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Will a makeover bring his fantasy to life or lead him to a love he never saw coming?

As a professional X-ray tech, Ridley has come a long way from the geeky kid Jace took under his wing in high school. Not that his best friend has noticed. Tired of pining, Ridley decides to show Jace what he's missing. And what better way than with a newer, more sophisticated look?

Cole's clients at the salon where he works love him dearly. Men? Not so much. He has dated one mistake after the next, and he's beginning to wonder if a guy exists who can handle his fabulousness. Then Ridley lands in his chair.

Cole agrees to be Ridley's makeover guru, and they click effortlessly. But when Cole offers to help Ridley with his sexual confidence, passion flares and boundaries blur.

Ridley's had his heart set on Jace a long time, but when he's with Cole it feels too real to deny. Now he has a choice to make: the friend he's always wanted or the man who's given him a whole new lease on life.

Operation Makeover is part of the Hearts and Health series, but can be read as a standalone.

## **Operation Makeover Details**

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## From Reader Review Operation Makeover for online ebook

### **Karen Meeus says**

Fun and lighthearted, this was also one of the most perfectly sweet romance stories I've read in a while. An endearing take on the classic "ugly duckling to beautiful swan" makeover. Made even better because, as it turns out, true love sees you for who you are. No "embellishment" needed.

Cole falls for Ridley just the way he is and though he helps Ridley with his "transformation", he never thinks the other man needs to change. In fact, he only goes along with it to help Ridley see his own self-worth and become more confident. And to have an excuse to keep meeting up with him, maybe.. Cole is such a sweetheart! I adored him for continuing to help Ridley make an impression on Jace, at great cost to his own heart. Though I also wanted to shake some sense into him!

Ridley's insecurities are clear from the get-go, but as the story progresses we learn that Cole is not as confident as he outwardly appears and neither man has had much luck in love. So they have more in common than they think.

I loved how gradually this story was built up, and the way they very naturally fell into a friendship first. There's chemistry between them too, of course, but it's not what drives the relationship.

This was a great read, entertaining and very romantic.

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### **BR11 says**

Good one! Super sweet :)

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### **JD Crittendon says**

#### **Love is the Best Makeover!**

A sweet, enjoyable story with low angst and bit of drama between Ridley & Cole. I liked the MCs, the premise and co-characters. I also thought the pacing was good. A delicious romantic tale!

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### **Valerie says**

Cole is the sweetest, most caring protagonist that I've read in a while. When he meets Ridley, yes he's attracted to him, but something about Ridley draws Cole to him and he wants to help him. And Ridley thinks Cole is the most beautiful man he's ever seen and thinks he's out of his league, but he also thinks that about his best friend, Jace. And although he's getting a makeover to draw in his best friend, Ridley starts to realize that Cole is the person who really sees him for who he is and doesn't want to change him. After their relationship gets deeper when they throw in sex, both men become attached to the other. I enjoyed the sweet

story and although Ridley might not have known what he wanted most of the time he was with Cole, in the end, he realizes he has this chance at love and grabs on with both hands. A great read!!

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### **~nikki the recovering book addict says**

#### **4 stars!**

I admit I was a little skeptical about this because the plot is one that's been done so many times it's on the verge of being overdone but alas! I'm soooooo glad I still decided to try this because Ridley and Cole were soooo adorable!

Sure, the plot was still cliche but! It is all about the execution so.. this was well done. Except a few instances where there were some inconsistencies but meh, it was minor enough to overlook.

I always love the more flamboyant characters so Cole was my favourite. But I do also love the shy and nerdy and somewhat insecure character so, Ridley isn't that far off!

Kudos to the author for managing to write such a long running series. I think it's still got a lot more to offer so, looking forward to the rest! ?

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### **Kevin says**

A man has a crush on his best friend, and turns to a stranger for help. It was very romantic and had a positive message. The characters were all people whom I enjoyed getting to know.

Typo: "smidgen dramatic" sounds wrong to my ear. It's usually used with "of" and a noun. There's a lay/lie error ("they laid plastered together").

Continuity error: "[Theo to Ridley] And [Cole's] only twenty-eight." "[Later, Ridley says to himself] not that he knew Cole's exact age."

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### **Andrea Britton says**

Five Stars!

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Highly recommended.

Andrea B  
Reviewer for Everything Marie Book Blog.

\*\*I was given an advanced copy of this book by the author/publisher in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Modwena says**

Ridley has been infatuated with Jace, his best friend for years but Jace never really seems to see him. He decides that a makeover might be the thing that finally draws Jace's attention. This is how he ends up on Cole's salon chair. When he explain's what he is trying to do, Cole appoints himself Ridley's personal stylist. The pair start spending a lot more time together and their friendship quickly grows. The problem is that the feelings grow too and Ridley has to choose whether he wants to go for the man he's always wanted or the man he is starting to fall in love with.

This is such a sweet story. I loved that both men had their insecurities and were able to help each other through them. The book also contains one of the best first kiss scenes that I have read in quite some time. Overall very highly recommended.

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### **Chad says**

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### **Mari Cardenas ~ Bayou Book Junkie says**

4.5 Stars!

Operation Makeover is book 7 in the Hearts & Health series, and even if it features some of the previous stories' characters/couples, it can be read as a standalone. I do suggest reading the whole series, though, because you'll be missing out otherwise.

Ridley has been in love with his best friend Jace for the last ten years and he's finally ready to do something about it, but first, he needs a makeover to make his friend actually notice him. Cole is the hair stylist in charge of the first step of Ridley's transformation, who offers his services to help Ridley with the rest of what he needs to become Ridley 2.0. They hit it off and are attracted to each other, and soon they start a friendship with benefits even if Ridley's heart is still set on Jace, or is it?

This was such a sweet and fun, yet slightly angst read. It was kind of heartbreaking to see Ridley being overlooked by his crush and Cole being betrayed by his latest boyfriend. They both have confidence issues,

even if in different ways, which makes it easier for them to click. And really, they're just what the other needs. Cole helps Ridley see himself in another, better light and Ridley shows Cole that he's worthy of the love of a good man. Never mind that they were hot, hot, HOT together, what I loved the most about them was the connection that they forged from veritable strangers to friends to lovers in a realistic manner. Even if I could see the misunderstanding coming from miles away, I was glad Ms. Jamison didn't drag it out for too long, and that it was resolved in a very satisfying way.

I didn't particularly care for Ronnie, Ridley's twin sister, I found her too brash for my taste and some of the things she said to Cole made me want to strangle her. I definitely liked Anita, Cole's friend, a whole lot more. And Jace, well, I'm still undecided about him, but I do hope we'll get his story next.

Overall, a great addition to the series! Operation Makeover is my second favorite book and Ridley/Cole are one of my favorite couples in the series, so yeah, I can't recommend it enough.

\*\*\* Copy provided to Bayou Book Junkie for my reading pleasure, a review wasn't a requirement. \*\*\*

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### **Theresa says**

All of the characters acted juvenile. The author could correct this by changing the average age from 26 to 21. Cory was very sweet and giving, but he was a doormat. Ridley was pathetic and codependent on Jace. His self esteem was so low. He lived in his head too. He didn't have anything to give to others. Cory deserved better. Jace was a self centered insensitive egotistical asshat. Ronnie was just downright nasty and crude.

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### **Katie says**

\*I received the book in exchange for an honest review\*

Hello! I am feeling a bit rusty after a long absence, but I'll try to do justice to another amazing book by DJ Jamison. My first book by her was Heart Trouble so, the hospital world with all the characters mentioned here, and book by book, my admiration for her works grew. I don't think any book will top Urgent Care, this one was quite close.

I loved the awkward Riley! In so many ways I imagine he is quite the same as he was in high school where he looked up to Jace, and his Lego hobby is AWESOME as fuck. I also kind of understood the idea of reinventing oneself. The makeover, even though Riley thinks it's for Jace, is for Riley. And he was lucky to find Cole. Cole is fabulous and unapologetically gay. Some of it isn't even his choosing, but he makes do. Except one thing. He is awful at choosing partners.

I loved both characters for themselves and what they could be to each other and I had my fingers crossed that they work it all out. I mean, I knew they would, but here's the magic, right? The fact that even with knowing that there will be a happy ending, you are still feeling everything. And in this book, DJ Jamison managed that perfectly!

It was a book I adored, with adorable and awkward X-ray technician becoming adorable and confident technician and with the fabulous Cole showing his human side, not so fabulous and self-assured all the time.

And I absolutely loved the cameos of the characters from previous books. My heart just about melted at the end ?

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### **Ravenclaw Silverstripe says**

[ Let us be honest, he knew damn well that Ridley had a crush on him. He knew and still paraded and bragged about his hook ups in front of Ridley. (hide spoiler)]

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### **Emily Seelye says**

Ridley's been in love with his best friend Jace for years. Tired of constantly being overlooked as a potential love interest, he decides he needs a change.

Enter Cole, a stylist at a local salon. They hit it off when Ridley goes in for a haircut, and the other man agrees to help with his makeover. They of course become friends and develop feelings.

Which man will end up owning Ridley's heart in the end?

I enjoyed this. While I don't exactly agree with Ridley's reasons for the makeover, I'm glad that he didn't let his end goal (Jace) get in the way of making a new friend and lover.

I received an ARC

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### **Everything Marie says**

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~Review by Andrea~

