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Nick O'Flaherty and Kelly Abbott had their happy ending in sight when a friend's call for help almost ended with them losing it to the blade of a knife. Now, in the aftermath of near-disaster, both men are trying to heal and move on.

Moving on together, though, is harder than either of them realized it would be. Kelly struggles with simply being a lover instead of the Doc, while Nick is mired in his recovery. The distance between them inches along in stilted silence.

Desperately seeking solace, Nick finally gathers the courage to sort through the possessions his dear friend and fellow Sidewinder teammate Elias Sanchez left him when he died. Instead of comforting memories, Nick and Kelly find a stack of letters and strict instructions from Eli that prompt them to send out a call for assistance. With Eli's letters in hand, Sidewinder sets out on one last mission together, seeking peace and absolution from beyond the grave—and from each other.

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Renée says

Reread September 2016

Original review:

I'm kind of speechless after reading this. It was so much better than I anticipated. Honestly, after Cross & Crown and how I suspended my disbelief for the Dan Brown-esque adventure in that one(worth it, but still), I was not expecting **THIS**.

But I should've. It was clear in Crash & Burn that all is NOT ok between Nick and Kelly. Kelly, fun-loving, sweet Kelly, had his foundation shattered when Liam inserted himself into the lives of Sidewinder.

Particularly using Nick to do it. And Nick kept a **LOT** of secrets from Kelly. Richard Burns. Remembering every part of the marriage proposal. When that all came out in the open in Crash & Burn, Nick was gravely injured before these two could work that out, and it's been festering. Well, here we go. I knew it had to come to the surface sooner or later.

Much of this book is Nick and Kelly working on things after secrets can tear you apart. It has a very similar feel to Ty and Zane's Touch & Geaux, honestly. And that is **SO** not a bad thing. No complaints. Nick and Kelly made it their own.

What was very different is that Eli Sanchez had a very strong voice in this book as the final Sidewinder member. Nick goes through a box Eli's mother gave to him after the funeral years ago, for the first time. And it gathers the Sidewinder team back together (including Zane as an honorary member) to go on one final adventure. The best part? It allows a lot of old hurts to heal that apparently Eli knew were still there not being addressed. He brings them out in the open through a series of letters to the team.

You can't not have fun and laugh out loud when Sidewinder is together. The vegetable/fruit/berry conversation made me almost drop my Kindle. Giving me glimpses of my Ty and Zane? Perfection. Ty is still and will probably **ALWAYS** be my favorite character from a series. And I also think Nick and Kelly needed to finally push through what had taken place in Crash & Burn.

Every part of this book will punch you right in the feelz, and I loved every minute of it!

P.S. There is a lovely little bonus all the way at the end, so keep flipping pages until you find it.

Dalia says

I couldn't ask for a better first read in the new year. This book is just perfection. It's about the Sidewinder brothers reuniting and dealing with the hurtful past on a journey planned by their dear, missing friend, Eli. It's about forgiveness and love.

This time Nick and Kelly have to deal with their problems that they can no longer run away from and work on strengthening their relationship. They learn how to communicate with each other and talk their shit out.

The journey with these guys was wonderful and full of emotions. I cried, I laughed and in the end I was so, so happy. I adore Ty and Zane and I have come to love Nick and Kelly as well. I will never, ever get bored of these two couples. They hold a special place in my heart.

Adam says

'Part & Parcel' is very different from both the preceding books in the Sidewinder series and the Cut & Run series. This book isn't about explosions or sinister plots. Part & Parcel is about romance, and forgiveness, and the friends that sometimes become more important to us than the families we're born with. I loved it from beginning to end.

Ty and Zane's story may have come to a happy end in Crash & Burn, but it was clear that Kelly and Nick still had a lot to work out. After all of the secrets Nick had kept, it was understandable that Kelly would question their relationship.

Most of book 3 of the Sidewinder series is devoted to Nick and Kelly working things out, learning to talk about the problems they'd avoided for so long. When I realized that this would be the focus of the book, I was initially a bit bummed out. I mean, I've come to expect that if any of the Sidewinder team are involved, there'll be shit blowing up and large amounts of gunfire.

But I can honestly say that I didn't miss the action. I loved getting inside the MCs' heads, finding out why they really loved each other. This pairing has been a bit questionable from the beginning, because it seemed as if the author had bent to fan demand, and was also trying to do some damage control for giving Nick too big of a role in the Cut & Run series. Part & Parcel put to rest all of my doubts. Nick and Kelly really do love each other, and they make each other whole. I ate up their heart-to-hearts and the angst.

And of course, there was the hot sex. I might get some flak for this, but I'd say that Nick and Kelly could give Ty and Zane a run for their money in the smoking hot department.

We're also treated to a reunion of the Sidewinders, including Ty and Zane, and we're introduced to the missing member of the Sidewinders, Eli Sanchez. Eli's memory has lurked over the Sidewinders world all the way back since Cut & Run. Through the flashbacks and the road trip he sends his old teammates on, Eli definitely made his presence felt, which is an accomplishment for a character who wasn't actually in the story.

This book is a good end to the Sidewinders universe. Nick and Kelly finally learn to how love one another and live together without wanting to kill each other, and we get to see Ty and Zane happy and whole. Overall, a great read for fans.

P.S. If you're craving a Ty and Zane fix, be sure to read short fic all the way at the end of the book!

Review copy provided through NetGalley.

Erika says

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Bitchie says

You know, I was still thinking of reading this one. But after the latest round of toxicity brought about by this fandom, it's not just no, but hell no. And it's not because I have a problem with any character's sexuality, or how the story was written, but how the fandom, once again, came down on anyone who dared to question something, or expressed the opinion that it came out of left field.

All the readers don't follow all the various tumblr blogs, so all of them don't know what's been said outside of the books. If it's not in the books, don't expect all the readers to just know.

So I'm done. I know I said I was done before, after being dubbed a hater and member of a hate group, but after this, I'm really fucking done. Stick a fork in me, done.

~Mindy Lynn~ says

I was extremely sad when the *Cut & Run* series ended. But when AR started up her *Sidewinder* series I got really excited. I knew it wouldn't be the same because there is no replacing my boys, Ty and Zane. But the thought of being able to still follow them in a way through this series satisfied me. Now although Zane and Ty are by far my favorite couple ever, I do love Kelly and Nick. I like them together. Their relationship seemed kinda perfect in the previous books, but this one really shows just how un-perfect it is and the struggles they have trying to get back to good.

I was so sure that the next book in this series was going to be with these guys on some wild adventure with Ty's cousin. That seemed to be where it was going at the end of the last book. So I was really surprised that this was a more emotional book then an adventure one. I wasn't disappointed though. I really enjoyed having all the boys back together. I loved that Zane was apart of the boys' group because I can't see them being together without him. I REALLY loved that we got some Zane and Ty in this book. It's what I had been hoping for when she started up this series and AR delivered so I am pleased.

The book had me on an emotional roller coaster with how all these boys were effected by their beloved Eli's passing. I enjoyed his voice in this book and the flashbacks. I liked them being all together and seeing these small glimpses into how they were with each other. These guys, for being so tough, were really affectionate with each other. In a totally platonic way of course. It was heart whelming to see how much these guys love each other and that they are truly brothers in the whole sense of what that means.

It was hard seeing Kelly and Nick struggle with the fallout of what happened in previous books. There was some trust issues and anger that hadn't been approached yet. They kind of swept their problems away which we all know only makes the issues build up until they're so big that they blow up and make a bigger mess. Then when the smoke had seemed to be clearing a bit here came more secrets and with that some more emotional turmoil. It was quite the emotional roller coaster. But I enjoyed it all.

Nick really has a lot more issues going on within himself then he does with his relationship with Kelly that he is dealing with and it was really sad seeing him have such a hard time. He had some juicy secrets and I can't wait to see where this new information takes us with these guys' next story.

Sheri says

Sooooo, I've been chewing on this one for a few days...

....and I'm having a hard time swallowing it.

You know when you go to a kick-ass steakhouse and order a prime cut of meat and it's DELICIOUS yet you keep getting a big ol' piece of fat that you can't choke down?

It's mouthwatering, tender and hot BUT filled with disappointing fat.

Yup, that's pretty much how I feel.

I LOVE Sidewinder and was crushed that Cross & Crown was a wide miss for me. I was...leery to continue because I didn't want to spoil my impression and love for all of these alpha men. Sadly, I was right to have such reservations. I feel like the more the series continues, the less I know them.

In a nutshell, this is a scavenger hunt of sorts. Their deceased brother left a precise set of instructions in a series of letters for the gang to follow. They all band together without having to ask twice what Nick needs from them. At EZ's grave, they begin their adventure...a ghost lead party to remember where they came from.

Their typical shenanigans push them from one letter to another.

It was FILLED with emotions. I mean lots and **lots** of emotions.

They trudge along leaving a tear-streaked path behind them.

The scavenger hunt is meant to remind them who they are TOGETHER and it consists of non-stop flashbacks. I enjoyed seeing the boys in their younger years but I was also disappointed with some of the brotherly behavior Roux dishes out.

Several scenes had my eyes on a constant rolling loop but one cuddly bed 'bonding' moment rubbed me so hard, I had book-burn.

Nick and Kelly are having....problems. They are extremely physical and for some asinine reason one of the 'rules' of the trek include no sex. Okay??

So, they aren't touching and therefore they aren't talking and this leads to fighting and my annoyance.

But this wasn't nearly as vexing as the cafe revelations.

I felt a tip in the scales and suddenly I was in the classroom and not relaxing with my kindle...

I wish to expand my familiarity of sexuality but I don't appreciate it shoved in my face like a classroom lesson.

I felt as if the author had an agenda with this scene and it diminished my enjoyment greatly.

I was still trying to choke down the possessed phone and marines-not-sexually-involved-cuddling-in-their-underpants.

At this point, I couldn't swallow any more.

I began this spin-off ride utterly *shocked-'n-awed*....was prickled in the middle and then this dose left a bad taste in my mouth.

HOWEVER!

Light at the end of the book....

Looks like the Black Orchid Market is open for business. *giddy smile*
Ty calls to my heart and I might have to check up on him during his newlywed years.

3 careful-not-to-choke stars

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

4.5 Stars!

What a great ending to two great series. While Sidewinder is a spin-off of Cut& Run, they really all should be read together.

I was not expecting this one to be as emotional as it was.

Yeah it was about Nick and Kelly and their relationship, but more than that it was about 6.5 brothers (Zane counts) and their journey. When they began, where they drifted in the middle, and how they found their way back together.

This book really brought everything full circle.

Ina says

Well, this is goodbye.
Some time ago i finally understood some things about this fandom and author.

If you think differently or don't agree to some things, then fandom on tumblr will fuck you up, but Abigail Roux will try to make you look stupid and write angry tumblr post about why all that talk about sexuality was legit and reader is just a hater. But the thing is - it was awkward and all that talk about "Kelly is a Biromantic Demisexual and Digger is a Hetero Sex Positive Asexual" was weird. Like really? Do we need to go that far? She could have just stopped at "Digger don't like sex". It's like she just decided in the middle of the book to make sure that we understood all scientific terms for all kinds of sexualities and made her characters say something like "oh, did you know i'm demisexual and it means bla-bla-bla." It's something i would see on tumblr and roll my eyes, not in a book. Believe me! Not that i don't support lgbtq community. I do. I myself am bi. I just didn't like how author included some information in this book and made it look like it was just pulled out of the thin air.

And second thing what made me say "i've had enough of this" is Nick. He still is some kind of glorified hero. Everyone is always concerned about him and are making his problems so special, that i found it very irritating. And all that angst about things that happened long time ago... Oh, give me a break.

Even Ty, Zane and kittens didn't save this fucking stupid ending of this sidewinder saga.

So... Goodbye. A couple of books back it was good. But then Nick got the main role and it wasn't same anymore. So yeah, this is sad and bitter goodbye.

Tamika♥RBF MOOD♥ says

2 stars for the actual story. That should be clarified!

I feel like I'm in an Alternate Universe. This can't be Nick & Kelly. I wanted to pants them to see if they had the same equipment as me. Dude what the F*%&!!!! The first 48% was them bitching and moaning about their feelings. Who are they??? I'm still so confused on the purpose of this. This hot & cold b.s. she did with them was nauseating. I literally would have put this book down before the halfway mark if I didn't get that minuscule glimpse of Zane.

I don't get the drama of Kelly. What is the problem? You know Nick. Been knowing him for 20 plus years. If he's Ty best friend rest assure that he's a LYING LIAR WHO LIES ALOT!!!! We know this. Yeah he lied, but I didn't know this book was going to be a time capsule of their lives. Why?? Why couldn't we just moved the f*&^ on. Seriously we gotta deal with the issues from book 7-9. Then it gets worst; Kelly because this jealous insecure person. I don't know this person. I'm not even going to touch the Irish Catholic guilt that Nick has riding around on his damn shoulders!!!

Torturous back and forth between this two. I couldn't even enjoy the little bit of laughs that we did have. I'm not even going to rant and rave about the two biggest B.S. bombs in this entire series. WTF was the point of messing with Digger. That was so left field and unbelievable. The situation with Nick's dad another eff you to the fans IMO. Really, now this is affecting him?

I would like Nick & Kelly to get a personality adjustment and come back to me.

I still don't know who are they? Maybe the ghost of Sanchez could ring my phone and help me out here. I'm so confused. This is how I know I wasn't interested the sex bored me, and I skimmed through it. No we are not doing that to these two. Sex doesn't fix everything.

#Alternateuniverse

Erth says

Part & Parcel picks up after the events of Crash and Burn with Nick recuperating from his near fatal injuries after having been stabbed on the streets of Miami. He and Kelly are having some relationship challenges after all the "liar liar pants on fire" he engaged in over the past few years (much like Tyler). Kelly seems to be reeling with shock, a side of betrayal and a good amount of righteous anger (because "forgetting" you proposed to someone is seriously bad form); and Nick is consumed with guilt, self-loathing and seeking forgiveness. I didn't realize their relationship was so rocky – but then when you lay it all out like this – how could it not be? I also never really completely warmed up to Nick and Kelly – but Part & Parcel sold it – I like them.

Baba says

3 stars. Review posted December 22, 2015

“What is it?”

“Absinthe. Thought I’d try something new since I was charged with romancing you.”

“I like it.” Kelly nodded, meeting Nick’s shadowed eyes. Then he grinned slowly, and Nick mirrored the expression. “My place or yours?”

Nick took Kelly’s chin in his fingers. “I realize this isn’t really a first date kind of thing to say, but . . . I love you.”

“My place, then, it’s closer,” Kelly said in a rush, and then turned to hail a cab as Nick chuckled behind him.

“But fuck, it’s not like we haven’t spent the last year playing with a drawer full of dildos, Kels,” Nick said wryly.

“Dude.”

Practice makes perfect and don't forget to lube up.

“I wasn’t sure how tonight was going to play out,” Kelly admitted. “There’s some in the bathroom, too. And between the cushions of the couch.” Nick chuckled, his smile bringing out the hint of dimples hidden beneath his beard and lighting his eyes. His fingers were gentle on Kelly’s ribs. “There’s even some in the Rover,” Kelly continued. “All over the Fiddler. I basically stashed lube all over Boston in the hopes of getting laid tonight.”

“Just hit me with the dick talk, I can take it,” Owen groaned.

“You can take the dick?” Kelly deadpanned.

Owen stared at the camera, and Kelly fought hard not to grin.

I feel like I need to apologize for liking Part & Parcel which is stupid and a waste of my breath, right? I don't know. Maybe my expectations were already down because before picking Part & Parcel up, I had two DNFs in a row and I might have been a little desperate for something decent to read. So yeah, P&P was a major improvement compared to my last two reads.

Anyhoo...

The story starts off with the first chapter that touches upon the ending of Crash & Burn and then spans over the recovery time of Nick. And we see Kelly and Nick having issues, working through them and, of course,

sexing it up. And then halfway through, there is the entertaining reunion of the Sidewinder boys.

Minor and major issues

I didn't particularly care about the "dad angle". I was done with Nick's father awhile ago. Also, I could have done with less back and forth. I don't mind flashbacks at all, but in regards to the timeline, I'm all for less is more because due to the shortness of the flashbacks, it would have read smoother if there had been less. After my update at 32%, I tumbled into a little boredom hole. Though when the Sidewinder boys had their get-together around the 45% mark or so, things were looking up again. I enjoyed their reunion and their banter. And then there was Ty. I won't apologize for liking Ty better than Zane. So I was a happy camper when I got my obligatory Ty injection.

After my second update I kinda lost interest. I think the story should have been tighter and I could have done with less sex. Multiple gratification is not always such a great idea. I'd rather have a longer buildup, filled with great chemistry and irresistible sexual tension and only a few sex scenes. Of course I would never delete that scene at 40% which was my favorite. Damn. Rough sex combined with a dose of tenderness is *hawt*. Enough said.

Kelly and Nick's conflict seemed a bit forced and Kelly's insecurities were totally OTT and contrived. I'm sorry but I just didn't buy his act. Confession time around the 85% mark was sappy and melodramatic to boot.

A facepalm moment at 86%:

(view spoiler)

I wonder what will be up next out of left field. (view spoiler)

Cue eye roll @88%:

(view spoiler)

This is another of those ridiculous twists that I couldn't have cared less about:

@89%

(view spoiler)

Ten years ago. Blah.

Repetitiveness

61 x grunt, grunts, grunted, grunting

Examples

"Bullshit," Nick grunted, closing his eyes again.

"Oh God," Nick grunted, and he could only (...)

"Asshole," he grunted.

"Hey," Kelly grunted.

etc. etc. etc.

112 x smile, smiled

Baba smiles

The endearment babe

NO. THANKS. DID I SAY NO?

Though I did like Nicko as a nickname or an endearment. It suited Nick.

Some of my favorite quotes

"Trust me, you won't regret the trip."

"I trust you," Digger assured him. "That's where the (view spoiler)

"Yeah, but you still get people to kiss it, so you're welcome."

"True that!"

"This is the worst thing a bird has ever done to me."

"Shame, since you've always treated cocks so well," Kelly said, his voice trembling.

"Montana, that's fucked up. There weren't even mountains in Montana, man, they were just, like . . . like . . . lumpy plains."

"Lumpy plains?" Ty cried, and they were all rolling around in the back, no seat belts in sight, cards forgotten. "You better stop fucking talking to me until your ass is bilingual inside your head, okay."

"Hell, I think we (view spoiler) from Eli's pervert voyeur ghost."

"Agreed," Nick growled as he pushed off the bed to disrobe. He went to his phone, turning the music off as

he headed for the door. Kelly undressed as he watched Nick in confusion. Nick opened the hotel door as the phone happily played its music, and he tossed the phone out into the hallway. The music was still playing when Nick let the door slam shut and turned back to Kelly. "I'm not letting him watch, though."

As a side note

Demanding \$7.99 for this ebook is clearly overpriced. Thus publishers being greedy is nothing new yet remains a big nuisance.

Bottom line

I did enjoy parts of Part & Parcel and overall it's not a bad read at all. What I loved were Eli's letters and the bonus story of Ty and Zane at the end of Part & Parcel. My saying that I didn't waste my time with this book means something to me because I haven't been spoiled with plenty of decent books lately.

Happy reading everyone!

Pre-reading Part & Parcel:

I seriously hope it won't lead to another swan song.

Wendy says

I really enjoyed this one. It was nice to read about all the Sidewinder boys again...especially Ty and Zane, who will forever be one of my most favorite couples.

There were some moments that made my eyes twitch though.

Like the "no sex" rule....I found it ridiculous and it also took down the level of hotness of this book....which made me cry a bit ...lol. I would have loved some steamy Ty and Zane scenes...but this was a no go.

There were some steamy interactions between Nick and Kelly, but I didn't really care for those much. This also brings me to my next eye-twitching point. Too much Nick and Kelly. I knew going in that they were once again the main couple, but their bickering and fighting and emotional crap just got on my nerves after a while. I think I will never be a Nick fan.... I'm a full on Ty and Zane fan !!

Other than this I enjoyed this book and there were some very funny and also very emotional moments. I

especially appreciated Zane's pov, these were my favorite parts ofcourse. I was very happy to see that the Sidewinder boys pulled him into their little club.

I still have hopes that maybe one day we'll get a follow up on Ty and Zane.... it would make me so happy !!

Alisa says

I wanted to love this. Really I did. The story starts with a prologue that goes over a bit of the end of Crash & Burn and then goes to Nick's recovery time. He is not doing well and he and Kelly are having issues. And sex. They have a lot of issues and a lot of sex. The first 40% is just.....issues, angst and sex. I was losing interest fast because I came to this party with a promise of Eli. FINALLY at around 50% we get to the Eli part of the story. That I loved. It was funny and emotional and touching. I loved the letters and the instructions and all that went with that (being vague to not spoil anyone). The gang was all there for that part and things are always good when we get Team Sidewinder together. Unfortunately too many things didn't work overall. I'm just going to do a short summary of things I liked and things I didn't so I don't go on and on.

Liked:

The part of the story with Eli's letters.

Every scene Eli (or his memory) were in.

The fact that Ty & Zane were there.

Seymour.....loved this. So much I'm going to do this with my family.

Didn't like:

Kelly & Nick were exhausting: I like angst but this was TOO much and most of it seemed manufactured to me. They've known each other too long for most of this story line to work for me. They were bringing up shit that happened 15 years before. I can't buy that. They would have worked through that by now. Plus Kelly was a doc in WAR. He cannot be the naive, fragile flower he's portrayed in this book.

Too much sex: Yeah, I can't believe I'm saying that either but there you have it. Too much. I skimmed over half of them. I was like "Not again. Ugg.....can we just get back to the story?"

Too long: The book was just too long. The first half was almost boring and by the time we got to the good stuff I was half way checked out.

Nick's dad plotline: I can't say much about this cuz of spoilers but I will say this whole thing was complete and utter bullshit imo. I didn't buy it all. It was totally against Nick's character and it actually pissed me off. More manufactured drama. I genuinely HATED where the author went with this.

The timeline: This was choppy and all over. Some was in the present. Some was in the past. There were dates at the top of each chapter so I knew the time frame but it was just all over. It didn't work for me as a story telling style.

So.....big, big disappointment. Loved about 30% of it. Hated about 30% of it. And the rest was all somewhere in between.

There is a Ty & Zane bonus story at the very end. Past the author bio etc

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

5 Surprising But Awesome Stars!

I know I have an unhealthy obsession regarding Ty and Zane, which would of course include all periphery characters and spinoffs, and though they will probably forever remain my favorite m/m couple, Nick and Kelly may have taken the #2 spot.

Right off the bat, this is steeped heavily in all things Sidewinder (which also includes Owen, Digger, Eli and Ty) so if you don't like that dynamic, then sadly this last entry is not for you. Though the focus is on Nick and Kelly's relationship, this is more of a homage to their past, present, and certainly their future. Also if you thought their initial coming together was too simple/sweet, their *staying* together is anything but, as they're blindsided over and over with unresolved issues. Old secrets, past hurts, and a shit ton of baggage threaten to tear them apart. What they thought should be easy - isn't. What they thought should settle - didn't. What they thought was unconditional - just might not be. Can they reconcile their anger and guilt?? Can they find redemption so they can happily move on??

Have no fear, this is still peppered with plenty of smexiness, humor, and glee, in and amongst some heavy, painful angst. Spurred by a dead man's last request, the guys embark on a journey to remember what's important, understand past events, and renew their bond. Of course this made me swoon, cry and laugh - the men remember what made them strong and find forgiveness in the other.

I marvel at the genius of Roux, as she takes every fun, and not so fun, event that has been riddled throughout this entire series and brought it full circle - filling in blanks and adding profound weight to what has happened in the lives of these six men. I am truly impressed and grateful for such a conclusion. Bittersweet but oh so satisfying, we regretfully come to the end of this wild ride.

However one thing remains certain. Nick, Kelly, Owen, Digger, Ty, and of course Zane, would certainly unquestionably bleed, not hesitate to kill, and no doubt die for the other - and that is a wonderful thing to know and witness.

Ooh fucking rah!!
