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Even though bankers' hours leave long weekends for romance, cosmic intervention is Grant's only option when money doesn't buy happiness and he's got virginity in spades.

Grant Adams is a twenty-six-year-old bank teller who's unlucky at love, yet hopelessly hopeful. After years of horrific first dates, he's convinced he's saving himself for true love. Surely he has bad taste in men because it couldn't possibly be his persnickety nature that's sent them packing.

Tristan Carr has been in a holding pattern since his daughter was born fifteen years ago, which suits his workaholic lifestyle just fine. This ex-Navy turned auto mechanic never wanted anyone interfering with being a weekend dad. For Tristan to rearrange his perfectly orchestrated life, a guy will need to be special. Or in the case of the newest employee at his bank, the guy will need to be adorable, shy, and open to the prospect of forever when it shows up at his window.

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Debra says

Review originally posted at Sinfully.

Grant is 26 and never been kissed, all his prior dates ending in disaster such that a second date has never happened. Some of it is attributed to his personality quirks, but plenty of contributions were also made by the jerks he went out with. Grant has had a lot of changes recently in his life. His job transferred him an hour away requiring him to move out of his beloved mother's house, leave his best friend behind and adjust to having new coworkers at the job he loved. The hour he has moved away is just enough distance that he feels he is starting from scratch. Grant describes himself as anal-retentive; he needs cleanliness and order or else he becomes anxious and at times comes off as rather difficult.

Tristan is new to relationships as well. He's had plenty of hookups but after getting out of the Navy he put all his energy into working as an auto mechanic and helping support and raise his now 15 year old daughter, Claire. He hasn't found anyone worth disrupting his life for until he met Grant. Their first date starts off so well, there is absolutely going to be a second; but one circumstance leads to another and when the mother of Tristan's daughter unexpectedly shows up things quickly spiral out of control and everyone's lives are about to take an incredible and almost unbelievable turn. It may be crazy, but if Grant and Tristan can adjust, things just might work out better than they ever expected.

The blurb doesn't mention it, so I'm not going to give away the plot, but let's say there are some hasty decisions made and it throws everyone into a tailspin. I have no problem with the decision made in the heat of the moment, bad decision are made all the time especially in fiction, so for me it's what comes after the decision that makes or breaks the story, and I'm happy with the way this one progressed. There were easy times and hard times as they get to know each other.

While it's lust at first sight for these two complete opposites in both looks and lifestyle, Tristan falls a bit quicker than Grant. Grant is truly tested, adjusting to spending time not just with Tristan but his daughter and her lunatic mother. Tristan also has to learn to adjust to Grant's quirks, which definitely made for a few uncomfortable moments. Luckily, Tristan is a sweetheart with incredible patience. From his initial adorable, but seemingly ineffectual, attempts at flirting to the way he deals with Grant's insecurities and eccentricities and his own new feelings, you can just feel how smitten he is from the start. Grant is a harder nut to crack, but he does learn to relax more, especially when it looks like he's finally going to get what he's wanted all these years and not die a virgin. I thought the sex scenes were both awkward and steamy, especially when Grant starts to realize that he might just be a little less uptight vanilla than he always thought he was.

While I could get on board with most of the plot elements even if they were a bit crazy, I did have some issues. The biggest issue may be more me reacting as a parent of a girl the same age as Claire, but I had a lot of trouble with the way the situation with her mother was handled, not just after knowing the dangerous environment she had been exposing Claire to for years, but especially once she became violent. That was one bad decision I had a hard time getting past.

Overall I liked the way both main characters grew in the story and the way all the relationships progressed, not just between the MC's, but the way they dealt with friends, coworkers and family. I'm a big Wade Kelly fan and have read all her books and this is easily the lightest level of angst you're going to get. It had a different feel than her other books and I sometimes felt like I was in the middle of a crazy and romantic version of The Odd Couple. You may have to put aside an expectation of complete realism with this one, especially with an at times over the top villain, but the story will entertain you and probably cause you to

“aww” more than a few times on the way to a happy ending fit for a princess.

Christy says

4.5 Stars - The description for 'Bankers' Hours' drew me right in, and being familiar with Wade Kelly I knew it would be a sweet romance. However, the author really outdid herself here. This is far more than a story about a slightly quirky young man and his first relationship. There is definitely sweetness here, and Grant broke my heart more times than I imagined, while Tristan was everything I hoped for Grant's sake. There's humor and love, and there's a reality and a depth to these characters and writing that wrapped around my heart and had me falling in love.

Grant has more than a little touch of OCD, he most definitely has seriously low self-esteem, combined with the most horrible body image I think I've ever seen, and enough insecurities to choke a horse. That's why his best friend, Mel, accuses him of always noticing the losers and being completely oblivious to the hot guys flirting with him. Which is what happens when he meets Tristan. Grant has no clue he is flirting, and he assumes Tristan is straight, which leads to the oddest and most adorable first-date-that-wasn't-a-date. Tristan has put his dating, and relationship life, on hold since his daughter Claire was born fifteen years ago. He went through the normal all-you-can-screw-buffet after discharging from the Navy, but he hasn't had sex in two years, choosing to wait until he finds someone he can take a chance on for a long-term, committed relationship.

"He whispered, "You are a delicacy, Grant, and I will work my way up to tasting every part of you... at your speed... when you allow."

Sigh. Here's the part that I'm not sure I should share, since there's no indication in the blurb, and it's a spoiler, but it's also a HUGE part of the storyline. If you don't want to know, then don't read any further. Tristan and Grant get married about four weeks after they met. It almost sounded insane to me also, and I'll leave out the reasoning behind it, so you don't get all the spoilers. But, the reasons don't matter. What does matter is how they make it work, the issues they have, the learning and growing both men do in order to have the forever person they each had always wanted.

"True, we weren't broken up, it was only an argument, but the reasons for it went deeper than the superficial reason, and I knew I needed to change or the separation and loneliness could become permanent."

There was so much about this novel that I loved. Tristan and Grant reminded me of another couple I know, and many of their interactions brought tears to my eyes. There was also humor, some drama from a crazy woman, sweetness, hotness, life lessons, and so much love I was swimming in it. A beautiful love story.

NOTE: This book was provided by Dreamspinner Press for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews

Daniel Mitton says

(Originally reviewed for Love Bytes Reviews with a copy provided by the author / publisher for an honest review. Rated 4.5 out of 5.0 stars.)

I really enjoyed this newest book from Wade Kelly! Ms. Kelly took “insta-love” to a new level with this one, and she did it in a way that sounded perfectly plausible, if a bit fast! OK, maybe not perfectly plausible... unless you're looking at it in the time frame of a Cinderella story, but it was entertaining. We used to refer to relationships that developed this fast as “U-Haul” relationships...because they moved so fast you might as well have brought the U-Haul with your stuff on the first date. I'm sure some people will roll their eyes and say things like “unrealistic”, but those people should just simmer down and read the story!

We first meet Grant Adams when he has just started his new job, in a new town, at a branch of a bank that he was already working for. He was forced due to a branch closing to take a position elsewhere in the company, and since his mom lived close to this branch, he took the position.

Right off we learn that Grant is kind of a mess. He is twenty-six and has never been kissed! He has a low self-esteem, a negative body image, and a pretty darned heavy dose of OCD. Oh, and did I mention he has a penchant for Easter egg pastel colored dress shirts? I loved his character. He reminds me so much of a lost friend I used to work with in a bank years ago, and I spent the entire book with my friend's face in my mind. Thanks for that Ms. Kelly. Most teller lines have a “Grant”, and I applaud Ms. Kelly for taking us behind their professional facade.

Tristan Carr is a bank customer. He is ex-Navy and an auto mechanic, and he has been too flirty with Grant for Grant to be comfortable...because the guy is really freaking hot. He is also a really nice guy, but Grant's coworker has warned him that Tristan might not be the type to understand Grant's being gay.

Well, one thing leads to another in this fast moving story and as it alludes to in the blurb, Tristan might not be as straight and narrow as Grant's coworker surmises. I liked the contrast between the fussy bank teller and the greasy mechanic. I liked the fact that Tristan had a daughter, which brought a whole new aspect to the story, as did the evil baby-momma. There was also a side character called Mel, who brought some unexpected depth to the story with his own backstory. I love how Ms. Kelly gets into her characters' heads and how she always seems to know just how to write the angst they are each feeling.

Not going to give any further spoilers. I really liked the story, and I think you will too. Ms. Kelly is one of my “me, me, me” authors...meaning when she comes out with a new one, I'm there jumping up and down saying “me, me, me” before any other reviewer at Love Bytes even hears the book's name!

I recommend this one. Give it a shot. If you aren't familiar with Wade Kelly's books...you should be!

Sara says

This was more fun than I planned on. I love a story that can take you out of a stressful day (and mine was hella stressful) and just let you read a story, yes a bit over the top story, but a story that allows you to get lost and remember to not take life too seriously.

Straight away, I got neurotic Grant. I won't go into every way I got him but there were many similarities between us with how we see the world, how we tell time, how we associate surface cleanliness and well, how

we think.

It was too idealistic to be real. My fantasies always promoted heartache. If I never indulged myself, I wouldn't be so let down.

Grant Adams lives in his head completely. It's hard to relate to a character this way unless you are this way, and I am. Being in Grant's head took me back to the days of working the Cashier's window at college and waiting for the cute blonde with the double first name to show up so I could pretend that when he did, he would ask me out and we would go to punk shows and have our HEA. But you know what? That never happened because there were too many things that I didn't do, too many things that I couldn't say and too many things that would go wrong that played out in my head so I just smiled and did my job.

Tristan reminds me of my husband in the best ways. The man has dealt with my trio of OCD/Anxiety/Depression for 15 years and still manages to make me smile with his odd way of flirting with me. Tristan turning over Grant's pens at work... yeah, that is something my husband would do. It's harmless, it's quirky and so stinking cute that he knows it would get to me just like Tristan knew it would get to Grant because he pays attention.

You're romantic, slightly effeminate, shy, and a bit obsessive. And you're only just learning to stretch your wings to be yourself.

There was a lot in this that I connected with personally. Though Grant's worry about being left seems early on, I remember moving in with my husband only months after dating and pulling his car out of my very tiny garage and ripping the driver's side mirror off. He was okay with the fact that it was an accident but OMG I called my mother in tears, thinking this man who I was madly in love with was going to leave me. So yeah, things can seem over the top when you read them in a book but trust me, when you are neurotic the way Grant and I are, these things happen.

Tristan Carr has spent the last 15 years of his life dedicated to work and to his daughter and Grant is a twenty-six year old virgin who has been waiting for his Mr. Right to finally see him and when these two get together, it seems as if they will take things slow and then they do until baby mama drama shows up. BUT, even though the relationship status would change on social media, the men still do what they can to take the relationship slowly.

I liked the exploration of not only the way each man lives but the exploration of them learning to be intimate with one another. The intimacy is not just held to sex, but the intimate moments of spending your life with someone and those moments, to me are more important than sex. Knowing the why of your partner's reservation with being naked even though it's something they want so freaking badly, that is romance for me. Sex, it's sex and yeah it's good but it's not the most important thing in a relationship.

I know I am not saying much, but I really liked this story. Even all the over the top psychotics of Teresa, I liked it. I loved Mel, I liked Claire, I adored Grant's mom and I truly enjoyed myself.

Bankers' Hours is a slow burn - yet insta love - romance with two men handling baggage that makes them the perfect fit for one another. It's a story of opposites attract and letting down your guard enough to know that while it may freak you out a bit, every experience is a change to grow, learn and fall in love.

Cookie Moretti says

Bankers' Hours by Wade Kelly (MM/Romance)

A copy of this book was provided to me by Inked Rainbow Reads in exchange for an honest review.

****4 STARS****

This was a cute story and I fell in love with 26 year old, Grant Adams. He's so quirky with a low self confidence and he's a mama's boy. lol. Still, with all his quirks, he was hard to not love.

His story starts with his sudden move to another town cause his job was closed down and he had been transferred to a new bank. There he meets Tristan, a divorced auto mechanic with a teenage daughter. I related a lot to Grant, actually. It's surprising how much and that's why I loved this story. He and Tristan were so very cute together, even though the sudden marriage threw me off. I thought they agreed to marry for all the wrong reasons in the beginning even though I was cheering for them.

I liked that Grant had a best friend who he could talk to, I liked Tristan's daughter, who stood by her father when he admitted that he was gay, and I disliked Tristan's ex-wife. She was a major B-word. lol.

Cute story with a cute cast of characters that makes the story worth reading more than once.

Gigi says

[Man who dates a mechanic but has OCD and can't stand dirt. Quickie wedding, but no sex because OCD man has issues. Vile homophobic ex-wife character. (hide spoiler)]

Chelsea says

DNF 80%

Wow, wow wow wow...

That was such a weird book. This review has the very strong possibility of being long and ranty, but I'll do my best to keep things short, sweet and to the point. Beware there will be **SPOILERS** throughout this review.

Grant is a 26 year old virgin who works as a bank teller. One day he meets Tristan Carr, 32 year old mechanic and business owner. At first Grant isn't sure if Tristan is gay because he's huge and muscled and has a daughter. When it becomes clear that Tristan is indeed gay and interested in Grant, they go on a date, the rest, as they say, is history.

This story is completely and I mean completely fantastical, these two decide to get married after one date to

prove the point to Tristan's baby momma, Teresa, that gay men can be committed to each other. After Grant declares to Teresa that they're getting married in one week, Tristan decides, 'it was probably going to head in that direction anyway, so why not'. This was after a ton of conversations revolving around Tristan wanting to do the whole 'dating thing' the 'right way' this time around...

Honestly, I can really get into Insta-love and I even love my ridiculously quick marriages, so I was not too perturbed but that alone. What did really annoy me was how they both questioned the idea of getting married constantly throughout the book, that didn't feel very insta-lovey. If you're going to have a shotgun marriage after one date, at least own it and don't always second guess yourself. Also these two fought, *cough - Grant - cough*, and had misunderstandings in almost every conversation they had. Despite a few pretty words, it didn't seem like they were a very good match.

Before I get into the craziness that is Grant, I want to say what I liked about this story. Tristan is an amazing character, he is sweet and thoughtful and had enough flaws to feel realistic.

"As soon as I saw you, I knew I had to find reasons to go to the bank. I even took money out of the ATM over the weekend so I could go on Monday and redeposit it on the off chance you'd be there."

He also had the patience of a God because I certainly would have killed Grant after the first date, let alone marry him.

The sex between these two was pretty darn hot, seeing anyone lose their virginity is always fun but Tristan had to be extra creative to help with Grants anxiety. I actually did find this a fairly fun read, up until 70%, then the drama just keep coming and it became less quirky crazy and more ripping my hair out annoying.

Ok Grant....

Grant has had possibly the worst dating history, in the history of dating. None of his crushes have ever stuck around for longer than one dinner date. Therefore he has a bad experience to go with everything that could possibly happen in a relationship, and this carries over to his experiences with Tristan. Grant misunderstands so much of what Tristan does and says as offensive, or proof that Tristan isn't really interested in him. This happens in almost every conversation, but here's an example.

This is Tristan explaining his views, yet again, on sex and wanting to go slow with Grant:

"But I was serious about sex. I'm not taking you to bed, not yet. I've had way too many relationships that skipped over every pleasantry and headed straight to sex. Not with you."

Literally 5 pages later, after Grant learns that Tristan slept around 10 years ago, this is what he thinks...

I had never wanted meaningless sex just to satisfy a need to fuck. But he did. I was in a truck, going to dinner, with a man who had needed to fuck so badly that he'd hooked up with guys he didn't know just to satisfy his lust...every weekend.

A tear rolled down my cheek.

WHAT?!?! I just don't get it, and this was at 22%.... it continues like this... for the whole book.

When I reached 70% I was gladly going to give this book 3 stars, because even though it was ridiculous and crazy, I was still having fun. Then at 80% Tristan got mad at Grant for leaving in the middle of the night to see his best friend (without even leaving a note) and not coming home until after work the next day. They have a mopey type separation period. **Major SPOILERS ahead!!**(view spoiler)

Knowing how the story goes and what to expect will help some people enjoy it I think. If I'd known it was going to be this crazy I think I would have been more prepared and been able to rate it, but it was not for me this time around

Widya Vello says

I'm smitten with this book, usually I don't really like the type of guy like Grant who's tended to be overdramatic and cried a lot but maybe I'm in the mood for this kind of sappy comedic story and there are a lot of tender, cheesy romantic moment between Grant and Tristan that makes me melting inside.

Vanna says

23% DNF..

I have a headache.. it is that bad. Took me 2 months to get to abandon this finally.

Tamika♥RBF MOOD♥ says

DNF @ 52%

~☆~Doni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

~3.5~

This book is enjoyable in that Is This Really Happening? way.

Grant is a 26-year-old neurotic virgin. He's OCD, slightly flamboyant, and lacking social skills. He was picked on as a kid and has zero self-esteem. He's been on many first dates but no second dates, because he seems to attract losers and married men. Grant works as a teller at a bank and is nice to the customers but rude to everyone else.

Enter Tristan Carr, auto mechanic: perfect name for the perfect guy. Tristan spends two weeks flirting at the bank with an oblivious Grant, who doesn't think he can be friends with Tristan since he sports a woody anytime Tristan is around.

Tristan has a teenage daughter, Claire, but is not straight as Grant assumes. Tristan is ever so patient, but Grant puts up road blocks at every turn. He wants sex, but freaks out when Tristan asks him to take off his shirt. He gets grossed out because Tristan's house is a cluttered mess (I sort of don't blame him for that one; who the hell keeps an engine on the kitchen table?).

He doesn't want to touch Tristan's "dirty" hands (the man is a mechanic!). He gets defensive when Tristan compliments him.

But wait, there's more!

Grant's best friend Mel, who's in the middle of a romantic saga himself, calls Grant in the middle of the night, so Grant leaves a sleeping Tristan without a word and drives 50 miles to hug Mel. And he's shocked that Tristan is upset.

Bottom line: Grant, whose first-person POV filters the story, is seriously a piece of work. He grows on you, but you will want to throttle him repeatedly.

The book focuses on the relationship between Tristan and Grant, with some Baby Mama Drama thrown in. Believe me, He Who Shall Not Be Named has NOTHING on Claire's mother, Teresa.

The woman is a vile, delusional, homophobic alcoholic with homicidal tendencies who fucks men in front of her young daughter. She uses spiders and ants as weapons!

Teresa is so OTT bad, she reads like a caricature not a real person.

Mild spoiler ahead:

(view spoiler)

Here's the thing: This book can't be taken seriously. It's a bit like an out-of-control rom-com that makes you giggle and roll your eyes simultaneously.

There is a HEA, and enough humour, sweetness, and (albeit slightly awkward) steam that I was more amused than frustrated by this story.

Jaime says

2.5 stars this is a book you read only to escape realism and enter soap opera land. It's **NOT** bad per say...its Just so OTT I had to keep reminding myself "it's just a book" to carry on. If you have issues with books that are INSTA LOVE and and everything else....maybe skip this one.

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Reviewed by Jaime from Alpha Book Club

namericanwordcat says

This book has a lot of themes I like with opposite attract and a virgin hero with lots of socially awkward and there is dating.

I really like the sections of the book that have to do with the heroes merging their lives and working on equity in the relationship as well as roles.

However, there is crazy over the top drama with a secondary character than needed much more nuance that derailed the book for me.

The TBR Pile *Book review site* says

I feel as if I know both guys, so it's easy to relate to them and understand where they are both coming from. The story flows along, with me caught up in the lives of the guys. I am happy for them, sad for them and rooting for them on every page. The author wrote a beautiful romance story, one I love and I need to read again. [http://thetbrpile.weebly.com/reviews/...](http://thetbrpile.weebly.com/reviews/)

Candice says

[The part where Tristan came to Grant's after work and then Grant made a big deal about how dirty he was. That part pissed me off so much. Then Tristan just undresses outside? NO! Fuck that. I would have left Grant at that point. (hide spoiler)]
