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Josh has loved Robin since the day they met, although he never dared to follow his heart. After the two are kicked out of their house, a night of despair turns into a night of discovery, forever changing them both. One taste of his dream leaves Josh hungry for more, but Robin's fear of abandonment forces him to pull back, denying them both.

Their fortunes changed. Josh and Robin are now in the limelight with legendary megaband The Dark Angels, but Robin is still the scared little boy inside the rock star who isn't convinced he won't be left behind. He clings tightly to the word "brother" because stepbrothers can't leave, right?

There's only one way for Josh to prove to Robin, now and forever, that the love tying them together can never be broken.

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Allybaba says

1.5 stars

This started promising then took a weird U-turn into group sex which seemed to go against the MCs personalities and how they felt and thought about each other. The scene kind of came out of nowhere and I just didn't feel it was necessary to the development of the plot. It pissed me off and as a result I don't think I am not reading the 3rd book in the series.

Paisleyrowan says

This gives you bittersweet and yearning, but doesn't get too heavy. And it has plenty of sexy times, though It's kind of repetitive how the MCs always seem to be done within a minute of getting started and take almost no time for recovery before they are ready to go again. Not that I'm begging for constant hours-long sessions or once a week recovery. Just maybe something that doesn't feel so underdeveloped and unrealistic? Of course, the underdeveloped thing may be deliberate, as the characters have usually kept their interactions quick, though later on it's mentioned how they know their partner's bodies so well from having explored it so much... Maybe it's just me, feeling the signals are a bit mixed. The love can't be denied between these two, though, which is the biggest saving grace and selling point to this story. And the series draws you in.

Bea says

La primera parte del libro me gustó mucho. Supongo que como esperaba una castaña, lo que leí me pareció sorprendentemente bueno; y entonces llegó el momento en que vuelve a convertir lo que podía haber sido un buen libro en el guión de una peli porno. Hay que reconocerle a la autora un merito que he encontrado en pocos autores antes que en ella: conseguir que una (interminable) escena sexual parezca escrita para niños de diez años. No es fácil.

Después entramos en problemas personales míos (view spoiler)

No me gustó nada la "segunda parte" del libro. Parecía que hubiera sido escrito por otra persona. Cambió completamente el tono el libro, cambió la forma de narrar, el lenguaje... cambiaron hasta los personajes.

No terminó de gustarme la historia de esta pareja. No pude entender cuál era el gran problema que veía Robin en estar con Josh. No termina de desarrollar esa idea y se queda como una excusa pobre y tonta. Sobre todo cuando al final se soluciona con una conversación. Una. ¿Y hasta ese momento? ¿son muditos? ¿no podían haber aclarado antes las cosas?

Me llamó la atención que Robin fuera un poco submisivo, y que necesitase que Josh fuese dominante... No le pega nada al personaje, lo pintan como un pelele en manos de Robin, un pusilánime incapaz de enfrentarse a

su problema, con una relación enfermiza de la que debería haber intentado huir como de la peste. Es la alfombra en la que Robin se limpia los pies; eso sí, el chico lo hace sin maldad (lo de limpiarse los pies digo) Lo peor de todo es que hasta tiene un par de buenas ideas con las que podría haber alargado la trama o haberle dado un poco de sentido al libro, pero las desperdicia reduciéndolas a un par de capítulos.

Otra cosa que no me gustó, fue el personaje de Dare, ¿A qué viene el cambio? Pierde todo el sentido y la personalidad que le había dado en el primer libro. A mí me gusto el desarrollo que le había dado al personaje (fue de una de las pocas cosas que me gustó), le encontré sentido a su lucha interna y a su conclusión. En este libro la conclusión es que es incapaz de asumir que es gay, completamente gay, y que si al principio dudó de su relación con Angel fue por cobardía, por miedo a ser gay.

En fin, podría seguir con las cosas que no me gustaron, pero quiero seguir con el nuevo libro que he empezado a leerme. Obviamente se acabaron las oportunidades para esta saga y muy probablemente para esta autora. No me leo los quedan ni loca :P

Cryselle says

My copy, provided by the author in exchange for an honest review, is for the second edition from Rocky Ridge Books. Nice presentation, BTW.

This second book in the Dark Angels series is an excellent second look at the band and all its gay members. Josh and Robin showed up in the first book as supporting characters to larger than life Angel and his waffling bisexual love interest Dare. We could see clearly from their brief moments in the first book that there are ISSUES.

A huge theme is “who is family?” and “what does that mean?” The band’s prurient audiences love the idea of twincest, (Which for me is automatic back button) but the guys are stepbrothers. It’s a close enough connection to keep things from being simple for Robin. If they’re brothers, they have the unbreakable connection of family, but if they’re lovers, they have the possibility of the relationship unraveling. Robin can’t bear to risk the loss of Josh, not seeing how he’s risking the very loss he fears.

That luscious cover is your first hint to put on your yaoi glasses, because some things that work in that mindset would work less well in a straight contemporary. Once I’d adjusted, I could ease up on the aggravation of the plot, because the main thread is Robin’s “I can’t have what I want” vs Josh’s “I’m trying to give you what you want, damn it!” Hitting Robin with every cluebat under the sun became necessary, and I actually wanted to spank some sense into him. He’d probably enjoy it anyway.

However, I was very annoyed with him because he was getting what he wanted and making sure no one, including himself, was happy about it. Fear not, there are attitude adjustments. We get to watch Robin slowly remove his head from dark places. Bless Josh for being a rock of determination and sticking out Robin’s endless waffling. It helps to not think too hard about the timeline.

It wouldn’t be a Z Allora book without lots and lots of hot sex, would it? Not always happy sex, but that’s kind of the point: they have to work for their happiness, and that’s harder than achieving orgasms. The book wanders into a bit of BDSM-lite, which makes perfect sense in context and isn’t so much as to squick this non-BDSM reader.

The other members of the band weave in and out of Josh and Robin's story, so we can see how Angel and Dare are getting along, and watch Dusty fight a few inner demons with information and references. These guys are all evolving, and they're all farther along at the end of the book, but nothing's wrapped up so tightly that it's the end of the story. Which is good news, because that means I'll get another couple of books to read.

Dana says

After meeting Robin and Josh in *With Wings*, I was very excited to read and review *Tied Together*. The first thing I want to mention is how much I enjoy the way the author describes the band's performances, especially Angel's introductions to the members. The sexy way he slinked across stage enticing the crowd and the reader.

In the previous book, Robin and Josh were supportive friends, but you could see the chemistry between them. The two have a push and pull relationship. One moment they are in each other's arms, unable to resist their attraction, the next pulling away as if burned. It made me frustrated with them, but at the same time I could feel for them and their worries about giving into their forbidden romance.

I am a fan of taboo books, having read and enjoyed books with brothers in love, and even a father and son. So for me stepbrothers doesn't seem that taboo or forbidden, with no blood being shared between the two characters. Still the two boys were raised together and Robin at least was worried about the "rightness" of their relationship. It didn't help that the media was always trying to play up their familial relationship, calling them twins. Both men worried about how they would be perceived if they decided to really be with each other, and not just in moments of weakness.

Robin is the more sensitive of the two men, and it really weighed on him more. I could feel for him and his doubts but my real sympathy was with Josh whose heart broke every time Robin pulled away. When the boys join two other members of the band for a night, things begin to get easier but there are a few more trials for them to get past, an accident and accusations. There were definitely angsty moments and I like that even though I hurt for Josh, I could never hate Robin and the decisions he made. It was a great story in the series and makes me wish these guys were a real band so I could get a ticket to their show. I am looking forward to the next book in the series and definitely recommend the first two.

Teri says

[except for the subby parts (hide spoiler)]

Snowtulip says

3.5

Robin and Josh are so absolutely sweet and sexy in this book. The reader gets a glimpse into their past and how they ended up with the issues that they are dealing with. The beginning and end of the book were paced a little differently and threw me off a bit, but I still enjoyed reading their story. Like many books where

communication is an issue, I had my moments of wanting to strangle the characters, but it didn't detract too much. The music video scenes were so incredibly endearing. Love the rock star stories!

Felicia (Ferishia) says

After reading *The Dark Angels: With Wings* with Darius and Angel, I was eager to read Josh and Robin's story. The short glimpses of them in *With Wings* convinced me that their story would be complicated and a little dark.

Josh and Robin grew up together in the same home but they are not blood-related even though they share the same last name. Josh's feelings for Robin are far from brotherly. But he hides them from Robin, knowing Robin thinks of him as a brother. Robin is unsure what he feels for Josh, so he hides behind their relationship as 'brothers'.

Things become more complicated for them when Josh's father kicks them out of his home. With no one but each other to depend on, they live on the streets.

Stories that have two characters that want each other but think that they cannot have each other because of some real or imaginary obstacles intrigue me the most. I was not disappointed. The plot takes on some interesting twists, with a LOT of smexy boys-in-the-band action. Another hot and sexy addition to Z. Allora's *The Dark Angels* series.

Now I can't wait to see how Dusty's story will unfold.

Lipvixen says

I am glad i read this despite the foursome warning. It was actually a pretty sexy scene where no one was used abused or forced into it. I am so glad the boys did not get into prostitution to survive when they were starving and homeless. Robin's kind heart saved them just in time and led them to a home with Uncle Leo.

I love Uncle Leo! He cared for the boys like they were his own and saved them from a life of abuse and degradation.

Toni Dewberry says

Josh and Robin's story was awesome!!

Their love and devotion for each other was a beautiful thing to see evolve. I will admit that it was hard to read some of the things they went through due to "he who doesn't deserved to be named". Yet, it was a testament to their bond and strength, to see them come through it all and still be who they are, despite everything thrown at them. Their utter lack of verbal communication with each other was nerve wracking, and seemed to be one of their major road blocks that completely took its toll on their relationship. But

watching them maneuver their way through that mind field, and how they came out on the other side with a stronger sense of themselves and each other, was worth all the grunts, gasps and 'oh, come on's'. In "With Wings", you did a fabulous job showing the family dynamic within the band and how each of them play an intricate part of it. It was continued on perfectly in this book with their banter and teasing of each other. There were touching sentimental times shared, showing just what they all mean to each other, yet there were also jabs, pokes and even a few snide moments. All of this added to the family dynamic they have going on. It was even great to see Megan being involved in this as well. She so fits right in with the guys.

I absolutely LOVE this series and can not wait for Dusty's book!

Heather♥ says

I couldn't wait for this book to come out because I just adore the boys of the Dark Angels. And Josh and Robin were no exception. They had a complicated and frustrating relationship because Robin would keep Josh at a distance after every passionate encounter. I really felt sorry for Josh during those moments. But I could also understand Robin's reluctance to give in to his feelings because of fear of losing his "brother" and public reaction to their relationship. But no matter what, there was no denying the love they felt for each other. This was especially obvious after Robin's car accident. I liked how the beginning of the book shared Josh's flashbacks to the first time he and Robin were intimate and their life with Uncle Leo. But then halfway through the story events at Dare's birthday party completely derailed things for me. (view spoiler) I thought the sex between Josh and Robin was incredibly hot though (and abundant) and I loved everything about the ending (view spoiler) I can't wait for poor confused Dusty's story [hopefully without anymore playing around ;)]

Erica Pike says

I think I have a new appreciation for BDSM! Loved this story, loved the foursome, soooo loved Josh. My only problem with this story was that the editing could have been a lot better. There were so many spelling mistakes, missing words and even shifts in tense. I'm disappointed that the MLR line editor didn't catch those. Didn't take away from my enjoyment of the story though. I'm very lucky that Dusty's story is already out and I have it on my Kindle. Now, excuse me, I've got some reading to do ;)

Cheryl says

The first Dark Angels book brought us the story of Angel and Darius. The one brings us the story of the "Twins" Josh and Robin.

When Josh was five Robin's mother married his father. They were raised together.

After Robin's mother died Josh's dad got worse with drinking and hitting. They cling together even more to try to survive their home life. Josh's dad found one of Robin's gay erotic novels and kicked them out.

While living on the streets they gave their virginity to each other. Out of money, Josh was going to sell his body. Robin yelled at him and they ran over to save a man who was being beaten. The man invited them back to his place. Uncle Leo offered them a place to stay and a chance to get their geds. He owned a music store and taught the boys to play different instruments.

One day Angel walked in the store and heard them working on a song. Next thing they know Angel was offering them a chance to be in the band. The rest they say is history.

Josh and Robin love each other. Josh wants Robin for a lover full time. Robin feels Josh will leave him if they become lovers.

I loved both stories and anxiously wait the third book in the series.
Thank Z. Allora for bringing us hot sexy rockers.

Alex says

[The flashback comes while we are waiting to find out if Robin is goi

Caroline Brand says

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4.75 Stars

The second book in the Dark Angels Series and there is a lot to get through! Josh and Robin are commonly referred to as 'The Twins' by the press and fans alike. There is also a lot of naughty fan fiction out there about them. Most young men that had been brought up as brothers wouldn't have a problem with everybody's fixation on this aspect of their relationship but for Josh and Robin it's a nightmare. Their parents may have been married but they are not blood related, they are in fact in love with each other and it is breaking their hearts.

When Angel Luv was putting The Dark Angels together he came across Josh and Robin by accident when he heard them playing in a small music shop. We all know Angel always gets what he wants and the rest as they say is history. Their lives leading up to that part had been difficult and often brutal and is told in small flashbacks at the start of the story. The day they saved Uncle Leo was the day that Uncle Leo also saved them.

Josh wants nothing more than to tell the world that he loves Robin, he wants a proper relationship where they don't have to hide and where they can just enjoy the rest of their lives with each other. He looks at Angel and Dare, how loving they are, and it breaks his heart every time. The more snatched moments of passion that Robin allows the more difficult it becomes to lose him again afterwards.

Robin is much more cautious. He is deeply in love with Josh and every now and again that need spills over and the two end up together for a short time, but then the guilt and fear take over and Robin pulls away and puts the walls back into place. His fear of abandonment overrules everything else and he would rather have Josh in his life and bury his feelings of love than have his love and lose him. He is delicate, emotional and in desperate need of a keeper. His submissive tendencies are eating him alive; he is craving what Josh is offering but terrified of what that means.

There is quite a lot of sex in this book, they are a bunch of rock stars after all. It is fun and imaginative but

none more so than the hot foursome. It is not a gratuitous scene but two friends offering a guilt free way for two men to be together even if it's just for a few short hours. The night itself is a catalyst for the relationship between Josh and Robin. We discover a little more about Dare when this happens and it seems that he and Robin have a lot more in common than we first thought. When the night is over Robin feels as though he has gained an ally and finally has someone to talk to about the way he feels.

The ending of the story is perfect. It is a hard won battle against perception and a huge battle against Robin's demons. It is a love conquers all ending and perfect for my favourite group of rockers.
