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Logan Shoemaker's honest, hardworking, and loves what he does. Though he never expects to get rich, he's fared well enough to stay comfortable with his quirky metaphysical store, Shoemaker's Magick Shoppe. But when the economy falls on hard times, his store pays the price. As each month passes, slow sales turn into no sales, and soon Logan's living off ramen noodles and sleeping in a freezing house during the cold winter nights as he struggles to make ends meet. His personal life isn't much better—the worse business at the store grows, the more isolated and lonely he becomes. After a string of mishaps that wipe out the last of his small savings, he finally hits rock bottom the day he discovers the disconnection notice from the electric company hanging on his door. That night, desperate and in despair, he makes a plea to the universe, asking for help.

Needless to say, he never anticipates receiving a response so quickly. Not only does he awaken the next morning to find on his kitchen table four little bottles of a special potion labeled "PASSION," but he keeps remembering the erotically charged dream he'd had during the night. A dream where a tall, gorgeous man with pointed ears comes to his bed and shows him just what kind of magick they can make together.

But was it a dream? All Logan knows is that his customers can't get enough of the special potion—an aphrodisiac—and he can't stop thinking about the sweet seduction of the nighttime visitor who made it. As he tries to sort out what's real and what's not, he discovers there's a much bigger world out there than he'd ever believed, and his true heart's desire might come in a most unexpected form...

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Lily says

Logan Shoemaker is struggling to keep his store, Shoemaker's Magick Shoppe, afloat. As the economy worsens his store has been losing customers and sales and he now finds himself on the brink of financial disaster. Disheartened with the state of his life Logan is finding it hard to believe that he'll find a way out of the mess his life has become. When he gets drunk one night he calls out for help, never thinking that he'll get any, but there's magic in the air that night and his call is heard and answered.

Hallan Greystone is an elf who's been watching Logan through a magical mirror for a while. In love with the man he sees in the mirror but unable to make any contact Hallan is thrilled when he hears Logan call for help. When he manages to cross into Logan's world Hallan finds himself unable to resist the man he's in love with and Logan and Hallan spend a magical night together. Before heading back to his world he makes four bottles of a special potion that just may end up giving Logan's business a second lease on life.

But while Logan's life starts to improve Hallan's is becoming dangerous. In his world he is known as the Potion Master and the King he serves, not by his choice, has the power of life and death over him. Unable to resist Logan, Hallan continues to cross over to visit him although each time could lead to disaster. As the lovers search for a way to be together things finally come to a head in Hallan's world and the consequences could be deadly for him.

I really enjoyed this modern day fairy tale. Both Logan and Hallan are well developed and quite likable characters. Logan is a decent hardworking man who is trying as hard as he can to keep his dreams alive. Even though he's experiencing really hard times the author manages to keep him a sympathetic character where it would have been easy for him to slip into a whiny why me attitude. Instead he comes across as a sweet gentle and genuinely nice man and as we see his interactions with not only Hallan but his customers and neighbor as well it's quite easy to really like him.

Hallan is also as nice a character as Logan. It's a shame though that a lot of his story takes place in his world and we don't get to experience it firsthand with him. However that doesn't take away from the story and I was still very taken with the men and the relationship that develops between them. They are romantic and loving yet very hot as well.

This story is very well written including the sex scenes. The characters come alive on the page and the love and care between them is clear. Overall this is a wonderfully compelling story with an interesting plot and memorable characters. I really enjoyed this sweet tale of love and highly recommend it.

Didi says

This was a sweet story of a magick shopkeeper about to loose his shop and an elf who'd been loving him from other world. Nicely wrote short story. Truly enjoyed it!

Chris says

Nicely done m/m fantasy romance about the owner of a new age shop who's about to lose his business when help comes from a most unexpected source. (If you have a mysterious old mirror wrapped up and tucked away somewhere, I'd really recommend you get it out and hang it up!)

Candice says

All I can say is that I loved this book. It was a very sweet and wonderful read.

Ravyn says

Not bad, but not one of my favorites from M.L. Rhodes. Quick explanation why? Too much sex, not enough story for my tastes. Also, I'm a big fan of fantasy, and I thought the fantasy elements in this book were seriously lacking. (Most of the action takes place in the human world, and very little about the elven world is really explained or expanded upon. Frankly, most of the book was sex rather than story.)

Jay says

I really enjoyed/loved this story and basically finished in one sitting that kept me up way to late on a "school" night. And who doesn't love retreating into a fantasy world for a change.

The connection between Logan and Hallan is beautiful. Logan doesn't ask for much he just wants to be happy with the shop he loves and to have someone in his life. Hallan sees the good in Logan and wants nothing more than to with him. Do they connect? You will have to read to find out.

I usually shy away from short stories because it get sucked in and its over way to soon. Yes, this story did that to me, but am not sorry in the least that I did. This is truly a love story and shows that when it right what one will do.

Highly recommended!

Lisa says

Based on the story of the elves and the shoemaker, this is the same story except the elf is a potion maker and Logan is called Shoemaker but he doesnt make shoes he owns a stores. Business is bad and Logan cant make ends meet. One night, Hallan visits and leaves him a passion potion and also makes love to him. The potion sells and Logan has money for his bills.

This is a cute story with alot of sex for such a short book.

Christy Stewart says

Totally cute! Perfect take on a fairy tale re-told.

Bookwatcher says

Mirror can be tricky!

Logan don't know he has a magic mirror, and is all depressed and sad ... a lot... being depressed and sad about his life in front of that mirror.

Hallan is an elf (if I can be honesty, a hell of a **hot** one!) and he can see and hear Logan... doing that for almost 2 years he will fall in love.

So I can't say more because all the fun of the story is how can Logan get a better life, and how can Hallan ~~get~~ ~~laie~~ errrr get close to Logan to start a friendship ... yep, friendship is his main aim .

4 stars and only the lack of a more deeply description of Hallan world is the problem if this story (to fast in my view, more should be told about his elf world)

Nikyta *Miss Forgetful* says

I loved this book. It was a very, *very* sweet read, imo.

It starts off kind of depressing with Logan going through a rough time and about to lose his business. He asks for help and in comes Hallan, an elf from another world. Hallan has been watching Logan for the past two years (his time, 9 months Logan's time), through an elf mirror, and has fallen in love with Logan so when Logan asks for help, he drops everything he's doing to answer Logan's plea.

In the midst of the story, Hallan creates potions that Logan sells and helps his business get back on its feet. However, while Logan's business is blooming, his heart is breaking because Hallan and he are from two different worlds and there's stipulations that are attached to the mirror Hallan goes through to visit Logan. Between Logan's inability to properly see Hallan when they meet and the dangers Hallan faces at home, they both go through a difficult time trying to figure out a way to be together before anything fatal happens to Hallan.

You know, I loved this book. Logan and Hallan together was so captivating to me that I didn't want to put them down. I stayed up late to finish reading it, that's how good it was to me. Lol. I can't even give you a specific reason why I loved it just that I was drawn in from start to finish. ^_^

I would have liked to see more of Hallan's world, though, and for it to have been longer so we could have delved deeper into Logan and Hallan's relationship.

All in all, a great book. Short, sweet and cute.

Tailtiu says

Why did I wait so long to read this really sweet and romantic story???

Thanks to Mandy, Monika and Vio for pushing...there really is no Pumuckl inside

DaisyGirl says

3.5 stars rounded up to 4.0

Logan Shoemaker is the owner of Shoemaker's Magick Shoppe, a quirky metaphysical store that has fallen on hard times. Sales have turned stagnant and Logan has been living off of ramen noodles while the electric company is threatening to cut off his power in the middle of winter. He has desperately tried to turn things around to no avail; and, he has grown more isolated and despondent by the day. When he finally hits rock bottom, Logan makes a heart-felt plea to the universe, asking for help. His prayers are answered by Hallan Greystone, a 650-year-old, dreamy, smexy elf. Hallan has been watching Logan through a magical mirror for the better part of two years. In that time, Hallan has fallen hard for the kind, honest, and hardworking shopkeeper. Logan's plea for help allows Hallan to cross between worlds, thus beginning their steamy love affair.

This was a sweet read. I liked the concept and enjoyed reading about the worlds that Rhodes created. Both Logan and Hallan were loveable protagonists ... if anything, they were too good. Although they weren't perfect, they were a little too perfect for each other. This was insta-love, at least on Logan's part if not Hallan's too. Personally, I would have liked to see their relationship hashed out more. Also, although we are treated to a glimpse into Lamerion and Hallan's struggles in this alternate world in the beginning of the book, we are sadly shut out when all the action happens near the end. Rather than "showing" us what unfolded there, we are "told" about it second hand, which was disappointing.

On the bright side: I LOVED how thoughtful and caring Hallan was with Logan. The woo-hoo oil, Mrs. Khovanksy (Logan's elderly neighbor), and Zeus were fun too.

Bottom line: A short and sweet fantasy about a struggling magic shop owner and a hunky elf. Recommended!

Ami says

I love M.L. Rhodes's fantasy stories -- they are so much better than her contemporary ones :p. There is so much tenderness in this story, emotions that are so deep. Starting with the loneliness and yearning for a better life, coming from Logan, the Shoemaker. Then that love coming from Hallan. It's a lovely romance

that makes my heart just all warm and fuzzy.

Complaints: I wish there are more scenes regarding Hallan's *fight* to get back to Logan's world. After Hallan makes that promise that he will find a way to stay with Logan, the scenes are all written from Logan's point of view. That makes something "missing" from the whole story.

Vio says

Loved it so much what an intense erotic love story this was. Hallan and Logan god the emotion and love in every caress and kiss was beautiful the want and need, the desperation making every moment last as long as possible yep it tugged at my heart strings. Fantasy at its best a dreamy magical gem a perfect pick me up and a definite keeper.

Monika says

I loved this story! Short but oh so sweet I only wish it could have been longer. The connection between Logan and Hallan.....*sigh* was so beautiful.

This book was pure romance in its best form, no angst just sweet, sweet loving. Being a big fan of fantasy it was great to have that element here.

Short book, short review but the book is in no way short of anything! I never like to write what the story is about in my reviews you can read that from the blurb and its best to experience some books with as little knowledge as possible before you start. This is one of those books.

I highly recommend this book, perfect book to read in between those angst filled stories.....enjoy!
