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Mason Leery is a bookworm and he thinks he might just be able to get through life simply by reading about it instead of living it.

Until he meets Shane Beaumont. Shane is the opposite of Mason in every way, he's beautiful, athletic, and lives his life to the fullest.

Sparks fly when the polar opposites come together, but it will be up to the bookworm to shut down his e-reader and go after the beauty if he wants to love someone outside the pages of a book.

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Richard says

This book is why I read mm romance.

I love men!

I love men with nice bodies, nice cars, nice homes, nice bank accounts and nice penises.

But if a man can make me laugh, to hell with the above crap.

Truth be told, and my friends will tell you, I have a bit of a crush on the author, so you may suspect my 5 star rating.

Well, my friends will also tell you I would throw my mother under a bus and tattoo 1 star to her dead forehead if she wrote something I didn't like.

This book was 5* wonderful. I laughed, I grinned, I smiled, I smirked, I giggled and I was charmed the entire ride.

I don't write or read long reviews because frankly they bore the shit out of me.

Feel free to choose any of the 4/5 star reviews below and knock yourself out.

Marte - Thunderella says

******4 Cardigan clad stars******

That silly grin you just got from that GIF? That's the expression you'll have through out this sweet and fun book. I loved it. A light and fluffy read.

Mason was adorable.

"I was one sexy, cardigan-clad HoMoFo."

Shane had a jockstrap. 'Nuff said...

I didn't like Twyla though. I like sass, but I must have love with the sassiness. A character can say and act like she did, but then she should show her love or "worthiness" of being a friend to the MC. All I felt in this instance was just sass, and no or little care for Masin. In my opinion.

The grandmother was a bit over the top, but it worked ;)

The boxing lesson scene was hilarious! LOL! Safeword! Hahahaha!

And Moby Dick. ROFL!!

Check out the quotes from the book. There were so many great ones!

"Thanks for the penis, God. I don't have the balls to be a woman."

Awesome, Nick!

Catarina says

4 Awesome Stars.

In this book we have Mason, "gay as a daisy" librarian who meets Shane, physical therapist, while reading a book in the park, when Shane is training for a marathon. Well, things led to another, they start dating and this is their story from the moment Mason checks Shane's hot ass in the park to their own happy end.

I loved how this was drama free and I spent a great time reading it. Yeah, it's not the most original or developed story, but it was sweet, steamy, the characters were pretty good and it was freaking hilarious. I had a good time reading it and it was all that matters in the end.

Rating: 4 Stars.

Characters Development: What can I say? I loved them all. Shane was great and sweet, being in Mason's head was hilarious, he was completely nuts. And grandma was probably one the best characters ever. I love how completely nuts she was!

Steam: Hot.

Sensible Subjects: (view spoiler)

Love Triangle: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)

Nick Pageant says

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

4.25 stars

This book was so fucking funny and sweet! Mason is a short, twinkly librarian who loves to read; he tells us his story (first-person POV), and I loved him from the get-go.

Mason lives vicariously through the MCs in his gay romance books (sounds vaguely familiar, ahem) until he meets jock-wearing Shane in the park. Shane is a runner and literally flashes Mason his ass (accidentally on purpose?) the first time they, um, trip over one another. Mason is smitten but thinks Shane's out of his league.

Not true. Opposites attract, don't you know? Mason takes a boxing lesson, and Shane tries to read a Russian novel, but these guys complement each other without even trying.

Add in a very pregnant, very clingy best friend; a vegan-loving, juicing fiend of a realtor (pineapple makes your semen taste better; yes, the story is set in Portland); and a Harley-riding dyke of a grandmother, and you have a very light, slightly quirky, totally charming read.

It put a huge grin on my face. Definitely recommended!

Barbara says

This was my first read by this author and I loved it!

A angst free romance, very funny and seriously adorable!! Loved Mason and his ramblings, he is so different from Shane ... but their relationship was easy and very fluffy sweet, just loved the hilarious journey of how Mason and Shane came together!

And of course can't forget... Mason's crazy grandmother, she is hilarious, the things she said to Mason had me LOL, LOL and LOL!!!

And the cover! WOO!!! Hot Sexy Woo!

I will definitely read more by this author!

(Thanks you Momof3 ! ;D)

Exina says

An utterly joyful and entertaining story!

Mason is a librarian who loves his job (since he loves to read), wears cardigans and actually thinks they are sexy. He lives with his dirty-mouthed lesbian grandmother, and has a similarly outspoken best friend, Twyla.

"Cardigans can be very sexy."

"Really? Go into the bathroom, stare into the mirror, then come back out here and tell me if you'd fuck yourself."

Shane is not only beautiful, but he is a complete sport and fitness junkie with a health-food obsession and a rocking body. Mason never thinks he has a chance with such a hot guy, but despite their differences, or

maybe because of them, Shane finds everything sexy about Mason. Insomuch that he even develops a bookworm related kink...

The romance is uncomplicated and lovely, the erotica is fine, the main and the secondary characters are well-drawn. But the best about this story is the humor. **The dialogues and the situations are hilarious and amusing.**

"What's your poison?"

"Rum and coke."

Mona Lisa frowned. "You know we don't serve alcohol." She said alcohol the way sane people say shit right after they've stepped in it.

"Okay," I said with defeat, "what do you suggest?"

"I can whip you up a wheatgrass-pineapple smoothie."

Sounds revolting. "Okay."

"You'll love it. It'll really improve the taste of your semen."

"Make it a double."

A highly recommended, sweet and fun romance!

Originally posted on my blog on October 14, 2014.

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read says**

*****4.5 Cardigans and No-Nos Stars*****

Anyone who is a fan of great writing, hilarious inner dialogue and banter and cardigans as a staple of classic fashion....this is the book for you! It is a novella full of laugh out loud moments, great friends and family and a low angst, but all heart story. Don't doubt me, I know what I'm talking about.

Mason is the type of guy that you love from the very first word....which he even says himself should have been "dick" but he decided to go the more formal route with his introduction. He's an avid reader who works in a library and spends all of his time wrapped inside the lives of fictional characters, rather than living in the real world.

"I'll read anything since I'm something of a book slut...When it comes to reading, I'm the girl in the short skirt at the end of the bar just around closing time. Slide a good, or bad, book in front of me, and my eyes pop open quicker than that lonely girl's thighs."

Mason and Shane meet under clumsy and hilarious circumstances. And now Mason must muster up the ability to seem interesting to this beautiful man. Shane makes a couple of assumptions and Mason finds himself unable to tell him the truth. This book is worth the read simply for the chapter where Mason learns to box, asks the geriatric boxing coach for a safeword and instead gets a black eye and his dinnertime conversation regarding said black eye.

Insert a needy, whore of a female best friend and a lesbian biker grandma, who cannot fathom the possibility of her pansy grandson being a bottom...and you've got a well rounded novella that packs a hilarious punch, sweet story and has lots of heart.

I'll end my review with wise words from a woman who has lived a long life living in a world where the dynamics of a same sex relationship are confusing to some. Here she gives her grandson sage advice on how to approach the sexual aspect of his new relationship.

"When you try to top him - isn't it going to look a little bit like a small man climbing a tall mountain?

She came and sat next to me, putting a grandmotherly arm over my shoulders and patting my knee gently. "I just want what's best for you, Mason. We'll work this out together. I think it would be more....*symmetrical* if you fisted him."

JaHy?Hold the Fairy Dust says

** 4 " YES-YES" STARS**

When I read Marco review of Beauty And The Bookworm two things immediately stuck out :

- A) Who is that fine specimen of a man wearing a cardigan ?
- B) Why is that damn cardigan cockblocking the hell out of me ?

Actually I was referring to Marco's comment about B&B being a funny, light-hearted & **angst free** read ...

Fellow wormies, I **dislike unnecessary** overly angst ridden stories, which is why I rarely read romance novel. I have the extraordinary gift of choosing Tom and Jerry couples... "JUST BREAK UP ALREADY. MOVE THE FUCK ON !!!!".. sorry, I'm typing out loud again...

This is a story of opposites attract. **Mason Leery** loves his job at the local library, cardigans, jockstraps and his Granny(I love the last 2 as well) . Mason's been burned one too many times by his Donkey Dick Ex and decides to spend his free time reading rather than looking for love. One day while sitting on a park bench he ~~purposely~~ accidentally trips a jogger, causing him to fall into a bush (no, not that kind bush). The poor guys jockstrap gets caught on a branch, AND, say hello to **PINK No-No !** (<--thanks for verifying my suspicion

Lynn)and **tongue boners** ... huh? <--- Read the book!

So, that jogger I was telling you about, his name is **Shane** and I absolutely fell in love with him... okay, that may have something to do with me picturing Joe Manganiello as Shane but WHATEV!.. He's a personal trainer- massage therapist, 6 ft something hunk of man meat, outgoing and sexy as hell. I would read him pride and prejudice any day of the week except he would never choose my door. <--- Huh? Read the book!

After several bench encounters, Shane finally ask Mason on a date and - - Thank you Nick for the wheat-grass pineapple smoothie tip.... Huh ?<-- You guessed it. READ THE BOOK!

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***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

4.5--**LMAO**--Stars!!

How does this book only have a 3.68 average rating?

For reals.....this little novella was awesome! I was seriously laughing my ass off the whole time!

Mason's grandma....

....she was so kick ass!

And Mason (the bookworm) and Shane (the beauty) were

Loved how they met, how different they were, how sweet they were....how they tried to impress each other, how hot they were together, Shane's book reading fetish. I loved it all. It was just the book I needed.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

If this book was a man, I'd lick its no-no! I feel I owe it some lovin' after making my afternoon infinitely more entertaining!

Some people thought that this book was over the top. Me? Naaaah. If I didn't think Tell Me It's Real was too over the top, I'm NEVER going to find anything that is too much for me!

On the other hand, I think I'm the only one that doesn't like that cover. Sure, the guy is hot, but it in no way let's you know that this book is super fluffy and fun. It seems kind of dark and angsty and generic, if I'm being honest. If it wasn't for my fabulous friends and their reviews, I would have never tried this one.

I'm just going to put it out there: I **ADORED** this book. It was too short and it wasn't perfect, but I think I'd give it 4+ stars just for poking fun at M/M romance. I *DIED* at all of the hilarious shifter/closeted cop books that Mason read. I think I've read some of those gems... And when he asked the old man boxer for a safe word, I almost choked on my lunch!! I think I need a safe word at the gym!

This story was pure FUN. If reading a super light story about a butch lesbian grandma, a geeky, slightly spastic librarian, and a hot personal trainer appeals to you, then you **MUST** buy this book! No, it's not as impressive as *War and Peace* but it's a hell of a lot more entertaining!

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

This is a short, funny, feel-good, laugh-like-crazy book. I had so much fun, I really wish the book was longer, but oh well :D

I recommend to everyone!!!!!!

? Todd says

For this book to be only half the length of most novels, I found myself enjoying it twice as much as many of those longer reads.

Did it leave me wanting more? Oh hell yeah, no doubt about that.

Both **Mason and Shane** are completely adorable start to finish, with Mason being a cardigan-addicted book worm and Shane being a fitness-addicted marathon runner.

Some of my favorite parts of this book were the self-deprecating humor from Mason regarding his own eccentricities and the types of MM fiction that he read. I nearly shit myself over the blurb from "Easter Lust":

Easter Lust. It's a story about a bunny rabbit shifter who meets a chicken shifter. They come together, fall in love, and then, tragically, discover they're both submissive bottoms. They try bumping butts for a while (great scene with a double-headed dildo) and then they meet a dominant wolf shifter who's into leather and bossing people around. He buggers them both mercilessly and everyone ends up happy. Five stars.

And blurting. GOD, do I love a good, unfiltered blurter, which Mason most definitely is. Like during his first boxing lesson, just after running away when the coach tried to punch him.

“Sorry, I just panicked. Can I try to hit you, first? I think that would work better for me. And shouldn’t we have a safe word?”

“A what?” I was trying to apply some of the knowledge I’ve gained from books to a real-world situation.

“Well, this seems like a Dom/sub thing you’ve got going, so I thought we should have a safe word.”

I laughed, I cried. Should. Have. Sent. A. Poet.

But the biggest gut buster for me was the '**no-no**'. And no, no divulging here. You will have to read the book to figure that one out.

The only 'character flaw' if you will (in my opinion) was Twyla. She and her drama was more of a detractor for me.

This was such an entertaining read that I honestly have no idea how the average reader rating on Goodreads is only 3.8 stars. It's **a solid 5 stars for me** and I would have easily and happily read another 200 pages.

And to Nick Pageant: **“Thank you, sir, and, may I have another?”** hehe

Rosa, really says

Slight update.

The book & the cover....

How can I not like this book? It's about a bookworm. I'm a bookworm. It has a beauty in it. I wanna fuck a beauty...then fall massively in love. (The “fuck” is the important part but, really, is any of that last sentence too much to ask?) And that cover! Would licking that guy's abs and then sucking on his nips constitute sexual harassment? Yes? Fucking PC police, a girl can't get away with anything anymore.

Librarians...don't even *ask* (you don't have to, I'm willing to share).

Let me tell you something about librarians, OK? You probably imagine they're something like this:

But the librarians I know are nothing like that.

About 150 years ago I worked at the Knight Library in Eugene, OR. One Christmas I had a party and I invited the librarians. I thought I was pretty hardcore as I drank white wine (zinfandel, baby, I like to go *all out!*)and ate marshmallows while decorating for said party. Then the librarians showed up. Let me inform you of something: **THOSE BITCHES CAN PARTY**. What I thought would be a nice little get-together

turned into this:

I'm not even joking. It was cray-cray. With an extra splash of cray.

(Plus another librarian drank my *entire* bottle of Francis Ford Coppola Cabernet wine. To this day I haven't tried it as *refuse* to let it go. Bastard.)

The MC in *Beauty and the Bookworm*, Mason, is nothing like those librarians. He has a cardigan for every occasion. He keeps his nose so close to his e-reader there's probably a permanent oil stain there. (Okay, that sounds disgusting, but c'mon! I've had to wipe mine down with alcohol a time or two. Or once a day. Whatever.) The worst thing you can say about him is that he has bad taste in men when he's drunk. (Who doesn't?) He spends all his time reading MM Romance. (Who doesn't?) Clearly the author is a dude familiar with the frequent ridiculousness of MM (or any romance):

Easter Lust...a story about a bunny rabbit shifter who meets a chicken shifter. They come together, fall in love, and then, tragically, discover they're both submissive bottoms. They try bumping butts for a while...and then they meet a dominant wolf shifter...He buggers them both mercilessly and every one ends up happy. 5 stars.

I completely identified with Mason. (See nose to e-reader remark above.) He's not quite shy, but he is a sarcastic introvert. He answers the question "what are you reading?" with impressive lies. He also reminds me of a more sarcastic version of Pageant's MC Billy in *Billy's Turn*. Both Billy & Mason spend so much time looking down or reading books they fail to notice anyone around them. There's an excellent quote about this from *Billy's Turn*:

*"[Y]ou never **let** yourself meet anybody. Stop staring at the damned ground all the time or Prince Charming is going to walk by without noticing."*

In *Beauty and the Bookworm*, Mason's gran makes a similar statement:

"It's time you stopped reading about love and started looking for it."

Uh...ow. Those quotes are like a one-two punch to the kidney.

In both books, Pageant shows he understands what it's like to be one of life's observers. He's familiar with at least the idea of feeling like an outsider even amongst those who accept him. What it's like to use humor as your only defense. His talent lies in his ability to communicate these feeling subtly, without clumsy statements.

On finding Mr. Charming.

Ok, let us speak of Shane. Other for some grammatical errors (which I barely noticed) and mixing names up at one point, Shane is my only real complaint (and not a serious one). Like the love interest in Cardeno C.'s *Perfect Imperfections*, Shane is a little too perfect. Other than some light issues with his brother, Shawn, Shane is the perfect, supportive boyfriend. When I first reviewed this book in May I said this -- *I like a little more conflict in my romance. Not too much, I hate angst for the sake of angst, but a tad more would be nice.* I've been thinking about it since then and I've changed my mind. I don't think this is the type of book that needs a lot of conflict. It's humorous wish-fulfillment for whoever reads it. It doesn't need to be anything

other than what it is. Anyway back to the original review -- However, I feel the same way about Shane as I did about Reg in *Past Imperfections*: I DON'T GIVE A FLYING FUCK. Color me I DON'T GIVE A SHIT. I love Shane, I love his jockstraps and *I love how much he likes/loves Mason*. I especially love his attempts to impress Mason and his sexual fantasies. He's a bookworm's dream come true. I want to smoosh his face between my boobs and shout "woobie, woobie, woobie!" (Except that would also constitute sexual harassment. Dammit.)

The main conflict, or why I hate that selfish jerk who I won't name due to spoilers.

I was impressed by the novel's main conflict. (view spoiler) I was actually worried that this conflict wouldn't work out to everyone's satisfaction but luckily, it did. But I still want to hit a certain someone over the head with a skillet.

A less exhausting Tell Me It's Real.

I agree with another reviewer that said this book is similar to *Tell Me It's Real*. They're both funny, they both use first person narrative and both narrators speak directly to the reader. I like *Tell Me*, it's hilarious, but I frequently find T.J. Klune's rat-a-tat-tat gunfire humor, followed by heavy angst, exhausting. I found the sarcastic humor in this book to be a little more relaxing. There's a lack of vagina mentions, a lack of running into walls & no running over love-interest with a car. However, there is a lesbian-biker grandma that is as over the top as the parents in *Tell me* who likes to drop unnecessary comments about sexual acts as well.

So why 4 stars instead of 5? Well, I think the writing could be tighter, a little less wordy in parts. Other than that I really enjoyed this book. It's a great lighthearted, funny read by an author I expect will only improve as time goes by.

P.S. For the sake of honesty I will mention that the author and I are very new "online buddies." However, it's not like we've gone out for coffee. I've never given him a noogie. Also, I accepted no payment in exchange for my honest review. Having said that, I would like to mention to all authors out there that I will accept payment in the form of large jars of Nutella. You know, the one's you find at Costco. A spoon would be nice as well.

Mo says

I don't know. I saw all the great reviews and maybe my expectations were way too high. It was OK, yeah, there were a few LOL moments but overall I found it a bit boring.
