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Jack Miller has more than he could ask for with Andrew as his boyfriend, but it's being taken away from him and there isn't anything he can do. His father knows he's gay, and his mother wants him to have sex with a girl to make sure he's not mistaken.

Andrew Collins has found the perfect home in foster care with Cole and Melinda Kemp, but it won't last. The DA thinks his parents have proven they've changed, but Andrew doesn't believe the change will last.

Just when Jack and Andrew think it can't get any worse, it does. Jack's father sends him to New Life Christian Camp, a program that promises to pray the gay away. But Andrew has it worse than Jack as Andrew's father takes out his anger on him, leaving Andrew near death.

Both Jack and Andrew are lost to each other, their lives in tatters all because their parents wanted to pray the gay away.

Warning: This book contains graphic details, including abuse by physical abuse by adults.

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Simply Just Jen says

OMG-Could I have needed more Kleenex. This is second book in Sara York's Southern Thing Series and the continuation of Jack and Andrew's love story. What can I say about this book except that the reality of this situation will slap you in the face. This book picks up where Jack's preacher father has found out he is gay and my God he is not happy about it. The abuse Jack suffers physically is horrible but the emotional pain will leave you heart broken. Andrew is finally getting a little healthier when he has to go back home. Both sets of parents are constantly there and a minute alone feels like a century for these two lovers. Both young men are forced to have faith in their love for each other as bad becomes unbearable in their family life. Jack is sent to a camp to become straight where all they really do is torture you and Andrew is just left for dead after his parents beat him to a pulp. The thing that hit home for me is places like the camp Jack is sent do really exist and the ignorance of people believing these place work is so unbelievably sad. I cried and cried at the realization of this. I found my self cheering for Jack just saying "hold on cause Andrew is waiting you can do it. Just survive." I was so emotionally invested in this brilliant story. You can't help it. Sara York is amazing and this story is realistic and beautiful. You don't want to miss this series people. Get it.

Lena Grey says

In 'Sending Jack Off to Jesus' by Sara York, the story picks up where the first book ended with Jack and Andrew still in the almost unbearable position of having to hide their love in order to keep each other safe. Jack and Andrew are determined to stay together no matter what anyone else thinks. In their hearts, they know that a love like theirs can't be wrong. The sin in this situation is not what the boys are doing, but with their parents who are failing miserably in their role as caregivers. Raising a child is not just providing them with material things, but, also, with love and compassion. If anyone is going to be condemned for their sins, it will be the parents.

When Jack's father finds out he's gay, he beats him severely. His bruises and cuts raise the eyebrows of people around him, but Jack tells no one the true story, nor will he give up Andrew. Jack is too afraid of what his father, and Andrew's parents, will do if they find out. When physical punishment and verbal abuse don't work, Nathaniel takes even more drastic measures by enrolling Jack in a rehabilitation camp in order to force him to be straight. When Jack's father tells him where he's going, he's scared, but agrees to go since his father is blackmailing him with harming his little brother, Billy, if he doesn't. As bad as he thinks the camp might be, it's even worse. When Jack's mother finally realizes how much danger he's in, she goes to get him, but by that time, a lot of damage has been done. Jack will never be the same, no longer the innocent young man he was before. To make matters worse, no one knows where Andrew and his family have gone. Jack knows that Andrew would not just disappear and sets out to find him, with little luck.

It breaks Andrew's heart to have to leave his foster home and be forced to go back to his parents' house, but things go better than expected, that is, until he comes home early one morning from a tryst with Jack. The next thing he's aware of is waking up in a hospital after being severely injured and left for dead. Andrew won't tell anyone at the hospital who he really is because he's afraid they will contact his parents. Andrew runs away as soon as he can and begins an exceedingly dark time in his life. Trying to stay alive, Andrew does things which he deeply regrets and it eats away at him. He doesn't think anyone cares about him and is afraid to trust a soul. Thinking Jack is lost to him and that he'd never want him back now, he contemplates suicide. Andrew's self-esteem, which wasn't great to begin with, is at an all-time low. Andrew is confused, and barely functioning, but before he dies, he wants closure and heads back to the only place he can get

it—the town of Sweet.

This installment of the series is the hardest to read so far. I'm emotionally invested in Jack and Andrew and want them to succeed. Love like that deserves to be rewarded, not punished. It breaks my heart to know that, even though this is a fabrication, there are young people all over our country who are in similar situations. As a mother, I can't fathom it. Those of you who are fans of the series already, have to read this, but first, brace yourself because it will invoke a great deal of emotion, positive and negative. Those of you who haven't read the series are missing a painful, but important lesson in unconditional love and lack of it. I recommend this story to everyone who wants to be aware of the consequences when uncaring parents value other people's opinions over their children's happiness and who stubbornly cling to narrow-mindedness even though it can lead to disastrous consequences. Thanks, Sara, for continuing Jack and Andrew's story.

NOTE: This book was provided by the author for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Stacie says

4.25 Stars

Beth says

4 Bad Camp Stars

I went to a lot of summer camps. Church camp. Girl Scout camp. Horseback Riding Camp. One of my kids even went to Fencing Camp. But the summer camp in this book, on the Do Not Recommend List.

Warning: This is the second book in the series. Do not read it without reading the first. It is a continuation of the story.

Jack's dad knows he is gay. His answer is to send him to a camp where they will Un-Gay you. Pretty sure it doesn't work that way.

Andrew's parents also know he is gay. They take a slightly more drastic approach.

Andrew and Jack are separated and must do whatever they need to survive. They do survive, but definitely are not thriving.

This is a hard book to read because you can see how easily this happens to young people. How did those homeless kids get that way? How do they survive day to day? The answer is heartbreaking.

I have to read the third book. NOW. Thank God the whole series is written. I couldn't stand it if I had to wait. Wait like the dishes, the laundry, all those things that are waiting while I read the next one. NOW.

Donna says

Sorry, no time for a review... moving on to My Big Fat Southern Gay Wedding... once I get this series

finished, I will be back with plenty to say....

B says

Excellent !! Highly recommend this one !!
Jason Frazier is absolutely entrolling with his narration.

Dawn says

Jack Miller and Andrew Collins thought they had a future together until life through them such a curveball that neither can see beyond their own pain.

Jack is determined to finish high school, get that football scholarship and get the heck out of town with Andrew by his side. But when his father decides that praying the gay away won't work and instead decides to send him to a Gay conversion camp, well things just go from bad to worse. Can Jack find a way to get back to Andrew and heal his shattered spirit?

Andrew finds that life back home with his abusive parents is just as hard as ever. When he is left for dead after a vicious beating by his parents, can Andrew find a way to survive in order to be with Jack again?

Two souls longing for one another, two lives torn asunder. Can Jack and Andrew survive what they are dealt with in order to be together once and for all?

Author Sara York continues her saga of Jack and Andrew's story and this time things get dangerous for them both. *SENDING JACK OFF TO JESUS* is a powerful continuation of their story that will leave you at turns horrified and emotional. With book one, *Pray the Gay Away*, you get introduced to Jack, Andrew and the residents of the tiny town of Sweet, Georgia. From the very first page, I was enamored with Jack and Andrew's stories, rooting for them to overcome the prejudices of that tiny town and their families to get their own happily ever after. Except for these two to get there they need to cross some very dangerous things. From gay conversion camp that borders on torture to parental abuse so awful it made my heart clench in fear for the characters while I longed to smack some sense into them in the process. I have to caution you that this is a heart wrenching story and the trilogy should be read in order as the second and third books continue where the last one left off.

When Jack and Andrew met it was like lightning hit, friendship bloomed into love and for these two people, and life is changing even as they sleep. Jack has tried to be the perfect son, the best big brother and make his family proud. What he can't do is deny who he is anymore and that is a gay man. Meeting Andrew leaves him breathless and when he falls in love with him, well let's just say their sparks fly fast and furious. Andrew is an out gay man but living in this small town has left him reeling. Abused by their parents, both men have to stay strong when events conspire to destroy them completely. I have to admit, these two characters just tug on my heart. Both are wounded by the people who should be supporting them the most—emotionally, mentally and even physically. All through this second book I was torn into pieces as both Andrew and Jack find themselves in situations that a lesser man would die from. Their inner strength comes through the flames and I was rooting all through this story for them to get back to one another. The secondary characters have left me wanting to either hug them in gratitude for their kindness to these two young men to out right murder.

Ms. York doesn't pull any punches in her second installment in the Southern Thing Trilogy and if you are expecting a happy ever after are doomed to disappointment. This is a brutal no holds barred story that showcases the extent that some may go to make sure their children are not gay. There are no hand holdings with those scenes. They are brutally honest and I, for one, am appalled to find that some places like these conversion camps are still in business. I cried and had my heart torn out a lot while reading this book and I, for one, am in awe of this author's research into gay conversion camps, starvation and more. **SENDING JACK OFF TO JESUS** is an emotional heart wrenching story and the ending will leave you with tears in your eyes. If you are looking for a strong, powerful story that continues to stay in your head and heart long after the book is done then you need to read A Southern Thing Trilogy. I caution you to make sure to have tissues on hand because you will cry, you will rail against the bigots and you will feel like your heart is breaking for these two wonderful characters. This alone is the testament of this author's storytelling and in that I salute Sara York for a phenomenal story that needed to be told and I look forward to reading the final installment of this amazing series soon.

This is an objective review and not an endorsement

Brooklyn says

This book was so hard to read. I just don't understand how parents can be so cruel to their children. It just doesn't compute in my brain. Rushing on to read book 3 with fingers crossed that Jack and Andrew get their happy ending.

Mark says

OMG!!!! I mean...I mean... like... WOW ...erm... WTF!...erm...HOLY CRAP...OMG!!!!

As I said in my review of the first book, Pray The Gay Away, if religion and homosexuality is an explosive combination then the first book is only the incendiary device which detonates with an almighty bang in the second book!!! I have just been put through an emotional hell and back! I have run a gamut of indescribable feelings. Sara York packs a punch with this second book and does not shy away from the horrors of being gay in a strictly religious environment.

Despite all Jack's and Andrew's attempts at pretending to be normal outwardly, which is a word I hate in the first place as being gay is not abnormal unless your attitudes don't allow you to think any differently, things just seem to go from bad to worse for the boys. This book was just beautiful but heart-breaking. I broke down in tears as Andrew had to leave his foster parents and go back to his biological parents. These people were so good to and for Andrew he first came to feel how loving adults can make a difference to n your life.

The situation begins to heat up with Jack too, culminating in his father, Nathaniel, sending him off to one of these reparative therapy camps to make you "ungay." What a living hell hole!!! I just can't believe that such

places exist (I know they do in the US) and Jack lets himself be put in such a situation on order to protect Billy. This boy has more guts than any man I know. When I heard about what went on there, it was like listening to a medieval torture camp at its worst. It makes Guantanamo Bay sound like a 4 star holiday camp!! I can't even believe these places are allowed to legally exist! OK, maybe for the sake of a good story and drama Jack's experience might belong to the more extreme camps! But seriously?? Everyone should know that being gay is not a choice, it's not an illness and it is most definitely not a mortal sin by any man's standards. I wept and cried a river for both boys!

At least before they were separated they stole one fantastic, romantic and beautiful night together, both flying in the face of imminent danger if caught. I felt so sad for them, knowing they were about to be separated and hanging on to the forever that they have promised each other. The one thing that keeps them strong for each other. Out of most desolate circumstances the strongest bonds of love can be forged. A greater love hath no man. This is Jack and Andrew. They were made to be together.

Well, unfortunately Andrew did get caught by his parents when he got back sneaking into the house. What his parents did to him was beyond words! You'll have to listen to or read the book as I'm not going into that here.

Despite all these horrible things going on there are moments of light, first a small spark, then a flame which matures into a raging inferno. Her name is Diane! Oh my, never underestimate the love of a mother for her children. I know this is not always the case and it wasn't in Andrew's, but Jack's mother, Diane, sees through the religious bullshit with the help and support of friends and her love for Jack leads her to having to make some very tough decisions. I said in my first review that I assessed her as a formidable woman. Well now she has my greatest respect. I take my hat off to her. A real lioness protecting her cubs at all costs which means dumping her husband, fleeing with the children and going to rescue Jack. When she does I was left inconsolable, crying buckets about the strength this woman displayed. The scene when she finds Jack just had me weeping.

However, the lies from Nathaniel still don't stop and this leads Andrew on to a path of despair and destruction. The man is pure evil even though he calls himself a Pastor??? And he justifies his actions all in the name of religious freedom and everything being a sin in the eyes of God. Now I know why the church and the state are separated because when it comes to religious fanaticism then there will never be any compassion, understanding, peace, love and equality. Only the love that is deemed to conform. We would never have evolved out of the mediaeval age in Europe. I'm not saying that all religion is like this, of course not, I respect anyone one who has a belief. But in its most extreme and bigoted form it is a dangerous thing!

Sara York doesn't shy away from anything in this book. The hypocrisy of religious fanaticism, the double standards of liars who profess to doing everything in the name of God's Will. Yes, this whole explosive cocktail that just went up with an almighty boom in the speakers of my car was handled masterfully with no watering down of the hard core facts. A book that punched me in the gut and made me realise there is still so much work to do until these attitudes are completely eradicated, peacefully of course. I have never bought the next book in a series in Audible so fast in my life. There had better be a happy ending to all of this. So make sure you check out my review of the third and final book in Jack and Andrew's story.

Narration

So with everything going on this would not have been half the emotional listening experience it was without the voice of Jason Frasier. Despite everything I said in my first review I felt his narration of this second book goes into overdrive. It seems to pick up, keeps the listener riveted to the story. After the book was finished I never pressed the icon on my iPhone to buy the next book as fast in my life as I did for this one.

Everything is cranked up a notch. The emotion, the anger, the loving, the longing expressed in the words are given life and lifted off the page. Jack and Andrew's love making, beautifully narrated. All the stages of Diane's moods until she breaks down and then stands up and fights were exquisitely voiced. And Billy, oh dear, brave little Billy, absolutely wonderful narration.

Scott says

The story is progressing well, but I hate the idea that this is one book split into many as a ploy to get you to purchase each separately. I'm glad this is free on kindle unlimited, otherwise I would have stopped after the last book. It just feels really manipulative to have the book end in cliffhangers to rope people in. It's no lord of the rings.

David says

Still want to beat the shit out of the bastard.....make that both bastards. So glad she came to her senses.

Kim says

This series keeps getting better and better. This is a mm contemporary story. Jack and Andrew's world gets harder in a homophobic small town. Off to read book 3

SoCalBookReviews says

This is the second part of a 3 book series. Not a Standalone. And you really need all three books to get the entire, hard to hear, heartbreaking love story of these two Boys, because this book once again is basically a second cliffhanger.

The story is based in a small southern conservative Religious town, with a bunch of Bigots and homophobes, who do everything they can including abuse, to tear these two boys apart. This specific book also contains details of conversion therapy which is really hard to hear/read, knowing that this kind of horrific treatment did/does happen in real life. *This book will make your heart hurt and ache for them*

Jack and Andrew fell in love each other, they are both recently 18 with very religious families. All they want to do is finish school so they can get away and be together. The main flaw in their plan is Jack's youngest brother 8yo Billy, who is very obviously gay as well. Jack is worried that any wrong move he makes will have horrible consequences for Billy, so he is willing to do anything; including going to conversion therapy camp to help avoid his innocent little brother being hurt instead. *Enter heartbreak* Andrew has his own issues with his family he has to deal with while Jack is gone. Jack's mom finally realizes their mistake in sending Jack away to camp, but it is too late for Jack and Andrew..... Both of these boys show such strength in character in this book, just doing what they need to in order to get through it all, while still trying to protect the ones they care about as well.

Audio - Jason is doing a wonderful job with the narration of this series. Although the content was sometimes

hard to listen to. He really pulls off the narration for this one making sure his tone, and emotions in his voice was set correctly for each scene and character, and meshed well with how you can tell they all felt during this book.

Sherry Sias says

Heartbreaking

Two teenage boys, meet and fall in love. Trying to hide how they feel about each other, living in a small town and both parents preaching that being gay is a sin. Jack is sent to a gay rehabilitation camp. Andrews parents beat him and leave him for dead. Jacks mom is having second thoughts about being able to change Jack. Can she save him in time? Does Andrew make it? Definitely a story that makes you think and realize how gays are treated, some from their own familys.

Buffi BeCraft-Woodall says

Fyi, this is primarily listed as an LGBT love story, but it is so much more. This story also isn't a stand alone. You have to read all three books to get the ENTIRE story, so my review is mostly based on all three, since I binge-read them over the weekend. I'll be posting the same review on all three books because they should be read together.

Yes, the story has a love at first sight element, but it carries through beautifully with the true love theme all the way through to the last book. I'm not going to give away spoilers, but it's not a happy-happy book. Be prepared for the reality of abuse, prejudice, and other ugliness. Also, be prepared for the tried in fire kind of true love that we all aspire to having.

The whole 'A Southern Thing' series goes a long way in showing basic ignorance and how it can hurt. It also shows the love and healing that a family can have for one another. I can't say enough good things about this series and highly suggest it. It's very much real and in your face with issues that kids and adults face every day. Unless you want fluff and gratuitous sex... Then read something else.
