldn't fully take either Dane or Alex's side, because I understood both their sides, what they were going through, and that each had a reason to act the way they did, and each did things wrong.

Like, at the same time I wanted Alex to be more understanding of Dane's position, I was also going "well, why CAN'T you just say fuck them and go your own way?" so it was very back and forth for me.

But eventually these two fix all that, they meet each other halfway, and Dane gets to that place where he's ready, and Alex gets to a place where he can forgive Dane and take that leap one more time. I loved it, once they got that place, the sweetness, the love - and some hot sex ;) - the understanding.

So much I loved about this, and I couldn't put it down at all, and I seriously didn't want it to end, I felt like "nooo, more with Dane and Alex and their lives together pleaseeee" haha.

My only gripe, was that there was some unnecessary drama created around the last third-ish of the book. Not the part where Alex gets falsely accused of doping, but where Dane's parents blackmail Dane once again, but this time not with anything on Dane, but on Alex, so Dane gives into them to protect Alex, and yet when the time comes for Dane to say something, HE DOESN'T! He just lets Alex think the worst of him again.

Thankfully the drama doesn't last long, but it didn't have to happen in the first place. It gets resolved fairly quickly, which I'm thankful for at the same time I'm like "so...why did this have to happen?"

Because Dane could have just told Alex what his parents were doing, there was NO reason to keep it back other than to cause some miscommunication and manufactured drama. It was the only thing that pissed me off in this book though. .5 stars off for it, personally, but thankfully it didn't detract from my overall enjoyment of the book.

Overall this book was fantastic, and I enjoyed almost every second of it. Highly recommended for the well

written characters, the interesting and engaging plot, and the well written chemistry between our MC's, and well written romance between them as well.

LOVED this! Two enthusiastic thumbs up <3

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### **Natasha says**

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#### **I received an arc from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.**

Relay follows Dane and Alex, short for Alejandro. Alex has just been made captain of the US Men's Swim Team, while being openly gay and Mexican. Dane is a star swimmer who has just made the team. He's the son of a famous preacher, putting him in the public eye. The two are also ex-boyfriends. They met when they were sixteen at a swimming training camp and were roommates, leading them to have a fling of sorts, but due to Dane's internalised homophobia, they broke up. But ten years on, the two are still in love with each other and have to work through that.

This was a really emotional read. Because their breakup was due to Dane's internalised homophobia, there's a lot of fear on Dane's part. His parents are excessively homophobic, at a point even saying they wanted to 'help' Alex stop being gay. He also has a lot of pressures of sponsorships and keeping a good image to the public, namely the conservative people who are fans of his father. This puts a lot of pressure on him and pushes him more into the closet.

At the start, due to their breakup there is bitterness between Alex and Dane. Alex never belittles Dane for being in the closet or for going through internalised homophobia, nor does he make him feel guilty for it.

When they do eventually start to form a relationship again, the book doesn't do the typical thing where the out person is upset about keeping their relationship a secret. Alex let's Dane go at his own pace and never puts pressure on him. The most he wants out of him is to stand up to his parents which he didn't do ten years ago after being pushed around for so many years.

There are elements of family. Alex's mother is going through breast cancer for the second time so there's scenes of him spending time with her. And again with Dane, he learns to stand up to his parents and not let them treat him terribly for not being their vision of perfect. Through that, he gets a lot of character development.

Relay has all the fun in a second chance romance and a sport romance, as well as the angst that leads you to route for the couple and the characters.

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### **Elsa Bravante says**

Una decepción. Llevaba tiempo esperando que se publicara, ¿qué puede ser más apetecible que un libro de

nadadores? Poca cosa. Pero al final, es la historia la que ha resultado poca cosa.

Alex y Dane y su amor de segundas oportunidades se queda en un bluff, con un desarrollo de los protagonistas muy superficial, un plot con agujeros y con muchos momentos de entornar los ojos ya sea por poco creíbles o por ridículos. Los personajes son nadadores, son majetes, son buenas personas, pero tienen 26 años con un comportamiento de 16, tanto en sus actitudes como en sus diálogos, estamos enfadados y pum, de repente salen los I love yous por un lado y por otro, los perdones, sin ningún tipo de análisis, solo se repite lo mismo una y otra vez: me diste la espalda bla bla, mientras que el otro: soy un pobreco bla bla, pero ahora seré muy valiente bla bla ..., todo ello aderezado con unos padres que son unos malos malísimos, una caricatura en lugar de un análisis real de la situación familiar de Dane o del equipo de natación.

Luego pasamos al punto en el que Alex, Alejandro, es latinoamericano. Dice creo que 5 frases en español, pues 4 tienen faltas de ortografía o gramaticales. Es algo que me molesta profundamente, siempre lo menciono en las reviews, es una falta de respeto. Pero, en este caso, me molesta todavía más. El libro está publicado por Riptide, normalmente el español en sus libros es malo, por no decir muy malo, me puse en contacto con uno de sus autores por un libro con un español patético, según él me escuchó, según él la editorial iba a hacer una comprobación más profesional del español en sus libros y bla bla bla. El siguiente libro de ese autor tenía un español todavía peor y la editorial sigue publicando ejemplos como este. No puedes vender la diversidad, lo que te importan los sensitive readers y luego hacer cosas como esta. Las cosas se demuestran, no vale con decirlas. Y que conste que yo no tengo nada personal en contra de esta editorial, o ninguna. Pero incluso autores con libros publicados con otras editoriales y con un buen español, ha sido ir allí y aparecer los errores a diestro y siniestro. DO BETTER.

No me ha gustado, no voy a analizar más porque no es necesario, ya quedó claro...

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### **Hollis says**

I'm not really sure how I feel about RELAY.

The beginning of the first book in Reyne's new series started off pretty rocky. We have almost-thirty year olds acting like children, causing problems for their team (**Olympic** mind you, not some intramural gang), which thankfully started to mellow out near the middle, mixed in with a poster boy full of regret, shame, and anger over how he lets his parents dictate his life drama and how he has none of what he truly wants despite his privilege and stardom, with a dash of.. hacking?

I was almost sold on this story, even if I didn't quite like the characters -- sympathetic though they could have been, with Dane's closeted self, and Alex's captain matyrdom alongside his mother's cancer diagnosis -- but the slight veering into hacking territory, complete with sneaking into headquarters to download files, felt out of place and more like it belonged in the author's previous series.

There was also a little bit at the end which went in an unexpected direction and.. well, I didn't like that either. There was potential here, and perhaps I'll see more of that pan out in book two for the next couple, and I can see it getting love from a lot of readers but on a whole there just wasn't enough that I loved for me to like this one. We'll see what comes next but it might be the last attempt I make with this author. Sometimes you just don't gel with style or story, sometimes both, but I'm willing to give it one last go.

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### **Mandi Schreiner says**

Not a fan of this one. The antics of the olympic athletes on this team were ridiculous. And then there was a hacking scheme?? And over-the-top parents...meanwhile the romance gets lost.

Review to come

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### **Laxmama says**

ARC provided for me. I was looking forward to this book, sports romance and second chances are my thing. Yet this just was not for me. A few things: IMO it almost felt like two books, the first half written one way then a 180 turn around in the second half. The behavior of professional athletes who returning to Olympic games was both unprofessional and far fetched. Lastly I question the bond of a 14 year old summer fling after 10 years. I may take a chance on book 2, both those characters felt interesting.

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### **Renée says**

DNF at 21%

This one isn't for me. Which is a shame since I did enjoy the Agents Irish and Whiskey series.

But what we get here is a whole lotta martyr complex, grown men in their late twenties throwing tantrums like three year olds, and **zero** communication.

How else would we treat someone we love and miss? Be unusually cruel at all times, right?

Right.

Sorry, but I can't keep pushing myself to continue.

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

\*2.5 stars\*

### **Decent story that gets bogged down with melodrama.**

When I read a sports story about Olympic athletes I honestly expect something more... realistic. I mean, these guys acted like children. I wanted more discipline or *something*, something to make this story feel more grounded.

There is so much guilt and resentment here that it's hard to find the romance underneath. I had a hard time believing that a summer fling from 14 years ago would be so impactful on day to day life. I get that there may be simmering chemistry or lingering feelings, but the depth of those feelings after so much time bordered on strange.

I also just wanted more sports, more action in the story. I know a little about the world of competitive swimming, like any Olympics junky, and I was disappointed at the lack of competition and knowledge about the sport in the story.

While there were some bright moments, the villainous super-villains and the family drama grew tiresome, and I think the story was just a case of expectations vs reality. Bummer.

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### **Nora says**

There's a reason Layla Reyne is on my Must-Buy list; only she could get me this hyped about a swim team. It'd be easy to fall back on tropes with so many pieces to juggle, but she never once loses her footing. The ensemble team is lovingly crafted, with personalities and stories of their own, and the pressures of preparing for the upcoming Olympics are handled with a deft hand. And Alex and Dane? In a word: flawless. Protect them 2KAlways.

RELAY is a story about an Olympics team coming together, but more than that, it's a story about second chances, self-acceptance and forgiveness, and learning to fight for who you are and what—who—you want, no matter the cost.

Now please excuse me while I count down the days til book 2.....

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