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Liam McGuire has the perfect life--his job is a nightmare, his apartment was swank back in the eighties, and he has a secret so painful it could destroy him. What can top that? Meeting his son's new boyfriend, that's what.

For former porn star Liam McGuire, life is pretty tame, except that his twenty-one year old son is now dating the love of Liam's life. At the ripe old age of thirty-eight, Liam's entire world is collapsing around him, his past catching up with him, his secrets and his lies are coming back to bite him. All because Kel had to go and fall in love with Seth.

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Lyn says

Quitting at 36%. I was sure this would be a win for me because it's my kind of taboo and I've read several books by Mercy Celeste that have blown me away. This book isn't working for me simply because of the choppy writing and cheesy dialogue.

Vivian says

The title pretty much sums it up.

Sexy beyond words and yes, oh yes, Liam is an out of this world sex god. I'd never get out of bed if I was with him. Add Seth and Kel to this delicious melange and you've got some epic sex. Just in case you thought this was merely a relationship aid book--think again. You can expect some cheese grater action on that heart of yours.

Favorite quote:

Holy fucking shit. I flopped back in the sand and wished for one huge mother-fucking wave to come and wash me away."

Susan65 says

4.5 stars...even though I got freaked out a few times and thought I was gonna instantly be reduced to cinders and shipped straight to hell for even reading it, let alone actually finding it hot as sin.

My only savings grace is that I guessed, hoped and prayed for a certain aspect to be revealed and thankfully I was right. For once I was happy to be proven right and it took absolutely NOTHING away from the storyline either.

I know that just the idea of many aspects of this one will give some people the heebie-jeebies (me included) but damn it was soooooo good.

There are so many twists and turns and at times it went in a totally unexpected direction with totally unforeseen outcomes. I am amazed, even though I shouldn't be, that there are some truly horrible people in the world...and also some absolutely amazing ones. This book had both.

If you want a unique storyline, with hot as hell mc's, secondary characters that enhance the experience, and a chance to walk on the wild side, then take a chance on this book. You will be captivated from the beginning, freaked a bit in the middle, but trust me when I say to have faith and keep reading. The end of the book is amazing, all is revealed (plus a lot that I didn't expect) and I could not put it down.

Jan says

****4.5 Stars****

There is no point of trying to sugar coat this, therefore let me go straight for the kill. *Warning: Pseudo-incestuous themes. MMM sexual situations. May not be suitable for sensitive readers.*

Beyond Complicated is the kind of story that makes one squirm, cringe and feel uncomfortable. Most of you would probably think that this is a sordid story and as such, of course, you wouldn't touch it even with a ten-foot pole. I can't really blame you, if you read the blurb and the tags.

Newsflash: **Beyond Complicated** is not a black and white story as one can think. So please, don't go all almighty making assumptions and judgments. I admit it could have been a sordid story alright if it wasn't for the fact that there are over fifty tons of fucked up grey between the black and white, which in case you are wondering, leads this story to angst and depth in spades.

In my very honest and conflicted opinion, **Beyond Complicated** was royally fucked up complicated. My ramblings, sadly, will follow this lead as I finished this with my feelings all over the place.

Writing: 5 Stars. I found it refreshing, intriguing and remarkably witty. There was a dose of dry humour that captivated me.

"I closed my phone. I mean what I was supposed to say to that? Holy fucking shit. I flopped back in the sand and wished for one huge mother-fucking wave to come and wash me away."

Story line/Originality: 5 Stars

Angst: 5 Stars for all the hell Liam put me through. Liam has been wronged so bloody many times!

Depth of the book: 5 Stars

Hero/ Liam: 5 Stars. What's not to like about him? Swoon!

Hero/Kel: 5 Stars for the sweetest boy ever. And dirty ;-)

Hero/Seth: 2 Stars. Seth was kind of meh. It makes me feel bad saying this considering all the depth invested in the story, but I think his character was poorly developed.

Now, here is where the story let me down. I was disappointed with the way the author developed Liam/Kel relationship. I didn't feel exactly at which point Liam fell in love with Kel. How it happened. The lust I

could feel alright though. Freaking hot! But love? I wish it was handled differently because my heart didn't follow it. That being said, the other way around worked to the T. Jesus! The way Kel grew up in such an unstable family, (view spoiler) how could Kel **NOT** be in love with Liam considering it all? Liam was his rock. I would be in love with Liam!

How to rate this? On one hand I was amazed me and on the other I was disappointed. It's been hours since I've finished this and I can't wrap my head around making sense of my thoughts as a whole.

I think Beyond Complicated was an incredible and compelling story, painful at times but with a very important piece missing romance wise.

I'll settle for 4.5 Stars.

I definitely recommend this book.

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Dirty Books Obsession

Breann says

The Players:

Liam - ex-porn star, pushing forty, works in insurance, been heartbroken for 4 years

Seth - Liam's ex-lover, also ex-porn star, lawyer, also been heartbroken for 4 years

Kal - Liam's son, college student, Seth's current lover

Now, your son is dating your ex, yeah, it's complicated but *beyond* complicated? Nah. But when Liam starts to lust after Kal? (*whispers* remember that's his son) Yeah, now we're beyond complicated. Way beyond. Passed the sign about 100 miles ago. When this started happening I should have been like...

Instead I put on my pervy face and was all...

So, yeah. This might be the hottest book I've ever read. Like, ever. It all felt so wrong and dirty I felt like I needed a shower afterwards. Ya know, to um, purify myself and all that after this dirty read and...yeah, that's it.

This was deliciously sexy and angsty but, unfortunately, not everything is about sex. No matter how much we want it to be. I just didn't really care about these guys. They could get their HEA and I would have been fine. Or not and I would have been fine with that also. For me, who loves mushy gushy sweet syrupy lovey goodness, to not care about an HEA kinda means a lot to me. Yes, I couldn't put my kindle down all day and busted through this long-ish book in record timing but can I rate it higher than 3 stars? Just because I wanted

to sate my pervy tendencies? No, I can't. I need an HEA I care about.

Gyn says

Contains Spoilers

For me, even if you put the "pseudo" before the "incest" it doesn't work. From the beginning the author clearly set up Liam and Kelton's father/son relationship on the very outer edge but the fact remained that Liam DID act as a father figure from infancy through adulthood and Liam was not 100% certain he was not Kelton's biological father. In fact, even though later in the book Kelton says he knew Liam wasn't his father, right after they first have sex Kelton says something to the effect of You may have donated the sperm but you're not really my dad. And speaking of sex, there was a TON of it! Liam went back and forth between Kelton and Seth in the same day...without condoms! Once the 3-way action started happening all they did was have sex.

And if they incest aspects weren't bad enough then the author throws in rape. Liam's rape by Sabrina and his gang rape. Add it to the fact that Kelton looks like Seth, whom Liam blamed for the gang rape, and now I'm wondering about the psychological implications of Liam and Kelton's sexual relationship.

And if all THAT wasn't enough then we have the craziness of the whole "Who's my daddy" plot. So Sabrina rapes Liam and says he got her pregnant. 8 months later Kelton comes along. Somehow Sabrina manages to fake a paternity test and convince a judge to give her extra child support while at the same time being a shitty parent/person. 21 years later Liam and Kelton are thinking Ken (Sabrina's high school boyfriend and current sack of shit husband) is the real father. Oh, but wait, come to find out that Sabrina actually was having sex with Brad (Liam's high school best friend whom Liam loved but wasn't quite sure if he was gay so never acted on it even though in the end he really was gay but closeted and married with children) whom is the real father and Sabrina simply wanted to get back at Brad by having sex with Liam because she knew Brad really loved Liam.

Confused yet?? Yeah. Throw in a suicide attempt, a porn star career, and panic attacks and you have this story! Oh and let's not forget the fact that the characters run away and disappear on each other for weeks, months, years at a time because they can't deal.

Now I do think the author writes well and the sex would have been hot if all the other aspects weren't involved. But they were and I personally just couldn't get past it.

Sara says

This book was so damn sad.

This book was so damn hot.

This book was so damn frustrating.

This book was do damn not what I expected.

I came for the pseudo incest, I'm not going to lie. I was told this book was hella hot and hella hot doesn't begin to cover it. But this book, it was way more emotional than I was prepared for and this being I think the second book I have read from the author, I know the score. The first one did the same thing to me; I went in for the fun sexy times and ended up crying more than I wanted to.

I can do a three-way relationship but, shit. This is so fucking beyond complicated.

You think????

Liam is so broken. I don't think I have read someone who's life is so screwed up. There are so many lies. So many unnecessary lies that led to so much hurt. My heart bleeds for this man, for this good man with a big heart who wants to do the right thing even if the right thing tears everything and everyone he has ever loved away from him. Oh Liam. So much pain. So much sad.

Seth, I really liked Seth and what he brought to the table and to the book. He was deceived and hurt as well and all that he wants is to be with the man he loves, even if it.... well, even if it's two men because, the blurb says it and oh boy.

Kel, Kelton, Kelly... JHFC. What you do blew my mind in many ways. I don't know how the fuck you kept it together but you did and really, dude. You are amazing and yeah.

I can't really think straight after reading this. I am kinda depressed and wish I had more of the wine I was drinking during most of this book.

So...

The sex: Off the charts hot, intimate, dirty and just UNF.

The story: So fucked up, twisted and totally beyond complicated.

The emotions: So deep, tender, intense and so sad.

I really liked the book, I did and yet, sexy book has made me sad.
How did that happen?

Simsala says

2,5 stars

No army of pet-peeves was marching up but I disliked Liam as first person POV from page one. Beyond Complicated? Not really, there was just that apparently impossible task for Liam to keep his dick in his pants where it belonged instead of screwing around with his ex-boyfriend/ex-porn buddy Seth who he was supposed to hate after Seth participated in a porn shot gone wrong - to put it mildly... - now the current boyfriend of his son Kelton.

And the next impossible task - keeping his hands out of his supposed-to-be-son Kelton's pants, that was too much to ask for as he suddenly recognized his developing un-fatherly feelings to the now adult and oh-so-

beautiful Kel.

No wonder - Liam was kind of a caricature of a porn star....cotton wool to the north and a teaspoon of brain cells south. Ruled by his dick and wallowing in misery over the stupid decisions the "little" shit made for him....giving in to temptation, then deeply regretting it and a few hours later they were at it again...what a hypocrite!

Okay, it *was* complicated but everything was wrapped up nicely in the end and I just have one tiny niggle left....the sex scenes!

The "hottest writing ever" didn't work for me. The porn talk made it hard not to laugh...o.k., I must admit I did laugh...

Dia says

4,25 stars

Beyond complicated is to rate this one. I got my dose and actually overdosed on the angst here. SO much drama these men have! Really don't know what to say more. Besides the fact that I've enjoyed it. My thoughts are all over the place right now. I was late to work because I wanted to finish it, so it definitely deserves 4,25 stars!

Monique says

Review to come..

SheReadsALot says

Beyond Complicated summed up in a few words...

Holy Cheesus, um what the hell is going on?

But they love...?

He did what?

She did WHAT?

And he *knew* ? THE *WHOLE* time?

NOOOOO!

YAAAAAY!

YUMMY!

A true clusterfuck of emotions I have for this book. Seriously. The title can't define the angst, emotion, bleakness (at times), lust and love that encapsulates this book. Seriously.

(I do think *FML* would have been an excellent choice if *Beyond Complicated* didn't win the title role. Seriously)

Now triad books can either be *really* good which each person gets to love each other equally and honestly or just a big ol' porn show. This wasn't a big ol' porn show.

I have laughed, teared up a bit, wanted to hug and plain loved this book. I was a Mercy Celeste fan before reading this book and I'm a cemented one after this book. Don't follow the critics that pan this as an incest book, it's NOT. No one is related, it's a case of:

(view spoiler)

Pick up a copy and give this story a try if you're a fan of M/M romance with depth and great characters, I think you might enjoy this one.

I did.

Kaje Harper says

This book was well-written and hit all my angst buttons thoroughly. It almost hit five stars for me, except that as much as I loved Liam and Kel, and appreciated the plot twists, I never warmed up to Seth. At first I thought he used sex with both guys in place of conversation that was desperately needed. Later, I felt like he had a major responsibility for much of the pain in the story and both that it didn't speak well of him in the first place and that he never acknowledged it in a way that satisfied me. (view spoiler)

The M/M/M sex scenes are well done, and the issues between the guys are intense and engrossing. I did enjoy this book and would really like a sequel, because I think there are still things the guys need to work out, and a lot of external conflict that will challenge their relationship.

Jason Bradley says

This is pseudo-incest. And the hottest writing ever.

Emma Sea says

I'm not saying the sex wasn't electric. I'm saying that everything Liam went through destroyed any pleasure I could take in Seth, Liam and Kel pumping each other full of "hot cream" and then sucking it out again to

trade "spunky kisses."

There was a point when I thought, "Should I quit now? I am not enjoying this."

But fucking foolishly, I decided the author had finished working over the Liam-shaped pinata with the woobie stick.

She had not.

So I thought, "Well, I might as well keep going *now* and finish. There can't be more of this."

I was wrong.

The very end, with the (view spoiler) Well, it only pissed me off. It all pissed me off. Is Sabrina the most heinous female character in all of m/m? She has not one redeeming feature.

I feel all giddy, but I shall stop now and try to forget I read this.

That is all.

Truuss says

Some authors can put down a personality so clear and well aligned you just see them before your eyes as if they stand in front of you.

Liam is this kind of a guy, you can almost hear the tone of his voice, i felt instantly connected.

Awesome....<3

I will start to say.....(because there is no other room in my review to say it loud and clear) :

It was HOT, not just a hot read but HOT.... (Only it's so much more than that)

Liam...Introducing himself shortly how his life gets from sixteen till now thirty eight. How he had a child at seventeen. How he worked his ass off to support him. How he finally can generate money with the porn industry. How he met Seth, seven years younger and the love of his life. How he left the love of his life four years ago.

He has an appointment with his twenty one year old son. Who has something to discuss with him. Kel wants Liam to meet his boyfriend.

What happened then is indeed beyond complicated.....

Bit by bit we get to know why he left the love of his life and Jesus Fucking Christ that was.....devastating....It's so damn raw I cried and cursed hard and loud...

Liam loves Seth and Kel deeply and they love him even more.

The triangle works just fine inside the bedroom but outside it almost doomed to failure.

They have the hottest sex you can dream of and it works, they love each other hard.

Only life is harder.

But....even with all the hotness there is a real story. Bit by bit we get to know how all the pieces of the puzzle

fits together. What happened twenty one years ago, what happened during those twenty one years and what happened four years ago.....

This story....told from Liam's povit's so much worse than you can imagine..... so damn harsh and so extended. Nothing is what it seems.

Liam's personality is developed very well, his attitude, his flaws, his weakness and his strength. I loved him from the first page. Seth loves Liam hard and was so lost when he disappeared....I felt so sorry for him..... and there is Kel....beautiful Kel, with a big heart, mature and sexy as hell, you have to love him. Saying it's complicated is an understatement, at the end it was somewhat too muchtoo much drama and story. Nevertheless it was captivating as hell.

What confused me were the moments I thought they had it all together but then it still felt apart. My faith in them for a future together shrank a bit. But there is always hope....

Very well written and fascinating, damn hot heartbreaking story.
Finally the three of them get their well deserved happy together.

"Well, I'll be damned, your eyes are blue. Deep dark sapphire blue."

Highly recommend for the ones who love a complicated absorbing story with depth, taboos and lots of hot sex. Five stars for all above.
