



## Moment of Fate

*Karen Stivali*

[Download now](#)

[Read Online ➔](#)

# Moment of Fate

*Karen Stivali*

## **Moment of Fate** Karen Stivali

Bryan Dane's been living the dream—photography student by day, up-and-coming rocker by night. His summer goals are to earn his last few credits, graduate from NYU, spend as much time in the recording studio as possible, and survive the next few months without sex so he can complete his yearlong goal of self-imposed celibacy. Everything is on track, until he meets Oliver Newcastle.

For years Oliver planned a marriage of convenience with his high school BFF, but now that she's fallen in love for real, with someone else, it's no longer convenient. So Oliver came out to his family, quit his job, and left small-town New England for NYC, an intensive summer study program, and a chance to find his own happiness.

From the moment they meet the sexual tension between Bryan and Oliver sizzles. But Bryan wants no part of a relationship, and Oliver wants to sew his wild oats—he just isn't sure how. Oliver seeks Bryan's help navigating the NYC gay scene, which throws them together in increasingly more sexual situations until they can no longer deny they're hot for each other. Bryan is desperate to keep things simple, but fate might have other plans.

## **Moment of Fate Details**

Date : Published February 24th 2017 by Dreamspinner Press

ISBN : 9781634765466

Author : Karen Stivali

Format : ebook 244 pages

Genre : Romance, M M Romance, Contemporary, Academic, College

 [Download Moment of Fate ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Moment of Fate ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online Moment of Fate Karen Stivali**

---

## From Reader Review Moment of Fate for online ebook

### Laxmama says

I hope to give Karen Stivali's book the quality review it deserves. To begin I fell in love with this series and was thrilled for more, especially Bryan's book. Being a NYC girl reading her books brings memories for me, every book has brought back a different place in my life. Now for This book also brought to attention health issues along with the romance, it was excellent. There was a great balance between the serious and fun, especially with the chemistry between the two MC's. Loved this one, I am excited she is planning to give us more :)

---

### Ele says

[First and foremost, *his yearlong goal of self-imposed celibacy* felt utterly ridiculous to me. A few years back,

---

### Elsa Bravante says

Review and rating removed

---

### Gigi says

Noooooooo!! I loved this book but... no epilogue! My heart hurts this ended HFN.

---

### Jaime says

**5 stars -- loved Bryan & Oliver! Hot as hell scenes and lots of emotion too!**

*Moment of Fate* by Karen Stivali is book 5 in the Moments in Time series, and it is an amazing romance. To say I **loved this book, would not express just how much, I adored the characters and their story.** If you have not read the other books in this series, you can read this story as a standalone, but I would highly recommend you reading all the books, they are all amazing. I have to also mention, did you see that cover? Yummy!

The MC in this book are Bryan Dane and Oliver Newcastle. When the book starts Bryan experiences a shock and it causes him to change some of his behaviours, one of which is sleeping with anyone who is willing. Bryan is a bit of a male tramp. Which is why he self-imposes a year long celibacy vow. A year, to focus on

himself, his studies, his band, and his friends - no sex. One year. How hard (pun intended) could it be? Enter, Oliver to the scene.

Oliver has come to NYC to spend the summer in an intensive summer program, while he simultaneously explores his sexuality and blogs the experience as, *Oliver Unabridged*. The two first see each other on campus by chance in the elevator and then Oliver leaves his journal behind where Bryan is working. Bryan, opens the journal trying to find out who it belongs to when he sees the information about Oliver and the website name for the blog. Bryan starts reading, *Oliver Unabridged* without knowing who is writing it, and he is immediately hooked on the realness and openness of the author.

The two meet again, after Bryan's band plays one night and Bryan inadvertently eats something he is allergic to, Oliver is there and he helps him through the allergic reaction and then ends up staying with him to make sure Bryan is okay. It's during the allergic reaction that Bryan realizes, the Oliver he is talking to and the Oliver he has been reading about, are one in the same.

The story quickly takes off from here as the two start really getting to know each other, spending almost all their time together, and people think of them as a couple. Bryan, who has sworn off anything to do with relationships baulks at the comments and Oliver acts as if they don't affect him one way or another. Bryan becomes Oliver's mentor in everything but sex. That is until a movie at a friend's house gets them both so ramped up they end up in Bryan's apartment watching porn together and getting off. That moment is the beginning of the end for Bryan and his celibacy.

These two are so hot together. But remember, Oliver is all but a virgin when it comes to being with a man. So, lucky Bryan gets to experience all his firsts with him! From mutual masturbation, to hand jobs, frotting, blow jobs, and more...trust me, Bryan doesn't mind, but he holds back some...

These two carry on like this and all is well, until Oliver has a date. Bryan, can't understand why it's bothering him so much, he doesn't want a boyfriend. When he finds out Oliver is taking his date to the Bar where Bryan will be playing, Bryan is forced to start confronting his feelings.

**"I'd be feeling something. That was for sure. I'd be feeling like a possessive fucking idiot standing on stage watching their date play out."**

When Oliver shows up on his doorstep after the date, Bryan finally admits his desire for Oliver, he stops holding back.

**"Is that what you think? That I don't want you? Because wanting doesn't even begin to cover how I feel about you. Crave. Need. I don't think a word exists that explains how much I want you."**

But even a great friendship and hot as hell passion can't make Bryan forget his past, his hurt, his fear of being hurt again. So when it's time to either man up and admit he has feelings for Oliver or let him go...he gets scared, he pushes Oliver away, convinced Oliver is just confusing his first sexual encounters with a

man, for love.

**"He stared at me with love. And it scared the hell out of me because I was pretty sure I stared back with the same expression on my own face."**

It's at this point in the book that I want to reach into it and slap Bryan upside the head. But, I also understand he is scared, he has been hurt, he doesn't want to go through it again. Sometimes though...you have to take a chance, sometimes the chance of pain is worth it when you get that elusive happily ever after.

So, during a chance moment of Fate when these two see each other a month or so after going their separate ways. Bryan takes that chance and leaps hoping Oliver catches him...

**"I was already so head over heels in love with you I was too stupid and scared shitless to even realize what was going on. Jesus, Oliver. I miss you. I need you... I love you."**

Will these two get their HEA or are they forever meant to be just a simple moment in time?

5 Stars --

---

Review Copy of Moment of Fate provided by Dreamspinner Press for an honest Review.

**Bev says**

**\*\*\* Original rating and review removed. Ms Stivali was an SH bully too and will no longer feature on my bookshelves or in my book buying future\*\*\***

---

**BR11 says**

Hot, hot book with two sweeties as MCs. There is a nice story and steamy sex.

Only reason why I dropped a star was because the conflict towards the end felt silly to me. Other than that, loved it.

Qué ganas de buscarle el pelo al huevo y sufrir al pedo...Cómo todo estaba perfecto, alguna boludez tenía que pasar! Salvo por eso, hubiese sido un 5 estrellas para mí.

Recommend

---

**.Lili. says**

## ***My first 5+ Star read of 2017 and going on my Best of 2017 shelf!***

I'll be as bold as to say that I know **Moment of Fate** by **Karen Stivali** will be on my Top 10 for the year. I know, it's only February, but I feel this strongly about this book. I'm still giddy from it, and I finished it a few days ago.

At the beginning of MoF, Bryan has received some news that forced him to reevaluate things, and he decides to go on a 12-month long celibacy. He figures this way he can focus on school and his band Wasabi Incident. All was peachy until he runs into a good-looking man on the elevator. Luckily by accident learns mystery man was writing a blog but also runs into him at a show and finds out his name.

Oliver is attending a summer-long program at NYU. He were originally from New Hampshire and decided to go to New York for the summer where he will live life as an out Gay man for the first time in his life. After meeting Bryan, the two strike up a friendship and Bryan takes him under his wing.

Quickly after their friendship began, Bryan realized that keeping his celibacy pact will prove to be a challenge. He's attracted to Oliver in all ways and finds it harder and harder to fight his attraction.

### **My highlights:**

-Bryan and Oliver. These characters were well thought out and their personalities complimented each other well. They were endearing and so much fun to read.

-Narration. This was one of the biggest high points for me. The story is primarily told from Bryan's POV, but we also get an insight into Oliver's thoughts through his blog posts. I found myself enjoying these posts as much as Bryan.

-Relationship development. The progression from friends to more between the main characters felt natural and unforced.

-Chemistry. You know those books where you feel the spark between the main characters oozing off the page? Whether they were just hanging out or in the bedroom- you felt it.

-The pace of the story was smooth and effortless. I found myself trying to slow it down because I was reading too quickly, and I didn't want the book to end.

-Angst. It was there, but not overwhelmingly so, there was just enough to pull at your heartstrings.

-Milo, Milo, Milo. Bryan's best friend was awesome. He was witty and a true friend. Pleeeease, let him get a book, too!

-The end. Loved how the conflict was resolved and gave me a genuine sense that these guys are in it for the long haul. ❤

**Can this book be read as a standalone?** This book and Moment of Silence (Moments In Time #4) can be. The first three: Moment of Impact, Moment of Truth, and Moment of Clarity- cannot.

## **Do I recommend this book?**

**If you're looking for a heartfelt story that will have you swooning and smiling and just make you feel happy- READ. Moment. Of. Fate.**

*ARC kindly provided by Dreamspinner Press to Gay Book Reviews.*

---

### **Renée says**

This was near perfect. I was in the mood for a completely relationship-based romance. It definitely delivered for that.

The good, the bad, and the awesome:

My other favorite part of this book was the nature of the meeting between the MCs. It could be said that they met in an elevator. While that's true, no real bond happened there. No, it was entirely related to an online blog. Bryan sees a blog url in a journal that he finds, and he starts reading it. While this book is told entirely through Bryan's POV, we got Oliver's POV through his blogs. This was done brilliantly by Stivali!

Bryan is fucked up about relationships. I've always wondered if people with this mentality exist IRL. One failed relationship and you're done? Don't want to risk the heartache? It was kind of cliché, if I'm being honest, but I rolled with it. Oliver makes him reconsider, though. He's never met anyone like him.

Oliver is pretty perfect. He's been engaged to a woman for 5 years (she knew he was gay), and then she met someone else. So Oliver is taking classes at NYU for the summer and plans to be out and experiencing the "gay life" for the first time. Bryan is more than happy to demonstrate and become his mentor.

Stivali knows how to write smexy times. They were sensual, emotive, and downright jaw-dropping. Bravo!!!

So, why not 5 stars? Sigh. Until 75%, this was a 4.5-5 star read. But then **The Big Misunderstanding** happened (or maybe it was a small misunderstanding, but still). And then some **No Communicating**. Yeah, it was disappointing that that's the direction the author chose to take, because until that point, I was sold. Then, when we got our resolution, it just ended very abruptly. This book is in desperate need of an epilogue.

So I'm arriving at 4 stars. Definitely worth the read, and I ate up most of the book. Fans of this author will like this a lot.

---

### **Truuss says**

5++ stars

Stunning absolutely stunning. The waves of sentences were magical. The contemplate in them were breathtaking.

It swallowed me totally..... I was in its ban and enthralled.

Bryan and Oliver.....Through Bryan's head and eyes visualised...

Bryan is a songwriter/singer-rocker in the evening and photographer student at daylight....

He has one witty sexy sensual head, I think he thinks in song lines, and sees through a lens..... because all those beautiful observations were like love songs, and breathtaking pictures ....

I loved him from the first page.

And when he lay an eye on a exceptional man in the elevator he sees beauty.

(No facial beauty without inner beauty, that's how I feel about Oliver because I also loved him)

Oliver working in the same building is in his spare time blogger...

Bryan was looking inside an open office room and he sees a leather journal on the floor with "OLIVER UNABRIDGED... www.oliverunabridged..." on it.... he starts reading....who the hell is Oliver...

Well he finds out soon enough....

Jesus what a sensual build up.... you get aroused only by reading how they behave around each other...damn they are hot and sizzling....

And damn the way all the eye-fucking is put down....\*fanning\*

But there is more in this story much more.... a real convincing story, sometimes heartbreaking it felt all so true and honest.

At first sight Bryan is a hot controlling ass everything has to go his way, only he is much more and there are reasons why he is like he is.... the story will tell....

When he meets Oliver his body reacts immediately but.....he is on celibate for nine months already and he wants to make a year. He was done with his oversexed life....

But Oliver is hotness on a stick and he isn't even aware of it.

Oliver is newly out and want to experience his new life as gay the fullest.

Bryan and Oliver become friends and Bryan offers to help him in the gay scene.

But Bryan is jealous as hell and shoot daggers at anyone who approach Oliver.

Finally Oliver ask Bryan what's up and there they go.....hot hot.

Oliver is caring and honest, he knows exactly what Bryan needs...

It's somehow deeply emotional between both and they have the best possible time of their life. The big L is almost rolling....

But old wounds and behavior rears its head and Bryan knows only one thing....back off

It's absolutely not written in a predictable way...it just slipped in ugly.

Both personalities were well exposed and developed, I felt involved with Bryan as well with Oliver.

Amazingly and emotional, almost in a poetic way, written story. I really really enjoyed it very much. All those emotions were put down in a way you could see, smell, hear and feel it deeply, at least I did!!

Highly recommend to all readers of this review!!! My first 5++ of 2017

~ ARC received from Divine Magazine given by Publisher ~

---

## **Judith says**

5 Stars....absolutely loved this.

***"You called me your guardian angel and told me you thought fate had brought me into your life."***

**Don't worry if you haven't read this series....this can be read as a Standalone**

I loved everything about this book.The writing,the characters,the sex,the feelings.I really didn't want it to end.I've read a few really good books in the last few weeks and this is way up there with them....it may even be top of the pile!I don't know how she's done it but Karen Stivali has created passion,chemistry and feelings that just felt so real.

Bryan is a photography student in his final year,juggling his school work and also playing in a band.For reasons that are explained he's given up sex for a year but his celibacy is about to be severely tested when he meets Oliver.

Oliver was engaged to his high school best friend.A convenient arrangement for both of them until she finds someone she doesn't just *love* but has *fallen in love with*.(Don't worry,no cheating and Oliver is more than happy she's found true love ).

Oliver re evaluates his life,he comes out to his family,leaves his home town and moves to New York,determined to embrace his sexuality.

The intensity between them is evident from the start but it's so much more than insta lust,believe me.They become friends first with Bryan introducing Oliver to the NY gay scene.Bryan has problems of his own,though and it's not just that he's been hurt in love before.The last thing he's really looking for is any kind of relationship.

I can't explain how perfect these men are together and it's not just sexually.Even when they are just hanging out together doing every day things the connection between them feels so strong.

## **The sex**

This is hot,I mean really hot,with some of the best sex scenes I've read.I really can't explain but I think it's

down to the writing. Even when they're filthy dirty it's beautiful, you can feel the passion and intensity coming off the pages.

Highly recommended.....read it, I'm sure you'll not be disappointed!!

*Arc from Author.*

*This review has been posted on Dirty Books Obsession*

---

### **Heather the Queen of (Smut)Books says**

3.5 Stars

Up until about 80% I was digging this book. Hard. 5 star read hard. I mean look at that cover. Is that Bryan or Oliver? Cuz damn, he's gorgeous. It was sexy and sweet and had my favorite unicorn. Booty sex virgins are the best \*sigh\*. But I have niggles. Bryan has issues. I get it. His ex cheated in a spectacularly doucheknuckle way, he suffers from a disease he has no control over, his Mom passed away, his band is falling apart....so many things are spiraling out of control for him. But he was living in denial. Oliver was pretty much living with him at this point but he pretty much knew nothing about him because even though he loved him, he wouldn't let himself ask the things he should know or dig any deeper than the surface. Out of fear. He was on complete emotional lockdown. So I totally got the meltdown and the consequences of it. Especially after having one more thing tip him over the edge. But what I didn't get was the manufactured way it occurred. Bryan catches his sisters husband cheating on his sister in his house and his bed. Now before this point, though we know the sister is married, Bill was never mentioned or that him and Bryan were close enough for him to have a key to his apartment and know his schedule. Why in the fuck would his brother in law sneak into his apartment to fuck his girlfriend? That whole bullshit would've been more believable if Bryan had shown up at their home and caught him there. Completely took me out of the story. Then after the big blow up between him and Oliver, we have a pretty substantial separation and Bryan just so happens to run into Erik who tried to date Oliver in the beginning and they get down with some heavy kissing and groping before Bryan comes to his senses. M'kay. Then weeks go by and Bryan just so happens to run into Oliver and finally pours his heart and they make up. The end. I just....didn't believe it. Nothing felt resolved. Did I believe that they belonged together? Yeah. But I wanted more to tie it up. It was like I was riding a roller coaster and it crapped out right before the big drop. An epilogue would've probably helped. Maybe. But the ending left me feeling unsatisfied and bothered.

I'd still recommend it because the writing is stellar, the characters are likable, and the sex is hot.

---

### **Nichole (DirrtyH) says**

12/14: 3.5 stars

I liked this a lot, although there were some mental gymnastics involved with trying to understand Bryan's no-sex thing. Overall a great story. I just wish there'd been a little bit more to grab onto as far as the characters went. They were likable characters but not especially deep.

12/11: I guess we'll see how the book is, but this blurb is sooo up my alley.

---

### **\*J\* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

This was a 5 star read for me until about the last 20%. I didn't care for Bryan's actions. At. All.

I honestly thought his hang-ups were a little ridiculous to begin with but I got over it. But when he really let them get the best of him, he lost me.

Frustrating to say the least...all for the sake of "drama".

The ending made up for it some, but still loses a full star for the eye-roll inducing behavior.

---

### **SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says**

????????????! **Moment of Fate** (stand-alone). **Bryan & Oliver** meet at the wrong time & settle for friendship while secretly lustng after each other!

*I will try to write a better review aft our Shhurrender your TBR challenge.*

**Moment of Fate** (stand-alone) is a steamy hot m/m romance. They work in the same building but their timing is off.

Photography student and musician **Bryan Dane** is on a **hiatus from sex** so he can finish school and get his life on track. Recently transferred student **Oliver Newcastle** is embracing his **freedom and sexuality** and looking to learn all about the single life in the big city.

They both feel an intense attraction to each other but, **settle for friends**. That is until Bryan discovers that Oliver is writing a blog about his experiences living the life in a big city and coming out as gay. **He can't stop reading and lustng** and soon learns Oliver is thinking about him too...

\*\*\*

Hero: ★★★★

Heroine: ★★★★

Plot: ★★★★

Storytelling: ★★★★

Sexual tension: ★★★★★

Sex scenes: ★★★★★

Story ending: ★★★★

\*\*\*\*\*

**OVERALL RATING:** ????????

Angst: | **LOW FOCUS** |

Darkness: | **LOW FOCUS** |

Humor: | **LOW FOCUS** |

Kink: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Romance: | **MEDIUM FOCUS** |

Sex frequency: | **HIGH FOCUS** |

Suspense: | **LOW FOCUS** |

**Thank you** to everyone reading & chatting on Shh... Shhurrender your TBR! <https://goo.gl/ccVTB7>

---