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When Noah wakes up in the hospital, he's relieved to see his best friend Mark at his side. Mark's always been there for him—ever since a school bully tried to steal Noah's lunch money. Is it too much for Noah to hope that Mark will want to be a more permanent part of his life?

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## From Reader Review Broken Bones, Mended Hearts for online ebook

### Meri says

It wasn't a bad story, but it did seem very underdeveloped. I can handle it if the story/plot is weak but the characters are strong (or vice versa). However this one seemed weak on both sides and simply fell flat.

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### Ami says

Though it opens with Noah on the bed, broken bones after being beaten by bully in his university, but this short story is angst free. It's pretty sweet about how two best friends (Noah and Mark) come to try a new chapter in their relationship. A GFY story -- which while not always my first choice of theme, it's still nice to read once in awhile. I would've given this 3.5 stars but I need to add the extra 0.5 stars for Noah's relationship with his siblings, especially his little 8-year-old brother, Aaron, which is just too cute to ignore.

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### Serena Yates says

This is a very short feel-good story about two best friends who discover the potential for more when one of them is beaten up and ends up in hospital.

Noah and Mark have been best friends since kindergarten, and their transition into being boyfriends is as effortless and angst-free as their long years of friendship that went before. While the plot isn't complicated, the backstory is rich and made me laugh several times. This was a nice surprise find for me.

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### Nikyta \*Miss Forgetful\* says

*Broken Bones, Mended Hearts* is the type of story that doesn't require much thinking and has the perfect resolution to any conflict. Almost.

Noah ends up in the hospital because he was beat up on his way out of the library all because he hit on a straight guy and the man didn't particularly like that. He wakes up from a coma three days later to see his best friend, Mark, waiting by his bedside. From there everything in the next couple of days goes perfectly. The long time crush Noah has on his best friend results with them being a couple and all of his family accepts the fact he's gay.

While the story was okay, I didn't like how everything was just all too perfect. There's not much conflict besides what happens at the beginning and the supposed straight guy, Mark, was automatically okay with jacking off another guy, being gay, and having a boyfriend all in one day. I also would have liked a little more attention towards Noah's injuries. He was hurt very seriously and I'd imagine Noah would have been in much more pain then what was portrayed especially since both his legs were in casts but he was still able to move around some and let his brother sit on his lap with no problem at all.

Overall, it's a nice light, short story even if it's slightly unrealistic.

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## **D says**

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A quick study in Hurt/Comfort. GFY, HEA Short read.

Noah (Owl)-Has been crushin' on his best friend Mark since he was six.

Mark- Noah's best friend since they were six years old. Always there to pull Noah out of a bind.

Noah wakes up in the hospital in bad shape after an assault on campus. Mark is there for him and wants to know what happened but Noah refuses to say. Flirting with the wrong person can get you two broken legs and a broken arm. Talk about bad shape. Noah finally tells what happened thinking that Mark would be disappointed in him. Mark is a true friend, who is holding something back too.

After a quick kiss to his lips, Noah is stunned by Marks action. He's the gay one, not Mark! Mark brushes it off by saying that he wanted to know what it felt like. But Noah wants more. He's had fantasies about his best friend for a long time.

Hannah, Noah's sister, is like a mother to Noah. She's on her way to take care of him.

*“You know her,” Mark said before chuckling,  
successfully pushing away thoughts of exactly why I needed  
to talk with the police. “She won’t give up until you’re back  
at full health.”*

*“I know. I think she has some kind of mother complex,”  
I said with a laugh. Not that I’d change anything about her—  
not much anyway.” –Broken Bones, Mended Hearts*

Noah gets that second kiss and Mark wants to have a little fun for a while. Mark discovers that he wants to get serious about the relationship. Noah's all for it. They become a couple, tells the family about it, the family is very supportive of it, and they live happily ever after. This was a nice getaway for me today.

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## **Chris says**

Good m/m romance short about a college student whose best friend helps him out after he's been severely beaten. Especially recommended if you're looking for a sweet, non-angsty read!

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### **Diane says**

*Broken Bones, Mended Hearts* is a good read if you are in the mood for a light feel good short story. I'd particularly recommend it as a nice way to clean your palate after reading something dark or heavy. Think of it as a literary breath mint! :)

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### **Camille Adams says**

Oh, this was corny and ridiculously written. There was ZERO tension, development or characterisation. This was like drinking butter, smooth and liable to make you choke on it.

The worst was the best friend who becomes gay for the MC. Literally, in the blink of an eye, in the measure, the span of a paragraph a straight man calmly, smilingly decides to become his bff's boyfriend. The fact that I am using the term BFF should provide a clue as to how immature this story is.

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### **Jess Candela says**

It had a very juvenile tone to it. And it was all too easy. Noah's injuries only seemed to matter to the extent that it put him in a position for Mark to get more intimate. And Mark, who has been straight, all of a sudden is in love with his best friend, jacking him off in the bath, and totally fine with it. It helped a little that they'd apparently jacked each other off as kids, but not enough for Mark's total and complete ease with it.

And why did Dad come with the little brother, have breakfast, and then take off for the hotel while everyone else hung around? Dad apparently came back for dinner, but the dynamics all just seemed a little weird.

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### **Maya says**

A very short, sweet and uncomplicated read.

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### **Tara says**

This was a sweet story that grew out of something awful. It was a little too sweet for me and everything seemed to come really easy. Easy as in agreeable and without angst or conflict. Except for the initial conflict (which really isn't touched upon much in the story), everything was ideal. If that's what you are looking for, then this is your book.

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### **Karen K says**

Very sweet book but way too short for my liking. I'd love to know more about the characters, and see how

their relationship progresses. I found myself grinning all the way through and that's a very good thing.

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### **Norah says**

The story is short but oh so very sweet, like a quick lick of your favourite candy.

Noah and mark friends for ever best buds for life.

when noah is hurt , mark is there like always to pick up the pieces , NOah is gay but mark is straight ,,, isnt he???

I loved this oh so sweet make you feel good story.The characters are well developed for a short read and you cant help but fall in love with them both . Plus all the add on characters and I do mean characters LOL are just awesome.

Like sunshine on a rainy day it will brighten your day and lift your heat.

A must for the oh so romantic at heart who still believes in the purity of love.

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### **Janna says**

This is a short story (42p) so I try to keep this review short too, because I don't want to spoil your reading pleasure by telling too much about the plot.

What I definitely want to share is that I read this story with a smile on my face from the first page to the last. Don't expect your heart to be wrung, because this is not that kind of romance, it's a nice, angst free read.

Something you don't always expect in a GFY (Gay For You) themed story – Noah is gay and his best friend Mark is straight, or so he thought. Until Mark has to take care of Noah, after Noah wakes up in the hospital with broken limbs.

I loved about Broken Bones, Mended Hearts that the guys, or boys if you want, are carefree and uncomplicated. I thought that was rather refreshing. Noah and Mark have a cute relationship that evolves from friendship into love. And Mr. Cooper does get you there in an unexpected way.

The story is told from Noah's point of view (first person), which makes you feel connected with him. But at the same time I loved Mark, who is the best friend in the world, and whose open mindedness is appealing. Both protags seem rather young – they're still in college – which adds to their cuteness and makes their relationship sweet and endearing. Hence the never disappearing smile on my face.

Besides these two main characters this story has a bunch of secondary ones, all part of Noah's family. Their presence made the plot a bit overcrowded but they, like Mark and Noah, almost instantly felt like real people too, which caused me to long for more tales about this couple and their loved ones. Maybe we can get a sequel, Mr. Cooper? And maybe one with more pages so we can enjoy Noah and Mark even more? Because I would really like to learn more about their feelings for each other. I also would like to know if they'll stay together and how their explorations in the smexing department go from here. And about that... I wouldn't mind if the sexy scenes got a wee bit more explicit. We girls love that about m/m romance... \*ahum\*... or is that just me?

3.75 stars

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### **Lily says**

Very nice story about college friends, one gay and the other straight, who after one is badly beaten discover that perhaps they're more than just friends. The story is very short unfortunately but is overall entertaining

and sweet with nice, likable protags.

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