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What starts out as curiosity on the part of a senior special agent of the very covert Washington Bureau of Intelligence and Security becomes a series of mind games when the DD of Operational Targeting he's intrigued by learns of it and becomes curious himself.

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Barbara Douglas says

The soap-opera with violent interludes continues -- very entertainingly!

Snowtulip says

I am a sucker for epic stories with action, suspense, romance, and humor. This book has all of that. I love the relationship that develops between Quinn and Mark; the pace of that relationship is perfect. Even though it was a long story, I was very sad to see it end. At first I wasn't a fan of the POVs and replay of events, but I soon started to enjoy the way this was done and seeing the same event from a different view. So much so, that I missed Mark's POV at the end of the story. I enjoyed the secondary characters and the relationships and emotions that were portrayed throughout the story. I would love to see a number of spin offs from those characters. I am very glad for this recommend.

Cori says

I absolutely loved this book. 4.5 stars - the only thing I would have changed is that it seemed a bit unnecessary to go back and re-do an entire scene from the other character's POV. Instead, maybe do the chapter from alternating POVs. It seemed to get a bit redundant in the parts where the MCs were interacting and I found myself skimming quite a bit.

Other than that, though, the story was great, the secondary characters were such an amazing addition to the story, and the growth of each of the MCs was really interesting to watch.

Hellen says

I would've dropped this chapters ago if I hadn't found myself mesmerized by Mark and Quinn, his personalities, the build-up of their relationship. I love when the MCs are rivals, enemies or simply can't stand each other, for even when the plot is not very solid, the characters keep you amused. So this one goes directly to my favorites shelf.

Nicole Kimberling posted an interesting post a month ago at Reviews by JesseWave that I think fits perfectly with Mann of my Dreams:

You find yourself liking the characters, the prose, the setting but somehow around ten or so pages in you suddenly find yourself... bored. And you can't figure out why. [...] Why? Because no events are unfolding in real time.

The book has so many possibilities: Quinn is CIA and Mark WBIS, they keep telling us nobody must know about them, that their agencies are rivals, that Wallace won't overlook it, that they have a lot of enemies. Well, why they are not discovered? Why didn't anyone follow them? Spy on them? The book has 600+

pages, you'd expect some conflict. Aside from Paris and the break up, what else is there for the remaining 300 pages?

There are way too many dish names, some important scenes are skipped (like their time together at the island) and others overly detailed (riding a horse?). They have the ability to read each other's mind, or smell their arousals. There's this scene where Quinn is in the car fantasizing and Mark grins like he knew what was going on. What the hell?!

I liked it, but I didn't need all those pages to know that the French guy wasn't Quinn's one. And for God's sake, where's the long awaited confession? Was I taking a nap and missed it? Am I too romantic and it's perfectly normal to replace ILV with Forever? Gah!

ETA: They are constantly shouting at each other. Annoying exclamation points...

Nikyta *Miss Forgetful* says

Wow! What a ride! And a *long* one at that!

I absolutely loved this one. I got caught up in all the suspense and mystery and the suspicion from both characters in the beginning of their relationship.

Because this book is so long, it's obvious a lot happens during the novel. One of those things is seeing the multiply layers both Quinton Mann and Mark Vincent have. I found it fascinating the way they were portrayed from outsiders and secondary characters but then how they were so different with each other and then again when they both learned to trust each other unconditionally peeled back another layer to see who Mark and Quinn where deep down. They went from the Ice Man and the Sociopath to these two people who learned they have it in themselves to love someone so much it hurts to even *think* of something bad happening to the other. I fell in love with it because it was just so sweet how they changed and the way they handled one another *dreamy sigh* They may have started off as enemies but I have no doubt a lot of people wish in real life they had the type of love Quinn and Mark have. :-/

Like I said, there's a boat load of suspense and mystery. So much so it'd be hard to even mention it all because I'd most likely forget some of it. Let's just say there's everything from killing to meeting the family and everything in between in this one. Very, *very* entertaining.

Even though I did love it, I had a few problems with it. Like most readers, the repetitive scenes were a tad annoying and somewhat hard to get through in the beginning but during the second half of the book they weren't so bad because they didn't explain every little thing twice over like in the start of the book. Also, there was just a bit too much sex for my liking. It was hot as hell and I enjoyed it immensely! But, that still didn't stop me from thinking, "What? Again? Sheesh! You horny old dogs!" Lol

One thing I was disappointed wasn't addressed, though, was what people in the CIA and WBIS would have thought of if they found out Quinn and Mark were together? I would have liked to see how Quinn and Mark handled their employers finding out about their almost two year affair. Alas, no one knew besides Matheson and Mark handled that but we didn't actually see it so my thirst wasn't quenched on that topic. :-(

With that said, I wholeheartedly recommend this **free** read. It was a great book and even though it was long, it left me wanting more of Quinn and Mark and of the secondary characters as well..... And, um, would it be too much to ask for an HEA for Smitty and one for Max, too?! I'm looking forward to reading Matheson's and Theo's, though! :D

Lady*M says

I struggled through the third of the story and I just couldn't go on. This is extremely rare for me. The repetitions irritated me and I just couldn't suspend my belief enough to believe that these two protagonists were intelligent, capable super agents. Maybe, I'll try to reread this story later but for now, I'm abandoning it. DNF.

Lori K says

Only thing that kept it from a solid 5 was the repetition.

Right up there with The Morning Star for free online fics!

Eden Winters says

What can I say about Mann of My Dreams, other than the fact that it totally blew me away? The heart-pounding action, the hot chemistry between our two heroes, each a star of competing organizations. From the very first paragraph this story grabbed me and wouldn't let go. There's also spin-offs, all fantastic. I cannot recommend this story highly enough. Bravo to Tinnean for creating characters so real that you could almost invite them to dinner.

ElaineY says

I want so much to give this 5 stars because it has all the ingredients that I look for in an MM romantic suspense. Unfortunately, the Alternate 1st Person POV was so *so* overdone I can't give it the 5 stars it would have easily had.

The book starts off with Mark's POV then the next chapter switches to Quinn's POV. The problem is that Quinn's POV includes almost the entire scene already covered in Mark's POV. Worse, some parts are repeated verbatim so you're taken through the entire scene all over again, same dialogue and end up with very little that's new. After several chapters of this hit-the-rewind-button, I just skipped all the repeats and I know I missed nothing because the previous coverage of that scene already gave me enough insight into *both* characters.

MoMD is one case where the 1st Person POV would have sufficed because the author already did a great job

giving the story through Mark Vincent's POV so much so that it was also easy to figure out Quinn's feelings on whatever the issue was. In fact, 3rd Person would have been even better.

This repetitiveness really aggravated me but the story is still so enjoyable that if you haven't read it and you like MM romance with hot sex, covert agents, nasty European covert agencies, nasty American politicians, great secondary characters and a great romance, please do not miss this. For me, it ranks up there with Zero at the Bone and Mexican Heat.

MoMD is about two covert operatives - Mark Vincent, from WBIS (a fictional agency), and Quinton Mann, from the CIA. There's no love lost between these two agencies so when Mark finds himself drawn to the CIA operative, he's none too pleased with himself. When Quinn, intrigued by Mark's interest, finds out the latter has a file on him he sets out to fuck with Mark's mind.

He's very successful in this and Mark, a legend amongst his peers, becomes obsessed with the CIA op who's managed to get under his skin. Bit by bit, the two men become entangled and obsession turns into a real need for each other in every way. The love that develops from this power game was a very fulfilling ride and not once in this 1,000+-ebook-page book was I bored - the repetitive scenes notwithstanding.

Body count is fairly high as Mark Vincent has no qualms offing his enemies but while MoMD isn't fluff, (paying mere lip-service to our MCs jobs), it isn't dark nor does it contain controversial material which would turn off some of the mainstream het romance readers - at least I don't remember any. In the second half of the story, the action scenes heat up. The first half or more is focused on building Mark's and Quinn's relationship and by the time you reach the last few chapters, you know our guys are deeply in love.

And shit-scared about it. You won't even get the I-Love-You here in this book but, as I said in my comment, it may not have been necessary. It isn't.

Loved this book, warts and all. I'd love to see it published and those repetitious chapter-POVs re-worked. It's worth paying for and goes straight to my To-Read-Again shelf.

(view spoiler)

Vio says

4.98 stars

I have had Mann of My Dreams buried somewhere on my computer for a long time and I probably would never have read it if it wasn't for the published editions becoming available to buy this year, which I loved of course. You would have noticed by now I am hopelessly addicted and in love, and it's all because of Mark and Quinn, they are to blame completely. They hooked me in from the start I was captivated and unable to free myself from their clutches, it was a useless fight and any initial resistance was futile.

This had everything to satisfy me, a great slow burn romance, secretive agencies, intrigue and backstabbing, dirty politicians who think they're untouchable, do not underestimate who you're going up against, Mark is a bad ass who takes no prisoners he is not to be messed with, ever. Wonderful secondary characters who lighten the mood and are worthwhile additions and make their presence felt, I thoroughly enjoyed their antics. Wicked, lovely chemistry between Mark and Quinn that jumps out at you, very sexy together they fascinate me so many layers to uncover.

I can honestly say it was a brilliant and suspenseful ride, the only big drawback was the repetitive POV's. Whole scenes are repeated by Mark then Quinn with no new dialogue added. Its frustrating and annoying but I learned to skim early on and didn't miss a thing. Even with this major flaw which should have been edited out, I still loved it and will re-read it again for Mark and Quinn and continue to drool over them.

LenaLena says

I liked this book, the sex was hot and stayed hot, but it was to hard to suspend my disbelief frequently. The trail of bodies left behind, competing intelligence agencies, fancy gadgets, all that.

Another thing that bugged me was the frequent references to Quinn being the Ice Man. Really? I don't think we ever see him being particularly icy. Did I miss that bit? Mostly he is just needy.

Lots of potential, needs better execution.

Ladypessi says

This is my favorite story ever. I've read this through many times and I still can't get enough of it. After reading this book, you can never take other book's agents seriously 'cause no one can beat Mark Vincent and Quinton Mann. They are The Best!

It's kind of funny, how we readers can tell from the very beginning that their feelings are pretty deep from the start, but how they can't seem to figure it out. It's amazing how those two incredibly smart and intelligent men can be so dense and ignorant of their own feelings.

It's really just too sweet to watch their relationship grow and their feelings deepen. How Mark finally finds the right person with whom he's willing to lower his high strung guards and walls and let someone in his life and how Quinn realizes that he hasn't had his one true love yet and that the one true love of his life was just right in front of him.

Tinnean really has a gift and she definitely uses it. She is my favorite author by far and I absolutely love her works. Now she has started to work on a story that shows us a little more of Mark's and Quinn's lives and there's going to be few surprises.

We can just wait and see how she's going to bring this story back to life again and make it even better.

ED says

I absolutely loved it... It actually deserves 5 stars, but I had to reign myself in a bit. It is to long. POV's are my favorites, but scenes that are repeated could be condensed. It is more important to get a second opinion of an emotion of a scene. There is no need to replay the whole section a second time step by step.

The book has the potential to be in the top 10 of m/m readers, but would need editing... cutting unnecessary scenes etc.

I would say that there is enough material that could be used in a second book.

Even so, I will have it in my top 10 list. I enjoyed every minute of it, and might tackle it again at some stage. I highly recommend it... a great story, excellent writing.

I use a text into speech program and had 30 hours of great listening, and a very short night. I think i turned

my mp3 player off at around 5 in the morning:)

Camilla says

Cant believe I made it through this.. Feels like I've done nothing else but read for a week non-stop.. Hmm.. Maybe I have..

This is a free online read about Mark and Quinn.. Two guys on opposite teams so-to-speak.. Well, at least work wise..

Even though I didnt really like the changing POV's and the fact that we had to read the same scenes over and over again, I really loved these two together. I loved how it started out a game for them, how they tried to *mindfuck* the other one as much as possible. And along the way, it shifted in to something completely different..

I really loved Mark. This bad-ass guy trying not to show how much he wanted or *liked* Quinn.. Quinn.. Well, I know we are supposed to think that he's a bad-ass too, but I dont know. I just saw him a bit more.. umm.. *not quite a bad-ass-ish..* But that doesnt change the fact that I loved them together..

Its a long series, but its really worth it in the end. And when I started this, it was just after having read about Sin and Boyd, which left me wanting to throw my laptop across the room, so I'm thankful for Mark and Quinn, because they left me in a much better state of mind..

Sonya says

4.75 stars. If Mark had actually said the words "I love you Quinn" it would have been perfect. I loved that Mark's inner voice stopped snarking at him and he realized that Quinn wasn't playing him. Both characters were fantastic and I loved them. I'll be rereading this story often. The chemistry between the two was hot and the sex was so good. I also loved the music and movies mentioned throughout the story. I'll be updating my IPOD.
