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After the death of his beloved dog, Harry, Peter Mitchell refuses to consider getting a new dog. Besides which, Peter has his hands full with his partner, Dr Evan Wells. The vet is surprisingly sensitive about Peter's feelings and doesn't nag Peter about getting a pet. Of course, not nagging and not doing anything about it are two different things, at least in Evan's mind.

When Peter is presented with a small red bundle of fur to hold, he realises the devious vet planned their new arrival and worse, she's already got a name. Peter may not have a choice about their dog, but he's going to put his foot down over her name. He should know better.

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Lena Grey says

One of Dr. Evan Wells's, of *Hazel Takes Over* by Sue Brown, goals in life is to see that his partner, Peter Wells, is happy. Although their first meeting was a bittersweet one since Evan had to euthanize Peter's beloved companion of many years, his dog, Hairy Harry, their relationship has grown stronger and more satisfying as time goes on. Peter loved Hairy Harry very much. Even though he misses Hairy Harry, getting another dog feels like a betrayal, like replacing him, which simply can't be done. Evan knows that Peter misses having a dog and devises a plan, with the help of their friends, to find another dog that will win his heart right away; little Hazel fits the bill perfectly.

Peter is usually practical and levelheaded, but when he discovers that his ex-wife is being abused by her married lover, he loses it and threatens to take the kids. When she makes every effort to be rid of her lover and he hurts her again, Peter goes to the rescue and comforts her. Regardless of what has happened between them, his children are his priority and he doesn't want them overly upset by holding on to animosity toward their mother. Peter is, by far, the more practical of the two. He's constantly reeling Evan in, who, although he means well, can be quite outspoken and rambunctious at times; Peter is the glue that keeps their relationship stable. Even though being with a man is new territory for Peter, he's learning; there's no one in the world he'd rather be with than Evan. In the middle of all this is sweet little Hazel, the adorable puppy who keeps both Peter and Evan on their toes, while also filling an important spot in their hearts and lives.

Evan can be very direct but his friends have grown accustomed to his bluntness and love him in spite of it. Everyone knows exactly where he stands on issues and, if they don't, he's more than happy to fill them in. He can't cook and he hates it but he keeps trying to learn. It's not below him to ruin a meal on purpose to try to get out of his culinary duties. He knows that Peter will save the day. As far as Peter's children go, Evan realizes their importance to Peter and knows they come first. Whatever he can do to help, Evan does without question. One of his goals in life is to keep Peter happy and safe. Evan knows that if his children are hurting, so is Peter; that's simply not acceptable. They don't always agree on everything though, and the latest difference of opinion has to do with their neighbor, Jessie, and his boyfriend, Dan. Evan doesn't agree with the fact that Jessie puts his job first, goes away for long periods of time, leaving Dan alone. Jessie takes it for granted that Dan will wait for him; he expects Dan to be there, no matter what. Evan is upset by this attitude and tries to intervene, trying to make Jessie feel guilty, but Peter keeps telling him to stay out of it, something Evan obviously has trouble doing. Evan knows how it feels to be taken for granted and it's hard for him to see Dan in a similar situation.

In the continuing story of the lives and times of the gay couples associated with Dr. Evan Wells and his veterinary practice, I've shared their joys and sorrows; am entertained by their antics, attitudes, and, of course their British wit along the various and sundry dogs whose personalities set the pace for each story. I recommend this story to those who enjoy an amusing, sometimes serious, angsty glimpse into an interesting group of men and the dogs they love. I look forward to the next sequel. Thanks, Sue, for giving me another visit with the Lyon Road Vet gang.

NOTE: This book was provided by the author for the purpose of a review on <http://www.rainbowbookreviews.com/boo...> Book Reviews.

Karen says

'Hazel Takes Over' was a fun look at more of Evan & Pete and Pete's family, a little Will & Lawrence and a sneak peek at Jesse & Dan our MCs for book 4. I enjoyed this Evan & Pete are a nice couple. I like that they're more mature. We see a bit more of Pete's family in this one his kids and his ex-wife, Toni. Pete & Evan are supportive and help Toni through a difficult situation. One that creates a minor crisis of faith for their own relationship which is dealt not by over the top drama but through mature conversation as adults are sometimes prone to have.

The other thing this story offered was the beginning of Jesse & Dan's story. Another mature couple in a long term relationship that's facing it's own crisis of faith because of Jesse's job. I'm looking forward to book 4 and finding out how things go for these two men. So far I really like Jesse. I like Dan as well but I have to admit in this couple right now Jesse is my favourite.

Last but not least we have Hazel, an adorable dog that has been brought into Pete's life by Evan to help fill the void left by Harry. Harry was Pete's dog in book 1 and unfortunately while he played a major role in bringing Pete and Evan together, his role was short lived (bad pun intended).

'Hazel Takes Over' was a nice quick read that offered a more in-depth look at the couples in this series and their adorable pets. Not an epic emotional roller coaster ride but still an enjoyable read.

Lillian Francis says

Great to catch up with Peter and Evan.

The next book's gonna be a killer, though

Becky Condit says

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"I didn't choose men. I chose you."

It's so good to see the boys from Hairy Harry's Car Seat back again and getting a new dog. Loved seeing Will, Lawrence, and Bob from Bob, Destroyer of Leads again.

Most of this book is sweet and gentle as we see Evan and Peter settling in to life together and managing to share Peter's kids with his ex-wife. The reality of raising a puppy takes over the household as Hazel escapes the confines of the kitchen and inserts herself in their bed. The fanged boot, which I understand is a true story, is very funny. (Beware befriending another author – the stories you tell over morning coffee may show up where you least expect them.) Gentle Will and dominating Lawrence appear with Bob to show even the famous dog trainer still can't get Bob to behave.

But things turn dark and scary with something secret going on with Peter's ex-wife and her abusive boyfriend. Can Peter trust that the kids are safe in a house with Roy? Then there is the mysterious and highly dangerous neighbor Jesse and his soon-to-be left-behind-again boyfriend Dan. Ms Brown! You cannot do this to me, uh us! Introduce a man who won't tell what he does for a living, has a boyfriend but disappears

for months at a time, and then... well, I can't say more without making it a spoiler. Suffice to say I, uh, we, demand Jesse's story! OK, I'll say it nicer... please?

This is my favorite of the Lyon Road Vet series and it takes the good vet and his partner down a path they didn't see coming. Great series, great book! Well done, Ms Brown!

Paul says

Loved this one and REALLY hope the next one is Jesse and Dan :) Way to go Sue, got me hooked on another series :)

Sunne says

It is the third book in the series and I liked it. But I wasn't as charmed as with the other two books. A lot feels rushed in the beginning. It reads more superficial than the other two books. It's drama-free and a quick read.

Didi says

There's so many editing issues here, even more than a couple of wrong name(s) usage. Really bugged my enjoyment. Personally, I thought the story tried too hard to get heavy and went all over; involving all characters in previous books and introducing new characters for the next book.

And what's with the similar names for different people; I noticed this since #book1. Let's see: Evan's cousin was David and he also had best friend named Dave. Peter ex's was Toni and her father was Tony. I also remember Bernie from Peter's work had boyfriend named Tony...

Oh well. At least the puppy was still cute.

Shelby P says

I really like Peter and Evan as a couple. The story got exciting for me once we found out what was happening to Toni. Jesse is an interesting character and I would like to read his and Dan's story. I'm happy with the ending because usually the bad guy gets killed and doesn't earn a just punishment.

Michelle says

Same as book 2. I liked the story and the characters. The editing errors were a bit distracting though.

Sadonna says

This story picks up sometime after Even and Peter have been together. Evan sort of colludes with a bunch of folks to get Peter to agree to a puppy. It's been a while since Peter lost Harry, but he's not sure he's ready for another dog. However, he is overruled.

We get to spend time with Peter's kids and meet some new characters - the neighbors this time. There is a bit of sturm und drang with Toni and Peter and Evan are to the rescue. Sofie and Simon are still adjusting to their new family reality, but seem to be doing pretty well. The realistic portrayal of the kids and their behaviors was a nice authentic touch to the story.

I'm looking forward to see what happens next for new friends Dan and Jesse.

Lindsay says

This story takes up months after the 2nd book and Peter is surprised by Evan getting them a puppy. At first Peter is worried but soon learns to love Hazel their new puppy while dealing with issues with his ex wife. They also meet a neighbour Jesse and his partner Dan leading us to book 4.

Penumbra says

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I'm happy to say that this book went back to the familiar feel of book one. It's more put together and with more action. There's two new characters introduced and we find out more about Peter's ex and kids. In fact the book is more about family.

First Evan, who tends to take things into his own

multitaskingmomma says

Original Blogspot: <http://headouttheoven.blogspot.com/20...>

First off, I must say that when I saw this cover? I just fell for Hazel - I got the biggest grin on my face when I saw her whole adorableness and with those two men in the background? Well, let's just say that even before I got to read this book from the series I had been following, I already got that grin on and knew I would love another doggie story with some bit of man on man loving on the side.

Now, Hazel Takes Over is the third book of the Lyon Road Vets Series. I first discovered this series after spotting this unusually titled book, Bob the Destroyer of Leads (Lyon Road Vets, #2) After that second book, I took to the first and got hooked on Sue Brown's stories about men and the dogs in their lives.

This third installment continues the story of Peter and Ethan whom we first met in Hairy Harry's Car Seat

(Lyon Road Vets, #1). It was not surprising that Ethan would go through any lengths to get another dog into Peter's life, knowing (as we dog lovers know) that we can never resist the adorable and manipulative little pests - we are just suckers for them. Of course, Peter takes one look and falls head over heels for a puppy. Pathetic!

Hazel, a gregarious mixed breed puppy, never walks - she jumps, she bounces, she runs, she skids - but never walks. She also chews shoes and blocks any romantic moves Peter or Ethan start on each other. Does that make her less adorable? Nope, it just makes her more precious and soon, she is the true master of the house. But in her joining the family, little does she know that something is not right somewhere and she makes sure to protect those she loves most: her humans.

You may think this is all about Hazel, but really it is not. The story unfolds around Hazel and she plays witness to what's going on. This story is really about Peter and Ethan and how their life evolves after they moved in together. This is also the story where we meet Jesse and Dan, two men we meet for the first time in this series. Their lives get tangled up with Ethan and Peter and we know from here that they are going to be the next men in the fourth installment. Both these men play an big role in this story and the drama that unfolds and it is an interesting one, albeit a bit mysterious.

Hazel Takes Over is an adorable light-read that's just fantastic to experience. Especially if you are a dog lover. If you are, you won't fail to laugh or reminisce about some of the antics written here, if you are not, well... IT'S STILL A DARNED GOOD STORY!

cmbookdiva says

Loved it!

Kat says

3.5 stars
