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Chase Arlington had to relocate for financial reasons from New York City to corn country in Ohio with his German Shepherd mix, Mutley. Working as a physical therapist at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Chase thought his skills could be used to serve the men who fought for his country. He didn't realize he'd miss the rush and glitter of the Big Apple, not to mention being an out gay man in Manhattan where he was open with his family without fear of recrimination.

Staff Sergeant Gary Wilson worked in the air force reserves, soon to be called for his tour of duty in Iraq. He was living day to day, deeply in the closet to his parents and co-workers, passing the time until he went to Al Taji Air Base. Until he met the handsome Chase Arlington.

Every weekend Chase and Mutley ran cross country in the park, only to see the same nine men playing tackle football week after week. Wishing he could participate, lonely and too new in town to have established friends, Chase takes a moment to watch the game.

Instantly Chase catches the eye of big, muscular, Gary Wilson. Gary is smitten by the handsome man and makes the bold move of running after Chase to invite him to even up the sides of their football match. Chase gladly accepts and joins in the fun.

The attraction between Chase and Gary grows by each passing moment and soon they begin to spend all their time together.

But the looming tour of duty is something the two men are dreading, and Chase in particular has very strong views on the war, and fears for Gary's life.

Inevitably Gary is summoned to duty, leaving behind a distraught Chase.

As the time crawls by until Gary is allowed to return home, Chase tries not to imagine anything happening to the man he loves, until that dreaded phone call comes in the night.

With guest appearances from Secrets and Misdemeanors' Lyle Wilson and David Thornton, and Leather Boys' Devlin Young and Sam Rhodes, Chase finds his love, loyalty and patriotism are tested to the extreme as Gary's fate is in the hands of others.

Sometimes it takes every ounce of strength you possess to convince the one you love that no matter what, you are still the man you were, all man, and nothing less.

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Elci says

Insta love is fine, but I can't get over how open they were about their relationship in the age of DADT. SMH

Blackravens Reviews says

4.5 Ravens. The book is well written and is more or less presented in two parts – before Iraq and after. The characters are suited to each other and fun to get to know. To read this review in its entirety, please visit <http://www.blackravensreviews.com/?p=...>

Indigo says

As usual Ms Hauser delivers a wonderful story, if with a bit of violence.

Fernanda Parente says

One of the best books I've ever read. Loved Gary and Chase

Alina says

Loved this book!

I'm a sucker for insta-love in romance and not ashamed to admit it. I loved Chase and Gary's fast mutual attraction and how it evolved further. I also think ms Hauser did a fantastic job, showing the impending sense of doom. How their time together was sweet and at the same time excruciating - great! And how during the first part of the story it was Gary who comforted Chase and later, after Gary's injury they traded places and Chase was so wonderfully supportive and strong for both of them.

I won't even say anything about Mutley, just because there's no other words, than awesome, for him!

Oh and I hope there's a book about Lyle and David out there somewhere, am I right? I'll just have to find it.

CB says

I enjoy GA Hauser more each time than I remember. All her books end up back on my to-be-read-again shelf.

This one is a love story with 2 lovely MC's, very hot sex and drama due to one character going over to Iraq and not being "out." I suggest reading "Leather Boys" and "Secrets and Misdemeanors" before this book (in any order) as those MC's all make appearances in this book and it's nice to see them again (but it's not necessary to reading this book at all).

DarienMoya says

^^ IT'S SOMETHING ALL'RIGHT^^

3.5/5

This book was a pretty good read, did not enjoy it as much as the The Wedding Planner, but that book was just awesomeness. This one had a pretty intense story line, a bit of politics involving the war, plus the pain of when someone leaves to go and fight a war. It can be oh so devastating.

Chase has just moved from the Big Apple because his physical therapy practice was going under. He relocates to Ohio to work at an army base. This move is becoming very depressing to Chase because he is away from his family, and he feels like the only gay man in town. Where's a dude got to go, to get some ass around town. Well love finds him in the most unlikely place, at the park.

Every Saturday morning while doing his run, with his dog he spots a couple guys playing touch football, and Chase has no idea that these guys touch more balls minus the foot. He wants to join the game but has no idea how to, and he is feeling like a voyeur. When he is approached by the sexy Gary, it is literally love at first sight, they hit it off BIG TIME. With plans to meet later for lunch, Chase has no idea that though he just met Gary he is about to lose him to the war.

Thus begins all kinds of emotional struggles, I am not gonna pretend, I did shed a few tears. This book is deeply emotional, and carries men crying, it was so beautiful to read. It must be so hard to find someone you really like, and then have to worry that they might not make it home. It truly was very sweet. The sex between Gary and Chase is hot and often, but the urgency to have each other totally works. All the pent up emotion, it's like wanting to be permanently joined.

The downside for me was Gary's parents, you never really find out if they are accepting of Gary's relationship with Chase, plus they had the gall to be rude while their son was laying in the hospital. That really irked me, I don't care if my son had 50 boyfriends the fact that he made it home alive should have been the most important.

Overall a very sweet read, with a realistic plot and hot man loving. The dog is bloody awesome, animals just always make books better. Another thing I love is that this seems to be a continuous theme with G.A books, I love that at least one of the men is a really good cook, I just love that.

Ryan Loveless says

No surprises in terms of plot. Likeable main characters, but so similar that I sometimes lost track of who was

who. I liked the familial interactions, but the supposed tension between ex-boyfriends was amped up way too much for something that was settled so easily. And the dog was great.

Elisa Rolle says

I noticed that in her last works G.A. Hauser has tuned down a bit her bad heroes, making them probably less extreme, while in any case preserving that tad bit of selfishness that makes them unique.

Enter Chase, physical therapist from New York City who decided to move in farm country to try to save his practice. He is working now for the Army, as PT in a base in a small town in Ohio; from the bustle-hastle of New York City with all the “gay” opportunities to be “forced” again in the closet due to the small town mentality is a big step. Chase is really rethinking his decision, more out of frustration than anything else. Plus is not that Chase is willing to be less picky, as he himself says, he not only wants a gay man, he wants him also handsome and fit (and here the G.A. Hauser’s trademark makes its appearance).

Gary is a Staff Sergeant in the same base where Chase works, but they meet out of it, in the park while Chase is jogging and Gary is playing with the only 8 other gay guys in the city. He is the first to spot Chase and so he is also the first to have the chance to make a move on him. Of course being both Chase than Gary, handsome, free and horny, it’s a match made in heaven.

I like Chase’s attitude towards Gary; Gary has to remain in the closet, with him being a soldier and just to be sent in Iraq, he cannot allow himself the freedom to be out. Chase doesn’t like it, but it’s not his decision to make. Chase and Gary’s relationship hits off from the first moment and they seem to have found a perfect balance; it’s not only a comfortable situation, even if it’s not that there are so many choices around. Looking more or less for a way to get off in a safe way, they have instead found love and the Mr. Right in each other.

Their main obstacle to happiness is not Gary’s need to stay in the closet, but the fact that he will be soon in Iraq; that is when Chase gets emotional, but not so much to make abrupt decision, like dumping Gary or something similar: like any good partner of a soldier, Chase makes clear to Gary that he loves him and that he will be missed, but he makes also clear that he will be there waiting for him, giving to Gary the needed stability of knowing that he has someone to come back to.

As often in a G.A. Hauser’s novel, there is a net that links more books together: Gary’s brother is Lyle Wilson from Secrets and Misdemeanors, Chase’s previous crush is Brock Hart from The Vampire and the Man-Eater, Chase’s friend is Tyler from The Wedding Planner, Gary and Chase’s friends are Sam and Devlin from Leather Boys.

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Mandy*reads obsessively* says

Chase moves from the Big Apple to Ohio..and he's not happy with the pickins'!

Gary and Chase meet at the park, where Gary plays football with his friends, they hit it off immediately and inst-love/lust ensues.

I'm not quite sure why Kevin played such a prominent role in the beginning he was just annoying and did

nothing but distract.

The parents were typical, Chase's family being very supportive and Gary's not!

All in all it was a sweet story that got a bit too sappy for me at times.

There is a bit of politics in it concerning the wars and it shows a bit of the fear the family members of service members feel.

Becky Condit says

G. A. Hauser's All Man is a sweet love story that occurs in the middle of the mid-west and unites an Oregon-raised Air Force officer with a New York-raised physical therapist.

Chase Arlington has moved to Ohio to work as a physical therapist at Wright Patterson Airbase, but he finds himself increasingly lonely and set apart since he has not found a gay community, let alone a boyfriend. He does have Mutley, a dog that features prominently in the story and has several funny scenes in the book.

Staff Sergeant Gary Wilson is a career airman who has undergone a bad break-up and is not looking for love when Chase finds him playing football in a park.

The story is presented essentially in two parts: before Gary goes to Iraq and after. It is a great story about unconditional love. I actually rate this one 4 1/2. I wish GR would add half stars!

ElaineY says

This was fine right up until Chase and Gary met for their first date. From there, it was like reading about two schoolgirls.

It was rather weird, this sudden change.

Allie says

3.5

Janie says

Even though the plot of the story was very predictable it was a great book. I loved that both brothers ended up gay and coming out about the same time. I liked hearing about Lyle and David again. And loved Muttley.

Da'ad says

Meh.
