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In the late-night quiet of the caravan park shower room, Lon Taylor washes away the filth of the Western Australian mines. He's not looking for anyone, but when Casey offers, Lon doesn't turn him down.

Welcoming the young man in his big, hairy arms, Lon provides a safety to Casey that he has never known, and Casey wants to stay forever. Still reeling from the breakup of his family years ago, Lon's not sure he's ready for the responsibility of the comfort and security Casey craves.

But perhaps Lon can risk opening his heart again and hoping for a brighter future. Casey has some pretty big skeletons in his past to deal with. And Lon wonders what Casey will do when he finds out how badly Lon failed at protecting the ones he loved eight years ago.

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## From Reader Review Safe in His Arms for online ebook

### SheReadsALot says

You want to ovulate? Look at this cover. Dayum.

\*stares\*

Gawd dayum.

I'm on the fence with reading this but the cover gets my vote for all the things.

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### Susan says

Just re-read this again and still loved it. So much hurt/comfort...

-Re-read July 2018-

I think I loved this even more now that I hadn't read it for several years. A young twink, an older muscular bear, lots of hurt/comfort. This is my kind of book! So I'm definitely bumping it up a star.

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**4.5 stars**

Cute 19 year old twink Casey meets hairy bear Lon at the showers in the trailer park where they both live.

When Lon drags his tired butt out of the shower he gets stared at by the cutest twink he ever saw. But he is in no mood for rude stares, so he jokes that if the kid wants to stare at his dick, he better get on his knees or leave him alone.

Casey is sure he won the jackpot when the big hairy man turns out to be gay. So he gladly gets on his knees.

After the spectacular blowjob and handjob, Casey doesn't want to go back to his grandma's trailer. Lon somehow makes him feel safe, when he hasn't felt safe for years.

The two unexpectedly hit it off, and soon Casey is spending more time at Lon's trailer than at his grandmother's. But Lon is worried Casey is too young and too traumatized by a past of abuse to make healthy relationship decisions...

I really loved this. Casey was sweet and quite a happy person despite his past. And Lon was the perfect protector. I loved the hurt/comfort in this, but I also loved how Casey wasn't afraid to go after what he wanted when Lon was afraid he would hurt him.

The ending was a little rushed, but overall this was a great comfort read.

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## Emma Sea says

Kaye's prose is not my frosty glass of Carlton Draught, but there's still lots to appreciate in here: sex-positive portrayals of older adults, families who work through their problems, an Aussie setting, and a couple who argue then apologize and promise to do better next time.

Plus I do have a special affection for books with manual workers as MCs. White collar jobs get way too much focus in romances.

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## Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

### 4 Casey-love Stars / Val is Not a Pedophile, I Swear Stars

*"I only need two things for my safe house. One of them hangs from your right shoulder, and the other one hangs from your left shoulder."*

I really, *really* liked this.

Because it featured a few things that *really* I love.

#### 1) The Man Lovin'...Obviously

**Love.**

**It.**

#### 2) The Age Gap

I looooooove age gaps.

LOVE THEM.

**I don't even care if one of the characters is *under age*.**

That's right, I said it.

Because I am shameless, bitchy and skanky?

Maybe.

But more importantly...

**Because it's fucking FICTION, people.**

**And because I am NOT the Morality Police.**

Now, this scenario does not apply here, as neither Lon nor Casey are underage, but I'm just saying.

Now, I'm NOT suggesting I want to read about a grown ass man and a 12 year old.

Because that would be CHILD PORN.

So put your lynch devices down.

I'm saying the occasional 17 year old doesn't make me pull out my figurative GR pulpit and soap box ya'll to fucking death.

But anytocatchapredator, moving on.

### **3) One Character Protects the Other**

Whoops, wrong movie.

But still.

Le sigh.

Anyswoon, as the title suggests, Lon makes Casey feel protected and safe enough to face his demons head on.

A few times in the book, Casey runs to Lon and clings to him - literally - because it makes him feel safe.

And I always love this trope.

It gives this cold little soul the warm and fuzzies.

Something else I enjoyed about this book?

All the fun stuff I learned about Australia.

I will definitely read more from this author.

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

#### 4.5 stars

Kaye pushes boundaries with this book. While it's filled with the author's trademark humour and sweetness, it's darker and grittier than her previous work and deals with issues of past physical and sexual abuse.

When big, musclebound Lon, who works in the mines of Western Australia, catches slim, pretty Casey eyeing him in the showers, he tells him to fuck off or suck his cock. Casey chooses the latter.

**From the beginning, Lon and Casey have undeniable chemistry.** Even though Lon doesn't want to be anyone's Dom, he likes taking care of Casey, and Lon makes Casey feel safe and protected.

*Casey leaned back so he could stare into Lon's brown eyes. "Anywhere is safe as long as it's with you. I just need your arms around me, and I can take on the world."*

Lon works hard and comes home to the Aussie equivalent of a trailer park. He is a bit bristly and alone, save for his best friend Paul. Nearly a decade before, a family tragedy changed Lon's life forever, and he blames himself for the horrific turn of events.

Casey's father is a monster. He hurt Casey, but Casey refuses to be a victim. He's still afraid, still jumpy, but he's also giving and more than capable of love.

**The writing in this book is superb. Kaye's prose is engaging, witty, and evocative.**

The secondary characters are well developed, and the mystery of what happened to Lon's family is a quiet thread in the story.

I particularly liked Casey's friends Devon and Ash (surely their tale must be told? *\*bats eyelashes innocently\**), as well as Lon's brash but kind friend Paul, who is in love with a married man.

**But what really elevates this book is the strong, supportive relationship between the MCs.**

Besides a singular incident where Lon becomes unfairly angry at Casey, these two are each other's rock. Casey finds someone he can trust, and Lon has someone to whom he can come home.

The age difference (Casey is almost 20 to Lon's 33) is an interesting juxtaposition considering Casey's background. **And even though there is plenty of sweet, HAWT sex in this book, there is nothing kinky about Lon and Casey's love.**

My only issue is that the character of Olivia is introduced rather abruptly and Olivia's present-day drama takes over the last bit of the book. The last two chapters feel slightly rushed, with too much summarizing of major events.

I was also a little unnerved by Ronnie and Olivia's relationship, and wasn't sure I entirely trusted Ronnie. But family is often messy and complicated, and I can't fault Lon for his love.

The ending is a beautiful HEA. These men find such JOY in being together.

And who cares about having your own pillow when you have your own man?

*"A heart is an amazing item. My heart's been bruised, battered, smashed, and stabbed. Yet it still beats in my chest . . .  
It can still love. It still hopes and dreams."*

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## Gigi says

Just delightful!

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## .Lili. says

[HEA (hide spoiler)]

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## Ingie says

*Review written March 28, 2016*

### 3.9 - Simply heartbreaking lovely!!

I really enjoyed Loving Jay (3.7 stars) just a few days ago. It felt like a pretty good decision to return to *Perth, Australia* once again. — And it was worth a second visit.

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Blurb: « **Lon Taylor** washes away the filth of the Western Australian mines. He's not looking for anyone, but when **Casey Douglas** offers, Lon doesn't turn him down.

Welcoming the young man in his big, hairy arms, Lon provides a safety to Casey that he has never known, and Casey wants to stay forever. »

“... good touch and bad touch.”

*Safe in His Arms* is **charming, cute, amusing fun** but also added with some more "heavy" topics about scars, heartbreaking angst from abuse and family matters. Scary memories, but always told and handled in a nice way. I remember someone wrote in a review that maybe there are slightly too many different issues and

topics in this book. I'm inclined to agree, but other than that was *Safe in His Arms* a wonderful (not "the same old") romance read. Lovely interesting men in a lovely a bit different story with a lovely grand HEA end.

“A heart is an amazing item. My heart’s been bruised, battered, smashed, and stabbed. Yet it still beats in my chest. And do you know the most amazing thing? It can still love. It still hopes and dreams. It still beats rapidly when that certain person is in the room. It still dares to put its trust in another. If your heart’s broken, then don’t give up. Never give up, because your heart won’t.”

Two books by Renae Kaye in just a week, I'm a fan already. I like her ordinary everyday style. I believe in these men and I believe in their stories. There will be more soon.

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### **I LIKE - a lot**

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#### **Isabel says**

I liked this book, but there were to many things happening at the same time, and I got lost in so many events... It would be much better if the story was focused more in Lon and Casey's life. Instead, there was Casey's friends, Lon's friends, their families, weather disasters... well, too much! Probably the author is preparing a sequel, and used this book for introductions, but I think the reader gets too much information to process.

But I loved the main story, how Lon met Casey, and how their relationship developed! I felt truly sad for what happened to Casey, and I was really glad that he found Lon! Lon needed someone to take care of, as much Casey needed someone to take care of him! In spite their age gap, they were amazing together (and hot... so hot!!!)

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#### **\*J\* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

**4.5 Stars!**

Oh Casey....

There really wasn't a time when I didn't want to just hug him! His abusive past broke my heart.

And Lon was a giant teddy bear!

He was able to give Casey what he needed the most....security, love and stability.

This story could have gone in several directions leading to unnecessary drama and angst. And it didn't. At all.

This was perfectly sweet. Perfectly swoon-worthy. Perfectly drama free. And perfectly sexy.

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### **Gina says**

Well i skipped lunch and only stopped reading once to walk the dog. I couldn't stop reading this book, this is my fav from this author so far!

read the book my friends!!

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### **Tina says**

I'm a big fan of Renae's Shearing Gun and couldn't wait for this new novel to come out. The cover.... I'm a sucker for sexy covers... is an eye catcher par excellence and the blurb intrigued me from the start.

Safe in his Arms is definitely a story of differences. Lon, a mine-worker is a big, muscular, hairy guy and 13 years older than 20 years old Casey who first seems to be the typical twink. But once you get to know him you learn quickly that he is an old soul. Used and sexual abused from his pedophile father when he was just 14 years old he's a survivor, he simply refuses to break, he just wants to live, love and be loved back.

**“A heart is an amazing item. My heart's been bruised, battered, smashed, and stabbed. Yet it still beats in my chest. And do you know the most amazing thing? It can still love. It still hopes and dreams. It still beats rapidly when that certain person is in the room. It still dares to put its trust in another. If your heart's broken, Paul, then don't give up. Never give up, because your heart won't.”**

Lon is a born protector and exactly the man Casey feels safe with, in the arms of the bear with the soft heart he can defy the world. Of course Lon carries his own burdens, his brother is in prison, and he feels responsible for the death of his family 8 years ago.

Well, what can I say? It was spectacular, wonderful, I was moved beyond words by the power of the story, it was simply amazing! I laughed with Casey and Lon, I cried with them, I pushed with them through their struggles. The things they have to endure are heartbreaking and at times I didn't know if they could get over it. But leave it to Renae to bring it all together seamlessly.

The supporting characters are just as lovable and wonderful as the main couple. Ash and Devon are just hilarious, truly wonderful guys. And I loved Paul, what a loyal friend to Lon.

**He received the evil eye from Paul for his trouble. “Fine,” Paul sulked. “You all can be pissy on my happiness parade. But I know that somehow it's going to work out.”**

**“Won’t,” Casey retorted.**  
**“Will,” Paul denied.**  
**“Won’t.”**  
**“Bitch,” Paul said without any venom.**  
**“Slut,” Casey said.**  
**“Cow.”**  
**“Homewrecker.”**

The only criticism I have is the ending. Well, not the ending itself but the last 30 pages. What happens here feels rushed, it’s so tightly packed with information... everything that happens so late in the story could have filled easily a part of a second book. I felt kind of thrown out of my reading rhythm and the story lost a tiny bit of its sparkle.

Overall, the writing style was entertaining and the story was touching. Renae can rock the socks off a blank piece of paper. With *Safe in His Arms* she assured us that life can be bitter, abusive, sad and brutal, but hey, if we take a closer look we might see a silver lining on the horizon. It’s never too late to hope, to love, to find the one true soulmate.

I’ll definitely look forward to more stories from Renae Kaye.

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## **Susan says**

I’ve read a couple Renae Kaye books to date and I do have to say that I quite enjoy her writing. She crafts a good story and the Australian backdrop that she tends to use is always a favorite of mine. I could probably say she’s a new go-to author for me.

*Safe in His Arms*, however, was not my favorite of her books. It wasn’t bad. Decently interesting characters, some intriguing plot twists, a base of a story that could be very engaging. I think the problem was that it didn’t feel completed, sussed out...it felt disjointed and not entirely explored and ultimately, though it wasn’t bad, it wasn’t great either...at least for me, it just didn’t hit the mark.

Lon is a mine-worker who spends life working weeks away from home and then weeks on a caravan park living in his trailer. He’s a HUGE man with tons of family baggage, yet manages to be kind and friendly and likable. I’m drawn to the type of character that wants to take care of everyone...makes people feel safe...like home. That’s Lon.

Lon meets Casey in the caravan park showers. They eye each other and realize there’s a spark of attraction. Eventually their one night tryst turns into many nights. And despite their large age difference, they fit. They fit namely because, as mentioned, Lon takes care of people and Casey, having faced unspeakable abuse as a young teen, needed taking care of.

The relationship itself was interesting and though I wasn’t entirely comfortable at how quickly it progressed, I liked them together.

As the story went on, Casey did begin to wear on me a bit. He’s young and immature at times, needy and whiny, and I sometimes felt Lon could do better, like Casey was taking advantage of him. Not

maliciously...just irritatingly. But I like that Lon has someone to take care of and feed that part of his nature.

I guess the real failure of this book, for me, was there was SO MUCH to deal with...family members in prison, adoptions, sexual abuse, suspicious friendships, closeted married men, a missing sister, a brutal storm, a May-December romance, therapy sessions...and on and on and on...but none of it really got settled. Now, if the author's intention is to make this into a series, I might be convinced to keep reading. Otherwise, it felt like a lot of parts thrown together within Casey & Lon's story.

All in all, it's a decent contemporary but not one I'd jump up and down to recommend immediately.

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◆\*Arianna◆\* says

#### 4-4.5 STARS

*"Safe in His Arms"* was a little different from the other books I've read by this author and it deals with more real, serious issues.

Lon is a mine-worker, working weeks away from home. He has no family, no wife, no kids, no boyfriend. A long time ago he had a family, but something happened and Lon blames himself for his family tragedy. Casey is a survivor. He is still damaged, even if the event that damaged him happened five years ago. He was hurt by someone who was supposed to take care of him and to love him. He's not healed completely, having anxiety attacks and nightmares. The fear is still there. If Lon is huge like a bear, Casey is thin and somehow fragile.

Lon and Casey meet in the caravan park showers. What was supposed to be one night only becomes more when Casey needs a place to sleep, finding comfort in Lon's arms. One night is not enough, so Casey starts spending his days and nights with Lon.

I liked Lon and Casey's relationship from the beginning and how everything progressed. Yes, it progressed a little too fast, but it didn't bother me, because they are perfect for each other. I smiled so many times reading about them. It was a very cute read and despite Casey's past it wasn't dark at all.

I loved both main characters and I liked how they were developed, especially Casey. I really felt for him and I liked the fact he is strong and he wants to move on, working, taking classes, making his own decisions. He knows he is a victim and it's not his fault for what happened with him. He just wants to be safe, and cared and loved. Casey loves to be with Lon. He never felt so safe. Short after they met, Lon becomes Casey's safety. For five years, he wanted to be normal and not to be treated like a victim. Lon is different from anyone else, he asks him what he wanted and needed. I love that about Lon.

Lon is perfect. Even if he's huge, he's like a teddy bear, at least with Casey. He is caring and loving, he wants and needs to protect Casey in every way and from everyone. I loved his tender side and how he called Case "Casey-love". Casey brings only sweetness and light and Lon's life and for the first time in years he lives not only exists. He's also a great son and brother. I loved their connection and their chemistry.

There's more than ten years between Lon and Casey, but it didn't bother me at all. It wasn't weird in any way. The secondary characters are great – Casey's grandmother, Casey's friends and Lon's friend, Paul.

What I didn't like was how some events are only mentioned, not presented in the end, so everything felt a little rushed. Also, I didn't understand why all this drama with Lon's sister, Olivia.

Overall, a great read, low in angst with endearing characters and fantastic writing!

*“Anywhere is safe as long as it's with you. I just need your arms around me, and I can take on the world. I'm Superman.”*

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### **Trisha Harrington says**

This author is amazing! I loved *The Shearing Gun*, which was the first book of hers I read and I loved this one, too. They are two completely different books. *The Shearing Gun* was light, funny and really sweet, while this one was darker and dealt with more serious issues, but it still had some sweetness and humor to make me even happier.

Lon and Casey had both been through so much. It was hard to imagine having the lives either of them had, but it also made them more believable as a couple. I couldn't believe what Casey had been through because of his asshole father and Lon's family story was heartbreaking itself.

There is an age difference between the two guys that would put people off, but it really did seem to work here. Lon was just what Casey needed and vice versa. I thought they made a perfect couple and I was really hoping for a happy ending for them, which I got. It was perfect. It was definitely a HEA that made me feel happy inside.

The secondary characters were good. Casey's grandmother worried me for a while, but she was good and I could see where she was coming from, sort of. And there are some characters I could see getting their own story (which would be awesome).

I'm so glad I found this author because I think I will enjoy everything she writes. There's just something about her books so far that makes me think I've found another auto-buy author and I can't wait to read her other two books, which I'm sure will be equally amazing.

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