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Life has been tough on Harry Cooper. Rejected by his best friend, abandoned by his family, Harry spurns relationships, settling instead for backroom hookups and one-night stands. Out and proud, he scrapes by selling drinks in gold lamé trunks while struggling to make a name for himself as a musician. Desperate for a change, he and his roommate take a trip to Vegas, where Harry finds himself getting more than he'd bet on.

Fragrance chemist Ashton Montgomery is the man behind the Ashton George line of perfumes and colognes. He is also a gay man hiding behind the façade of one of New York City's most eligible straight bachelors. After a failed paternity suit against him, he sneaks off to Vegas to celebrate his freedom. But is he really free, or is he locked into the future his parents have mapped out for him—CEO to the family business and married to a society woman of their choosing?

A chance meeting at a rock concert in Sin City catapults Harry and Ashton into an adventure where each man comes head to head with what he fears most. Can they learn to trust each other as a couple, or is undeniable lust all they have? When all the cards are on the table, they each must decide whether to fold or go all in.

## Going All In Details

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### Laurel says

Really liked the strength of the characters -good story kept me interested to the end

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### ? Todd says

While **I did enjoy this one quite a bit**, I wouldn't really consider it groundbreaking or drastically different than many other books that I've read lately.

Both MC's were **great guys**, with one **hiding deep insecurities** and the other **hiding, uhhh, a big ole' Vegas MARRIAGE**, but it didn't feel like either of them was trying to intentionally hurt the other.

[Ashton]

[Harry]

As the blurb indicates, they found themselves in a bit of a bad situation, so **they did the best they could, but some hurt was definitely inflicted** when all the cards were laid out on the table.

This was also an **extremely sex-heavy story**, yet not so much that I felt the desire to **skim over the wet spots**, as it were. I especially liked that they were pretty **equal in the sheets**.

For the most part, the book focused on the MC's **getting to know one another inside (and inside and inside) and out**, so it was an upbeat read. Definitely not fluffy, but the angstier sections never make me want to slit my wrists.

Overall, I'd rate this one at around **3.75 \*typical-romance\* stars**.

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### Antoinette says

I absolutely loved this book. What do you do when you wake up married to a stranger and that marriage could ruin your family and career. That's Ashton's dilemma in this wonderful story. Ashton is a sweet millionaire who's family has basically scared him into the closet by telling him they'd lose everything including the family company if it came out he was gay. Harry is a crazy beautiful and talented musician with trust issues who's out loud and proud. They meet at a concert have an amazing night together including

getting married then wake up in the morning not remembering anything because someone drugged them. The rest is a tale that is heartfelt and funny. Also before I forget the sex is amazing. I can't wait for the next book in the series. I voluntarily reviewed an advance reader copy of this book.

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## Jane says

Actual rating 3.5 stars.

When I decided to read this one, I didn't expect to actually like this one a lot but fortunately for me I started liking the storytelling and the characters quite fast.

Yes, this book features some things I'm usually not a fan of (e.g. discovering that you're married after a drunken night out or the almost constant state of being turned on when with the other MC) BUT in the end it didn't matter because Cayne's writing was good, really good and I enjoyed it a lot. It was the thing I needed now.

I really liked that the heroes in this book are not your usual really tall and really muscular heroes. I wouldn't say that either of them is really short - Harry is 5'8 or so (172 cm) and Ashton is just shy of 6' (a bit less than 183 cm), but it's just really refreshing to see heroes that aren't super tall.

I also really liked the way Harry and Ashton communicated. Yes, Ashton kept some things secret for a bit too long but I actually thought that his reasons were rather decent and I simply adored the way these two behaved on a daily basis. There was chemistry, there was some banter and it was simply fun to read. Just the thing I needed today.

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## Jenn C says

Enjoyable storey but nothing earth shattering. Am looking forward to the next though.

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## Dia says

### 3 stars

I liked this one enough even if the whole secrecy made me want to give up at times.

It's my first book by this author and I think the writing was good. I kept turning the pages real fast, BUT I had some problems with the story. It's just that a hidden marriage was a pretty big secret to keep from your husband. Right?

After a crazy night at a concert in Las Vegas, Ashton found out he got married to Harry, who he met the night before, but they both have no memories about this. Ummm, I found this **tiny detail AKA the wedding they don't even remember** pretty unrealistic, but until the end we get why and how that was possible. Even if I understood Ashton's reasons to keep this from Harry, he still felt the need to hide who he really was

and all the other lies just made me cringe... I didn't like it at all and well, I got disappointed with him. And Harry was SO insecure and childish sometimes.

Overall I enjoyed the writing and this author surely knows how to write super hot scenes. Oh and the ending felt too sugary sweet for my taste. So only 3 stars for this one.

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### **Karen Lane says**

#### **4.75 stars**

What an awesome book, I loved every bit of it, I really don't have any negative thoughts at all, it had everything, romance, hot sex, great secondary characters, but the chemistry between Harry and Ashton was bouncing off the page, poor meets rich, closet meets out and proud, older meets younger, successful meets floundering.. can they make it work? Especially when outside forces conspire against them, as well as one of them harbouring dangerous secrets that can tear them apart.

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### **Kim says**

#### 4.5 stars

One night in Vegas brings Harry Cooper and Ashton Montgomery together, but unfortunately some of the events become a bit unclear in the morning. One man has a little better memory than the other. But they really had no idea how a chance meeting was going to affect their lives.

Harry is a shot boy and part-time bassist in Seattle. He is a young man just working for a living with dreams of becoming a successful musician. He is independent, flamboyant, out, and proud. He likes to make his own way and does not like relying on others. But he also has fears, insecurities, abandonment, and trust issues.

Ashton is wealthy, educated, successful, and out to only a few. His job position makes coming out precarious and there are expectations placed upon him. His life is in New York, but so are toxic influences, responsibilities, and the facade he has been forced to live under. He knows who he is and who he wants to be, but does not know how to resolve all of the issues in his life and get there.

But on a quest to learn more about Harry, Ashton takes a trip to Seattle. These guys have serious chemistry and combust into lust, want, and need. But they also have a natural rapport and genuine like of each other. They are star-crossed lovers from different cities and different circumstances in life. Ashton started out just trying to see if Harry really is sincere and true. But Ashton is keeping some secrets and begins to bury himself under lies. And the more deep he gets, the more scared he is of losing Harry. Each time one part of Ashton's secrets are exposed, he runs the risk of losing what he and Harry have been building. And Harry's big triggers are being lied to or left broken-hearted.

Ashton coming out and being with Harry could have major implications for his career and future. And Harry's rock-n-roll dreams could also adversely affect Ashton's career or a chance of a true relationship. It is a big mess of lies, secrets, betrayal, and self-protection that have the potential to not only ruin their chance at love but also impact them pursuing their dreams.

But they also have the ability to inspire each other to reach for more, be true to themselves, and try to have it

all. But that would have to involve a process of forgiveness, understanding, trust, and believing in themselves and the other.

I will admit that I got a bit frustrated with Ashton and his delay in coming clean about everything, but I could also understand his fears and worries about Harry not understanding. And they did have several layers of potential conflicts and issues to deal with. They both ultimately have to face their biggest fears and determine if they can move past them. I really liked both of the guys and them together. They were such opposites in looks, behavior, and backgrounds, but just fit so well and had such great chemistry. The author developed each of them well and allowed us to really see into their hearts and minds and feel it along with them.

The Vegas story is a trope I have read in several M/F books, but this is the first time I have read a M/M version of it, and the author added a few twists that made it even more interesting. It was sweet, sexy, funny, and romantic.

There were some fun cameos from Lover on Top with Chad, Hollywood, Austin, and Tori. The author effectively explained events that were pertinent to this story so that people that did not read Lover on Top would understand the history of Harry and the side characters. I liked Harry's bestie, Melissa, and Ashton's cousin, Charlie, his bodyguard, Marco, and some of his various band mates. There is definitely some more potential for male leads in this M/M series.

And on a side note: This cover is just gorgeous and captures Harry and Ashton!

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### **Fani \*loves angst\* says**

#### **2.5 stars**

Read it because it was a freebie and I'm a sucker for stories who start with an 'accidental' wedding ;) It was enjoyable, but otherwise not really memorable IMO.

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### **Eugenia says**

#### **3.5 Stars.**

After a bit of a rocky start, I started to enjoy this book. It's a take on the movie The Hangover, but not quite as crazy. There's little angst here and quite a a lot of sex. The MCs had hot chemistry, although I had a difficult time believing that a multi-millionaire with a Ph.D in chemistry could fall in insta-love for a struggling musician and shot boy. Still, it was a fun read-- my first by this author--and I'll likely pick up more of her books when I need a good, low angst, sexy escape.

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### **??????? says**

### 3.5

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#### \*~\*~Fawkes, Padfoot, and Prongs~\*~\* says

Wow, I feel like I should have liked this. I didn't. The characters ruined it for me and all the secrecy waaaaay up until the end was tedious and obnoxious. Yet another one that wasn't for me :-/!!

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Another book I felt compelled to KU and give a try. This author is super new to me and I'm anticipating finding another good one.

Wanting to clear my 'new-author-KU shelf' and here we go ...

It seems I keep buying new books (probably 20+ new books for every book read, NO JOKE! Trust me, that's A LOT) and while the library of full length M/M books I own is expanding to monolithic proportions, again NO joke, I never seem to get to cracking them open. Oy. Ha. Anyway, back to this KUr ;-).

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#### Chalice says

I'm happy I decided to check out this off shoot of another series by the author. Definitely enjoying her writing. Ashton and Harry were fun to read about. The "I've told one lie and now its snowballed and I'm too afraid to tell the truth" trope is tried and true but it's far from the most annoying.

It was cool to see a character like Harry Cooper play an MC. He's usually a supporting character like he started out as in Lover on Top. Ashton was more predictable but yummy nevertheless. The smexin' was very hot for which I am grateful. Loved the ending. Looking forward to reading more by Ms. Cayne.

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#### Dakota Storm says

This book from start to finish has you rooting for the characters, I loved both Harry and Ashton. Harry you met in Lover On Top (if you read it) and is sweet and kind and a amazing performer but he's also sensitive and shy in some ways but flamboyant and out and proud, I love every facet of Harry. Harry makes you want to cheer for him..he's just that kind of guy. He's been through a lot with family and his bestfriend and now always feeling like the "one" is out of reach. Ashton, is sexy and gay but other than a few family members knowing he is firmly in the closet. I loved his character, he's stinking rich but doesn't flaunt it (well mostly never...lol) he's kind and generous and lonely in some ways, he wants happiness but he isn't sure if finding someone is for him, his fragrance company is what matters to him..of course until he meets Harry.

I love these two together, they have a hot as hell chemistry but also a link of sorts into each others feelings and desires. Once they meet sparks fly and pants..lol...I just love these guys in the bedroom (Kristine can write sexy as hell m/m scenes!!!) wow....but also how they reach out to each other, they need to spend time together and they want to make their relationship work. Kristine writes amazing characters and the story takes you page to page wanting more but not wanting it to end. This is a whirlwind of WTF moments and OMG that just happened to awe and loving all in one. Loved this book. I love that Hollywood and Chad

make a appearance (love them!!). This book is amazing, it's a must read!!! 5 stars

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## **Truuss says**

Harry and Ashton

The poor and the rich. The concept is not new but the content was entertaining.

Harry was out and proud, sweet funny and colorful and an artist.

Ashton was out but dadt was his policy.

Harry and his roommate Melissa take a break for the weekend and go the a concert.

They both were looking back at a bad relationship.

Ashton and his cousin are also at that concert.

When Ashton sees Harry he is impressed. He offers him his drink and they kissed with a lot of passion.

After Melissa and Harry wake up the best morning Harry can't remember a thing and Ashton steps out of the shower.

They both don't know that Ashton and he did married last night.

Ashton is shocked when he finds out and thinks Harry is after his money.

But when he looks Harry over he only sees a lovely sweet and honest man.

And he likes him....a lot.

They are both so compatible....and the feelings are getting stronger....

But Ashton knows things and Harry knows nothing....

How on earth can Ashton talks himself out of his lies.

Those lies from Ashton to protect....whatever....were bad. And it blowed up in his face as it should....

He only can hope that Harry loves him enough....

It was a nice fresh sparkling and flowing read. Sometimes a bit ott but to nice to get annoyed.

Also it was funny and sexy.

Sometimes you just need a (de)lightful book.

It has a my favorite end :))

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