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A DJ becomes a hero. A doctor weathers a family tragedy. And a thin wall between them...

Radio DJ Derek Brown grew up in foster care. He's built a decent life for himself, but when he's called on to save a terrified young girl from traffickers he doesn't hesitate to step in, even at the risk of his own life. The young rising star has become an overnight hero.

Alpha Alex Brennan is a trauma surgeon at Silver Oak Medical Center. When he checks on the patient he operated on the day before, he's startled to find the "hero DJ" is his hated next-door neighbor.

Despite their shared animosity, Alex can't ignore Derek's heroism. When the rescued girl takes shelter with Derek to recover, Alex finds himself drawn to the young omega even further. Working with Derek and his guest dredges up old family tragedies for Alex, and not everyone in Alex' family is thrilled about the new people in Alex's life.

Can Alex and Derek forge their own path through family tragedy, and build a new and healthy family together? Or will their pasts keep them apart forever?

Enemies become lovers in this highly erotic gay mpreg tale. This 106,000-word book is brimming with explicit man-on-man action, and is intended for adults only.

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Amber says

The series has consistently been a highly rated series for me. Unfortunately this book just didn't do it for me in any way. This story starts off with Alex and Dererk disliking each other. Yet with one apology and from one page to the next their whatever you want call their relationship. I was actually kind of confused. Alex is a dick throughout this entire book and that is being nice. I keep waiting for the payoff where Alex turns himself around and becomes a good boyfriend. It didn't happen he just keep getting worse. (view spoiler) I just didn't get Alex's attitude and nothing was even really there to soften my image of him.

C. says

2.5 stars

I enjoyed the first few books that were released in this series, but the last couple of releases have diminished in quality, so I haven't really enjoyed them as much. It's kinda the same story over and over. Alpha is a jerk, the omega doesn't really stand up to him, a misunderstand or something, they love each other, babies. With this one, i didn't see why Derek would kiss Alex when he did. Alex had been a jackass to him all the previous times they met, and then boom, kissing. Alex continued to be selfish throughout most of the book until he finally realized that he would lose Derek and the baby if he didn't shape up. I did like the secondary story with the human trafficking, that was interesting.

Linda Martin says

Another Winner!

I absolutely love this series, it is a favorite of mine. I love the emotions and how well written these stories are. I really enjoyed they were written about where I live. This story about Alex and Derek was full of intrigue and love. It is a tough subject and I cried a few years, but that just shows that the Author knows how to grab his readers. Please get this series you will love it.

J1B says

Three words to sum up this book: CUT THE CORD.

Although it's never mentioned in the book, I can only assume Derek's nickname is "Derek the Doormat" because I've never seen someone put up with so much without even a hint of self-respect. The degree of emotional masochism Derek displays is off the charts, and isn't it just his luck that he falls in with such an enabler as Alex. I wanted to like Alex, I've loved every other doctor we've met at Silver Oak, but I just couldn't get there. And the ending... you know the feeling where you're trying to "relieve stress" and someone walks into the room at the last second so you're forced to put it all away and stay more "stressed out" than ever? Yeah.

So that's the plot addressed, but I have to add something here about the writing. Aiden Bates literary talent and control of the language has always shown through in his(?) writing, but this novel has raised the bar.

His next cognizant thought was the realization that he was putting his key into the wrong door. He was trying to open Derek's door, which wasn't working out well for him at all.

The layers of meta-messaging throughout the book are almost allegorical in style, and Bates' masterful use of allusion adds a level of literary maturity that I personally have never seen in MM writing before. This phenomenal work should cement Bates as a titan of MM fiction, and I can't wait to read the next thing coming.

~nikki the recovering book addict says

Couldn't ignore the errors...

This is the fifth book of this series. And while it does feel like it's following a pattern of douchey alphas, I still enjoyed the story because they were all unique stories and unique characters.

But I didn't quite feel the connection between Derek and Alex. They were neighbours who didn't talk for years and then suddenly they're "together". I wasn't quite so convinced by their story, unfortunately.

And then there were the myriad of errors. Alex and Derek got interchanged more than once here. Also, Carmela drove when she didn't have a license and stayed back at the condo simultaneously? Some spelling errors snuck in as well.

All in all, not such a fulfilling read as the rest of the series. Which makes me sad because it was good going for awhile. Hopefully the next book in the series is better...

Temberley says

Another Successful Silver Oak Medical mystery/love story! Derek is the most loveable person in the world and Alex..... well let us just say that I wanted to kick his butt and bop him in the head a few dozen times! Good thing Alex has a good mother that made him see the error of his way cause otherwise I would had to thrown my reader across the room! From the very first page you get action and adventure and it doesn't let up until the very end. The subject of human trafficking is a little rough to take but Aiden handled it very well. All in all this is a really good book and even though it is part of the Silver Oak series it can be read as a stand alone with no problem.

Denise H. says

**** Two very different strangers who become everything to each other !

Derek, 24, DJ, tats and piercings, is an Omega. While working the county fair he spots a situation happening and tries to save the girl. He gets on the microphone and brings attention to what was happening, but in that process he gets shot and kicked. He saves the girl, Carmela, and 18 other girls that were being held in a trailer by sex traffickers. Derek ends up on Surgeon Alex's operating table.

Alex is an unusual Alpha because he is more like his mother, not a macho type, but he is OCD and take charge fellow.

This is a complicated, twisty tale of family tragedy and horrific pasts that still affect the people today. As a hero, Derek says he'd done what anyone would have done, but no, he went above and beyond. As he and Alex begin their fling, the trafficking case evolves and we see how the victims are affected. After the bad guy is released, the threats begin, and Derek realizes he's pregnant. Alex's stuffy family won't approve. Much is happening, as Alex's dad has dementia and gets violent.

Derek and Alex argue, and I wanted Alex to "man-up." Things made me angry, and things were heartwarming.

This is a wonderful mPreg non-shifter, Aiden Bates tale, well written, with our guys getting sexy times that include deep feelings and lots of internal struggles revealed to us.

The extra chapter included is more of an epilogue, and is great !

ENJOY !

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Gwen says

Intriguing story, poor editing

I almost didn't read this because of the trafficking storyline, but I liked the previous books in this series so I decided to give it a try.

Both of the characters were interesting and the doctor particularly had a background that was fleshed out gradually in an intriguing way.

However 84% of the story had passed before an attempt was made to settle their relationship. It seemed rushed to me especially since it was not done with the couple working it out together over time, for the seriousness of their differences and family dynamics.

Then there were the errors of using the wrong names in more than three places. I've gotten used to the poor editing and as long as the storyline is good I try to overlook it, but the multiple errors with the names...

Kevin A Legere says

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It was great story. I keep the guy that was hero and doctor who save his life. When doctor was having thing goig in bed the hero. They finally get unaffordable the baby born. It seem that I understood what the hero went through with my his parents. He must had rough life. I believe he will have good life with doctor and their child. Plus doctor's families will be happy for both of them. So keep up with another good story. I

enjoyed your books.

Marcella says

This is the 6th book in the Silver Oak Medical Center series.

Derek Brown is an up and coming DJ in the area. He grew up in foster care and is proud that he has made a life for himself, despite his tragic upbringing. While at the Fair in his DJ booth, Derek spots a girl that seems to be in trouble and steps in to save her from two men. Unbeknownst to him, he saved this girl from traffickers. He is asked to take her in since she doesn't seem to trust anyone except him after her trauma. Derek does not hesitate in lending his support and home to her in order to help her try and move past this horror.

Alex Brennan is a trauma surgeon at Silver Oak. He is the one that operated on Derek when he was brought in after helping save the girl. Alex checks in on his patient the next morning and that is when he realizes that Derek is his hated next-door neighbor. Alex has filed so many noise complaints on Derek and when Derek realizes who Alex is, their animosity grows.

However, Alex doesn't dismiss Derek's heroism and continued heroism when he finds out that Derek has taken in the girl he rescued. As Alex spends time with Derek, he finds himself drawn to him, even though Derek is not anything like his usual type.

As they spend more time together, and their attraction grows, they will have to face some painful things from their past in order to be able to be what they need for each other.

I have to say that this is my favorite book in the series so far. The characters seemed to be more 3 dimensional and I felt the tragedies they faced on a deeper level. I am was an emotional mess after reading this book. The tears kept coming but in the best possible way. As frustrating it was at times to read these characters because their lack of basic communication, I absolutely enjoyed being on this journey with them.

I voluntarily reviewed an advance copy of this book

Violet Marshall says

This is the sixth book in Silver Oak Medical Center Series. What an captivating book the writing was terrific. The plot was entertaining and it was steady throughout the book. I found the story and characters wonderful. The characters were well developed and thought out. Derek is an Omega and Alex is an Alpha and they are the MC's of this book. There was humor, bad guys, a hero, 2 destroyed cars, family issues, medical recovery, police and so much more in this book.

Here is a quote from the book, "Look, man. I don't know what beef you've got with me, but we have a traumatized girl staying here. She calls you The Shouting man. She's not in a place right now where The Shouting Man is a good thing, okay?" Alex grimaced. "I don't want to be the shouting man." He swallowed, hard." There is more but you will need to read the book which I can recommend as a good read. I voluntarily read an advance copy of this book for an honest review.

Megan says

I started off thinking that this would be one of the better of the series. I'd read a preview and was excited about these flawed, vulnerable, neurotic, heroic men. Then throughout the full story I found myself increasingly frustrated by nearly everyone. But all's well that ends well, yeah? The story ended with sweetness and hope and a bit more summary than I like, but it was a good ending for men who really needed happiness and love.

Derek was a quick thinker, a compassionate man, and very intelligent. He was also deeply flawed, intent on separating himself from everyone that could truly hold his heart. He didn't know to ask for more, would never let himself, so deludes himself into thinking he'll never be worthy of it and is determined to never ask. Circumstances put him in a situation where someone needs him for their care and well-being and, to his surprise, his complaining neighbor becomes a source of comfort.

Alex is stuffy, stuck up, focused, and so very alone. He's not aware of just how lonely he is until he finds himself yearning for Derek's companionship. His family life is in turmoil and his psyche is in need of some serious help. When he blows up at Derek one too many times he realizes that the time has come to seek outside help. Once he gets the aid he needs he's also given the shock of his life when someone from his past shows up on the doorstep...of his neighbor's place.

Together they ride an extreme roller coaster of emotion and neither one thinks the other wants more. In fact, they've convinced themselves of that and their avoidance is so extreme that their assumptions do an excellent job of killing what could be a happy future. The way they find their futures is incredibly frustrating.

On a side note, from chapter 5 on there were an astounding number of mistakes with names in my ARC copy...hoping that gets fixed before you purchase it.

Overall, this is a story of redemption and triumph. Redemption from the past and triumph over failures and circumstances. The beginning and the ending made up for the ridiculously frustrating middle. Read and willingly reviewed this ARC from the author.

Coral Mitchell says

Derek is damage and perfectly lovable, only he does not know it. Alex has severe issues and is only beginning to realize how many. Even when his sisters and mother try to point out his problems to him, he does not understand how horribly he is treating Derek. The damage from his father's influence seems to be overwhelming. Alex was very difficult to like and he must decide if he is redeemable. I voluntarily reviewed a copy of this book.

Kyla says

I just have so many issues with this story. I put them in list form.

1. They get together randomly. Alex starts out judging him pretty harshly, even calling him a dirt bag, and then out of nowhere they start kissing and start up a fling?
2. The entire middle section of the book is full of everyone telling Alex what a terrible person he is without even really explaining why to him.
3. Derek seems to expect things out of Alex that he never even asked for. He complained about Alex never coming over when he needed him, but did he ask? No he didn't. He complained about Alex never having him over to his apartment, but did he go over and knock on the door? No he didn't.
4. Alex spends the whole second half of the book saying that he needed to do right by his family and no one just came out and said "Hey their adults and if they can't except you and just want you to be happy then screw them."
5. They break up and Derek is giving the baby away even though Alex wants it. He says no because of some crap about wanting it when it was convenient. Well, he wasn't keeping his baby so he should have let the other father have it.
6. They are broken up until the very end and then with one monologue and a shiny ring Derek just says "What the Hell? Why not?" I mean come on.

Anyway, this is by far my least favorite in the series. I just didn't like it at all. Alex was an unlikable, idiot of a character and Derek seemed too wishy-washy.

Jenn says

I really have enjoyed this series from Aiden Bates, these characters really grew on me and stayed with me and Derek and Alex are no exception. I really loved the beginning of this book, it completely sucked me in and from there I didn't want to put it down. Derek does something so very incredibly brave to start this book and it sets off a chain of events that changes his life as well as Alex's life.

I really liked this story, even though I spent a lot of time not liking Alex. He's not a loveable character and he has a lot of issues and he doesn't treat others well. I loved Derek and his great heart, but he certainly has his own issues too. These two definitely don't start off well and even after they move through the initial problems they don't seem like they'd be an ideal couple, but eventually these two do figure it out and find love.

I think Aiden Bates has created a great world with his Silver Oak Medical Center series and this complicated story fits right in. It deals with some very tough issues and I think it is handled well. As the story progresses I started to understand a bit more about Alex and Derek too and felt for them. These two both do a great job of pushing away real feelings and it's frustrating for sure. But they do figure it out and they eventually see that they have something special. Another emotional and great read from Aiden Bates!

*I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy of this book.