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Kazza says

4.5 Stars

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Really engaging story that does not require you to have read Forever Is Now to enjoy this book - although if you have, there is an event I'm sure will be all the more enjoyable.

Review at

Penumbra says

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This book is the second in a series. It can be read as a stand-a-alone, but I think a reader might enjoy this one more if the first book was read first because those MC's make an appearance in this story.

Gio Savale is the lead gui

Tsubaki says

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to read the first book of the series before jumping into this one. The story is pretty much stand alone, but I can't help but feel like I'm missing out. That shall be amended soon.

The book drew me in immediately. Gio is stuck in a hellish cycle of despair. It seemed as though the only people that buzzed around him were the ones who wanted his money or his fame or both. The story begins with him going through divorce and a custody battle for his son. Both of which require money that he could only earn by selling his pride to reality TV. Enter Lance. Despite being a massive fan of Gio's, it's obvious that he's more interested in the rock star as a person. Gio, for his part, is drawn immediately to the openhearted antique store owner with an inky dark hidden past.

All that in spite of being centre stage on a reality TV show in the works and having Kyrie set up as his on camera boyfriend. The setup was quite amusing actually, enough so that I even pity Gio a bit. What with his insisting to be straight while pretending to be gay on camera AND *really* being gay when the camera's turned away. Denial and irony. I didn't know what to make of Kyrie at first, but his involvement turned out to be much more interesting than I thought possible. Also, him and Greg... I need me the next book.

Anyways, all the characters were great. The good were good, the bad were good at being bad. They all had

something to contribute to the story. The story flowed great, the character development was wonderful, the moment when Lance's past came to light was blinding. (Bonus points to Lance for willingly disclosing it.) I loved that Gio didn't shy away from it too. Especially since he'd been trying to figure out what had happened to Lance throughout the entire book.

Susan65 says

First off...LOVE that cover. Grabbed me right from the start and I found myself referring back to it throughout my reading. I think we can all relate to a cover that either drew us in or pushed us away from a book, but this one was spot on.

Poor Gio, this “just about” washed up rock and roller finds himself pushing middle age, in the middle of what looks to be a costly and nasty divorce, fighting for custody of his son, struggling for cash, and forced into a reality TV show that promises to humiliate him. What's a poor guy to do?

Lance owns the shop that offers to help Gio sell off a few of his ex-wife's extravagant, but left behind items so that he can get a handle on the mounting debt that threatens to destroy him. He is also completely drawn to Lance himself. The man is beautiful and wants no part of the celebrity limelight, going so far as to ban any reality TV cameras from following Gio into his shop. That's very refreshing for Gio because this double life he is leading is starting to get to him, and Lance becomes the friend he can run to when he needs a bit of a break.

Lance and Gio start a friendship that quickly grows into a “behind closed doors” romance. Lance knows all about Gio's reality TV “boyfriend” Kyrie but is fine as long as the cameras are not focused on him. Of course that can only last for so long, until the guys find a way to buy Gio's way out of his contract and launch a real relationship sans cameras...or so they think.

Unfortunately, Lance has a big secret; that secret is why he didn't want his face on TV, and now that he's been “caught” on film, he takes off and leaves Gio stunned and confused. Can't really go into details without spoilers but it was not something that I saw coming, that's for sure. The washed up rock and roller story flips and becomes a mystery slash race to save Lance. Nope, didn't expect that one.

So all in all, if you love rocker stories with a twist than I would highly recommend K Vales “Double Takes”. It's sexy, funny, a little sad, a little surprising, a lot sexy, and a unique story. Loved the fake boyfriend, he was divine and fabulous; loved the twist at the end with Lance; and loved that the ex-wife and Gio were able to settle without destroying their son.

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Chris, the Dalek King says

Gio made a bad, no good, absolutely horrible deal, when he agreed to star in a reality show based on him and his band Three Deaf Mice. But no matter what deals he made with ~~the devil~~ his producer Kevin, he made them for a good reason. The *best* reason: keeping his vindictive ex-wife from taking full custody of their son, Marco. For Marco Gio is willing to shovel a whole lot of shit.

Shit like pretending to date the flamboyant Kyrie so that the show's ratings don't tank--thereby taking Gio's

much needed paycheck to an early grave (the show can go to hell, as far as Gio is concerned, but evil lawyers *must* be paid). And if that wasn't bad enough, Gio is finding himself untimely attracted to Lance Garrett, the antiques dealer he hired to sell all of his wife's remaining junk. So he has a fake boyfriend, a real crush, and annoying camera men on his heels—something is bound to go wrong. It usually does.

This book started off great. I was pretty much hooked from the get-go, and I have to say Gio is one hell of a character. He was entertaining and self-deprecating, but he also knows what is important in life, and he'll do whatever the hell he needs to do for his son. I love that. Even if reality shows make me want to go on a killing spree.

Take the most annoying humans in the world, shove a camera in their faces for weeks on end, and then cut it so it is all shit and no substance, and *bingo!* you've got a 'reality' show—you also have one of the reasons I no longer bother to watch TV. But the guys in this show were really not that annoying. Well, Gio and Kyrie were not annoying. The other two deaf mice were kinda exactly what you picture an aging rockers to be. And well, I don't have a great opinion of rockers at the best of times. I didn't expect to like Kyrie as much as I did. He was just going to be some annoying twink that the producers threw at Gio, I thought, but he was actually really great. And hopelessly clueless about his ex-brother-in-law. Adorably clueless. Kind of hope that we might see more of him in the future.

For the most part I really enjoyed this book, which was unexpected since reality shows and rockers are not my thing. But the characters were really well written, so I found myself really into the story. Until we get to the climax—which seemed to come way the hell out of left field. We were almost to the end, and everything is happy and loving and then a car chase and criminals and...just what the hell? The story went from 0 to 60 in like 8 seconds, and I didn't feel prepared for it at all. There were some hints that Lance's past was not all that cheery, but nothing really that would have led to this. I just felt more than a little turned around by this. I'm glad it didn't go for the obvious climax problems I was sure were going to happen, but some type of lead in to this whole Lance thing would have been good.

And I realize this is totally a 'me' thing...but I hate how glorified car chases are. Like speeding down a road, at high speeds, with no care for anyone else on the road, is a good thing. I have never understood why people like them. And that was before I got in an accident, last year. *Now* I don't like watching/reading about them because flashbacks of my car ramming into the car in front of me and knowing there was nothing I could do to stop it, are not fun. I honestly don't expect authors to flag this kind of thing ahead of time, but still...I hate being hit with it out of the blue.

And that is not even going into the stupidity of a civilian trying to chase a bad guy across town in his car. It is a dangerous thing to do even when you are trained for it, but it is also illegal, and I'm surprised that Gio didn't get his ass handed to him by the cops at the end.

Still...overall it was a good story. Lance and Gio together was certainly hot, and I liked most of the characters that populated the background of their story. And I am certainly going to go back and read the first book in this series, because that whole wedding has me intrigued about these other guys. For a book dealing with a bunch of subjects I really don't care for, this story had a lot going for it. And a lot I really enjoyed.

This was a review for Love Bytes. Go there to check out other reviews, author interviews, and all those awesome giveaways. Click below.

Mollien Fote Osterman says

Title: Double Takes

Series: Shooting Stars Series Book 2

Author: K. Vale

Publisher: Liquid Silver Books

Reviewer: Mollien

Release Date: April 20, 2014

Genre(s): Gay Male Contemporary Romance Rock Band

Page Count: 154 pages

Heat Level: 3 flames out of 5

Rating: 5 stars out of 5

Blurb:

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Review:

This is the second book of the Shooting Stars Series. Although I really liked the first book, this book was so much better. Not only was there the romance, but there was drama, suspense and an Ex wife from hell. Plot - We met Giovanni Savale in the first book. He is the lead singer of of Three Deaf Mice. The band although hot in the nineties has lost some of its popularity. Gio is struggling to keep things together. His marriage is in tatters with a horrible custody battle over their 10 year old son. Trying to keep money coming in, Gio agreed to put his life on display doing a reality TV show making his life an open book. Unfortunately, the ratings

are low. The once outlandish rocker's life is pretty tame compared to his days of abusing drugs and sleeping with just about anyone both male and female. Gio's unscrupulous producer has decided that a romance with a young flamboyant gay model is just what will boost the ratings. Although Gio finds Kyrie funny and entertaining, there is nothing there. He does however feel something going on between him and the quite attractive antique dealer who has agreed to help Gio sell some of his possessions to get money to buy out his contract from the reality TV show. Lance is beautiful, but has some secrets from his past that exposure from a high profile relationship with Gio will put him in danger. Lots of chemistry going on here. The relationship between Gio and Lance is special. The dynamic between them is beautiful. The pacing is fast. This is a shorter book, and with the drama the pages just fly by. Great dramatic ending. Gio and Lance are wonderful characters and Kyrie adds so much to the story.

SCORES on a scale of 1-5 Stars rate each of the Following 5

Categories

PLOT: 5 Stars

CHEMISTRY: 5 Stars

PACING: 5 Stars

ENDING: 5 Stars

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT: 5 Stars

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DaisyGirl says

4.0 Stars

Giovanni Savale, lead singer of Three Deaf Mice (*giggles* what kind of band name is that?!?!), and Lance Garrett. What a ride! Between an evil, greedy producer, a bitch of an ex-wife, a cute and flamboyant actor/on-screen BF, a sweet 10-year-old son, and ... well, you have to read this book to learn what else but suffice it to say, it's a whopper! Giovanni and Lance definitely had their proverbial hands full in this emotionally charged sequel.

Bottom line: Sweet, sad, and overall very satisfying. I'm officially a K. Vale fan!

Tanja says

>>>Diese Rezension und viele mehr findet ihr auch hier: <http://wort-welten.blogspot.de/>

Zusammenfassung:

Die Zeiten, in denen Gio Savale und seiner Band "Three Deaf Mice" die Musikwelt zu Füßen lag, sind schon eine Weile vorbei. Doch mit der Aussicht auf eine nicht gerade billige Scheidung von seiner geldgierigen Noch-Ehefrau, stimmt Gio einer Reality Show über sich selbst und seine Band zu - schließlich braucht er das Geld. Doch der schlitzohrige Produzent des ganzen Debakels hat seine eigenen Pläne, hat er doch nichts

Besseres zutun, als Gio einen TV-Boyfriend zu verpassen - und das nur, weil Gio vor Jahren einmal in einem Interview erwähnt hat, dass er bisexuell ist. Und damit nicht genug. Wie um alles in der Welt soll Gio seinem zehnjährigen Sohn den geradezu schreiend femininen, aufstrebenden Schauspieler, Kyrie erklären - und den Umstand, dass der im Fernsehen jetzt sein fester Freund ist? Ach ja - und dann wäre da natürlich noch der Umstand, dass Gio sich total zu dem attraktiven Inhaber des Antiquitätenladens "Double Takes" hingezogen fühlt. Und eigentlich hat er es damals doch auch gar nicht so gemeint ... also dass er sich auch zu Männern hingezogen fühlt ...

Fazit:

Ist schon ein Weilchen her, dass ich den ersten Band der Reihe, Forever Is Now - zu meiner Rezension - gelesen habe. Und wie auch bei eben genanntem Buch, hatte ich auch bei Double Takes wieder meine Freude am Lesen. Allerdings war mir das Drama am Ende des Buches dann doch ein bisschen arg zu viel. Und auch Gio erschloss sich mir ganz im Allgemeinen nicht so wirklich. Dennoch hat mich die Geschichte recht gut unterhalten, würde ich sagen. In Welten ausgedrückt sind das für mich dann ...

Melissa Mendoza says

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Reviewer: Melissa

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Review:

“The combination of hot, hard water and hot, hard man nearly undid him. He grasped Lance’s ass cheeks and brought him closer; ground his own throbbing prick into wet skin and man-fur.”

4 double take stars! Oh My!! I’m in love!

Okay so this is the first book I’ve read by K. Vale, but I know it won’t be the last. I really fell in love with Gio and his manwhore ways!!! And don’t get me started on Lance!! These two couldn’t be more opposite, yet so perfect for each other! I love a bad boy rocker story and this one had it! Besides the heat that comes from the pages, this book had so much heart in it! You pull for these two to get together and the chemistry!!! Oh. My. God. The chemistry!! If you haven’t read these books yet, you are missing out... go grab it now! Loving this series so much!

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AliciaJ says

Fantastic!

I love rock star stories, but this one was above and beyond. I was pulled in from the first word and didn't come up for air until I read the very last word. Gio and Lance fit together perfectly and watching them fall for each other despite all the obstacles just made me happy. I'm hoping there's another book in this series.

☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆Janeane ☆ says

We quickly met Gio near the end of Forever is Now, and I was instantly intrigued, and when I saw that Double Takes was his story, I was very excited to read more. And you will not have to have read Forever Is Now to enjoy Double Takes, but I would just because it's a great story.

Gio is a pretty much washed up has been of the rock world. Super huge band in the 90's, now his band Three Deaf Mice is pretty much in the twilight of their career, and without the constant touring money isn't flowing like it used to.

Enter his manager who signs him up for a reality tv show - ugh, it is just me or does anyone else hate reality tv as much as me?? - anyway, back on to Gio.

To boost ratings they create a fake gay relationship with a waiter called Kyrie. Aaaaaand cue the over-the-top gay factor. Don't get me wrong, Kyrie was sweet and I did like him, but he just got a bit too much at times!

Then there is the gay man that Gio acutally is attracted to, Lance Garrett, antiques dealer. At first when I heard antiques dealer i pictured knitted cardigans and cups of tea (I know, very stereotypical but that's where the mind went!) but Lance is anything but. Sweet and sexy, he is the perfect man for Gio.

Lance and Garrett start a friendship that both of them know is eventually going to be something more. I loved that Lance goes a little bit fan boy over Gio, it was sweet and funny. And I love that they start their

relationship away from the cameras - both Lance and Gio want it that way.

I love Gio's band mates. Love how they take the piss out of Gio, but are also there to support him, knowing that everything he is doing is for his son Marco. Marco is a switched on kid, and at times has some of the most adult and mature conversations in the book!

It seems everyone has a secret to keep, and as we know, secrets never stay secret forever. Lance has a doozie that throws a real spanner in the works of his fledgling relationship with Gio. It was definitely not something I saw coming!!! It threw the story onto a very different course for a while there. Will it be too much for the hot couple, or can they overcome everything and finally be together for the world to see?

I also loved that Gio and fake boyfriend Kyrie do develop a real friendship away from the cameras. I thought that was a real slap in the face to Gio's manager who would not have expected that when things go the way they go.

We got a little bit of the characters from Forever is Now thrown in too which was a bonus.

Double Takes is a bit of everything. A bit of funny. A bit of sad. A bit of suspense. A lot sexy. A lot of love.

If you are a fan of the m/m genre, definitely check out the Shooting Stars series

Gaby says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review through the DBML program in the M/M Romance group.

This is the first book I read by K. Vale, and I really enjoyed it. Her writing style is light and engaging. I was worried when I first started reading because this is the second installment in what seems to be a series of three books, but my worries were pretty much forgotten once I started reading. This story, stands alone pretty well, so no need to worry about that. I also have to say that I'm looking forward to reading the 1st and 3rd books of this series, so yep, I really enjoyed it.

Gio is a musician, he's part of a band that is practically now living off it's glory days. He's in his 40's and he's going through a divorce and fighting for the custody of his kid. Because his band isn't touring anymore (he gave that up to be near his kid) he knows that he needs to do something and get some more money: lawyers cost and so does producing music, so he signs into this reality TV Show. Years back he'd made a sort of confession of him being bisexual, so the producer of the show tells him that his fans want to see that side of him. Needless is to say that he isn't happy about it, since he apparently made up his mind after the so called confession and decided that those encounters were to blame on alcohol and drugs... Anyway, he decides to go with it and the producers get him an on screen boyfriend: Kylie. I really liked Kylie.. but know that he really isn't Gio's love interest..

As part of trying to make some money Gio decides to sell some stuff he has, and he goes to a small auction store where he meets Lance... *wink wink*. And so Gio starts questioning and accepting his sexuality.

It's a nice read, mostly sweet with a hint of action and a small dose of .. angst? Not really but you do feel like.. "damn, that ain't cool man, fix this".

Some of the sex scenes are kinda hot, and other sex scenes made me giggle (and I don't really know what to make of that... lol) but they were ok... I enjoyed them.

I'm happy I signed on for this one! If you like fluffy light reads you might wanna try this one.

Anke says

3.5 stars

Not much to say about it. Overall it was perhaps a touch too smooth? First the ex-wife played a bigger role, only then to vanish completely. The drama around Lance came a bit out of left field and on the one hand I was glad that it wasn't drawn out too much or too OTP, on the other hand it was finished a bit too fast? Don't know how to say it differently. It was a nice enough read that I will most probably give this author another try.

May says

I have received this book in exchange for an honest review, many thanks to the author for believing in their work and being brave enough to do this.

"Thanks for being you and ...helping me figure out how to be me"

This pretty much sums up a heartwarming story about finding yourself even while your life appears to be a mess.

Gio, guitarist for the world famous band Three Dead Mice, is caught between a rock and a hard place while his ex wife battles for custody of their son and his manager wants to make scandalous reality TV. Lance Garret offers solitude and welcome arms away from the cameras and his divorce dramas. However, Lance has his own demons.

This is a well constructed tale, enough complications to keep the reader turning the pages but not all gut wrenching angst. The story resolves neatly which is perfect for a romance story.

Sarah says

First time reader of K. Vale and I will definitely be reading more of her work. Double Takes was an endearing, sweet tale of working your way out of a bad situation. Giovanni (Gio) Savale is the lead singer of a rock band that topped the charts in the nineties. After years of drug and alcohol abuse, he is now 40 years old and trying to get his band back on the charts while going through a horrible divorce and custody battle. On top of that, he signs off to do a reality show in order to pay the attorney fees for the divorce. He is in a bad place and every day he loses a little more of himself by doing the reality show.

In order to boost the show's ratings, the producers introduces a new "love interest" for Gio. His name is Kyrie. Though Gio does admit to having relations in the past with males, those only occurred while under the

influence of some substance. He is taken back by the prospect of pretending to date a man, but agrees to it anyway in order to keep the money he's already been paid for doing the show. Gio lives his life under the constant eye of the cameras, so when he goes to an antique store to sell items his ex-wife left behind, he is pleased to have the owner of the establishment refuse the cameras to film the store.

The owner of the establishment is Lance Garrett. Gio is instantly attracted to Lance and Lance makes it know that the feeling is mutual. Now, Gio has to juggle not only his new on-camera love interest, he has to sneak around to meet up with the man he is truly interested in.

I instantly fell in love with all the characters. Gio is genuine in getting his life back on track. He wants to be there for his son and he wants his band to succeed once again. Even though his ex-wife is a cruel woman, he still cares for her well-being. When I first read the synopsis, I thought Lance would be a shy/geeky character, but he is everything but that. Lance makes his feelings known and is no way backwards about telling Gio what is on his mind. Each character has a rough past that they had to fight or is currently fighting to overcome. I even liked the on-screen love interest, Kyrie. Hopefully he will get a story.

I did not know this book was part of a series. I had no problems reading this story without reading the first book. Overall, this was an entertaining read. Not too deep, but had just enough angst to keep it interesting.

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