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Dear Author,

I like a big, hard, hot, thumpin', throbbin' monster between my legs.

Come and ride it and tell me what you think.

Photo Description: Hot, bare-chested twink sits on a motorbike, the sunlight gleaming on his impressive six-pack

This story was written as a part of the M/M Romance Group's "**Love is Always Write**" event. Group members were asked to write a story prompt inspired by a photo of their choice. Authors of the group selected a photo and prompt that spoke to them and wrote a short story.

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From Reader Review *Hard Ride* for online ebook

Macky says

Well I have to say what a little cracker this short was. Written as part of the Love Is Always Write series of anthologies I have to say this was one of my favourites! First of all there's a really sweet romance brewing between sassy twink Sam and older divorcee Nick who is feeling the onset of maturity after losing his family because of his finally admitting to being gay. They meet because Sam runs his motorbike into Nicks car and from then on Sam bounces his larger than life self into Nicks life and the two start a steamy sexy relationship, that starts as just sex but before long starts to grow past initial attraction into the possibility of something more ... Nick just thinks its a phase because they're so different- not just in age but lifestyle - but he's enjoying it while it lasts, until Sam takes things a step to far related to Nicks family, and things go belly up for a while. Considering its length I was pleasantly surprised as to how soon I grew to really like these two endearing guys (Sams full of it but a real sweetie) and I was really rooting for them to get their HEA. I wasn't disappointed! I really enjoyed it.

Penumbra says

I've been noticing that I seem to have a different preference for the LiAW stories compared to the other reviewers. The stories that I love, a lot of other people rate lower, and the stories others rave about, I rate lower. It's very interesting.

For instance this story. I loved it. I loved the fast tempo of the writing and the interaction of the characters and didn't have any trouble with how the story didn't give much detail into the divorce and the daughter situation. That wasn't the point of the story. The story was about the relationship of Nick and Sam. The reader doesn't need all that background stuff because the story is about a certain instance in time not a whole huge history. That's why a story like this that can pull an event all together in a snug package works well for me.

I loved how the author conveyed the 'bounciness' that was Sam, and the sullen loneliness that was Nick. I liked the minor story background of the daughter that turned into an explosive point of contention on Nick's part. The characters are distinctive, Sam is confident, open and thoughtful, a contradiction to Nick who's unsure, retiring and selfish.

Hard Ride hit a lot of the spots of what I like to read in a story and did it well as a short. I enjoyed it very much and wouldn't mind reading more about Nick and Sam in the future :)

Bookbee says

I love it when a story is written in such a way that I just can't help the big ol' smile on my face. This is such a story! :D

Vio says

2.51 stars

I liked some parts of the story, the fact that it was mostly sex was its downfall, way too short for heart to heart chats or sharing together. I was seriously glad that the lube which was being considered was discarded, icky for a moment there. Also Sam's surprise birthday present for Nick, not a good idea it wouldn't be something I would ever spring on my lover, especially not in a crowded place. Good intentions and naive belief in happy wont always fix things. Overall an enjoyable and cute story, I wish the focus had been more about the potential relationship.

Alina says

I liked this story! Age gap is a favorite theme of mine and I loved how it's been handled here. Nick was great character and I felt sorry for him, Sam was okay too. Although I thought that Sam really overstepped his boundaries, when he sent that gift to Nick's daughter, behind Nick's back, and Nick has every right to be angry, I liked how it all been resolved and the ending was sweet and satisfying :)

Jane says

This was an touching, but down to earth romance with some realistic and likable characters. Loved it.

Samington says

Nick and Sam were all right, though the progression of the story meant that a lot of growth in their relationship was only vaguely touched upon, and things therefore felt like they moved a little fast. I didn't like the subplot with the daughter, which was pretty much glossed over and made Nick look kind of awful (Why did he think she hated him? Why did his pride prevent him from sending her birthday stuff?) until it came time for the happy ending to roll around.

I knocked the rating down a couple stars because I'm just SO TIRED of the bitchy (homophobic) ex-wife character. She's such a overdone, stock antagonist. People divorce for a million reasons, and there's really no need to fall back on the same trite 'my wife is a cold-hearted harpy who hates me for being gay and she's frigid and probably has perfect makeup and long manicured nails, because they always do!' nonsense. It's not only borderline-offensive; it's boring.

Sheziss says

The plot is a little sloppy but I enjoyed it.

Julesmarie says

I was unsure what to expect from this one, given the picture and the prompt. I was afraid it might be... well, it could've been REALLY bad. So I was delighted to find myself reading a sweet, fast-paced story that left me smiling.

I know other reviewers thought the relationship progressed too quickly and was too much off-page to be believable, but I didn't feel that. I totally bought Nick's attraction for Sam, and I loved the little things like how confused he was by the wink Sam sent him and how excited he'd get when Sam called.

The daughter thing threw me at first, but it totally makes sense that Sam, having seen it from the other side, would want to help Nick. And by the end, I'm glad Nick saw it that way too and that everything worked out.

This was fun and sweet and sexy and I really did finish it with a big sappy grin. 3.5 stars rounded up for being free.

A.J. Ridges says

3.5 STARS for HARD RIDE by Danni Keane

I can't remember how I stumbled upon this free read, but I'm glad I did and that I can share it with you.

Be warned this book is pure MM smut. Its focus is sex and that's not a bad thing, in my opinion. There is a tiny bit of plot in the mix – just enough to allow for a 'happy for now' ending.

If you're looking for depth, angst or a realistic plot, you won't find it here. But if you're looking for a fun, sexy romp starring a young, motorcycle-riding twink and an older, divorced bear, then this is the book for you. It's too short for me to share much more without giving it away, but I will say there's sex on the hood of a car – so you can't go wrong here people. Plus, just because Sam is labelled as the twink in this book doesn't mean he lets Nick have his way. Sam gets his way too – wink wink ;)

This story is part of the MM Romance Group's Love is Always Write anthology of books and worth picking up - Reviewed on Smutty Romance Writers.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

Cute free story but suffered from what a lot of shorts suffer from.

Too much to tell in such a small confine.

I would have liked to see more of the relationship developing between Nick and Sam, like showing how Sam is leaving stuff at Nick's (what stuff, does he bring it with him and then 'forget' or does he say, hey, I'm going to need this here and be In your face about it) instead of just telling me about it.

I also would have like for Nick to tell Sam the issue he had with his daughter, it would have made Sam's birthday present choice much much better IMO, and shown a bit deeper relationship between the two. But all in all I liked it enough to have wanted to know more.

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

They meet. They fuck. No build up or tension or getting to know the characters. At this point they both just seem like slurs.

Skip two weeks with no contact between sluts. A quick phone call and they are meeting for sex, again. Have sex, treats him like a whore. Nothing else at all has happened besides some boring inner dialogue of the old and bitter Mc.

Two more weeks of just sex hook ups. Know little about bitter old queen just random unexplained details dropped. Know nothing about twink except he talks too much and mc doesn't like listening to him and he is really slutty.

The nick is also Nico thing confused me. I kept getting confused which of his personalities he was in and why he had to think out situations in how nico would handle versus how nick would.

Mentions a wife and divorce but not why they divorced or why the daughter hates him

Wow Sam's an idiot. Worst birthday gift ever. Amongst all the sex they had a quick birthday dinner to show after months of just sex they obviously don't know each other at all. I see absolutely no chemistry between these guys. If this story wasn't so short I would have just not finished it. Of course you know this will all work out and nick will be made into an even bigger asshole.

Yep after their dinner argument became quite clear no chemistry or anything between them besides sex and they don't know each other at all. Slutty twink and old man who is embarrassed by the twink bore me.

Of course one email from the daughter who it's never explained why she hates him in the first place and all is instantly forgiven and right in the world.

The mc is also an idiot. He is 37. Twink is 23. Daughter is 17. He had to do the math to figure out twink his closer to his daughters age then his. The twins age, that he's a slut, and that he rides the motorcycle is the most information you get about him.

Helen Peter says

Great story.

Exina says

Hard Ride is about how Nick, a 37-seven-year old man meets Sam, a vivacious and fun young guy.

I usually have no problem with age gap, but Nick felt and behaved about sixty not the thirty-seven he actually was.

Actually the thought of being seen out with Sam was less than appealing. Nick knew the looks they'd get. Sam and his sugar daddy out on the town. Nick sighed...

I didn't get what Sam saw in him, and where the romance came from.

... his dream. A BMW E30 M3. Diamond Black. Thirty-grand worth of pure classic cool. And it was worth every penny. Because when he heard the indecent purr the engine made when he put his foot to the floor, he was Nico, all round badass, motherfucking pimp. He smiled to himself. Well maybe not quite. But at least he wasn't Nick, thirty-seven-year-old divorced gay dad of a kid that hated him.

Sam was a great character, and there were some fun moments.

So, what we doing later?"

"Umm, well I thought you could fuck my brains out? Or I can fuck your brains out if you'd prefer. It's your birthday after all." He paused for a moment. "Or we can do both if you like." Now, this was a birthday.

Serena Yates says

Love isn't always to be found where we expect it, and in this story, both Nick and Sam learn how delightful it can be to get what neither of them had asked for. Not that it is easy for them, nor does it happen overnight, but the "stealthy" way in which Sam approaches the subject, hiding the truth even from himself, manages to capture them both.

Nick is a very bitter man. Not that I can blame him; he's gone through an acrimonious divorce, lost more money to his ex than he thought he owned, has a daughter who hates him (at least that is what he believes), and is lonely – not that he'd admit that. I felt his anger simmer under the surface even before the accident happened that introduces him to Sam. Nick is so disillusioned that his first reaction to anything is aggression and believing the worst possible interpretation of anyone else's actions. The one luxury he has allowed himself after the divorce is his classic BMW. When Sam crashes into the back of Nick's pride and joy, ahem, vehicle, even though it is the man's bike that is crushed and Nick's car barely has a bump, Nick flips out.

Imagine his surprise when the much younger Sam starts coming on to him. At first, it's a quick encounter in Nick's garage, then a few more in his house, until Sam "sort of" moves in. In typical male fashion it's all about the physical side of their relationship, and even the odd thought about how nice it is to be intimate again doesn't mean Nick understands what is happening to him, how important Sam has become to him. As such Nick's misery is huge when the crisis happens because Sam was trying to be nice but Nick feels he intruded in his personal life. And it STILL takes him a while to figure out what's going on.

The passion between these two men is amazing, and when they get together, they're great. The problem is that neither of them wants to admit what they feel, so the situation has to become extreme for them to get a clue. As painful as that is, I loved it because it made the story so realistic. If you like reading about men who are too macho or too closed off to admit what they feel, if you enjoy stories with partners who are separated by an age gap (fourteen years), and if you're looking for a hot read where the main characters communicate via physical action most of the time, you will probably like this short free story.
