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What happens when you find love in the most unexpected place?

Mark has hidden from life for so long he wouldn't even know how to begin to find love. But who could love someone like him? Someone broken. Someone defective.

Left a widower after the tragic death of his wife, Sebastian is finally ready to begin living again. But how do you find someone to love when what you want is taboo?

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Danielle says

3 stars

I feel like if this didn't have as many typos as it does I'd be more okay with it but then the ending happened. I'm okay with vague, non-descriptive sex scenes but when the entirety of the book is graphic and detailed shouldn't the big moment when they do actually do have sex be given the same amount of attention? Or is that just me? It's kind of weird I feel. What is supposed to be, or at least presumably, this monumental moment in their relationship is just glossed over like a typical YA novel afraid to talk about teens and sex. And to top it all off, it literally takes place in like the last three pages of the book. It's weird.

Also for a book that claims to be "an age play romance" not a lot of age play is going on. Which, admittedly, might have been the point since a lot of people aren't comfortable with that subject matter but then why go to all the trouble of a nursery and detailed diaper wearing?

I don't know. The whole thing was kind of odd and I feel like this is another classic case of if only it had like 20 more pages, if for no other reason than to create more of a plot and put the story and it's assumed genre. But other than that it's not terrible and there are no glaring issues that would make me hate it so 3 stars it is. That might be a bit generous but eh.

Hart says

This is a short erotic novel focused on age-play. This is not my kink, but I sort of have a kink for reading about kinks, especially the more taboo ones. It's really romantic when characters find acceptance with each other, and that concept is definitely at the center of this story, from both points of view. I am not physically disabled, either, so be aware that I'm doubly outside my lane in reviewing this book.

Usually I like it when two (or more) characters' unique traits fit together like puzzle pieces, in a romance: e.g., one character is socially awkward, and the other is highly extroverted, or even an actual con artist. It's unrealistic, but I don't read romance for realism. But still, the way the characters' traits fit together in this story makes me uncomfortable. (view spoiler)

So, I had some problems with the book. However, it does explore the trust necessary to participate in this kind of play, which is why I was reading it. Also, through their relationship, both Mark and Sebastian start to heal from the wounds of their pasts, which is always romantic. If you like reading about this kink, or if you like these kinds of books, you may enjoy this.

Susan says

The reason I read age-play stories is because of the caring, the comfort the daddy provides the boy. And even though there was plenty of that in this book, I also got annoyed at several things.

Mark has a problem. He feels he is broken simply because he has some medical issues with his bladder. He has a small bladder and his nerve endings are damaged enough that he doesn't feel when he needs to go. So adult disposable underwear it is.

When he suddenly gets the wrong box of receipt from one of his clients, he doesn't know what to think. An adult nursery? Adult diapers? What is his client Sebastian into?

When Mark asks Sebastian about it, Sebastian can feel some interest from the younger man. Sebastian feels it is time for him to date again after his wife died, so he asks Mark on a date.

Mark isn't sure he can go on this date, since he has never dated because of his problem. But when the truth comes out during said date, Mark is surprised to find Sebastian doesn't think it's a problem at all....

I liked the caring parts of this. I loved how insecure Mark was about his issue and how Sebastian reassured him and told him more about age-play and diapers.

I really didn't care for the diapers or the diaper play itself, but I've gotten used to it by now. Although since the emphasize of this story was really on the diaper part of the age-play, it definitely wasn't my favorite of M.A. Innes. I can mostly ignore the diaper parts in their age play books and concentrate on the other stuff, but that was a bit difficult here.

I do have to say that this felt quite rushed. Now I get that this is a short book, but still, the relationship itself felt rushed. The I love yous were waaaay too soon, and I had a hard time believing that Sebastian was suddenly bi, and that Mark had no trouble adjusting to the lifestyle.

What I really disliked was how Sebastian's friends Lucas and Gavin were really disrespectful to Sebastian and Mark. Simply because they didn't believe how Mark could suddenly be all about the lifestyle while he was a newbie before. And how everything suddenly was fine for them once they heard about Mark's problem. They should have accepted Mark even without his issues. Sebastian chose him, so why be such terrible friends and say they don't understand the relationship between Sebastian and Mark.

So 3 stars it is.

Jo * Smut-Dickted * says

Short but good age play that falls into MM. I liked the flow of the story and the relationship - and how unique a bond the two guys could have. Would have liked a few more scenes. BOY can this author write dialogue that is just right. I'm really into good "talk" dirty or other during scenes as I find it super arousing - more than glances or touches...and finding an author who can write like this is awesome. I'm looking forward to exploring more by this author!

Amber Fueston says

It had taken a long time after losing his wife for Sebastian to feel ready to date. Ally must have been looking out for him from Heaven though because no sooner had he made the decision that he was ready a package mix up causes him to see Mark, his virtual assistant in a new light. Mark is a very special boy. Born premature he has grown into an undersized adult with a small underdeveloped bladder. That which he hates about himself makes him perfect for Sebastian. They are just so good together. They compliment each other in a way that helps them both heal. I loved how protective of Mark Sebastian was, especially with Gavin and Lucas. They were big jerks. In the end they apologized and everything between the four of them was fine but I was still a little pissed off at them because they should have trusted Sebastian enough to be happy for him. Especially because he seemed so happy. It's one thing to worry about your friend but another to be an asshole about it.

Cadiva says

A kink too far for me

While I can appreciate the ability to write about this particular kink, I can't say I enjoyed the story at all as I didn't feel or buy into the fairly instantaneous connection between Mark and Sebastian.

Also the whole age play infant thing, definitely not a kink that does anything for me although I do love a good daddy/boy romance.

Chelsea says

This was a good solid age-play story. I always enjoy M.A. Innes work, there's good simple characters and kinky kinky sex!

The problem with this story was how rushed everything was. Now I don't expect intense relationship development or long drawn out sexual tension, that's not what I read these books for anyway. But when the first penetration scene literally goes like this...

He's been teasing and playing with Mark's tight hole enough lately that within minutes his boy was open and ready.

Stretching out over Mark, he leaned down and kissed his sweet boy as he entered him for the first time.

....Without seeing any of said teasing or playing, I gets a little sad ?.

Obviously the relationship was super fast as well (moving in and 'I loves you's after 3 weeks), but that doesn't bother me as much, like I said drawn out relationship development is not what I read these books for.

This still gets 3 stars because age-play is more about the kink then the sex and the kink was done *very* well and really is just as hot as the sex (more so in the case of this book).

Eric McDermott says

First, the obligatory comment that I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. This was a new topic for me, so please bear with me if I get some of the terminology or details about age play wrong.

Curious Beginnings is the story of Mark, a young man who because of physiological condition due to his premature birth has an under-developed bladder and urinary system. Because of this condition, he can't ever be more than 45 minutes or so away from a bathroom and has to wear "adult specialty underwear," or diapers to prevent accidents. Because of this, Mark has never had a real relationship due to his embarrassment over his situation. Mark works as a personal assistant for several people, one of who is Sebastian. Through a mixup at work, Mark discovers that Sebastian also runs an online store for people who are engaged in age play. (Sometimes also referred to as diaper play or Daddy/little kink). Sebastian and his former wife, who was killed by a drunk driver, were part of the age play community. Sebastian soon discovers Mark's issues and begins to draw him into the community as well. The rest of the story details the growing relationship between the two men.

Having read a lot of BDSM novels, especially those dealing with Dominant/ submissive relationships, (KC Wells' Collars and Cuffs series being a favorite) I sort of compared this book to those, with just the added layer of the diaper play.

I liked Curious Beginnings. The characters were interesting and the story was sweet and you get your HEA ending. Mark struggles to deal with his first relationship in addition to his issues and Sebastian has to deal with the fact that his new "little" is a man. (Adds a layer of possible GFY- gay for you- to the story.) There are a couple of graphic sex scenes- the spanking scene was hot!

I had two criticisms about the story; minor ones, but concerns none the less. First, Sebastian's quick switch to being interested in a man was a problem. I've read a lot of GFY novels and this one happened just a bit too quick for me. Second, I just didn't like Sebastian's friends, Lucas and Gavin. They just came across as mean and, considering their own involvement in this kink, very unaccepting of Sebastian and Mark's new relationship.

Overall, though, a cute, little (I can't believe I used that choice of word!) novel.

Lisa says

I went into this book with an open mind not knowing if I would love or hate it. Its on the kinky side but its a fun kinky. It was sweet and loving and I'm definitely going to look for more from the author.

If age play is not something you are open to reading about then avoid this book rather than reading and 1 staring it.

If your looking for something different then this is the book for you.

Denise GremoryKohta says

I fell in love with Mark right from the start. He needed a daddy more than any other character I have ever read. Sebastian is the perfect daddy for him. Two people who come together at just the right time. Mark had struggled for so long that you just want only the best for him. Sebastian has come to terms with his loss and is ready to move on. I especially like how the author ended it. Can't wait to read more from them.

Theresa says

2.4 stars. Really nice story. It was lovely how Sebastian helped Mark emotionally and physically. Sebastian's deceased wife was handled very well. Sebastian and Mark's gay relationship developed very naturally.

Lucas and Gavin protested Sebastian's involvement with Mark too much. Mark's mother never got to meet Sebastian.

The sex was lacking in a couple of areas. There was dirty talk of a blowjob but it never happen. The anal sex scene was very rushed and not given enough importance. It was a first time for Sebastian with a man and a first time for Mark period. It was boring and did not have the same intensity as the hand job scene.

Trio says

Sweet age-play story, I wish it hadn't wrapped up so quickly at the end though.

Victorias' KeepinitReal says

This story of overcoming loss, love and acceptance was sweet. The MCs turned out to be so compatible and compassionate towards one another. Their close business relationship develops into a loving one full of respect, gentleness and passion. The story seemed so short and I found myself interested in learning more about Mark and Sebastian as their Daddy/ baby boy relationship continues to evolve. Mark found just who he needed after so many years of hurt, loneliness and pain. Sebastian found love again too. Together they found a special love, companionship, friendship and a partnership. M.A. Innes never fails to write very interesting, well written stories.

Sharon Dunn says

First book by this author and it was pretty hot. I wasn't sure going into this book what it would be like but I have to say that's it's gotten me wanting to read more!!

Mimi says

This was a very different book from the first age-play book that I read from M.A. Innes.

I thought that Sebastian kind of jumped into the Daddy/boy aspect of their relationship. Sebastian was in an age-play relationship before BUT with a women. This was no presented as a GYF book. I don't have a problem per se but it seemed kind of weird to me that Sebastian just feel so easily into his role of Daddy for a man.

All in all another good book from this author. Will read more from her.
