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In her love letter to her gay “boyfriends,” *New York Times* bestselling author Wednesday Martin shows just how an unconditional—and nontraditional—romance transformed the life of a teenage outsider forever.

As an awkward high schooler, Wednesday struggled to find her place in Grand Rapids. Until a handsome senior encouraged her to believe how talented, smart, and wonderfully different she was. Naturally, Wednesday fell for him...He was falling, too. For another boy. Yet this one-sided crush proved life altering, paving the way for a string of “boyfriends” who offered Wednesday something deeper than physical connection.

Boyfriends of Dorothy is part of The Real Thing, a collection of moving, hilarious, and big-hearted essays on the modern realities of friendship, romance, commitment, and love, with art by Geoff McFetridge. Each story can be read—or listened to—in a single sitting.

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Laura says

Coming of age and finding out who you are

This is a story of a girl who finds herself falling for a gay man, and how that affects who she is and how she wants her life to be. I enjoyed this honest, lovely short story.

Alfie says

This is one of the several short story books I got through an Amazon promotion. I truly appreciate these free books so that I can sample a writer's style. Quick and humorous, this story was relatable, cute and managed to keep me smiling. Living in LA, most of us women have gay boyfriends who we love and are close to. It's a unique bond that the words "friendship" and "sisterhood" can't seem to label. This is more of a young adult so I recommend this to my nieces to read.

Pamela Scott says

<https://thebookloversboudoir.wordpress...>

I really enjoyed this essay. Martin explores friendship and non-traditional love. I couldn't relate to her experiences of falling in love with gay men. Well, not completely though I've had a few crushes on straight women over the years. Part of me wondered if she was just setting herself up for disappointment by falling for cute boys who turned out to be gay. The cynic in me thought 'why do you keep repeating this pattern?' I also felt like she was using her 'gay boyfriends' at times to make herself feel better. There are a lot of funny moments in this essay.

Diana says

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An excellent and interesting read for the curious and uninitiated. Growing up, most of my girlfriends and I had - and still have - our gay boyfriends without whom life would truly have been sad and boring. I have to agree with Wednesday Martin; they definitely raised the bar that we used to measure our boyfriends with. Thank goodness our world is getting more understanding!

Tracy Rowan says

Oh boy, did I identify with this story. I was the girl with the gay boyfriends, I made all the same mistakes,

and I came out of the experience with a much better sense of self than many of my friends who never hung out with gay men. Why? Because I felt seen. I felt listened to. Straight boys never ever made me feel that way. With them I was supposed to not be the smart one, not be the one who had something to say. The experience taught me which men were worth cultivating and which weren't, and as a result I have come to know a lot of great straight men.

So as I listened to Martin read her short story I found myself nodding and smiling. Oh yeah, I would think, I so get that. If you were the girl with the gay boyfriends, you'll probably love this story too. And if you weren't... I don't know how you'll feel about it. Maybe you'll feel as if you missed something (IMO, you did, but that's just me.) Or maybe you'll feel uneasy, as if that's not the way things ought to be. (If so, that's kind of sad. Again, just in my opinion.)

Either way, the story is short and charming, and I think it's well worth your time and consideration.

cherrip says

A new kind of friendship

Enjoyed reading this book. A welcomed view of gay boyfriends. Honest and humorous! The author was able to capture the real thing in our modern culture of various relationships with pride.

Ruth says

Interesting and spot on

She nailed it with her descriptions about relationships between men and women, gay and straight. A fun, quick read. The use of initials rather than names seemed contrived and it annoyed me

Karyl Carlson says

This is great

I didn't know, when I was in junior high and high school, that relationships like these were possible. It was the 50s and the gay boys were deeply closeted anyway. I discovered in my 40s that I was a natural friend of "Dorothy's Friends". What a revelation! What fun!

Charles says

This is one of several freebies I got from Amazon.

Friend of Dorothy (like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz) is slang for a homosexual man. This is a story about a woman seeking friendships primarily with homosexual men. There's something truly amazing when two people become friends and there's no sexual chemistry. The author tackles this concept through her own

experiences and outlines what is so appealing about it and why she seeks these friendships. A solidly well written piece definitely worth your time.

Bookphile says

I think the author is a little older than me, but I could relate to so much of what she said about coming of age in the 80s and 90s. Being a feminist myself, I found the world of romance often bewildering and frustrating before I found a husband who respects me as a whole person. I think Martin makes a lot of excellent points here about the dynamic between gay men and straight women, and those points help illustrate patriarchy's negative effects in various aspects of culture: how it reduces women to objects, how it alienates men who don't fit the macho ideal etc. At heart, this is really a tale about how powerful friendships can be between men and women who are able to simply come together as human beings without pretense or judgements, be who they are, and enjoy one another for who they are.

Stacy Croushorn says

I can so relate!

This is the (partial) story of my life! I've always had gay friends and adored them. But coming back to a conservative small town has made me miss them terribly. This story about feeling more comfortable in the gay world than the straight world describes me exactly. I cannot stand the macho goat-roper asshole who pervades our state. Maybe, I too will find that "right" man who can transcend both worlds.

Tara Brown says

This review is for the audiobook on Audible.

Boyfriends of Dorothy, written and narrated by Wednesday Martin is Book 2 in The Real Thing collection. I wanted to love it. I just didn't, unfortunately. Like the first book in this series, I found it to be a bit boring and pointless, though the author does a good job as narrator. The ending was good and made me smile, but I found the rest of the book to be negative, which makes for a difficult listen. Perhaps her pessimism was meant to be humorous, but for me, it was a bit of a turn-off. I feel bad because those who read the book found it to be very well-written and gave it a high rating (based on the reviews from Amazon). Only one person who posted a review, besides myself, listened to it, and we both gave it the same rating. I like the length and the theme of the collection as a whole, but this one just didn't do it for me. I still plan to move on to Book 3 because I'm curious in hearing what the next author adds to this collection. Thank you for reading my review.

Rita Harvey says

A little stereotypical

I thought this was going to be an interesting take on a woman's relationships w the gay men she loved, but I

ultimately found it to be reductive (and stereotypical) in its presentation of gay men. They are presented as accessories who help highlight the author's brilliance and confidence. While there were sweet moments of reflections, I finished wanting more for the gay men who have loved her, and helped her in all that she has become.

Susan Tafoya says

I enjoyed this writer the most of the "Real Thing" collection. Through her engaging narrative, she opened my eyes as she wrote of her experience growing up in Grand Rapids and about the relationships she formed navigating issues around male/female/gay and nuances in-between. Enjoyable read from a talented writer.

Audra says

Who's

I found this book fascinating in the fact it reminds me of things I thought and felt over the years! First and foremost gay men are awesome. Of course you cannot rate each person the same. There is something about gay men that is comforting. I've had the pleasure of befriending several over the past 20 something years. In each of them I have found traits I wish more heterosexual males had. Our culture tried to name it: metrosexuals but even that isn't great enough. I love the rugged man who also has a feminine side that likes to get cleaned up, wear nicer clothes than just jeans and T-shirts. (But some men can wear those jeans and T-shirts well!) Someone who likes to go to a chick flick and cry in public. I've never fallen in love with a man that is gay but have fallen in deep like! I wish our culture was more accepting and not so phobic.
