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Sam and Cody have settled into married life, live in their dream house, and are more in love than ever. There is just one thing missing from their lives to make their home complete. A baby to share their love with.

Adoption is hard enough, but the struggles and hardship of trying to adopt as a gay couple may be too much for the men to handle. When a series of setbacks leave both men with broken hearts and wounded souls, it will take a Christmas miracle to give Sam and Cody the strength to give adoption one more try.

## **Adore Details**

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# From Reader Review Adore for online ebook

## Sadonna says

Cute cute cute. I really like Sam and Cody and this is a sweet addition to their story. I hope we can continue to check in on this couple through they years - they are so happy and perfect for each other.

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## Michele says

Adore follows Sam and Cody into the next phase of their marriage....children. Adoption is difficult water to navigate as it taps every emotion. Their love is strong and beautiful as they prepare for the birth of their baby. Baby classes, books and videos they want to prove that they are ready and worthy of being chosen...and they do a great job! However, being prepared and worthy doesn't guarantee placement.

Sam and Cody have an amazing relationship that has deepened through their marriage with sexual intensity that burns red hot. It will be that love that gets them through the biggest heartache they have had to face. Gut wrenching pain will rock their world.

I had a very visceral and personal response to their story. Ms. Mayburn did a wonderful job relaying the emotions associated with adoption and how it impacts a relationship. Ann's commitment to detail was showed with her knowledge of the legal and emotional rollercoaster of this process. She will make you "Want" to "Cherish" and "Adore" Sam and Cody

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## Barb Manning says

*Adore* by Ann Mayburn is the third book in a contemporary romance that continues the story of Cody MacPherson and Sam Dunham, two young men married and fiercely in love with each other. Cody and Sam run an exotic stone business that has left them fairly well off. Their life together seems perfect from the outside, but one thing's missing to make it perfect -- a child of their own to make them a family.

Cody and Sam have an established relationship, so much of *Adore* focuses on their efforts to adopt an infant. Mayburn handles the story with a sensitive touch; constructing a tale that pulls all of the heart strings while detailing their rocky road to possible parenthood.

Mayburn's writing style is clean and crisp and some interesting characters populate *Adore*, including the young mother-to-be, Nancy and her challenging mother, Mrs Yost, as well as Cody and Sam's attorney, Arthur. *Adore* leaves you with a warm feeling about love, commitment and family. It's a fine conclusion to a romantic trilogy about two men trying to make a family.

This is a sweet tale; a nice and easy read to curl up with on a long winter night. Cody and Sam are an engaging couple determined to become a great family.

## **Julie Ramsey says**

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This is a lovely book following a gay couple, Sam and Cody, as they try to adopt a baby and the highs and lows of the process.

This book really pulled at my heartstrings, I can totally understand what it must be like to want a baby yet be unable have one naturally and I can also understand how it would feel if you had to give a baby away. The fact that the couple this book is about are both male really seems irrelevant to the story (unless you are likely to be offended by the sexy bits), they have a big house, a loving relationship and a great family and you find yourself really rooting for them to get their dream.

I would rate this book at 4.5 out of 5 stars

Petra

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## **Evita says**

The third in the series takes us much deeper into Sam and Cody's life. Their business has grown as has their longing to become an actual family. They start the proceedings to adopt a baby, and take all kinds of classes, read every book available...they want to be the best for their baby! Unfortunately not all dreams come true, they have to find a way to persevere. Slowly but surely they do. Their love and commitment to each other is so strong, they understand their dream is only set aside for now. But miracles do happen!

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## **Janie says**

My heart just about broke when Nancy changed her mind and Sam & Cody went into the room to ask her why. But I loved that they did finally get their little miracle in Sera. Beautiful ending to the story.

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## **Lily says**

**3.5 stars**

Even though this is the third book in a series that I haven't read I had no problems following Sam & Cody's story. There's a bit of angst in their struggle to become parents but they definitely get their super sweet HEA ending.

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### **Shelby P says**

I'm glad that this book was a bit longer than the first two. I liked this one best in the series. The emotions really came through in regards to the adoption. The sex was pretty hot as well. I like how the story played out.

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### **Dee Wy says**

So sweet! How can you not love Sam and Cody? This was a great look into the adoption process. Nicely done.

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### **Becky Condit says**

For a short story, Adore still takes us through some highs and lows. I definitely recommend reading the first two books in the story but it could be read as a standalone book. It is a quick read and I did shed a tear or two mostly out of happiness but needed a cool drink for the smoking hot sex! Sam and Cody fans will not be disappointed in Adore!

Please see Lady McNeill's complete review on December 10, 2012 at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....>

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### **Serena Yates says**

Where the first two books in this series (Want and Cherish) are hot and deal with the initial stages of Sam and Cody's relationship, this third book goes deeper. Not only do they have to deal with disappointment and hopelessness for the first time, they discover how important they are to each other – despite everything else, and they grow as a couple because of it. I also loved that this book was longer!

Like many couples who love each other deeply, Sam and Cody want a baby to make their family complete. Now that their relationship is well-established, they have finished the house they live in, and their professional futures running an exotic stone business is assured, they turn their attention toward their home life. Nothing should be easier or more rewarding. And their need for a baby, their love for that new life they are hoping to join them is palpable. I grinned at their descriptions of making the house baby-proof, of visiting parenting classes, and of getting the baby's room ready. It all shows their deep commitment.

Unlike many other couples, both being gay, they have a much harder time of it. Any straight couple unable to have kids and looking to adopt, and any other gay or lesbian couple will be able to relate to the frustration of having to deal with an adoption lawyer and adoption agencies (although theirs are both very supportive). And when the planned adoption falls through, both of them are devastated. This may not be the first real obstacle they have to deal with as a couple, but it is certainly one of the worst. Emotions flare up, and I was sucked right into their grief and anger, their need to find a way to move forward.

If you're looking for a story that will leave you in tears (or close to them), if you enjoy reading about two men dealing with hope and devastation both making their love for each other stronger, and if you want to know what happens to Sam and Cody, who met at a 1 Night Stand event, you will probably like this novella. I thoroughly enjoyed it!

NOTE: This book was provided by Decadent Publishing for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

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## **Gabbi says**

<http://top2bottomreviews.wordpress.com/>

4.5 Kisses!!

When I read 'Want' which is the first book that introduces us to Sam and Cody, I knew they were something special. As a reader, the love they have for each other really resonates with me. So, when I saw that their story continues in 'Adore' I couldn't wait to read the continuation of their life together.

The blurb does an excellent job at describing the gist of the story. The two men are married and are expecting to adopt a baby boy, but when things unexpectedly fall through, they're relationship is tested by the disappointment and sadness they feel because of it. I thought Ms. Mayburn did an outstanding job at describing the pain these two men go through. I admit, I cried with them and hoped that some way they would find a way to heal together and not give up hope that one day they'd have a family of their own.

As a reader, I appreciated how much the two men seem to come out stronger together in the end. I shamelessly admit that I rejoiced at the ending of this book and found myself smiling with happiness at the way everything turned out in the end. This is a fast-paced, lovely story that I thoroughly enjoyed.

Adore is a bittersweet, realistically told romance that shows how the power of love can heal all wounds and make us stronger. It is filled with hope, disappointment and the happiness these two men experience while trying to adopt a baby for their own. I enjoyed every minute of this book, and I hope Ms. Mayburn will write more about these characters in the future.

Adore is the third book in the Sam and Cody series. Although it could easily be read as a stand-alone romance, I highly recommend reading the books in series order. This way you'll understand the dynamics between Sam and Cody and you'll get to see how their relationship has progressed.

The Sam and Cody series is book order are:

Want  
Cherish  
Adore

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## Leann says

Adore by Ann Mayburn

I've followed this awesome couple from the beginning in Want, and then in Cherish, and this delightful Christmas tale of Cody and Sam.....Utterly breathtaking. The heartbreaking story, and journey of trying to adopt a child of their own left me in tears. I felt as if I was right there with them experiencing everything from the word go.

I had the awesome honor of reading this story before everyone else, and I can honestly say this series will be one of those that I will go back to over and over again.

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## Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

### Posted on Under the Covers

Ann Mayburn titled this book so appropriately because I ADORED every single moment of this short story. I've been following Sam and Cody's story for awhile now and nothing pleases me more than reading about two men who have found love within each other and are able to express that kind of love by bringing someone new into their world.

Mayburn infuses such heart into this little story. It was both touching and heartbreaking. I found myself tearing up multiple times as I read it. Seeing the hope and happiness in Sam and Cody as they went through the adoption process not only made for an amazing story, but also displayed their personal strength as individual characters and also the strength of their bond. Despite the blow they were dealt, Sam and Cody didn't give up and I think that was what made this short story so inspiring and touching.

I am hoping that Mayburn decides to write more M/M stories, possibly full length ones so that more readers can experience her writing. I think she has a great voice and can definitely write some steamy M/M scenes. Also, if you're new to M/M and are unsure if you want to try it yet, I think this series is a good one to test the waters. It has good writing and emotional depth, but is shorter in length (but not in intensity) so I think it's a good introduction to the M/M genre. I hope readers give this series a shot!

\*ARC provided by author

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## Michelle says

3.5 stars

I enjoyed this 'short' story,, more than the first two. For the little time we actually get to know the M/C's when they're not having sex.. they are really likeable guys.

If you're looking for a series with depth.. look elsewhere (book 3 shows the most emotion, character building, and storyline)..

Filling out the book data on goodreads took nearly as much time as reading each story.

