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Antoine and Wally have been best friends since college. They do everything together—work, play, relax, live. Minus the blight that is Wally's wife, and the unhappiness she brings him, their lives are grand.

But then Wally files for divorce, and his wife drops a bombshell he never expected, and Antoine realizes that the life he'd always imagine with the best friend he's always secretly loved has been taken away from him a second time.

By the Way is a side story to the novel The Missing Butterfly by Megan Derr.

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Stacey Jo says

This is a super short (under 30 pages) story that gives us a little taste of Antoine and Wally. And believe me, once you read The Missing Butterfly, you are dying to know what, if anything, happens between these two. Wally is finally leaving his evil wife when she does drop a bombshell on him like the blurb says but it's something that makes Wally happy on the one hand, but on the other, could keep he and Antoine apart, if they ever have a chance. He's right, Antoine doesn't handle it well, but being long time BFFs, they find a sweet way to make amends. I REALLY REALLY hope that Ms. Derr gives us an actual book #2 with these guys.

I've now read this one at least four times if not more. I've lost count. It's short enough that it can easily be read in one sitting. When I want something that's absolutely sweet and warms every inch of me, this is my go-to story. I love it!

Heather C says

This was kinda cute. I would have really liked to see more of the romantic relationship develop between Antoine and Wally, so I think its just too short to tell their story after 15 years of secretly loving each other.

Jilrene ♥ says

So sweet!

Anna says

I wish this was longer, I'm sure it would've been amazing.

Karen K says

This was a great read but way too short. :(I loved reading about Antoine and Wally again and where their relationship headed after The Missing Butterfly (which I absolutely loved!). I'm glad Wally finally took a stand and felt my heart break when he found out his soon-to-be-ex was pregnant with someone else's child. How can you not love a man who *wants* to raise someone else's child on his own? And having Antoine step up and want to do it with him <-- that right there is love. Can I have some more of this series, please?

Lucy says

Reviewed by Heartsonfirereviews.com

How lovely, a chance to revisit the family of Missing Butterfly! This very short story (and oh how I wish it had been longer) consolidates the friendship of Mal's brother Antoine and his best friend Wally. Wally is married to the wicked witch of the west, but is finally making the changes to be free of her, and maybe now Antoine will get to spend time with the man he secretly loves. He's been a player for fifteen years, in pain over seeing Wally with someone else.

Life just isn't that easy, however. The wicked witch throws a major wrench into the plans, along with a job opportunity that Antoine thought would be a new beginning for the friends. What can I say, I just love these guys. I want a longer story, another story, more.

Kris says

Just think I expected more from the story of these two characters. Maybe it was the way they and the conflict had been set up in 'Missing Butterfly'?? Dunno.

Stupid reader expectations.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

I wanted to read about Antoine and Wally finally getting their much deserved HEA.

This was just a little too short and compact, I wanted a bit more from them, to really make me happy! *sigh* but it was sweet and I enjoyed it. I do wish there was better editing, missing words and wrong words did pull me out a time or two and they were too many for such a short story.

Ami says

3.25 stars

This side story of The Missing Butterfly tells the story of Antoine Osborne (Malcolm's brother) and his best friend of 15 years, Wallace "Wally" Burgundy. In "Missing Butterfly", we got hints that Antoine and Wally might have feelings for one another, and that Wally's marriage was on the rocks and he was getting a divorce. Here we find out the process.

It is a pretty good best friends to lovers short story. Everything is quite predictable, of course, since readers know that Antoine and Wally have been in love with each other for years -- only the characters don't know about it. The timeline is quite rushed, though. Still, it's a nice: Antoine and Wally finally get their HEA.

Pia Veleno says

While I was glad to see Wally and Antoine getting their own story, it was simply too short to be drawn into it. Sure, there is history there and we knew some of it through The Missing Butterfly, but their past felt rushed through, and their coming together wasn't fully explored once they finally admitted their feelings to each other. I did like that Antoine took steps to make it work job-wise, but otherwise I didn't see enough to be confident in their Happily Ever After just yet. A child is a huge challenge, and this could be the perfect opening for their story to be explored in full.

Shirley Frances says

I was so looking forward to this story after reading The Missing Butterfly and I'm very glad that I was not disappointed. I wanted to kick Antoine's butt of course, but he ended up on my good side anyway. Just wish that it was a bit longer.

vLadimiR says

2.5 Stars

A sequel to The Missing Butterfly which features Antoine Osborne and Wallace Burgundy.

The story may be shorter than the first book but no less romantic. So why only 2.5 stars you ask? Well, this installment used the plot device of martyrdom in order to create conflict. Wherein both characters hid their feelings for each other which resulted in fifteen years of denial before they pulled their heads out of their asses. I mean, this method has been tried before and I'm just looking for something creative from contemporary authors now.

Like, what if Wally and Antoine were honest about their feelings from the start? What conflict can the author create that uses a different formula but still yield a *Happily Ever After*? So yeah, the story was enjoyable but I guess I'm just looking for something new nowadays.

Wendy Ann says

I wish I had read this book a little closer in time to when I finished the author's original book in which these guys made an appearance. I had a little trouble remembering their early interactions, but quickly got refreshed on the gist of their relationship. I thoroughly enjoyed this friends to lovers short story and loved the whole scene that set this change into motion. Both guys did a bang up job of surprising the other in a big way. A very nice follow up to "The Missing Butterfly"!!!

Deeze says

Too Short Too Short Too Damn Short.

This deserved a full story. Wally and Antoine was a story I was looking forward to reading and I can't help feeling a little disappointed this was so short.

Saying that, I loved the chance to see them come together.

ETA Still too damn short but I love it just the same

ETA Yep still too short lol.

L-D says

This short had a ton of potential. I'm happy that Antoine and Wally finally had their story told, but this book was way too short. This easily could have been a full length novel. I almost feel like their HEA was cheated a little.
