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Once upon a time, a bunch of M/M authors wondered... What if a dating app that guaranteed you a love match broke down just in time for Valentine's Day? What if you found yourself on a blind date with a random guy who might be your opposite in every single way? It could be a disaster. Or... When the code breaks down, fate just might take over.

Eleven of your favorite gay romance authors have joined forces to light up your Valentine's Day with a collection of sweet, sexy, silly, and hot short stories, featuring a wacky cast of characters chosen from your reader suggestions! Morticians and magicians, superheroes and spies, lawyers and lobstermen, will all learn that love has nothing to do with algorithms... and sometimes you find it in the least-likely places.

And the best part? All proceeds from this collection will go to the authors' favorite LGBTQ charities, to ensure that love in all its incarnations will be celebrated and protected every single day of the year!

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From Reader Review Heart2Heart: A Charity Anthology for online ebook

Sheri says

This was a pretty great anthology and I'm so glad I snagged it. Excellent charity cause to boot! Honestly, I bought it for Lily Morton's short and I freaking adored it. But! I also discovered 2 new-to-me authors (hello May Archer and Ruthie Luhnnow!) that I will definitely keep my eye out for more from both.

Elsa Bravante says

Me gustan mucho las antologías con historias cortas, suele haber de todo y es lo que ocurre en esta, pero ganan las historias cute. En esta ocasión el hilo conductor de todos los relatos es una aplicación que te prepara una cena el día de San Valentín con la supuesta persona perfecta, aunque a primera vista seáis polos opuestos. Está en KU, pero los beneficios son para diferentes asociaciones, por si lo queréis comprar y así contribuir.

Meags says

4 'feel-good anthology' Stars

With an overarching theme of opposites attract, this charity anthology delivers 12 romantic little stories from an array of the hottest authors in M/M romance.

THE SET-UP (& THE FALLOUT)

In these two mini-stories – which bookend this anthology – we meet Bailey, a Heart2Heart dating app programmer, and his window washing love interest, Ryder.

For two days, Ryder pretends to clean the windows outside of Bailey's office until he gains the shier man's attention and promptly asks him out on a date. Although it happens to be the evening before the Heart2Heart matchmaking app launches, Bailey is quick to say yes to a date that night with dreamy Ryder, forsaking all of the last minute program checks that Bailey probably should have been doing before Heart2Heart goes live in the morning.

Bailey and Ryder then proceed to have the night of their lives, falling for each other hard and fast, but when morning comes, so does the realisation that the app launched with a kink or two, causing several extremely unlikely romantic matches to be made.

The rest of the anthology tells those stories...

THE MAGICIAN & THE MORTICIAN by *A.E. Wasp*

(4 Stars)

Alberto, the magician, and Mikey, the mortician, meet one night at The Magic Castle in Los Angeles. Despite their age difference, sparks fly between these two men immediately. Both Alberto and Mikey are there to meet blind dates for Valentine's Day – set up by the Heart2Heart dating app – but they develop little interest in meeting their so-called perfect match after finding each other first. As fate would have it, they turn out to be each other's dates (surprise, surprise) and the rest of their night is spent wrapped up in the company of each other.

This story was revitalising in a way. Alberto has lost faith in love and magic, having lost his long-term partner 5 years earlier to cancer. With Mikey Alberto feels like a new man, rediscovering his love of magic and experiencing an intense pull towards the younger man that he didn't expect to ever feel again.

This story was fast-moving in the romance department, with plenty of insta-love feels and even some steamy bits during their first night together. It had a nice future based epilogue too, which saw the guys a few months into their relationship, setting them up for a solid HEA.

This was my first time reading a story by Wasp. I generally enjoyed myself and will likely try more of her work in the future.

THE PROFESSIONAL GAMER & THE PARANORMAL PHOTOGRAPHER by *Alison Hendricks*

(4 Stars)

At first glance, Lawrence and Allen seem to be polar opposites, finding very little in common on their first date. Thankfully, both men are very open-minded and willing to not judge each other based on preconceived stereotypes. Lawrence and Allen are both extremely passionate about what they do, and it's in these seemingly different passions that they actually find some mutual ground. They introduce each other to their worlds and begin developing the foundation of quite a solid relationship.

I liked this pairing a hell of a lot! Lawrence and Allen made for a super cute, slightly geektastic couple. They were just so at ease around one another, both willing to share in the other's passions for gaming and photography. It was a learning curve for both of them, but they had a lot of fun along the way. The progression of their growing feelings felt really natural to me and I 100% bought into them working as a couple.

This was a first-time author/reader experience for me and I couldn't have been happier with the outcome.

THE ASSASSIN & THE DOG WALKER by *Charlie Cochet*

(3.5 Stars)

I'll admit that Cochet was the selling point for me where this anthology was concerned – the woman can do no wrong in my fangirl eyes.

This story was fun, sweet, sexy, and also action-packed enough to keep me on my toes.

For those worried about the whole assassin thing, don't you fret. Lymond only kills super bad people who

deserve what's coming to them, so in a way he's a good assassin (hehehe). I also really want Daniel's job as a professional dog walker/sitter. That seems to be right in the wheelhouse of potentially awesome career changes for Meags.

I felt like some things were left open-ended here, particularly where Lymond's brother and ex-boyfriend were concerned. I'm kind of hoping that this is a stepping stone story and will serve as an introduction into one of Cochet's upcoming new series. I could be way off though, so don't mind me if I'm just imagining up the impossible.

THE CRIMINAL & THE SOMMELIER by *Chris Owen*
(2 Stars)

I didn't get into this story at all, unfortunately. My past experiences reading Owen's work have all been positive ones, so it's certainly not a problem I have with the author, rather, I simply didn't mesh well with the themes or the characters in this particular short story.

However, if you're a wine connoisseur or a foodie, you may find more joy in this one than I did.

THE SUPERHERO & THE NSA AGENT by *Hailey Turner*
(3.5 Stars)

For such a short story, I was fairly impressed by the level of character development here. I feel like I got a really good sense of what made these guys tick. Shane and Damien came across as intelligent, thoughtful, kind, and remarkably witty characters. I liked them both a lot.

Although I could have done with more page time/relationship development between these two before they got naked together, I'm well aware that there is only so much you can do with a limited number of pages, and that my noticeable need for more in this particular case is probably due to how much fun I was having reading their story. I'm greedy like that.

Turner is a new-to-me author, but (now) she's most definitely someone whose stories I look forward to reading more of at some point very soon.

THE TATTOO ARTIST & THE WRITER by *Lily Morton*
(4.5 Stars)

Best friends forever, Sage and Noah, get set-up by the Heart2Heart dating app, and even though they laugh it off at first, they decide to spend a few days taking each other out on ideal dates. In my opinion, this story really nailed the friends-to-lovers trope; there was plenty of UST and a lot of mutual pining – like *years* of it! It was a really sweet moment when the boys finally owned up to their epic feelings for each other and hopes of forever together. *happy sigh*

This is only my second read by Morton but there is something about her stories and her characters that just calls to me. It's all very British, with the perfect blend of friendship, sex and romance. She's definitely an author I'll be following closely in the future.

THE UBER DRIVER & THE PHONE SEX OPERATOR by *Lucy Lennox*
(4.5 Stars)

Lucy Lennox is my (latest) reading crack. I can't get enough of her stories and this shorty was no different.

The title is fairly misleading, which is super fun and leads to plenty of awkwardly sweet moments between MCs Azrael and Travis. There is an underlying shared passion for dance that really added to my overall enjoyment of the story, and although perhaps a little sappy at times, I found this story to be ridiculously romantic when all was said and done. Plus, it's crazy hot! (view spoiler)

THE BAKER & THE SEAL by *May Archer*
(4 Stars)

I liked the pairing here, and I particularly liked the specific dynamics that played out between Cal and Ash, (view spoiler). I even enjoyed the silliness of the misunderstanding that occurred when they initially met. It was all very rom-com-y and I liked it.

THE EVENT PLANNER & THE ELECTRICIAN by *Poppy Dennison*
(3.5 Stars)

This was a super-cute little feel-good story. Theo and Harvey were simply lovely together. Their developing romance was sweet and easy, with lots of hearts and flowers (literally), and an itty-bitty bit of steam near the end.

There's not much else to say really, except I had a goofy grin on my face the whole time I was reading this.

THE LAWYER & THE LOBSTERMAN by *Ruthie Luhnnow*
(4 Stars)

Of all the great stories on offer here, Ruthie Luhnnow's *The Lawyer & the Lobsterman* is definitely the one that I feel best encapsulated the overarching theme of the anthology – wherein the Heart2Heart dating app has malfunctioned and paired two vastly different individuals together for a Valentine's Day date, and even though the pairings are polar opposites in every way, fate takes over and something between the couples just clicks into place, regardless of their seemingly insurmountable differences.

Many of the other stories in the anthology touched on the differences between the couples and how the app had mucked the pairings up, but ultimately I didn't feel like it was such a surprise when any of those other couples ended up together because their differences didn't seem that great.

Here, however, the MCs, Isaac and Will, are so different in almost every way that might matter. This led to an extremely awkward beginning of their blind date – to the point that I couldn't fathom how they would reconcile their differences and actually build a connection that I could believe in.

Yet, they did. They so absolutely did.

I must give kudos to Luhnow for turning things around between Will and Isaac in a way that felt natural and right. To me, this couple had the most potential of any couple in the anthology and I find myself completely disappointed that this is all we get of Will and Isaac's story, because I for one would have happily read on and on and on.

**THE FLORIST & THE LAWYER by Sloane Kennedy
(3.5 Stars)**

Nate is a bright and flashy florist looking for lasting love, and Harrison is a recently heartbroken lawyer who thinks he's ultimately unlovable. At first glimpse, these two make an unlikely pair, but although their first date goes horribly awry, Nate and Harrison make the effort to try and try again, opening up their hearts to an expected yet worthwhile new love.

This last story was perfectly sweet, featuring two intriguingly contrasting characters and a lovely HEA ending that was both steamy and romantic.

This anthology was an absolute joy to read and worth every penny, with proceeds going towards LGBTQ charities including The Trevor Project, Bisexual Resource Centre, and one-n-ten.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! <3

Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

This is **hands down** my most successful attempt at reading an anthology. I was hesitant to part with the coin for something I'd likely only enjoy 10-15 pages of, I'm looking at you Lily Morton, but surprise, surprise if I didn't enjoy many of these stories! I even found a couple new authors to ~~stalk~~ follow.

Also, it's worth noting for all two of you who don't already know, that all of the proceeds of this anthology go to support the efforts of The Trevor Project, Bisexual Resource Center, and one-n-ten, so drop the coin people. It's totally worth it.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton - ♥?♥?♥?♥?

I heart Lily Morton's writes. I wis this was a little longer since parts of it felt super rushed but maybe she'll revisit Noah and Sage in the future sometime.

I'd always been attracted to everything about him, but one day I said something and he laughed loudly, his head thrown back and his eyes creased, and I realised the he was everything I wanted.

aaaawwwwww *drunken/swoony sigh*

The friends to lovers story was fluffy and feel good. There were still enough of those details that I crave to flesh them out as well as their connection. The frog tattoo smacked me in the feels. Hard. Then again, Lily Morton seems to have an almost surgical precision when it comes to tapping into my inner sap.

Nutshell: this was a win which is good considering I bought the whole anthology for this story.

The Lawyer and The Lobsterman by Ruthie Luhnnow - ????

Aaaaaadorbs!

Isaac and Will are each other's lobster and the Heart 2 Heart app knew despite their seeming inherent incompatibility that they were meant for each other. Luhnnow is a new to me author and I liked her take on the opposites attract trope. There was just enough chemistry and heat between them to make me believe in their longevity.

This is the upside of anthologies-finding a new author without having to buy an entire book.

The Baker and The Seal by May Archer - ?????

I loved it. LOOOOOOOOOOOOOVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVEEEDDDDDDDDD it.

Tippy ginger baker.
Big guy SEAL bottom.
CUPCAKES!

For a short story this author packed in a generous amount of little details that made me swoon a lil like when Cal re-rolled Ash's sleeves for him. It's definitely *instalove* and that's normally not my jam but this totally worked for me. Maybe it's a little sappy but...

I'll fer sure be checking out more from this author in the future. Feeerrrrrrrrrrrrreee.

The Event Planner and The Electrician by Poppy Dennison - ??1/2

This started off really strong and had me grinning into my kindle. Like a dork. Over the gruff, older and **much bigger** electrician, Harvey, and cute, twinkish, motormouth event planner, Theo.

But... it sort of derailed with the cutesy stuff for me. The dialogue was just a bit stilted, I wasn't quite ready for them to rush into bed, the conflict felt somewhat contrived and resolved hellafuck quickly, all of that coupled with Theo's annoying AF boss took my enjoyment down like a WWF clothesline.

I think had the narrative had time to come together maybe I would've enjoyed it more.

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet - ???

Started off strong then fizzled.

The concept of this pairing I liked but I found it required too much suspension of disbelief. I'm still confused as to why the ex took a shot at them then turned all buddy buddy, gave Lymond life advice and then seemed to have something going with his brother?

The banter was cute, good size difference thing happening, **DOGS!** and the chemistry was nice. I didn't particularly care for Lymond's asshatishness, but the end was sweet. But still, kinda busy for a short.

The Professional Gamer and The Paranormal Photographer by Alison Hendricks - ???

More of a quiet story than the others. Hendricks did a good job really developing something between Lawrence and Allen. I ended up liking it but it took awhile to develop.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner - ♥?♥?♥?♥?

Do you even know how long I've had this pic? Patiently waiting to use it?

Approximately 6.345678 Shazillion years, so thank you, Hailey Turner! Thanks for the story too!

Cute superhero cosplayer, Damian, meets ~~power bottom~~ NSA agent Shane and **FIRE!** Fair warning, though, Turner's sex scenes will melt your face right off. Bless her. I wish there had been a teeny bit more relationship development but what's on the page is cute and hot like burning so I'm not complaining.

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operator by Lucy Lennox - ???

Squishy *instalove* story. I liked it but it was maybe too schmaltzy for me, though I'm admittedly not big on the virgin trope. I do like an age difference but when it's less than a decade it doesn't pack the same punch for whatever reason.

Trav and Az definitely have chemistry but parts of it seemed off or forced is maybe a better descriptor. I liked the dancing, though.

The Florist and the Lawyer by Sloane Kennedy - ?????

This is one of those stories that I connected to the characters right away, became invested in their narrative right away and even got a lil emotional at some of the dialogue. So, yeah. This was a win.

Nate and Harrison Garrison (for real) both have hurts in their past that have shaped them and those insecurities made them real to me, rather than just characters on a page. I admittedly have a weakness for opposites attract and femme, outgoing Nate makes stoic, regimented Harrison Garrison shine.

I had enough color to outshine even the darkest shade of black.

I was stunned by how well developed this story was on all levels in such a short period of time. The one sex

scene ticked several boxes: **rough, semi-public, size difference**. Word. I'll FER SURE FER SURE be checking out this Sloane Kennedy person further. I also wouldn't mind a follow up or even an expanded version of this story.

The Set-up/The Fallout by ???? - NR

I'm not even sure how to rate this or if we're supposed to. It's basically a cute little interlude to introduce the anthology featuring a cute geeky programmer with a penchant for bow ties who gets swept off his feet by the hunky window washer. There isn't really enough in either for me to become invested in them but it does give some insight into how some of the couples featured in the anthology got paired.

The Magician and The Mortician by A.E. Wasp - DNF/NR

I tried twice with this one. Neither time took. I couldn't muster up even a drop of care for either of them then it started to take a turn into *Instalovesville* and I had to bail.

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Owen - ????

I ended up really liking this one. It's different in tone to the others and doesn't have a big fluffy HEA, but both of these characters were interesting, complex even.

Angel is a world renowned thief and Italian. Yummers. Phillippe is a sommelier and a bit of a snob, but he's also French so... obvs I'm predisposed to like these things. Because reasons.

Nevertheless, they do seem to have some mojo going and were there to be a follow up I would read it.

Cadiva says

Brilliant anthology focused on finding love in all the wrong places

It's not often you get an anthology where you enjoy every story in it but this one might just take the title as the closest to perfection.

This is just a quick review via the Kindle, tomorrow I'm going to steal Dani and Renée's formula and comment on each story in turn but if you haven't bought this one yet, rectify it immediately.

Not only is it for a great cause, but you get eleven opposites attract and fall madly in love stories to warm the heart.

I had an #ARC of this but I went out and bought my own copy because it's totally worth the price.

Full review here now!

The Setup/The Fallout- how it all starts and a very clever way of introducing the whole premise of the anthology. Bailey is surprised by his window washer asking him on a date. So surprised he forgets to run his final check on the algorithms for Heart2Heart.

Really sweet wrap up as well as all the couples come together a few years later to continue to celebrate how the mixed-up algorithm actually found their perfect matches.

The Magician and the Mortician by A.E. Wasp - 4* and a simply brilliant opener. I adored this second chance (after loss) love at first sight romance between the older Alberto & younger Mikey. I would love to read more of these two, the ending is ridiculously sweet!

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer by Alison Hendricks - 2.5* This was a good set up, the pacing was working well and then it just ended. Without any kind of a conclusion or even a vague impression their relationship would continue.

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet - 3* This would have been better as a novella of around 35k words, lots of plotting but a bit of an abrupt ending and also a side plot which was thrown in about the assassin's ex-boyfriend and his brother!

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Owen - 2.5* Different, a bit snobby (deliberately I suspect), amusing as the beginning of a full length story but not really complete enough. Also absolutely zilch steam.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner - 3.5* It's no secret I'm a Hailey Turner fangirl so I was looking forward to this one and it was cute. I liked the twist on the "superhero" aspect and it's quite a different tone than her Metahumans Series.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton - 4.5* Okay as a Yorkshire girl this friends to lovers set in York with a flyby visit to the hidden gem that is Staithes was my absolute favourite! Full of witty banter as expected from this author.

The Baker and the SEAL by May Archer - 4* Loved this one with the ex Navy SEAL and his insane family wedding drama, funny meet/cute and misunderstanding turned into a really sweet romance with a brilliant ending.

The Uber Driver and the Sex Phone Operator by Lucy Lennox - 4.5* Smoking hot and brilliantly done and very definitely the sexiest of all the short stories. Travis and Azrael might have burned up the sheets, but there was also lots of emotional chemistry and this was (for me) the most *complete* of all the couples.

The Event Planner and the Electrician by Poppy Dennison - 3* Another age gap romance, this was also a lovely opposites attract and it had me smiling a lot. Although Theo's boss Danielle was a tad cliched, I loved Harvey's unassuming way and how everyone in the small town was somehow connected to each other!

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman by Ruthie Luhn - 3.5* Okay this was shaping up to be the absolute best with biting wit, a stuffy lawyer slowly unbending and an unashamedly out there sports mascot - and then it just ended! Without anything. No indication of a HFN or where they were going next, more like the start of a story than a complete short.

The Florist and the Lawyer by Sloane Kennedy - 4.5* lovely, no angst, a lawyer I just wanted to hug because of all his hurts/idiosyncrasies and a florist who was loud and proud but quietly searching for the lifetime commitment. Also hot, as to be expected from Sloane Kennedy!

D.M. says

Heart2Heart is a book full of short stories themed around first dates. The book is written by Male/Male romance authors. It's for charity and is a little fun for some special guys. I follow Alison Hendricks and I discovered this book through her newsletter (She is one of the authors of this book but her story isn't about

her usual athletic sportsmen). This is an adult read with lots of Male/Male sexy scenes.

*Kindle Unlimited read, therefore you should read it if you have it as it's for charity! Every page read is a little more for a good cause or you can buy the book for £2.83 kindle.

The charities include The Trevor Project, Bisexual Resource centre and One-n-ten.

Heart2Heart is a dating agency app which guarantees to find you your perfect match for Valentine's Day. The webmaster, geeky Bailey even has his own little romance to finish this package. 11 stories in total all good in their own way.

♥?The Magician and the Mortician

Alberto is a magician and feeling a little down about his love life. He feels he has missed his chance to find love, but because it's Valentine's Day he has decided to set up a date. He uses the Heart2Heart app and is all set.

Mikey is a hot younger guy in his audience. A little harmless flirting couldn't hurt, right? Alberto cannot believe his luck when Mikey seems interested. Alberto is feeling pretty good about how things are turning out with Mikey, but he doesn't want to let his date down so he arranges to meet him at a later day. Can an app find him the perfect match or is fate a better hand?

♥?The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer (Alison Hendricks)

I've read quite a few of Alison's books and I'm a huge fan. Her edition to this book is a little different to her usual stories and I could tell she had fun with it.

Lawrence is a professional gamer and most of his time is spent online. His life is an open book and his fans love the perks of knowing all about him. For Valentine's Day he sets up a blind date using the Heart2Heart app and Allen is his match. These two seem to have nothing in common but both have interesting lives. They both take the time to walk in each other's footsteps and find more than they expected.

The twist at the end of this story really tickled me and finished off the story perfectly.

♥?The Assassin and the dog walker

Alpha male and some super sexy senses. This story had me laughing and loving brooding Lymond. I'm a fan of strong alpha leads and the best part about this story was the fact he got put in his place. Daniel knew how to handle Lymond and it paid off, making them a good match. This story had action, drama and some smoking hot scenes. I will definitely be checking out the author, Charlie cochet other books.

♥? The criminal and the Sommelier (Wine waiter with expert skills).

Phillipe is accustomed to the finer things in life. He likes good wine and only the best restaurants. He has been on the dating scene for a while but hasn't found that special someone.

Angelo is a master of talents and he has seen rarities most only visit in museums.

The Heart2Heart app has sent these two gentlemen a special treat. An exclusive date at a high-end restaurant. The date its self is memorable and Phillipe gets more than he bargained for.

This was an interesting read and really captured my attention. It was more than a romance and Angelo was an interesting character. The story was short (obviously) so it left me wanting more and the romance was only just starting to blossom.

♥? The superhero and the NSA agent

Shane and Damian's date doesn't go to plan. Shane's day job keeps him very busy and his latest mission even ends with a hospital visit. His partner has set him up for a Heart2Heart blind date for Valentine's, but unfortunately, due to injury, he isn't going to make it. He messages his date to reschedule, but luck would have it Damian is also at the hospital and happy to meet. They get their date even if it's not the one they expect. They hit it off right from the start and Damian easily fits into Shane's busy life. Another perfect match. The superhero element is also a nice touch.

There is some good banter in this story and some smiley moments. This is a fun story with a lighthearted sexy romance.

♥? The uber driver and the phone sex operator

Travis and Azrael's story is funny, quirky and very entertaining. Travis helps his brother out by covering his shift. His brother, Brody works as an Uber driver. One of Travis's fares is to take Azrael to his parent's house. Az doesn't know Travis isn't Brody which changes a few key details.

Azrael has just left his job teaching dance at a studio when he gets a call. Normally it's the type of call you would take in private, but it's a demanding client and he doesn't think anyone else is listening.

Azrael is trying to become independent from his family and pay the bills himself. As part of his independence, he also wants to find a guy. He uses the dating app and is all set, but when his date turns up he's all flustered. The taxi conversation wasn't quite as private as he thought.

These two start off on the wrong foot but have amazing chemistry. Az needs to get over his embarrassment if he wants to find romance.

I really enjoyed this story and would happily read more by Lucy Lennox. This story was very amusing and had a sweet ending.

♥? The Baker and the seal

Cal lives in a small town and runs a bakery. Unfortunately, because he lives in a small place the love prospects are slim pickings. He uses the Heart2Heart dating app to snag a date for Valentine's Day thinking it will be a free meal at the very least.

Ash is fresh out of the navy and returning home has its own challenges. He finds himself in Cal's bakery thanking heaven he could save the day, but soon realise his family needs more than one problem solved. His brother is getting married and being unorganised is an understatement. Ash finds himself rushed off his feet.

Ash is trying to get a normal life now he is home for good and signs up to the dating app. When his date turns up it's none other than his saviour baker, but he looks mad. Luckily it's just a misunderstanding. These two make a cute couple and even though everything is up in the air they find a way to make it work.

♥? The event planner and the electrician

Theo's best friend and boss sets him up with a Heart2Heart date, but the electrician she hires gets the sparks

flying.

Harvey gets more than expected when he attends his latest job and I don't mean in a good way. Luckily he intends to lay low while the swelling goes down. When his date turns up on Valentine's Day he can't believe it's Theo. Luckily these two can laugh it off and get on with their date.

This is the classic bend and snap first date story. Poppy Denison, the author describes herself as two parts sass and one part sweet. I would say that's how to describe this story. It's short but it's about good friends and romance.

♥? The lawyer and the lobsterman

Isaac isn't looking for love he just wants his sister to get off his case. He sets up a date but 20 minutes into it and the guy hasn't even shown up! When he does show up these two clash like chalk and cheese. They are the complete opposite and this story was highly entertaining. Isaac and Will are from different planets. The lawyer and the lobster. Ones all work and no play and the others work is all about play. This was a really good story. I just don't want to give anything away... You just need to enjoy the ride when reading it.

♥? The florist and the lawyer

Harrison is a lawyer. His life is organised and he is in control. His date with Nate is going terrible and to finish it off he well and truly messes it up.

Nate was looking for love but what he got had to be some kind of mistake. This was a dating disaster. As this story unravels we find two guys with lonely hearts and they find each other. This one has a little drama and a sweet happy ever after.

Jennifer?Pher? says

Average rating 3.5★'s rounded up.

The Set-up

Date Started: 02/09/18

Date Finished: 02/09/18

Rating: 4★'s

I guess this isn't *really* at story, it is just the *set-up* but I liked it and figured I'd rate it anyway. Super cute and fun idea for the stories to jump off from. I love that there will be more at the end.

The Magician and the Mortician by A.E. Wasp

Date Started: 02/09/18

Date Finished: 02/09/18

Rating: 2★'s

I hate this. This is my year of positivity! Gah! Anyway...I don't know what the etiquette is in reviewing an Anthology that was written for charity. We are probably supposed to rate a little differently. I dunno. This was a brand new to me author, actually, I have never even heard of her and she has written a lot of books! Anyway, this just didn't work for me. So many things about it. I hardly ever mention editing unless it is bad and unfortunately this was not ok. The names kept getting messed up! It is so confusing trying to figure out what is going on when the names are wrong. There was a lot of other errors too and it was hard to not fall out of the story. Some of the stuff that happened made me a little uncomfortable as well. Overall I get how the

story was supposed to be a love at first sight sweet story, and it mostly was, unfortunately the bad just outweighed the good and it just didn't read that way to me. Sad face.

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer by Alison Hendricks

Date Started: 02/09/18

Date Finished: 02/10/18

Rating: 4★'s

Oh, how can this end right there? This is exactly how a well written story should make you feel, wanting more. I need to know more about the pictures! Seriously! This was very enjoyable. To quote my friend Meags, the relationship felt natural and real. First blind dates can't all be love at first sight after all. I just loved watching them see. The app twist was a nice touch as well. Sweet!

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet

Date Started: 02/13/18

Date Finished: 02/14/18

Rating: 4★'s

I really liked this one. I don't know what exactly it was about it but I was really charmed by it. I'd love more in this world, hint, hint. I think I have a thing about assassins. I'm weird, I know. Plus dogs! Favorite so far.

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Owen

Date Started: 02/14/18

Date Finished: 02/14/18

Rating: 3★'s

So, this is another brand new to me author who it seems has written a ton of books, none of which I have heard of. So weird how that happens. So, this little story. I swear I had to re-read the beginning a few times because I think the names got switched or something. Once I decided to just let it go and read on I was ok with the story. The snobbishness was a little odd, talk of lines of his jacket etc. was weird and so much time on the meal I guess set the tone. Once that was over though I was invested. They seemed cute and fun and hopefully it all works out for them. That's the problem with shorties, you never really know.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner

Date Started: 02/19/18

Date Finished: 02/19/18

Rating: 2★'s

I read this yesterday throughout the day whenever I'd get a moment. Reading a shorty in pieces is probably not beneficial to the story. I kept forgetting and just don't think I ever got into it. What I do remember is that they didn't go on a date, right? I think I need at least a tiny bit of romance. Plus head injury! Ouch!

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton

Date Started: 02/20/18

Date Finished: 02/20/18

Rating: 5★'s

Gah! Just more and more evidence pointing to the fact that Lily Morton is making her way to the top of the favorites list! This was absolute perfection! The story felt complete. So much packed into so little and it was done with expertise. I loved it. I will for sure revisit this one when I need my heart to swell. LOVE!

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operation by Lucy Lennox

Date Started: 02/20/18

Date Finished: 02/20/18

Rating: 4★'s

Very, very cute. I felt this story was pretty complete for its length too. Very sweet HEA.

The Baker and the Seal by May Archer

Date Started: 02/20/18

Date Finished: 02/20/18

Rating: 4★'s

Very cute and very sweet HEA. I love small town settings and I love how this was described. I wouldn't mind another visit!

The Event Planner and the Electrician by Poppy Dennison

Date Started: 02/21/18

Date Finished: 02/21/18

Rating: 4★'s

Ok, first things first. Just no with the broken nose description and sound effects. I cringed and I mean really cringed while reading. I could have totally done without that. Ugh. Anyway, once we got past that I really enjoyed this one. I did start to pick up on quite a bit of name dropping with businesses and shops and there was quite a bit of talk in regards to all these cousins. I now see. Poppy's new book just came out and this is in that same world. Now I'm anxious to read it! Looks like she's building a nice little small town feel. Anyway, this one was cute and sweet. I liked it a lot.

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman by Ruthie Luhn

Date Started: 02/21/18

Date Finished: 02/21/18

Rating: 3★'s

Was anyone else a little disappointed he wasn't an actual Lobsterman? I think I had that so stuck in my head I couldn't wrap my head around him being *The Lobster Man*. Anyway, so, this one was probably the most opposite of opposites meeting. Almost to the point I didn't buy it. It was ok, just not a favorite. Another thing, I am surprised there are two Lawyer stories. Very interesting.

The Florist and the Lawyer by Sloane Kennedy

Date Started: 02/21/18

Date Finished: 02/21/18

Rating: 4★'s

This one really got me in the beginning. Quite a different twist and I didn't know where it was going. I liked this one a lot. I am not that familiar with this Author but this was very enjoyable.

The Fallout

Date Started: 02/21/18

Date Finished: 02/21/18

Rating: 4★'s

I love how this wrapped up and tied everything together. I don't normally read Anthologies but I really enjoyed this.

Renée says

The Magician and the Mortician by A.E. Wasp - 3.5 stars. Believable insta-love. It's a rare occurrence, but it happens :)

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer by Alison Hendricks - 4 stars. I like the idea of these two. It came together organically and there was no insta-love. Enjoyed!

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet - 3 stars. Cute and enjoyable. Very insta-love, though.

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Owen - 3 stars. I was really getting into this one. It was so fresh and intriguing. Only to end way too abruptly.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner - 2.5 stars. Pretty underdeveloped. Would've preferred a longer story to get to know the characters. Didn't feel their connection at all.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton - 4 stars. Best friends to lovers. Very enjoyable.

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operator by Lucy Lennox - 4 stars. Sexiest story.

The Baker and the SEAL by May Archer - 3.5 stars. I enjoyed it except for the mini "Big Misunderstanding" near the beginning.

The Event Planner and the Electrician by Poppy Dennison - skipped

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman by Ruthie Luhnaw - skipped

The Florist and the Lawyer by Sloane Kennedy - skipped

Wendy says

So many awesome authors participated in writing this anthology, so there was no way I could skip it...even though I am usually not a fan of short stories.

When I started this one, I promised myself I would read, review and write a very short little review for each story....so here goes ;)

The Set-up & The Fallout

This is the set up for the rest of the stories....The intro if you will. I think it was a very clever and cute ;)

The Magician & The Mortician by *A.E. Wasp*

New to me author and I was pleasantly surprised. This one was very cute and sexy. It's about getting a second chance in life.

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer by *Alison Hendricks*

This was an oke read for me, but I just needed more... I was waiting for something that never came but I am not even sure what I was waiting for myself... Am I still making sense ??

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet

For me this was the most "fun" story. I know when I open a Charlie Cochet book, that there will be laughs...which is a very good thing !! I would have liked more though.....

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Owen

Having read (and loved) "Bareback" I figured I was in for some very hot steamyness !! I was wrong though. This entire story is a date of sorts and though it wasn't bad, it wasn't what I expected and wished for either. 1/2

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner

Something completely different from her sci-fi series and I must say it was pretty good. It's just too bad that it's a short story, because if there is one thing Hailey is very good at, it's world and character building.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton

Friends to lovers, which is one of my favorite tropes and therefore, this one was my favorite out of all (well that and the fact that it was written so well ..lol) I could definitely feel the connection between the MC's in this one. Very hot and sweet 1/2

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operation by Lucy Lennox

This story was definitely **HOT**. Me likey :P I also love the name Azrael...it really does something to me ;) Fluffy and sexy little read that I really enjoyed.

The Baker and the Seal by May Archer

I don't think I have ever read anything by this author before. Sexy story with a **Navy Seal**... need I say more :P 1/2

The Event Planner and the Electrician by Poppy Dennison

Another unknown author to me. I didn't really feel a connection with the MC's and it just felt off to me... I also got annoyed with parts of the story. 1/2

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman by *Ruthie Luhn*

Another author I didn't know before, but I will be checking out her future work. Opposites attract story, which I really enjoyed. I would have liked some more steam though...The ending was also a bit abrupt.

The Florist and the Lawyer by *Sloane Kennedy*

This was nothing like Sloane's "protectors" series, no trigger warnings necessary here!! After a disastrous first date, these two kiss and make up. 1/2

My reviews are posted on DirtyBooksObsession

BWT (Belen) says

Heart2Heart: A Charity Anthology is a collection of short stories that are all based around a new matchmaking app that has a glitch in its "guaranteed" love matches by basically pairing everyone who tries it up with the person they'd least likely think would be their fated soulmate.

But fate is a fickle bitch and she's come around this Valentine's to serve up a sweet and delicious portion of opposites attract. Quite a few of the couples are set up by their nearest and dearest - without their knowledge - and only agree to go on the dates because the app is footing the bill for dinner and/or they don't want to be the dick to ditch a desperate on V-day.

Most are told in a dual POV, and all but one (Lily Morton's *The Tattoo Artist and the Writer*) is based in a United States location, though they're all over the map, giving a delightful difference to each of the stories.

There was lots of age gap (yum!), insta-love (sometimes well-done, sometimes...not), spontaneous combustion chemistry (some of the sexy times are explicit and others are off page), all were opposites (including Ryder and Bailey from *The Set-up & The Fallout*), and a whole lot were sweet, sweet, sweet with some truly lovely HEA's.

My personal favorites were *The Assassin and the Dog Walker* by Charlie Cochet, *The Superhero and the NSA Agent* by Hailey Turner, *The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operation* by Lucy Lennox, and *The Baker and the Seal* by May Archer.

Here's a little bite into each for you to mull over:

The Set-up & The Fallout (The Set-Up Continued)

Rating: 3 stars

Thoughts: For two straight days a window washer hangs outside matchmaking app "Heart2Heart" programmer Bailey's window hoping the little cutie would notice him. When he finally does acknowledge him, the window washer convinces Bailey to leave work a little early and meet up for a date.

Ryder and Bailey are polar opposites, but their chemistry is real (and off page). Epilogue with an HEA.

The Heart2Heart matchmaking algorithms would be just fine without a final round of testing. Probably.

The Magician and the Mortician by A.E. Wasp

Rating: 3 stars

Thoughts: Sweet, if a little melancholy (but in the right places) at times, love at first sight romance with a HEA about a widower on his first date in 5 years (view spoiler) and the man who believes in magic.

"Do you believe in love at first sight?" Alberto asked, turning to Mikey, his face completely open and vulnerable.

"I do now," Mikey answered. "Right here, right now, I choose to."

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer by Alison Hendricks

Rating: 2.5 stars

Thoughts: I thought this one dragged a little, and though it's not something I see myself yearning to re-read in a few weeks or months, it was okay, you know what I mean?

Maybe Lawrence and I weren't matched up by some perfect algorithm. Maybe we don't share the exact same interests or believe the exact same things. But as my eyes meet his, it's hard not to think that we've got something special; something an app never could have predicted.

This is also the first indication the reader gets that Bailey's algorithm might have a bug. Dun da dun!

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet

Rating: 3.5 stars

Thoughts: Fun, funny, with some action and sexy times.

"And what do you do?"

Lymond's eyes never left mine, his expression impassive. "I'm a professional assassin." I couldn't help my snort. "Well that explains a lot."

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Owen

Rating: 3 stars

Thoughts: You like wine? You like menu tastings? You like somewhat snobby men falling for a bad boy? Check it out.

"I can't imagine a life without interest, to be honest. You bring the adventure. I'll bring the level head and advice on how to avoid trouble."

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner

Rating: 3.5 stars

Thoughts: Cute and sweet with a bit of heat.

“When we’re done, we’ll go home and I’ll fuck you against the wall like it’s our first date all over again,” Damian promised in a low voice when they broke apart.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton

Rating: 2.5 stars

Thoughts: Friends to lovers with both always wanting each other but neither admitting it.

He pushes his hands into my hair and cradles my skull, staring at me with bright, warm eyes. “About time,” he says slowly. “I’ve been waiting for you to catch up.” “You’ve always waited.” My voice is full of the wonder and dawning realisation that floods my body. “You’re worth it,” he whispers, reaching up and drawing my head down to him. His lips touch mine, and we both pause as if amazed that we’re finally here.

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operation by Lucy Lennox

Rating: 3.5 stars

Thoughts: Cute, with a bit of an age gap (which is a recurring theme to most of these shorts - and thank God for it because I love age gap!), an almost-25 virgin, and the guy who encourages him to fly.

“You deserve more than just sex, Az,” I said. His eyes widened. “Are you willing to give me more than sex?” “You’re too young for me. I’m almost ten years older than you are. You need someone young and fun, not old and overworked.” “I disagree, but if that’s how you feel, then sex is all I need from you.”

The Baker and the Seal by May Archer

Rating: 3.5 stars

Thoughts: cute and sweet, I just wish the was more than one positive female character.

Then he pulled me to my feet and kissed me, while the snow fell outside, just like in those sappy movies... But better. Because this happily ever after was mine.

The Event Planner and the Electrician by Poppy Dennison

Rating: 3 stars

Thoughts: I thought this was really sweet, and the HFN had me smiling.

“Okay, just so we’re clear on this,” Theo said, “I like you. A lot. No one has looked at me the way you do in a long time, and I like it. And I want to get to know you better.” Harvey breathed out a sigh of relief. “I’m so glad to hear you say that.”

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman by Ruthie Luhn

Rating: 2.5 stars

Thoughts: Buttoned up meets dressed down - but this one didn't hit it for me.

*"I am definitely still into our original plan. If you still want that, I mean."
And there it was again, that soft and hopeful look in Will's eyes, as if Isaac's presence was somehow a gift to him. "That is exactly what I want," Isaac said, kissing Will once more.
"That settles it, then," Will said. "Let's get out of here."*

The Florist and the Lawyer by Sloane Kennedy

Rating: 2.5 stars

Thoughts: Unfortunately, it took me a long while to warm up to Harrison, which didn't really work for me considering how short the story is.

*Nate made life more interesting.
No, Nate just made life... more.
And he was all mine.*

Note for the sticklers: There are some editing/proofing errors (misspellings, mixed up character's talking, etc.). Now, some of the stories didn't have any, while others were rife with them, but given that I got this "free" on Kindle Unlimited - and that this is for charity - I mostly looked past them and just enjoyed the stories.

This review has been cross-posted at Gay Book Reviews.

P.S.: Thanks again to Jennifer?Pher? for letting me "borrow" her setup for this review. It made keeping track of eleven stories *so* much easier. *hugs*

Valerie ❀M/M Romance Junkie❀ says

The Set-up

Date Started: 2/9/2018

Date Finished: 2/9/2018

Rating: 5 cheesy grin worthy ★'s

The Magician and the Mortician by A.E. Wasp

Date Started: 2/12/2018

Date Finished: 2/12/2018

Rating: 2 ★'s

This started out ok. By the middle, the story was ruined for me. I'm sure that might be on me, but I just didn't like it.

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer by Alison Hendricks

Date Started: 2/15/2018

Date Finished: 2/15/2018

Rating: 3.5★'s

This was cute. It started out rather awkward (I didn't expect them to gel). They found common ground in their enthusiasm for their chosen careers. I would have loved a more concrete resolution to the paranormal aspect.

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Rating: 3★'s

It had its moments.

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Owen

Date Started: 2/18/2018

Date Finished: 2/18/2018

Rating: 2★'s

I think I could have really enjoyed this, but the dialogue felt so stilted and unnatural.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Rating: 2.5 ★'s

This was a cute premise. It was a solid 4 star read until they had sex (I can't believe I just said that ?). The speed that they hit the sheets didn't go with the story. It really ruined the cuteness factor.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton

Date Started: 2/19/2018

Date Finished: 2/19/2018

Rating: 4.5 ★'s

That was such a sweet friends to lovers story. I enjoyed every moment.

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operation by Lucy Lennox

Date Started: 2/19/2018

Date Finished: 2/19/2018

Rating: 4 ★'s

OTT, but very sweet (and hot).

The Baker and the Seal by May Archer

Date Started: 2/19/2018

Date Finished: 2/19/2018

Rating: 4.5 ★'s

Any other time, I would have hated the insta-everything and miscommunication. It worked here. And I LOVE to see such a powerful, alpha man (and a Seal!) be a happy bottom. Bottoming doesn't make him any

less of a badass.

The Event Planner and the Electrician by Poppy Dennison

Date Started: 2/19/2018

Date Finished: 2/19/2018

Rating: 4 ★'s

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman by Ruthie Luhnnow

Date Started: 2/20/2018

Date Finished: 2/20/2018

Rating: 2.5 ★'s

The Florist and the Lawyer by Sloane Kennedy

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Rating: 3.5★'s

The Fallout

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Rating: 4★'s

review set up shamelessly borrowed from Jennifer?Pher?

There's a little bit of everything in this anthology, and it's for a good cause. Read it.

Bookreader87(Amanda) says

In short, all these stories seemed to have had people who were reluctant to go on a blind date and most, if not all of them, were set up by someone they knew who filled out the profile for them. A few of them were coerced into going on the date by a friend or family member who felt it was time for them to get themselves out there.

The whole setup is centered around the new Heart2Heart app that guarantees to find your perfect match. However, the algorithm used is filled with glitches and all these dates are actually setup with men who, on the surface, are complete opposites. Luckily, for Heart2Heart, all these dates worked out.

My average rating for each of these stories included in this Anthology is 3 stars. My individual rating can be found down below:

The Set-up

Rating: No rating

Review: The set-up is aptly titled for it is setting up the stories for the rest of the book. Bailey is working on and algorithm for the dating site Heart2Heart when he is distracted by the window washer who has been outside his window for 2 days. Turns out the window washer has a thing for Bailey. Said window washer finally makes his move and ask Bailey out for a date. Bailey agrees, even though he knows he should double check the algorithm for the new site. He shrugs it off and figures it will be fine.

The Magician and the Mortician by A.E. Wasp

Rating: 2.5 stars

Review: A lot of fauxpaus happened on this first date but I got over them and let it be. I will say the beginning of this story started off real good but as it continued it started to fall off. The worst part of this story was the epilogue. What a morbid way to end a book and can I just say (view spoiler) Sorry but NO with a capital N-O. It was so cringe worthy to read. Overall this story didn't work for me.

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer by Alison Hendrick

Rating: 3.5 stars

Review: I liked this one it was fun and sweet. Allen and Lawrence seem not to have much in common on the surface but when it comes down to it they have plenty to relate to. They both have jobs/interest others seem to judge and not understand and this is where they find common ground. Sometimes when you are very passionate about something you love your enthusiasm can rub off on others and that is exactly what happened with Allen and Lawrence. What could have been a disaster turns into a cute HEA.

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet

Rating: 1 star

Review: This story was a little too OTT for me. Daniel was a sassy gay man looking for love and not another hookup. Tired of always falling for the same type he vows to make this night different and with the help of his best friend he is setup on date with the Heart2Heart app.

The man he is setup with is Lymond who happens to be an assassin. Our first introduction to Lymond is of him being an asshole to Daniel. Not only does he show up late to their date but he insults Daniel multiple times. This is exactly the type of guy Daniel doesn't want to hookup with again but what happens? Lymond throws sex on the table and guess what Daniel does... he accepts it.

After that I just couldn't deal with these two. Plus the attempt on Lymond's life while he is with Daniel was just too much. But the ultimate hell no for me was the way Lymond reacted when Daniel told Lymond he could not handle what Lymond did for a living. Lymond snapped and put his arms around Daniel's throat. RED FLAG alert! That is not someone you want to date. That is physical abuse and that is a hard no for me. I considered Lymond a piece of shit after that. So yeah, this one was not for me.

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Ownen

Rating: 2.5 stars

Review: There wasn't anything particularly wrong with this one, it just seemed incomplete.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner

Rating: 2.5 stars

Review: Story started off fine. NSA agent on a bust gets injured and ends up in the ER. His date happens to volunteer at the hospital he is sent to. It should be mentioned his date volunteers in the pediatric section as a superhero. Cue the awwwws. Everything was going fine until they left the hospital and went to Shane's (NSA agent) condo. First thing said by Shane when they're not even in the condo yet "I really want you to fuck me." Yeah, this hookup had no tact. Also, talk about a bossy bottom, Shane was annoyingly so. When the sexual stuff hit, I was over it.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton

Rating: 4 stars

Review: This one is friends to lovers. Sage and Noah have known each other since the age of 7. Unbeknownst to them they are matched on the Heart2Heart app. Noah seems to brush this match aside and take it as a laugh. However, Sage convinces him that although the app may have matched them wrong they should still go forward with the dates planned and they do. During the dates Noah's feelings for Sage are starting to come out and like he has been doing for years he tries to repress them. However, it turns out Sage has harbored the same feelings for Noah. It's a shame it took them so long to admit their feelings but it was still a sweet story where everything works out.

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operator by Lucy Lennox

Rating: 4 stars

Review: I loved this one. Lucy was able to pack a lot of story in it and yet I still wanted more. I really could read more on Travis and Azrael.

The Baker and the Seal by May Archer

Rating: 4 stars

Review: Cute story between Cal and Ash who almost didn't happen due to a mix-up before their date. Luckily things are cleared up and all works out between them. I really liked this one.

The Event Planner and the Electrician by Poppy Dennison

Rating: 3 stars

Review: FINALLY a story that explains why none of these guys knew each others names or faces, apparently, the app doesn't allow it. I was wondering about this through out the other stories. So thanks for that.

As to this story itself, it was ok. Theo is new to town working as a wedding planner. Harvey has been living in the small town all his life. Their first meet is when Harvey comes in to fix the electric wiring but his plans are changed when he catches Theo's elbow to the face. They seem to have an attraction but Harvey thinks Theo may be too young and too good for him. Instead of going forward with asking Theo out, Harvey decides to sign up on the Heart2Heart app to find a date. Low and behold his date turns out to be Theo. The only bump in the road they have is Theo worrying Harvey will focus on his age like his last boyfriend. They both have worries on the age topic but surprisingly, unlike a lot of other stories, these two know how to communicate and they talk it out.

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman by Ruthie Luhnnow

Rating: 2 stars

Review: Isaac is on a date from hell where everything that can go wrong does go wrong. Not only is his date late and dressed inappropriately the first thing he ask about the alcohol at the restaurant and bonus points his occupation is a mascot who's joy in life is all the free drinks he gets. Yeah, talk about a winner. Much like the date the stories a total disaster. I didn't like it much.

The Florist and the Lawyer by Sloane Kennedy

Rating: 4.5 Stars

Review: This story was my favorite of them all. Nate is a bright and colorful man who, thanks to his awesome grandpa, is not afraid to show the world his true self. Harrison his date is a stiff attorney who avoids chaos and clearly suffers from a case of OCD. On the paper these two should not work out but when you dig a little you realize how much they should. Harrison is black and white and Nate is the burst of color his life has been missing. I loved it from start to finish.

The Fallout

Rating: No rating.

Review: This is the continuation of the setup when Bailey meets his window washer, Ryder, for a date. The date goes extremely well but the next morning when Bailey returns back to work, not so much. The aftermath of the algorithm going awry is what he is faced with. Bailey is immediately put to work to find a solution to his problem. He is stressed and worked to the bone when he leaves the office but waiting for him is Ryder. Which makes all the chaos seem worth it and Bailey cannot seem to regret his choice to leave early the previous day. At the end of it all he got Ryder. This ends with an Epilogue which shows all the mix matched couples at a Heart2Heart ball.

Len Evans Jr says

Overall rating 4.5 rounded up to 5 Stars

The Magician and the Mortician 5 Stars

A.E. Wasp is one of my favorite authors and in this story she once again hits a grand slam!

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer by Allison Hendricks 4.5 Stars

Coincidentally the book I just finished before this one was my first Allison Hendricks read. I really loved that one and feel the same way about this short story. Have to admit at the beginning I was kinda wondering how this pairing would work... but it did and very well!

The Assassin and the Dog Walker by Charlie Cochet 4.75 Stars

Prior to this story the only ones by Ms. Cochet that I had read were her North Pole City Tales, which I loved to death. This story is very different theme wise however it still has the amazing heart and incredible story-telling the other had. She had me by my heart and balls throughout this short story and the payoff at the end was awesome!

The Criminal and the Sommelier by Chris Owen 3 Stars

This is my least favorite story thus far... I thought that the chemistry between the 2 MCs was great and the story itself was very interesting. The deal breaker for me was how quickly Phillipe tossed out his issues with Angelo breaking the law so easily and quickly as if just because Angelo was sweet and charming that made him being a thief ok.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent by Hailey Turner 5 Stars

First time read of this author... gonna read a lot more of her work! This story was awesome! The verbal banter between the 2 MCs when they meet in the Emergency Room at Harbor/UCLA was so hot it was practically a sex scene. What they got up to after going back to Shane's condo makes this story the hottest thus far in this collection!

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer by Lily Morton 5 Stars

Another new author for me and another really awesome story. This one definitely had it scorching moments, but it gets the 5 stars for being the sweetest, most tender and most tear-inducing story. Noah and Sage are incredible!

The Uber Driver and The Phone Sex Operator by Lucy Lennox 4.5 Stars

Lucy Lennox is one of my top 5 fav gay romance authors so I had high expectations for this story. She certainly met and exceeded them! Travis and Azrael were so awesome and so very real. The sweetness and tenderness of this story made me feel all snuggley. And the hot parts... I'll just say they worked just as well!

The Baker and The Seal by May Archer 4.5 Stars

First time reading something by this author... not the last. This was likely the shortest work in the anthology but have to give kudos to her because it was also one of the best. Good things definitely can come in small packages!

The Event Planner and the Electrician by Poppy Dennison 4 Stars

First time to read something by Ms. Dennison, this was good as far as it went but I think it really needed to be just a bit longer to truly feel like a complete story. I liked the 2 MC's a lot, especially Harvey.

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman by Ruthie Luhnnow 4 Stars

Sexy and sweet, but too short. So much potential here for exploration. I loved what there was of it. I am

confused a bit cuz I would have thought that all authors participating in this would have been asked for approximately the same length to their stories. Yet some were much longer than others.

The Florist and The Lawyer by Sloane Kennedy 5 Stars

This is one of my most favorite stories in this anthology. It is sweet, tender and tear-inducing. I loved, loved, loved it!

Setup and Aftermath by ??? 4.5 stars

Really loved these sweet and sexy bookends of the anthology, whoever wrote this did a great job!

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

Average rating: 3.5 (see individual ratings and reviews below)

Out of twelve stories, I LOVED five and really liked three more. I was disappointed with only two. Truly, though, there are no bad stories in this collection.

The unifying theme is opposites attract. The couples meet on blind dates arranged via the fictional app, Heart2Heart. All the stories focus at least tangentially on Valentine's Day, and the men's professions, which serve as titles, play a role.

Tags: contemporary, dual POV (all but two), set in America (except Lily Morton's), sexy (most have at least some steam, and a few are downright porny), HFN/HEA (all but three).

Plus, all the proceeds from the sale of this M/M romance anthology will benefit the following LGBTQ charities: The Trevor Project, Bisexual Resource Centre, and one-n-ten. **That's money well spent even if you read only a few of the stories.**

The Setup / The Fallout

???1/2

Bailey & Ryder

~sweetness, HEA~

Alternate title of my own creation: *The Programmer and the Window Washer*

This is where it all begins. Bailey is so distracted by the hot guy washing his windows, he fails to double-check the app algorithm code before taking off for the date of a lifetime. Overnight, the app spews the most ridiculous matches, pairing up men who absolutely don't belong together. Or do they?

Bailey finds forever love with Ryder. And the rest follows . . .

The Magician and the Mortician

A.E. Wasp

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Alberto & Mikey

~age gap, sweetness, second chances, insta love, HEA~

This is an unabashedly romantic, love-at-first-sight story. Alberto has been mourning for five years. He's stopped believing in magic. Mikey helps him find joy again.

I teared up at the end. Includes: insanely sexy backseat makeout session, white rabbit named Thumper, and best first date ever.

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer

Allison Hendricks

??1/2

Lawrence & Allen

~awkward first dates, new adult, no HEA/HFN~

I really didn't feel the chemistry between the MCs, and the plot was nonexistent. The ending provided zero closure, with a potential paranormal element introduced and left unresolved. There were some cute moments, but I needed a stronger resolution and more relationship development.

The Assassin and the Dog Walker

Charlie Cochet

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Lymond & Daniel

~danger, jealous ex-boyfriend, OTT plot, HFN~

I think the author tried to fit too much into a short story. I liked both MCs and the cute dogs but didn't love the assassin/danger angle. Alas, it wouldn't be a Charlie Cochet story without guns and men on the run. We get a rather abrupt ending, with potential for a follow-up story (or even a series).

The Criminal and the Sommelier

Chris Owen

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Phillips & Angelo

~age gap, no steam, no HFN/HEA~

I liked all the wine talk, but this read like the first couple chapters of a book, not a complete story. I didn't really like either MC (talk about snooty and pretentious), and the plot consisted of two men, one of whom is a high-class thief, having dinner.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent

Hailey Turner

???1/2

Shane & Damian

~sweetness, banter, sexy read, tentative HEA~

I've never read this author, but this story turned out to be a nice surprise. One of the MCs does cosplay and volunteers as Superman to cheer up kids undergoing medical treatment. I liked the unique Meet Cute, the humour, and the truly heartwarming ending.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer

Lily Morton

????1/2

Noah & Sage

~best-friends-to-lovers, sexy read, HEA~

Unsurprisingly, I loved the hell out of this story (Lily Morton slayed me with *Deal Maker*, and I've been her bitch ever since). The character development was spot on; the sex was sizzling; and the ending made me feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

This is friends-to-lovers at its finest: years of want and longing make for explosive chemistry. Plus, British boys, baby!

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operator

Lucy Lennox

????1/2

Travis & Azrael

~age gap, eager virgin, very steamy, tentative HEA~

This story should be rightfully called *The Dancer and the Choreographer*. Azrael doesn't want to do fake phone sex, but it supplements his income. And Travis is filling in as Uber Driver for his brother.

This is the steamiest story of the bunch. Azrael really wants to lose his virginity, and Travis is happy to oblige. These guys are so adorable together! There's no angst or misunderstanding, just a lie of omission that's resolved without drama.

The Baker and the SEAL

May Archer

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Cal & Ash

~insta love, misunderstanding, sexy read, military men, sweetness, HEA~

I'm a sucker for military men and even though the Navy played no role in the story, Ash was still a SEAL, all six feet, five inches of him. Cal is smitten with Ash almost immediately. A misunderstanding ensues, but never fear, the men talk it out and move on.

The epilogue helped seal (pun intended because I'm hilarious like that) the deal. I loved this light, sexy story and really want to try one of Cal's tequila cupcakes.

The Event Planner and the Electrician

Poppy Denison

??1/2

Theo & Harvey

~age gap, HFN~

I enjoyed this feel-good story, but it needed an epilogue something fierce. Theo's friend Danielle was a little much, but I absolutely loved Harvey. The poor guy saved Theo from a fall and got his nose broken in return.

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman

Ruthie Luhnow

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Isaac & Will

~low steam, no HFN/HEA~

I enjoyed the extreme opposites-attract trope. Isaac was so fussy and uptight, a foil to Will's laidback and cheerful demeanor. Isaac really thawed during their painfully awkward, and kind of hilarious, first date.

This was shaping up to be one of my favorite stories in the collection, and then . . . it ended. How could it just end like that, with no closure of any kind? Gah, I'm really upset.

The Florist and the Lawyer

Sloane Kennedy

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Harrison & Nate

~sexy read, HEA~

No angst. *GASP* Do you see who the author is? It turns out Sloane Kennedy CAN write a sweet story without anyone being tortured or kidnapped, and the results are delightful.

Harrison is such a jerk on his first date with Nate, Nate leaves mid-meal. But Harrison has a change of heart and apologizes. Harrison isn't the arrogant bastard he appears to be; he had his heart broken and is scared to love again. I really liked this romantic, sexy story. The MCs are well developed, and the ending is perfectly, um, orgasmic.

Lorraine Lesar says

Heart2Heart have launched their new upgraded app, guaranteed to pair you with the perfect partner. So was it a case of....You look like a really bad decision, get the fuck over here - I so need to make that mistake again, or was it a case of.....Butterflies? I feel the whole dam Zoo when I'm with you..... Well, I'm pleased to report that were no wolves eating unsuspecting lambs, all these lambs were more than ready to be eaten ?

Every story was readable, all delivering something different, so I've based my ratings purely on my own

personal enjoyment -

How Bailey the Geeky Programmer, Lost his Focus...3* - in two parts. By the time I got to the second part, I knew where this story was heading.

The Magician and the Mortician...2* - As soon as a third was mentioned it went fast downhill for me. If the author thought it would add a bit of spice? she thought wrong.

The Professional Gamer and the Paranormal Photographer...3.5* - Did the app get it so wrong, or was it a bit of paranormal interference?

The Assassin and the Dog Walker...4* - Surely this is going to be made into a Series? (hint, hint Author)

The Criminal and the Sommelier...3* - I felt that the Author lost a great opportunity on this one, less food and more focus on the criminal activity was what I wanted, but didn't get.

The Superhero and the NSA Agent...4* - great read.

The Tattoo Artist and the Writer...4* - another great read.

The Uber Driver and the Phone Sex Operator...4* - really liked this one

The Baker and the Seal...3* - Weddingzilla time, but didn't really feel the zilla

The Event Planner and the Electrician...4.5* - my surprise favourite!

The Lawyer and the Lobsterman...3* - too short for me to feel anything

The Florist and the Lawyer...3.5* - considering the calibre of this author, I have to say that I was left unfulfilled, I expected more and was slightly disappointed