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Take two, and call me in the morning.

Eli and Zane. Colleagues at work and close friends, though on the surface it's an unexpected friendship between an odd couple. While Zane took the "high school to college to med school" track, medicine is Eli's second career and the best choice he ever made. He has work that he loves, an extended second family of colleagues and friends, and Zane.

So why does everyone make such a big deal about the pair of them?

Yes, they spend a lot of time together. It doesn't mean they're a real couple. When teased about it one too many times by their colleagues, Zane challenges Eli to set the record straight with a kiss to prove there's absolutely no chemistry between them.

Neither expected a spark to ignite between them. More than a spark. Desire. *Passion*.

Zane wants to try getting up close and personal again to see if it was a one-time fluke or something more. Eli thinks he's too old to jump the fence now, but he can't say no to Zane and he doesn't want to.

Truth be told, Eli's not so sure they can set the record straight after all.

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Smith Barney says

Sweet-and-sexy reality-based manlove. It doesn't blow your socks or rocks off but instead warms your heart in a subtle kind of way and it's the solid storytelling of Willa Okati that earned my ★4★ stars.

Or perhaps I'm just partial to the world of medicine with both MCs being docs, but I'd like to think it was due to the writer's masterful tone in blending their profession so skillfully into the story.

Two 40+year-old heterosexual men are best friends and professional colleagues in the world of healthcare and medicine. Eli's a former cop who changed career paths late in life and Zane comes from a life of wealth and privilege but has a burning need to provide for the less fortunate.

Drinks among friends and casual conversation plants innocuous suggestions..

..and triggers profound action and reaction that changes everything.

Susan says

DNF at 30%

The writing is not my style. I was constantly confused.

I don't like it when thoughts wander in the middle of a conversation. I kept losing track of what they were talking about.

Valerie ❀M/M Romance Junkie❀ says

Reread 8/20/2018 Still does it for me. Happy sigh

Re-read 7/20/2016

Read 10/26/2013

5-30-14. Quick re-read. I love this book. I've read it, at least, five times. I love that the main characters are friends and later in life. Love it!

Camille Adams says

A true gay for you, which I like. No one was gay but closeted before. The story was alright, good enough, a little chick-ish at times but workable.

The repetition of the phrase "they hissed when skin touched skin" was annoying and there could have been some more stamina with the sex but the showcase of what's important in life and the young gay couple friends were good elements in this story.

All in all, nice enough...but not wowing.

Karla says

4.5 stars!

Well I absolutely loved this one, but then again what's not to love, two straight hot doctors who've had a strong friendship for years. Till one day dared by friends to realize they share more than a friendship they decide to try a kiss....and holy shit what a kiss! there's no going back to being just best friends not from those fireworks.

Eli/Zane were both great guys, right away I felt their special bond and once they gave into their attraction it was pure hotness. I really liked how they took things slow taking in my mind how this was new territory for both of them. They go through ups and downs and doubts that were totally understandable. These guys weren't perfect but I liked that about them it made them feel real because before anything their friendship came first.

This book is told from Eli's POV and oh man! seeing him from doubting and being scared to lose his friendship with Zane to fighting for HIM sigh! I was so proud of him and blown away by how he proved his love to Zane.

I'm looking forward to reading book 2 and continuing the story of Eli/Zane and see what lies ahead for them.♥

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

DOUBLE Gay-For-You????

When I heard about the plot line for this book, I was all "MAMA LIKE." I mean, give me one gay newbie and I'm floating in heaven, but TWO and I'm practically reaching nirvana.

What can I say, I have a type. **Grins**

Plot-wise, I don't think this book is anything special. Nothing really *happens*. Sure, they talk about their jobs (nice going with the medical information, by the way, Willa Okati), and life in general, but there isn't much of a story arc.

But the sex?

Purrrrrrsssss

I mean, I couldn't get enough. Literally, couldn't get enough. Every touch, every kiss, I was HANGING on these dudes like a howler monkey.

My one major complaint is that there is very little sexual tension build-up before the first kiss. In fact, going from platonic to macking on each other happened almost immediately into the story. I would have preferred some more time before, you know, to REALLY ratchet up the tension.

But you won't hear me whining much about this story.

DarienMoya says

Still a cute read!

Susan65 says

“And Call Me in The Morning” started out a little slowly for me, but just about a third of the way in I was hooked. I really enjoyed the slow way Eli and Zane handled the surprising relationship they found themselves in. It was always "together" and that is how they were successful in wading through the great unknown of a same-sex relationship, when they were both in their early forties...and believed they were both

strictly heterosexual.

I was afraid at first that they would easily jump into sex, knowing exactly what to do, but fortunately it didn't happen that way. They got the kissing down first. Which I loved. And I also loved how Eli was at the beginning, too nervous to even look at Zane's body. It was cute and sweet and the love between them was so obvious. I want that.

The "incident" took me by surprise. I guess I should have expected it, but I didn't. How Eli handled seeing Zane hurt was so realistic. I can not imagine going through that. I saw this story as very realistic, emotion-wise, and recommend to all looking for a slow burn, but very loving and real gay-for-you.

Gigi says

Re-read Jan. 2017 Just as fun as I remembered!

This review is from a re-read in March 2013. I originally read this book back in 2011 and loved it! It was my absolute favorite friends-to-lovers/gay-for-you book until I read *Falling Into Place* and it meet it's match.

MC's Eli and Zane are best friends and doctors working at the same hospital. After some irritating ribbing from mutual friends, they decide to share a kiss to see if their already extremely close relationship could also include romance. The kiss throws both of the straight men off guard at how powerful it is. The book follows these two lovely men through exploring this new relationship while trying to keep their friendship intact. It is fabulous and loving and heartwarming and you will absolutely fall in love with both stubborn ex-cop Eli and do-gooder Zane.

If you like friends-to-lovers, gay-for-you, first time sex between committed partners who have strong feelings for one another, romance, hot make-up sex, angst and, of course, a HEA, I can **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** *And Call Me in the Morning*.

J Too Many Books Too Little Time says

2.5 Stars!!

I didn't really like this one as much as I was hoping to. Something about the writing, the story and the characters were off. I just never connected.

And maybe I don't like *double* gfy. One person's got to have a clue about how he feels.

Two clueless people....

.....annoying! They were so obviously in to each other it was ridiculous. Literally everyone saw it but them.

One of the things I like about gfy is the build-up. The discovery that you have feelings for someone you never expected. Then the exploring that comes a long with it.

I didn't get that with Zane and Eli. It was all too sudden. And Eli's attempts at being shocked and unsure just didn't feel real to me.

These two were 40+ years old but acted like they were 20.

Sadly, I skimmed the last 75%! That's not good.

Maybe it's just me???

„•*°*~Gwendolyn~°**★°**★ says

Eli and Zane **5 Sweet Strawberry Stars...**

and....It all starts here.....

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Sigh....

Gosh, that first kiss took my breath away....

The Book~ There is nooooo angst in this book, no villian's, no hater's, no cheating, no un-expected twist and turns...it's just a simple no-stress love story of two straight doctor's falling madly in love.

What did he say after that kiss....?

and I quote

"My God, Yeah. Him. Allah, Buddha, Vishnu, and Ganesha too"

So cute!

3rd read. Jan 2017

Alona says

4.5 stars!

BR with Mark.

What a great story!!
I enjoyed the hell of that, but can you blame me?
NO!

- Gay For You- Check!
- Double Gay For You- Check!
- Best Friends To Lovers- Check!
- Mature Intelligent Men-Check!
- Two Respected Doctors- Check!
- Good Writing- Check!
- Two HOT Men- Check!
- Perfect Balance of Angst-Story-Sex-Sweetness-Conversations- Check!

I would say- if these points pushes your buttons, READ IT!

Thank you Mark for pushing me into reading it with you!

It was as fun as ever!

Xox

Eva says

Beautiful Real 5 GFY stars

Loved.

“Falling in love with his closest friend had never been something Eli planned to do with his life. Wasn't as if he could have stopped it, though.”

“What do you want?” he whispered. “Anything. All you have to do is ask.”

Zane and Eli are a couple that aren't a couple and yet they *have* been for years. The only thing missing was the sexual aspect of it. Friends first and not just friends, but best friends and then one day they try a kiss just to prove everyone wrong, and end up just proving that everything was right. And not just right - but the true love.

Loved that for me it felt real, loved both MCs are over 35, just loved it big time. Recommended sweet with a dash of angst GFY MM romance.

BR with my ladies here

Sara says

I am a sucker for the friends to lover's trope. It makes me swoon and lets me imagine the boys are kinda like my action figures I try to make kiss. Don't judge me.

And Call Me in the Morning has been on my TBR list and owned for months. When I saw there was a sequel coming out I knew it was time to meet Eli and Zane and see what this whole deal was about.

The story is told exclusively through Eli's POV and begins with him meeting Zane for brunch with friends. Both men are in their early 40's (can I thank the author at least a dozen times for that alone?) and are doctors at Immaculate Grace Hospital. Their friends constantly tease them about being together so much and being more than friends. When the suggestion comes up that they don't know if they could be more because they haven't tried, the boys shrug it off and go about their meal.

But... Zane has other ideas and tells Eli that they should kiss just so they get it out of the way and can say they did and shut their friends up and *swoon* That first kiss? Oh yeah. The first kiss in any romance can make me melt but this one with long time friends opening themselves up to the unknown and the possibility of a new relationship with each other? Gah. Can someone hand me a fan? It's getting hot in here?

Everywhere Eli turned, all roads led to Zane. It scared the fuck out of him, but despite all his protests, it didn't scare him as much as he thought and that scared him most of all.

So, the boys fumble a bit with where they want to go from the kiss but ultimately they end up together. This was where it got really good because come on; two attractive men in their 40's learning the ins and outs of gay sex with each other? It was pretty damn hot.

Now while the sexy time was indeed sexy, there were a few things that kept pulling me out of the story:

- This is told in Eli's POV yet there were times I had to stop and read sentences over again because it felt like we switched into Zane's POV. There were things Eli knew going on with Zane, in his head, there was no possible way he could have known.

- The boys are doctors yet Eli didn't know what was given to Zane at one point when as a doctor it

could/would have been known for the treatment or he would have asked. Right? As a concerned partner, I would have asked and wanted to know, you would think an actual doctor would too.

-Two words; hand sanitizer. I still shake my head at that bit. It took me out of that scene and I wanted to be IN that scene more than anything.

Aside from the few editing issues and what I mentioned, this was still a fun read. The boys had serious chemistry and I loved that they were friends first and knew so much about one another. I liked Holly and Diana and the rolls they played in the story. They are both good friends and good doctors. I adored Taye and Richie from the moment we meet them both at brunch and fell for them as well the more we got of their story.

The end of this was adorable, romantic and oh so fitting for Eli and Zane - I can't wait to read the second book and catch up with the boys.

There was one advantage to being older when first trying this. No, two; appreciation of the journey and appreciating properly what he had. It was what he'd always wanted, even if he'd never known that.

3.5 stars

Barbara says

BR with my Friends - Here

Zane and Eli are 2 mature docs, who have A LOT of chemistry and I really liked they were friends first before they fall madly in love. I liked their friends Diana, Holly, Taye and Richie!! I also liked how things were wrapped up nice in the epilogue!!

A great friends-to-lovers story with hot-sex, romance, low drama and gay-for-you HEA!

A lovely pleasant read!!
