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Levi Warner is an established, older man - wealthy, powerful, and above all, respectable. Then Levi meets Daisy, an uninhibited 24-year-old dance instructor and artist, not exactly the kind of woman Levi is accustomed to. But the young, free spirit, brings out something in him he only experienced in fantasies. When their scorching affair turns into something unexpectedly deeper, Levi finds himself torn between preserving his reputation, and exploring a wilder and much more satisfying kind of life.

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## From Reader Review Sway for online ebook

### MrsJoseph says

<http://bookslifewine.com/r-sway/>

3.5 stars rounded down to 3 stars

So. I find myself getting a little annoyed with Lauren Dane right now.

I've read quite a few Lauren Dane PNR books in my life but I just started with her contemporary romances. I started with the Hurley Boys series which I really enjoyed. There was just one thing niggling at me: one of the Hurley brothers - Damien - had *his* book in a totally different series called *Delicious*.

And here we are.

I decided to start with this first book in the *Delicious* series, *Sway*.

*Sway* is cute. The heroine, Daisy, is a tattooed artist and dance instructor who met the hero, Levi, when Levi attended the wrong dance class. The two had instant chemistry and eventually started dating.

Cal interrupted. "He's got to be forty or so. He was ahead of me at UW. He and I both went to law school there. What's a forty-year-old man want with a twenty-four-year-old?"

Daisy indicated her body. "Dude. I mean, come on. Twenty-four-year-old boobs."

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### J.S. Snow says

I love Lauren Dane and she has always been one of my favorite go-to writers when I need to lose myself in a great story. This novella fell flat for me in that too much background muddled the core of it between the two main characters. Then I remembered, this was written before her Delicious Series came about. It was a part of an anthology. Tart and Luscious are far better books and I highly recommend them. This book also serves as a precursor to Never Enough in her Brown Series, which I love. Still, I was disappointed how after all these years of returning to Bainbridge Island, WA I felt lost. Her sex scenes are beautifully written however and are worth sticking to the story for. Lauren's writing is incredible and she rightly deserved every award she has received thus far.

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### Deb B says

a great start to this spin off story ... these girls are so out there and have the most wonderful relationship. i love reading about their closeness and support of one another and their romances make for amazing reads

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### **Donna says**

I'd just spent the weekend in Seattle before reading this, and as much as I really enjoyed the story, the part that made me smile most was when Daisy made up the itinerary for a Saturday in Seattle and I'd been to or by all her stops including and especially Top Pot Doughnuts which was two doors down from my hotel. It was the first and last place I visited. I spent the rest of the book craving an apple fritter. Would I have enjoyed this as much if I hadn't just been there? Absolutely. Unlike Dane's last book, "Lush", this one had a good, consistent plot, likeable characters and a distinct lack of immaturity on anyone's part. Especially pertinent since this is a May/September romance.

P.S. When in Seattle you MUST stop at Top Pot Doughnuts.

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### **Candace says**

I decided to give this audiobook a listen mainly because it was only about 4 hours long, which works out well for a few days of my commute to/from work. I didn't expect much depth to the story or the characters in such a short work. However, I was surprised with how much I did like the characters in such a short span of time. No, it wasn't a soul-gripping, all-consuming story that I fell in love with, but for a 4 hour long story, it was better than I had anticipated.

Daisy is a young, 24 year-old artist. She meets Levi when he inadvertently walks into the wrong dance class one day. The two instantly hit it off, but the 40 year-old attorney doesn't give any serious thought to the possibility of a relationship with a girl nearly half his age. That all changes when another chance encounter leads to a date.

As their attraction continues to grow and feelings develop, Levi must reconcile his feelings for Daisy with his perception of what type of future the two could build together. He has to overcome his fear of growing attached, still carrying emotional baggage from his failed marriage. He's not sure he can give Daisy the commitment she wants and deserves.

Daisy knows that something is missing. She loves the time she spends with Levi and the way he makes her feel cherished when they are together. She doesn't mind the age difference, but she doesn't like the nagging feeling that he is ashamed of her. She's not interested in being his dirty little secret, no matter how good he makes her feel when they're together. Eventually, the two must face their fears and decide what it is that they really mean to one another.

For such a short story, the characters were incredibly well-developed and personable. Although the story was short, it never felt rushed or forced. It flowed naturally and was easy to follow. The narration was good and the story was entertaining.

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### **Katy says**

Really loved this. The first Lauren Dane I've read. At first, I didn't really like the writing style - I am used to reading books in which the male and female take turns telling their side of the story. Dane combined the two so the reader always knows what the two are thinking. It took some getting used to, but I got used to it. I really enjoyed the story and the characters. My only complaint? That it wasn't longer!

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### **Andre says**

Tengo las ideas desordenadas en este momento, porque a pesar de haber puesto 3 estrellas al libro, me gustó bastante.

Levi de 40 años se encuentra atraído sexualmente por una mujer menor. Es Daisy: latina, artista y muy independiente. Salen y tienen sexo casual, incluyendo un poco de dominación y sumisión.

Se puede sostener una relación con tanta diferencia de edad? Con prejuicios sociales? Se puede dejar de lado los sentimientos cuando hay sexo de por medio? Con estos cuestionamientos llegué a el desenlace.

Es un relato maduro y cercano a la realidad que sin duda, se desenmarca del típico cliché millonario, posesivo. Y eso se agradece.

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### **Carola says**

3.5 stars

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### **Mel says**

I missed *Sway, Delicious #1*, when it was released several years ago because it was part of an anthology and rather expensive. When I'm not interested in other authors in an anthology, I wait for the story I want to be released on its own. When a girl reads a lot, she has to make cutbacks in some areas. Anthologies are where I cut back. It was a long wait, but I was finally able to read *Sway*.

I loved Daisy and Levi together and it was nice to revisit the *Brown Siblings/Delicious/The Hurley Boys* combined world. Daisy is a young, very open-minded, tattooed-and-pierced, artistic girl and Levi is an older man, who happens to be a rather conservative lawyer from a wealthy family. Though you wouldn't expect it, she and Levi were great together. They may be from two entirely different walks of life, but they just clicked. I love how Lauren Dane does that.

Now that the combined series is complete and I've finished *Back to You, (The Hurley Boys #3)*, I'm very glad I finally got the opportunity to listen to *Sway*. Daisy and Levi were worth the wait and I wasn't ready to let this world go just yet.

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### **Nicole Jade says**

3.5

I'm a huge fan of Lauren Dane so I did enjoy this for the most part.

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That first sex scene....holy shit. I've read more intense scenes but idk this one for being "milder" was still really unf worthy.

Daisy sounds like a hot ass bombshell all tatted, tanned, and inked. LOVE

Levi sounds handsome as hell but he has shit for brains but clearly it runs in some of his family.

Majorly annoyed there was no real settled scene for that Gwen bitch and no meeting scene of his mom and Daisy :(

Biggest complaint though, the confusing ass POV swaps. Terrible.

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## **Jade says**

I wish I could give negative stars.

The guy was a rude prick who wanted hot sex in private with an intelligent woman who's a talented artist, but did not want anything to do with her in his public life. He spoke about her as if she was a shameful thing. I am so grossed out at the way he spoke of her in such an objectifying manner.

***"She's a twenty-four-year-old pinup, Lindy-Hopping artist with tattoos. Oh and she's built like a brick shit house. I can totally see her at fund-raisers with Mother at her side."***

***"She won't fit in my world. She said she felt like I was hiding her and I guess I probably was. It's shitty, but it's true anyway."***

I am sorry that you are an insecure little boy who can't handle being in a relationship with a younger woman. I am sooo sorry that as a 40 year old man you are scared to talk about her/invite her to meet your family because she is so "different". Fuck off you don't deserve such a kind, giving, and electric (fictional) person.

AND he didn't really do much to defend Daisy against his brother's wife, who saw her as:  
***"a young Mexican clearly whoring herself to get Levi's money and family power."***

I was so grossed out by that. This narrow minded asshole is making racist comments, by insinuating that Daisy wasn't "their kind", about the woman you are seeing and all you can say is, ***"You need to lower your voice and remember your manners, "This is my date...Rein it in."*** and ***"You're an ugly bitch sometimes, Gwen."***

And then when she asks him why he didn't say more he says:

***"What does it matter? I don't believe it. Where are you going?"***

***"To catch the ferry home. I'm done with this evening."***

***He caught her again. "Why? I've said I don't think the way she does."***

And fuck off with that "you're not a classiest asshole you're only using these excuses because it scares you to admit you love her" bull, because I do not believe that shit for one second.

Daisy should have been done with him and moved on. No one deserves to have a partner that hides them because they are ashamed of them.

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### **Angela says**

I Loved the Browns series and find I don't mind this spin off series at all. You get into the meat of the emotions volleying back and forth. I loved when Levi got all Alpha on Daisy...~swoon ;)

Daisy was a full rounded character showing both her strength and her vulnerabilities. I loved her and felt for her when Levi dismissed everything true before him. Levi made me love him too, with his strength and determination. And anyway how can you stay mad at a man who can admit he was perhaps.....wrong. :)

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### **Deborah says**

Great story, I loved both Levi and Daisy. The sex was smoking hot, I loved that Daisy was submissive naturally but only in the bedroom. She didn't put up with not being treated as she should. I love a strong heroine that can still be submissive and sweet. Levi was masterful and dominant without being a jerk, his issues were understandable and I loved how honest he was when he overcame them. I am definitely going to be reading the rest of the Delicious series.

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### **The Book Junkie Reads . . . says**

Dane opens her Delicious series with 'Sway' and Dasiy (IRR). She is the fiery and saucy young lady that steal the eye of a very sexy, sophisticate much older lawyer. Levi get an eyeful of a beautiful delight when he goes for dance lessons and then again when he is en route to a meeting. He never would have guessed that this sexy little temptress would be the answers to everything he would every dream of and more.

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### **Margarida says**

I was so glad to know more about Gillian's friends! !!

I love Daisy she knows who she is what she wants...I liked that when it was needed she would be a bitch like when she met Gwen (I hate this slut) .

Levi I thought I was going o like him more but he annoyed me a bit because when (there are many examples) Daisy said I love you he just said oh it's too early, I wanted to punch him so hard in that moment or when Daisy said he was hiding her he said she was exaggerating....or when she gave him an ultimatum he just walked way! !! WTH? ! Seriously dude? !

So besides this little things about Levi I really liked the book and I'm totally excited to read Jules' s book :)

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