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When you land in hot water, swim for safety—or let the fire burn.

Claire McKinley has just experienced every bride's nightmare. The groom is a no-show, and now she must face five hundred guests alone. Furious and humiliated, Claire seeks help from the most unlikely candidate—her almost-brother-in-law, who promptly whisks her away to his apartment in San Diego, where she can recover her pride in peace and quiet.

Dylan Wade is no fan of Claire's, but no way can he leave the jilted bride in her time of need. Bringing her home seems like a good idea—until he remembers his new roommate. Dylan's relationship with Aidan is...complicated. And with Claire thrown into the mix, life becomes even more...complicated.

Claire is blindsided by her attraction not only to Dylan, but also to Aidan, a man she's just met. Soon they're caught up in an all-consuming sexual storm they can't fight even if they wanted to. Yet Claire wonders if it can last, or if she's just setting herself up for more heartache.

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From Reader Review Hotter Than Ever for online ebook

Melanie (mells_view) says

Hotter than ever is right!

Fun and emotional committed ménage romance. It is kind of an enemies to lovers and instaATTRACTION to lovers between the three in the ménage. I really enjoyed this quick story. The banter is fun. The naughty bits are hot, and the story is just entertaining.

Auntee says

Dirty. Dirty *hot* but in an incredibly *good* way. (lol) And nothing real nasty or *too* explicit (at least not for me!)--although there were plenty of steamy hot encounters (m/m, m/m/f, m/f, mf/m)--there was a fair amount that happened off the pages, where you will have no trouble using your (dirty) imagination.

For the past couple of books in this series, Elle Kennedy has been teasing us with the character of Dylan Wade. Dylan, the sexed-up Navy SEAL whose sexuality may be a bit of a question mark to the reader so far. Is he straight, is he gay, or maybe a bit of both? Those questions are all answered in this book, because Dylan is no longer just a 'third' in his SEAL buddies' relationships, now he's got a book of his own! With his own girlfriend...and boyfriend.

Dylan...

I've always been intrigued by Dylan. He's just so incredibly charming, open, good looking, fun, easy-going, kind-hearted, brave and protective...and super sexy! What woman (or guy, in this case) *wouldn't* love him? Men, women, children, and pets love him! Now I'm not usually one for m/m romance, but oh boy oh boy, with this story, EK may have made me a convert! I mean, my god, the opening chapter, where Dylan's future sister-in-law (and the *one* woman he can't get along with) Claire McKinley witnesses a steamy kiss between Dylan and his dimpled, dark-haired lover Aiden (who works in Navy Intelligence)...after that I was turning the pages as fast as my fingers could swipe the screen!

Aiden...

A brief plot synopsis: Business consultant Claire McKinley was raised in a conservative family. The sexy, red haired beauty is about to marry up-and-coming, ambitious lawyer Chris Wade (Dylan's older brother). When Claire witnesses a kiss between Dylan and his (unknown) male friend--she's incredibly turned on. Why can't she and Chris share a passion like that? Months later, just minutes before her wedding and before hundreds of guests, Chris runs out on her, saying "they're not right for each other". A small part of Claire *is*

relieved, even though she's humiliated by Chris's weasely behavior. Almost-brother-in-law Dylan takes pity on her and suggests Claire comes with him to his place in San Diego for a few weeks to regroup. (That's just the kind of guy Dylan is. Even though Claire is his adversary--they snipe at each other all the time--he still feels a sense of responsibility for her). There Claire meets his roommate Aiden (the guy she watched passionately kiss Dylan)--and she's instantly attracted. Wowza. And is Aiden sending out vibes her way? But isn't he with Dylan?

Claire...

Aiden feels the lust for Claire, but Dylan tries to discourage it. They both know that the relationship they have with each other is not enough for them, and they would like to add a permanent woman to the mix. But Claire? Claire, the sister-in-law from hell? Sure, she may be the sexiest woman alive, but Dylan just doesn't get along with her. Aiden thinks that perhaps if they were *forced* to spend some time with each other, they could iron out their differences...

Yeah....mmmmmm. (Just thinking about it all makes me want to read it again. :) You've got two dirty talkin' alphas who take turn dominating each other and Claire. Plenty of getting to know you time before Claire takes the plunge. And then once she's in, baby she's in! Lots and lots of hot sexual interludes follow. Some on the page, some off. Which leaves plenty of time for a story to develop too. The more closed-off-with-his-feelings Aiden has some issues with his father and a devastating tragedy from his childhood, and Claire helps him open up with that. Aiden and Dylan let loose the sexual animal in Claire (much to the shock of her family and ex). Dylan's sexuality is finally exposed to his family and SEAL teammates--will they accept him or reject him? EK does a fine job of confronting the problems this kind of relationship can run into. Nothing is sugar coated or glossed over, and I was relieved she dealt with this fairly realistically, because frankly, I was wondering how it was all going to play out and I knew eventually it was all going to "hit-the-fan". Not everything was fun and games and good times. But this trio was wonderful in the support they offered to each other, and the love that they shared. I really, really wanted them to make it!

Fans of this series will also enjoy meeting up with the previous SEALs and their wives/girlfriends when they get together with the threesome. It's interesting how one of the girlfriends isn't so happy with the arrangement at first...I loved these get togethers and some of the one-on-one talks. EK does a great job showing the camaraderie they all share.

If you haven't read this series yet, but would like to start, please do yourself a favor and start at the beginning. Even though every book is a stand alone, you don't want to miss the story arcs of some of the characters (Dylan especially). Ms. Kennedy does a fantastic job especially with the male 'voice'/POV--I love reading the dialogue between Dylan and his SEAL buddies, *and* the dirty talk that comes out of his mouth! This guy has got to be one of the hottest, sexiest, yet *niciest* military heroes that I've ever read. He just makes you wish that *you* could be Claire for a day...or a week...or a year! 5 stars

**A thank you to the author for providing an ARC of this book.*

Warning: This book contains explicit language and sex; oral (including m/m); anal (m/m; m/f off the page); and two dirty talkin' military men. Not for the faint of heart!

Jamie says

Beyond HOT....CRAZY HOT and with a sweet true love done three way style.....A MUST READ for those that love m/m..m/f/m...m/m/f...and m/f.....its all the same 3 together but its a tru 3 way where Dylan and Aiden care for each other just as much as they care for Claire and vice versa.....LOVED IT!!!!

Wendy says

So...I don't really know what to say. This book was actually really good and hot. The characters were pretty likeable and the storyline was interesting. Still...it was not for me. This was my very first mmf/menage and I can already say that I won't be reading much more of this genre in the future. Ofcourse I've read some books where there were some menage scenes, but not where the entire relationship was a threeway. For some reason it just pissed me off.

See I liked Dylan and Aiden together. I liked there little scenes. But apparently things were only good when Claire was around and apparently Aiden could only open up to Claire and could only say "I love you"to Dylan when Claire told him he should. All this shit made me dislike Claire. But Claire was actually a nice person, so that kind of sucked.

I think I should just stick to my mm books. I get pissed off to fast and I've got too much replacement jelousy.

I'm still gonna give the book 4 stars, because it was good and the story was nicely done. It just wasn't my cuppa tea, but that shit is personal and not the authors fault.

Wil Loves Books! says

Sooo hot!!!! Elle Kennedy is simply queen of everything <3

Crystal~BIG book addict~ says

4.5 It's Scorching Stars!

Loved, loved, loved this scorching hot book!!!

I was so happy with this book. The storyline was awesome and the sex scenes were steamy.

Camille Adams says

" I ask, 'cause I'm not sure
Do anybody make real shit anymore?"

Kanye West.

Exina says

... when the three of them were together, she felt like everything... made sense. Which made no sense, damn it!

It says something when a book is so good that you feel going out to have ice cream is a waste of time.

Well, I actually started the *Out of Uniform* series from the last installment. Fortunately, it absolutely can be read as a stand-alone book, and as I loved it, I'm definitely up for the whole series.

What I loved in *Hotter Than Ever*:

- The story: it is simple and credible, told from alternating viewpoints.

Dylan had known from day one that Claire McKinley wasn't right for his brother. He'd been hoping Chris would eventually see it too, but he hadn't expected it to happen ten minutes before the couple's frickin' wedding.

Dylan, unfortunately, had suffered from a serious case of hero his entire life. He'd never been able to walk away from a damsel in distress, and protecting Claire from the embarrassment and questions that awaited her in that ballroom had been instinctual.

- The writing style: easy, funny, and intense.

Except... in a complete twist of insanity, his brother had suddenly soared to the top of Dylan's shit list. After the despicable — not to mention dishonorable — way Chris had behaved, Dylan was firmly on Team Claire in this fucked-up situation.

- The humor

"I'm keeping these on for your sake, not mine." He smirked. "Because the second you see my cock, you'll get all weak-kneed and distracted. Probably applaud for a couple of minutes, too — that's a common response I get from the ladies."
She burst out laughing. "Someone thinks highly of himself."
"Oh, I think very highly of my dick, honey," he said solemnly. "And with good reason. Fuck Helen of Troy—bigger wars have been fought over my cock."

- The drama and the conflicts: both inner and external problems are smartly measured: doubts about emotions, difficulties of living in polyamory, family matters.

The thought of desiring two men had shaken her up and made her feel like some sort of deviant, but falling for them? For both of them? Was it even possible to be in love with two people at the same time? And was this even love? Could she be mistaking a case of extreme lust for love?

- The epilogue: it is over-utopian, but who wouldn't want this kind of retort, to show someone who was bitchy with you how happy and lucky and enviable you are and prove her wrong?

What I adored and totally floored me:

- honesty: I loved Claire's blunt honesty, loved Dylan's incapability of telling any lie, and that Aidan was very much aware of the feelings of the others, and of himself.
- intimacy and tenderness
- the characters: amazing, distinguishable, and likable
- the development of the romance, not only between the three of them, but between Aidan and Dylan as well. Their relationship has been lasting for a couple of months, but they couldn't get close to each other, until Claire, as a catalyst, made Aidan open up.
- the erotic scenes, especially Dylan and Aidan's: they were fierce, passionate, and very manly together. I would love to read more three-way scenes though.

The sudden, all-consuming arousal that seized Aidan's body no longer startled him. He'd been attracted to both sexes for as long as he could remember, but his attraction to Dylan surpassed anything he'd ever experienced. He was addicted to the man, craved him on a whole other level, and no matter how many times he fed the addiction, no matter how many mind-blowing releases they gave each other, he constantly wanted more.

Disliked:

- There is no such thing in this novel!

Claire

Claire McKinley was smart, gorgeous, sarcastic, compassionate. And open, so fucking open. She spoke her mind, never tried to hide what she was feeling from him and Aidan, and he loved

and appreciated that about her. A lot of women expected a man to be a mind reader, but hell, a little guidance was nice, and Claire was a master of honest communication.

He couldn't believe a woman like her actually existed. A woman who was willing to welcome two men into her bed, into her heart. A woman who was willing to accept that those two men also desired each other.

Dylan

This was the first time he'd heard Dylan speak about someone else with such distaste. It made absolutely no sense. Dylan loved everyone. And everyone loved him right back. Men, women, children, pets — every living creature that came into contact with Dylan Wade adored him within minutes.

Aidan

Aidan Rhodes was intense. And haunted. Something was definitely haunting him, but Dylan had yet to decipher the shadows he often glimpsed in those chocolate-brown eyes. He knew Aidan was hiding a lot of pain behind his seductive, laid-back exterior, but getting the man to talk about his emotions was like trying to train a goldfish—futile and exasperating.

All in all

Loved this book, it is a perfect romance! I loved every line of it.
Highly recommended for MMF fans!

Originally posted on my blog on August 16, 2013.
My favorite quotes.

Susanne says

5 Hotter than Hot Stars!

Absolutely amazing the second time as well! And the third! This is hands down one of the most enjoyable books that I've ever read.

« Court (Take the Read) » says

Multiple-POVs, HAE. (Can be read as a standalone)

JAY-ZUS.

THIS WAS SOME QUALITY SMUT. And I don't even typically *go* for menage stories. But after reading the *Off-Campus* books, and exploring Kennedy's roster a bit, I found this one. Fortunately, it can be read as a standalone... which, I think all of them can be if I remember correctly. Good thing too. Can't vouch for the other installments in the series but this book right here... I'm still doing breathing exercises.

I've read a few woman-scorned books lately, it's starting to give me a complex. But anyway. **Claire** gets screwed over by her husband-to-be, minutes before their wedding no less. His brother, **Dylan** is tasked with *breaking up with her*, which is... yeah. Pretty awful. Taking pity on the girl he's disliked for months isn't easy, but after what his brother did to her, he feels somewhat responsible. So he takes her home with him to his... *unusual* living arrangement with **Aidan**. These two men are both Navy SEALs and both in love with one another, though they could never be in a lasting relationship without a woman. Neither one knows why, they just know the score. So when Claire struts into their lives, and both are attracted to her, they start to realize that maybe what their pairing needed was a third - in her.

Claire has *never* been in a situation like the one she's living through now... two sexy men, not only *attracted* to each other... but acting on it. And she's never been more turned on in her life. When they make it clear that if she's open to the idea, they'd be more than willing to include her. They're not strangers to menage, they prefer it. And when the three of our characters come together, it's explosive.

Along with some *hot as eff* sex scenes, the story actually had a believable love story to it. I was emotionally invested in these three making it.

If you're a fan of menage, military men (which... why the hell *wouldn't* you be?), and strong-willed heroines -- give this book a shot. You won't be disappointed.

Till next time cuties ;)!

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

4.5--Two Are Better Than One--Stars

What's better than one smoking hot military guy? Two smoking hot military guys!!

This book was

Not only was it hot as hell but it actually had a nice little story to go along with it.

I don't read a lot of ménage books--shockingly enough--but what I liked about this one was that it was MMF. So we get some MM action, some MF action and some MMF action.

I loved all three MCs. They each brought something to the relationship.

Claire is poised to walk down the aisle. Set to marry Chris, the man of her dreams. Only to be left at the altar and rescued by Chris' brother Dylan. Claire and Dylan....there's a bit of animosity there.

They were mis-informed about each other though. Claire plans to stay with Dylan in San Diego...at the apartment he shares with Aidan. Dylan and Aidan are both bi. They have feelings for each other but they also like to share women.

Aidan forces Dylan and Claire to work out their differences. Amongst all of the animosity is some undeniable sexual tension that's just waiting to be unleashed. And oh boy let me tell you...

Overall, this was very low drama and angst which I was perfectly fine with. Just Claire, Dylan and Aidan navigating this new relationship that not everyone is accepting of.

NOTE: I have not read the other books in the series, but I will definitely be checking them out. This one gets a thumbs up from me!!

Polly says

"Warning: This book is very dirty. Ménage a trois and man-on-man dirty. Graphic-language and explicit-sex dirty. Basically? Dirty. You've been warned"

SOLD!!!

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Ridiculously, wonderfully hot...

I love this series and the men in uniform (and out!) are just getting hotter!

Claire is a feisty heroine and she has gone toe to toe with Dylan since their first meeting. They believe the worst in each other but that doesn't stop Dylan from performing his white knight duties. When Claire needs help, he is there for her – despite what he knows about her. What he thinks he knows about her. And Claire has her eyes opened in more ways than one when she learns more about Dylan and Aidan, his equally handsome, alpha roommate...

“Because the second you see my cock, you’ll get all weak-kneed and distracted. Probably applaud for a couple of minutes...”

The chemistry between these three was amazing! Dylan and Aidan. Aidan and Claire. Claire and Dylan. All three together... Whew... Hot doesn't even cover it! And what makes it all so great is the emotion that you feel throughout. They desire each other for sure. They also like each other. They admire each other. And that just amped up the heat so much more... And the heat? I mentioned that already? It is worth talking about again... Passion with all caps is not exaggerating as you feel the sizzle in every touch and every conversation. Or should I say dirty talk?

Snarky conversation, smexy scenes and characters that will soon feel like friends means a read that is so good I finished it and wanted to start it all over again. ~Diane, 5 stars

AJ says

4 Dirty hot, sweet and romantic stars.

I really enjoyed this book. It's funny, romantic and SUPER smutty. I'm always intrigued by books featuring ménage relationships, apart from the extra-awesome-smut-factor, I love to watch the dynamics at play, and that was done really well in this book.

Claire has just been dumped at the altar. She's not as devastated as she probably should be, but she's embarrassed and furious that the man she had promised her life to could treat her so badly. Wanting to escape her well-intended friends and family and recover in peace, she turns to her almost-brother-in-law, Dylan. Claire and Dylan aren't exactly friends, in fact they can barely stand each other, but he's disgusted with his brother and wants to do whatever he can to help Claire. So, with nowhere else to turn, she agrees to his offer to whisk her away to his home in San Diego.

Dylan lives with his roommate, Aidan (both of whom are military boys, making them instantly hotter than normal men), and Claire effortlessly becomes a part of their lives. They are sweet to her and supportive of her, and Aidan even helps her and Dylan sort out their issues – which all turn out to be a huge misunderstanding of course! And as she settles into her stay with the boys, she soon realises that the boys are occasional lovers.

I love the Dylan/Aidan vibe. They are great friends, they joke around, hang out together, rib and tease, and they also happen to be wildly attracted to each other and they act on that attraction with great regularity. But while they acknowledge their need for each other, they also recognise that it's not enough – they both enjoy and need relationships with women as well.

Claire is intensely turned on by the idea of Dylan and Aidan together, as well as by both of the boys

individually, and with the boys both lusting after their new house-guest, the sexual vibes humming through the apartment are intense! Claire is keen to explore act on her mad lust for the boys, but only in a 1:1 situation. While Dylan and Aidan are no strangers to the threesome experience, it's something that Claire has never even considered before so she's terrified when the idea is suggested. But the boys' constant teasing, flirting and smutty banter combined with Claire's curiosity and mad lust for the two of them proves to be too much and DAMN!!!!

Holy smut this book is smutty!! The sex is hot, frequent and really descriptive. There is m/m, m/f and m/m/f encounters, as well as a whole lot of dirty talk. Dylan and Aidan are both very open with their sexuality, and aren't shy to talk about anything and everything, so abandon your prudish ways before starting this one!

I love these characters! Of course they're all highly sexed and hotter than hell, but Claire is a great heroine and the boys are absolute sweethearts and genuinely good guys. They each go through their own journey throughout the story, and I love the way they handled themselves. And the way that they are there for each other through it all adds to the development of the love story, and was really beautifully done.

Most of all, I loved watching the progression of their relationship. They have a fantastic dynamic, and a truly equal partnership, and their coming together seems easy and natural. More than just the sex, they genuinely care about each other, and the more time they spend together, they all fall and fall hard. And thank God there is no stupid behaviour and no relationship drama. They're together, they're all committed, that's all there is to it. They do have issues to overcome, both personally and together as a trio, but their feelings for each other are never in doubt. They communicate openly, and they work to find a way to make their relationship work. And no matter what kind of relationship characters are building, I love that!

I'm ashamed to admit that I haven't read the rest of the books in this series, (much to the disgust of my OCD tendencies) but I borrowed this one from a friend, and easily read it as a standalone. But I really enjoyed the scenes with Dylan and Aidan's extended group of friends. These are the couples that have featured in the previous books, and even though I haven't met them before, I loved seeing them all together bantering and bickering. It's made me keen to pick up the other books in the series so that I can get to know them all better.

This read was seriously dirty but great fun with a nice amount of emotion and a great romance. A ménage isn't exactly my thing, but there's no denying that Claire is a lucky, lucky girl! ;)

4 stars.

Zasha says

If all you wanted was my panties all you had to do was ask :D !!!

This book did not let me down at all , it was a really good read . sometimes sad,sometimes makes you want to punch someone (specifically Chris -__-) but other then that i really thought it was good book .
