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*Carlisle Cops: Book Two*

Carter Schunk is a dedicated police officer with a difficult past and a big heart. When he's called to a domestic disturbance, he finds a fatally injured woman, and a child, Alex, who is in desperate need of care. Child Services is called, and the last man on earth Carter wants to see walks through the door. Carter had a fling with Donald a year ago and found him as cold as ice since it ended.

Donald (Ice) Ickle has had a hard life he shares with no one, and he's closed his heart to all. It's partly to keep himself from getting hurt and partly the way he deals with a job he's good at, because he does what needs to be done without getting emotionally involved. When he meets Carter again, he maintains his usual distance, but Carter gets under his skin, and against his better judgment, Donald lets Carter guilt him into taking Alex when there isn't other foster care available. Carter even offers to help care for the boy.

Donald has a past he doesn't want to discuss with anyone, least of all Carter, who has his own past he'd just as soon keep to himself. But it's Alex's secrets that could either pull them together or rip them apart—secrets the boy isn't able to tell them and yet could be the key to happiness for all of them.

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# From Reader Review Fire and Ice for online ebook

**Fani \*loves angst\* says**

*"I can read you like a book, and it's one hell of a best seller."*

According to GR 2 stars means a book is 'OK' and that was what this book was: OK. Nothing groundbreaking but not complete crap either. I had to skim-read it in fact, else I wouldn't be able to finish it and it was mainly to see what would happen with Alex in the end. I just don't think this author's writing style fits me, some phrases were way too corny for me and I didn't much care for Carter's character. He and Donald fall from lust to love too easily for me, the kid was sweet and troubled enough to bring them closer together and everything was wrapped too nicely in the end.

**And what the heck is it with that cover??? Donald is supposed to be dark haired and the guy in the cover is blond, Carter is supposed to be a bit of a geek, with glasses and not overly muscled but the guy in the cover is built like a SEAL and as ungeek-looking as possible :(**

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**Mihaela says**

Originally posted on <http://mikkysworldofbooks.blogspot.fr...>

Wow. Just, wow, Mr. Grey. I stand in awe.

I don't know how to tell you how much I loved this story.

Donald has seen too much and been through so much that his heart is closed off to any kind of feelings. Everyone calls him Ice and he knows it, but he's fine with that because it's true. He is cold and rejects anyone who might want to get close to him since opening up his heart means giving someone the power to hurt him and he's had enough of that. Until he meets one stubborn man.

Carter comes from a big, loud and not at all perfect family. He loves his job as a police officer but, he wants something more. He wants to be out there, with the others, patrolling the streets instead of being forever segregated behind a computer. His wish is granted but his first shift on patrol ends up badly.

Now Carter has to deal with a scared, broken child and an equally scared and broken man with whom he spent one weekend of passion, just to be frozen by his attitude and his rejection right after that.

Let me tell you this – I loved these two men from the beginning, which doesn't always happen where I'm concerned.

Even when Donald acted as a jerk, I couldn't help but like him.

And Carter. Oh, God. He's so strong and fierce when it comes to doing his job but so patient and sweet when he's around Alex and Donald.

The tenderness he shows the other man ... breathtaking. There were times when I had tears in my eyes while

reading because the moment was so full of emotion.

The intimate moments are so perfectly described that you'll feel like you've been transported into the book and you're living the scene yourself. I have chills running down my spine just thinking about it.

Alex. That poor boy broke my heart over and over again. As a mother of a young child myself I wanted to wrap him in my arms, hold him and protect him from everything and everyone that might harm him.

It's sad and scary to think that there are so many children in that exact situation and they're completely helpless.

We live in a messed up world.

This being said, if you liked Fire and Water, you are going to love this one. The series gets better and better with every book. And now, the waiting begins for volume three.

Happy Reading!

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**\*~\*~\*Hyperion\*~\*~\* says**

True rating: 3.25 stars :-))!! I'd probably have rated this higher if more time had been spent on some plot lines, but some things were wrapped up so quickly and a few things felt rushed. All in all, it was a good book though :-))!!

One of my favorite quotes here (@ 79%):

"Donald wondered what happened when Carter stopped. He looked over his shoulder, waiting for what was to come next. "Fuck me."

"I intend to." A snick reached his ears, and then after a few seconds, Carter teased his skin. A long finger slowly sank into him, spreading, filling. Donald groaned as Carter continued stretching him. "Is this what you want?"

"Yes," Donald whimpered and pressed back into the sensation. Then Donald pulled away and held his breath, waiting for what he was certain to be the main event. Carter lay down next to him, guided Donald onto his side, and slowly pressed inside him.

Carter wrapped his arms around Donald's chest, hands splayed on his skin, bringing them closer until Carter pressed against him, cock buried, joining them together. Donald had never felt so full or fulfilled.

Carter's movements were slow and languid, thrusting deep in rhythm with Donald's breathing. "I do love you, Donald." Carter filled him and stilled, holding him even tighter. "You're a dear special man. And yes, you did hear me earlier. I did tell you that I loved you and I do. You have a kind heart that you try to hide, but I see you for who you are. You're as hot deep down as you look right now." Carter moved slowly, deeply, withdrawing almost the entire way before sinking back inside. Donald had been with men before, God knew, but never like this. Carter touched his heart just as he touched his body. "Do you know what love is?" Carter whispered into his ear.

"This?" Donald asked, hoping like hell he was right. He'd asked himself that question a few times and had never come up with an answer because he had no frame of reference.

"No. This is making love." Carter moved slightly, breathing into his ear. "Love is what you did earlier. Love

is letting someone know who you are, the good and the bad, letting them in and taking the chance that no matter what, they will want us and care about us. That's love. I see you for who you are." Carter tightened his hold. "Love is never wanting to let go, touching your heart and holding it delicately in your hand. It's sex, caresses, words, and everything in between, soothing away nightmares and holding you in the dark. It's everything, all of that, and what I want to do with you for the rest of my life."

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### **Becky Condit says**

The second book in the Carlisle Cops series will grab you by your heart and never let go. Anytime a child is involved in a crisis it's going to be difficult to be objective. Police officer Carter is finally out from behind his computer and on the streets where he wanted to be, but he's finding that one little boy, hidden in a filthy attic by a horrendous abuser, will change his life.

Child protective services is called in and to Carter's surprise the case worker is a man he had a brief hook up with and wanted more. Carter never understood why Donald stopped returning his calls and took pains to cut off all communication after their one weekend together. Now the two of them are all little Alex has as the police try to find the money man behind the disgusting videos made of the child. Carter gets in too deep and can't distance himself from either Alex or Donald. To his horror, Donald finds he is falling in love with Carter and Alex, something he cannot afford to do.

Carter's family makes an appearance. They are a wonderful, close family, even though Carter has problems with his dad. Donald's family is a mystery.

The abuse of a child is hard to read about. Mr. Grey handles it carefully with most of the horror happening off page, and just enough is revealed to make us know what the boy's life has been up to this point.

The outcome of several plot lines is very satisfying and the ending is just what the reader wishes for. Fire and Ice is a story to be savored and demonstrates the strength of Andrew Grey's writing as well as the tenderness of his heart. Highly recommended.

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### **Rick says**

Damn Andrew Grey - write a book that made me cry!!!! I'm not sure how he does it but Andrew gets better and better as he writes another book - this is an emotional read for sure!!!! This is why Andrew Grey is a MUST BUY!!!!

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### **Gigi says**

Nothing against the book, I made it to 40% and the romance was heating up, but the child abuse scenes proved more than I could handle.

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## Sandra says

This did not work for me. For many reasons. When I listen to an audio book that I don't like it's sometimes hard to parse out how much of that is due to the narrator and how much is the writing. In this case I think it was equal parts, but I don't think I would have liked this any better had I read it instead of listened. It was not *terrible*, by any means, but it also wasn't good.

I saw a lot of reviews complaining how hard it was to read due to the components that involved or discussed child abuse, well, I didn't have this problem. Maybe it was the narrators flat universal tone that didn't seem to change no matter what they were discussing. Maybe it was the fact that both Donald and Carter talked as if they were in an after school special. *"Alex has been through so much. Being a police officer, I have to learn how to observe and read people, and I can see what a strong boy Alex is. Abuse can be hard for anyone to deal with, especially a child. Donald is right that it will take time for Alex to unlearn some of these things, but it is important for us to be there for him and support him no matter what."* They both talk like this, all.the.time. And maybe I watch too many cop shows but *none* of the cops talked like cops. I'm not sure there was a single curse word in the book.

So I guess the dialogue was my main issue, just the manner in which everyone spoke. Donald and Carter constantly referring to the criminals as 'bad men'. Yes, that is what Alex called them, and that is what you should refer to them as when speaking to Alex. But you are an adult, and when talking to your partner or the other police officers, the term 'suspects' or 'abusers' or 'pedophiles' or 'scumbags' might be more appropriate.

Then the resolution at the last hour was R.I.D.I.C.U.L.O.U.S. (view spoiler) and just a stupid nit-picky thing in the epilogue but since it's the last thing I was left with i can't let it go (view spoiler)

Sooooo yeah. I've had some similar issues with this author before. And the one other book I listened to from this narrator had similar complaints. I feel bad, and maybe the dialogue contributed, but something about his voice had that inflection that made everyone sound as if they were talking to children (when actually talking to other adults). It was that public service announcement/lecturing/preaching voice. Donald even had to joke once about Carter 'preaching' to cover for and acknowledge this fact. Note to author, if you have to justify or explain the way your character is speaking, maybe just don't have them speak that way.

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## JLOluvsbooks&dogs says

Well, I admit, I skimmed from 38% to 51% and then couldn't take any more and skipped to about 90% just to see how it ended, which was way too sappy. It just didn't seem like an Andrew Grey book to me or maybe it just wasn't the right timing for me to read it.

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## Aki | nose buried in books | ♥? | says

I liked this book a lot. The child abuse part was really difficult and hard to read, but the author did a good work in writing such a delicate topic in that way.

And of course there is HEA, so nothing to worry about! The mcs and Alex were really sweet and adorable! It works also as a standalone.

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## Denise H. says

\*\*\* Andrew Grey brings us on an emotional ride here. \*\*\* This is heartwarming and a sad tale all in one. We open with the sadness, heart wrenching story of abuse found on a domestic violence call. Policeman/Computer nerd, Carter finds young Alex locked in the filthy attic room, and proceeds to get the boy help.

The mother is taken to the hospital, the bad man arrested. Here is where Donald comes to the rescue. He's the devoted, caring, social worker who knows how to help 5 yr. old Alex.

Cater and Donald have a history of a one night stand, and each has never forgotten the other. Now, Carter can find out why Donald ignored his calls, etc. last year. Through the investigation and efforts to try and find family of Alex's, the men get close, have very erotic sexy times, develop real deep feelings, and bond with each other and with little Alex. We are learning as we go about the social worker job, how the guys track the child porn/violence ring, and what will happen to these

deep, amazing characters, and the little boy.

We see the two men from the first book, and that was nice.

I cried, and was completely enamored with this story. It's a beautifully flowing tale as we have come to expect from Andrew Grey.

ENJOY !!

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SPOILER: (view spoiler)

- but makes an AWESOME story.

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## Gennie Gee says

The only thing I wanted was resolution between Carter and his dad.

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## Anne says

Incredible, touching, heart-warming, hot and romantic read!! You just have to fall for Carter, Donald and especially Alex, the moment you meet them. It's a little dark too, but that makes the story so realistic. Little Alex just walked right into my heart and it was such a heart-warming and touching rollercoaster ride of feelings to see him grow out of this abuse he had to live through his whole short life and being happy again. And Donald struggling himself with a really bad past himself, is always at his side to get him a chance for a better life in the future. Carter makes this little group complete. Being there for Alex, too, and helping with his "geek-skills" all the way he can manage, he also has a soft spot for social-worker Donald. Will he get through to Donald's thick shield of ice he had built up around his heart? To see them together and find their way was awesome.

This story just got me and I hope to read more about the Carlisle Cops in the future...and maybe of this three

awesome guys?!

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## **Arzu says**

3,5 stars

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## **Serena Yates says**

Some people suffer more heartbreak than others, and the two men in this second book of the 'Carlisle Cops' series, Carter and Donald, have each had their share of difficulties to deal with. But nothing they have been through was as bad as what Alex has been through. He is only a little five-year-old boy, but he has suffered emotional and physical abuse to the point of malnutrition and complete neglect. Carter rescues him, Donald is supposed to find him a safe foster family, but as they help Alex through the first few days of freedom, both men begin to open up to each other and, very quickly, neither of them can imagine letting Alex go. There are obstacles to overcome, a "system" to deal with, and personal issues to solve, not to mention a criminal investigation into the perverted crimes Alex's abusers have committed. As a result, this story is suspenseful, emotionally intense, and had me glued to the pages as I went from utter despair to hopeful and back more than once.

Carter is a cop. It wasn't easy for him to make it through the academy because he is more of a nerd than a jock, but he persevered. His computer skills are still what gets him noticed first, so he has to battle for the "right" to go on patrol. And one of the times he does, he finds Alex in a horrible situation, and is soon involved far deeper than is probably advisable for his long-term mental and emotional health. To make matters worse, the social worker assigned to the case is a man he had a weekend fling with a year ago, only to be "iced" out of his life after that. Between trying to do the right thing for Alex and dealing with feelings for Donald that just won't go away, Carter is under almost constant stress. And that is just his personal life. His job of helping investigate Alex's abusers and the possible child pornography ring he was involved in isn't exactly easy either.

Donald is a social worker for a reason, but he never talks about his basic motivation. There are dark secrets in his past, and he is convinced nobody will stay around if he tells the truth. As a consequence, Donald has closed himself off from all deeper human contact to protect his heart, but Carter gets under his skin. Donald fights his feelings as much as he can, but between Carter and Alex's clear need for love and support, Donald soon reaches an impasse. I was afraid he'd break under the strain of being pulled in different directions, but Donald is not just strong enough to deal with the pressure, he is also clever enough to know when it's time to give in – with a little support from Carter, who keeps pushing until he gets the response both of them need.

If you like stories about men with dark pasts and secrets that make happiness in the present almost impossible, if you want to find out more about the people who help abused children deal with life and what makes them tick, and if you're looking for a read that is full of tension, deep emotions, pain, and makes you suffer before a beautiful, perfect happy ending, then you will probably like this novel as much as I did. 'Fire and Ice' is an emotional thriller I won't soon forget.

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## **V says**

For me, this story was heartbreaking, when I was reading it I kept saying to myself..please no, please tell me this is not what I think it's.

Well, it was, child abuse plot are not for me, isn't that I dislike them, not at all, I found them terrible to read and I have bad dreams for weeks.

This was a "soft" story about child abused, saying that I still cried like a baby.

Some parts were unrealistic, however, it has a very lovely HEA for a very sweet child.

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