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"Julian was amazing... a magical unicorn of a man."

XANDER GRIFFITH is a math geek with an eye for designer labels, a love of photography, and a fierce need to protect those he loves. He was mesmerized by Julian the moment he laid eyes on him: gorgeous, brilliant, and unabashedly himself. But Julian is also his friend's off-limits baby brother. So Xander spends the next three years distancing himself, focusing his energy on his math-letic friends, his boxer Cassius, and his LGBT youth center, Safe Harbor.

"Nobody could possibly be as self-absorbed as I think you are."

JULIAN MOORE is a force of nature and everyone loves the sparkly, snarky, white hat hacker. When he finds himself at loose ends after graduation, Julian winds up spending most of his time reading romance novels, writing alpha-omega short stories, and hanging out with his brothers' friends. Of course, that means bumping into that over-privileged, condescending jerk Xander at every freaking turn. The man would be completely insufferable if it wasn't for his sweet, hat-loving dog.

"Are you two going to play nice, or am I going to have to put you into Time Out?"

The two men can't be in the same room without bickering like small children, but they call an uneasy truce in order to help their friends and save two homeless waifs. When Xander discovers Julian is depressed, he blackmails his friend's brother into following his insane plan. The first step? Move the brat into his condo! It's the perfect solution: Xander has plenty of room, his boxer is head-over-paws in love with Julian, and someone has to keep their friend's pug from destroying all of Xander's left shoes.

They probably won't wind up killing each other. And they absolutely will not, can not fall in love.

LOVE YOU, MOORE, the second book in the Moore Romance series, is a 110k-word, quirky, sweet, enemies-to-lovers, second chance MM romance between two sexy, dog-loving geeks. It has an HEA (Happily-Ever-After) ending, no cliff-hangers, and can be read as a stand-alone novel.

This book contains a steamy, explicit love scenes that are intended for mature readers only, as well as dogs politely eating cake at the dining room table, a wrestling hold named the Baby Koala, and unnerving levels of healthy communication.

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
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Michelle says

Kinda everything including the kitchen sink. Alex Miska even pokes fun of it at the end when the characters discuss what tropes they would be if they were a book. For the most part, well written, but heed the warnings at the end. The IS "unnerving levels of healthy communication," which you would think would kill the angst since most problems occur when people don't speak to each other, but it just draws the angst out as the characters talk about everything. Would also like to note that it says that the book can be read as a standalone, but while reading it became apparent that the bulk of the first half of the book runs congruent to the first book and there's holes where information should be for those who didn't read it(me).

Jessica says

audiobook review:

"Fun! Even better than book 1!"

I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the second book in the Moore Romance series even more than the first book! Love You, Moore is well written and nicely flushed out with more depth given to the main characters. My heart really went out to Xander and Julian, they had quite a lot to overcome and work through. It has a good amount of fun, lighthearted humor mixed in with the serious and touching moments. The narrator Sean Lenhart did a good job with the narration, his voices fit well with these 2 main characters. I received a review copy of this audiobook and this is my honest unbiased review

Erryn Barratt says

Furbabies, challenging men, great story (an audio review)

I enjoyed Book 1, although I had a few issues with it. This book was so much better and a delight. The one issue for me was that because there are two points of view, sometimes the story goes backward to give the same events from a different perspective. While Julian and Xander are apart, this works. When they are together, it's unnecessary.

That is a small issue. Tiny.

I love books that are stand-alones but are part of a series. If you haven't listened to Book 1, no worries (although you may go back later if you choose), you won't be lost. This book starts further back in time than the bulk of Book 1, touching on a few scenes from that first book, showing them from Julian and Xander's perspectives.

But while these two were outsiders in Book 1, they are now firmly centre stage.

This is an enemies-to-lovers, second-chance, love-at-first-sight romance (And yes, that may seem like a contradiction – you will just have to listen to it to see how it works out). And as I've seen trending recently, its characters talk about reading m/m romances. Although Julian refers to Xander as the 'Iceman' and

Xander calls Julian 'brat', it is done with great affection. Their first encounter got off on the wrong foot (or the right kiss), depending on your perspective. But in the end, it was the worst night of Xander's life. Instead of coming clean, though, he became antagonistic with Julian, and although his pain his was real, his treatment of Julian was really mean.

He redeems himself. Especially when he adopts a 2-year-old Boxer named Cassius. As with Book 1, furbabies and their daddies play a prominent role in the book.

When Xander discovers all is not as it seems with Julian, he steps up and becomes an amazing friend. The two men are meant to be together, but there are a lot of games, not just involving Julian and Xander, but with their friends Tripp and Tommy as well. It confused me sometimes, but the dénouement made everything clear.

I also want to mention the shelter Safe Harbour, for LGBTQ kids who have either run away from home or have been thrown out. It's horrifying, but that is a reality every day. That the men become so involved is wonderful. That they come up with creative solutions to the homeless teens is even more heartwarming. I felt that Julian cried quite a bit, but he does feel things deeply. Also, Sean Lenhart is often almost shouting while narrating Julian's interior monologue, which is a little over-the-top, but nothing that can't be dismissed because it is so easy to fall in love with Julian.

With Logan and Chance in Book 1, a simple conversation could have cleared up many of the misunderstandings. Same here, but I will say Xander and Julian do try to talk things out. Men talking about their feelings. Imagine that.

I highly recommend this listen as I really enjoyed it, especially the baby Koala.

Emma says

This was fairly fluffy and forgettable read but pleasant enough for a lazy afternoon. I was bothered a bit by the age difference but did understand the motivation of each of the characters. I would consider reading more by this author.

Meri says

Julian is such a fun character, an out and proud gay from his teens he is not shy about his sexuality at all and he knows what he wants. Xander is the best friend of Julian's brother Logan so Julian sees him a lot. They have a brief encounter when Julian is 21 at a gay bar and Xander backs away as Julian is his friend's younger brother. I thought Xander was perfect for Julian, he recognised when Julian was having a tough time and helped him through it. Julian is in limbo, he's awaiting security clearance to get his dream job with the government, but it will take months. He is at a loose end and spends a lot of time at home with Xander's dog Cassius. The pair of them are adorable and I love the way they greet Xander when he gets home from work. So cute.

I love all the different cast of characters in this series, it's like visiting a large happy family and their close friends. I also love the various pets and I found Cassius to be the cutest - following Julian around and

sleeping on his bed.

Once again we see Logan and Chance from book 1 and the larger family and I enjoy the various dynamics.

Donna says

Julian (Brat) is so my kind of MC and Xander (Iceman) grows on you as the story progresses! I will admit that the amazing secondary characters and having Chance and Logan play a big part in this story sure made it more wonderful and entertaining... and funny... and cute... and, well, you get the picture!

This was just fluffy enough to keep me grinning and just angsty enough to keep my attention... what more can a girl ask for? *grin*

I know the next book is Trip's... but there is Max, Quinn and so many more possibilities and I can't wait to read them all!

Terri says

My review of the audiobook:

This is a great follow-up to A Chance for Moore, which was Logan and Chance's story. This one revolves around their friend Xander and Logan's brother Julian. There are times in this story where I want to scream at each man, but there are also some wonderfully sweet scenes. The love that Xander and Julian begin to feel for each other is heartwarming, and the depression, anxiety, and loneliness feel so real it hurts. The humor is still there, though maybe not as much as there is in the first book. That doesn't take anything away from this one.

I am loving this series, both the writing and the terrific narration, and I look forward to the next book in the series.

Lulu Forth says

AUDIO REVIEW

I absolutely adored this book in audio! I fell in love with this series last year and I'm loving listening to them in audio format. This is book two in the Moore Romance series and just as light hearted and funny as book one, I actually preferred this book to book one in audio if that's even possible! That's all down to Sean Lenhart and his amazing narration and in particular his narration of Julian!.

This book centres around Julian Moore and Xander Griffith who we first meet in book one. Julian is absolutely amazing and I loved his attitude and outlook on life, he is down right fabulous, out and proud and just damn well owns it. These two meet in a gay club where they have instant chemistry but once Xander realises Julian is Greg's 21 year old little brother he instantly drops him off at his parents house and tries to forget about him.

Fast forward three years later and Julian and Xander are constantly bickering and antagonising each other to

mask their feelings. Julian ends up moving in with Xander to try and cope with his depression and they can no longer ignore their insane chemistry and they end up growing ever closer and falling in love. As with the first book this one is also very funny and had me laughing out loud throughout. I loved that even when their relationship deepened Xander continued to call Julian 'Brat' albeit in a more loving manner and Julian continued to call Xander Iceman (Top Gun reference!). The puns involving Julian's surname Moore were endless and I loved the 'baby koala' hugging!

As with book one there's lots of dogs featured in this book and one hilarious doggy tea party thrown by Julian. Love the secondary characters in this story and it was lovely to catch up with all of them from book one and meet some new ones too. Massive applause for Sean Lenhart and his impressive ability to seamlessly alter his voice for all the different characters.

One of my favourite audiobooks to date and a very sweet and funny read. Cannot wait to listen to the next one!

Reviewed by Lulu from Alpha Book Club

Nicki says

Listened to audio

Enjoyable 3 1/2 star romance with 4* narration.

Really good romantic plot and most of the story is easily 4* quality, I enjoyed the end too and was hooked from the audio sample. Credit should also be given for the length because the story really follows the couple through, from initial meeting, conflict, friendship and romance. I would have liked a little more editing though, there isn't much I would change but towards the end I keep getting reminders that this was a story, rather than staying immersed in it. Spoiler

There's an over used internal joke and references to what cliché of fanfiction the story would belong to. Some people may love it but it didn't work for me.

Nina ~ Meleth Bookaddicted ~ says

Sooo... I'm not sure how to begin. This listen was rather so-so. Not good, not bad, more something in-between. Something light and fluffy, something that made me smile, that seriously annoyed me at times, but also something I believe I'm going to forget rather quickly. It's pleasant and sweet and with a bunch of funny and heartwarming characters, perfect for a lazy afternoon read or listen.

What did I enjoy? This huuuge tight-knit family with all their endless quirks and adorable ever-growing quantity of pets. The nick names the two mains gave each other very early on: Iceman for Xander and Brat (ooohh, couldn't have been more fitting!) for Julian. The slow progress these two made as a couple: meeting years prior and falling for one another, but fighting it and one another for so long, the slowly building friendship – and finally: romance! I loved that the story involved an LGBT youth center and I loved the teenagers we met there even more. The fact that Julian is an out and proud fem gay, always cheery, always funny and snarky – yet battling depression. It was surprising in regards to his character and made him even more endearing. The whole topic of depression was handled beautifully and carefully by the authors, which

shows how much a strong support system can help... The narration. Sean Lenhard had distinct voices for everyone, worked himself up into all the emotions the character felt, even with it being third person narrative...

What didn't I like? That so, so overused joke that involves the title. It just became... too much at one point, as did the "baby koala"-hug. It was funny and charming at the beginning... but got old after the tenth use. It's fiction, but I found it strange how many people in a blood-related family could come out gay or at least bi. Okay, I get it is so it can be a series of M/M romances... but really?? And I'm not a huge fan of the cover(s). It's just too cliché for my liking. The narration: As much as I loved that all the excitement and every and any emotion was portrayed, it really was so much over the top at times that it got too much and was exhausting to listen to, especially towards the end when two characters had a larger dispute. I needed a break at one point and take a breather. Sean Lenhard has a lot of potential – and thanks for making Emilia's voice a little less squeaky than it was previously –, but I would really like if the next one was a teeny tiny bit toned down in comparison.

SoCalBookReviews says

I really liked the first book in the series. But this one was SOOOOO GOOD!!! It was Cute, sweet and Funny. I am happy Xander and Julian figured out their Love/Hate relationship and everything turned out the way it should. This book was really a mix of everything. Second Chance, Enemies to Lovers, Friends to Lovers. And I love the way the Author incorporates all the Characters different pets into the stories as well. I Also laughed so hard every time Julian said BABY KOALA and jumped on Xander. LMAO...

Audio Review - LMAO. Same with the first book I literally could NOT stop Laughing randomly out loud while I listened. I Seriously think that the Author picked the Perfect Narrator for this set of books. He totally does a great job with all of the characters making sure to be totally outrageous and energetic at all the right places, you can tell he put all of his effort into narrating these books. Such a great job and They are my new favorite, I will definitely be re-listening to these books over and over any time I need a smile/laugh and something happy to listen to. If I could give these books more than 5 stars I would.

TJ Fox says

I struggled with rating this because there were some good things about it, but in the end I just didn't like it. There were too many things that annoyed me or threw me out of the story to give it a higher rating.

First (and totally on me), I didn't realize until I was about a third of the way through and struggling not to be totally confused that the book I thought was book one in this series was actually a short story written in the same world. Reading this before reading that first book left me at a huge disadvantage. While you can technically read this as a stand alone, there are so many references to things that happened in book one (more so than you'd expect since a large portion of this happens alongside the timeline for book one) that it left me lost and not really understanding some of who the different characters were and how they knew or were related to each other.

This had lots of elements that made it funny, but for me, it was so over the top and too much that it became ridiculous instead of quirky. Even when the situations got more serious, the characters were never able to pull off that level of necessary somberness. It became irritating after a while.

Besides feeling lost because I hadn't read book one, I ended up seriously confused in several places because I just didn't understand what was going on. It took nearly a full chapter to really understand a 2 line conversation between Xander and Trip about secretly dating, one that gave absolutely no real context, detail or background. I finally understood much later that THEY were supposed to suddenly be secretly dating each other, but I still never fully understood what the hell was going on or why because it just never made a whole lot of sense. Why the hell would Xander do that? There was no real genuine reason expressed other than Trip thought it was a good idea. The whole thing was really kind of stupid, but again, I felt that way because I didn't get it. I had something similar happen at least 3 different times because there was just not enough information provided or what felt like essential portions of conversations were skipped entirely. Others weren't to that extreme, but were enough to drag me out of the story over and over.

On a couple of different occasions, a character would speak to or react to another character's thoughts, thoughts that had not been expressed in any fashion other than the understood fact that it was a thought, as though they'd had a conversation about it. One that annoyed the crap out of me was when Julian is thinking about the whole living situation with Xander as though they'd had this conversation about him moving in, a good paragraph or two before the subject of him moving in came up in an actual, spoken conversation. Throughout this whole book, I was forced to go back and reread sections over and over to try and figure out what I'd missed only to realize that I hadn't missed anything. It kind of felt at times as though, in the editing process, a paragraph or two accidentally got deleted, but never added back. It felt like chunks were missing or moved around slightly out of order.

It may in part be because of these issues, but I never fully believed any of the characters. Definitely not emotionally. At one point Julian overhears Xander say something about him that, taken out of the context it was said in, as he heard it, should have been emotionally devastating to him, but it ended up being nothing more than a little twinge on his self confidence. The reaction, or lack thereof, to that situation nearly made me stop reading at that point because it was so weird and contradictory to who the Julian character was supposed to be.

Overall, this was a pretty chaotic and confusing read.

Ricardo says

It was okay but I didn't think it deserved the rating of over 4 stars it currently has. For starters, unless you read the first instalment immediately before reading this one, you need an Excel spreadsheet to keep all the characters organized to make sense of who they are and how they are related to each other. The author has the bad habit of introducing characters as if the reader is as familiar with them as she is. Also, I couldn't help but get the impression all throughout the book that she was just trying too hard. Too hard to be sweet, too hard to be romantic, too hard to be funny, and in the end I was tired because everything just felt like it was too much.

The whole "Love you, Moore" may have been fun the first couple of times but after Xander repeats it for the fiftieth time, it becomes extremely irritating. I also wasn't a fan in any way, shape, or form of Julian's entitled princess personality. I don't care how good looking or intelligent, the temper tantrums in a twenty-something are simply not sexy.

Crystal says

I liked this book even more than the first book, which I didn't think was possible. I didn't expect to like Xander's story but man was I wrong!!!! The love, compassion, and understanding that Xander shows Julian is the kind that makes you swoon. This book has a bit of a slow burn to it but it's all so very worth it. The story line is handled well by the author and keeps you interested from beginning to end. Julian was so much more of an in depth character than what I expected after reading the first book in the series. His battle with depression and his introverted personality were definitely not what I expected but made the book that much better for me. This author handles the depression aspect very well and shows what it can be like when you have a support system in place, a person who understands your disability (and yes that's what depression is) and is willing to go the distance to help.

This book covers all of the bases....the love, the chemistry, the snark....oh the snark, the swoon worthy moments.....it was all put together to create a wonderfully fulfilling story between two men that communicate with each other, care for each other, and would bend over backwards for each other....and every time I heard "Baby Koala" I knew that next loving, snuggly hug was coming (and the kisses, cant forget those)!!!

The narrator does a wonderful job, the author couldn't have picked a better person for these stories. You will feel everything the characters do....the love, the excitement, any emotion...the narrator portrays them beautifully.

I can't wait for the next book to be available on audible!!

Zee♥ says

Reading this series is like hanging out with a large group of good friends and family and experiencing their lives along with them. There was a lot of banter, inside jokes and pranks that made the story light-hearted and fun. Julian was a great character, I loved his spirit. I liked how he dealt with people and life and didn't let his depression hold him back at all. I also liked the chemistry between Xander and Julian. I was so happy that once they stopped bickering with each other, they jumped right into their relationship with both feet (and tried hard not to make the same mistakes Chance and Logan did). The puppies and kids were also wonderful additions to the story. I hope Trip's story is next.
