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They couldn't be more opposite, the Hollywood actor and the hometown girl, but all they need is a little convention magic to become the perfect ship in Cathy Yardley's One True Pairing.

Jake Reese needs a decoy girlfriend. Fast. The lead actor of the popular TV show, *Mystics*, is tired of losing his shirt to overeager fans. Literally. Which is why a chance meeting with gothabilly bookworm-slash-barista Hailey Frost seems almost too perfect to be true. Hailey is not impressed with his TV fame and is desperate to save her family's bookstore. It's a match made in Hollywood, but as the two pretend to date, fan fiction becomes reality. Can this OTP become canon?

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From Reader Review One True Pairing for online ebook

Rachel Barnard says

Hailey works two jobs and then some to help make ends meet with her two sisters and their bookstore. Jake Reese is the hot TV actor who hides from his crazed fans in Hailey's coffee shop. She doesn't react like most fangirls, even though she loves his show. Her no-nonsense take care of problems attitude and his nature-loving sensitive sci-fi loving side go together. Jake needs to improve his social standing and Hailey needs something to boost the bookstore's sales. It's only natural that they pretend to date, but the attraction levels are through the roof.

This is not the book to pick up late at night because you won't be able to put it down. The storytelling is seamless and the plot is very well thought out. The second half became a little predictable, but I enjoyed every word of it. Every scene, every word, and all the descriptions were perfectly written and perfectly placed. Every detail was necessary.

The romance played out just the way I wanted it to – chance meet, mutual initial attraction, spending lots of time together to fall for each other. It was the best of the best romances.

Jake and Hailey were so detailed and their personalities full and alive. I loved being in each of the characters' heads and watching them make mistakes and get in over their heads.

namericanwordcat says

I love Cathy Yardley's writing. I love it in this book too. Her words just pop off the page.

She creates great characters. Jake is such a lovely sexy human. Halley is fierce and loyal and funny.

My favorite parts of the book are the most feminist ones. Yardley does a great job thinking about the small oppressions and aggressions on selfhood and imagine a world in which the heroine calls them sees them and calls them all out. Loved it.

She is sexually assertive and clear about her sexual needs. She calls Jake out when he tries to "do" for her when she can handle things herself or it really isn't his business.

Jake is reflective and apologies. He has never been told these things and really processes what she says. That is hot. There is also a good bit that deals fandom and the objectification of Jake.

I love Haley's sisters and Jake's fellow actors. I adore pretend dating plots though really they just should have dated.

However, the rest of the plot was wonky, tired, and unneeded, I don't want to give out spoilers but it would have been a much better book if it stayed with the basic conflicts and not pour all the extra sauce on.

I am really interested in the sisters getting books and I will read them happily.

I was given this book for my honest review. So there you have it!

Miranda (MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It) says

3.5 / 5 Fangs

I haven't read any books in this series, but after reading the synopsis of **One True Pairing**, I knew I couldn't pass this book up! I am a true fangirl, so reading a book about a geeky convention mixed with a fangirl's dream romance seemed like the ideal book for me! **One True Pairing** was an adorable, fun, relatable, and nerdy dream!

As soon as this book started, I was immediately hooked. The nerdy fangirl in me immediately latched onto the convention plot of this book. The book began with a fun and quirky beginning that was very unexpected. From then on, the book only continued to get more addictive. There were times that this book felt a little slow or unexpectedly overdramatic for my tastes, but the book was still entertaining as a whole. This book was actually more emotional than I was expecting, which was a nice touch.

Hailey was a funny and inspirational main character! She was a woman who worked hard for everything in her life, and I really admired that about her. Her love for her sisters warmed my heart and I loved how caring she was. Jake was an attractive man that I couldn't help but fall in love with. I adored his secretly nerdy side and how kind he was. It was easy to assume he was a jerk because he was a hot celebrity, but it was nice to see there was much more to him than what was on the surface. *swoooooon*

The romance in this book was sexy and full of banter. I was shipping Hailey and Jake from their first interaction! I would have liked there to be even more of a slow burn between them, but I still really enjoyed their romance. The chemistry between Hailey and Jake was palpable and I think the author did a great job at making it feel believable. The nerdiness of their relationship made me fangirl so hard and hope that this type of romance will happen to me one day!

Overall, **One True Pairing** was a great book for a nerdy romance lover like me to escape reality. I cannot wait to read more books in this series! Also, I am going to cross my fingers that this author will one day write an adorable fangirl romance with me as the main character!

3.5 / 5 Fangs

This ebook was given to me in exchange for an honest review.

MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It
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Michelle says

You can see this full review and more at Book Briefs: <https://bookbriefs.net>**One True Pairing** is the second book in the Fandom Hearts series by Cathy Yardley, but it can be read as a standalone. I have not read book one, nor did I know it was part of a series when I first picked up the book, but I had absolutely no

problem following along. The tag line for One True Pairing is "a geek girl rom com". I mean, does that not sound like something right up my alley. It totally does, and it totally was. It is like a new adult version of Geekerella. I really enjoyed this fun story, where one girl gets to live out every fandom girl's dream- having the actor fall for you.

One True Pairing is a really fun story. I enjoyed it a lot. It has some issues and roadblocks, but largely this book was pretty lighthearted, which is just what I was looking for. I loved all the fandom elements. I am finding out that I love a book that has a con. Jake is part of a show that is pretty similar to supernatural, so he is all kinds of paranormal bad-a**. (I think one of his co-stars is going to be the focus of another fandom hearts novel, and I am so so hoping that I'm right about that.) I loved Jake hardcore in One True Pairing. I also really enjoyed Haley, though she did rub me the wrong way a few times. She is a tad too stubborn for my liking, but everyone is entitled to be pig headed at times I suppose. Either way, I thought Jake was super patient with Haley and I loved that. Their connection felt very genuine to me, which was the biggest key to winning my heart in this story. It didn't feel forced at all. The whole progression and relationship was beautifully developed and felt really natural. That was the best part about One True Pairing in my opinion.

Bottom line: If you are a fan of fandom (he-he) you will love One True Pairing. You will totally geek out with this story. It was so much fun. It is great for fans of Geekerella that are hoping for a new adult version of the story. I am now hooked on the Fandom Hearts series, I need to get book one and I can't wait to see what the next book will bring. Get ready to geek out over this adorably cute love story.

This review was originally posted on Book Briefs

BookLover says

ARC requested through Netgalley, and kindly provided by St. Martin's Press in exchange for an honest review.

This is the second book in the *Fandom Hearts* series by Cathy Yardley, though this book could be read as a stand-alone.

Jake Reese, otherwise known as *Rick* from the fictitious show *Mystics*, was in Issaquah for a convention promoting the sci-fi television show. He got some much needed help with a bunch of over zealous fans from local, Hailey Frost. The two felt sparks fly immediately and both were up for some temporary fun, but things don't quite work out that way.

**“Incompetence. Such a turnoff,” Hailey said decisively.
Suggesting that a guy who knew what he was doing might be a turn-on for her. He filed
that away mentally.
For . . . reasons.”**

I really enjoyed this story. After *LOVING Level Up*, the first book in this series, I was so excited to read this book. Though Jake & Hailey's storyline couldn't be **MORE** different from the lovable Adam and Tessa, I enjoyed this story just as much, if not more. Jake and Haley both had serious and difficult pasts that constantly got int he way of their current happiness. I loved the way their story unfolded and each of the events that pushed them towards one another. *(from fake PR to a stalker to helping save a failing bookstore)*

“I’ve got the perfect solution,” she said, her smile slowly widening. “Pretend to date me.”

Jake’s costars, Simon and Miles were hilarious. I found the interactions between the three to be funny and heartwarming. Knowing what their friendship and acceptance meant to Jake made it all the more enjoyable.

“And his most endearing?” Simon’s eyes gleamed with glee. “He sleeps with a stuffed panda bear named Mr. Bobo.”

Miles emerged, pretending outrage. “You swore you wouldn’t bring him up!”

“They wanted to know!”

“How about you, Jake?” the fan teased, but her smile was gentle, more playful than lecherous. He wondered if she was trying to make sure he didn’t feel left out, and he felt his chest warm. “Sleep with anything endearing?”

“Miles,” he said. “I just wish he wouldn’t make me dress up as a stuffed panda.”

There were quite a few carrots dangled throughout this book that makes me hope there will be many more instalments in this series! We got to see “teasers” of more character development with some of the secondary characters in this story and I really hope I get to read more in this world of fandom.

Great read!

Madeline ♥? Romance Bibliophile ♥? says

♥♥ 2 Fandom Stars ♥♥

Reading the synopsis, I was completely sold on this. There's fandoms, geeks, and Hollywood stars -- what's not to like?! Unfortunately, it just didn't live up to what I was hoping for.

Jake Reese, a **hot and sweet actor**, literally runs into Hailey in a coffee shop while running away from some overzealous fans. Hailey, **independent, blunt, and struggling for money**, helps hide him and they make a connection. When Hailey has a family crisis and cuts their date short, they think they'll never see each other again. But when Hailey needs a favor from him to save her sisters' bookstore and Jake needs someone to pose as his girlfriend, they strike a bargain. In essence, I love this trope and always enjoy it. But I found both the hero and heroine **naive and kind of annoying**. Hailey doesn't do relationships; she does one-night-stands. I'm all for women having the sexual freedom they desire, but it was annoying that in order for Hailey to not want commitment, Jake had to be weak and borderline emasculated. Why can't they both be strong and independent? This just took the gender role reversal too far for me and made it difficult for me to connect to the characters.

Additionally, the tension in the plot was a tad over-contrived. I won't give anything away, but I felt like the characters didn't adequately address the threat, and Jake was pretty oblivious to the people messing with his life. The climax was...anticlimactic. I found myself rolling my eyes a little too often and almost marked it as DNF. Overall I was disappointed; I think the tension could have been developed better and the characters could have used their heads a little more.

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Hollis says

His gut was telling him to trust her. Of course, that might be his dick. They were in adjacent neighbourhoods, after all, and sometimes his dick was louder.

As a fan of Yardley's earlier installments in the *Fandom Hearts* series I was **super** excited to finally see more books in this world being released. Especially when I saw the synopsis. I love that there are more and more contemporaries being set not only around nerds, geeks and fandom but *in* the fandom, at conventions, experiencing all the good, the bad, the crazy, the weird, all of it. From the obsessions to the cosplay to the slash to the cancellations.

"Those crazy videos of you dancing so horribly? They went viral!"

"Of course they did."

ONE TRUE PAIRING goes a step further and adds in a 'famous dude and non-celebrity' **and** the fake dating trope. It's basically a hodge podge of all the things I love. And watching the earnest and genuine star and the defensive, hardworking, ballbusting waitress slash blackjack dealer slash ex-grifter who happens to look like a goth-rockabilly-pin up collide? Well, I mean, hello. I'm so here for it.

She worked two jobs. She looked like Rosie the Riveter in a street gang. Who was this Hailey woman?

And it really was great. Funny, sweet, sexy, and with quite an emotional backbone to the backstory.. not just Hailey's but Jake's, too, which was unexpected. I actually felt his own truth-telling reveals to be completely out of left field. In a good way; it explained a lot about his attitude. As for Hailey and her sisters, I so felt for them, the struggle to stay in the black, keep their business afloat, all while dodging their myriad of angst and emotional hangups. It was so endearing yet also frustrating to watch Hailey use them as a bit of a crutch but the lightbulb moment was well earned.

"You're not a bad actress, you know that?"

"I'm a terrible actress. But I'm a hell of a liar."

I did kind of feel the big climax of the story was a little.. overblown.. but at the same time I understand that it's supposed to be. I won't spoil it, of course, and there were so other things I didn't see coming, but I definitely loved the beginning to middle of ONE TRUE PAIRING more than the wrap-up.

Because of course getting this on YouTube is more important than calling the cops. It'd be funny if she wasn't right in the middle of it.

That said I'll definitely be reading on. Yardley has set this world up with many more opportunities for more stories (Simon for sure, will Miles be getting one, too? and the sisters!) and with a variety of interesting and fun characters I'm looking forward to them all.

3.5 "I don't believe in instalove in books, movies, and certainly not in my own damned personal life" stars

**** I received an ARC from NetGalley and the publisher (thank you!) in exchange for an honest review. ****

Xan West says

A copy was provided by the publisher through Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

There are many lovely pieces of this story. The chemistry between the MCs, the way desire and tenderness wound together between them, the hotness of them together, the delayed gratification of that. There are super charming swoony moments; I especially liked the dancing moment. And the heroine had my heart; I fell really hard for her, in all the ways she was flawed and human and armored and vulnerable and tried to hold everything and fell apart. I adored her. I loved the chosen family in this, just like I did in Level Up. I love love love Cressida so much and really hope she gets her own book. I need more Cressida in my life, and really need to see a story from her point of view.

I loved book 1 in this series, Level Up, and I was really excited to read the next book. This one felt a bit rockier to me, like it struggled to hold the balance of the darkness in the story with the lighthearted romp the tone indicated that it wanted to be. It felt off-kilter, because it took these serious things (view spoiler) and wasn't able to hold the seriousness of them, along with the humor it was attempting to find in them. It is possible to hold both humor and darkness together, but in my opinion you have to take the weight of them seriously in order to find humor that works. This didn't hit that mark for me. Because of that, the story felt mismatched to the tone, which made the actual light parts harder to enjoy. I wanted this to be a cozy geeky comfort read like book 1, but it just wasn't.

I have mixed feelings about the disability rep in this story. There are two characters with mental illness: Cressida, who has agoraphobia, and the villain/stalker. There are complex things going on with Cressida and the heroine Hailey, her sister, that include a rather ableist dynamic between them, that gets deeply challenged by Cressida at several points in ways that I really appreciated. I was concerned while reading that this dynamic of Cressida being thought of as dependent and a burden would not be challenged and was so relieved that it was. That said, Cressida is a disabled secondary character who frequently is in the role of moving plot along for the abled MC, being an obstacle for the lovers, or helping the MC realize things and learn things, and this made me uncomfortable, especially because so many of the ways that happen are *about* Cressida being disabled.

What was even harder was the mentally ill stalker character who is an intense caricature and *does not even have a name*. It is possible, I think, to tell stories with mentally ill villains, but those stories need to have villains that are complex and nuanced and not tossed away caricatures that appear in the last act out of nowhere, and they need to be balanced by portrayals of mental illness in MCs that is shown in complexity and with care. This kind of caricature of a mentally ill stalker villain with a huge knife is hurtful both to people with psych disabilities and to survivors of stalking. As a reader who is both, it felt like a kick in the stomach.

Trigger warnings: (view spoiler)

Nanou says

J'ai encore plus apprécié ce tome-là que le premier sûrement parce qu'il concrétise le rêve de toutes les fangirls du monde : rencontrer par hasard l'acteur principal de sa série choucou et tomber follement amoureux l'un de l'autre. Hailey va sauver Jake d'un groupe de fan hystériques prêtes à lui arracher ses

vêtements. Jake va tout de suite tomber sous le charme.

Après quelques évènements fâcheux, Hailey perd l'un de ses boulot et se retrouve donc en difficulté avec le loyer de la maison/librairie qu'elle partage avec ses soeurs. Jake de son côté a de sérieux doutes sur le fait qu'il sera dans la saison 3 de Mystics, c'est sans compter sur un père qui l'empêche de gérer sa carrière comme il veut et une stalkeuse qui réapparaît...

Tout comme le livre précédent, Cathy Yardley écrit des personnages qui se parlent et qui n'hésitent à pas à se rebiffer et faire comprendre ses erreurs à l'autre, et qui donc aussi ne perdent pas de temps à s'excuser après ^^ . Hailey et Jake mette en place cette histoire de fake-girlfriend afin que chacun y gagne : Jake une popularité pour être renouvelé et Hailey un coup de pub pour la librairie. Mais évidemment ces deux là se prennent à peur propre jeu et c'est mignon de voir à quel point ils essaient de résister à leur passion :)

I liked this book even more than the first one because it concretizes the dream of all the fangirls of the world : to meet by chance the main actor of her favorite TV series and fall madly in love with each other. Hailey rescue Jake from a group of hysterical fans ready to snatch his clothes. Jake will immediately fall in love.

After some unfortunate events, Hailey loses one of her jobs and finds herself in trouble with the rent of the house/bookstore she shares with her sisters. Jake has serious doubts that he will be in Mystics season 3, all of this with a father who wants to manage his career and a stalker who reappears...

Like the previous book, Cathy Yardley writes characters who talk to each other and who do not hesitate to call on bullshit and tell the other their mistakes, and who also do not waste time apologizing after ^^ . Hailey and Jake set up this fake-girlfriend story for them to win something : Jake's popularity will be renewed and Hailey will have publicity for the bookstore. But of course these two are overtaken by their own game and it's cute to see how they are trying to resist their passion :)

ARC received for a honest review

Emily says

Jake Reese is an actor on a popular TV show called Mystics. His fans are a bit overzealous when they meet him and a few are a bit grabby which causes Jake to hide on the floor of a cafe and meets Hailey Frost who covers for him. The attraction is instant and they agree to meet until Hailey gets called away unexpectedly. Fate has other ideas which puts both Hailey and Jake in each others past. Jake needs to boost his popularity and Hailey needs to boost her families bookstore. Coming up with a plan to have Hailey pretend to be his girlfriend while helping her family. However can something that starts off as pretend lead to something more?

This was fun, if your a fan girl of some of the scifi shows you will find this one near and dear to your heart. A wild ride that does not let up and anxious to read the next books in the series.

Nicki K. says

I received an advanced copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Attempting to escape a hoard of rabid fangirls, actor Jake Reese takes shelter in a nearby coffee shop where he meets gothabilly barista, and fellow geek, Hailey Frost. Despite hitting it off instantly, Jake is only visiting and Hailey abhors relationships, so the two agree to one night together before he leaves. However, it soon comes to their attention that Hailey's budding bookshop is failing, and Jake's role in the hit show, *Mystics*, isn't quite as guaranteed as he had thought. Hoping to solve both of their problems, the two decide to fake a romance to increase Jake's fame and Hailey's customers.

One True Pairing was a fun and geeky contemporary romance with two flawed, but lovable, main characters, as well as a healthy and realistic relationship. I found the use of third-person to be refreshing with the abundance for dual first-person in romance novels, and definitely felt the writing was fluid and clean. I really enjoyed this book, and its abundance of dorkiness, and am more than happy to find Yardley has written more fandom books. I'll definitely be looking in the rest of her work!

4.5/5

Rê says

4 "Fangirls & Cons" Stars

ARC via NetGalley

Thank you, Swerve!

This book was freaking adorable.

I didn't expect to like this as much as I did, but it had all the right elements to win me over.

The story of Hailey (a hard-working, kickass woman who loved a certain sci-fi show) and Jake (a young actor in a hit CW-like sci-fi show) was equal parts adorable and hot.

Jake and Hailey meet when the actor is "assaulted" by fans, and from that moment on they spend a lot of time together trying to help each other, both because they need it and because they can't seem to walk away from each other. The attraction is instant, and due to the timeline, they fall in love quite fast, but somehow it still didn't feel like insta-love for me.

There was something special about the way the author handled their interactions and managed to add enough info about their past, creating that sense that while they'd only recently met, they already knew enough about each other (and had been through enough) that it made sense for them to fall in love. And dude, those two went through a lot: fake relationship, obsessed fans, family problems, fights, stalkers... and finally sex. LOL.

That was another plus for me: the fact that they didn't have sex early on. There's almost, almost sex, but things happen, which means the sexual tension lasts a lot longer. Yay!

Now, the characters were the true winners in this story for me. Both Hailey and Jake were awesome in their own way. Hailey was a kickass woman with enough attitude to make me fall for her right from the beginning. She's exactly how I like my MCs: independent, anti slut-shaming, sex-positive, fierce, sometimes a little too stubborn and a real family-girl. Her relationships with her sisters made her even more likable. I

loved how she took care of them.

And Jake... Jake was adorably adorable. I mean, dude was so sweet. He was the beta to Hailey's alpha. He had a nice arc going on with his issues with his dad and learning how to stand up to himself, but when it came to Hailey and their relationship, I thought Jake had things a lot more figured out than Hailey. He knew what he wanted and he didn't play games to get there, even when though they had a fake relationship going for a while. I thought he respected her, and when he made a mistake, he didn't see a problem with apologizing. And he was sexy AF. I loved Jake.

Since I love both Hailey and Jake, it was pretty easy to fall for them as a couple, too. They were hot from moment on, but they also shared some quiet moments that only helped them bond.

Other than the main characters and their romance, I also loved the side characters and their dynamics. Hailey and her sisters had the kind of relationship that showed love, but also had room for conflict, which I'm guessing will be explored later on in the series. I'm also super curious about Rachel's past love life.

On Jake's side, I adored Miles and Simon's friendship and I want more of that. Even the interactions between Miles, Simon and Jake were pretty great. There's this one scene where they're doing a panel and Jake follows up a joke between Miles and Simon with one of his own, and I was SCREAMING because it was THAT brilliant. It gave me major TVD cast in early seasons FEELS (only with three guys and no Nina Dobrev).

sighs I miss how good that show was. Seasons 1 to 3 were just the best.

Back to the book... I have to say I was more than pleased to see Brazil mentioned there. Go, Brazil!!!!

Well, there were A LOT of things I loved about this book, as you can see. I highly recommend it to all fans of romance. If you also happen to love TV shows, conference and panels with actors, and actors interacting with fans, then what are you waiting for? Go grab a copy.

Marlene says

One True Pairing is a rom-com for anyone who has ever geeked out over a TV or movie series - or any reader who has ever had to admit that they have "book boyfriends", from any era whatsoever, including all those who can't get enough of Mr. Darcy from *Pride and Prejudice*.

In this combination of two great romantic tropes: the fake relationship and the superstar falls for a fan, we have a likeable pair of leads in the starring roles. Jake Reese is one of the stars of a hot, geeky, SF-type TV series, as well as the son of a famous actor. And he's on the run from a VIP event turned man-eating pack of fans when he ducks into the diner where not-exactly ordinary Hailey Frost is holding down her second job so she can support her two sisters.

Their meet-cute turns into a fake relationship when Jake desperately needs a way to get media attention for his contract negotiations, and Hailey needs the stars of his show to come support her sister's bookstore and save the family finances. It's all fun and games until the emotions get real between two people who are crap at trust and relationships.

Whether or not this fan-favorite romance can stand up to crazy fan stalkers, interfering fathers and sisters who refuse to let themselves become excuses for Hailey's failure to reach her own happily ever after, this one is tons of fun from beginning to end.

VERDICT: One True Pairing is highly recommended for romantic comedy lovers and for geeks who want to see one the OTP (that's one true pairing in fan fiction speak) get the HEA that fans and friends just know is the right one.

Alison says

Three and a half stars.

An easy reading fake girlfriend novel.

Jake Reese is the illegitimate son of a Hollywood action hero legend, he has a part in a cable TV sci-fi show featuring Knights Templar and evil aliens (kind of Stargate-esque). Attending his first convention he is attacked by a group of over-eager women and takes refuge in a local coffee shop.

Hailey Frost and her two sisters own a book shop which isn't doing well. Her sister Cressida has raging agoraphobia and needs the store to feel secure. Hailey is working two jobs to try to make ends meet. When the TV actor Jake Reese takes refuge behind her coffee shop counter the attraction is instantaneous, until Cressida needs her help.

The next day Hailey attends the convention Q&A and she and Jake reconnect. He is worried he won't have his contract renewed and she is desperate to save the family bookshop so they concoct a fake-relationship to boost his Q-score with the tabloids and in return he will promote the bookstore.

This was a long novella, it didn't go too deep but it was cute and sweet and fun to read.

I received a review copy of this book free from the author in return for an honest review.

Bookgyrl says

It took me a while to read this one and I hate giving only 2 stars, but that is what it is to me: just ok. I somehow never got into the story and there were a bit too many things going on. The relationship went too fast for me and just did not click.

That can happen; not every book is for everyone and this is just my opinion.

I requested and received an ARC via Netgalley and this is my voluntary and honest review.
