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What if you had everything in the world you wanted...except the man you never knew you needed?

Shaw Jennings, the seductive, enigmatic owner of Body Electric Tattoo works hard and plays even harder. He's built a life he's proud of, and though that doesn't include a significant other, he's got plenty of sexy men to keep his bed warm at night. None of them have ever made Shaw sit up and take notice for long, though. But that all changes when a famous rock star walks through his door.

Trent Knox had the world in the palm of his hand as the lead singer of TBD, one of the biggest rock bands in history...until the day he walked away. A getaway to South Haven Island seems like the perfect place for Trent to find himself again and reignite his passion for music. But what he never expects is to find his muse in a six-five, tatted-up badass whose sinful smile he can't get out of his mind.

The only problem? Trent's a notorious womanizer, and Shaw isn't interested in being someone's experiment—muse or otherwise. But in a town as small as this one, Shaw is finding it more and more difficult to keep the persistent rocker at arm's length.

As the tension between them builds, maybe it's time to finally give in and get carried away with something a little bit like...*desire*.

The novels in the South Haven Series are m/m romance standalones that focus on different couples. While each can be read out of order, reading A Little Bit Like Love (Book 1) first is recommended for maximum reading pleasure.

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Aki | nose buried in books | ♥? | says

4.5 ?

Rounded up because usually I don't like books with mcs in the showbitz, but this one worked really well for me.

I liked the plot, the steamy scenes, the characters and their relationship development (they talk a lot! There's more talk than steam and it works just fine). I also loved that there were the characters from the previous book ?

Can't wait to read Bash's story! ?

haletostilinski says

I absolutely loved this! I couldn't put it down last night until like 3AM, it was so good.

I loved Trent and Shaw's chemistry so much, from their first meeting in that dark room. They perhaps fell a little too quickly, but their connection was so great and intense that I didn't mind.

I thought the fact that they were just strangers and didn't know what the other looked like in their "dark room" encounter and when Shaw finds out, that it would be this whole source of drama, but thankfully this book didn't fall into that manufactured pit fall.

In fact this book was pretty light on the angst because honestly aside from worried from Shaw and some doubts for a little bit, there was no miscommunication or major drama when there didn't need to be. It was so refreshing just reading these two falling in love and being able to figure out any potential problems - with some help from Lucas, the MC from the first book.

With the way big record companies are portrayed in books - and movies and tv shows - It makes me wonder how big celebrity singers put up with it...well, i guess some might just like the fame and the money, but they seem to like to control their singers and bands, and that doesn't sound fun. I'm sure there are some big record companies that aren't bad...but I don't doubt that a lot of the big ones don't allow a lot of creative (and personal sometimes, if a person isn't straight) freedom.

This was fun and entertaining to read and I loved Trent and Shaw, individually and together. They just had that instant connection from the minute they touched each other in that dark room, not know who it was but still feeling something more with each other. So much that they couldn't get the "dark room guy" out of their heads.

Loved this. And I can't wait for whoever the next book will be about - maybe Bash, who is a sweet, funny, interesting character. (view spoiler)

Definitely recommend for those who enjoyed the first in this series. I dare say this one was even better than the first, I think. Two thumbs up from me :D

Elsa Bravante says

Un tatuador y una estrella de rock, pero muy poco angst, y muy poca chicha. Es una historia fácil, ligera, pero nada más. Para pasar un buen rato y olvidar al día siguiente. Siempre digo lo mismo, pero me voy a repetir, esto no es nada malo, muchos leemos para pasar un buen rato y apreciamos que existan este tipo de libros que permitan evadarnos.

Una pareja muy sexy, unas cuantas frases muy monas, y ahí tienes tu libro. Seguiré con la serie seguro.

Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

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TEASER COURTESY OF THE AUTHOR

Ahhh bliss. This book. **THIS BOOK**. Brooke Blaine is one of those authors who remind me why I love MM romance.

If you have read *A Little Bit Like Love* you will definitely feel the difference: While that one was on the angstier side *A Little Bit Like Desire* is completely drama-free - and I'm not complaining. Shaw's and Trent's story is lovely and sexy.

Both of them are pretty easy-going and laid-back. They communicate, especially Shaw has a gift to grasp the essence of a problem and offer a quick solution or knows what to say to comfort or give advice. His thoughtfulness is one of my favorite things about him. Shaw doesn't even realize his appeal and that makes him even more attractive. Also, the whole slacks, vest and tattoos getup? Sexay!

For being a rockstar, Trent is very balanced and even-tempered, yet he has this allure and charismatic pull that draws me to characters like him. He didn't have any major freak-outs, was sweet and cheeky sometimes, smoldering hot and sexy at other times and very, very lovable. Even more so because he didn't capitalize on his rockstar status or his good looks. Many times he felt like the cute boy next door.

“Wow,”

“Oh,” he said. “That was a good ‘wow.’”

“A very good wow.”

“Thank you,” he said. “You look seriously fucking ‘wow’ yourself.”

What this story has in spades is sexual tension. It builds deliciously slowly between Trent and Shaw and I read this book holding my breath, waiting for them to finally, **FINALLY** get on with it...only to get the equivalent of blue balls for the umpteenth time. I sang a quick Hallelujah when they finally made it to the home run.

TEASER COURTESY OF THE AUTHOR

I loved seeing Lucas and Jackson again but the one person who never fails to capture my affection is Bash. That guy has a heart of gold and his mischievous personality is so freaking adorable I want to hug him whenever he's in a scene. Ahhh! I can't wait for his story!

I was sold on this story when I heard that Shaw would be matched with a rockstar, which coincidentally is one of my favorite sub-genres. Brooke Blaine made the best out of it. A Little Bit Like Desire is a fast-paced, quick read and has a very pleasant flow and Brooke's trademark cheeky and naughty humor. If you have never read MM Romance before but want to pop this particular cherry, I can't recommend this series enough. It has everything - emotional depth, excellent story-telling and characters you can't help but fall in love with.

I'd fallen in love with Trent slowly and without warning, so completely that I felt like I couldn't breathe when we were apart. Maybe that was why I'd shied away from falling for someone for so long. Because I knew that once my heart attached itself to another, there would be no way of tearing them apart.

Sanaa ? Sanaa's Book Blog ? says

3.5 stars.

I enjoy Brook Blaine's books a lot and it pains me to say this but this is probably my least favorite from her. And that just **sucks** because Shaw's book was one of my most anticipated books.

The reason is that I had a hard time connecting to the characters. And I was hoping that we saw more of a development as a couple between Shaw and Trent. Otherwise the chemistry was hot and of course, I loved all the characters. And I really would love a book for Bash.

"I've never done this before," he said.

"Played for a crowd of one?"

He shook his head. "Played my songs for the person I wrote them for."

An arc was provided in exchange for an honest review.

Jan says

3.75 Stars

Marjorie W. says

4.5 SRARS

GAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SHAW AND TRENT!

MY HEART!

I expected to enjoy A Little Bit Like Desire because so far I've enjoyed every Brooke Blaine book I've had the pleasure of reading BUT DAMN I DID NOT EXPECT TO ENJOY IT THIS MUCH!

I literally flew through this book, devoured every word, threw my panties to the wind for Trent and Shaw like a cat in heat, giggled and smiled like a darn love-sick teenager; I did it all and it was GREAT!

This is definitely one of those "read it in one sitting" book. You'll devour it too, I just know you will.

I truly loved both main guys.

I adored Shaw's big bear ways. He's so big and protective and tough and tattooed but that man has such a tender, loving heart. I love how much he cares for his friends and his brother (and of course Trent, duh). I need me a Shaw, damn it!!! I just want to climb him like a tree and snuggle close (and I'm really not a touchy-touchy person so that should tell you how much I love that man).

As for Trent. GAH! Literally "Gah" isn't even a word but it's truly all I can muster when I think about that man. Gah!!!! Trent was so sexy and edgy and mmmmmmmmm just real delicious, ya feel me. From his leather pants to his raunchy rock songs and totally indecent performances, hot DAMN!

waves panties like a white flag

I canna take no more ???

Together, Shaw and Trent were serious fiya (?). There was so much sexual tension between the two it was amazing.

All in all, I clearly enjoyed the heck out of this book. The plot, the characters, the setting, the friendships, the sexy times, all of it!!!

If I wasn't so worried for the survival of my ovaries, I'd definitely be screaming "ME NEEDS MORE" right about now.

I honestly love this South Haven series so much. I wasn't too, too sure I wanted to read Bash's book at first (which is the next book in this series) but by the end of ALBLD I was convinced. I love this group of friends too much to pass it up. I might actually reread *A Little Bit Like Love* now because the few times we saw Jackson and Lucas in this one made me miss them so darn much ??

Christelle says

Looking for a light, fun and sexy MM contemporary romance, with no conflict nor dramalala, just two nice and easy-going guys meeting, spending time together and realizing they want more and naturally going for it ? Then, this is it.

Part of the South Haven series, I guess this is a stand-alone. Still, there are appearances of the previous MCs and it's nice to see this bunch of friends.

Shaw's life is good : he owns a tattoo shop with success, has a band of good friends, and enough hooks-up to be satisfied. He doesn't do relationships, not because of any issue : just never happened. When he meets Trent, he can't help but feeling a strong pull and is willing to see where it can go. Trent's life is a little bit less smooth : he's at a point of his musical career where what was great a few years ago is no more satisfying and is looking for changes. Spending time with Shaw seems to be quite the direction to the light.

What I enjoyed the most ? The first chapters...whoa, buckled up very fast ? And then, the innuendos and banter and the deliciously teasing sexual tension and chemistry instilled by the author. I couldn't help begging for the tease to stop while being entertained by it. Brooke Blaine stated she had fun writing about Shaw and Trent : well, I saw that and it worked well with me.

Note : Another great BR with Simone and also with Anne, although I got carried away (I blame the time difference : easier on my conscience !!)

Sabrina says

NOW LIVE!

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A Little Bit Like Desire is hands down one of my favorite MM books I've ever read. My apologies to Jackson and Lucas, but I even liked it more than *A Little Bit Like Love*. Shaw and Trent were on fire this entire book and it was just amazing. Their sexual tension almost drove me absolutely insane, but in the best way.

Their story was electric with the heat, the romance, the gripping tension between them. There wasn't a ton of angst or drama thrown in which I found really wonderful. Because instead of having a lot of drama pulling them apart we got to see the sizzling chemistry that was pushing them together instead.

Which had me going mad! I was legit screaming at my Kindle for them to just get it on already. All I can say is that Shaw has a lot more strength than I would if I had Trent. I loved it though. That crazy feeling it gave me when I was reading and hoping with all my strength that they would get together already. That tension was my favorite part of the story and the reason I know I will be re-reading this many times in the future.

Overall, if you're a fan of MM this is the book you need to be reading. Brooke Blaine knows how to do some hot man on man loving so if you're not reading her yet you're missing out.

ARC kindly provided in exchange for an honest review.

Simone says

*****4 - 4.5 Stars*****

Mmm. That Trent fucking Knox was a little bit like desire personified. And even better - he was mine, all mine.

What should have remained an anonymous hookup starting out in a dark room, turns for two men into a desire none of them needed, much less wanted.

Shaw Jennings, tattoo-artist and owner of his own shop, is as adventurous as they come when it comes to sexual encounters. On one condition, though. Casual, no-strings-attached and one-time only. So what is it about this guy his best friend Bash set it him up with at one of his famous parties, that he can't get him out of his head, ending up in daydreaming fantasies and without opposition to a second helping? His world gets even more rattled when suddenly a famous rock star shows up in his little shop to get a tattoo and he can't help shaking this feeling of familiarity...

Trent Knox, former leadsinger of a famous rock band, is at a turning point in his life. Feeling wrung-out and empty, he got stranded in South Haven in order to find his self again and what's more *be* himself. No more hiding in the closet and definitely more of living out his fantasies. So an anonymous hookup seems to be just the way to go...

If it weren't for the small and insignificant fact that this hookup turned out to be hotter than expected. But it was anonymous, remember? So, not a chance in hell for a repeat. So what is it about the man in the tattoo shop who suddenly not only sparks an attraction in him, but also ignites a long-lost inspiration to write songs again?

Who was this guy who dressed like David Beckham, was built like the Rock, and quoted fucking Maya Angelou, anyway? And why couldn't I seem to get him off my mind?

Fate seems to be determined to make them cross paths - with a healthy dose of help from their friend Bash -

and both men realize that a little bit like desire might help them find something they didn't know they needed....

Oooh, this was just what the doctor ordered!!! No one is more surprised than I how much I enjoyed this story! Granted, I loved every single book I've read by this author so far, but usually my angstometer can't be jacked up high enough and this was so not angsty at all. Even if room for potential dramalama was there, I very much enjoyed how the author dealt with it and made this a light and sexy read for a cold and rainy day. The sexual tension was sizzling and although the steam has been kept within limits and it was more of a great deal of teasing on the part of the author, I found myself squirming in my seat more often than not, doing the fanning thingy.

What I loved the most, though, was the interaction between Shaw and Trent and also their friends. I enjoyed every single 'lightbulb'-moment about their identities and their banter made my grin almost reach my ears. Yeah, it's safe to say that I had lots of fun with this book.

With a dramatic sigh, he said, "Honey, please don't let this go straight to your ego, but listen to me when I tell you there's not a queer man on God's green and glorious earth that would turn down a night with you, much less an actual relationship, if given a chance. You're a unicorn, darling. And that's how I know."

I sat there, dumbfounded and wondering what medication he was high on.

Oh, how could I forget Bash? I just love the guy's attitude and I wonder who really is the unicorn here, but I'm sure there is more to him than meets the eye and I can't wait to sneak a peek under his facade.

****Ladies, this BR was once again pure delight! Christelle and Anne, thanks for reading this with me, although I have to apologize to you, Anne, for skipping out on you, but we got a bit carried away on the second day and this book was simply too good to be put down. Karen and Josy, thank you for stopping by and I can't wait to have you back at our side again in the next buddy read. ♥?*

Cadiva says

The rock star and the tattoo artist trope gets the Brooke Blaine treatment in this delightful second instalment in the South Haven series.

I absolutely loved this one, no angst, no drama, just a great romance with two people who connected with each other on an emotionally satisfying level and who had chemistry enough to burn the pages.

The whole story really just is a pleasure to read as Bash does a wee bit of secret match making to put two guys who are polar opposites on the surface in each other's orbit.

Their initial encounter opens the book and be prepared for the temperature to hit boiling point, man the scene is scorching hot.

But it's way more than just physical. They connect on a friendship level too and everything is just an easy extension of that into a relationship.

Lots of humour and appearances from the rest of the gang all made this a thoroughly deserved five star read.

#ARC kindly provided by the author in return for an honest and unbiased review.

~☆~Doni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

~3.5~

A tattoo artist and rock star meet in the dark. They don't kiss and tell, but the attraction is real.

Trent, having quit as lead singer of a very successful band, is lost. He hasn't written a song in months and feels adrift. Meeting Shaw shakes something loose within him.

Shaw has a great group of friends and owns a reputable tattoo parlor. He's satisfied with his life. But being with Trent makes him yearn for more.

Expect oodles of UST but not a whole lot of steam. Trent and Shaw talk more than do.

While I enjoyed this story, I think the relationship development was somewhat lacking. Sexual tension doesn't equate romance.

Everything happened so quickly. I was waiting for a conflict of some kind, but it never came.

This book works as a standalone. I'm so ready for Bash's story!

☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

We remember tattoo artist Shaw from the first book. He's best friends with the Lucas and Bash.

And he's a happily single serial dater. He never really had a boyfriend. He loves his life and as long as no one looks like a forever kind of guy he can keep on living the way he's always lived.

And then this guy arrives on the island. A guy he has some kind of one-night stand with. But it's not really a gay guy. And he's also kind of a rock star hiding on the island while finding out what to do with his life after leaving his band.

Both Shaw and Trent first think the other guy is straight. But once they realize the truth it's not all insta happy endish. But we'll get there!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH SHAW & TRENT???
WILL THERE BE A HAPPILY EVER AFTER???
READ THE BOOK TO FIND OUT! ?

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LOOOVED IT!!

You start reading and BAM! You're right in the middle of a very kinky and sexy and mysterious one-night stand kind of thing. Grrrrr!

And after that night it only gets better.

We have all those funny and adorable and frustrating and sexy moments.

Shaw and Trent don't know that they're attracted to each other. Bash has to throw them together every chance he gets. Adorable!

But once all the gay truths are out in the open Let the fun times begin.

I adored this book!

It's so very erotic and sweet and sad and fun.

I loved every word of it!!!!

Now I NEED to see what Bash will have to tell us in the 3rd book:

A little bit like Heaven - coming soon! GIMMMMMEEEEEE! He's gonna have such an amazing story - I can't wait to see who he'll get to fall for.

Oh ... a tiny little thing I didn't love-love. Shaw's hair. Uhm.... wasn't the frosted tips look an early nineties never-to-be-done-again thing?? I just can't imagine a hot guy having that kind of hair today. Ew! ?

And I also kind of wanted a bit more family. Trent says how amazing his parents are, but we don't meet them. And Shaw's mom. I wanted a bit more - maybe even have his real dad appear. Something a tiny little

bit more family momentish. BUT ... it was totally amazing the way it was!

A LITTLE BIT LIKE DESIRE was such an adorable & sexy tattooeey-rock star romance! Hurry to your nearest amazon for your own #Shox!!! These two are MINE! ?

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Malene says

It was so good to be back in South Haven and with all the boys. A Little Bit Like Desire was fabulous. Shaw and Trent has amazing chemistry and the build up to them finally caving in to one another was absolutely delicious. Their first meeting definitely proved that their connection is on another level. They're very comfortable together doing very mundane things which only made me enjoy their growing friendship and I was just waiting for them to give in cause they both wanted one another. Big time.

Shaw's friends from South Have were there too. Bash, Lucas and Jackson were terrific and added humor to the story. These guys have so much fun and are loyal to one another. Whenever Shaw needed to vent or some support Bash and Lucas was there.

A Little Bit Like Desire is a wonderful and easy to read MM romance. I'm not nearly done with these incredible South Haven guys. I'm ready for Bash's book!

chandler ainsley ? says

lacking everything i loved about the first book

and by that i mean the angst. to me the ingredients for a successful romance are buckets of angst, a rocky history, maybe some enemies to lovers action. and this had noooooone of that.

it was more fuck-in-a-dark-room and find out later that it's a hot guy from a band you love, sort of story. not quite insta love, but definitely low on the angst. i mean there was nothing keeping the two of them apart either it was... lackluster.

and then to top all of that MEH off, the **ending was nearly identical to the other book in this series.** a convenient wrap up with a sprinkle of "who cares about my dreams if i have you."

nothing to write home about. really interested in the third book because the main character is interesting but

not sure if i'll give it a read. yawn.
