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When paleontologist Nick Eisenberg learns that someone thinks they have found velociraptor bones in Alberta, his curiosity overrides his desire to stay in London. After all, he's one of the world's leading experts on prehistoric predators and has always wanted to look for the velociraptor's North American cousins. There's only one problem: eco-conservationist Hunter Joseph. While Nick supervises the dig, Hunter rallies support from the locals to oppose the way the team is destroying the landscape in their search for dinosaur bones.

Nick and Hunter just cannot get along. Hunter is self-righteous and pouty. Nick is narrow-minded and geeky. But they have to figure out how to work on the same site without killing each other, especially since someone else out there seems determined to cause Nick more problems than he could have ever imagined.

## **Jurassic Heart Details**

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### Eladio says

This book is much better than the blurb would lead you to believe with the whole “pouty” and “geeky” thing. Yes, it is about opposites attract and enemies-to-lovers, but it is done believably within the situation of two men butting heads through their chosen professions. Nick is a high-strung paleontologist who is used to getting his own way in a specialized field that is shrinking because there are fewer and fewer real discoveries to be made. Hunter, probably due to his First Nations heritage, is an eco-conservation who has no problems with persistently monitoring and blowing the whistle on any paleontologists that might be destroying the landscape with their digging.

The story takes Nick and Hunter from enemies to sex buddies to friendship to love, and their initial sex scenes are especially good because it's all just hot lust and rough sex with no sentimentality. Only gradually do their feelings start to develop toward romance. Again, very realistic.

Meanwhile, someone is trying to sabotage the dig, and is escalating toward violence. Maybe an opportunity for suspense is missed here in that Hunter never seems like a possible suspect. But the subplot does lend good touches of danger to an otherwise light-hearted story. Mostly, though, the story centers around the hot Nick and Hunter romance, and the detailed and believable workings of a scientific work site filled with eccentric academics. The writing is smooth, the pace is strong and even, and the story is long enough to get really involved with. I enjoyed it. (Free copy of book was provided for an honest review. Review written for Hearts on Fire Reviews.)

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### The Reading's Love Blog says

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4.5 stelle

Se siete come me affascinate dai dinosauri e amanti delle storie dove scienza e un pizzico di suspense si intrecciano, questo libro vi conquisterà. Appena iniziato il romanzo mi sono immediatamente sentita coinvolta in un'avventura tra Jurassic Park e Indiana Jones. Il Paleontologo che deve verificare un ritrovamento, l'accuratezza nel descrivere il lavoro e le tipologie di resti, la scienza, la passione e l'amore per la paleontologia che traspare ha contribuito ad appassionarmi e il pizzico di mistero su chi vuole impedire che le ricerche vadano avanti mi ha reso totalmente dipendente a questa lettura scritta e descritta nei minimi dettagli e permeata da quell'ironia e leggerezza tipica delle menti brillanti. Naturalmente la componente romance ha reso il tutto perfetto. Nick e Hunter sono agli antipodi in tutto e le loro ideologie li portano a scontrarsi ed incontrarsi in una danza fatta di litigi, discussioni e punzecchiamenti; entrambi affascinanti ed intelligenti sono attratti mentalmente e fisicamente. Nick è reticente e diffidente nei confronti dell'amore, gli scavi ed i ritrovamenti delle ossa dei dinosauri sono una missione che porta avanti insieme al suo team di colleghi ed amici, una famiglia variegata ed unita. Hunter è un uomo solido, sicuro di sé con a cuore la preservazione dell'ambiente, nulla può fermare la sua missione ed è inarrestabile anche quando la sua missione diventa conquistare il testardo e diffidente Nick. Assolutamente affascinante e divertente l'interazione tra i due, l'intimità è vibrante ed intensa, la profondità e la connessione si avverte in ogni gesto e pensiero. La narrazione è affidata solo a Nick che riesce a farci conoscere sia se stesso completamente che

ogni cosa e persona, le descrizioni sono perfette e riusciamo quasi a visualizzare le scene ma soprattutto a conoscere ogni persona che arricchisce il racconto; li amerete e apprezzerete tutti. Lo stile non è mai pesante nonostante la tipologia dell'argomento, la lettura scorre fluida con i tempi giusti e l'evoluzione è interessante e assolutamente non scontata. I miei complimenti sono doverosi alla traduzione perfetta che ha reso la versione italiana assolutamente godibile sotto ogni aspetto...

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## Amarilli Settantatre says

**Hunter ignorò il bicchiere che aveva versato per sé e mi diede una spinta al petto, poi mi afferrò per la camicia, mi stratonò in avanti e premette le labbra contro le mie in un brusco bacio. Mi aggrappai alla sua camicia e ricambiai con la stessa moneta. Dato che era più alto di me, fui costretto a inclinare il mento e a sollevarmi sulle punte dei piedi per incontrare le sue labbra. Mi godetti il suo sapore virile e sensuale sulla lingua e lasciai che esplorasse la mia bocca mentre ci spintonavamo a vicenda; poi ci scambiammo baci e ci mordicchiammo le labbra, i lobi delle orecchie e la curva delicata di una mascella. Se volevo fare qualcosa con quest'uomo, non poteva essere né semplice né gentile. Non ci comportavamo mai bene l'uno con l'altro. Lui non tirava fuori il meglio di me. Eppure, per qualche ragione, non aveva importanza. Non mi preoccupava il fatto che Hunter non potesse essere definito un 'brav'uomo'. A dirla tutta, era una delle cose che mi eccitavano della situazione.**

Questo romanzo mi è piaciuto parecchio e non tanto (o, meglio, non solo) per l'aspetto romantico, ma soprattutto per la storia. Se l'autrice rivela di avere un'anima nerd e amante dei dinosauri, devo averla anch'io, perché sono sempre stata affascinata dalle ricerche, dalle mostre e dai libri dedicate a queste bestie ancora sconosciute e dal favoloso lavoro dei paleontologi.

La Martin ricostruisce alla perfezione l'attività di una delle tante squadre di ricercatori alle prese con uno scavo, quindi impegnata a combattere contro polvere, fango, impazienza di disotterrare e interferenze esterne.

Ore e ore di lavoro per riportare alla luce un singolo frammento di osso, e poi analizzarlo, classificarlo, capire a quale specie attribuirlo. Si tratta di un'attività faticosa che molto spesso fornisce qualche risultato soltanto dopo anni e tentativi infruttuosi.

Proprio in questo ambiente si muovono i personaggi, meravigliosamente delineati: Nick Eisenberg, il ricercatore coscienzioso e ancora alla ricerca della svolta della carriera; il suo delizioso amico del cuore Bomer (Alzabandiera, e dovete leggerne il motivo...); gli altri componenti della squadra e... lui, il muscoloso e affascinante Joseph Hunter, discendente dei Piedi Neri e ambientalista, nonché nemico giurato (almeno all'inizio) dei paleontologi.

Tra incomprensioni e colpi di scena la narrazione fila via che è un piacere, arricchita dal giusto corredo di scene hot e (perché no?) pure romantiche.

Siccome, appena concluso, avevo già voglia di rileggerlo, per me il giudizio è 5 stelline piene.

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## Rhys Ford says

I really enjoyed this book. It was a great blend of science and characters and heat. I have a serious love for

dinos and well, digging for dinos so it was lovely to see that worked into a book. All in all, a very entertaining read and I truly had a great time reading it.

Thanks!

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## Christy says

When I was a little girl, I was a science nerd. The love of it never went away, the ability to pass the classes, especially in college, just got harder. I had these two books my mom gave me when I was about seven. One was about sharks and the other was about dinosaurs. I devoured those books and knew them backwards and forwards. Apparently the author, Anna Martin, and I shared the same love, except she's made it a lifelong one and I let it slip away. Since I'm already a fan of this author's work, it wasn't too hard to add this book to my list of "gotta reads", and I'm so glad that I did.

Nick is a paleontologist who is called in as a consultant to authenticate bones located on a dig in Alberta, Canada. The "colleague", Eric, and I use that term very loosely, who was sure he'd found velociraptor remains, was wrong. However, there were marks on the bones that indicated a predator attack that could have been a raptor, so Nick decides to stay on site for a few days. Unfortunately that means dealing with Eric, but since Eric doesn't actually do any work, Nick figures he can skate under the radar. A few days turns into longer and then Eric gets attacked one night and brutally beaten almost half to death. Eric's people come in and pack up the site, but Nick's boss, Sam, gets him funding to take over running the site because the lab found some very interesting things from the bones that were pulled out already.

Enter Hunter, a conservationist, who had been watching Eric's shoddy work, but now decides to focus on Nick's dig. For obvious reasons, these two do not get along, in any way, shape or form, and they butt heads immediately, although they do acknowledge (to themselves) that the other is attractive. Nick has to continue to deal with someone who seems to have an issue with the dig and is sending Nick threatening letters. Although, this does open up a peaceful line of communication between Nick and Hunter which is good and bad. They agree to disagree regarding their feelings about the dig, but it also makes Nick see Hunter as a person and not some evil do-gooder out to destroy his dig. What's the saying about making strange bedfellows? Huh.

Watching Nick and Hunter together was pure entertainment. I felt like I was at the zoo watching two different species snarking and arguing constantly while still performing a mating dance. I wanted to pull up a chair and grab some popcorn. It was easy to see how much fun they had together even though Nick wasn't about to admit that. Since the book is in Nick's point of view, I didn't get a good handle on where Hunter was coming from, initially, but his actions certainly indicated need, desire, and eventually love. Nick has been hurt a lot in the past so seeing him open up and become vulnerable to loving and being loved by Hunter was wonderful.

This was an enjoyable read and the who-done-it was a little bit of a surprise. If you enjoy science, dinosaurs, and relationships that begin with a fight, this might be the book for you.

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

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## Teal says

Enjoyed it, especially the dinosaur-related bits. Nick, the formerly geeky guy who came into his own once he grew up to be a paleontologist, came convincingly to life for me.

His enemies-to-lovers romance with Hunter, and the mystery surrounding the dig site sabotage, weren't as compelling. Still, as my introduction to Anna Martin, this book was a success and I'll be looking for more of her work.

There was one weird glitch that befuddled me:

Imagine you have a best friend. He's been your best friend since you met him in your first year at college, some 14 years ago. And you guys have had sex lots (lots!) of times over the years. You gave dating a try, and it didn't work, but that didn't damage your friends-with-benefits setup. You're the kind of friends who smooch in public and can share a bed, snuggling and cuddling, even sex-free, for week after week after week... *Good* friends, you get what I'm saying? And...

You don't know his name. Sure, you know his nickname, but his first name? You think it *might* be George, but you wouldn't put money on that. And his surname? Duh. You don't have a clue. What a surprise it is to discover, 14 years into your best-friendship-with-occasional-benefits relationship, that he has a Greek surname! Who knew?

So... YMMV, but I found that spectacularly WTF-y.

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## John Inman says

I loved this book. I loved the great characters, I loved the romance and the bromance, and since I really love dinosaurs, I loved the fact that the story took place on a dinosaur dig. This is the first book I've read by Anna Martin. Now I guess I'll have to go unearh (see what I did there?) all the other books she's written. Well done, Anna, and thanks. I really enjoyed Jurassic Heart.

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## Ami says

### 3.5 stars

I have read roughly 2000+ stories since I first discovered the MM romance genre back in 2008 (yes, 2000+, LOTS of short stories, okay?). After awhile, finding something unique and different, especially in the contemporary genre (my main genre) becomes more and more difficult.

That was why, in that sense, I appreciated the paleontology / dinosaur-digging exploration aspect of this book. It definitely made this story stand out among others ... simply because I have never found a story with this kind of set-up before. I enjoyed the dinosaur-talk part – it was really fun, even if at times, it also felt a bit of an ‘information dump’, especially related to the dinosaur species.

The mystery about who was planning to ruin the exploration was nice – I enjoyed the twist. It added an adrenaline burst to what could be a humdrum situation about the daily life of the people involved in the

exploration.

The romance, unfortunately, was a bit of a let down for me. I felt that Hunter, Nick's love interest, was having a quick personality change from Mr. Adversary to Mr. Kinky Lover to Mr. Sort-of-Needy in the end. I was having whiplash following it. It felt like he was whining about Nick's platonic relationship with Boner. The sudden talk about exploring the kink was also coming out of the blue, my reaction was a huge "huh?!" Truthfully, Nick was also slightly bland. I definitely thought the secondary character, Boner, and the Goth girls were more interesting.

Bottom line, I enjoyed this and will remember it for the 'dinosaur dig' set-up and the mystery, but not so much on the romance. That one was forgettable.

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### **Pjm12 says**

Not sure exactly what I think about this one. I like Nick a lot. He has flaws, but his loyalty to characters like Boner and Mim is a credit to him. He does a lot of ranting and raving when things don't go his way, and luckily he has Sam, his agent, on his side.

All the dinosaur stuff is really interesting, but at times, I felt I was told a bunch of information that then didn't serve any purpose or move the narrative along.

Hunter is an enigmatic character. He wanders into the dig full of brimfire and bluster, but then turns into Mr Needy and a little bit, Mr Kinky if you don't mind.

The two boys together are quite lovely, even if it takes Nick a long time to settle into accepting their relationship.

The twisty who's-ruining-the-dig mystery is resolved nicely. I had sort of figured it out, but Martin did a good job of distracting me so I hadn't put all the pieces together.

It was absorbing. It is well written, and there was some lovely imagery. So, I guess I did like it.

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### **Tina says**

Jurassic Heart was definitely a winner. After reading the premise I was more than excited.

A remarkable dino-cover? Wow!

A M/M romance featuring paleontologists? Double-Wow!

Physically fit and well-built paleontologists? Triple-Wow!

Nick Eisenberg is one of the world's leading experts on prehistoric predators. In Alberta he starts a dig for velociraptor bones. While Nick is supervising the dig site, he comes up against Hunter Joseph, a first nation descendant. According to him Nick's digs destroy the landscape. Two world views collide: Narrow minded and geeky paleontologist versus self-righteous and pouty first nation eco-conservationist...

The set-up - science, dinos, sudden incidents - was unique, the mystery and the romance part entertaining and hot.

I'm a sucker for well elaborated secondary characters. Boner... LMAO... what a name... is such a great guy, I couldn't get enough of him.

All rounded up it was an exceptional story. Recommended! :)

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### **Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says**

**\*\*3.5 stars\*\***

I really like Anna Martin's writing style. She is *funny* and her characters are a little offbeat, and this book is certainly no different. I mean, paleontology and M/M! It is like my Ross Geller gay fantasies come alive!

What was best about this book was the voice. It was light and low angst with just a touch of sexiness. However, I had a few little issues with it that knocked my rating down a bit. I thought the plot bordered on confusing at times. There was a lot going on with the mystery and the discoveries with the dig and the conservation issues with Hunter. I thought the plot got a little murky.

I also thought that Hunter and Nick went from enemies to lover too quickly. I didn't really feel the love between them and wasn't that into them as a couple, I'm afraid. I mean, they were sweet enough but I didn't *really* get them together.

I loved Boner and the Goth sisters- they had tons of personality and really gave a lot of flavor to the book.

All in all, this was a nice read but not something super memorable. Even if it does have dinosaurs.

**\*\*Copy provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review\*\***

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### **Arch Bala says**

This is the fourth book I've read from the author and again, I'm duly impressed by her unique writing style. I loved her very realistic approach towards her characters and the natural flow of her stories from start to finish.

Here, we have Dr. Nick Eisenberg, a paleontologist summoned to Alberta to assist a team who thinks they have discovered bones of a velociraptor. If there is one thing that interest Nick more than anything else, it is prehistoric animals' esp. dinosaurs and this project once more ignites his passion to dig even further. What he didn't expect to find getting in the way is eco-conservationist Hunter Joseph who opposes the way their team was destroying the landscape of the place. Despite their differences, mutual attraction ensues and they

have to figure out how to “co-exist” without trying to kill each other – that is before someone after Nick does the job.

I just loved how Anna Martin spins stories around her characters. Jurassic Heart has that easy vibe that lets its reader enjoy the story without unnecessary drama and excessive characterization. With story development similar to her novels Tattoos & Teacups and Cricket, I knew I just have to read all of her works! I absolutely adore her style!

I loved Nick’s character – there’s something so human about him (like Rob of Tattoos and Henry of Cricket) that you could easily relate with. Halfway through the story, I’ve to say though that I was more in love with Nick’s bestfriend Boner than Hunter. Nick has great chemistry with Boner and I just adore their easy relationship. With Hunter, I loved how Nick doesn’t use much of his brain – I mean, I loved how he’s trying to keep his emotion in place but he’s also going with the flow at the same time. I loved that kind of relationship. I was sorely disappointed though that Boner ends up getting engage with Raven - yeah, yeah, I’m a jealous bitch. LOL

The little action at the end was anti-climactic at least for me since I was already expecting the person behind the attacks. The ending was great though I was expecting maybe more about the development of their relationship – like some sort of weddings or babies or something but yeah – I enjoyed a hell lot of it regardless. Another beautiful story from Anna Martin. Thank you!

Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

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

2.5 disappointed stars

Damn it. What went wrong here? I really liked *Tattoos & Teacups* and didn't mind the first-person POV in that book. But what worked there did not work here. The narrator of *Jurassic Heart* is Nick, a paleontologist. Nick flies from London (where's he's working temporarily) to Canada (his home) because another paleontologist has opened a dig on a site; this rival is known for being petty and dishonest, and for taking credit for other people's work. For the first fifth of the book, we have Nick interacting with said asshole rival, who is rather suddenly (and predictably) removed from the narrative.

The remainder of the book centers on Nick's work at the digging site, where he has the potential to discover a new raptor species, and his interactions with his digging team (including Boner, his best friend and once lover), as well as with a gorgeous conservationist named Hunter, who shows up to sniff around the site and make sure the area won't be permanently damaged. There's also a mystery thrown in, as someone is trying to sabotage the dig.

Nick was a really boring narrator. He tells us a lot (very info dumpy), and seems a little immature and selfish. Nick's relationship with Boner was weird and a distraction. We see them making out, and then all of a sudden Boner is interested in a woman, which was totally flip-floppy and unnecessary.

The romance between Nick and Hunter (the center of the story) also felt lacking in chemistry. The two MCs are fighting, and then they're loving, but the jump from enemies to lovers wasn't believable. Their initial clashing was brief (and utterly cliché), so there wasn't a lot of passion to milk from. I didn't really understand what Hunter saw in Nick or why Hunter was so gung-ho on bringing bad publicity to the dig initially. He has

a very quick (and unearned) change of heart, though, and becomes sort of an honorary team member. Throughout most of the book, Nick keeps thinking that Hunter likes him more than he likes Hunter (god knows why). Nick's emotional headspace isn't ever delved into beyond the obvious "I've been hurt and am scared to love again" crap, despite the fact that it's his POV we're getting.

Likewise, the mystery was expected and trite. The "villain" is completely obvious from the beginning. I wouldn't mind this so much had the romance been stellar, but it wasn't. The whole thing was lackluster, not a terrible read but forgettable.

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## Heather C says

### I loved loved LOVED this!

Nick Eisenberg has spent years searching for evidence that raptors had once inhabited North America. After finishing up a job in London, Nick gets a call from a slimy paleontologist saying he has uncovered velociraptor bones in Canada and needs Nick to verify the identification. Nick immediately hops a plane to Alberta, not knowing that this will last longer than just a quick consultation. What he finds: a disorganized dig, sabotage, his old best friend, and love with a hated eco-conservationist.

I soooo loved everything about this story...even stayed up until 3am reading it even though I was sick as a dog! This is only my second read from this author; had previously read Tattoos & Teacups and also stayed up 'til the wee hours of the morning finishing it. Why? I think its just the way the author delivers a story...keeps me intrigued and hooked until the very end.

### Why was this so perfect for me?

**There's dinosaurs!** Okay, not real *alive* dinosaurs, but dinosaur bones still buried in the ground just waiting to be discovered! I can't even imagine how much research the author must have had to do for this. Of course I know NOTHING about paleontology and archeology, but it all seemed very well done to me.

**It's enemies-to-lovers!** Okay, I admit I did not read the blurb for this book and went in completely blind...I started to get a little freaked out when I couldn't figure out who Nick's love interest would be. Eventually, I gave in and had to take a peek, but was still freaking out because Hunter was NOWHERE to be seen! BE PATIENT because Mr. Tall, Dark and Handsome finally appears at 20% and Oh.My.God do they HATE each other!! Umm, there are even punches thrown! There's a bit of sexual tension but it gets VERY smexy, very soon after. Yeah, Nick's a snarky prick and Hunter's and arrogant asshole...but when all that tension collides... Gah, I loved Nick and Hunter together.

**There's a 'Boner'.** And I adored him with all of my heart!!

**There's very little angst.** Probably not any at all. No, just a sweet, building romance between two men who have careers that aren't known to working together.

**There's mystery.** Honestly, the mystery was the weakest part of the story for me...seemed too simple for something so elaborate. I wasn't too worried about who the bad guys were, but I wasn't able to figure it out either. Hmm.

**It's slower paced.** Yeah, there's a lot of digging and a lot of dirt, and some may feel that its just *too* much digging and *too* much dirt, but I LOVED all of that...even felt liked I learned a bit about the world of

dinosaurs.

**Now you see why I loved this...**

**4.5 stars**

**Reviewed for The Blogger Girls**

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**Riina Y.T. says**

Wonderful! Personally, this was one of the most satisfying books I've come across.

For me this was fulfilling in many ways - I always loved dinosaurs =>

Now just add a slowly growing and wonderful \*hate you - want you\* romance between a bit geeky-clever-as-fuck dino bones digger and a tough sexy "I'm gonna stop you from digging if you mess up my trees" hunky guy who's very much into kinky rough sex. Uh. Add also the beloved isolated weekend in the mountains bonding time, let it cook and sizzle to slow perfection.

Some scenes were all business, other absolutely sweet, others incredibly fun (and funny), some kinky and sexy ... A bit of everything!

It doesn't all go well though - there's also a bit of mystery, attacks and lots of police disturbing their work...

Then... - spoiler alert :)

*This big, strong guy used his strength in a way that enhanced my own, complementing me perfectly. I never felt like I was less than him. Hunter put me on a pedestal when we were alone together, quietly worshipping my body in the same way I adored his. He was my equal in every way that was important to me.*

So really, with loveable characters and their (personally) truly felt sexy chemistry and nothing over the top mushy or needy ( no sudden fuck I love you declarations etc. ) I just really love this.

Since I find dinosaur digging most interesting, I was really pleased with the background info refreshing my dusty memory of dino related knowledge as well as "spending the time" with the cast at an actual dig.

Oh yeah, the supporting cast was absolutely loveable as well !!! (I often find myself bored and not very interested in sub casts)

I've been anticipating its release, without even properly reading the description (which I admit don't always do anyways) - anyhow my gut feeling was more than purrrfect this time - I absolutely adore this novel! :)

Thank you so much for writing this wonderful piece !! Im so happy =D

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