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The lights go down and stage lights up. The Dark Angels have arrived. With his come-hither voice and body made for sin, lead singer Angel Luv draws lovers like a magnet. And when he caresses and taunts shy guitarist Darius Stone on stage, well...it's an act, right? But every touch lights a fire, and every flirtatious glance chips away at Dare's certainty that he's straight. No one else has so captured his imagination.

Temptation beckons. It's hard not to notice the want in Dare's eyes, the way he stares when he thinks Angel's not watching. One wrong move might scare him away, but a work trip to exotic Bali might be the perfect place to let Dare explore his sexuality, with none to be the wiser. But their "friends with benefits" pact has an expiration date, that just might sour their friendship.

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Chalice says

Very close to 4 Stars. Allow me to join the chorus of readers who feel that Dare clings to his supposed hetero orientation a wee bit too long. Or maybe we were just very eager to get to the good stuff. The book was enjoyable from start to finish, but the ubiquitous "Big Misunderstanding that almost ruins everything" was predictable. Still, if you like the rockstar trope with hot guys doing even hotter things, this was a very enjoyable to spend a few hours.

♥J ♥ says

What a hot little book that was! There were definitely things wrong with this story and the writing was confusing at times but it didn't matter. This was a wonderful read that I enjoyed very much. If there wasn't so many editing issues, it would have been a 5 star for sure.

Jeff Erno says

Loved it. Crushed my heart a little.

KT Spille says

These boys are so hot.

Asia says

krotko tresciwie bez zbednego dramatu..ale i tak fajnie. fajna krotka lekko sprosna historyjka:) ale na pewno do niej wroce:D

Erica Pike says

I'd been holding off reading this book, because I thought it contained actual angels (the paranormal species that is my LEAST favorite), but I decided to give it ago last night. Well, I blame Z. Allora for me being tired today because I couldn't put it down until it was finished!

There are no actual angels in this. It's a contemporary romance, NOT a paranormal romance. The rockers are gorgeous and I fell in love with their love.

Definitely recommend this one.

Elizabethetta says

2.5 stars (This review is for the 2nd edition released on 9/5/14)

I'm a sucker for rocker romances: beautiful, talented people making great music and earning fame and fortune, sexy guys strutting their stuff (insert tight, form-fitting leather over hard bodies), and all the angst drama on and offstage (insert lots of sweaty sex).

Sex and rock 'n roll, it goes together like bread 'n buttah.

In M/M romance, rock bands with one gay musician seem to spawn a flurry of gay players. If you aren't gay, give it a sec, you'll be playing for the same team before you know it. *With Wings* doesn't disappoint here, nor in following that other well-worn trope: the straight (insert quiet, studious and extremely talented) lead guitarist versus the gay (insert extremely confident, extroverted and sexy) lead singer or front guy. Also insert lots of flirtation, innuendo, and is he/isn't he?? angst.

The Dark Angels is the band. Darius Stone, the lead guitarist, faces off against Angel Luv, the lead singer. Two guys predestined to hit the sheets... erm, the stage together. As soon as Angel sees Darius (Dare) performing with another band he has to have him. In his band, of course, but, hey, he'll take whatever else may develop between them too.

I immediately think of one of my favorite rocker series, *Heaven Sent* (Heaven) by Jet Mykles, about another band made up of randy gay men. That series has a certain charm and the guys are charismatic. What I really like about it is that it doesn't take itself seriously, it's good, light and fluffy bubblegum fun. It's what we daydream the rocker celebrity world should be like... lots of gorg guys, lots of sexy hook-ups, lots of booze and cash to burn. It's a daydream.

With Wings doesn't quite get there, though. While Dare and Angel are nice enough guys, I can't but help feel removed from them as a couple. Dare spends most of the story protesting that he's straight and Angel just seems to hang around waiting for Dare to 'get with the program'. Which, of course, he does.

It's all so easy and pat. The story hops, skips, and jumps ahead as the band has an instant and meteoric rise to success with a first album that rockets them to fame. At which point these two take off by themselves for a dragged out, month-long vacay to Bali to 'write music' together for the second album. And we are treated to long sex scenes with lots of toys. (Actually, the most fun is watching Dare try to reconcile all the diddling with his constant 'but I'm not gay' insistence even as he slowly falls for Angel.)

Of course, eventually there is the ‘big misunderstanding’, and we watch these two wallow and lose weight and worry their friends and band mates. Until the inevitable make up phase. Other than this, there is no real tension in the story. Problem is, neither does it achieve the light and fluffy bubblegum fun which could have helped.

There are issues in the writing which keep me from cozying up to Dare and Angel too. As mentioned before, there are jumps in time, especially in the beginning of the story. There is also a lot of telling versus showing: **“Darius was impressed with Angel’s keen business sense and his intellect. Angel was a talented writer and composer, and was funny as hell when he got going. To top it off, he was one of the nicest guys Darius had ever met.”** A lot of that. And as this is the second edition, I would have expected a lot fewer edit errors. Lots of those, too.

But, if you want an easy, fairly tension-free rocker story, then this is the read for you. Dare and Angel have some great loud sex, for sure, on and offstage. But, for me, *With Wings* makes just a little beep, about a 2.5 on the knock-my-socks-off rocker meter. There isn’t enough here to make them or their story stand apart from all the other rockers out there.

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JJ says

I didn't read this book; I devoured it. The sex scenes were extremely hot, and though it was a happy ending, I was crying. The story is about a guitar player named Dare who believes he is straight but realizes he is lusting over the lead singer of their band who happens to be a guy. I generally dislike the rock star types, so the lead singer Angel was not initially appealing to me, but when he comes out of his rock star outer shell, he is so very hot. The virgin sex was so sweet and the romance was amazing. I've been reading a lot of m/m recently, but this might be the first book I've read that is categorized as yaoi. So, I am certainly a fan now and definitely a fan of this author.

Cynthia Osborne says

A beautifully written book Z.Allora has made a fan of me, and I want more.

Makhda says

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I don't know for how long.

Valentina Heart says

This review was originally written for The Romance Reviews and can also be found there.

Starting with music, through hot sex and romance to more music, this story makes you gush and squeal, raises your sugar then makes you beg for more. Seriously, I'm not kidding.

Dare and Angel are members of a band, The Dark Angels. While they haven't been on the scene very long, they are burning the road in front of them with killer lyrics and unique style. The drop dead gorgeous lead singer, Angel, and his wicked seductive ways are certainly not doing any harm and Dare, the lead guitarist, is the first one to confirm it.

You see, Angel is bisexual, a fact he doesn't hide. Instead he uses every chance he can to touch, kiss or be near Dare, on stage and off. None of it makes Dare any less straight, not the hard on in his pants nor the lust filled gaze reserved exclusively for Angel. Dare is just not gay.

Then Angel organizes a trip for him and Dare, a bit of peace on Bali to work on their next album, and while Dare isn't exactly sure why he should say no, he knows that trip is about to test and push through his thinly threaded limits.

First half of this book was not a five star for me. It needed a bit of polish when it came to writing and a bit more introduction into the characters would have been welcomed. With a four in mind, I read through Dare's repetitive and, I admit, annoying statements about his sexuality, but there was a point in the book when things just flipped and a four became a brilliant five.

I could say it was the sex that won me over, because there were things in there I've read about for the first time. Dare certainly let loose and Angel never really gave me the impression of being an angel. That man is so wicked he makes you squirm in your seat. But while there was abundance of sex introduced, it was the little things that got to me – touches, statements, even looks. They felt magical and by the last couple of chapters, I was a true fan contemplating who will be the stars of the next book.

I can't guarantee others will share my enthusiasm, but I do know this story is up there with the Conquest and Heaven series. In my opinion it is not something you want to miss.

Rissa (an M/M kinda Girl!!) says

Rockstars = Deliciousness! (and it was GFY..lord help me!)

This book was picked for me to read for a challenge in the M/M group. Had it not been for this challenge I probably woulda moved right on past this book even tho it has all the makings of a perfect book for me.

It was your typical Rockstar/Musician story but the characters gave it its own spin. Dare is straight or so he keeps telling us. Angel is whatever he wants to be..gay, straight, bi...it doesn't matter to him what you call it so long as he's enjoying himself.

If you're looking for something totally different, I don't think you'll find it here. However, you'll meet 2 amazing men and go on this adventure with them. There are definitely a few emotional bumps along the way..it surely shows how these two feel about each other.

Last stage performance..(view spoiler) AMAZING!

SueM says

3.5 stars

Aargh! I loved the plot and characters in this novel but for some reason that I can't quite put a finger on, the writing style just didn't gel for me.

It struck me at times that 3rd person POV was too obviously just that (all right, I know it doesn't make sense but..) - as I felt very distant from the scenes, almost as if the author was merely content to describe a scene, rather than attempting to draw the reader in. This sense of distance seemed to fluctuate throughout the novel as I was jarred anew when the distancing effect came back into play. Unfortunately, the overall effect was that I remained fairly disconnected from the characters and that's a real shame as far as I'm concerned. It may be, of course, just a quibble of mine, but it did reduce my overall enjoyment of this novel. Hopefully, this won't be a problem as the series continues, because I truly did like the story.

Heather♥ says

Very hot! I really enjoyed how naughty Angel was in teasing Dare, whether it was kissing and touching him on stage or constantly being naked around him while they were in Bali. He was relentless in getting Dare to come over to the dark side so it was only a matter of time before Dare gave in to temptation. And once he did, they were insatiable. There was a ton of sex in this book, but the fact that Dare was new to gay sex and the inventive ways Angel found to introduce him to various activities kept things moving right along. It was really sweet to see how tender and romantic Angel was with Dare too. It was obvious there were deeper feelings there for both of them. So why did Angel even make such a bonehead comment to bandmate Dusty on the phone about Dare just being a warm body? It crushed Dare and had consequences that only ended up hurting Angel too. You could really feel their angst and misery after they returned from Bali. But thanks to the help of their other bandmates (and a beautiful public declaration by Dare of his true feelings for Angel), these gorgeous hot rockers were able to find their HEA. I'm looking forward to reading the next book in this series, which hopefully has a little better editing ;)

Paul says

Wonderful! Can't wait to read the rest of this series :) thank you Z, I adore you :-)

