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Dario Ramos thought he'd left the fighting behind in the war zone when a life-threatening injury sent him home. But a certain Irishman crossing his path everywhere he went convinced him that his biggest battle might be ahead. Tiernan Callahan is a bigoted jerk. Ramos finds himself constantly in the man's orbit, even in a city as big as New York. The wounded warrior knows all about pain and loss — and that sometimes anger is the only form of release. When Tiernan once again crowds Ramos' space, his eyes are opened to the possibility of other forms of release.

Tough NYC cop Tiernan Callahan is still mourning the death of his beloved youngest brother, Mason. Fearing his close-minded family's reaction, the young soldier never got to tell them his secret — that he was gay and engaged to the love of his life. Tiernan is surviving on anger and guilt. When he continues to run into Dario Ramos, who continues to push his buttons, something inside him snaps. Suddenly, anger isn't the only emotion he feels.

Two very different men, still trying to heal: Can they come to an understanding and heal each other?

## A Healing Man Details

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## From Reader Review A Healing Man for online ebook

### Wendy says

I really enjoyed this short and sexy little number ;)

I was a bit worried because I haven't read any of the other books....and for some reason I just can't help myself and just jump into the ones I want to read first (I always do this).

But no worries because after reading a shit ton of reviews I knew what all the other books were about and I had no problems following the storyline ;)

This is a "gay for you"...but both men have been attracted to other men before....so it also wasn't (hope you are still following what I'm trying to say). It's also a "enemies to lovers"...which I love !!

It was a little fast paced, but it was also short, so it had to be fast...lol

I liked it and what I also really liked were the sidecharacters. I loved the MC's, but Danny and Dario's mom were awesome....and very funny :)

The steam was very nicely done and all the "gay" sex talk...laughed my ass off :))

4 stars from me

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### Arch Bala says

**"I'm an asshole. I'm bi and I was a complete and utter jerk to Casper. My brother was too afraid to tell me who he really was and now I'll never get to tell him that I wouldn't have cared. I loved him no matter what or who he was."**

Wow. Who would've thought that a "hated\*" character from this series would be able to redeem himself 360 degrees and be one of the most adorable and charming characters ever to come out from said series!?! I didn't think it's possible to like the bigoted Tiernan Callahan after what he and his family did to his brother's fiancé but Sandrine was able to transform all those negatives into positives and made this stubborn Irishman fall for the equally stubborn "wounded warrior" Dario Ramos [Slater Cassidy's best friend] no less! Yikes! It should have been a disaster from the start right? But nope people, it was actually a match made in heaven!

Dario Ramos is still recovering from his injury which sent him home from the war-zone he's been trying to get over with. But there was another battle he's got to face when he keeps on crossing path with the bigoted New York cop Tiernan Callahan.

Raised from a religious-family, Tiernan Callahan is still mourning the death of his younger brother who died without spilling his secret of being gay and being engaged with another man for fear of rejection from his family thus the guilt and anger he carries around. When he keeps on running into Dario Ramos, something inside him awakens.

Something's gotta give between this two stubborn men and they also both need to heal in order to feel and understand each other...

When I first found out that there'll be a fifth book and it'll feature Ramos, I got all giddy because I loved this series and I loved Ramos!

I loved that he's feisty and doesn't take shit from anyone! I was a bit apprehensive though when the author mentioned that he'll be coupled with one of the Callahan brothers (huh! the bigots who mistreated Casper, their brother's fiancé!) – I effin' hated them in the third book –but yeah, I guess they atleast have to grovel so hard in order to be at least likable.

Funny though because everything seemed to settle down with the Callahan brothers and they became these adorable twins in this book, like seriously, Miss Gasq-Dion – you're killing me with all the feels here!

Out of all the books in the series, I think this one along with *A Fighting Man* (yay! What a coincidence!) are the most solid story-wise. I loved the chemistry between Dario and Tiernan, the low angst and the secondary characters that were introduced here! Oh Gawd!

Now, I cannot wait to have Danny and Bobby's story [please write one for them] and of course, Michael and Ryan as well!

What else can I say about this book? It's a signature Sandrine-Gasq Dion novel and it's effin' fabulous so go ahead and download it now!!!!!!! Cmon' whatchawaitinfor????!!!!

**Rating: 5 out of 5 stars**

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### **Adrianamae, Marco's fan says**

These books are like crack, completely addictive.

They are fun and sexy. The characters and dialogue are wonderful, so they are the type of uncomplicated stories to be filed as comfort rereads.

And now I can't wait for Danny's story. Bring it on!

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### **Makhda says**

My goodness.. I waited until up to 40% just for that first kiss. And I keep calling Ramos as Sgt. Asshole. But eventually I loved him. Ramos and Tiernan.. \*sigh\* It's almost Double GFY. Almost! And I loved Ramos mama. She's adorable.

You know what? When the book mentioned about girlfriend of Ramos, I thought for sure I'm gonna see some M/F sex scene in here. Maybe a foreplay. But there's no review about that. So I keep going. And thank god, there's nothing in it. This book ended with HFN, IMO.

And now I'm waiting for Michael's story!!!

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The blurb sounds GOOD.

This book has my favorite tags. \*rub hands\*

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### **T.M. Smith says**

Tiernan Callahan comes from a long line of New York's finest, with family members that have carried both guns and hoses. Tiernan became a cop while his brother Michael became a fireman, and the baby of the family Mason, joined the military in an effort to separate himself from his commanding older brothers. Tiernan's downward spiral started with the death of his little brother in the line of duty, and was only compounded when his family learned that Mason was gay.

Tiernan has made one bad decision after another since Mason's death, but none of them haunt his every waking thought like Dario Ramos. Ex military war vet himself, Dario managed to make it home, but he carries both emotional and physical scars from his time in the military. And the assanine cop with red streaked hair and a mean streak that is longer than Dario is tall, continues to work his last good nerve. But for some insane reason, the two of them are constantly drawn into each other's orbit and over time, they start to see each other in a new light.

Both men are large, in charge, domineering, alpha male personalities that seem to do nothing but piss each other off. It's when they stop yelling at each other that things really get interesting. It takes Tiernan a while to decipher what it is he feels for Dario. It's been ingrained in his psyche all his life that gay is bad by his over the top catholic mother. But there is something about Dario that makes Tiernan want to take a chance, makes the brooding Irish cop smile, all the damn time. He will have to come to terms with his sexuality and make amends with someone he truly wronged before he can even consider where he wants to take his relationship with Dario.

There is really nothing sexier than two sexy as sin, controlling alpha males tripping over each other on their way to the bed then wrestling to see who will come out on 'top'. It takes these two a little while to accept their mutual attraction as exactly what it is, chemistry. For a while there I wanted to bang their heads together! But once they shared that first steamy kiss while Dario had Tiernan pushed up against the wall, well from that point on they can't keep their clothes on or their hands off each other. Even Tiernan's partner Danny tells him to stop it, they are giving him a cavity.

The Men of Manhattan series is all about true love and second chances. Both Tieranan and Dario have lost a lot in their lives, but only together can they hope to heal. Love is a powerful thing. This book has all Gasq-Dion's usually quirky one liners, firey personalities, a well written storyline and flawless character development. And she has already sparked my curiosity for the possibility of a couple different couplings in future installments of this series, I do hope that Danny and Bobby are next!

I highly recommend this series especially if you are a fan of strong archa male types and are a hopeless romantic like me. Start at the beginning though, there are details that won't be as crisp for you if you just jump right into this book.

\*I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review \*

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### **Gigi says**

This ended up being a really nice sweet, hot book. Recommended, and check out the shelves I put it on! Cops and military and healing/comfort. Warm and fuzzy too!

On to #6!

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### **Sandi ♥'s way too many M/M books says**

I totally loved the hell outta this book. I want more! I want Danny's story and maybe Michaels? I loved Ramos mama.

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### **Mirjana \*\*DTR - Down to Read\*\* says**

\*\*\*4.25 Stars\*\*\*

I think I have a new favorite in this series!

I may not have gotten as much of the enemies to lovers as I wanted, but you know what....

Tiernan Callahan, who we first met in A Fighting Man, is the NYPD homophobic brother of Casper's deceased fiance. In this book we discover that he's not actually homophobic at all, but a man struggling with betrayal, confusion and grief. He's dealing with a lot of misplaced anger regarding his brother's death and the deep pain he feels that his brother never felt comfortable enough to tell him he was gay....that he felt the need to live a completely separate life. Ultimately, his brother didn't have enough faith in Tiernan's love that he would love and support him, no matter what.

Dario Ramos is Slater's best friend and fellow Army Ranger. He was wounded in combat during his last deployment and lost half his leg during an enemy attack. He realizes how much worse his injury could be, and having known what it's like to hit rock bottom, he vows to live each day knowing how lucky he is to be alive. And now he finds himself constantly thinking about Tiernan Callahan. There's something about him that just gets under his skin. The man is stubborn, rude and the sexiest man he's ever seen.

Tiernan keeps running into Dario and that is not at all helping the fact that he already can't get the man off his mind. He was raised by a very strict and controlling Catholic mother and having any type of feelings towards the same sex will not be accepted or tolerated. Is this what his brother Mason felt? Did Mason die thinking his family would hate him if he came out?

Tiernan and Dario are two men destined to keep colliding and eventually sparks begin to fly. Neither man knows what to do with these new feelings, but one thing is for sure, the attraction and pull can no longer be denied. The two embark on a journey full of self-acceptance, forgiveness, honesty and love. They discover what it truly means to be free to be yourself and be fully accepted. Moments of pain and loss can lead to healing and acceptance.

I absolutely LOVED Tiernan and Dario together. Both men hid behind masks to keep the world from seeing their pain and vulnerability. Tiernan needed to accept his long ago buried attraction to men and Dario needed to feel whole again. He needed to feel like an equal, not less of a man because he was missing part of a limb.

Tiernan really changed my mind in this book. I was wondering how the author would redeem him after the way he treated Casper, but I understood his pain so much more. Tiernan and his brother Michael, were dealing with a lot of misguided anger and resentment regarding Mason's death. They both have a lot of love to give, however it was forced to be compartmentalized by a controlling mother. My heart broke for the Callahan brothers, but I'm so happy to see them come out of the other side happier and freer.

"I'm an asshole. I'm bi and I was a complete and utter jerk to Casper. My brother was too afraid to tell me who he really was and now I'll never get to tell him that I wouldn't have cared. I loved him no matter what or who he was."

"Come here."

"Dario?"

"Yes?"

"Thank you for seeing the real me."

"Thanks for showing me."

Even though the book dealt with heavy issues, it wasn't heavy or sad. There are so many lighter moments in here....many of those moments come thanks to Danny, Tiernan's new partner in the NYPD. We get lots of first time gay sex advice, plenty of great banter, a spunky Latina mother and even a proposal (I won't tell you who).

The book was engaging, addicting, funny, heartwarming, low on angst, high on love and filled with some damn good sex. Double cherry popping folks.....DOUBLE! I will say that I wish one of those cherry popping scenes wasn't as rushed, but I can't deny that I'm a greedy whore when it comes to that.

The author introduced us to a couple of new characters and gave some great teasing sneak peaks at what might be in store for some future couples. Two words....I'm salivating!

I've decided to give the last word to Danny....well, because I heart him hard.

"Guys, this is Dario. My boyfriend. Dario, the guys."

There were a few gasps and a few horrified looks, but for the most part, most of them nodded.

"If you have a problem with that, please take it up with the captain. I'm sure he'd love to hear from you."

"No one puts Baby in a corner," Danny chuckled.

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### **.Lili. says**

This book-

I loved **everything** about it! It had it all.

-Humor ✓

-Endearing moments. There's a passage in the book I really want to post but I won't because I think it's important to experience while reading the book- it was so touching and sweet. ✓

-Sexy times ✓

-AWESOME characters ✓

-Character growth ✓

-Great story flow ✓

-Low angst ✓

-Feel good ✓

There's nothing I would change about this story. Loved it to bits. 5 Stars!

Now I'll impatiently wait for Michael & Ryan's and Danny & Bobby's books. ♥

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### **~Kristin~ says**

## 4.25 Stars

My Favorite of the series!

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### Denise H. says

\*\*\* Neither Ramos, wounded warrior who lost his lower leg,

nor Tiernan, a cop/hockey player,

has been with a man, but they "get" each other, and they are interested in discovering more. (almost Double GFY, they've each imagined). Teirnan's Irish blood gave him deeply red hair and a desire to protect and serve. After his brother, Mason, died overseas, they learned he had been in love with Casper and gay.

Now four years have past and Casper and Slater are together. Slater served with Ramos, whose aquamarine eyes, dark skin, tattoos and tallness are bringing feelings of attraction to Teirnan's core. Teirnan's life is changing. He has been assigned a new partner at work, a fellow cop who is gay, along with the revelation of Mason being gay has him re-thinking his thoughts on gayness.

He and his brother Michael, a firefighter, are learning lessons. Ramos is such a terrific character. He helps old friends, the Wounded Warriors, and loves his Mom. The whole series is full of heartwarming, witty, snarky and fun writing. We have first time M/M sex for each man; so great! Hot, loving, beautiful.

Teirnan is not put off by Ramos's prosthetic leg, he's gentle and accepting.

The ending is magnificent and I look forward to more from this series and this author. It was a joy to read about the cop and the wounded warrior.

I highly recommend this awesome story!

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~◊~Doxi(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says

## 4.25 stars

This book was hilarious and exactly what I wanted: sweet, romantic fluff with a heavy dose of smex. DELICIOUS.

*“Just tell me one thing. Is he exaggerating about his dick?”*

*I rubbed my jaw and then stretched my mouth wide open, rubbing my chin. “Damn, I’m sore.”*

*“Oh, fuck off!”*

I've liked every book in this series, but this one might be my favorite.

I dig the enemies-to-lovers trope, and Dario Ramos and Tiernan Callahan are the ultimate I-hate-you-so-much-I want-to-fuck-you couple. Since we get both their first-person POVs, it's easy to see the annoyance to lust turn.

Dario, a veteran cum model, doesn't care about labels, never has. And Tiernan, who lives and breathes NYPD? Well, he has a few secrets of his own.

*“What the hell is it about you?” I whispered, pulling him closer, my hands delving into the back of his jeans. Warm, taut flesh met my callused fingers and I groaned into Tiernan’s neck. “This is definitely homosexual behavior.”*

Maybe Tiernan's conversion to total (and I mean, TOTAL) gay acceptance came too easily? Then again, we haven't been in his head since his younger brother Mason (Casper's fiancé) died.

Tiernan was terribly hurt and angry that Mason didn't trust him enough to tell him he was gay and had an entire secret life to which Tiernan and their older brother Michael weren't privy.

If you've read book 3 (this book really shouldn't be read as a standalone), you'll remember the Callahan brothers and their run-in with Slater, Casper's boyfriend, at the cemetery. They came across as insufferable bigots.

But it turns out it's their zealously religious mother's who's a hatemonger, and they were only trying to please her.

In this book, we get to know Tiernan much better. We learn more about his brother Michael and Ryan (Drakon's friend from book 4); new characters, including Tiernan's partner Danny and a sweet but lonely twink named Bobby, are introduced.

### **I want their stories. NOW.**

We get a couple heart-pounding moments (a bit over-the-top, but I had my this-is-fucking-fiction shades on), and a lot of tenderness.

I loved Tiernan and Dario together. The gentleness Tiernan shows Dario, the way he SEES Dario, prosthetic leg and all, is lovely.

Plus, Dario's mother is fucking awesome!

**Also, the lovin' was scorch-your-eyeballs-smokin' HAWT!**

*“Wow,” Tiernan rasped.*

*“I know! Who knew gay sex could be so hot?”*

We knew, Dario. We ALL KNEW.

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### **Duck says**

This is definitely the best book of the series so far. It's a fun read that drew me in and had me smiling. I liked Dario and Tiernan together and I feel there is a good balance between the sex scenes and the sweet relationship building scenes.

I'm excited about the new characters introduced in this novel, and it was good to see Casper and Slater still going strong.

I know this is the fictional world of romance but there is one thing about this series that niggles at me a bit. It's just not realistic that EVERYONE is gay. The Cassidy brothers, the Callahan brothers, the best friends, the coworkers, the bosses...it seems impossible.

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### **Taya says**

I have major issues with the last two books in the series. I was hesitant to read the latest in the series. But I couldn't resist reading Ramos's book. This author is at the "I wish I could quit you" stage with me. Things became too repetitive and fairytale -like. I didn't like how the "good" guys " dealt with the perceived "villains" in the current and past stories. I'm mentioning this because it stated multiple times throughout the book.

Overall I love the book. It was funny and pace in which they got together *together*--- work for me. This is by far the best in the series. I will be recommending this book. But I'm still cautious about going forward with the next book.

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### **Victoria love books says**

**Overall book rating: 4 Stars**

**Audio book: n/a**

**Book cover: 3.8**

**MC1: Dario Ramos**

**MC2: Tiernan Callahan**

I was just bitching about the characters to my bestie the other day. I was like " How in the fucking hell must I like this bigot ashat after what he did to Casper?"

And then:

I really enjoyed this book it was funny, sweet and full of awesomeness. I had a soft spot for Dario Ramos and I was so scared this book was going to be mess, but well done I loved it so much.

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