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Ethan doesn't trust his heart...

Once upon a time, florist Ethan Massey believed in the kind of romance that happily-ever-afters were made for. In the aftermath of a nasty break-up, though, he's had trouble believing he'll find it again... or that he can let himself trust in it if he does.

Jack doesn't know how to love...

Ten years ago, Jack Davis ran away from a small town that held nothing but sorrow for him. Joining the Marines took him to the other side of the globe... which didn't turn out to be far enough to forget all the bitter feelings he'd left behind in Bridgewater, Georgia.

Two men connected by loss...

When Jack inherits his dad's old flower shop, his only thought is to sell it as quickly as possible—to take the money, leave the memories, and run as far away as he can get.

One chance for love to bloom...

Beverly's Blooms has always been more than just a job to Ethan. Now—while still reeling from the loss of his mentor and friend—he only has a few weeks to change Jack's mind about the sale. A few weeks to make Jack fall in love with the shop... and with Bridgewater... and just maybe, with a little luck, to fall in love with Ethan, too.

Chance To Bloom is a gay romance novel of approximately 74,000 words that contains an abundance of flowers, an ex-Marine whose heart is closed, and an optimistic florist who knows exactly how to make beautiful things bloom. This feel-good standalone novel has a whole lot of sweet, plenty of heat, and a happily-ever-after that will make true romantics swoon.

Chance to Bloom Details

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From Reader Review Chance to Bloom for online ebook

Rachel says

Awesome read! Jack and Ethan have a chemistry that held my interest through the whole book. Jack is our Army guy who just returns home unexpectedly and has no intention of staying longer than he has to. Ethan works at the flower shop and knocks Jack off his feet. Build up romance for these two, I was desperately waiting for them to be together and trying to read faster, but in the best way! Loved it! These guys just fit together when on the surface you wouldn't see it. Great supporting characters with Frankie and Luca! I hope this is a series and I can't wait for the next. I voluntarily reviewed an 'Advance Author's Copy' of this book.

Jaimed says

I really enjoyed this book. The characters are well rounded and interesting. I like how Jack actually thinks that maybe his childhood was as bad as he thought it was. I love that he has that self awareness after one night with his old friends. Ethan is sunshine; even on a rainy day, it is still shining. I really liked how he tried to give Jack a chance and kept having a positive outlook even when things weren't going well. The uncertainty that both characters face is interesting, but the best thing is watching how they go about it handling it in different ways. I greatly recommend that you give this wonderful book a read.

Katherine says

Building up a relationship and a business

A beautiful story of two men finding a future together!

Ethan loves his job at Beverly's Blooms. It's where he has found a place that he is safe and happy and he works towards making a secure future in his job there with his mentor. When the store owner, his friend, mentor, and father figure, dies and leaves his son the sole owner Ethan is thrown off and bereft, but hopeful for the new direction. When the gorgeous son, Jack, comes through the doors a few months later Ethan is shocked that Jack actually wants to sell the business.

Jack left town to enlist ten years ago and never looked back. After losing his mother at a young age his father checked out and was never there for him. Now the army doesn't want him either, and with his father leaving him the flower shop in his will, Jack plans to go back and sell the place, then check out from society for the rest of his life. But when Jack meets the bright and beautiful store manager that has been running things in his absence, he suddenly has to think about what else he may want in his future.

Jack and Ethan are a wonderful couple to watch build up in this book. There is plenty of feeling out of each other initially. Jack has never talked about his sexuality, between feeling it would be a disappointment to his disapproving father and an anathema to his job, but he knows he is gay. To others though, the gay vibe isn't at all there, and Ethan is confused about his feelings for this supposedly straight man. Jack has also been around people who talk bluntly and often crudely, so he tends to have a habit of putting his foot in his mouth.

Between this and Ethan's own defensiveness about the store the two have a rocky start. But with the enduring attraction between the two as well as a desire to see each others point of view, they come around and work together to build something more. It was a sweet story with an enduring romance that was a joy to read!

Claire says

2.5 - this book was just kinda off for me. The MCs were just really emotional and I didn't get it. Business is business and Ethan whining about it especially when Jack's dad was not great to him felt like he was a spoiled brat. It's like he couldn't even see the other point of view and it was just whatever. Also I felt like it was always Jack having to be better to make up for things and to live up to his father's expectations. This whole thing seemed one-sided to me. Sure Ethan worked there for a lot of years but that doesn't give you the right to dictate about business especially when a person who was kind of crap to you saddles you with debt and everything else. The whole premise is just kind of off.

Violet Marshall says

What an spellbinding book the writing was amazing. The plot was entertaining and it was steady throughout the book. I found the story and characters captivating. The characters were well developed and thought out. Ethan and Jack are the MC's of this book. There was humor, Marines, grief, a flower shop, romance, cranky old people, Corporate Business and so much more in this book. This book was brilliantly done I loved it and read it in one sitting.

Here is a quote from the book, "No, he's not a jerk. And I don't hate him, although it might be easier if I did. But he's actually really nice. And hot. But—" "Hot? Really? Tell me!" "No, Frankie—I mean, yes he's definitely hot. Hello, all those years in the Marines. But that's not the point." "I don't understand." Frankie was looking at Ethan like he'd lost his mind. "If the point isn't about him being hot and nice and finally showing up to help us at work, then... what is the point? What else is there?". There is more but you will need to read the book which I can highly recommend. I voluntarily read an advance copy of this book for an honest review.

Nerea says

100% Comfort reading! This one has zero angst, is fluffy and an HEA with 2 epilogues xD
I really liked, I needed something light and cute and this one is totally that!
Don't read this if you want excitement or complicated character/plot.

The story is so simple, After his father passed away, Jack needs to return to his hometown to take care of his father's flower shop. He only wants to sell it and go away but he found out that one of the shop's attendants is lovely...

I must criticize that we never have in this book a good explanation about the "bad feelings" from Jack toward his father... I really wanted to know more about that!

ALSO I really hope to have a story for Brad! But from the same author please! I hate when I read this type of sagas and there are very obviously written by different people -_-

Midia says

[Ethan saw the letter about Jake going to take the decision to sell the shop and he became a b**** ... i mean, the guy has debt because of the shop and Ethan didn't even listen when Jack wanted to explain he didn't accept the deal!!! And when Jack decde to refuse the deal and he to see Ethan to say sorry (for what, i don't know...) Ethan told him that if Jack has sold th shop not to bother ... I mean, it ruined the book, i mean i don't know, it wasn't

Light says

3.25 / 5 Stars

This was a sweet and not-so-quick read for me. I spent some good hours reading it.

The characters were likeable, both going through some important loss and trying to deal with it as they best could. Of course, when they finally meet, the first impression doesn't go as well as it was supposed to. Ethan has the hots for Jake and Jake is lust-struck when he sees Ethan but their encounter south when they begin to talk. I liked Jake more, Ethan was a bit too judgemental for my taste and quick to make his mind. This is a slow-burn romance and there's no rush in things.

Overall, the story is nice. There's no drama but a few misunderstandings and lack of communication between the characters that will keep you entertain for a few hours.

Charlene Harris says

Jack and Ethan! Get ready for a slow burn that should have no problem lighting your fire! Chemistry is very noticeable between these two guys. MC's and supporting characters were well written and portrayed. It was so good to see how Jack and Ethan's growing feelings for each other helped to heal them. The love and passion that develops will delight you. Sweet, sexy, and emotional read! This is my first time reading from this author and it will not be the last. I'm hoping for this to become a series because I would love to see some of the other characters get their own story! I voluntarily read an Advance Reader Copy and this is my honest opinion and review of Chance to Bloom.

Pontiki says

An emotional love story. Jack's father, Gary, has died, leaving him a flower shop and apartment. They were never close, and Jack wants to sell everything and leave his small town childhood home.

Ethan worked for Gary for many years and saw him as a father figure. He wants to help run the store with Jack, the new owner. They disagree, but can't deny their attraction to each other. Jack is bad with words, and has lots of emotions he's not sharing about his parents.

As they heal and work together, they connect, and Jack considers the possibility that he wants to stay for Ethan, with Ethan.

There are lots of great characters with positive attitudes and advice for both Ethan and Jack.

Really enjoyed this book.

Tanja says

A lovely feel-good romance featuring Ethan and Jack. Ethan works at the flower shop of Jack's father, Gary, who unexpectedly died from a heart attack. Jack has served his country as a marine and is coming home to clear out his father's belongings. He doesn't have the intention to stay in the small town as he has no fond memories of the town and his father. But then he meets Ethan and his views change dramatically.

I thoroughly enjoyed this slow-burn love story. It is well written with a steady pace. No major angst or drama issues but with enough substance to keep me entertained. I loved how the tension between Jack and Ethan was built up. The guys were dancing around each other a long time but with every step, they came a bit closer. Very well done. I was anxiously waiting for that first kiss. And when it happened, sigh. I could feel the chemistry between Jack and Ethan. Jack and Ethan just meshed perfectly together.

Frankie and Luca were two loveable supporting characters.

This book has not one, but surprisingly two epilogues and maybe the best part of the book.

If you are looking for a fun and easy read that makes you feel warm inside then this is the book for you.

Denise H. says

*** A heartwarming, cute, emotional M/M romance ! ***

With eyes and a smile that lit up the world, Ethan,

loved his work at the flower shop. It is his happy place. It had been weeks since the owner died, and his son would be showing up soon.

Jack is nearly 30, a Marine and

nearly finished with his 10 years of service. Jack is tall, dark and handsome, big and built. Jack is speechless when he met Ethan. The beauty of a man lit up the place. He made Jack feel calm, relaxed and at peace. He hated to shatter that when it comes out that he is selling the flower shop.

We feel their inner conflict and thoughts, and learn how their pasts shaped them. Jack and Ethan are each interested in more from their kiss.

And their hot, sizzling sex is explosive, thrilling, and filled with deep emotion. A lasting love is blooming.

We see them work side by side to figure

out the shop finances and Ethan is so unhappy to lose his job. How will it work out?

These guys sure did deserve the love and the chance to try.

I recommend this cute, warm, emotional romance !

ENJOY !

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avid reader 1 says

Chance to Bloom is the first book I have read by this author. I found it to be well written, with a nice flow that takes the reader smoothly through the ups and downs of these lovely men as they find their way to true love.

With just enough backstory to allow the reader to understand the mindset of each man, the author makes us feel the heartache and pain they suffered at the hands of those who should have cherished them. The romance is no easy, quick insta-love. The author allows them to learn each other and take their time in drawing closer together.

Ethan lightens Jack, and Jack grounds Ethan. They are written for each other, true, but they are also believable in their imperfections and quirks.

The intimate scenes are well done and lift this story from sweet to passionate.

Luca and Frankie are interesting characters who deserve a story of their own.

I will read more from this author.

Denise GremoryKohta says

I enjoyed Ethan and Hack's story so much. How each of them dealt with their grief, fear, and insecurities to grow into men capable of having a loving and trusting relationship was beautiful. As I was reading this though, I saw so much potential for a series at the same time. I thought of Brad, Frankie, Sean, and even Jack's old marine friend Tyler. Bridgewater could be just the place for couples to meet and fall in love. Either way, it's a sweet seed romance that has just enough miscommunication and character self doubt to give you what you're looking for in a good read. I was given the privilege and opportunity to receive an advanced reader copy and I am voluntarily leaving an honest review.
