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Jory Keyes is doing his best to get over Detective Sam Kage, who broke his heart. Fearful of coming out of the closet, Sam intended to marry and uphold the status quo. After testifying against the man he saw commit cold-blooded murder, Jory is sure he and the detective will never cross paths again. But fate has other plans.

Between Sam's job and Jory being openly gay and on the run from hired killers, the path to true love has never been rockier. When Jory is kidnapped, the culprit is someone no one ever suspected.

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From Reader Review A Matter of Time Book II for online ebook

Nichole (DirrtyH) says

2.5 stars

I think instead of writing a balanced, thought out, well-formed paragraph style review I'll just make a list of the things that annoyed me.

*Sam and Jory's relationship - This back and forth "I love you, I can't live without you", and then the next day "We can't be together" (for no real reason) thing gets old REAL damn fast.

*Eeeveryone loves Jory - Why does Jory need to meet a new guy that falls head over heels in love with him at first sight in every other chapter? What is the point of that? And hey, Jory - if you don't want stalkers, maybe you should just come out and tell them you're not interested instead of stringing everyone along. You create your own drama, dude.

*Indistinguishable characters - Everyone in these books is the same. Everyone talks and sounds the same. Every gay character loves Jory. Every female character wants to snag Dane and be Jory's best friend. No one is homophobic or uncomfortable with homosexuality at all, except the Big Mean Bad Guy, of course. These books are a stream of new characters that are exactly the same as all the other characters - FOR NO REASON. They do not further the plot or have any impact on Jory. They are space fillers.

*Missing punctuation - hey Mary, periods and commas are good sometimes.

I'm still reading these. They are strangely compelling. But let me be clear - they are not good. The writing screams "first time writer" and instead of releasing four books, they should have done some *serious* editing and released one book.

DaisyGirl says

[read: took a bullet for the guy! (hide spoiler)]

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read** says

See link below for review of Books 1 & 2

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

? Poppy ? says

JORY IS STUPID, BUT HIS PERSONALITY HAS A CERTAIN SPARK THAT YOU CAN'T PUT THE BOOK DOWN. ALTHOUGH SAM IS ... *i dont have a right word for him yet* maybe a soonuffabitch i think!

This book is too stupidly funny :P

.Lili. says

Over the top, borderline ridiculous, and I LOVED every second!

That ending though-

Holy. Cliffhanger.

So glad I'm reading them now that they're all out! I would've been a very angry Colombian if I had to wait for the next one. Lol

Off to start book 3!

JenMcJ says

4.5 stars but under protest AGAIN

Oh, after being left hanging in book 1 I was all set for resolution in book 2. Ummm, no, that didn't happen.

After I continued to follow Jory and Sam and all their friends and family for yet another book I found that again this books cuts off abruptly. At least the last sentence is finished but it cuts off IN THE MIDDLE OF A SCENE.

You can imagine my ire. So I sent off to the publisher for some info on the number of releases this was going to be until we read the FULL BOOK...

The response:

*Hi Jennifer,
Thanks for your inquiry and also thanks for your purchase of "A Matter of Time" books. The next two in the series are due out later this month and December respectively...barring no unexpected delays which can sometimes occur in this business... In the meantime, if you are interested in more Gay/Lesbian based erotica type novels, may I also suggest "The Descent" by W. Richard St. James or MinX by Cary Stone and Jake Horton. Although they are primarily straight at the beginning, there gay and lesbian elements to*

them which you may find intriguing, not to mention, very fascinating storylines. They can be found in the General Fiction and Erotica Pages at the site.

Thanks again for shopping at Club Lighthouse Publishing, and do drop again.

Cheers,

Terrie

Really, do they think I am going to trust them to sell me a full book again? No. I won't take another chance like that...

Then I realized Ms. Calmes has a blog so I headed over there. This is her entry for 10/30/09

This is the new cover for Book II of A Matter of Time. The book is being published in 4 parts even though I wrote it as one complete story, one book. It is a romance first, murder-mystery second, all about Jory and Sam and their love and forces both internal and external that try and pull them apart. At 235,000 words it was a little too big to be just a single ebook. Look for it at Club Lighthouse the second week in November! The

The first cover was sort of smoky brown, this one melancholy blue.

sigh. This one book is going to cost the price of four but now that I am sucked into Jory's world there is no way I am not going to see it through to the end even if I think this marketing strategy sucks.

Diana says

Review for both book 1 & 2

I first met the main character of this book, Sam Kage, in another series *Marshalls*. He was a cranky bad ass, and I wanted to learn more about him. So I was quite surprised as I finished up book 2 in this series, and I am not very happy with Sam AT ALL.

Sam is a Detective in charge of keeping a witness, Jory, safe and alive to testify against a big time drug dealer. Jory likes to have fun and has lots of friends. He seems to find trouble wherever he goes. Sam has his hand full, but he soon realizes that he has feelings for Jory, and cannot live without him. But Sam has a lot to work through, especially coming to terms about his sexuality. He pushes Jory away, pulls him back in, pushes him away....

I adore Jory and all of his friends. The relationship Jory has with his boss, Dane, is heartwarming. Dane and Jory both have no family, but seem to be "home" for each other. Dane is very protective of Jory, and is always there for him.

I am reading this series with the ladies of TPAM, and I am not sure if any of us can wait until next month to start book 3 because of the cliffy at the end of book 2.

Catherine says

Call me the Grinch, but I'm starting to feel like this is a series people adore only because they read it (for the first time, anyway) when they were new to the genre and just excited to read *any* m/m no matter what fuckery was happening on the page. The writing isn't great, their isn't a plot 'arc' so much as what it would look like if you plotted the path of a pinball in one of those old school arcade games, and the characters take turns being annoying as *fuuuuuuuck*.

big, grumpy sigh

But I'm in it now.

FML.

Gigi says

Review of all 4 books of the first part of the series is located in the book 4 review.

Irina says

Audible

Oh, this was painful. Reminded me of my favourite *Adrien English* series.

I went through the audiobook almost without a break, wanting to hurry up and see what happens next. It's getting better and better and judging by the nasty cliffhangers here, it looks like I'll have to put my life on hold in order to finish the series and get my much needed HEA.

I'm seriously hooked!

Thank you, my dear Ingela, for recommending the series to me!

4.2 stars

Natasha says

Ugh, where to start. The first book was so awesome and this book is so lacking.

I'm mad at Jory and Dane didn't end up together and I think their whole relationship is weird. Like, one day Jory goes from assistant that's practically scared of his boss to brothers and suddenly he's like "oh okay. brothers then." The entire situation is weird.

Also I dislike Sam. A lot. He's a huge jerk and keeps leaving Jory and treating him like shit. Make up your goddamn mind, mind. Jesus.

Ingie says

Written October 24, 2014

3.7 Stars - Heartbreaking - A lot of everything but stingy with love

Book #2

I finished the first part, book #1 - A Matter of Time 1 (3.8 stars), early this morning and couldn't but start to listening to book #2 and the second half in Vol.1 - A Matter of Time (book #1-2) at once.

~ Still a captivating and truly touching love-tale... ~

Okay, I see I need to read them all..

At once! - I knew this would be many long hours and that these guys should hurt my heart, make me sob and get angry. And here I am, feeling like screaming because...--`\$`Ö?^%!!-- So d@mn angry right now!! -- Yet so addictive AMAZING GOOD to listening to.

The first book started when our main character witnessed a very brutal murder and met a smashing hot Detective. - **A long epic steaming hot, and so intense love tale started then and there.**

Chicago...

From book #1....

The *A Matter of Time* series is about (if you haven't yet read the first one:) (view spoiler)

I'm a glad and happy audiobook listener.

Course is also the second part still very good narrated by Paul Morey (5:30 hrs). His voice IS these characters for me now.

I really like these music snippets between the chapters. This music makes this almost like listening to an old radio serial about a hard-boiled private-cop in the 50's. ~ Though this is contemporary and our main

character Jory is a architect's assistant.

There is still a lot here to have opinions about (see my review for #1). But apart from that stuff is this heartwarming good and I can't help but love these, not always easy loved, men and this lengthy (but engrossing, fun, interesting etc.. and well-told) series more and more.

The love and steam are delightful hot and so tender sweet when we at last get some (wanted more this time). I'm actually kind of grateful that this is more a story about a young gay guy and his life than just another smexy M/M romance. Good for me.

As I already said in my last review: This is fun, intense, emotional and so captivating. ~ It isn't over yet and I fear I have to read them all to get a good HEA.

It's a fact by now: **I'm stucked to these books and to dear Jory.** ~ Just 2 (or 5) more to read or listening to. Oh yeah, this will be a long and bumpy ride. (Thank's for the cookies, ladies!)

I must point it out again: - Still very glad it's possible to listening to these long book-series and go on and 'live' your ordinary RL in the same time as you 'live' another one (...with Jory, Sam, Dane and the others).

Next up: #3 - A Matter of Time 3 (the first half of my next audiobook Vol.2 - A Matter of Time (book #3-4)).

I LIKE - ...will start the next one on my drive to a weekend in Stockholm (tomorrow Friday)

The A Matter of Time series by Mary Calmes: (view spoiler)

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

DON'T READ THIS BOOK unless you're ready to read all four of the first books at once and you are ready

to be really upset for awhile. Apparently the four were written as all one book but the publisher felt it was to long and cut it into four parts. I'm very angry with the publisher. These are emotionally draining.

I'm going to review all of the first four together because they really are one book. I've noticed that now #1 & #2 are called Book I and #3 and #4 are Book II in some places but books 1 & 2 both end on cliffhangers. I was crying at the end of book 2.

This series effed me up. Calmes played with my emotions like my dog plays with stuffed toys she's trying to kill. There are so many ups and downs I felt like I was on Galloping Gerty. Ok, enough with the similes. The point is that this is an emotional roller coaster ride. Okay, that was a metaphor, not a simile.

The story is very linear. Jory sees bad thing, Jory needs to go into witness protection but refuses. Hot cop follows Jory. Jory works and we find out everything about Jory's work. Jory deals with cop. Jory deals with bad guys. It would be annoying if Jory weren't so wonderful.

Of course everyone agrees. Everyone in the story loves Jory. EVERYONE. Here is Jory's interactions with every single gay man we meet:

"Jory I love you. Come home with me."

"No."

"Please."

"No."

"I can't live without you."

"No."

"Just one night."

"No."

"Please let me by you food."

"That's not a good idea."

"Please."

"No."

"I'm sorry."

"It's okay." **hug**

"Please come home with me!"

"No."

"EFF YOU JORY!!"

"Bye."

Then there's usually a problem with Jory getting away from him. Then later in the story:

"Jory, I'm so sorry, will you forgive me?"

"Of course."

"I know you don't want me, let's be friends."

"Okay."

"You know I love you more than anyone ever will."

"I know."

"Please."

"No."

"I can't live without you."

"No."

"Just one night."

"No."

"Please let me by you food."

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"It's okay." **hug**

"Please come home with me!"

"No."

"EFF YOU JORY!!"

Sometimes this happens several times. Jory is kind and sweet and loving to his stalkers. He's always calm. It's ridiculous.

Same with his boss. Every woman who meets him falls in love with him and will not accept when it's over. She throws herself at his feet and makes a complete fool of herself. Every single single woman. It's ridiculous. Of course, we love him, too.

Fortunately, unlike in many M/M stories, there are some wonderful female characters who I really liked. Of course, all the good characters are wonderful and we love them all. They all love Jory, even homophobic family. Everyone loves Jory. But so do I.

On to the plot:

Despite the thriller/mystery label of the books, only the third really feels like one. There are thriller elements in the first and second, a lot of danger in the second, but mostly it's about the relationship between Jory and Sam who's an asshole most of the time. But I wanted them together. Of course I wanted them together. I just wanted Sam to stop being an asshole.

Jory was maddening in his flip way of looking at his own life. He isn't surprised that everyone loves him, and he is completely aware that he's drop dead gorgeous. But he isn't arrogant and he doesn't have a lot of respect for his own life.

Sam wants Jory but he wants his life to stay the way it is, and he doesn't get that he can't have both. He's controlling and overprotective and surly. Most of the time it's adorable but sometimes I want to slap him. Jory loves the controlling part. Sometimes he feels like a little kid, but other times he's a lot more mature than Sam.

The danger scenes, the chases, the kidnappings, that kind of thing, were all well done and kept me clinging to my ebook reader. The pacing varied but was great through those parts.

The characters were good. Most of the main characters were individual enough that they felt real to me, even if they were all so wonderful and nice. There were a lot of women and het men in addition to gay boys.

By the end of #1, I was upset with the relationship but I still liked it and immediately read #2. In fact, I almost didn't even notice because the ending felt like it was in a completely arbitrary place. #2 starts immediately after the end of #1. 3.5 stars rounded up to 4 just to differentiate it enough from the rest. Happy ending? (view spoiler)

By the end of #2, the situation had been resolved, and everything was perfect until the last couple of pages when I wanted to maim someone, perhaps the author, for doing what she did to Sam & Jory. I couldn't handle the cliffhanger and was honestly really upset. I immediately bought the next one and within 10 minutes was deeply involved again. 3.5 stars, rounded down to three because of the ending. Happy ending? (view spoiler) Okay, I cannot get this book out of my head, so I can't leave this at 3 stars, not when part three is 3 stars so I'm raising it up to 4.

#3 made me angry. I HATED the first part, I hated the situation, I hated that (view spoiler). this one was by far the worst in the series because there was no plot--it was all about Sam and Jory's relationship--and it read a lot like a soap opera. This one does not end on a cliffhanger but because of how emotionally wrenching the whole series was up to this point, you might be tempted to stop. DON'T because you might not start again. STICK WITH IT because #4 is the best of the lot. Happy ending? (view spoiler) 2.5 stars rounded up to 3 because of the ending and because I don't want anyone thinking it's not worth it.

#4 was what I expected the whole series to be: Exciting, romantic, interesting, dangerous, thrilling, sweet, with several twists and turns. It was exactly what I was looking for. The one problem was that Calmes had so messed with my heart that I had trouble enjoying it because I expected something awful to happen between Sam and Jory at any moment. Happy ending? (view spoiler) 4.5 stars rounded up to 5 because I was so relieved and happy at the end.

I'm okay with how it left off, and I really want to keep reading the series, but I'm scared to, because I'm afraid Calmes is going to mess me up again. So for now, I'm just putting the next one as to-read and moving on to something else. I hope this habit of slicing through my heart with a butcher knife isn't true of all of her books because I would really like to read more, but I just can't take this.

BTW, I've seen some people label this GFY/OFY and it's not true. (view spoiler)

Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says

??????*I'm depressed*??????

Re-read: 16.04.2018

DOES CONTAIN SPOILERS!!! In second book of the *A Matter of Time* series, Sam struggles with being so needy of Jory. Specially when he thought his future will involve a woman and kids. Dane 'fires' Jory so he can start a career instead of just doing a job. But to make sure Jory will always be in his life, Dane makes Jory become his brother; Jory Keyes becomes Jory Harcourt. He starts to work at Barrington as graphic designer with a partner to develop branding for new clients. **Overall, Jory is still not taking anything serious.** Not even life and death situations. He also continues to be stupid and people are still annoyingly telling him how gorgeous he is (we get it!) and touching him *all the time* (we get that he's a loving person). Needless to say, I don't get why I'm re-reading this series; I just can't find anything else to read.

"That's what got me thinking about all this. That day we went to Macy's and I was getting my card out and you paid with yours. I thought, he's got a credit card that I pay for with his name on it. And I know it's just for work, but still, it's like we're attached somehow." He sighed and stared into my eyes. "I thought, this is how I want it to be. I don't just want to run your life at work, I want a say in it all the time. And even as a friend, I don't have enough

power... so I started to think and this is what I came up with. You're going to be my brother."

Other characters:

- ? **Dane Harcourt**, the best character in the series. Is Jory's boss (has been his assistant for 5 years) and the main architect for one of the premier architectural firms in the city, Harcourt, Brown, and Cogan.
- ? **Caleb Reid**, Dane's biological brother.
- ? **Michael 'Mike' Kage**, a architect and Sam's brother.
- ? **Regina Rappaport**, Sam's mother and **Thomas Kage**, his father.
- ? **Jennifer 'Jen' Levine**, Sam's sister, married to **Mitch Levine**, got two daughters, **Ally Levine** (2) and **Carla Levine** together. And is (view spoiler). I hate characters like this; must read to understand.
- ? **Rachel 'Rach'**, Sam's oldest sister.
- ? **Levi Kage** and **Joseph 'Joe' Kage**, brothers and Sam's cousins.
- ? **Nick Sullivan**, a doctor that wants Jory. Jory sets him up with Dr. **Kai Akita**, PhD, works at the Field Museum.
- ? **Dominic Kairov**, Sam's partner at work. (view spoiler)
- ? **Dylan 'Dy' Greer**, Jory's friend, and work partner. **Chris Greer** her husband.

"It's gonna be done this time, you know? I can't keep running after you."

"Sure," I said as my eyes filled. "I know."

"Do you even care?"

I cared more than I could even express. I had never, ever been crazier about anyone else.

Sam Kage was the man of my dreams; it was too bad that being with him always became a nightmare.

First read review:

??????*Contains spoilers*??????

The thing that keep getting to me, annoying me, is the constant mentioning of how gorgeous and pretty Jory is. **He's a looker, we get it**, you don't have to mention it regularly. Same with Dane. And Sam. They are amazing, now move on. Now, I almost felt like this book wasn't about **Jory 'J' Keyes** (view spoiler) (22, becomes 23) and **Samuel 'Sam' 'Sammy' Thomas Kage** (34). It was like reading a chapter of Jory's life, his life of meeting people, instantly connecting with folks and getting a brother. Also, the blurb of the book really spoils the book as the kidnapping doesn't happen until the *very* end. And who the kidnapper were was really predictable, and Jory was kinda stupid there.

"You put me through it when you left, and I've been so...pissed... at you and then that night I saw you out and you look like you're okay you're fine without me, and—and I just wanted to take you home and... then the other night. What if you were hurt or killed or... what the fuck am I supposed to do? And that asshole tonight, he thinks he's got a shot with you... everybody thinks they've got a shot because I'm not around and... it's not gonna fuckin' happen! I will not allow it to happen. I want you with me all the time—can't have anyone else touching you or... you belong to me. You get that, right? You're mine. I think I'm gonna mark you—put my name on you so everybody knows that you're—"

Though there's love, it doesn't feel like it's a love story, more like a episode of happiness then comes emptiness. Jory keeps forgiving Sam: Sam messes up, Jory leaves. Sam dates a woman, then asks Jory to take him back, Jory takes him back and something happens again and Sam leaves. You get a glimpse of happiness followed by sadness. Or something. **Overall, the story was alright, but not good** and I'm not sure I even like Sam in this series. I loved him in the **Marshals** series, but in this one, I feel like we don't really get to know him. I really dig **Dane Harcourt** though. Might actually like him better than everyone else....

“Everybody wants to touch you all the time. I'm the only one who can't when I want to be the only one that can.”

Quick basic facts:

Genre: - (Adult) Contemporary Romance (M/M)

Series: - Series, Book Two

Love triangle? - (view spoiler)

Cheating? - (view spoiler)

HEA? - (view spoiler)

Favorite character? - Dane Harcourt.

Would I read more by this author/or of series? - Yes.

Would I recommend this book/series? - Unsure.

Will I read this again in the future? - No.

Rating - 2.5 stars

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

Detective dickhead really seems to be less dickhead-ish by the end of this one. He was actually very sweet and it was nice...
