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Born the son of a preacher man, Elijah Deacon always conformed to his father's strict religious teachings. He worked hard, devoting his time and energy to the family owned construction firm, leaving little time to focus on the deplorable state of his private life. Small town America was no place to be when all a man craved was the touch of another man. Elijah hid his sexuality and tried in vain to convince himself he could be happy with a woman. Urged on by the dream of having the family he craved, Elijah couldn't know a drunken one night stand would see him pay the ultimate price.

Leaving the bright lights of Atlanta and placing his own life on hold, paralegal, Seth Jacobs, moved to Alabama hopeful that with a baby on the way, his twin sister Bethany would settle down. His older sister by five minutes, she gave him the confidence he needed while growing to come out and be proud of who he was. It was his turn to return the support. On arrival in Headland, Seth endeavored to make her see the dangers her behavior presented to her and her unborn child. But, to no avail.

When destiny deals a cruel blow, and the life of a newborn baby hangs by a thread, Seth and Elijah are flung together to deal with the tragic circumstances. The grief threatens to consume them, while joy and fear work to unite them. Jealousy, love, lies and bitter truths rise to the surface and threaten to tear them apart. Can the powers of love and life bring them together and heal the loneliness that death leaves behind? Or will circumstance prevail and fuel the embers of love that draw them together?

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Melissa Winsor says

Immediately i was pulled into the story of Elijah and Seth. feeling as though i experienced everything right there with them. From the laughter to the tears. Through the fears and happiness. I was left wanting more which is the proof of how amazing this story is. Because if I am left wanting more and never wanting it to end I know I have found an amazing story.

Deeze says

This started out a 3 star read. Things were a little too soap operish at the beginning but I figured just go with it.

At times we get the same storyline told from first Eli then Seth's pov, but with no indication to let us know.

The drama is far to quick to happen, typical use of mis understandings and jumping to conclusions not just once or twice but through out the entire story.

Then it dropped to a 2 star. Far to much sex in the midst of grieving for me. I can go along with needing the comfort during grieving but having sex at the funeral? Nope not buying that. Not to mention that Eli seemed to be permanently horny just at the sight of Seth, regardless of the situation/place they were in.

The two best friends were used to promote mis understanings and cause more drama of the soapish kind, but apart from that I never saw them actually be a best friend.

But then it uses one of my biggest pet peeves and drops another star. Seriously you have fallen off a roof, cracked your ribs and have a concussion that has you throwing up and seeing double. You even pass out after a kiss. So on coming round what do you do? You Strain, Convulse and Writhe while getting a hand job. Seriously? Still at least after “the euphoric buzz helping to ease the shock waves of pain in his back and ribs to a dull roar.” Sorry but sex after such a serious injury is a real killer for me.

Another niggle for me was (view spoiler)

As a whole this had a great idea. Take out the immediate thoughts of sex while supposedly grieving. Tone down the soap land drama a little and skip the whole best friends try to spoil things parts altogether and you might just have a shorter story that's worth reading. Sorry but this was a big all round fail for me.

Mandy says

Love Life & Circumstance proved to be a great collaboration between V.L.Moon and JT Cheyenne. I really enjoyed the story it flowed really well and the characters were likeable and hot hot hot!!!! I would thoroughly recommend this book it was a real page turner and I couldn't put it down. Great way to spend a couple of days my only criticism would be that I've finished it so quick and now I miss Elijah and Seth. Great book great job buy it and enjoy for yourselves.

Kim Turner says

Love Life & Circumstance grabbed me from the beginning and I couldn't stop reading it till I had finished. I didn't want to stop. If you bought this book you definately will not regret it but I will say to make sure you have some tissues handy.

The beginning of this story has some very tragic circumstances. Elijah Deacon lost his father 25 years to the day that his mother had died and Seth Jacobs lost his twin sister in the same accident. Out of both tragedies came a very precious gift. A baby girl given the name Hope.

By the end of this book you will realize a few things. You'll be a believer of fate. That best friends may do stupid idiotic things, but they mean well only because they love you and are only looking out for your best interest, and that being a couple you don't have to hide who you are and love with all your heart no matter your sexual orientation.

J.T. Cheyenne and V.L Moon have written a tragic, but beautiful and steamy book filled with love, faith and hope that anything is possible and I look forward to the next book that they publish.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

[I hate when guys (or anyone, for that matter) have unprotected sex

Sue says

I believe in soulmates. So to me this story was about finding your soulmate when you least expect it, in the worst place possible. This was a beautifully crafted story about tragedy and misplaced guilt. How in one second life can change you and if your lucky, your left with only the gift of a small precious life. What do you do when you feel that all you have left are lies and regrets but knowing you have no control and no choice but to move forward. This was a magnificently written story about two very strong men who were not truly happy with the lives they were leading but they were content. They didn't know that one moment in time that involved crushing both their lives in death would seal their fates in love for all time. This is a story only two authors could write so well. My favorite writing team V.L. Moon and J.T. Cheyenne. It's guaranteed when they write together it's a story like no other! How these two that write so different separately, can blend their writing skills so seamlessly is a mystery to me. I highly recommend this book!!!

Candice says

I don't want to be rude when I write this review, but I think I need to say some things. So, I will make this as painless as possible for the author. I am sorry, but this just didn't work for me. For a number of reasons and I will list them.

1. Some people might have a problem with Seth and Eli getting together so soon during all the death and grief, but I didn't. They didn't want to be alone and it worked. What didn't work was the blowjob practically on top of the grave. It was the sex in the hospital when Eli had a concussion and broken ribs. It was the going bareback after knowing someone 4 days "because I'm clean and have never gone bareback before" yet he's fathered a child?! Yes, I get it they are insanely attracted to each other and can't get enough, but somethings are taken too far, in my opinion.

2. Seth didn't cook, correct?! Then why did he have steaks/veggies/if I remember correctly baked potatoes? oh yeah and garlic butter. He doesn't cook and he's solo. Would he have 2 steaks just neatly sitting there ready to be grilled? Sorry this scene just made me laugh. They barely know each other yet Eli is rummaging through Seth's things and acting like he lives there.

3. The drama. UGH! C.O.M.M.U.N.I.C.A.T.E! So much time was wasted because they didn't open their mouths.

4. Kris and Rhett. Sorry, but no. Especially Rhett! (view spoiler)

What did work for me?

1. Hope! She was actually part of the story. They visited her everyday and stayed as long as they could. They didn't just let the nurses take care of it.

Sorry, if this was harsh, but it's just little things I couldn't get behind.

Kade Boehme says

i am SOOOOOOOO fucking over brothers taking their sister's sloppy seconds. As a gay man with sisters it made me cringe the first time i read one of these stories but now after the 50th time one has slipped with WITHOUT WARNING IN THE BLURB i'm just FED.UP. I wish i could be nice. I do. I read it all, to be fair. But srsly. If you have to think "Should i go bareback with the man who got drunk and barebacked my sister and knocked her up?" ... It's probably a bad idea.

Also I'm so sad for all the sisters that have had to die in M/M for these men to have kids. Like Jesus Christ can't there be a nice girl who's like "i don't want it... you take it if you do"?

And COME THE FUCK ON. Homie rarely gets to go out and BE GAY and he goes out WITH HIS GAY FRIEND TO A GAY BAR and leaves with a girl when he made a POINT of saying "i don't sleep with girls

as a matter of point, just sometimes to cover my ass" Like... he WOULD not leave with a chick. He'd be gay, find a boy. And c'mon... the whole "sister set her evil sights on the poor gay man" thing. Like... they HAD to make the sister a heinous bitch otherwise all of this would have seemed ludicrous. Oh wait. It. Did. I'm so so so trying not to Hulk out over this fucking book. The writing was good. The pairing obvs work well together but this who thing was just..... NO!

Susan Nicol says

Sniffs *Wipes tears from cheeks* I love a story that makes me feel so emotional I have a constant lump in my throat. I also love a story that makes me feel as if I have to be there with the characters, wrapping my arms around them and telling them everything will be all right.

The story of Elijah Deacon, son from a religious family, and Seth Jacobs, a paralegal had me riveted to my seat. From the dreadful tragic circumstances that brought the two together and left them with a little legacy that needed them both, to the conflict and turmoil they suffer and the problems that they face, this is a tale of forgiveness, betrayal, love, desperation and sheer raw passion that will turn your insides outside and leave you with tears on your face and a goofy smile when everything works out for the best.

Beautifully written, with characters that leap off the page into your heart, Love Life and Circumstances is a triumph from authors J T Cheyanne and V L Moon.

I heartily recommend this book to everyone who loves a well drawn and emotional tale and wants to find out just what destiny finally has in store for two men who go through so much heartbreak.

LiveYourLife BuyTheBook says

3.5 Stars

A "Live Your Life, Buy The Book" Review

Love, Life & Circumstances follows the lives of two men whose lives are intertwined through a series of tragedies. Elijah Deacon is planning to meet his father, Pastor Chamberlain Deacon at the cemetery to visit his mother's grave. It is the twenty fifth anniversary of his mother's death. The weather is bad and the roads are blocked. Pastor Deacon telephones his son to tell him he will be running late and that he loves him. Elijah waits for him at the graveside and as time passes his worry grows.

Meanwhile Seth Jacobs is finishing up some documents to send to the law firm he is working for. He moved to Headland to be with his twin sister, Bethany. She was pregnant and alone. He has watched his sister go into a downward spiral since the deaths of their parents. Bethany began living recklessly while Seth threw himself into his studies. Seth has hoped that returning home and helping care for her that she would leave the wild lifestyle behind. Instead, her drinking and using drugs is endangering the baby as well as herself.

Tragedy hits when both men receive calls that their loved ones have been in accidents and to please come to the hospital. The fear that they may lose the last family they have is heartbreaking. Unfortunately Elijah's father and Seth's sister do not survive but Bethany's baby does. She is premature, has complications from her mother's substance abuse and is in neonatal Intensive care. Seth has no idea how to take care of a baby

and does not know anything about the baby's father. Bethany would never talk to him about it. He decides this is his only family now and he will do everything in his power to take care of this child.

The two men's paths cross at the hospital, then again at the funeral home. When Seth realizes that his sister and her friend, Carry, who was driving the car, were responsible for the death of Elijah's father, he decides to go to Elijah's house to apologize. Both men are devastated by their losses and Elijah is angry when he realizes it was Seth's sister and her friend who caused the accident. Even in the throes of their grief, the men are attracted to one another and Elijah cannot blame Seth for something he had no control over. They end up spending the evening talking and drinking bourbon until Seth falls asleep next to Elijah on the floor. The next morning Elijah's attraction to Seth leads him to kiss Seth and before it can go anywhere, Elijah's best friend Rhett walks in. Rhett has subtly told Seth to stay away from Elijah when they met before at the funeral home. Now he makes certain Seth understands and Seth vows to stay away, believing they are in a relationship.

The saying "Oh, What a tangled web we weave" applies to this story. The relationship between Elijah and Seth, the jealous best friend, the circumstances surrounding the death of Seth's sister and Elijah's father, what we learn about the baby's father and the lies surrounding all of this makes for a lot of emotional drama. The romance between Elijah and Seth moves very quickly and the authors address this in the story. There were scenes that I thought would not happen in real life but helped develop the romance between the characters. It has some heart wrenching moments and steamy sex between Elijah and Seth. I found some editing issues that were slightly distracting to the story but nothing that made me want to stop reading. I also thought the authors did a good job of presenting the risks of drinking and doing drugs while pregnant and the complications that can occur from that although not over detailed.

Even though I have some reservations about some things with in the story, overall it was a sweet romance with two very sexy men, a fair amount of tragedy and angst, steamy sex and a well deserved happy ending.

Teri says

I have reviewed JT Cheyanne and VL Moon's books before. Let me tell you once again they nailed it! These two ladies were meant to write together, both have a gift to paint a picture with words, and bring the reader into their world.

This story of Elijah Deacon and Seth Jacobs has a special place in my heart. I laughed out loud, and more than once was brought to tears. These two men were brought together by tragic circumstance; but it seemed fate had destined them for one another along with a special little girl.

I would recommend this book, as well as any written by these two talented women.

Simply Just Jen says

Wow, what a fantastic book. I adored the heartfelt love story. This is my first book by V.L. Moon and I was immediately addicted. I knew I was going to be in for a brilliant emotional romantic journey from the beginning. It's what made me want to read the book. I was already a huge fan of J.T. Cheyenne after reading Grand Slam, and the partnership of Moon and Cheyenne did not disappoint. The story of such a tragic lose in

which love heals was powerful and phenomenally written. Our to hero's brought together by lose and life captured my heart instantly.

After loosing the only family Eli had left, he thought his world was over until he realizes that Seth is experiencng the same horrible lose. After one look at each other, Seth and Eli are instantly attracted to each other. Seth feels guilty about feeling so good after the tragedy they both share and Eli has to convince him to move forward and except this is just fate.

I must say I felt like I was standing in the room so many times with these two sexy men. I experienced every inch of their pain, every laughter, every angry moment, and every passionate experience of their love while reading this book. It is what I loved most about the book. I have never been the religious type, but I have always believed that whatever God you believe in: that if he takes something tragically away from you he always gives you something in return. We just have to keep our eyes open wide so we don't miss it. This was completely true in the story of Eli and Seth. I would recommend everyone read this powerful journey to love. This book was beautifully told on the pages you don't want to miss it.

Bradley Mathis-Krone says

Very rarely in life today do you find a story that will resound with your heart and soul. A tale that tugs at your heartstrings and comforts your soul. LOVE, LIFE & CIRCUMSTANCE is one of those stories. From the very beginning V.L Moon grabs the reader by their imaginations and transport them into the lives of two of the strongest, most honest characters.

The feelings and emotions that this tale convey's makes the reader feel as though they were standing beside Eli and Seth as they are at first thrown together by tragedy, but come together in the end by love. This story touches on so many different aspects of life today for couples, both same sex and the more "traditional" couple.

But this story is not a story of two gay men; this is a love story about two men who are brought together in the most horrific manner, who face the truths of life in small town's across our nation, but still find a way to overcome all the obstacles that life threw at them, and came out so much stronger in the end.

V.L Moons second book is just as dramatic, just as real, just as complicated as all books I have read from this awesome author. One of this genres best up and coming authors, I expect more outstanding tales to come to life from this author. Way to go V.L., you hit this one right in the heart!!!

Salsera1974 says

Friends, Goodreaders, countrymen, lend me your eyes. Read not this book, for verily I say unto you, I have taken the hit; thus, you need not do so. This was a poorly written, poorly edited, improbably constructed book, stupid in its inception, and a criminal assault on my time. I hated this book, but as a fellow Goodreader once said (Julio, that would be you), I read until the end so that I could *hate it all*.

Feel free to keep reading, but here is a word to the wary: I am about to spoil the fuck out of this shit so you can read my synopsis and avoid the book. It's my gift to you. You're welcome.

(view spoiler)

Cheryl Burns caldwell says

I knew when I started this book it was going to be good, as a fan of J.T. Cheyenne (Grand Slam) and V.L. Moon (Tyrian's Mist) I had high expectations and boy did they deliver! Who would know that out of great tragedy there could come great love.. The attraction was instant between Elijah and Seth. But the trust didn't come easily, friends betray you and jealousy is A ugly emotion. The love was there and then there was Hope...and Hope really was the the greatest of all. Have your Kleenex ready and get ready for beautiful love story that you will visit over and over.....
