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**-Red Hot? That's the profile title we're going with?-** Newly-out firefighter Red has a pretty average life-a job he loves, supportive friends, big dreams, and a little trouble finding a roommate. That is, until he rescues a slightly odd computer nerd from his burning apartment building.

Andy isn't just any computer nerd. He's the computer nerd who single-handedly built the up-and-coming dating app, M4M. Until now, Red's been afraid to put himself out there-but with Andy as his new roommate, he's not going to have any choice. Andy needs a test case, someone to prove his matching algorithms can find anyone the perfect partner.

When he discovers that Red's never been on a date before, Andy makes him his pet project-he's going to find Red the man of his dreams, whatever it takes.

The only problem is that Andy is the man of Red's dreams, and Red can't bring himself to face the embarrassment of telling him-after all, Andy isn't interested, right?

Little does Red know that Andy's been thinking the same thing. If only his algorithms agreed...

*Red Hot is a standalone gay romance with a HEA and no cliffhanger. It does, however, contain several terrible jokes, stress-induced baking, a string of weird dates, explicit sex scenes, and a Dalmatian called Spot.*

## Red Hot Details

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## From Reader Review Red Hot for online ebook

### F. says

An enjoyable story but it didn't grab me the same as Manny Makes Three. Some parts dragged a little.  
3.5 stars, 4 for GR

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### Valerie says

This is a very sweet story.

Andy is saved from a fire by Red, a firefighter who recently had come out and hasn't had a boyfriend at the age of twenty-three. Andy needs a place to stay and Red needs a room, so Andy moves in. They quickly become friends, because Red gets Andy's sarcasm and Andy thinking that Red is the sweetest man he's ever met. And because Red saved his life, Andy feels as though he owes Red, although Red doesn't see it that way. Andy is an app developer who gets lost in his work and is although he makes excuses that his relationships have failed because he's too busy, being with Red makes him realize that working is a choice and so is giving his attention to his romantic interests.

But Red wants a boyfriend and feeling that his app can help Red and believing this is the perfect way to pay Red back for saving him, Andy keeps pushing him into dating men he matches with on his app, all the while devastated that his app says he and Red have zero capability.

When he sees his ex, Andy kisses Red and that one kiss changes their relationship. I loved this story; how Andy's self-image changed because of Red and realizations that he's not an asshole and Red becoming the sweetest boyfriend to Andy and how supportive Andy became of his dream of going back to school and supporting him in his career as a firefighter.

Another wonderful story from Sean Ashcroft!!

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### Katherine says

#### Matching the unmatchable

This story was just the right amount of light and sweet. With two characters that want each other but don't believe the other could want them, it is a story of little mishaps and little lies that all work out.

Andy and Red first meet when Red saves Andy from a fire. Without a place to live Andy responds to a Craigslist ad that puts him on Red's doorstep. As soon as Andy realizes Red is using his ap to get out and date he decides to use Red as a trial to see how well his ap works as well as repay Red for his help.

Andy is attracted to Red, but doesn't think Red is interested in him. Out of curiosity Andy checks how well he and Red match on the ap and finds out they don't at all. As such he believes he shouldn't pursue his feelings, hiding behind the stats. Meanwhile, Red finds himself falling for Andy as they become close

friends. Red believes that there is no way Andy is interested, as not only has he never made a move but he is also sending him out on dates. The fear on both sides to actually talk about it keeps the two from anything more. It takes some outside influence to push them, but as it is both men afraid to talk and there are plenty of 'fake dates' it never felt too aggravating that the two wouldn't talk. It made it all worth it in the end!

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## ? Todd says

This story was **well-written**, but the harping on and on about how neither MC thought that the other MC was, or ever could be, attracted to them...

Lord, that was **soooo exhausting and repetitive**.

The **sexy bits were definitely worth a read**, but not sure those would justify picking this one up, if I had to do it all over again.

All things considered, I'd rate this one at **around 2.75 stars**.

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*This story is free with Kindle Unlimited membership.*

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## Apolishedreader says

This book redefines slow. Even the beginning, when Andy is being rescued from a burning building, was a tad boring. He is coughing, convinced that his life is over, then a hulking firefighter tosses Andy over a shoulder and carries him out to safety. That sounds so exciting...but...meh.

Red is a firefighter who rescues Andy from certain demise in the burning inferno that was his apartment. He happens to also be recently out and looking for a roommate.

Andy is an app designer who now finds himself homeless. Coincidentally, he is looking for short term lodging outside of a hotel and has stumbled upon a wanted ad for a roommate.

You know what happens next, don't you?

So, these two start living together and Andy quickly realizes that Red is a bit on the inexperienced side with regards to his sexuality. Who better to help Red find a relationship than the creator of a dating app?

They both end up crushing on one another, but both see themselves as in the friend zone. Andy's app algorithm says their chances are nil. Red is convinced that Andy isn't interested because he is continuing to try to get Red out on dates.

Enter an ex-boyfriend, a dog, a kiss, sexy times that are a bit yawn-worthy (though we are told it is the hottest sex ever), then another potential death by fire and the book gets wrapped up.

This book had potential if only the main characters were a bit more fleshed out. What happened with Red's family? Where did he live before this place? What did Andy do before hitting it big with this app? Where is Andy's family? Do both of them really not have any friends? The characters lacked dimension and personality outside of "weird" so I never really felt strongly about either of them.

I will leave this at two stars. The very end was super sweet. I wish that I had been more invested by then, though.

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### **Pixie says**

DNF'd at 81%. I literally just read the book Cocky by the same author and I cannot believe this is the same author. I actually have a conspiracy theory that Amazon is just buying up a bunch of stories cheap and publishing them under the name Sean Ashcroft. What brought me to that conclusion? This book. It sucked compared to Cocky. The dialogue was juvenile, the sex...ugh I would rather not. The turmoil about liking your roommate, turned friend, turned BFF turned love of your life was ridiculous. Didn't these two only know each other for two weeks? And the ginger virgin firefighter \*deep sigh\*.

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### **namericanwordcat says**

While I liked each hero, they each felt more like sketches to me than fully developed characters and the conflict to their romance got a bit tiresome.

I loved the set up and who each man is but I needed more time of them being together as such different people to make this book work for me.

I will read more by this author though because despite all of that I enjoyed the book.

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### **Ottilee B. says**

#### **Fireman and a Nerd!!!**

This was a fantastic story. Two friends fall for each other against the odds. HUMANITY WINS AGAIN! Yea! Recommended. Like the idea s they have. Mesh well.

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### **Kaila says**

this was sweet.. and yummy. and hot and very typical.. i enjoy a good HEA though so it worked for me.. i really loved the characters and the slow burn and the writing was superb as always. i am glad i got to review it

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### **Krissy says**

The MCs had the same last name. I wonder if that was intentional. If it was intentional I found it odd that it wasn't ever acknowledged. When Red finally tells Andy his real full name there wasn't even a reaction to his last name.

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## Catherine says

\*\*\* 2.5 Stars \*\*\*

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## Pam Kay says

RED HOT!! The storyline was strong and the characters were well developed and amazing. Andy finds himself being carried out of his apartment building by Red, a firefighter, as his home is being engulfed with flames. Andy finds himself homeless and Red is looking for a roommate. Either fate or coincidence has brought the two together a second time as the two agree to room together. Andy is still trying to get over a breakup from a year ago. Red has just come out of the closet 6 months ago, never been on a date or having real experience as a gay man, a virgin. The two get along beautifully denying the feelings the two are having for each other. Andy has been the author of the M4M dating app. Seeing that Red is exploring the site, Andy jumps in helping him with it to the point of setting up dates for him, with disappointing results. Andy decides to take Red in a pretend date to see what Red is doing. But the date ends in an unexpected kiss that Andy does to make his ex jealous. The kiss brings out more than either had intended. Red wants more and so does Andy. Two men who were 0 percent compatible at first, proves that the data is wrong. This is one HOT book.. Soulmates. Loved it!♥?

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## Pippacon says

### An Ok Read

I have a couple of Sean's books in my digital library at the moment. I find his writing refreshing. This story in particular however, is not going to go down as one of my favorites in the MM category. The reason being, I couldn't feel the connection between the two characters. They were just two people who lived together. There was no exclusive passion. It took me longer than usual to finish this story because I kept waiting for the moment that special connection would take place and it never happened. Since it was Red's first time for everything and the same in a way for Andy, I was expecting more passion, more sizzle. Their connection was bland and ordinary so I couldn't connect with them. Aside from the passion being missing, the overall story was ok. Red was sweet and loveable. I didn't really get Andy. I will still continue to read Sean's stories because like I said in the beginning his writing is refreshing. I just wished this story produced more excitement.

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## Alex says

\*ARC provided by the Author in exchange for an honest review\*

3.5 stars

Announcement: we are talking about firefighters. Did you understand? What could be sexier than a firefighter? A RED hot firefighter! Another sweet story with a happy ending. I SO love Sean's stories!

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## **BR11 says**

Bad. I almost feel asleep during the sexy times. Say what? Boring sex? Yes, people! Booooringgggg! And totally lacking of feelings. It felt clinical. I didn't know if Red was getting a rectal exam or was having sex with Andy. I was reading it and wondering why on earth is Red enjoying this?

The characters couldn't be any more one dimensional if they tried... the dialogue was flat, immature and absurd. That is, when they bothered to talk, because half the book was spent with silly miscommunication. I think I've never read a romance novel where one MC tells the other: "I love you" and the response is a yawn. Are you freaking kidding me?

And the marriage proposal was absolutely the most terrible marriage proposal in the history of romantic books.

Just say no, kiddos.

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