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Will Rowan's festival fling with sexy dancer Seth lead to something more permanent?

Rowan is stuck at a folk festival helping out a mate, and it really isn't his scene. The yoga and singing workshops are bad enough, but morris dancing is the final straw. Bearded men with beer guts prancing around wearing bells—who wants to watch that?

All Rowan's preconceptions are shattered when he meets Seth—a morris dancer, and the stuff Rowan's fantasies are made of. Seth persuades Rowan to come to a dancing workshop, and Rowan's willing to do whatever it takes to get to know Seth better. The attraction is mutual, and a lesson filled with innuendo and flirting leads to an incredible night together.

When Rowan arrives home, he's gutted to find that Seth has given him the wrong phone number. Assuming Seth did it on purpose, Rowan resolves to forget about him. But fate—and friends—conspire to get them back together. Will they manage to stay in step this time around?

A much shorter version of this story was originally published in the Not Quite Shakespeare Anthology by Dreamspinner Press. This version has been revised and extended. Almost half of it is new content.

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Sheri says

I had to sit on this for a couple days and I've concluded I feel the same.

It was fun.

It was sexy.

It was...too short.

I enjoyed both of the guys but I didn't have a chance to connect with them.

Not a bad story by *any* means but not even close to the top of my Northcote faves.

The Morris dancing was...interesting.

3 stars

Tracy~Bayou Book Junkie says

4 Stars

Rowan agrees to attend the Riverbank Festival, a folk festival, to help his best-friend Max man a booth selling trinkets. The first night is a wash out filled with rainy weather, but Rowan and Max huddle together under the beer tent drinking. As they are discussing the events of the festival, Rowan puts his foot in his mouth when he insults the art of Morris Dancing, not realizing the hunky guy who just walked into the beer tent and caught his attention, just happen to be a Morris dancer. Can Rowan redeem himself and have a shot at the hunky dancer, Seth?

It's funny, my bff has dragged me to our local Pagan festival, as well as something called drums in the swaps *shudders*, these are so not my thing, but having attended these events, I have a pretty good idea of what the Riverbank festival is and all I can say is, I sympathize with poor Rowan, although he steps over to the dark side eventually! Haha

This was a hot and sexy little read. It moves really fast and I absolutely adored Rowan. The story is well-written and truthfully, it doesn't have a whole lot of substance, except some smoking hot sex, which Jay is a master at writing, he always seems to have me squirming in my seat, and maybe panting a bit. Just don't tell anyone!

This very enjoyable read, packed with likable characters, some funky dance moves and well, hot sex! Recommendable!

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? Todd says

3.25 stars.

Review to come.

J Too Many Books Too Little Time says

3.5 Stars!

Jewel says

3.5 Stars

?Sexy. Flirty. Low angst. Sweet. I had no idea that morris dancers could be so sexy! Neither did Rowan.

?I think I am alone, among my friends, in that I knew what Morris Dancing was. I'm not that familiar, though, I've only seen it once or twice. And I've got to agree with Rowan in that it isn't known for the sexy! So Jay Northcote took something a bit outside the norm (for my American self, anyway) and turned it into something sweet and sexy and fun.?

?*Tops Down Bottoms Up* refers to two of the figures in Morris Dancing. ?Seth explains it all to Rowan in the story, so I won't go into it here, but it did bring out my inner 14 year old *snicker*

I enjoyed this fun Jay Northcote story quite a lot. ?I loved both Rowan and Seth and ?the sexy-times were smoking hot! The story felt complete and I felt like I had a good feel for both MC's and I definitely felt their chemistry. The epilogue wrapped things up quite nicely, too, giving our lads a lovely HFN.

Tops Down Bottoms Up is a perfect afternoon read when you get that bit of time for yourself and you want something sweet.

*ARC of **Tops Down Bottoms Up**? was generously provided by the author, in exchange for an honest review.?*

Renée says

3.5 stars

Show of hands - who knew what a morris dancer was before reading this blurb? Yeah, me either.

But I'm intrigued.

This was a short and sweet Northcote story. Those always make me smile.

Rowan, unlike me, knows what morris dancing is and imagines the stereotypical, large, noisy, and overweight men when he hears they will be performing at the festival where he is helping his friend. He gets his mind blown, however, when he sees Seth's group of dancers.

There's women!

There's Seth, who is surprisingly NOT so noisy and overweight. He is large, however. Very, very large in the best ways that make Rowan's panties melt.

After a scorching hookup, Seth seems as keen as Rowan to see each other again. But, when Rowan tries to text him, the number Seth gave him wasn't really his number.

Over the next couple weeks, Rowan can't get Seth out of his head, or his fantasies. Thank goodness for great friends who intervene.

This was light and sweet and aw, with quite a few doses of holy hotness! And can we take a moment to look at the cover model?

Great novella to read this summer with the cutest of epilogues!

Cadiva says

I should offer a disclaimer at the start of this that I live in a town which not only hosts one of the oldest folk festivals in the country but is also home to five - yes that's five - different Morris sides.

So yes, I absolutely loved this book, it's only not a 5* read because I wanted more but, as is always the case from Jay, there is a beautifully rounded romance with seriously sexy scenes at the heart of this humorous tale.

Morris dancing is a much maligned traditional English pass time but its roots are deep in the heart of our culture, although there are debates as to its origins, and there is nothing which stirs the blood more than a side of Border Morris blackface painted men and women wielding sticks with precision as the beat of a bodhran keeps pace.

I know Jay is a member of a Morris side and this book shows the neat little insights and jokes as Rowan comes to realise that dancing with Seth might just be the best thing he's ever done.

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

Jay Northcote says

This is an updated and extended version of a story that was previously in the Not Quite Shakespeare anthology, published by Dreamspinner Press.

It's a sweet, sexy read with quite a lot of humour in it too. I was laughing at my own jokes while re-reading and editing it, so that has to count for something ;)

Bárbara says

Too little plot and too much sex for something this short. Also lacking in character/relationship depth. Nope.

Natalie says

This was sweet, hot, book candy made from quality ingredients! I had a vague idea of what Morris dancing was and I've completed my education in a delightfully naughty way! Rowan is derisively offering his opinion on Morris dancing, when he's challenged to learn by one of the dancers, Seth. Rowan crumbles fast when the tall, long haired, handsome Seth teaches him the proper way to hold a stick. Not only for an audience, and apparently there's plenty of room for *ahem* "dancing", in a camper van. After wrong numbers, misunderstandings and helpful interference from friends, they meet again.

Few authors can do as much with characters and settings as Jay Northcote can, in a novella. I've never been anywhere in England but he makes it feel familiar and comfortable. Rowan and Seth are just ordinary guys and evoke similar feelings, making them and the situation easy to relate to. Light and angst free, with a couple of hot scenes and quick, romantic plot, I'd recommend this to anyone looking for an uplifting, happy book.

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Liam Elliot says

It's not really a secret that I have Opinions.

So when Rowan is mouthing off to his friend about how obnoxious and lame and old and fat Morris dancers are, only to realize he's sitting *right next* to an entire group of them. A group that includes a hot guy he was ogling earlier in the night?

Yep. Been there. I mean, not *there* specifically, because like everyone else that read this story, I hadn't the foggiest idea what the hell Morris dancing even was when I started the story. But somewhere in the general vicinity - foot firmly in mouth regretting all my life choices (But still kind of feeling like I'm 100% *right*, I just regret having said it so loudly and insultingly. I also might just be an asshole.).

There were a lot of elements in this story that I recognized as Things That Are A Thing. Hookups are easy, connection is hard. A brief encounter with someone that sticks with you for whatever reason. A missed connection leaving you doubting something you thought was real.

So why only 3 stars? Because despite having all these things I recognized... intellectually, I didn't really *feel* it. Maybe it was too short. Maybe there was too much teachy time about the dance thing... or maybe it was the fact that I stopped in the middle to google Morris dancing and then promptly 100% agreed with Rowan's initial assessment of it and from that point forward had a supremely difficult time believing anything involving Morris dancing was sexy. At. All.

Whatever it was, no matter how much I read about Rowan feeling this connection and spark, *I* didn't really feel it.

Elsa Bravante says

2.5, entretenida, personajes simpáticos, arco argumental simpático, poco más. Realmente creo que le sobran escenas de sexo a cambio de más insight de los personajes, pero supongo que eso depende mucho de gustos personales. Está bien para leer si tienes el KU.

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

Sexy & Fun!

~~One hot burly morris dancer included~~

Rowan thinks all morris dancers are sweaty fat dudes who make a lot of noise. Seth proves him wrong. Seth may be loud, but he carries a big stick.

When Seth talks Rowan into coming to a morris dancing workshop, Rowan is reluctant, but he really wants to polish Seth's stick so he goes along with it.

A small (but potentially catastrophic) misunderstanding ensues, but that's AFTER a midnight swim and hot & dirty sexual encounter in Seth's camper van.

***Tops Down Bottoms Up* is a pure Jay book: light, steamy, funny, with a strong HFN.**

Because this is a novella, there isn't as much character or relationship development, but this one's all about putting aside your misconceptions and going bottoms up for your crush.

Ele says

3.5 stars

This was a sweet, light and hella sexy! It was the perfect beach read. It might be short, but it felt complete, with a nice epilogue.

I had no idea what morris dancers are, but google took care of that. Rowan thinks that morris dancers are a bunch of overweight guys who just make noise. Well, joke's on him, because look at that guy on the cover.

After spending a wonderful couple of days at a festival, Rowan and Seth agree to meet again, but because of a small misunderstanding (which wasn't fake btw, it can really happen) they lose each other. Thankfully, though, their friends won't just let them go their seperate ways, without giving things another shot.

There is night swimming, smexy times in a camper van, and a lot of morris dancing!

I'd love to have learnt a few more things about the characters and their background but it's a pretty short read. Like I said, it felt complete and totally focused on the MCs. And their...sticks of course.

Recommended for a light, fluffy, sexy read.

?? Michaelle ♡?? says

3.8 Stars

I remember reading this story in the Not Quite Shakespeare anthology and honestly I'm not sure that the expansion/additional content added much to the tale. I liked it about the same, either way.
