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*This title is no longer available as an independent story and is now included with Tuck & Cover available from Dreamspinner Press.*

At nineteen, Shane Tucker joins the army. Tucker is gay but not ready to be open about it, and Don't Ask, Don't Tell seems like a convenient way to avoid dealing with his sexuality.

The army suits Tucker; he does well from the beginning. Then, during boot camp, he's assigned a "battle buddy," Owen Bradford. Owen is a walking, talking wet dream with no concept of personal space. Tucker only survives the constant temptation by venting to his diary.

Two years later, Tucker—now in the Army Ranger program—is paired up with Owen once again. Getting through training while ignoring the sexual tension between him and his battle buddy might be the biggest test of Tucker's military career.

## **Battle Buddy Details**

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## From Reader Review Battle Buddy for online ebook

### Bev says

**This was a hot one....hot sex and military men...what more could you ask for!! 5 stars and**

This is the story of Tuck (Shane Tucker) and Owen Bradford, and the pic below is my imagining of them... ....and I ask you...who **wouldn't** want to imagine those two!!

Tuck has joined the army and Owen has been assigned as his Battle Buddy...much to Tuck's annoyance. He fancies Owen from the start, but feels he needs to keep his distance as...well hello, army...gay...don't mix, but little does he realise that Owen also has those feelings and is damn sure he can't act on them either...he's a career army person, runs in his family and it would destroy his father, but sometimes a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do!! I'll leave my review here, and hope to God that Jo is doing a follow-up.

Addendum...Jo **is** doing a sequel to this **\*\*Happy Dances all around the room\*\***

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### Kirrilee says

I'm not much of a writer, more a reader so this will be brief to show my love of this author. As usual Jo has wrote another great read! I loved this book but hated that it was so short :( but anything from this author, long or short are great, How they explained everything about what was going on with all the training and exercises was great especially for someone that wouldn't know what was going on! Thank you Jo! X

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### V says

6 Stars!!!!

OMFG ...this book is terrific !!!!

For those who are not very fond of threesome, don't let the cover put you off for reading this wonderful story as it is only about 2 sexy, lovely guys.

Message to the Author: Please I beg you, could you write a sequel ASAP...

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### Nikyta \*Miss Forgetful\* says

I have a lot of personal favorite themes and genres, I won't deny that. Military men hold a special place in my heart, though, because of what they give up to serve our country, no matter what their reasons are for signing up. With this story, I knew no matter what I'd end up liking it.

Well, I ended up loving it even if it's not exactly a style of writing I like reading about. The story is told from Tuck's POV and tells how he meets Owen and how frustrating and annoying Owen was. I enjoyed the way

Tuck hated yet desired Owen then was slightly disgusted at himself for that desire. It was cute the banter these two had and the ways Tuck had to put up with Owen's taunting. I loved that it takes place over a few years time when Tuck first meets Owen in boot camp and how their paths keep colliding. It was pretty funny how often they got paired up together especially when you learn of Tuck's reaction to it each time. Owen isn't very fleshed out so I couldn't really connect much with him.

My biggest complaint is that pretty much the whole story is 'told' not 'shown'. I felt like I was being given a verbal story like I'd hear from a friend reciting their weekend. Or in this case the tale of how Tuck met Owen. For me, I'm not exactly fond of that type of writing style. I like being able to experience things and with this story, while it deals mostly in the army, nothing is elaborated on. There's also no details beyond the initial brief description of the troubles in boot camp and beyond which was slightly disappointing. I was also a bit saddened by the ending. I wasn't really expecting an HFN ending.

All in all, I enjoyed the story. It's funny at times and hot at others. I loved the chemistry between Owen and Tuck. I hope the sequel gives us more insight into who Owen is and hopefully more details on military/ranger operations.

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### **Heather C says**

#### **Damn. Damn. Damn that was HOT!**

Gah! There was sooooo much sexual tension between these guys!! It ends with a HFN so I'm glad the author is writing a sequel!

I was going to give this 5 stars, I really was, but now a few days later I'm having trouble remember much of the details. But I remember that I **loved it!**

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### **Heather♥ says**

Do I want more of Owen and Tuck? Sir, yes sir! Loved these two alpha Rangers and all their sweaty wrestling foreplay. Besides the build-up of sexual tension, I thought the story was also very informative in detailing the rigors of boot camp and Ranger training. Clearly I am not an adrenaline junkie though because I was exhausted just reading about it :)

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### **Jess says**

Short and hot this story is told in first person. It gives a very brief overview of Army and Ranger training. I have read other stories that take 200+ pages to describe basic training. This book does it in 20-30 pages. Then another 30 pages of ranger training.

The real highlight for me was Tucks confusion and internal monologue about his attraction to Owen. Oh and the sex at the end was pretty damn hot.

I recommend this to anyone that wants a quick hot read about some sexy soldiers.

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## Shelley says

3.5 Stars.

If I say Hubba-Hubba and do the eye-brow waggle thing with glazed eyes and a lecherous grin? Would that clue you in on how hot this book is or would I just sound and look like a dork? Doesn't matter, I did it anyway because I am a dork - a hot and flustered dork, but a dork none the less.

Tuck & Cover is the sequel to Buddy Battle where the gorgeous but innocent and virginal Shane Tucker shares his thoughts and writes about his Army training from basics through to becoming a Ranger. His winning narration tells of an illicit burning desire for his annoying badass battle buddy, Owen Bradford. It is an ode to the sexual torment and sizzling chemistry induced by a walking wet dream. Believe me when I say – he's totally justified in his craving ... TOTALLY! Owen is HOT!

When Owen reads Tucks memoire's of that time he decides to right his own, clarifying a few things for us because not all was as Tuck saw it. Owen's cocky like that; he's the kind of guy that has to have the last word, the last laugh and he does it with a sexy wink and a smile; sending my (and Tucks) libido into overdrive. Now we the get to hear Owen's version of events; the uber cocky, confident bad ass, sex on legs Owen Bradford is not as unaffected as Tuck thinks he is. To say the attraction is mutual is an understatement. Owen is on fire for Tuck, and it's so much fun knowing how sexually tormented and determined he was to get Tuck into his bed.

### **“Who better to handle a badass Ranger than another badass Ranger?”**

Who better indeed!

When these two powerhouses meet, the walls shake and the windows rattle. Literally! ... Rawrrr! These guys are seriously fierce and super uber sexy when wrestling for that Top spot. This is what sells this story for me; the chemistry and execution is remarkable. The first person narration is an easy task, considering it's not my favourite format but this works well.

This is purely the Owen and Tucker show, their training and career is secondary to the relationship and the don't-ask-don't -tell questions are not an issue ... yet. There is a build-up and anticipation to the 'what next' question which will probably be explored in the next instalment of the Ranger series; hopefully giving the story line a much needed touch of angst and action. I'd like to see the overly stated badass claim put to the test, and not just in the bedroom – although more of that would be nice too.

As clear as the narration is from both Battle Buddy and Tuck & Cover, beyond the laughs and general ... \*coughs\*.... enjoyment of being in these characters heads, I failed to make that all important emotional connection with these guys, there is just a glimmer of it at the end, which proves enough to keep me invested.

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### **Kathy says**

4.5 Stars. If you are a fan of m/m romances with super hot, testosterone laden protagonists, you will enjoy *Battle Buddy*. It is guaranteed to set your e-reader on fire when passion explodes between Shane and Owen. To read my review in its entirety, please visit:  
<http://www.bookreviewsandmorebykathy....>

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### **Erika says**

Boy was I annoyed when I realized I'd read the first part of this ages ago. It irks me when it's not made readily apparent that a book is some sort of reprint. That being said, I realize there was a second part added. The first part was not bad when I first read it and now I consider both parts to be not bad.

I'll just add that I hate the following words and phrases: shaft, his/my heat, wet heat, his/my seed, sweet spot, his/my need, rod, arousal, etc. I wish people would stop with the euphemisms that no one uses in real life. It's annoying and always manages to jerk me right out of any story. I also get that the 2 guys are super manly, über masculine Army dudes. I totally got it the first time. No need to beat me over the head with repetitive adjectives.

Argh!

Okay rant over.

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### **Juls says**

What a fanfuckingtastic read! This may have been a short story but a lot was accomplished. As Shane went through basic training and eventually becoming an Army Ranger he fought his attraction to Owen. Unbeknownst to him Owen was doing everything he could to get his attention. He didn't want to fight it he wanted to just wrestle Shane ;)  
OMG the scene in the hotel was just WOW! I had to fan myself to get through all that hotness! Their chemistry sizzled and when they came together there was fireworks!!!

HOT HOT HOT read!!!

Oh and i just found out there is a sequel and i literally squeeeeeed aloud. Cant fucking wait to get more of these two!!!

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### **Candice says**

I really enjoyed this hot, short story about Owen and Tuck, it was funny and had a great build up for these two with being such a short story. With the way it ended, I so want a follow up story fast.

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**Jenn says**

Holy hell, hotness. That was a tease, tease, tease. I want more of these two. Quick and a perfect pick me up. Can't wait to see what happens next.

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Two alpha Rangers, two cocky bastards, some wrestling, and me in pure glee. :D

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**S says**

Tease! This story is a tease, but an oh so good one. I can't wait to read more, because there just must be more. The first full encounter between them was a steaming hot wrestling match I wanted to tap in for :) Favorite line:

"Who better to handle a badass Ranger, than another badass Ranger?"

Who indeed? I for one want to read more of them fighting it out to be top Ranger :)

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**Simsala says**

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I don't mind a pair of grunting Neanderthals every now and then but that was an overdose....