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The promise of a dream job lures Murphy to Tampa, but he arrives to the rude awakening that the offer is on hold. Now he's got two choices: slink back to Michigan with his tail between his legs or stay and look for work. Things perk up when he goes into a coffee shop and learns the owner is looking for someone to renovate the apartment above it. He happily takes the job, only later realizing he's met Joe Sterling, Kaffeinate's proprietor, before... when they hooked up at a club Murphy's first night in Tampa.

Murphy and Joe are both proud, passionate, and outspoken. Neither is looking for a relationship, though they can't deny they go together as well as coffee and doughnuts, in spite of their tempers. But that's before Joe learns Murphy will be working for the corporation he believes is harming local businesses and the environment—and if Murphy will be supporting it, Joe will want nothing to do with him, dooming any possibility of an unexpected happy ending.

## Something's Brewing at Joe's Details

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È la prima volta che leggo qualcosa di SJD Peterson. La lettura è molto scorrevole e la storia è narrata in terza persona da entrambi i protagonisti. L'unico punto negativo della storia è che mi sarebbe piaciuta una descrizione più ampia per quanto riguarda la vita di Murphy e Joe, dove invece ci sono solo degli accenni. Murphy e Joe sono ben descritti caratterialmente e molto realistici come personaggi. Alle spalle hanno una vita dura di alti e bassi e non credono molto nell'amore. Anche se poi l'attrazione che provano uno verso l'altro è troppo forte per assopirla. Non mancano alcuni personaggi secondari importanti per la storia. Se siete amanti del genere lgbt e volete una storia dove regnano due teste calde che non credono molto nell'amore, che amano però dare tutto per la persona che amano, che non hanno avuto un passato facile e dove l'amicizia è importante, allora questa storia fa per voi. Riusciranno Murphy e Joe a risolvere i loro disguidi e ad avere il lieto fino che desiderano veramente? Sta a voi scoprirlo. Io posso solo dirvi che è una storia da non perdere.

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### Federica Lemme says

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Murphy abbandona tutto per ricominciare in Florida, a Tampa, nuovo lavoro, nuova vita, salvo poi ritrovarsi senza niente in mano. Il lavoro è sospeso e deve scegliere tra trovare una soluzione alternativa o ammettere il fallimento e tornare a casa con la coda fra le gambe. Ma Murphy non è uno che si lascia abbattere e di tornare a casa non se ne parla proprio, basta cercare un altro lavoro qualsiasi in attesa di iniziare quello per il quale ha fatto tanta strada.

Nel frattempo, la sera precedente a questo evento, ha un incontro bollente con Joe. Nulla di impegnativo, solo sesso scacciapensieri, perché a una storia seria non è per niente interessato e Joe sembra pensarla come lui.

Ma il destino ci mette lo zampino e, trovato un lavoro temporaneo per ristrutturare un appartamento, guarda il caso il suo nuovo capo è proprio Joe. La chimica fra i due è fortissima, il sesso è da fuochi d'artificio e farne a meno sembra quasi impossibile per entrambi. I battibecchi e le continue frecciatine ironiche fra Murphy e Joe sono divertenti e li ho trovato entrambi molto spiritosi, due simpatici testoni.

La storia nel complesso è piacevole, forse i nostri due ragazzi sono un po' troppo sesso dipendenti, e non stupisce che non riescano mai a risolvere qualcosa visto che non possono parlare senza saltarsi addosso. Un pizzico di intrigo entra nella storia quando Murphy scopre che la società per la quale vuole lavorare non è proprio pulita e decide a quel punto di smascherarla.

Questo contribuisce a rendere la storia un po' più movimentata, meno "Murphy/Joe centrica", ma secondo

me non abbastanza, poteva essere sviluppata un po' di più.

Appare chiaro che sia Murphy che Joe sono rimasti scottati da storie precedenti e per questo combattono l'attrazione, ma mentre di Murphy qualcosa, anche se poco, sappiamo, Joe rimane un enigma.

Ho letto molti libri di questa autrice, sia in italiano che in inglese, e forse questo non è tra i miei preferiti, ma è stata comunque una lettura piacevole. Libro consigliato alle amanti delle storie con tanto sesso e un pizzico di ironia.

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~◊~**Doxi(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says**

I've been waiting for Jo Peterson to write something light and fluffy for ages. I so loved

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***Something's Brewing at Joe's* is indeed an easy read.**

The MCs have an instant sexual connection and spend a lot of time in various states of undress getting each other off. And I do love a steamy story. I really, really do.

But, and it pains me to say this, **the sex sort of overwhelmed the relationship here.** I never got a sense of these guys as fully realized human beings.

Joe owns a coffee shop and was close to his parents before they died. Murphy (don't call him Eugene!), newly arrived in Florida, doesn't want a relationship because his last boyfriend nagged him to death. He never discusses this with Joe, just continues to run hot and cold, fucking Joe and then pushing him away.

Murphy ends up working for an unethical company that tried to force Joe and other small business owners out of their retail space. Murphy overhears something that makes him realize just how far this company would go for a profit.

**While this sounds somewhat exciting, there is little tension in the story, and the issue is resolved fairly easily.**

I did like Kallie, Joe's assistant at the shop. She's sassy and instrumental in bringing Joe and Murphy together.

The ending is a strong HFN, although I was seriously bugged that while Joe told Murphy that he loved him, Murphy never said it back.

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## Ami says

### 2.5 stars

Forgettable \*shrugs\*. Too many of bland and tedious sex scenes; not enough 'bone' of the main story to keep me interested. Plus the two main characters feel immature. I only liked Kallie, the female employee. That's about it.

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## Sheri says

Chemistry. It's an important factor in romance stories, and yet it's not always prevalent. Murphy and Joe have it in spades. The first night they cross paths, their chemistry explodes and nearly takes out all the nearby innocent bystanders. It's almost as if a warning sticker '*highly combustible*' should be smacked onto the cover of this story. Their passion is highly charged. I loved it!

Murphy is from Michigan *\*hip bump to my fellow Michigander\** and looking for a fresh start. He's not looking for a boyfriend or relationship, just blue skies, some sunshine, and a chance to kick off his career. When the job he trekked south for is put on hold, he realizes the holes in his plan. Whoops! He has no money and no backup plan, just a burning desire to not fail and fall flat on his face. Putting his shaky future aside, he goes out for a night of clubbing and runs into the most amazing man. It's funny what complete and utter stratification can do to black clouds that were looming overhead. Lucky gift number one. While sipping a steamy cup at a local coffee shop the next morning his second good fortune is bestowed upon him. He quickly accepts a small remodel job for the coffee shop and throws himself into the demo. The job should take a couple of weeks which *should* cover him until his real job starts. Things are looking up again. That is until he meets the mystery owner of the shop. But Joe's not a stranger after all. Murphy can't work for a man he's sleeping with. However, he can't seem to control his physical reactions to Joe either. If only keeping his hands (and mouth) to himself was his only problem. Something is about to go down and Murphy might be able to stop it, but it's gonna cost him. One way or another he's going to lose and he doesn't know which hit he should take. *\*shiver\** It's so exciting!

**What's to like:** I really enjoyed the writing and smooth paced story. It doesn't take long and the mysterious thread is revealed. It's fairly straightforward and simple; it's about choices. Should Murphy allow a brand new face in his life the power to impact his future? Why does Joe think he can influence the decisions Murphy makes? But what if this 'thing' with Joe could be...it? They are so good together, could this be his chance at happily ever after? When do you put it all on the line and just go for it? And what happens if you're too late? Oh me, oh my, so many questions. I liked the fact that things weren't given easily and they had to work for it. Sprinkle in some snark and sass and I was one happy reader.

**What's to love:** The speed Joe and Murphy fall is near lightning, but I was on board the entire time. I never questioned how quickly things progressed, that was Murphy's job. He was thrown off kilter because he wasn't looking for this indisputable electricity he has with Joe. It irritates him because he didn't want it but then he got it...and now he *needs* it. Joe accepts that what they have is special mainly because the ladies in his life tell him so. And even if he doesn't always trust himself, he has complete confidence in them. Joe and Murphy burn red-hot from the very beginning and it only scorched brighter as things progressed. I loved watching them helplessly fall. I adored Joe from the get-go, as well as his coffee shop and crew. Murphy is equally blessed with a great family and co-workers. Besides the slimy bad guy, all of the characters are

pretty lovable. All in all, there's a lot to love here.

**Beware of:** An abundance of smexy. These two are H.O.T. for each other. It's quite possible Kaffeinate spikes their brew with Viagra because they just can't stop attacking each other. Didn't bother me in the slightest but if gropey hands and lots of...bones aren't your thing, you may want to move along. Both guys also have short tempers and walk the line of anger control issues, I think they need to switch to decaf every once in a while!

**This book is for:** If you are looking for a sweet, sexy and easy read, you should add this to your list. Just remember it's....hot stuff!

**\*4 stars\***

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**Karen says**

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I loved 'Plan B' and 'Override' book 1 of 'The Underground Club' and I have several books by this author from her backlist that I am dying to read but this one just really didn't go so well for me, it was a case of sometimes less is more and in this case a little less sex could have made for a little more story and that would have been just fine with me.

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### **Truuss says**

Murphy and Joe

Both very emotional passionate men. Their heart on their sleeves and their sex life is very dynamic.

Murphy goes to Tampa to make a new start and having his dream job.....not....  
Disillusioned he tries to make the best of it.

Joe oh goshhh Joe horny basterd but so sweet and dedicated.....Joe has a bar 'Kaffeinate'

They meet in a (another) bar and bam when they see each other they are very open about the fact they want the other....now!

Almost running to Joe's place and they have passionate sex....

When Joe hears Murphy has no job he offers him a job to rebuild the apartment above the bar. He can sleep there also...

The are cranky with each other. They argue and fight but ohhh they always make up and how!!  
When Joe finds out where Murphy will soon work he is furious....and the reason.....find out yourself..

A hot steamy story. Two horny men....witty...steady and sweet...lots of arguments and fights.  
The pace was very fast, an entertaining way of writing and sometimes I couldn't see my screen because of the steam.

Very enjoyable if you don't mind kissing , licking, nipping, biting on every part of the body :)

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### **justanya says**

*Something's Brewing at Joe's* landed in my lap at the right time. The real world has been stressful these past couple months ( what else is new) and I have been dying for something light and fun to read to escape from the everyday pressures for awhile. I read the blurb, noticed that SJD Peterson ( one of my favorite all time authors) wrote this and immediately requested a copy to read.

*Something's Brewing at Joe's*, was not quite what I expected. There were elements I loved in this story but a couple elements dampened the story a bit. First off I must say that Peterson has written some of my favorite unforgettable book characters. Peterson, delivers everytime I pick up her books. I buy her paperbacks whenever I stumble upon them. I adore (off the top of my head), Connor and Lorcan, characters from her Conner's Courage Whispering Pines Ranch series; Danny from and Matty from her sweet short to name a few. Jo's characters have a way of pulling at that rebellious courageous part of ourselves that tend to emerge when we have to make decisions that permanently change our lives. The minute I read the blurb I instinctively knew that Murphy and Joe were going to be such characters and I could not wait to read Peterson's latest adventure.

The blurb pretty much sums up the story so I won't re-hash those details. What I will say is that this is a fun, lively story chock full of characters that I wanted to know more about. Murphy and Joe are very likable characters. I love their banter and how they interact as a couple. I just wish that more time was spent developing their romance outside the bedroom. Now, don't get me wrong, I love a great sex scene ( and the ones in this story are scorching hot), however; I also like balance. I felt like I knew Murphy and Joe better than they knew each other outside the bedroom. Outside of sexual compatibility and loveable personalities, what's the glue holding these two together? Don't get it twisted. The sex and plot may have overwhelmed the story but this was still a great fun read and I would love it if these guys were to have a follow- up story of some sort because there's still so much left for us to learn about them. Until then, enjoy the banter, the colorful supporting characters and of course the sex ;) Happy reading!

\*ARC provided for review at my discretion\*

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### **Michela biasca says**

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### **Lelyana says**

I was interested to the cover and blurb. I read this author's book before and liked it.

Started really good and I enjoyed fifty percent mark of this book, until there was too much sex, and sex, and sex. I'm finally exhausted. Maybe I'm too old for this kind of story, you can blame me then.

Started with a fling, and the fling become a cling and they're finally cannot be separated in seconds.

Both having short temper and non stop sex drive, Joe and Murphy were made for each other.

This was actually can be more enjoyable if only they didn't have sex every time they met. Less talk, more sex.

That's the only reason they're arguing, a miscommunication can be the cause of couple problem.

added the short temper, boom!

Good thing is, you know, the sex is epic, so I don't think they can be away from each other for long. Like, one day :)

Overall, if you like a light read, a very low angst, loads of sex, this your book.

Read it on weekend getaway with your partner, this one is a good booster. Just saying.

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## **R \* A Reader Obsessed \* says**

### **2.5 Hearts**

I don't quite know what to say about this story. I think it has some really great things to it, but on the rare occasion that an audio can make or break a read for me, it really affected my thoughts on how these characters and the story were interpreted.

Basically, Murphy and Joe meet up in a club, and they hit if off immediately. They both want a no strings attached hookup and really believe their one off is just that - a fabulous night of hot fucking never to see each other again. However, of course circumstance will not allow such, and they find themselves employee and employer in an unconventional setting. What proceeds is the inevitable feelings and wanting more despite both of them protesting too much.

Per the blurb, these two are "proud, passionate, and outspoken", and boy does narrator Chase Johnson take that description to heart making both Murphy and Joe aggressive, brash, and arrogant. I admit I do not have much experience reading Peterson, but this just seemed a tad bit OTT, a tad bit too much in how these guys acted and thought and spoke, running hot and cold and back to hot, as they grapple with their feelings and the volatile conflict arising from Murphy's other job. Now granted, that could be solely from the audio, which just did not work for me. Murphy and Joe are live hot wires, and Johnson uses those cues to the max, so much so it was jarring every time they growled or snapped or barked at each other. Unfortunately, he did this constantly with both characters, making them nearly indistinguishable. Even their thoughts were loud and indignant and it seemed like they were in a constant battle to see who could be the most tough and manly.

So yes, this time around the audio definitely influenced my rating. Usually, I can keep things separate but this was so dramatic and in your face, I was exhausted every time I listened to this. Points towards Murphy and Joe being horny with a capital H. They're young, single, and looking to have a good time, and boy do they find it with each other over and over again despite all their squabbles. If you're a fan of Peterson I'd say sample this audio hard, but I recommend sticking with the written word instead.

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

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## Karen says

2.5 stars rounded up to 3 because still no 1/2 stars here on GR.

### ***I probably should have quit while I was ahead...***

I first read this book back in early July of this year and I guess I went into this thinking that this story might work better for me on audio...it happens. What doesn't happen very often is that things go from well...bad to worse.

My original feelings about this story haven't changed. So here's my original review if you want a refresher...

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I honestly figured at the very least this was going to remain a 3 star read for me...what I wasn't counting on and please believe me when I say this is a really, really subjective opinion here, but bizarrely enough this one got knocked down a notch because try as I might I just couldn't get past the narrator's voice. Now it's not that it's bad or that I couldn't understand him or any of that and honestly I can see where other people will probably be thinking that maybe Karen's a little cray, cray, but the thing is for me there were times when I'm sure that Joe and/or Murphy were meant to sound all sexy and passionately growly and to me it was more like an angry, ragey growl. In other words for some reason the emotion that was being conveyed wasn't the emotion that I was picking up on...hopefully this makes sense.

So anyways, not to belabor the point I'm just going to summarize by saying Chase Johnson was the narrator for this one and for whatever reason this narrator's voice doesn't work for me and if I'm listening to what's suppose to be an intense, intimate scene between two people it just yanks me out of the story when I feel like one of those people is really angry rather than really passionate...it's me and I'm totally owning this one folks...like I said very, very subjective opinion here.

I highly recommend checking out the audio sample if this one is of interest to you. After all, you never know...you may find you really like this narrator's voice and really that's all that matters at the end of the day is what works for any of us as individuals.

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### **Elyxyz says**

Voto: 3.5 stelline.

La storia è carina e si legge facilmente per qualche ora di intrattenimento. Murphy e Joe sono due testoni: forti, cocciuti, determinati, ma con l'animo buono e onesto. Le loro personalità spiccatamente dominanti fanno scintille, così come l'attrazione praticamente istantanea fra loro che perciò non tarda a divampare e poi continua, continua, continua. Sebbene entrambi non cerchino una relazione stabile, la loro affinità è innegabile. Punto bonus per Kallie, dipendente 'grillo parlante' che è un personaggio delizioso.

Ho dato un punteggio medio perché, anche se ho amato le scene esplicite e sensuali, devo però dire che, per mio gusto personale, sono un po' troppe e un po' ripetitive, a discapito di una trama che si smuove davvero solo parecchio dopo la metà del libro. Non dico che tutto quel sesso non mi sia piaciuto (perché era ben descritto e ben tradotto), ma avrei sfoltito, ecco.

In conclusione: storia piacevole, senza troppo impegno e senza slanci; adatta a chi cerca una serata di relax con tanto rotolamento fra le lenzuola piuttosto che trame d'azione o drammi.

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## **Sara says**

### **4.5 Hearts**

I firmly believe in there's a right book for you at the right moment and this was the perfect book for me. I was in a bit of a slump with nothing quite pulling me in like I wanted it and then I met Murphy and Joe and they quite literally fucked the slump away.

*Enjoy the moment. There's time later to talk.*

Murphy has left the cool temps of Michigan to follow his career to Tampa and use the skills he's gone to trade school for but a snafu leaves him jobless and unwilling to run back home with his tail between his legs. With the need to get his frustrations out, Murphy finds a local gay friendly bar and attempts to find something or someone to pound his frustrations out with.

Joe is out for the night during his employee imposed vacation dancing the night away at Flamingo's when he sees a man who is just his type at the bar, aka Murphy. A bit of small talk and a bit of talk about anatomy not being small, has Joe and Murphy headed to Joe's to find some mutual release through horizontal dancing of their own.

But both men see this as a one night stand even though both men have a hard time getting the other out of their head. I guess it's a good thing Murphy is in need of a job and the coffee shop he walks into just happens to need a handyman to renovate the upstairs apartment. Oh and that coffee shop is owned by Joe, yup... Murphy has kinda turned into the one night stand that never left.

The sexual tension between these two is insatiable and I loved it. There isn't much talking to be had when your mouth is full of cock/ass and these men love the taste of one another. It would seem tedious how much they are together physically if they weren't perfect and so sexy together. Good lord. Joe and Murphy have amazing chemistry from the first look at one another that blends into passion that burns your fingertips as you read this. Passion like these two have makes for some serious bedroom sessions that leave the men and this reader panting because seriously, they are hotter than hot.

***“Jesus, Joe.”***

***“Too slutty?”***

***“Not unless you do that for everyone.”***

***“Just you.”***

***“Then the only term I’d use to describe it is ‘really hot.’”***

It's not all smooth sailing and sex for the couple though. Passion, as telenovelas have taught us, leads for hot

sex and hot tempers, and Murphy and Joe are guilty of both. The men fight and fuck their way to resolutions and honestly, admit that they fuck and fight their way through it all. The both know they should talk about issues that come up but end in bed and talk later. I loved that about them, how they call themselves out on being hornier than a ten peckered owl but get the sex out and then get down to talking. Communication isn't only verbal between these two and their best communicating is when they are connected, intimately.

There is a story with all this sex and while it caused tension and a bit of angst between the men, it wasn't that big of a distraction from the romance and that made me happy. Sure, both Murphy and Joe make some quick/wrong decisions when it comes to how they treat the other but both men have come from bad relationships and carry a bit of that baggage around. The good thing though, they fall so damn hard for one another so damn fast they barely recognize when it slaps them in the face and not with the other's penis.

Seriously though.

This book was fun, sweet, sexy and romantic. I don't need to give you a long rambling review to tell you that I enjoyed the hell out of meeting Murphy as he was melting from the Tampa heat and humidity after getting a blow to his career dreams to meeting the man of his dreams on a hot and humid dance floor. I just need to tell you this book made my Monday, took me out of a book slump, made me squirm in my seat and made me smile more times than I can count.

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### **Amarilli Settantatre says**

Noioso, piatto.

Di quest'autrice ho amato "Piano B", mentre questo libro non mi ha soddisfatto per nulla.

Mi dispiace, ma i personaggi non mi hanno lasciato niente, non mi hanno suscitato alcuna simpatia, e ho trovato la trama in sé piuttosto debole.

Non è che una lunga sequenza di sesso/litigio/sesso riappacificatore/ nuova incomprensione e litigio/sesso, ecc. A un certo punto le scene di sesso sono così simili, che fai fatica a proseguire, perché ti sembra di averlo letto nel capitolo precedente.

Il racconto dei giorni lavorativi che si susseguono al Kaffeinate è davvero poco intrigante: oltre a Murphy e a Joe ci sono altre figure, che però non riescono a riempire l'opacità della coppia principale.

E poi lo stile è troppo raccontato, con questo narratore onnisciente che ci racconta ogni minimo dettaglio e spiega ogni minima emozione, senza lasciare al lettore la possibilità di immaginarselo con i propri occhi.

Poi, quando stai per crollare, arriva un repentino cambio di registro che ti spiazza del tutto: si passa dal sesso sfrenato tra due uomini liberi all'Amore imbarazzato di due adolescenti. L'autrice stessa lo dice: "Era un momento orribile per professare il suo amore". E infatti: ma perché professarlo? Due minuti prima tenevano il broncio e due minuti dopo saltano al "vissero felici e contenti".

Anche l'ultima parte è all'insegna della noia, con dialoghi davvero banali e un trionfo di "piccolo" e "passerotto", che si conclude in uno smieloso epilogo. Per carità, in altri contesti sarebbe potuto passare, ma non in un libro incentrato per tre quarti sul sesso.

Tirando le somme, la cover mozzafiato è l'unica cosa che ti fa provare qualcosa.

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