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## **Martin**

They say that disasters bring people closer together and, in my experience, that's true. I just didn't expect for the guy who saved me from a wildfire to be the man of my dreams.

I also didn't expect him to have a pair of terrifying dogs--stereotypical dogs! What kind of firefighter actually has dalmatians?!

Still, maybe this is an opportunity. The pet shop isn't happy that I can't deal with the dogs. Maybe, with Lance's help, I can get past my fears. I don't know if I'm ready to open up that much, but it's just so easy to talk to him.

## **Lance**

My life is a bleak, undesirable thing. Trapped in a world of lies, I didn't think that I'd find love in the middle of a blaze.

Now, I just have to find my way out.

Martin is my guiding light. I just hope I keep moving toward it. With a boss who has enough blackmail to condemn me in anyone's eyes, I need all the help I can get.

*This novel is full of smoking hot scenes that might leave you needing to call in for assistance. This book should only be read by those 18 years and older. Adults only, please.*

An Mpreg Romance.

## **Starting His Fire Details**

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### **Misty Goan says**

An interesting well written interesting storyline filled with drama, plot twists and is sweet. You will realize you can find love in unexpected places as Lance who is a firefighter had to fight a wildfire comes across Martin who ends up homeless due to the fires. They decide to be roommates. It was an amazing slow burn that was faced against many obstacles that included secrets, lies, deception, coercion, suspense, romance, action, angst and laughter. Loved the heart pounding moments and the steamy scenes. They tip toed around each other at first and eventually grown to love, help, and respect each other.

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### **Lacrymosa Quiñones says**

Reading this book from beginning to end made me feel like I was in the middle of a television drama! It took me by surprise but I did thoroughly enjoyed the book from the very first page.

Character breakdown;

Lance: I didn't know what to expect from him it was hard to read where his direction would go. His almost terse demeanor made it hard to like at first. Eventually I warmed up to the character and loved his persona, especially his love for dogs.

Martin: I get being afraid of dogs but working some where you know you see them often? Kind of a oxymoron moment you would think he use it as a chance to face his fear. But I won't hold it against the guy Martin was an interesting character nonetheless.

The book had drama, laughter, and steamy scenes plus dogs! Lol it was exciting to read something different but enjoyable.

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### **Kirsty Mckenzie says**

**I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book.**

This was a brilliant book, that I found hard to put down, if only we could function on no sleep but alas sleep won. Martin and Lacne's story was a wonderful journey with a few twists I didn't see coming and had me gasping. Omg I wish I had a Dottie and Spot. This is a must read book truly enjoyable, with characters you will fall in love with. Grab it asap you won't regret it.

I really hope Shep gets a book. Also one for Scott or who knows one together only crazy wishes for characters I liked.

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## **Margaret says**

Martin was frightened of dogs but worked at a pet shop then met Firefighter Lance and his two dogs. Martin had been attacked by a dog when he was five and has a violent fear of dogs but because he loved all animals even dogs he worked in a pet shop. Returning home after work he sees huge plumes of smoke in the direction of his neighborhood and when he get close finds that they are evacuating his street. He is asked to find somewhere to stay but when he states he has nowhere to go a firefighter offer to take him in. He packs some belongings before heading to his temporary new home. He is shocked to find that Firefighter Lance has responsibility for two large Dalmatians. Lance takes them into his room to feed them rather than in the kitchen and Martin manages to cope. A MM MPreg romance to relax and enjoy

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## **Julianne Macneil says**

i read this book as part of an arc program. In this book, Lance is a firefighter who keeps to himself and is known to be a loner, only caring for the two dalmatian dogs Spot and Dottie, who he raised from pups. When a bad fire break out causing evacuation of neighborhoods, Martin is told he can't go home. Martin is another loner who has no family or friends in the area. Martin works at a pet store, but he is afraid of dogs. When Martin tells the police officer he has nowhere to go, Lance overhears him and tells him he can stay at his house. Martin agrees and Lance takes him there before returning to fight the fire. Martin is an omega and he wants to show Lance he is grateful for a place to stay, so he cooks and cleans for him. Lance is an alpha and he has secrets. There is an attraction between Lance and Martin and soon they act on things. They settle into a routine and when Martin tells Lance he wants more, Lance refuses because of his secrets. When Lance realizes how much he cares for Martin, he knows he has to make things right and tell Martin everything. I really liked this story. I thought Lance was a good guy who had to do things he didn't want to. I like how Lance cared for the dogs and treated Martin like he was special, even if Martin didn't think of himself that way. I think they were good for each other and i think they really cared for each other and were willing to try to be together. I like that Martin wanted to support Lance and i like how protective Lance was. Good one.

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## **Jenny Brightman Harris says**

I received this book with the understanding that I could leave a voluntary and honest review.

In this book we meet Martin and Lance. Both of them are dealing with situations in their life that they need help with. However when a fire brings these two together they wonder is it just a chance meeting or is it fate? However the more they get to know one another the closer they get to finding what they have always needed. Will they get their HEA in the end or will outside forces make it impossible for them?

This is an amazing story. It has it's ups and downs that I really want to tell you about. However I don't want to ruin the story for any other readers. I will say this book will have you hooked from the first word to the very end. These characters will grab hold of you and not let go even when you read those two words the end. I would highly recommend it to anyone.

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## **Shelby says**

DNF @ 13%.

It's not you, it's me. With the exception of the Frat Boys Baby series, co-written with Aiden Bates, Austin Bates books have always been a miss for me. This is the 4th solo book from Austin Bates that I have read, or attempted to. I only managed to finish one (which was still a 1-star), the others were all DNFs. His writing style just isn't one I enjoy. And I find if you've read one Austin Bates omegaverse book, you've read them all, as they are very formulaic in both characters and plot.

If you like Austin Bates, you'll probably enjoy this. If you're like me, and it's just not hitting home, you should probably move along. I know that this will be the last Austin Bates book for me.

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## **Caroline Doig says**

Martin worked at a pet shop he is deathly afraid of dogs so when a woman came into the shop with her Chihuahua he froze on the spot and stuttered to the woman, he must of scared her because she ran out of the shop with her dog. Lance is a alpha firefighter he knew there was going to be a fire today and not just because it's the hottest day of the season, he knew where it was going to be as well so when he was sent out on the call he realised that the fire was in the wrong place but he had a job to do and that was to help the residents evacuate. Martin arrived near his place but a cop had stopped him he just wanted to go home but the cop refused him entry so Martin just stood there refusing to move. Lance saw a man being hassled by a cop so he went over to talk to him the man Martin had no where else to go so Lance offered Martin his place to stay and Martin was shocked that a sexy firefighter would offer him a place to stay so he accepted. This is just a little taste of this story but there is so much more to keep you entertained and turning the pages, I loved it. A fantastic story a 5 plus +++++ ?? read and I highly recommend this book it's definitely well worth the read.

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## **Renel says**

This book was slow to get started but once it hooks you, you are in for an emotional ride. Martin and Lance will steal your heart with their humor, drama and secrets. Loved their HEA. This is not one of my top favorites of Austin's but it certainly worthy of a read and maybe a second read on a quiet winter evening when everything is slow and you just want to curl into a good book and a hot cup of tea/coffee/cocoa.

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## **Marcella says**

Martin loves animals and works at a pet store. Just one problem with that...he is deathly afraid of dogs. He is forced to face his fear head on when the man of his dreams saves Martin from a wildfire. While staying at the guy's house, he didn't expect him to have dogs. And they aren't small dogs either, they are Dalmatians. What kind of firefighter actually has Dalmatians.

Lance is harboring a huge secret that could destroy his career and his life. His life was looking bleak until he came across Martin during a wildfire. Martin had nowhere to go so Lance impulsively invited Martin to stay with him until his house was safe to return to. Lance felt it was repentance for his sins. After spending time with Martin, Lance realizes what a breath of fresh air Martin is to his life. Lance wants to do right by Martin but with as much blackmail as his boss has on him, he is not sure he can be the man Martin deserves.

I absolutely love books about firefighters. It is one of my favorite m/m books to read. This book did not disappoint. My heart ached for Martin and how his fears ruled him for so long. Lance was just the right type of man to show the patience Martin needed to face his fear. I was left wanting more about these two and was sad when their story came to an end.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy of this book.

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## **Jenn says**

3.5 Stars

Austin Bates delivers another fun read, this book features Martin and Lance and their journey to find love! Martin works in a pet store and loves what he does, but there's one catch, he's afraid of dogs. Lance is a firefighter with a very big secret. When a blaze starts in town and quickly gets out of control Martin finds himself being evacuated and there's a big hunky firefighter there offering him a place to stay.

Lance and Martin don't get off to the best start. Lance is very guarded and quiet. Martin, well he's a bit of an awkward guy and it really shows around Lance. There's definitely chemistry between these two though, despite their differences and eventually they give in. What is supposed to be just physical turns into more for both of these men.

One of the things I enjoyed most about this story was the support these two found in each other. They are so very different and both definitely have issues, but that support is there right from the start. There are some good twists and turns in this story and once Lance shares his secret with Lance, things get real for these two. I liked the surprises and how everything came together, I think the ending was fantastic and just perfect for these two!

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## **Linda says**

This book is slow to start but soon gathers speed and strength. Just like the wild fire Lance, as a firefighter, is trying to control. Along with his colleagues fighting the fire, there are two Dalmatian dogs who help with the evacuation of endangered property's. Lance chose them as puppies and has trained them.

Martin is an omega who works in a pet store but is terrified of dogs. Martin's home is in danger of being destroyed by the fire but has no where to go when he is evacuated. Lance takes pity on him and offers his own home. Martin cannot believe how lucky he is until Lance returns home with the two Dalmations on tow. As Lance and Martin grow closer, Martin's insecurity and the secrets tearing at Lance threaten to spilt them

apart.

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### **Kaitie says**

Martin has been pushed into unfortunate circumstances, a fire is quickly heading towards his neighbourhood and he has been forced to evacuate. Enter Lance, from stage right, Martins saviour in more than one way. Lance, is a firefighter who has been assigned to fight the fires that are quickly overtaking the forest and heading towards peoples homes. Martin, with nowhere to go, is offered a place at Lance's home. The only problem with this is, is that it makes Martin live with and face his greatest fear... dogs, two very large dogs to be exact. Although Martin is afraid of the dogs, he likes Lance more than he is scared of them, prompting him to stay.

Lance has a secret that he fears will push Martin away, and make him scared of him. But, it is only through Lances admission of the truth, that they are able to truly connect with one another and understand the others fears and motivations in life.

This novel is a HEA with many twists and turns throughout it, that make the reader scared for the outcome of the couple. I really enjoyed reading this novel and it got some laughs and smiles out of me.

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### **Len Evans Jr says**

First off, I have to say that any book with a sexy fireman as one of the MCs is already halfway to me loving it. Add to dogs to that, as well as a sexy omega pet store employee and I am in heaven! Lance and Martin are beyond snuggly and them having sex is beyond sizzling hot! I will say though that it was the emotional stuff between the two and the way they complemented each other that seriously got me hot and bothered. Another awesome, sexy, emotional read from one of my favorite authors!

### **Badh says**

I liked this one pretty well. Martin and Lance together have a lot of chemistry, and Dottie and Spot are just so sweet.

I understand why Martin gets really mad at Lance, I would too. However, I also understand the hard spot that Lance was put in.

All in all, enjoyable.

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