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Can Jason be with three amazing men and not lose his heart in the process?

Living with and being the play toy of three men is more rewarding than Jason could have imagined. Bishop, Knight and Rook each have their own way of loving on him. In Bishop he finds a work-out partner, friendship, and good solid lovemaking. He isn't sure what to make of Knight, but the man is a brilliant artist and there are worse things than being Knight's subject for his latest series of paintings. And the kinky things Knight does to him blow his mind on a regular basis.

It's Rook who Jason is falling in love with, though. The bright, loving, sexy man has him head over heels and Jason's beginning to worry that he's getting himself in way over his head. Can he continue to be with these men without losing his heart?

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Serena Yates says

Continuing the chess analogy that started in the first volume, the structure of the second book is very much 'the middle game'. Relationships deepen, lines are drawn, and each of the four men settles in his role. Like in the first book, the characters use sex to bond, communicate, and have fun at the same time. The result is more cover-to-cover sex, with the added ingredient of the game behind the scenes, with each encounter contributing to the growing and changing picture of the whole.

Jason may have been forced into this situation of being the three other men's plaything, but he is certainly enjoying it. They do push him to try new things, but so far there is nothing he hasn't enjoyed. And just as he begins to settle down, and learns that he is safe with them, his emotions get in the way. He has never loved anyone the way he loves Rook, and has not had the experience of someone loving him back. Rather than enjoying the feeling, he begins to worry. He cannot fathom the possibility that Knight and Bishop love him as much as Rook does. For Jason, the conflict just grows as the story progresses.

Rook is as sweet as he has ever been, and he is the focus of Jason's developing deeper emotions. For him, loving more than one man is easy, and I don't think he can even understand why Jason has trouble believing it is possible.

Knight is as tortured as in the first book, a true artist who lives for intense bouts of creation followed by periods of recuperation. He may not want to appear weak and vulnerable, but, deep down, he needs to let go from time to time. Bishop is there to catch him when he does collapse, and the way Bishop does this results in some extremely hot scenes. Even better, the love between these two men is also clearly visible and that makes their encounters even more enjoyable.

This second volume is a great sequel. The mix of chess and erotica is getting better every time I read one of these books, I loved getting to know the characters in more depth and, now that the scene is set, I hope we are going to see the explosive next stage really soon! If you like sexy men who challenge each other, love to see them interacting physically wherever and whenever the need strikes them, and if you're interested in seeing the chess analogy continue, you will probably like this book as much as I did.

NOTE: This book was provided by Total-E-Bound for the purpose of a review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Lisa says

I read this book for a challenge otherwise I probably wouldn't have continued on with this series. I looked really hard to find the 2 pages of plot in amongst the 100+ of porn. The piercing scene in this book really pissed me off. Knight said no, Bish said yes, you really want it. FFS. He said no, why do you think you know what he wants???

Then straight after he has sex. Really?

Urgh!

Nora Phoenix says

This is MMMM smut, nothing else. The plot is razor thin, even those there's the pretense of one.

I liked Rook and Jason together, as they were super-sweet. Jason is falling in love with Rook, and that part was believable, but his feelings towards Knight and Bishop remained a mystery to me.

The rest is a big smut fest, where it became hard (har, har) to keep all the hands, cocks, and balls straight (another lame pun, sorry). I was really missing an emotional connection to the characters, aside from Jason.

I decided to give book three a chance, even though I despise the marketing ploy of cutting what's essentially one book into several books for financial reasons.

Gabriel says

I'm pretty sure I'm a masochist deep down - and a pathetic one, as well.
Otherwise, why would I keep on reading this series, even though I absolutely detested the first book.
Or, we could call me an optimist, who keeps on trying and trying to find the bright points in books.

That was my face after having read this book. Actually, this was my face 20 pages in the book, if not less.
I liked the beginning. I even like Jason & Bishop. I tend to like Rook & Knight, too. As characters, not as a relationship.

Somehow, I still feel Jason is outside of the group, Bish dotes on Knight and everyone just love Rook, because hey, he's Rookie, so *of course* we have to love him, yeah?

No.

I like M/M books with sex - and lots of it and of the steamy kind, please.

This book has too much. Way too much for it to be completely healthy. And what is up with all these small pairings?

Isn't this a foursome? A committed threesome, which gained a new partner? Because it sure doesn't feel like it.

It feels like a threesome and then it feels like to pairings of two people. Absolutely not a foursome.

I need *love*, Mr. Michael! Love!

I don't need to read about the angsty types and how when the one person who actually has a reason to have angst is dismissed. Instead he gets to have ... sex, surprise surprise.

Also, I would love to have one book where Knight isn't necessarily a demeaned brat & Rook doesn't get to be in the middle. And I would jump up and down of somewhat happiness, if we could get more Knight/Jason & Bishop/Jason interactions. And to just well read about Jason being the submissive he is.

Bottom line about this book:

1.5 for this book & because I'm in a good mood, I am bumping it to two. Not that it actually deserves it, but nevermind.

Veronica says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

This story is about 4 guys in a polyamorous relationship. The next installment of the Chess series is all about naked guys having fun and loving each other. This story moves from one dirty scene to the next with very little story. For me there are two things of note. Firstly the fisting scene which isn't really my thing but it is well done. Secondly, a scene with piercing which had me squirming in my seat. It was good to read about things outside my comfort zone.

I enjoyed Middle Game. It was sexy and didn't require me to think too much. I look forward to seeing where to next for this quartet.

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Ruthie Taylor says

~~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads ~~

This is the second in the series - and you do need to read them in order to get the full storyline.

I loved the first book, and whole premise behind the story. Inevitably there are questions in newbie Jason's mind - an heart - which come out in this part of the story. We also get much more of Knight's modus operandi and how Bishop cares for his needs. The title is well justified, as the plot consolidates what happens as the men settle into 'normal' life together. It continues to be scorchingly hot and paints pictures that one's brain enjoys exploring!

Thank goodness the next book is waiting for me, as I need to keep reading ...

S.E. Jakes says

I'm sorry - Knight pushes all my buttons. I just love him.

Sue bowdley says

I am so in love with these four guys.....Bishop...The pushy top who just loves his boys especially his Knight.....Knight the artist who never sleeps but needs all the time....Rook who's always on the go and loves everyone and everything...and sweet Jase...finding his feet and falling in love....These stories might be mostly sex but I still see a great story here...I've read these five times and i love them more than ever...so if you need a hot hot hot hot sexy full of sex read....get going with theses boys x

Christina says

4 Stars – 5 Flames

Are you really considered a play toy when you're living happily ever after? At least, that's the way I see things for Jason. Sure, three different lovers play him with, but it's not like he isn't enjoying every minute.

The thing I liked most about this installment was that there was a little more of a storyline to it. Jason loved all three of them, but it was Rook he's falling IN love with. After a game of truth or dare, Jason starts to question if "being a play toy" is really something his heart can handle.

We get a little more Knight in this one, which I really enjoyed. We also get to see a little more of the relationship between Bishop and Knight. I can now see why they wanted Jason for Rook, even though they all seem to have enough love for one another.

Basically, you're getting just a little more of each character, a little more storyline and a LOT MORE intense scenes. Make sure you see the flame rating!

*I was given a copy of this book as a gift from The JeepDiva in exchange for an honest review.

Angie says

~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads Review Team~

I am hooked on this series! I love these four men, they each bring something different to the relationship and man oh man is there a lot of hot sex. My favorite character Rook just makes me smile and I wish I had a Rookie of my own! In this book the men get closer but not as close as Jason and Rook, Jason realizes he loves Rook and doesn't know what he is going to do with that information.

Characters: well written and easy to love

Sex: oh yes

Religious: no

Would I recommend to others: yes

More than one book in the series: yes

Genre: M/M/M/M Romance

Would I read more by this author: yes

~Wicked Reads Review Team~

Charmaine Stephens says

Loved this!! So incredibly sexy yet some moments touched my heart. Since this is a series I think I'll wait till I'm finished with the entire series to do a proper review.

Onto book 3 next!

~ Lei ~ Reading Is An Adventure ~ says

★★??? ~ 2 Stars

Ok, I know I complain about wanting more sex, but this series is over the top. I actually want some plot. Like

how did Bishop and Knight get together, how did Rook join them? Chess piece names; how did that happen?

Mine, mine, mine is just not enough. Well, enough of this series for me.

Caroline Brand says

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Book 2 in the series picks up immediately where book 1 finished. Jason is becoming far more comfortable in his role but his role is losing definition. He was basically hired to play with three very sexual men but there are feelings becoming involved especially where Rook is involved.

There is a slightly different feel to this book. Although the four men still play together there is a definite divide into two couples there as well. Knight is as needy as ever but just as opposed to showing his vulnerability and it takes up a lot of Bishops time to keep him functioning. Their relationship is a lot heavier than anything that Jason feels comfortable with. Jason and Rook make up the other duo and their relationship is softer with Jason slowly falling for the other man.

As with the first book there is not a lot of story to follow but there is a huge amount of sex and even when they are not having it they are talking about it or teasing each other. They are well into the game now but the ending leaves you unsure as to how it will all play out.

S.M. Harshell says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

Middle Game is a continuation of the story between Bishop, Knight, Rook and Jason. It's moved on from the beginning. Jason has moved into the house, he's agreed to be the boys play thing. Jason is a little unnerved by his level of comfort. He's never been with a man, let alone three, but each of them offer something different to Jason. What is the most unexpected is his feelings for Rook. Can he continue staying there knowing how he feels? Will the guys be able to let him leave?

I am loving this series. I love seeing the dynamic between each of the men. They each have a different and extremely sexy relationship. I can't wait to see where the rest of the series takes the guys.
