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Two boys bond, sharing geeky things and fast food. And falling in love.

When Luke's parents take in a foster kid named Randall, Luke is immediately taken with him, although he doesn't want to admit to himself why. He wasn't planning to be gay. He wasn't planning to fall in love with another boy. But then he met Ran....

I remember when I first met Ran. He was absolutely unprepossessing, all skinny white boy wearing his insecurities on his sleeves, which were tattered and faded on a too-big flannel shirt. He wore jeans that didn't quite fit him, cheap tennis shoes that had once been white, and glasses that made his eyes look too big in his scrawny, pale face.

And he was holding a trash bag and standing in the middle of my bedroom looking miserable...

The One for Me Details

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From Reader Review The One for Me for online ebook

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

Free on amazon at the moment.

Jerry says

A very sweet story. Interracial. Some heart tugging scenes. Not much to really make me love it, but yet I didn't hate it. Everything works out for them in the end.

Karen says

This was a lovely little story of first love. Very sweet, low angst. At first it seemed like insta-love (and I am not really a fan of that), but then the pace of the physical attraction slowed down and the relationship between Luke and Ran built in the way that made their long term success seem possible. The reaction of Luke's parents to them as a couple was also very believable. I especially loved how the issue of racism was raised as a problem as big as homophobia. Definitely a recommended read, especially as a comfort read.

Ashley says

So freaking sweet. This is a coming off age story of a shy and insecure white foster kid named Ran who moves into a black Family's home after being booted from several other (including his own bio parents) for admitting to being gay. Luke Turner is his new foster brother that accepts him unconditionally from the instant they meet. This is a precious little novella with a PG feel, but the story is so touching and beautiful. I loved it & highly recommend.

Can't believe this little gem was free!

Carly says

I thoroughly enjoyed "The One for Me." It's a short story about two teens who are introduced when Ran is placed in Luke's home by the foster care system. Their initial friendship is built on shared interests. Ran has experienced abuse and rejection in the past for being gay, so he decides not to disclose his sexual orientation to the Turner family, in hopes of finding a new start. Luke has never given much thought to his own sexual desires and is surprised and confused by his building attraction to Ran. As their friendship deepens it begins to open Luke's eyes to the possibilities of being gay, but the unexpected revelation of Ran's orientation put a strain on his relationship with the rest of the Turner family. Although this book does an excellent job addressing the racial stereotypes and misconceptions the two face, it isn't a book about race. Rather, it's a story about coming of age, sexual discovery, the challenges of love, and finding a way to build new love into

a lasting relationship. Sexy without being graphic, the intimate relationship that develops between these two young men as they graduate high-school, enter college, find employment and grow into adulthood is perfectly woven into this heartfelt story.

Trisha Harrington says

This was a good short story that was free when I got it (I'm not sure about now). I have a thing for characters who are each other's firsts. So this was my thing in that sense. I thought the characters were really sweet and the way they got together was really lovely and fitting for the story. My only issue was it just didn't feel perfect. I think that is more me than the book, though. Seriously, I had no issues with the story. It was rounded up with a nice HEA. I just couldn't fall in love with it like with other stories.

Overall, this is a really nice story and one I would recommend to people who enjoy younger characters and HEA's.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

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Camille Adams says

So sweet. Touching.

Lovely.

The FountainPenDiva, Old school geek chick and lover of teddy bears says

The cover sold me. I mean look at it.

The story was sweet with just the right amount of heat. Watching Luke and Randall slowly fall in love felt natural, organic. Their growing awareness of each other as lovers, and all the uncertainty of their feelings.

And it's always awesome to read a M/M romance with an interracial couple in which the Black male character *isn't* named "DeJuan" or some other fail, and that said character is geeky and smart with a stable family. The only issue I had was a lack of definitive description of Luke. I knew he was Black, but that really didn't tell me much. So I just went from the character on the cover. Still, I think the author dropped the ball here.

The HEA is sweet and feels like having ate a bunch of Thin Mints.

Meep says

[I was disappointed with the parents for the sudden change in behaviour towards Ran but it's not unrealistic. I did like how they were never vilified, they were looking out for more than one child and acted as they thought they must. The later turnaround, seemed sudden as we never saw their struggle to accept the situation. (hide spoil)

V says

I don't usually read stories about coming off age cute teenagers, I'm too kinky and naughty to read about sweet and cute teenagers falling in love for the first time

However, I wanted to read it for various reasons:

Interracial, I love African Americans characters, nerds and shy guys and finally, it was free.

First of all, this FREE story is way better than many that I have purchased, it was lovely, cute and sweet.

The only part that I wasn't very satisfied was the sex scenes.

I know, I know, they were teenagers, but, come on, I need it to know what happened behind closed doors, Randall wasn't very keen to the idea of going all the way.

Some readers off course will say the books is perfect because they are still teens and it can't be that Graphic, but, I'm sure in real life those teens can teach me a thing or two about sex.

Sheri says

I was looking for a short sweet read the other day, and my pursuit was pleasantly rewarded with this novella. I found it quite refreshing that it featured an interracial couple. Friends to lovers, first love, gay-for-you, and acceptance tie this lovely tale together.

Luke is blessed with a loving family. They strive to spread their love and touch as many lives as possible...without a doubt they are good peeps. Frequently housing foster children, the door is always open in his home. When a shy, reserved white kid shows up, Luke's world unexpectedly tilts. A compelling need to protect Ran takes over, and Luke takes no mind as to why he feels so drawn to this guy. He just knows that Ran needs him and strangely he realizes he needs Ran too. Once he discovers his feelings run deeper, he briefly wonders if the door will remain open with his family. Or will things change if he follows his heart?

Rejected his entire life, Ran believes he's damaged goods. He doesn't bother to give his future much thought, he believes he's lucky to see next month.

heartstring tug

Guarding his secret has become critical to his survival in the foster system. He can't let anyone find out he's gay, let alone that he's fallen in love with his new foster brother. Luke has become more than his best friend, he is his rock. He's never felt so secure, precious and simply **loved** until he met Luke. Of course, good luck has never been on his side and he's waiting for the timer to go off on his good fortune.

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A tender leisurely fall with mild heat and an emotional bond that left me grinning for hours. A tad monotonous at times, but it never distracted me or left me bored. I'm always fond of alternating voices when

done well, and here the flipping worked fabulously. If you enjoy coming of age and tolerate fade to black romantic scenes, this will most likely be the book for you.

4 teens-tenderly-tumbling stars

.Lili. says

You guys!! This book!!

You know those books you pick up on a whim, knowing nothing about them and you end up falling in love with them? That was this book. I've never read this author and the rating (which I'll address again later) is not bad but not the greatest either would normally push me away from giving the book a try. I don't know something about it called to me and decided to try it. I'm so happy I did.

This was a sweet coming of age story about two boys who fall in love.

In 75 pages, this author managed to deliver a full story that spanned years. It wasn't rushed and I never felt like anything was missing- like I missed out on anything. The story is also told from a dual POV giving us a glimpse into both of their thoughts and feelings. I became engrossed in this story and read it from beginning to end only stopping to update my status and went right back.

The rating:

Please don't shy away from this story because of the 3.70 rating. It's such a lovely story.

This was a 5 Star read for me and I'll be checking out this author's backlist.

Nic says

This is FREE on Amazon.

Otila says

Luke and Ran just became foster brothers. They have an instant connection and quickly become best friends. As they grow closer they find that they may both want more.

This was a really sweet story about best friends falling love. It's fast and easy to read and completely adorable.

How could I not fall in love with him? Could you resist?

You just wanna go "awwwww" the whole time.
