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On the scene of a multiple murder that's grisly even for a veteran homicide detective, Brian Clifton is stunned when one of the victims bears an uncanny resemblance to his boyfriend, James Merrill. As the similarities keep piling up, so do the bodies...and the evidence pointing to James as the killer.

Since long before the shooting, James has been dishonest. He's been evasive. Oh, and there's that minor little detail he withheld from Brian about being a gambling-addicted drug dealer. He may not be the best boyfriend in the world, but he begs Brian to believe he's no murderer. In fact, whoever did pull the trigger undoubtedly wants to finish what they started, and Brian is the only one James trusts to keep him safe.

But how much is Brian willing to risk to protect a man he may not even know?

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Nichole (DirrtyH) says

So, I usually love L.A. Witt, and this book wasn't bad by any means, but it was so fundamentally flawed that I couldn't truly enjoy it.

Brian is a homicide detective, and when called to a crime scene, discovers that one of the bodies looks just like his boyfriend, James, whom he's planning to dumb because he's been so cagey. He then finds out that the dead guy is a drug dealer, and that he has a brother/business partner named... yes, James. Turns out it's the same James.

James admits to running a drug ring with his brother Stephen. He swears he had nothing to do with the shooting, and tells Brian that the reason he's been so cagey is because he lied about having a gambling addiction.

Brian believes James about not being the killer, and about dirty cops being involved, so he agrees to hide James instead of putting him under protective custody.

So the entire book, Brian isn't sure whether he should believe James about not being involved in the shooting, and he wonders if he should break up with Brian. He can't decide if he can forgive James for lying about the gambling addiction. That is the sum total of the relationship drama. Uh... are we missing something? Really, Brian? You don't see another problem here?

In the end we discover that James, whose real name is Eric, was actually an undercover DEA agent. Okay, that's not really a surprise. But that isn't revealed until the end. Throughout the entire book, Brian is working under the assumption that James is a drug dealer. And not, like, a street level marijuana peddler, but actually running one of the biggest drug rings in town. But that's just okay. Brian never thinks about turning James in for being a drug dealer. He just hopes his instinct is right about James not being the killer. Like if he can find the real killer, everything will be fine.

This just bothered me so much I couldn't enjoy the story. Sure, it turned out James wasn't really a drug dealer. But Brian didn't know that, and his choice to hide someone that he had every reason to believe was a dangerous criminal... it didn't work for me. If this had been addressed, maybe I could have gotten behind it. But it was just completely ignored. It bugged me too much to give this more than 3 stars.

Debra says

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Heather the Queen of (Smut)Books says

Nope. Way to kill a series.

Boyfriend of alcoholic cop is a drug dealer (not talking a little weed here either), liar and a manipulator and

he can overlook all that as long as he's not a killer, too? I mean ok but REALLY? You're a fucking cop. I guess it's a little bit of 'Oh thank God, I'm not sleeping with a murderer' but a high level drug dealer really isn't much better in my opinion. So I couldn't bring myself to like either of the MC's. At all. And the mystery is completely predictable. Added to all that, we see that Andrew and Nick from the first book are intertwined into this one and they're having problems coping with what happened in the previous book. I hate having my HEA's fucked with. I hear the next one is back to their story but I'm not sure if I wanna....

Found nothing likeable about this one.

Elyxyz says

Avendoli letti di fila, in un paio di giorni, mi sento avvantaggiata nel fare un confronto fra i tre libri di questa breve saga.

Come il precedente 'Coprimi', anche questo è un romanzo adrenalinico, ma per motivi diversi. Non è tanto l'ansia di capire chi sia il colpevole, perché è quasi chiaro fin da subito, basta leggere i segni... e, secondo me, non è perché la Witt non sia riuscita a renderlo più criptico, ho il forte sospetto che l'abbia fatto di proposito: così il lettore, tolta quella parte, si è incentrato su come sbrogliare la matassa. E' come quando sai chi è il colpevole, ma non riesci a provarlo, e tutto ti rema contro... almeno, la mia impressione è stata quella.

Tutte le prove, infatti, remano contro James, e man mano le cose peggiorano sempre più: sembra proprio lui il colpevole! Eppure Brian segue il suo istinto, anche se mille dubbi e rischi lo accompagnano, si fida di lui. E' questo che mi ha tenuta incollata al libro, la voglia di vedere cosa altro potrà accadere, e come il cattivo riesce a muovere i suoi fili... e poi, finalmente, gustarmi il disbroglio della matassa.

Mentre il libro precedente era un poliziesco/romance di azione e adrenalina, ma soprattutto mentale, qui le indagini non mancano, c'è anche un bel po' di gente morta e violenza (meglio saperlo prima di leggerlo, eh!), ma c'è anche amore, affetto, amicizia vera. Nel prossimo, avremo solo un breve accenno ai nostri protagonisti, un piccolo feedback di come se la passano.

Devo dire che il libro mi è piaciuto tanto, non più o meno del primo o del terzo... ognuno di loro mi è piaciuto per motivi diversi.

Voto: 4.5

Linda ~ chock full of hoot, just a little bit of nanny ~ says

I admit to being disheartened at first when this story wasn't a direct follow up to Nick and Anthony from the first book in this series. While we do get some glimpses and hints of their continuing story, the focus here is on fellow cop Brian and his boyfriend James, who is not all that he appears to be.

I figured out the whodunit part pretty quickly, but even then it wasn't a case of "it's so obvious how are these people not figuring it out for another 20 chapters" and more a case of I'm just that suspicious and jaded that's where my brain instantly went and nothing that happened after that convinced me to change my mind. The author did manage to trick me about another reveal, but I don't want to say too much more about that so as not to spoil anything.

As for Brian and James, I had a real hard time getting into that aspect of it. Because, well, I'm just that suspicious and jaded. :P I'm not the most trusting person, and I'd have been questioning James's motives for

getting involved with Brian the instant we found out who he actually was, and yet Brian never does that. I also had a hard time buying that Brian was about to dump James because of James constantly stringing him along, yet the instant he finds out about James's involvement in the case, that gets put on the back burner. Because all of a sudden finding out he's a drug dealer, a gambling addict and a murder suspect makes him a keeper? Nah-huh. I'd have cut him loose so quick, he'd have gotten whiplash. I did think Brian's guilt and conflict in regards to James and their relationship and the case were very well-written and among the best scenes in the book, but I was just never really convinced why Brian would put his neck out there like he did. Great sex can't really be that important can it? I don't get it.

(view spoiler)

So why four stars? I just really enjoyed it. It was good, angsty fun, if frustrating at times.

AyoDollFace says

DNF at 20%

I mean really, your boyfriend lies about who he really is, even gives you a fake name and you still wanna sleep with him... ? This is a relationship that has been going on for a few months, not years. That is grounds for dismissal, hands down. He's a drug dealer and you're a cop. It's just not a connection that fits and let's face it, Brian was already on the fence about drug dealing James being a cheater. Finding out he's lied the whole time about who he is and what he does put the nail in his coffin in my book.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

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Rosa, really says

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Jewel says

I actually had this story figured out early on. By Max's murder I knew who dunnit and who James was. I don't think it was anything in particular that gave it away, something just clicked and it was the only thing

that made sense. But, of course, the other characters don't know what's going on, really, and the journey between the the events that started it all and the conclusion were well done and often kept me on the edge of my seat. And so, of course, I had to wait to see if I was right.

Brian is an alcoholic cop. Sounds cliche, but truly with the amount of awfulness they see and the stress of the job and wondering if today's the day a bullet with your name on it finds you, I get it. I am glad he won't drive if he's had any alcohol. Still, it made me sad to see him do that to himself.

James...well, he isn't what he seems. Brian knows there is more than meets the eye here because so many things just don't add up. James swears he is innocent, though, and Brian wants to believe him.

Oh, what to do, what to do.

Also, Andrew and Nick make several appearances here. And although we don't see any on page problems between them, Andrew talks about their issues every now and again. I love Andrew and Nick and I really want for them to make it. Thank goodness the next book is back to them. I have hope.

So, Brian and James have a not easy road ahead of them. With Brian's drinking problem and James' evasiveness, things won't be easy, but that hope thing. It works for me.

Recommended. But do read the series in order. I don't think, overall, it matters much, but especially since Andrew is featured as heavily as he is, reading the first book will give you much needed background on why he is important in the story.

Jane says

The following review was originally posted on my book blog The Book Challengers..

I liked the first book in the series more. I liked Nick and Andrew more than I did Brian and James. I believed in their relationship more than I did in Brian and James' relationship as the latter felt way more physical and less emotional than the former. I could see the tension and attraction between Nick and Andrew, but I don't think I really did between Brian and James as they had already been in a relationship of sorts for a couple of months before this story began.

This story's mystery part, though, is a bit better in my mind as I didn't figure out the bad guys so easily (tho I had an inkling) as I did in Cover Me. There are dead bodies from the get go and they keep piling up, so the book is pretty interesting to read about mystery-wise. Too bad the romance part left me more indifferent than not. Also, the sex scenes kind of bored me. The first two or so weren't so boring, but there onwards they did bore me and I would have preferred to see some talking kind of interaction instead.

Will think about reading the third book.

Lara71 says

Bello bello bello Un noir scritto benissimo con una bellissima storia d'amore di contorno

Sandi ♥'s way too many M/M books says

5 heart racing stars

I loved this story. It had so much going on and kept you on your toes. I am really good at figuring stuff out way before things happen and WOW this one got me. I had NO clue. I loved Brian and felt for his emotions and what to do it was raw it was real. I loved him and James and that as much as it tore him apart he still wanted to help him. The end blew me away I loved It and was sad when it ended. I am addicted to L.A. Witt's writing.

Kaje Harper says

This book has some of the components that I like best - an MC cop with issues -in this case drinking too much and a stubborn love for a boyfriend who is untrustworthy. A mystery, murders, loss of loved ones, comfort of friends. It was well done, and there were some very emotional and some very hot moments.

The final twist will come as no surprise to M/M readers, and what lost this a star for me was that I saw it coming for so long, with the way it made some insoluble complications instantly resolve. I'd have loved to see the author get around that by playing it straight, but that would have been a very different (and no doubt much longer) book. The set-up for this was complex, but the ending too fast. The depth of emotion that would have been possible, given bereavement and PTSD and alcohol abuse and trust issues, melted into the HFN too quickly for me. Still, a well written police-thriller with characters I did care about, plus a look at the couple from the first book Cover Me, whom I was delighted to see still working toward their HEA and not instantly happy. Kudos to the author for that bit of realism.

DL says

There were a few things that kept this from being a 5 star read. Ironically, the title sums it all up. Trust. I just couldn't believe that Brian was willing to put so much on the line for a lover that he was about to dump an hour before his partner wound up dead. And if I wasn't able to get past that, a lot of the book was spent thinking, "Sure, just throw it all away. Risk your badge And your friend's badge because HOT, Damn is that guy good in bed." And, even Brian says that the great sex shouldn't be enough to base a relationship on. Perhaps that issue could have been resolved if Witt had given a clearer picture of their relationship; it felt a lot like insta-love.

Now for the action/thriller part of the book; it was exciting. The clue finding, the chase scenes kept me on the edge of my seat. I did see the twist coming fairly early on. And the "real" bad guy was easy to spot as well. That didn't negate any of my reading enjoyment though.

The author didn't have the MCs problems instantly resolved the second the crime was. She gave them a few months away from one another to rest and recoup. As a reader, I appreciated that. What I didn't like was the almost cavalier handling of Brian's alcoholism.

Over all, I really do recommend this book. It may look like I had a lot of problems with it but the positives

out weigh them.
