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Matt Carter, self-proclaimed sex-god and drummer for world renowned Souls of the Knight, didn't have the time or inclination for planning his future, preferring to fill his days with music, women and alcohol. He didn't want or need anything else in his life.

Until the band parted ways and he found himself no longer living the dream.

Bored and lonely, with too much time and money on his hands, Matt turns to his best friend, Alex Clark, to help devise a new direction to take his life in. Together, they embrace their newfound venture, as owner and manager of one of L.A.'s hottest gay clubs – Kaleidoscope. For the first time, Matt has a plan. He knows where life is heading.

Until a devastating phone call turns his whole world upside down, sending him straight into the comforting arms of his best friend and leading him to doubt everything he's ever known or believed about himself.

Alex had always been content with his unrequited feelings for his rockstar friend, but as Matt starts to question if he might actually feel the same, he runs as fast as his feet will allow.

Has Matt gone too far? Has his reputation as an irresponsible womanizer who refuses to take life seriously, finally managed to push his best friend away for good?

Or is Alex hiding secrets of his own?

(M/M romance. Not suitable for under 18's due to language and sexual content.)

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Lisa Cullinan says

I loved the first two books in this series and couldn't wait for Matt's story because, well, he's Matt! If any of you have read the previous books you'll know right away how Matt basically talks before he thinks. He has no filter and doesn't care what anyone thinks about him. Well, anyone except Alex. It was so endearing to see another side of him as he realizes his feelings for his buddy. Watching him flounder through unchartered waters of trying to do the right thing with not only NOT messing things up with Alex but also being a part of a real relationship.

There are a couple of serious issues written in this story ~ one of them an eye opener for not only Matt and Alex but for us readers as well. I am in awe of how Nicola handled this subject matter. This very subject, along with Matt's insecurities of messing up now or later with Alex, puts the two of them at the top of a disaster list for new couples. But, because they have friends or should I say family, like Ryder and especially Uncle Sawyer throwing them life preservers (I think Sawyer would've liked to have knocked them out with one or two) maybe, just maybe, they might have a chance for this to work.

I loved being inside Matt's head as scary as that sounds. He is truly a one-of-a-kind character that only Nicola could conjure up! At a moment's notice, he acts the obnoxious, entitled rock star that he is, in the next heartbeat he is sweet and vulnerable. His road to discovering that he just might belong on the "butt-bandit team" is hysterical. His text messages with Alex made me fall off my couch laughing so hard that my family thought I was insane or hurt! There are so many specific parts of this book that I want to share, but I won't dare ruin it for anyone.

"You're it for me. I don't need all the sh*t I used to think made life perfect. You're my perfect." Alex and Matt are just that, perfect. You know the expression, "there's someone for everyone?" That holds true because honestly I don't know how anyone else but Alex could possibly handle THE Matt fu#king Carter!

I know that all of you will enjoy this as much as I did. Nicola Haken completely outdid herself with this story. I've read hundreds of MM and this by far is one of, if not the best MM book that I've ever read.

Given this ARC as part of an honest review for upcoming blog tour ~

Monica Vidal says

YAY! This one exceed my expectations! Finally. I knew reading the series would pay off!

I don't if it has anything to do with the fact that I have a soft spot for: GFY and characters who are kind of assholes, but who turn out to be really great guys who used their assholery (yeah I just invented this word) as a disguise. Matt is THAT asshole. He's known as "Matt the twat" for his friends. He has no filter, he's the WOMANIZER to end all the womanizers, but deep down he's just lonely. Enters Alex, gay friend who is sweet and kind and just exactly what Matt needs.

GFY when well done is probably my favorite trope. I liked that Matt had no problem accepting that he had fallen for his best friend. Matt is that kind of person that doesn't care about anyone's opinion but his and he

just dives head first into everything he wants, so he accepts his new status just fine. There's some drama, obviously, but I'm not gonna spoil anyone.

All in all I'm happy I insisted on the series because it got progressively better.

Wendy says

I really enjoyed reading this one. I didn't read the previous books in this series, but I had no difficulty following the storyline, so this one can be read as a stand alone.

Anyone who read the previous books already know Matt. I didn't, but I gotta tell you...I loved him !!

He's a snarky, bitchy and very funny twat...as his friends call him...Matt the twat :)

He's the drummer of a rockband that recently retired...the members are still friends and he's still very famous. He's also a big manwhore who thinks very highly of himself. Alex is his best friend. They haven't been best friends for very long (you can read about that in the previous book), but they are very close.

Matt is straight, fucking his way through every woman he meets and Alex is gay, out and doesn't flaunt his sexlife.

Alex has been in love with Matt for some time, but he knows nothing will come off this for more than one reason. He's not pathetic about it or anything. He just excepts that Matt is his best friend and is oke with it. But Matt has been starting to develop some feelings for Alex, that he is confused about. Thankfully he has some very good friends to talk to.

The thing I loved most about Matt was, that he didn't believe in labels and he didn't give a shit what anybody else thought about him. Once he knew he wanted Alex, he went for it..100 %

But Alex has some demons of his own, that he needs to conquer.

This book wasn't too angsty. It wasn't too fluffy either, eventough there was some fluff (there are quite a bit of "I love you's"..."you make my life worth while". Still for me, it was really sweet. It also had some nice steam (always a plus for me!).

Now there is a heavy and serious subject in the book, but I think it was very nicely done. It didn't make the book all serious and sad, because I didn't cry once, but I did laugh my ass off on multiple occasions :)) Matt is so damn funny !!

4,5 stars from me....the storyline gets 4, but I'm giving an extra half to Matt...I would love having a friend like him !!!

Amanda says

5 motherfucker stars

Dear Matt,

First of all, let me just get this off my chest. You are the most **infuriating/immature twat/adorable asshole** that I've ever met. Half the things that came out of your mouth are crap. Damn if I don't love you for it.

When I started on your story, I'm not a fan of your charming personalities. As I am new to your world and I never meet Sawyer or Ryder before, maybe I'm judging you too harshly without getting to know you. But anyway, you are basically a **prepubescent boy in a man's body**. You are nearing 30 and you still need your mum to pick up after your shit. Shame on you. Or maybe Mrs. Carter is to blame for all your immaturity.

Before you throw your tantrum and accuse me of not appreciating your sense of humor, I have to say you did grow on me, like a mold. I'm itching just thinking about it.

Moving on to your sex life. Oppss... sorry, I mean your **love life**. Omg! I can't believe you make the first move to Alex, who is basically your best buddy. I usually thought the straight guy won't be the one to make the first move, guess I'm wrong and kudos to you. I'm sure **gayitis is contagious!**

Although all your experiments failed big time, I had a good laugh at your expense. I'm a chick and I do get off on watching **gay porn**. What does that say about me? By the way, I can recommend you some good **m/m read** that is way more tasteful than the super cheesy one that you got.

Back to the love of your life Alex, the **huge freaking bomb** that was dropped by him – woah! Honestly, I was stunned for a minute there because there are a few possibilities that came across my mind but never THAT. So I forgive you for freaking the fuck out. Although it was a huge gigantic deal for you guys, I'm glad you both work the shit out and able to deal with it like adults. I had some **tears** in my eyes while reading about it.

And Matt, I feel as if throughout this book I see you actually might just grow up and be a man. A man capable of **love, commitment and responsibility**. Although you can't cook for shit, is the thought that count right? I will eat your P&J anytime. Oh, and please remove the pasta stain from the ceiling. I think I **pee my pant** hearing the about your attempt at cooking pasta. TMI? Oh, I think you love my blunt honesty since I endured hearing you complaint about your **putrid armpits**.

Anyway, I'm so proud of you until..... you whip out a tape and **measure your own cock**. Seriously! I guess, tiger can't change its stripes and Matt can't not be a twat.

That's all for now, Matt. Thanks for making my '**heart smile**' throughout your story. I wish you happy years ahead with Alex filled with **amazing sex, infinite blowjobs and orgasms**.

Your new fan,
Amanda xx

p/s: I'm heading over to read Sawyer's book, but don't worry you will always be my favorite.

Quotes:
Matt's philosophy of life
"I hit any shit life throws my way with a high five."

What Matt felt about Alex,

“Never before had I found a man so damn beautiful I couldn’t look at him without wanting to eat his fucking face.”

What Alex felt about Matt,
“You’re my jerk, Matthew Carter, and you always will be.”

Line says

Major price drop at Amazon.com right now: <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/product/B...>

Eugenia says

Definitely has its moments!!

...3.5 Stars....

I really liked this story. Matt made me laugh so many times, especially with his total lack of filter!

I jumped in the middle of this series so I felt a list at the beginning when the parade of names and couples came forth. Still, it was easy enough to settle into the story of a gay man in love with his best friend, Matt.

Matt is a straight, self-proclaimed, man-whore who feels empty in his life after the break up of his band. His best friend, Alex, and his mother are the two constants in his wreck of a life. When he loses those two anchors, Matt begins to grow up and figure out what it means to love.

Alex has been keeping secrets from Matt, and keeping himself at a distance from all sorts of emotional attachments (pinning after a straight best friend can't lead to anything, right)? Wrong.

The two end up together, and apart, and together....The hated non-communication at play here. Thank fully, Sawyer (from previous books) keeps the two talking instead of hiding and helps them on their way to an HEA.

I liked the added dimension that Alex's secret brought into the relationship. I thought Matt's easy acceptance of mm love hard to buy at times, but it fit his character. A couple of other things niggled that kept this from being a solid 4 star read but I loved Matt, so he made this book a happy win for me!

Pixie says

Ha! Well am I embarrassed. I have that feeling like walking into a room (like a conference room during a meeting) and feeling all eyes on you as you all realize this is not the room you were meant to go and then having to back out. Yeah, cause a lot of you REALLY liked this book. Huh....what to say. I'll keep it brief I thought the main thing the book had going for it was it set a realistic expectation of what entering into a relationship with POZ partner might mean. My only wish is that Alex, having been positive for 6 years, had already come to terms with it himself and hadn't come off like he was living in shame. He'd done nothing wrong, these things happen. I also wish there hadn't been the whole immature sagas surrounding them

getting together. I felt Matt kind of said “hey I’m just going to go with my instincts and fuck definitions...it appears I want to get me some Alex” perfect attitude, initially, but then we’d have these things that didn’t mesh with that persona, like reaching out to a friend to have the “perfect date” and the whole joking all gay men wax saga that left him with one perfectly bare strip near his balls OR the whole gay must be catching because all these supposedly heterosexual male band mates happen to ultimately end up in same sex relationships. I think when the moment called for some seriousness all we got was more jokes. These made it not work for me. When they should have manned up and had a mature adult conversation they would miscommunicate and Alex would sulk off to his own apartment. Matt would get jokey and buy a car/dog/something.

Overall 2.5

Kade Boehme says

Really I only need say one thing:

Matt.

swoons

Meags says

4.5 Stars

High expectations exceeded!!!

I *loved* this story from start to finish. I dare say this may be my favourite portrayal of a straight playboy turning GFY that I've read to date. It was handled well. Every thought and feeling was weighed and processed; nothing was rushed. It was a slow burn, but not too slow. AND it was a friends-to-lovers story. Seriously, it was winning on all counts.

I absolutely adored Matt and Alex as lead characters. Matt and his outrageous (yet adorable) personality is one that I could happily read about forever. And who wouldn't want an Alex of their very own!? No one, that's who.

Matt's mum said it best when she explained to Matt how he'd recognise what real love is -

"When something happens in your day, big or small, good or bad, they're the person you can't wait to tell. They're the person you can sit in silence with for hours without feeling uncomfortable. The person you can insult but would defend to the ends of the earth if anyone else dared to try. When you see them, hear from them, or even just think about them, they'll make your heart smile."

Also, major props for handling possibly delicate subject matter with the utmost care and remarkable grace.
(view spoiler)

I smashed through this series in a matter of days. Nicola Haken has easily established a new fan in me. I can't wait to read more.

Bev says

Loved it! I was so eager for Matt's book and it was better than I anticipated. I really didn't think I could love Matt more but oh boy - what a fantastic hero! He rocked my world with his tenderness, caring, tenacity and patience.

The best of the series by far and one of my favourite reads of 2017, and Matt earned a spot on my perfect heroes shelf.

BR11 says

By prepared to shed some tears with this one. Matt and Alex's love is something beautiful and moving. I generally don't like to cry in my romances but this book....

Kara says

So you start of with Matt who played drums for Souls of The Knight and was a huge player. Has been best friends with Alex for awhile, who has been there for Matt.

They way they were together from the start...

I just honestly loved everything about this book! I also loved seeing all the old band mates and friends.

You get your misunderstandings, Secrets, the sweet and of course the steam!

I really do not want to give anything away because this is one you defiantly need to read for yourself.

All together I really loved this book!

I would defiantly recommend this book!

I received this book free in exchange for an honest review from Inked Rainbow Reads

Valerie Degeorge says

The Making of Matt is Book # 3 in Souls of the Knight Series by Nicola Haken and it is absolutely my favorite book in this series omg how I love Matt.

Matt Carter has been living his life bored and mostly lonely ever since the split of their band although he still sees his band mates which he considers his family there is something missing.

Alex Clark is best friends with Matt he looks up to him and is hiding a very important secret.

Together these two will have you laughing in stitches the banter between them is hysterical and also have your readers melting with the scorching sex scenes: and Alex is the only one who can somehow keep Matt somewhat stable.

I really loved how we get another look into Matt's personality and how he leans on his best friend Alex for support and venturing into a new journey in his life. Also the relationship he has with his mom is so endearing and we also get some laughs there too.

Watching these two develop into more than just friends is such a beautiful journey Nicola Really wrote this so brilliantly I loved the flow and the GFY aspect from best friends to lovers.

This story also will have you in tears at one point but it's so well done and fits right in and it shows so much growth and trusting between these best friends.

Nikola dealt with a very sensitive subject that effects millions daily but she did it with such grace, it shows with research, patience, love, and understanding love will prevail. Thank you so much for this beautiful story I can't recommend this enough.

Oh and be prepared to laugh your A*^ off at one of my favorite funniest scenes "at the spa"

Elsa Bravante says

Es difícil de creer que la autora de este libro es la misma que de Broken o el magnífico Counting Daisies. Poco puedo hablar de la trama, puesto que no se especifica en el blurb y sería un gran spoiler. Pero, sí puedo comentar que a pesar de que los dos personajes principales son fáciles de querer su relación parece un tanto precipitada, ese salto de la amistad al sexo y al amor queda un tanto confuso, fundamentalmente en el caso de Mark, hay cosas poco creíbles. Además, la autora toca varios temas delicados, en ningún caso con falta de información o respeto, pero parece que mete demasiadas cosas a la historia, suceden cosas y cosas y cosas, y al final no puedes profundizar en qué está pasando. Todo queda un poco farragoso y desordenado.

A pesar de que el ritmo y el planteamiento de la historia de amor no me ha gustado, sí me ha entretenido mucho el libro, fundamentalmente por Mark, ha habido alguna situación en la que me he reído a carcajadas, pero a carcajadas, es un MC con muchísimo sentido del humor que transmite mucha vida, de verdad muy divertido. Humor, buenos momentos cuando ellos están juntos (muchos feelings) y estupendos secundarios.

No ha estado mal, pero esperaba más de la autora.

Danni Oxtoby says

For anyone that's a fan of this series and has been following Nicola Haken on fb u'll know it's been a while waiting for Matts book poor Nicola wasn't well and needed to take sometime to get well and focus on herself and I for one am glad she did coz she knocked this book out of the park!!!!!! im HUGE fan of this series and Matts book is easily the best of the 3 she handled some sensitive subjects extremely well in a completely believable way, I loved every word and it was completely worth the wait!!!!!! I really can't recommend this series highly enough so if you haven't read the first 2 books Being Sawyer Knight and Taming Ryder I'm telling u now u NEED to The Making of Matt is hopefully gonna be released in Oct so this is ur chance to get caught up ready for release day.
