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Timothy left home when he was eighteen to get away from his reckless mother, but he never stopped visiting his grandfather, who taught him what love was all about. Now that Grampy has passed away, Timothy finds that the old man's legacy is everything Timothy has dreamed of—and more.

Inside the house Timothy loves so much is a cache of coins with historical value... and a mystery, because one of them isn't supposed to exist. In memory of his grandfather, Timothy sets out to make sure that the mystery and the coins are given their due honor. In his quest to keep the government from confiscating his grandfather's legacy, he meets Joiner, whose interest in Timothy is as clear and open as Timothy is guarded. There are things about Timothy's life and his past he doesn't want anyone to know, not even the kind man who is helping him with the complications of legal tender.

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R * A Reader Obsessed * says

3 Hearts

I'm very content with this last installment of the Art Series as it showcases original MC's Dieter and Gerald, and also perpetuates the similar theme of gaining ownership of a family legacy - something I quite enjoyed the first go around.

Timothy has just inherited his late grandfather's house, and as he contemplates what to do with it, he rekindles the friendship he had as a child with Dieter. Unfortunately, Timothy hasn't had it easy, having had a very tumultuous relationship with his drug addicted mother, something that has brought and wrought a lot of personal pain. His grandfather was the steady force in his life, and when Timothy discovers some old coins, he feels he must honor "grampy" by officially claiming the controversial money.

Enter Joiner. He's relatively a newbie at the law firm where Gerald and Brian (MC from book 2) work at, and he's been tasked to help out on the case. Of course, he's instantly smitten with the shy and timid Timothy, as his vulnerability pulls at Joiner to do whatever it takes to help him. However, Joiner discovers an unfortunate glitch in U.S. treasury history. One particular coin was never meant for distribution and is inherently the property of the government. Any previous coins claimed have always been instantly confiscated, and Joiner and Gerald must find that special loophole to prevent that from happening again.

Now I have no idea if this is really a true plausible situation or not. Regardless, this is still an interesting premise despite this being a romance. I have to say, it's also a decent hurt comfort story, as Timothy struggles to trust Joiner and their growing feelings, trying to not to let his awful past come between them.

Overall, this was another audio win for John Solo, as I enjoyed listening to him just as much as the previous three stories. Grey doesn't deviate from his formula, consistently bringing the sweet and sexy with a touch of good ole melodrama. Again, I appreciate this unique theme (minus the minimally connected tangent that was book 3) and I had a good time seeing these lawyers win their cases and find grand love in the process!

Thank you to the author/publisher for the audio in exchange for an honest review

Trio says

Knowing how wildly popular Andrew Grey is I've been looking for a title to start with, and I picked well with Legal Tender. I was in the mood for something sweet and comforting and this one fit the bill perfectly.

I don't know what I enjoyed more, Grey's adorable story or the soothing tones of John Solo's narration.

I wasn't expecting to learn so much about the history of the Double Eagle coin, or to also get such an interesting legal story, but it just goes to show that Andrew Grey's reputation as an excellent writer is well deserved.

Since this is the first I've read of this series I can attest to the fact these books can be enjoyed out of order. Clearly there are characters from the prior books, but Grey explains their relationships and I didn't feel like there were gaps or that I was missing anything.

The pace of the story flows beautifully beginning with some charming reminiscences from the main character, Timothy, about his grandfather. Having inherited his grandfather's estate, Timothy returns to his boyhood home which dredges up all kinds of memories and people from his past.

There are some intense issues dealt with during this novel: child neglect and abuse, rape, drug use, but it is all woven into the story and enhances the plot. The characters are very realistic and I feel the relationships grow at a natural pace. It is wonderful to see Timothy burgeon in confidence with the love and support of his friends. While he has some major obstacles to overcome, I was pleased with the way everything is handled.

I am completely impressed with John Solo's narration in this book. While I've previously enjoyed his snarky performance in romantic comedies, he definitely turns on the charm for this one.

Legal Tender hooked me from the very first scene.

The story is interesting, well written and fast paced, and Solo's narration is flawless and a perfect match for these characters.

(Now I'm dying to go back and read the stories I've missed.) If you want to get your feet wet with author Andrew Grey, or if you're a life-long fan of his writing, you'll be thrilled.

Jacq says

This is truly not for me! It was so unbelieving. Unable to finish:(

Barb ~rede-2-read~ says

This was a very enjoyable story, so much so that I have to go back and read the others in the series now. I really liked both Timothy and Joiner and the secondary characters were a huge part of the story as well. The research about the gold double eagle coins was very interesting and the drama surrounding whether or not they'd win the court case kept me eagerly going forward.

Definitely a safe bet and well worth purchasing if you are intrigued by coin collecting and you happen to like Andrew Grey's novels.

Becky Condit says

5 stars and a Recommended Book!

Andrew Grey is on my list of must-have-new-book-immediately authors, and #8 (or #9, if you count the out-of-print MASTER OF THE REVELS) in the BOTTLED UP/ART series does not disappoint. In fact LEGAL

TENDER exceeds all expectations.

I love series that are more like serial stories than a collection of books. In **LEGAL TENDER** we see or hear about so many of our favorite characters from previous books in the series: Mark and Tyler, Brian and Nick, Sean and Sam, Kenny and Bobby, and Gerald and Deiter. Gerald and Deiter play a significant role in **LEGAL TENDER**, and Kenny appears in his usual fiercely protective role as a police officer.

The ART series started off great and just gets better and better with each book. While they don't have to be read in order and each can stand alone quite well, the joy of seeing familiar characters again makes the pleasure of reading all of the series well worth the investment of time and money. I highly recommend any Andrew Grey book, and especially **LEGAL TENDER**.

Please see my complete review April 16, 2012 at <http://mrsconditreadsbooks.com/index....>

Wax says

I honestly really liked the background story, that of gold coins that are being seized by the government. However, the relationship between Timmy and Joiner seemed to lack something.

Cathy Brockman says

Legal Tender is the fourth book in this series but each stands alone fine. I think this is my favorite in this series. I loved all of the characters and the storyline is so touching. It was nice to see Dieter and Gerald again and also Brian. I loved Timothy because he is kind, noble and deserved his legacy. This was a favorite because like the first book Timothy is fighting for a family heirloom that is controversial but he wants it not for the monetary value but because it was his grandad's the only person he felt loved him until he meets Joiner.

If you loved well-developed characters, motorcycle designers, lawyers, a touch of suspense and a beautiful love story with some sweet and hot man-sex you will love this. I highly recommend it!

Vicktor Alexander says

"Am I broken?"

Words spoken by the main character Timmy that so pierced the heart of this reader that I finished the rest of the book, holding my Kindle in a firm, almost desperate grip, hoping against hope that Joiner would help him and show this beautiful young man that he wasn't broken or unlovable at all.

"Grampy was the only one to say he loved me."

This book details the struggle that Timmy and Joiner endure together as they deal not only with a controversial legacy left behind by Timmy's grandfather when he passed away, but also with the after effects of the traumatic experience that Timmy suffers from as a youth. Joiner is a junior associate at a law firm that Timmy goes to with a rare gold coin in order to prove the validity of his ownership and possession. Timmy is very much the fragile spirit, a formerly broken butterfly attempting to fly again. Joiner is the man who steps up to help him learn to live, learn to fly, learn to love again.

With the reappearance of Gerald, Dieter, Mark, Tyler, Brian, Nicolai and many other Andrew Grey favorites, this book is simultaneously heart-breaking, uplifting, emotionally gripping, soul wrenching, funny, entertaining, and, in true Andrew Grey fashion, extremely smexy.

I found myself encouraging and rooting for Timmy with every step forward he took in his healing process. I similarly found myself wincing with every horrible return of a piece of his rough childhood. Joiner's strength and courage, his determination to stick with Timmy through it all, filled the pages with light and dispelled the darkness that tried to strangle the sweetness of Timmy's spirit.

Mr. Grey's writing was gripping, pulling me into the pages of the book until I felt like I was right there with Timmy at work, sitting in the next cubicle talking about how one should never tell Heidi anything unless they wanted everyone to know. I felt as if I were helping Joiner with his research for Timmy's case. Best of all, the passion and the white-hot desire that the two men felt for each other was so well written that I felt as if I were right there in the bed with them, getting sweaty and sticky and experiencing every orgasm alongside them (and definitely needing a cigarette afterwards).

The setting of the book was so well described that I could see Grampy's house, see the dust motes floating through the air in the attic, feel the raindrops falling on my skin as Joiner and Timmy took a walk in the rain, and see the clenching jaw of the US District Attorney as he presented his case in front of the judge in opposition to Joiner's claim.

The tension that threaded its way seamlessly throughout the pages of this book, was beautifully balanced by the love and genuine affection that made up the foundation for Timmy and Joiner's love story.

And yes, The Epilogue Whore was beyond satisfied by the way this book ended, because the end, much like the rest of the book was an execution of near flawless prose and loving storytelling.

I recommend this book (obviously) for those who love to read about love, strength, overcoming tragedy, healing, family and finding true happiness through finding oneself.

Elisa Rolle says

Legal Tender doesn't go far from the other books in this series, cute young man with a bit of drama in his past meets another cute man, slightly older and with an aura of security that will give stability to their relationship. And so why I continue to read them? They are like peanuts! Or strawberries, or any other addictive food. You know how they will taste, but nevertheless you need to take another and another and another.

Legal Tender is sweet and comfortable; the same comfort Timothy so desperately needs in a relationship. Timothy is still young but he had a tragic experience in his past that is causing him trouble in his love life. He needs someone patient, passionate but not pushing, someone who can go to the slow pace Timothy needs to take. You would expect for the man to fit the bill to be maybe older and lived, but instead Joiner is just out of college, the younger lawyer in his firm. But the safety in Joiner lies in his attitude and in his quiet behavior.

Another nice aspect of this novel is the gay neighborhood that is basically colonizing a small city area: from the first novel to this one, we have artists, lawyers, shop owners (but of sophisticated businesses like wine

shops and antique galleries), all of them buying and restoring Queen Victoria and Queen Anne houses. It's almost like a fairy tale land, where the LGBT community can live happily ever after. And in most of those houses you can find treasures, like for Timothy who found a cash of gold coins in the attic. Fairy tale indeed you would say, but it's not long that I have read of a woman who found a Renoir in her attic, so nothing is really impossible.

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/1613724373/?...>

Robert Helms says

4.0???. A very nice conclusion (so far) in this series. I will continue reading the series if more books are written,

Serena Yates says

In this fourth (and final) volume of the 'Art Series', it isn't stolen art at the center of the story, but a battle for the right to keep an inheritance – a particular and very rare gold coin minted during the American Depression in 1933 and passed down to the great-great grandson of the man who obtained it. The story is based on fact (just google Double Eagle 1933) but assumes that another coin was found, some special circumstances, and a fascinating court case against the American government's attempts to seize the coin. Timothy is the man who finds the coin, Joiner becomes the lawyer who fights for his right to keep it, and many characters from previous books turn up to offer help and support. It's a perfect example of what a chosen family can be like, and added to the suspense of the case and the sweetness of Timothy and Joiner's romance, it makes for a great read.

Please find my full review on Rainbow Book Reviews.

Melissa says

Legal Tender: Arts Series #4

Andrew Grey

Timothy Besch is a man on a mission. The mission is to clean up the house his Grampy left him when he died. The problem with the house was that Timothy mom had lived in it for several years by herself and had never taken care of it. She had gotten hooked on crack and let everything go. So, bad memories of her or not, the house had to be cleaned before he could do anything with it. Lucky for him his best friend from his childhood, Dieter lived a couple houses down, so his partner, Gerald, and he offered to help. While he was cleaning he remembered the one thing that his Grampy kept telling him, 'Don't forget the stories and it was in the place I made for you to play.' So, when he got the trash out he went up into the attic and the place Grampy had created for the two of them to be alone, there he found the legacy his Grampy left for him. Several old gold coins; \$1, \$5, and \$10 values. Then as he is looking he sees one that should not be there, he

puts them away and makes an appointment with Gerald's law firm.

Gerald had Joiner Carver, a new lawyer at the firm, sit in on the meeting for the experience and as a possible researcher for any case that might come from the meeting. What Timothy shows them takes their breath away and sends Joiner on the research mission of his career. What did Grampy leave Timothy? A Double Eagle Gold \$20 coin, 1933. These are not supposed exist, according to the government; they were never issued because of the depression. One of Grampy's stories was about going with his father to change all their gold and coins in for paper money in April of 1933, right before they moved from Pittsburg to Milwaukee. They were able to research the weather, the fact that that day a fist fight broke out, but the government had won cases just based on the fact that they said they were never issued.

Joiner Carver thought Timothy was the cutes thing when he first saw him, then he found the Pink Triangle, a gay bar downtown that night when he decided to go out for a bit of fun. It wasn't your normal on display gay bar, it was geek heaven, and he wasn't a geek, but then Timothy was beside him and he learned to enjoy himself. As the case progressed, so did their deepening relationship, they learned a lot about each other and some of the stuff Joiner found out that Timothy was dealing with made him ache for the other man he was falling in love with over the days.

A delightful story with some wonderful new characters in our Milwaukee family, also visiting and catching up with some of some older familiar faces; this is a must read for Andrew Grey's fans. This love story is gentle and well planned out by the writer, real life problems plague both main characters emotionally but they deal with them in a real world ways. The law case stimulates the mind and sent me into research mode, which most of these books have done, a delightful benefit for this reviewer. Yes, a solid five stars and a book I will probably pick up and reread again and again. Thank you for sharing your world with us, Mr. Grey.

Dawn says

Andrew Grey is an author I automatically need to have. I mean, really, really need whenever I spy he has a new book out. His emotionally charged stories are full of characters that you could imagine populating your town, being friends with and enjoying time with over a cup of coffee or catching a beer on a weekend. His stories always come to life for me and I can not resist reading them over and over again. Each time I crack open one of this author's books, I feel like I am coming home. His stories are that good. Amazing writing, multidimensional characters and real life problems pepper his stories and in Legal Tender, the reader is treated to some past characters popping in from both Bottled Up series and it's spin-off, the Art Series, that had me in deliriously happy. I loved seeing some of the past characters especially after their stories are done, just to see how they are. This little twist in his latest Art series book was a wonderful surprise.

In Legal Tender, Timothy has inherited his beloved grandfather's house in the old neighborhood and when he returns after many years away, memories assail him-good and bad ones. Timothy doesn't know what to do yet but reconnecting with old friends in the neighborhood as well meeting some new ones has him excited to say the least. Finding a bag of coins in the house has him stumped and determined. He has no idea on where the coins came from but he is determined to keep them and not let the government confiscate them. Meeting Joiner leaves Timothy confused and hopeful. Falling for Joiner, Timothy must put his past to rest even as it threatens his future with Joiner. Timothy is a character that even though he was broken by past events, he went on to succeed in life, even if he closed himself off after one attempt at a relationship failed. Meeting Joiner has him believing in love again even as he is afraid. Mr. Grey delivers two main characters who are, by far, the perfect fit for one another. Joiner is open, loving and wanting to help Timothy in any way he can.

Timothy is guarded, closed off from the world a bit and still dealing with events from his teens. Where just one person is alone, together they are stronger than anything life throws at them. The characters are wonderfully well written, the story flows smoothly with a few surprises that had my mouth agape and flipping the pages like mad to see what happens next.

Andrew Grey has another winner in Legal Tender and I am eager to see if he continues the Art series with another story in the future with a few other crossovers from the Bottled Up Series. If you enjoy emotional filled stories that steal your heart and are full of complex characters, then grab an Andrew Grey story and settle in for a day of reading pleasure. I highly recommend reading the entire series from Bottled Up series to its spin-off, The Art Series, to get familiar with everyone in this wonderful world the author created.

Run-Don't Walk-to grab this or any other Andrew Grey book and be prepared to fall in love with a writer who delivers stories with heart.

Karen says

3.5 stars rounded down to 3 because still no 1/2 stars here on GR.

So maybe I should have just read the book...

I'm really torn on this one because in all honesty I wanted to really love this story. The blurb sounded so good that I couldn't really imagine not loving the story...and although I didn't love this quite as much as I'd anticipated there was a lot about the story that worked for me and I truly enjoyed.

While the story worked for me overall my biggest distraction came from the audio side of things and this is where I'm really torn...you see, I like John Solo. I sort of have a soft spot for him because it was his narration of Marie Sexton's 'Trailer Trash' that made me decide to start listening to and reviewing audio books. However, with this one the narration just didn't work for me and in all honesty I have to say I think this was a little bit me as well, but we'll come back to this later.

'Legal Tender' is the fourth book in Andrew Grey's 'Art Series' and while the blurb for the story intrigued me and sounded really good. In the end it turned out to be just 'ok'. Timothy has returned to his Grampy's home after finding out that his grandfather had left everything to him and not his drug addicted mother. Timothy left home at an early age after his mother betrayed him in the worst way possible. He's cut her out of his life and I say good for him on that one. She didn't deserve to be anyone's mother let alone someone as sweet as Timothy.

Coming back to Grampy's house has also reunited Timothy with his childhood friend, Dieter (one of the MCs from the first book in this series). Timothy also discovers that his Grampy's stories from his childhood were clues to a heritage that he'd been unaware of. Discovering a cache of old coins brings Timothy to Dieter's door in need of help from Dieter's partner, Gerald and introducing him to Joiner, whom Gerald tasks with finding out how they can enable Timothy to keep a rare coin that the American Government claims belongs to them as it was never monetized or so they claim.

As Joiner works to find a way for Timothy to keep his grandfather's coin the two men get to know each other and their initial attraction to each other becomes more, but the real question is will what they have be enough

to keep them together when Timothy finally opens up about why he refuses to have anything to do with his mother.

I loved all the different aspects of this story and how things played out slowly revealing the connections.

Ok now for the audio portion of this review. As I said before I have a bit of a soft spot for John Solo so this pains me a little to say but for me the biggest problem was the audio. Overall the voices just weren't clicking for me. Gerald's voice was stilted and just seemed to have an arrogant tone to it and while I like confident...arrogant just doesn't do it for me and I found myself not liking Gerald a whole lot and then there was Timothy. I wanted Timothy's voice to reflect my image of a man in his twenties who was sweet and while confident at times held a hint of insecurity especially when confronted with his past. I wanted to hear all the emotion in his voice when he spoke about his grampy, his mother, the things that happened to him as a child. What I felt like I was getting was a pre-pubescent boy. I liked Timothy and his voice just wasn't what I was envisioning it to be. So truthfully this wasn't a right or wrong thing it was just a case of it didn't work for me. However, on the upside Joiner's voice was ok for me, but still the over all narration just didn't work for me.

It's usually at this point that I really know whether or not an audio book truly worked for me because if it worked for me the audio book gets an overall rating but in this case while the book would have gotten 4 stars from me. In all honesty the audio sits somewhere around 2.5 - 3 stars. So I'm calling it a day at 3.5 stars and having faith that my next John Solo audio book will be a better experience.

An audio book of 'Legal Tender' was graciously provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Idamus says

3.5 stars
