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Sawyer Smith is preparing to take on the world, and with his graduate degree only days away, he's hoping to convince his gorgeous best friend and neighbor to come along for the ride. There's only one problem; Draco has a secret, a big scaly secret, and it's about to change Sawyer's life forever.

When three mysterious men move into the new mansion across the street, Sawyer is plunged into a fantastical world he never knew existed, one filled with creatures of legend. Discovering the truth about Draco and his role as guardian of The Chosen One is only the tip of the paranormal iceberg.

Being drawn to this strange new world is challenging enough, but then Sawyer finds himself attracted to all The Chosen One's guardians. Giving into his desire comes with incredible risks. Once the chosen one is found, Sawyer will return to his human life, without the guardians, without Draco.

As danger mounts, Sawyer must choose between guarding his heart from the men he grows closer to by the day, or give in and risk losing it all.

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Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

3.5 stars

The best way to describe All or Nothing is simply that it's fun. We are first introduced to Sawyer, who appears to be your everyday, average boy next door (Clue #1? I will let you decide). He's in love with his best friend and neighbor, Draco. Draco has made a name for himself online and the fascination with Draco is widespread. Sawyer thinks that all he will ever have is friendship with Draco, but Sawyer has no idea Draco thinks of Sawyer as his mate.

The plot then moves along quickly as we meet, Henry, Eduard, and Andvari. We also learn quickly what they all are, but it is fun in the moment to learn about them. All of the men, except for Sawyer, are guardians for The Chosen One. They have all had a role to fill for many years preparing for when The Chosen One will be revealed to them. Sawyer immediately becomes invested with all of the men, learns that his closest friend is really a dragon, and takes all of the paranormal happenings completely in stride. His acceptance may have been a little too easy.

Read Michelle's review in its entirety [here](#).

S. says

Loved it

Guilty pleasure. This book is one of those, because it's one of those fast pace multiple men romances I can't help but love. Where's the next one!

Relly says

Enjoyed

3.5 ??

I enjoyed this one. I liked each of the guys individually and enjoyed them together. I like that they all have their own strengths and they all keep learning throughout the book. I also liked that they had to at least discuss individually being together, especially with paranormal stories as that generally makes it easier to say they are mates and that's what is attracting them. It's hard to write multi partners and make it work, but this

one does well. It did help that it was explained early that dragons take multiple partners.

My only real problem was there was too much sexy time and I found myself tartsing to skim over it no matter how hot it was. At the moment there are only 4 guardians and its out of control, I think from memory there will be 8 in total so I'm worried I'm going to end up skimming most of the final books. And I really didn't like the whole dirty talk and daddy part, I didn't think it was needed.

That being said the underlying storyline was good and engaging, I can't wait to see where it goes. I love Draco and how he pampers his mates and especially how they all pander to him and allow it.

Bea says

Three and a half stars.

First and foremost, I want to get this out of the way. This book is being advertised as a harem romance, which I am always hesitant about, but I was skimming through some chapters - since I seriously don't give much of a damn about spoilers - and realized that *All or Nothing* leans a bit more towards an actual polyamorous relationship. So I figured I'd give it a try, and I'm pretty glad I did. The book *is* actual polyamory, though there's a pretty big focus on Sawyer, as expected. But I greatly appreciated how all the guys were attracted to each other, and I'm crossing my fingers that the remaining guardians will also love each other, and not just Sawyer.

The book is heavy on the sex scenes and lighter on the plot, I'll be honest. It's the first book in the series, and it serves as an introduction to the lore and the big prophecy that sets the series into motion. Most of the minimal plot action happens in the beginning, when Sawyer gets exposed to this new world with its strange creatures, and in the end, when the danger starts presenting itself. I admit I found Sawyer's easy acceptance of the otherworldly creatures to be a bit ridiculous and unrealistic, but I didn't much care. At the rate I'm going when it comes to fantasy and paranormal books, and with my active imagination, I probably would accept shit as easily as Sawyer did.

The middle section of the book was mostly sex. It probably would annoy someone who's reading for the plot as well, but again, I didn't much care. The sex scenes were ridiculously hot in my opinion, and throw in a bit of a kink I really love (I won't say which!), and you got Bea fanning herself in excitement. As I mentioned above, this series is proving to be more polyamory than harem romance, and it made me enjoy everything a lot more. The sex scenes were used as a way of showing the growing closeness of the men, I suppose? Sometimes it may have felt a bit too gratuitous to me. But I can easily forgive that, as long as the next few books hold a bit more plot as well.

Overall, I think this is a pretty solid debut novel. There were pacing issues, and the backstory of each character was kinda minimal and I would've appreciated more worldbuilding. Another person might complain there's just too much sex. But for escapism and a bit of a steamy read, this definitely hit the mark. There were some typos here and there, but nothing too drastic that took away my enjoyment of the story. I'm looking forward to more of this series.

NeRdyWYRM says

Alright, Look...

It's a whole lotta info dump and some very...intriguing M/M, M/M/M, and oh wait M/M/M/M etc. combos.

Authors, please stop calling these "harem" romances. It carries an extremely negative connotation for some people, myself included.

I picked this one up based on an excellent blurb and for the paranormal factor. Had that not been the case, I'd have left it behind because of the "harem" references, as I have done with many, many others before.

Regardless, I was not disappointed.

The character-development is a little superficial because there are quite a few, after all, with more incoming. The mythos builds on itself and is very solid by the end of this book. That is a strong point.

My brain is weaving out possible plot lines like string theory. THAT is a better than strong point. I honestly cannot wait to see what's next.

Badh says

Oh my, oh my, oh my. What happens when you mix 5 steaming hot guys, magic, and LOTS of very, very, very hot sex? You get this book. And oh yeah, it was so great.

Sawyer and Draco are best friends and neighbors, and they are also madly in love with each other, even if they each hide it from the other. When 3 hot guys move in across the street, Henry, Eduard, and Andi, secrets start coming out. Sawyer takes things all in stride, and fits in with the other 4 guys as well.

This book shows all kinds of love, which is awesome. It also shows that it's possible to love more than one person and to love them all in their own special and unique way as well as loving everyone as a group. There's a lot of sex. I mean A LOT of sex. It's so hot, even if I don't have all the necessary parts. I would probably call it a sex free-for-all. If you can think of a combination of partners that 5 men can get into, or a position, it has been described in this book. But, for all the very screaming hot sex, none of it is gratuitous. It all fits into the plot really well and there is actually very good reasons for it to happen.

I really loved this book, a lot. Just in case you couldn't tell. I can't wait for the next book, because it's going to be really fantastic, I think.

Kendra T says

HOT HOT HOT!!! This book had some steam, but there was also a really cool story to go along with it to make it a great overall story. Sawyer lives next door to his best friend Draco (who he has a crush on). They go across the street to welcome the new neighbors, and everything changes for the guys. Sawyer, who is a clueless human, ends up meeting a vampire (Andvari), a griffin (Eduard), and a magic wielding human (Henry), and he learns that Draco is a dragon. The four guys are the guardians of the long awaited Chosen One. Now that Sawyer knows his secret, Draco admits his feelings for Sawyer and they get together, but Draco also tells him that when the Chosen One is found, they have the ability to keep them apart because of his job as guardian. He also tells him that Dragons tend to take multiple mates, which helps both of them

since they are both attracted to the other 5 guys. They decide to make the most of the time they have, and everyone is all on board. There are some amazingly steamy scenes between the 5 guys-all together and in separate pairs/groups. The 5 all love each other, and it is cool to see them gel perfectly.

I am super excited and interested to see what comes next in this story. We learn a lot of interesting information in this book, and there are still 4 guardians who need to be introduced. I don't know if all 4 of them will join into the ranks of the amazing group of 5 that already exists, but I can imagine how HOT that book could be. :-) This was a 4.5 star book for me.

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ReviewerLarissa says

Warning: mild spoilers ahead

This is a book with an identity crisis. Beside the marketing, it's not a harem romance (not really to me at least), it's not a serious urban fantasy or paranormal romance; the plot is too whimsical and flimsy for that, but it's also not entirely porn without plot. Neither is a humor. It comes across as an elaborate of alpha/omega shifterbook

For a new author, it was good (technical) writing, with a beautiful cover.
But it missed a good editor, because the plot is inconsistent and barely there.

It started out solid, with good strong characters, but once they get together, all of that goes out the window and all the typical stereotypes emerge. Of course the submissives are both virgins and the others alphas, despite the bit of shifting in top/bottom.

Then there was the awkward, cringe-worthy sex scenes. The sudden daddy porn (which I thought wasn't befitting the characters) the mentioned wanting to "breed" one of the submissives to give them cubs (brrrr) and little inconsistencies like: a griffin is part lion and part eagle, but one creature. The mentioned griffin repeatedly mentions that "his lion wants too..." which is something else entirely as a griffin is one creature not two separate one despite the appearance.

The book certainly has potential, but fell short for me. Despite the beautiful cover.

The plot went out the window but for a few flimsy points and there is barely any worldbuilding. It's focussed solidly on the main characters with a one time appearance by a father. Despite there being many family members and brothers and sisters mentioned.

Leaundra says

This was really pretty good. Too much happens for me to be able to explain it right. Plus, I don't want to spoil anything. Looking forward to book 2.

Ariel says

What a great start to a new series! The plot is rather fast-paced but I didn't mind that at all. Each character was unique and I loved Sawyer and all the guardians. Their dynamic is so good and I loved seeing them all interacting together, as well as in smaller pairs.

This is definitely a series to look out for and I can't wait to find out what Blake has in store for these guys next!

4.5 Stars

JenMcJ says

** Not an ARC review ** 3.5 stars rounded up. Apparently we have another new author that pulled it all together for their debut with more to come. I hope she can live up to this one and show even more growth and maturity as the series progresses.

I'm impressed. The blurb makes it seem like it's going to be mostly a PWP/erotic paranormal/fantasy type book...and it is... but surprisingly it has a somewhat strong paranormal/fantasy plot premise that fits in nicely between all the pretty well written sex scenes and should be expanded in future books if the author is paying attention.

The plot is intriguing and as the adventure is beginning I am actually invested in how this is going to turn out for Sawyer and the gang. **Bonus:** the sex is extremely hot and kinky with dirty talk and inventive positions and I can't tell you how much I LOVED how Draco embraced his mates and cared for them. Probably one of the most romantic and loving personality traits I've seen written in a long time.

I want to tackle this reverse or gay harem label thing though. Where did this come from? This is a polyamorous (m/m/m/m) book. All the guys get it on with each other. Nobody is really more focused on than anyone else to a large extent. Yeah, Sawyer and Draco are probably the *mainest* characters but there are no set couples; this is not even monogamish. All 5 of these guys pair up and triple up and swap around without any jealousy or issues. Their bed fits all of them at once (and their bathtub too) no problem. They are mates. No one is being serviced by 4 guys exclusively. And there are still 4 more guardians on their way to join them.

I hope Macy Blake is not a slow writer and that the next part of this series comes around sooner rather than later.

Note on the cover, I don't picture any of these guys as young as this cover except maybe Sawyer and Henry. I think it's a bit misleading and seems a little bit more YA than intended. This is not a YA book

llv says

Rating: 4 stars

I read the prequel, which is the third book in the series, before I read this book. I'm glad I did because it gave

valuable background information on one of the guardians. I didn't quite enjoy this book on the level that I did that one. It was still a good book and I loved all the characters. I think what brought down the book a bit for me was over abundance of bedroom antics between the characters. I guess since there is romance between five individuals it's to be expected. Still, they were a bit much for me. I ended up skipping most of them. Especially when one of the MCs started calling the other one daddy. Eww. Just not for me.

The remainder of the story when it focused on the chosen one and guardians was good. I was fully invested in the characters and their quest. I really want to know what is going to happen. Hopefully, the next book will focus more on plot and less on the sexy times.

Jamie says

WOW. I could not put this book down! This was such a delightful, sexy read. I don't think I've read a gay harem book before, let alone one that is also paranormal, but I am definitely on the hook for this series now.

I don't want to give too much away or spoil anything, because this is treat everyone deserves to unwrap themselves. But basically, this book starts with Sawyer and Draco, who are neighbors and best friends. Then Henry, Eduard and Andvari move in next to them. When the five meet each other, they quickly realize they were put in each other's paths for a reason and have to come together to figure out what's happening.

And oh do they come together so nicely! All five share an attraction to each other and we are treated to all sorts of pairings and groupings. Not only is it all super hot, but the author manages to avoid any scenarios of jealousy or feeling left out, which I so appreciated because I can struggle with that in poly books. Also, I found I actually really liked all the main characters -- not something easily accomplished when there are five of them.

While the "harem" aspect is very present, there's actually a great paranormal plot going on too, involving fantastical creatures like a griffin, there is a Chosen One who has guardians, magic and so much more. I was just as into the paranormal side of this as I was the sexy times. The entire concept as whole completely worked for me, and I'm so looking forward to the next book.

And for anyone wondering, since this is book one, it ends with a HFN, not a cliffhanger.

(Honest review of an advance copy of this book.)

namericanwordcat says

I wanted to like this. A large cast of paranormals. Poly. Fun.

But the pacing was off and I just couldn't care about anyone.

Alex says

DNF at 60%
