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This free ebook is volume two in a collection of short stories celebrating love, sex and romance between men. It is a product of the Goodreads M/M Romance Group ***Hot Summer Days*** event and features original stories from 28 authors; if you like what you read, come join our group!

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Note: These stories contain sexually explicit content and are intended for adult readers only.

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From Reader Review Don't Read in the Closet: Volume Two for online ebook

Lauren says

Once again, I can't praise the authors and the committed moderators over at the M/M Romance group enough for effort and hard work they put into the Hot Summer Days event. This anthology is fabulous, and there's definitely something for everyone here. Proud to have this on my Kindle ;)

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

Color Me by Blaine D. Arden - **3 Stars My Review**

The Present In Room Four by Mandy Beyers – **2 Stars My Review**

Labor Of Love by JR Boyd – **2 Stars My Review**

Appearing Knightly by JM Cartwright – **5 Stars My Review**

Cody And The Hermit by Jaya Christopher – **4 Stars My Review**

Be My Boy by Casey Cox – **4 Stars My Review**

Hidden Amongst Stars by Nicole Dennis – **3 Stars My Review**

Delivery With A Smile by Megan Derr – **5 Stars My Review**

Heatstroke by Taylor V. Donovan – **2 Stars My Review**

Hidden Needs by Haven Fellows – **2 Stars My Review**

Keep Me by Kerry Freeman - **3 Stars My Review**

The Importance Of Being Denny by Kari Gregg – **4 Stars My Review**

Like The Taste Of Summer by Kaje Harper – **4 Stars My Review**

I Am The Highway by Jason Huffman-Black – **5 Stars My Review**

Tears Of The Sea by Marguerite Labbe – **4 Stars My Review**

Super Sock Man by Amy Lane – **3 Stars My Review**

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My Bloody Valentine by Andrea Speed – **4 Stars My Review**

TLC by DH Starr – **3 Stars My Review**

Between Friends by Em Woods – **4 Stars My Review**

Leora Stark says

Bookwatcher says

Review of Cleon Lee Short story – BENEATH YOUR WINGS (Angel/Demon)

Zeqiel and Thiel are such heartbreakng couple!

Zeqiel is a cast out angel... banned from heaven, forever.

aka he is a demon

Thiel is his other half, an angel still in paradise. Zeqiel is forbidden to see, hear or talk to him...

But something is impossible to control... something that is so important, and is the reason of Zeqiel existence... that something is called love

Can an angel and a demon be together?

Read this free short story to discover it... with a box of Kleenex by our side... their love is really heartbreakin!

5 stars

Adara says

Many of my personal favorite stories are in this particular volume: Taylor Donovan's Heatstroke, Marguerite Labbe's Tears From the Sea, Jason Huffman-Black's I am the Highway (and that's not just because it was written from my photo & letter). NJ Nielson, SJD Peterson, Amy Lane, and more. And my own story, Chasing the Prick, is in this volume also. It's a great mix of work from great authors!

Britta ★ Nachteule ★ says

My ratings in detail

Color Me ~ *2 stars* ~ My Review

The Present in Room Four ~ *2 stars* ~ My Review

Labor of Love ~ *2.5 stars* ~ My Review

Appearing Knightly ~ *4 stars* ~ My Review

Cody and the Hermit ~ *3.5 stars* ~ My Review

Be My Boy ~ *4 stars* ~ My Review

Hidden Amongst Stars ~ *2 stars* ~ My Review

Delivery with a Smile ~ *4 stars* ~ My Review

Heatstroke ~ *4.5 stars* ~ My Review

Hidden Needs ~ *3 stars* ~ My Review

Keep Me ~ not rated ~ My Review

The Importance of Being Denny ~ not rated ~ My Review

Like the Taste of Summer ~ *5 stars* ~ My Review

I Am the Highway ~ *3.5 stars* ~ My Review

Tears of the Sea ~ *4 stars* ~ My Review

Super Sock Man ~ *3.5 stars* ~ My Review

Beneath Your Wings ~ *3.5 stars* ~ My Review

Finding Home ~ *3 stars* ~ My Review

Surf's Up ~ *3 stars* ~ My Review

If One Dream Should Fall and Break ~ *2 stars* ~ My Review

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Innocence to the Max ~ *3.5 stars* ~ My Review

Lawn Mower Boys ~ *3 stars* ~ My Review

My Bloody Valentine ~ *3.5 stars* ~ My Review

TLC ~ *4.5 stars* ~ My Review

Between Friends ~ *3 stars* ~ My Review

So my calculator says 3.31 stars. I'm rounding up to 3.5 stars.

Ana says

Before this book, I hadn't gone too much into the M/M area. I might have read some stories here and there, and didn't bother to put them up on Goodreads, for they were just excerpts. Some of them were really badly written and I was skeptical about reading even more of this genre.

Though I gave it 3 stars, that doesn't mean I found it bad. It's just that 3 stars is the overall rating, cumulated from all the stories inside. Different authors were given a picture and they had to come up with a story as to how that picture might have happened, what was behind the character's dreamy eyes, or why did he seem to be in pain, or other as such. Some wrote 4,000 words stories, some went to 30,000. It was their decision to make.

I will admit that some of the stories I didn't like at all. Being no quite into the subject from the beginning, I was a very harsh judge, and some didn't seem to be enough. Others I really really liked, and I kept some author names to follow them on the Internet and see what they're up to.

Why I read this book in the first place? Partly because I wanted to broaden my limits. I wanted to open up my mind, and see if I like this kind of writing or not. After finishing, I can't say I'll never read M/M again, because it is entertaining, and as in any genre, you can always find something really well written.

Another reason for which I went on GR and typed gay stories was that I saw this video on the Internet. It's called "What if Heterophobia were real?". It's based on true stories, but with a twist. It presents this world were instead of gays being forced to hide themselves and blamed by society, this happened to heterosexuals. It's just a 20 minute video, and I really recommend people to go search for it and watch it. It's pretty sad, and as it impressed me, it may touch others also.

I think I'll read the first and next volume also. I just started with this one because this I found in the beginning.

Aniko says

Color Me by Blaine D. Arden - 3.5 stars

Delivery With A Smile by Megan Derr - 3.5 stars

Like The Taste Of Summer by Kaje Harper - 4.75 stars

Super Sock Man by Amy Lane - 4 stars

TLC by DH Starr - 3.75 stars

I Am The Highway by Jason Huffman-Black - 4 stars

The Present In Room Four by Mandy Beyers - 2.75 to 3 stars

Labor Of Love by JR Boyd - 2.75 to 3 stars

Appearing Knightly by JM Cartwright - 3.25 to 3.5 stars

Be My Boy by Casey Cox - 4.5 stars

Hidden Amongst Stars by Nicole Dennis - 3.25 stars

Hidden Needs by Havan Fellow - 3 to 3.25 stars

Keep Me by Kerry Freeman - 2 stars

- stars off because I can't get past the Daddy kink, it's really not for me. However, if it is something you enjoy reading, then this story is well written and worth the read.

The Importance Of Being Denny by Kari Gregg - 3.25 stars

Beneath Your Wings by Cleon Lee - 2.25 stars

Finding Home by Jordan Sophia Lombard - 2.5 to 2.75 stars

Surf's Up by Sarah Madison - 4.25 stars

If One Dream Should Fall And Break by Angel Martinez - 3.5 to 3.75 stars

Shadows On The Heart by NJ Neilson - 2 stars

Take What's Yours by Elizabeth Noble - 3.5 to 3.75 stars

Chasing The Prick by Adara O'Hare - 2.5 to 2.75 stars

Lawn Mower Boys by Lily Sawyer - 3.75 stars

Between Friends by Em Woods - 4 stars

Stories that appear in the GRL 2011 Special Edition are rated on that review.

Allie Ritch says

This volume had several good stories. The standouts for me:

"Be My Boy" by Casey Cox was a nice twist on a May-Dec. romance.

"Delivery with a Smile" by Megan Derr was a really fun read.

"Hidden Needs" by Havan Fellows was a hot BDSM story.

"Tears of the Sea" by Marguerite Labbe, which I had already read in another volume, was a unique paranormal romance.

"Beneath Your Wings" by Cleon Lee was a nice angel romance.

"Finding Home" by Jordan Sophia Lombard was an entertaining SFR.

JenMcJ says

Now for Volume 2 of the compiled stories from the Hot Summer Days event. Days 10 through 18.

As a co-moderator for the M/M Romance Group that pulled this event off with the help of our incredibly generous authors and members I have nothing but praise for all the efforts in this anthology.

I think anyone with a positive interest in the m/m genre would be hard pressed to find anything missing from this volume or the first volume, however, if you do, hang on. There are still two more volumes coming.

Over 252,000 words and all free. Enjoy!

Rachel Emily says

This specific anthology has my favorite story from the entire event - Heatstroke. What an amazing story. Also, a few of my other favorites are Like the Taste of Summer and The Importance of Being Denny. But honestly, there is not a bad story in the entire anthology...some of the best stories I have read in a very long time, and the best part? It's all free! Highly recommend this entire anthology and the first volume too!

Exina says

The stories in this anthology are the product of the Hot Summer Days promotion. The M/M Romance group invited members to choose a photo and pen a letter asking for a short M/M romance story inspired by the image; authors from the group were encouraged to select a letter and write an original tale.

Sadly, only one 5-star story for me in this anthology:

Be My Boy

4-star stories:

Hidden Needs
Keep Me
Like the Taste of Summer

The rest:

Appearing Knightly
Cody and the Hermit
Hidden Amongst Stars
Delivery with a Smile
I Am the Highway
Surf's Up
Super Sock Man
My Bloody Valentine
Between Friends

Serena says

3.4 stars

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My Rating System:

* couldn't finish, ** wouldn't recommend, *** would recommend, **** would read again, ***** have read again

Marte - Thunderella says

Done with Volume Two!

1-7%

Blaine D. Arden – **COLOR ME** (Paranormal)
** 2,5 plot hole stars ** Review here.

7-9%

Mandy Beyers – **THE PRESENT IN ROOM FOUR** (Rent Boy/Hurt-comfort)
* 1 bad bdsm star * Review here.

9-11%

JR Boyd – **LABOR OF LOVE** (Blue Collar)
** 2 Ohmugod stars ** Review here.

11-15%

JM Cartwright – **APPEARING KNIGHTLY** (Superhero)
**** 4 Batman fanfic stars **** Review here.

15-18%

Jaya Christopher – **CODY AND THE HERMIT** (BDSM/Cowboys)
*** 3,5 tied up stars *** Review here.

18-21%

Casey Cox – **BE MY BOY** (D/S Slave)
*** 3 Master and Boy stars *** Review here.

21-23%

Nicole Dennis – **HIDDEN AMONGST STARS** (1950's Hollywood)
* 1 Hollywood star* Review here.

23-27%

Megan Derr – **DELIVERY WITH A SMILE** (Comedy)
*** 3,5 Hitman stars *** Review here.

27-39%

Taylor V. Donovan – **HEATSTROKE** (Angst)

**** 4 happy stars **** Review here.

39-43%

Haven Fellows – **HIDDEN NEEDS** (BDSM)

*** 3 stilted stars *** Review here.

42-43%

Kerry Freeman - **KEEP ME** (Angst, D/s)

*** 3,5 second chance stars *** Review here.

43-47%

Kari Gregg – **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING DENNY** (Angst)

---skipped---

47-53%

Kaje Harper – **LIKE THE TASTE OF SUMMER** (First-Love/1980's)

**** 4 summer taste stars **** Review here.

53-55%

Jason Huffman-Black – **I AM THE HIGHWAY** (BDSM)

*** 3 what-a-ride stars ***Review here.

55-61%

Marguerite Labbe – **TEARS OF THE SEA** (Paranormal/Fairytales)

**** 4 moonlight-on-the-sea stars **** Review here.

61-63%

Amy Lane – **SUPER SOCK MAN** (College/Solo-action)

*** 2 knitted socks stars *** Review here.

63-66%

Cleon Lee – **BENEATH YOUR WINGS** (Angel/Demon)

*** 3 angel redemption stars *** Review here.

66-70%

Jordan Sophia Lombard – **FINDING HOME** (Sci-fi/Military)

** 2,5 finding home stars ** Review here.

70-76%

Sarah Madison – **SURF'S UP** (Role-Playing)

*** 3,5 Summer stars *** Review here.

76-80%

Angel Martinez – **IF ONE DREAM SHOULD FALL AND BREAK** (Sci-fi)

*** 3 reunited stars *** Review here.

80-86%

NJ Nielsen – **SHADOWS ON THE HEART** (Paranormal)

*** 3 stars *** Review here.

86-88%

Elizabeth Noble – **TAKE WHAT'S YOURS** (Futuristic Sci-fi)

** 2 snap shot stars ** Review here.

88-90%

Adara O'Hare – **CHASING THE PRICK** (Hurt/Comfort)

** 2 HSV-1 stars ** Review here.

90-92%

SJD Peterson - **INNOCENCE TO THE MAX** (Paranormal/BDSM)

*** 3 beating heart stars *** Review here.

92-93%

Lily Sawyer – **LAWN MOWER BOYS** (Summer Love)

*** 3 lawn mower boys stars *** Review here.

93-9%

Andrea Speed – **MY BLOODY VALENTINE** (Paranormal/Sorcerer)

** 2 bloody stars ** Review here.

DH Starr – **TLC** (Recovery)

*** 3 Tender Loving Care stars *** Review here.

97-100%

Em Woods – **BETWEEN FRIENDS** (Action)

** 2 fucking friends stars ** Review here.

Hannah says

My favorite stories in this volume were...

"Be My Boy" by Casey Cox - an intriguing and surprisingly romantic story about a D/s slave relationship.

"Like the Taste of Summer" by Kaje Harper - further evidence that Ms. Harper is in her element when writing in the short form. This is a really sweet story about first love.

"Tears of the Sea" by Marguerite Labbe - a haunting paranormal story featuring some of my favorite mythological creatures.

"Super Sock Man" by Amy Lee - totally adorable. I haven't read any of Amy Lee's full-length novels yet; I understand they are usually angst-ridden. This story was just sweet and sexy fun.

