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How do you cope with the realization that not everyone respects your marriage? Chance Shanahan and Tucker McBride know being in a same-sex relationship isn't easy or common for men in their careers. The two firefighters find ways to surmount the everyday obstacles, but eventually Tucker becomes more and more frustrated with the roadblocks two gay men must face. His anger soon consumes him and threatens the very foundation his and Chance's relationship is built on. Is there any way that Chance can help Tucker see that the only opinion that matters is their own?

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Suze says

This one raises some issues which I'm not sure were resolved - the migraines; the respect issue that Tucker wants; Tucker's need for something over and above, getting it from Chance.

I would like to see them resolve an issue with out sex or storming out then sex as the M.O.

And when will they ever learn about workplace sex!!!

2.5*

Tina says

It was great reading about Chance and Tucker again.

Nichole (DirrtyH) says

I read this because I had read the earlier books in the series years ago, and apparently after this, tory temple and chris owen decided to completely blaspheme their most popular couples by throwing them together in some bizarre tangle of WTF, and of course I'm going to read that shit, so I felt like I needed to get this one under my belt first.

So that's why I read this, and it's like.... man, we've all really grown over the last 7-8 years, you know? Because this is the crap I used to read?

That's not totally fair. It wasn't crap. It was okay. (That's what 2 stars means.)

But I was very disappointed by the amount of sex in this book. Every minor event that took place was punctuated by a sex scene. And it's like... aren't your dicks sore yet? Jeez. Every time I thought, "Oh, they're just going to kiss this time and it'll be sweet because they're partners, not just sex machines," I was wrong. I was WRONG.

But this is where the genre has led me. It's so hard to find good ones these days, this was all there was.

Tracy~Bayou Book Junkie says

Chance and Tucker are easily one of my favorite set of characters. I love getting to revisit them in each of these installments. Their love is still as strong as ever, but as in real life everything isn't always golden.

We watch Tucker really struggle with something that is so at the forefront of our society today. Equality for gay couples. Tuck struggles with not being recognized as Chance's partner. A trip to the hospital where Chance is asked to leave the room, even after Tucker asks for him to be allowed to stay. A trip to visit Chances mother, who doesn't acknowledge Chance and Tickers relationship.

Chance and Tucker get through this as they get through everything else. Together. I love these two men, and can't wait for more!

Jewel says

Flesh and Blood is a fairly short read and focuses on the issues that Tucker and Chance continue to encounter being domestic partners rather than legally married. And since they didn't even have the option of legally marrying when this book was published, it seems to Tucker to be an insurmountable issue.

Tucker really has a hard time in *Flesh and Blood* because, while he and Chance have considered themselves married since they got their matching tattoo's, no one else seems to respect their union. Chance isn't allowed to stay in the examining room when the doctor sees Tucker for an injury, Chances mother is an insensitive bitch, suggesting that Chance should go for Chief (regardless of the fact he does not want to) and the longer hours shouldn't matter because Tucker and Chance aren't married, anyway, so what does it matter if they ever get to see each other. Seriously? I don't think I'd even speak to my mother again if she pulled that kind of attitude.

After a while, it really depresses Tucker and Chance has to work to make Tucker realize that they do have people on their side and everyone else just doesn't matter. Family really is who we choose, no matter what anyone else says. Of course, the medical establishment will still be a problem being as how domestic partners are not recognised as next of kin (with same sex or opposite sex couples). I'd like to see that change as well.

Now that same sex marriage is legal in California, I wonder if Tucker and Chance will make their marriage a legal one. Especially with their occupations, medical and survivor benefits are very important and if something were to happen to Chance, I really suspect his mother would cut Tucker out of everything if she's legally allowed to do so.

Anyway, I enjoyed this short read and I look forward to seeing more of Tucker and chance in *Never Too Early*.

Bogusia says

3.5 stars

Mariana says

OK, then. Tucker's perspective is still not being seen, but at least he was better at explaining his issues. His anger was definitely understood.

It's interesting that we only see Chance's perspective, but the majority of the book is dealing with Tucker's problems.

The characters are good and the story engaging. Even after reading 3 books of these characters (one after the other), I still want to read more of them and learn more about them.

It's funny, I was introduced to these characters from the new book released with Chris Owen. Reading the

Tucker and Chance series really set up, for me. more depth when I continue the series with Chris Owen (Never Too Early). They weren't necessary to enjoy NTE, but it did help me understand the dynamic between the men.
