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Partners and Federal Agents, Jason Lowery and Noah Black wake up in bed together naked, but neither one knows how they got there, or to the remote cabin the bed's in. Jason's interested, very interested, but he fears his partner's reaction and the potential fallout if their superiors ever find out. He misread a fellow officer's interest once and lost it all — his career, his friends, his family's respect. This time around, he won't be the one risking everything.

Noah has always been curious about sex with another man, but his strict upbringing and life in law enforcement made it impossible to explore that side of his nature safely. When he and Jason get locked in a cabin by a well-meaning friend, Noah wants to sample the forbidden.

Both men agree to a single afternoon of passion. Just to see.

When they are released from the cabin, Jason wants to see where a relationship with Noah might lead. However, Noah is not ready to make such a radical lifestyle change — and he doesn't think he'll ever be ready to come out to friends and family.

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Tame says

I actually LOVED this book!! It grabbed me right from the start about how these 2 got together, and showed the development of a relationship between two friends who had different personalities, and while Noah was "unsure" of where he stood sexually, Jason had issues of trust and hope for any intimate relationship of his own. There was angst in the form of a hateful, spiteful boss (and a real-life look at how Noah handled it by himself vs. with help), a great team of co-workers who had their own quirky yet necessary abilities, and the evolution of one man's sense of himself/identity, and his partner's struggles with trust, honesty with himself and his own needs/desires, and their forward progression as a couple and family, and what that entails. I really think this was a great "coming out" book from a new author, of whose works I'm eager to discover!!

Elisa Rolle says

First of all, I want to tell that I liked the novel, so that you don't take as I didn't due to what I'm saying now; the feeling I have is that I was "pushed" a little into the story, with only a little bit of preparation. First scene, the two main characters are in bed together, sleeping, and as soon as they awake they are having sex, and me, the reader, was thinking, "wow, slow down, WE barely know each other and you wanted to have sex with me? I'm not that type of girl!" ("we" meaning me and the two main characters). It's of course a joke, but yes, mainly that was the feeling, like I was not ready to that level of intimacy with Noah and Jason. And after that, everytime the author introduced a new supporting character (like Nick and Devlin), it was like she knew them but I didn't.

Now yes, it seems I'm complaining, but in an afterthought, that is probably also the reason how the author managed to catch me; yes, Noah and Jason are colleagues, and yes, Noah is in the closet... was it really necessary to spend more or less 50 pages developing the setting, as usual, or wasn't instead more original, and captivating, to dump the reader into the story right in the most salient moment?

This approach of going directly to the main point is something the author will use for all the rest of the novel; having sex together is not enough for Noah and Jason to solve all the issues related to their relationship, but nevertheless, nor Noah or Jason will hesitate when faced with decision regarding their future. And even if Noah is still wondering if he can reconcile his sexuality with his chosen career, and Jason is still a little bit skittish to having an open gay affair due to a bad past experience, all their worries disappear when they are together, there is no doubt they are made for each other.

Despite the "special agents" setting, and the all men environment, the novel is more sweet romance than thriller; actually, aside for a bad confrontation with a colleague, due more to professional jealousy than real opposition to their gay affair, there is no really drama around their love story, and their work didn't really intrude so much. The story centers around Noah and Jason and their private world, who enters that world is friend and no enemy; while the author tells us that Noah and Jason are tough guys, what we really see are two men in love who are not scared to let the other know about that feeling.

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/B004CRTGO8/?...>

Kassa says

This is a fun, easy, light hearted romp with a lot of steamy sex scenes. The characters are decent but somewhat empty since there is just very little to the story other than their relationship. The light touch to the angst makes the story fun to read and entertaining but I forgot it almost immediately after finishing. This will satisfy those wanting a breezy, sexy read that is quick and enjoyable without much substance.

The story starts with FBI partners Noah and Jason, who wake up naked in bed together. They discover they've been kidnapped by a friend and forced together since Jason has a crush on Noah. Since they're alone in an isolated cabin without clothes, Noah decides to give into his curiosity and the two have lots of sex. When they're back in the real world though, Noah isn't ready to face the truth of being gay and tries to hide. Of course that doesn't last long and the two are back together again in short order.

The actual relationship between Noah and Jason is pretty easy with very light angst. Noah is stressed about coming out to his family and freaks out because of that. Considering he clearly had been suppressing any desires for other men, it's not surprising he takes a bit to come around to the idea. I'm surprised it only took Noah a week to decide to get into a relationship with Jason but there's not much else to the story and the angst is light so I guess the timeline had to speed up. This isn't bad but it definitely keeps the intensity weak and the story more about the steamy sex than the emotion.

Noah and Jason are fun characters with a good chemistry and engaging dynamic. They compliment each other and of course have lots of sex. There's not much to the men unfortunately since the story consistently keeps their past and emotion on the surface and easy. Both men have troubled family relationships but this is glossed over pretty quickly and the focus back on sex. A real highlight to the story though is Noah's relationship to his younger brother and it would have been nice to see more of that dynamic. Perhaps the younger brother will end up gay and the author will revisit Noah and Jason.

There is also an annoying subplot about Noah's abusive boss that is used solely to keep the story going. The tension is predictable, as is the outcome, and the entire inclusion is awkward. It's the only reason the story continues after the early reconciliation between the two so this is an excuse to include more sex and prolong the story. In some ways this is fine since the writing is decent and overall very easy to read. I do wish though this had been given some real weight and importance instead of being so forgettable.

Overall this is a pretty enjoyable and entertaining story but the real focus is on Noah and Jason and of course their many sex scenes. So read this for a fun, light erotica read and not much more.

Secretly Reading says

CAUGHT BY SURPRISE is a stellar MM romance so long as readers can look past the implausible set up.

FBI Agents Jason and Noah wake up naked next to each other and don't know why. Jason has been in love with Noah for months and Noah has been curious about gay sex so they agree to an afternoon of no-strings sex. But when they're released from the cabin, Jason suggests a relationship and Noah just isn't sure.

I admit the premise of this novel is silly: two FBI agents awaken nude together and finally get together. With

that admittance, the rest of the novel (which is most of it) develops the relationship in a realistic and delicious way. Noah's journey to coming out is heartwarming to read and Jason's refusal to settle for a closeted life made me proud of his self-determination. The emotional intimacy of the pair grows and develops within the context of them being a committed couple and I loved the times where they shared feelings and worries with each other. This is an erotic romance but it had such emotional intimacy that it was perfectly balanced for my ideal MM romance.

The plot mostly revolves around FBI politics, and not much on a suspenseful case but I liked this unique plot. It feeds into Noah and Jason's romance but doesn't overshadow it. I love the secondary characters and Noah and Jason's fellow FBI agents. But the very best secondary character is Noah's younger brother because he plays a huge role in the novel's emotional denouement.

CAUGHT BY SURPRISE is such a stellar MM romance that I hope this isn't the only story set in this world. MM romance fans should be this on their TBR pile today.

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Chris says

3.5 stars. Good m/m romance (from Loose Id's Coming Out Day series) about two FBI agents who wake up naked in bed together with no memory of how they got there... My only complaint about this book was a plot thread that seemed to be going somewhere but was dropped.

Deviant Divas says

The main plot line centers on two federal agents who are in love with each other. However, looming over them is a homophobic boss who threatens to ruin their careers. The passions of confronting first their lust and then their love are balanced with their fear of losing their hard fought careers in the federal agency.

The beginning is fantastical (wouldn't we all love that way of seducing our lover). But once the reader is beyond that, the sex and passion run wild....Reviewed by Charst 46

Caught by Surprise did just that, caught me by surprise. It is well written and just like any other story but with a twist! Jason and Noah are two opposites who find something special. Ok so a little cheesy in the falling in love department, but that's my cynical side talking. The sex scenes were well written and you could really visualize both main characters, as well as supporting characters.

LD Madison did an excellent job with the storyline. The only downfall this book had in my opinion is that it left me wanting to read more of their story. This deserves five divas and would definitely recommend it to avid alternative readers. Review by David

DIVA RATING: 4

HEAT RATING: Spark

Link: <http://www.deviantdivaseroticbookrevi...>

Theresa says

I loved the story but felt that Noah's brother had a secret that didn't come out. Anyhow, I hope continuation is in the works.

Julesmarie says

I don't remember where this one was recommended to me from, but in spite of the rating I almost want to thank them... this provided such great comic relief for me this weekend!

So, I only recently heard the phrase "Chicks with Dicks" and it cracks me up, because that's exactly what both of the main characters are in this book. Only, I'd have to go even further and say that they're little squealing teenage girls inside the bodies of these tough FBI guys (one of whom is supposed to be an ex-Army Ranger...)

For example: as the blurb says, they get kidnapped and locked together naked in a house for like 10 hours. After they have sex, the one who's known he's gay for a while, Jason, basically asks Noah for a relationship. Noah (after his very first experience with gay sex, he's understandably a bit overwhelmed) pretty much says no. So Jason proceeds (after he drives to the house of his friend who planned the "kidnapping" to punch him in the face (oh, and the punching happens only after Jason pats himself on the back for how well he always keeps his temper)) to ignore Noah for the whole next week, only acknowledging him while they're at work and then only if it's work-related.

Meanwhile, Noah, instead of telling Jason to stop being a drama queen, tiptoes around him all week while driving to his house every night and sitting in his car in Jason's driveway. Jason, however, is apparently very rich, so he's got driveway sensors, so he knows Noah's been stalking him all week. Jason finally gives in and invites Noah into his house... where they make a HUGE deal about how he NEVER has people over. But then he's got spare toothbrushes under the sink and (how icky is this!) a bowl of condoms next to his jacuzzi tub.

The author kept telling me what big tough guys these are, but then they do things like elbow coworkers during meetings after making a joke and teasing them. Or, my absolute favorite, Jason and Noah are out at lunch and one is teasing the other (I don't remember who, they both act equally ridiculously) and the one being teased honestly says "I'm not listening" and starts to hum. I'm not making this up.

At some points this weekend, I was tempted to give this a higher rating just because it was so unintentionally funny. But the unintentional part is what makes me unable to give this any more than just one star.

Lily says

3.5 stars

Noah and Jason both work for the FBI and have become friends over time. When the men wake up one day, naked in bed together, they are shocked but unable to deny their attraction. Deciding to take the opportunity given to them they spend the afternoon satisfying their desires. But when their time is up and Jason asks for more time together Noah can't do it. His strict upbringing and years in the law enforcement field have made him bury his desire for other men. Hurt, Jason leaves and vows to not give Noah another chance to hurt again him. But soon Noah can't deny himself anymore and he manages to convince Jason to try again. But just when things seem to be looking up for them trouble at work and painful memories start to get in the way. Will Noah and Jason be able to work through their problems or is their new relationship doomed?

I really enjoyed reading this story. Noah and Jason are nice, likable men and the course of their relationship was interesting. Each has a troubled past to deal with but as they grow closer they are able help each other deal with it. The men work together which also added another layer to the story since Noah is Jason's direct boss. The sex scenes in this book are well written and very hot and even though there are plenty of them they don't overwhelm the story.

There are several secondary characters in the book and for the most part they are interesting and add to the storyline. The story's conflict, Noah's boss and his obvious dislike of Noah, was a bit predictable but overall worked well. This is the first book by L.D. Madison that I've read and I look forward to reading more in the future.

Shira Anthony says

This lovely book was just the right length for me! Sure, there was lots of hot sex between the two main characters, but there was also a plot with real heart (which is what keeps me reading!). The writing was refreshingly good (this is a tough genre to find really good writing in, I've discovered), straightforward, and the setting was well-researched. In fact, I enjoyed it so much, I wanted to read another of L.D.'s books.

The two main characters are, for the most part, believable (although you have to suspend at least a little belief that Noah would be asking his subordinate to demonstrate what gay sex is like, but I didn't mind suspending it at all!). These are two salt of the earth, good men, who have found friendship and long for more in their lives. Little did they know Jason's outrageous friend would lock them in an isolated cabin in the North Carolina mountains and present Noah as a "gift." Yes, the premise is a bit over the top, but then I'm a fantasy kind of gal, anyhow. The emotions are believable and honest -- Jason has been deeply hurt by his family's lack of acceptance and recriminations -- Noah is afraid of what coming out will mean for his beloved family. Wonderful angst ensues!

Definitely worth the read! I can't wait to read more of this author's work.

Barb ~rede-2-read~ says

A very enjoyable story featuring some of my favorites in the mix: hot cops and gay for you. When Noah and Jason wake up together in a remote cabin, they have no idea how they got there and, more importantly, why they're there. Unfortunately for Jason, he quickly learns that it's a setup by his best friend, Nick. Seems Jason

had confessed his crush on Noah to Nick and Nick had the resources to pull this off.

Regardless, Noah tries to find the bright side and reveals that he's always been curious about male sex and he's interested in experimenting. Though he originally declared that the afternoon would be a one-off, and afterwards refuses Jason's offer to pursue a relationship, he has second thoughts all week and finally begs Jason to let him into his home so that he can explain how he feels.

The two begin a relationship and Noah agrees to try to be open with friends and family though it's still a struggle for him. In the meantime, both FBI agents, the men are busy with cases and Noah is busy fending off verbal abuse by his less than professional new supervisor.

When things come to a head, Noah realizes that he loves Jason and would do anything to protect him. The two ultimately have their HEA.

It didn't seem like it could have been 150 pages, because it went by so quickly. I liked the fast pace of the story which included quite a bit of work interaction as well as interaction with Noah's brother and friend and with Jason's friend, Nick.

This would be a great beach read or one for snuggling up with on a cold winter afternoon. A fireplace, a blanket and this book would be perfect together.

Feliz says

An easy, sweet feelgood story about two men who happen to be fellow FBI agents falling in love. One is gay, one bi-curious, both are nice guys. The story is well crafted and entertaining.

Jjwolfe says

This is a must read. I just loved the book, I read it in one sitting, I just couldn't put it down. It's maybe because I'm a sucker for angst, but I loved the insecurity Noah showed at first towards Jason. I hated to see them apart but that just added to the angst. In my opinion the relationship didn't take a backseat when the conflict Noah had with his boss was mentioned, if not it made the relationship stronger a specially when Noah was willing to sacrifice his job for Jason. Jason took care of Noah when the situation called for it and vice versa. I recommend this book to everyone who loves gay romance.

Leaundra says

I really did enjoy this book. It was a great read. Jason and Noah were so hot together, everytime they were together:-) I really do hope there's a sequel!!

Ms. Nikki says

As an experimentation at the beginning of the book, Jason and Noah have a one day stand. They both agreed upon the terms of this tryst. What threw me out of the book was Jason's automatic "falling for you" so now I'm pissed that you don't want more, and now I won't be your friend attitude that he kept up for some time. I thought he was being very selfish and immature for trying to push Noah into coming out. It took a long time (50 or so pages) for me to shake off my anger towards Jason for being an ass.
