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They say that opposites attract and never have those words been truer for Tate and Talon.

Tate, always the life and soul of any party thought he'd reached his peak and that life couldn't get any better. He had his dream job, an amazing family, a roof over his head and chocolate donuts in his belly. He'd achieved the goals he'd set for himself and couldn't think of anything else he could possibly want.

Talon, has spent most of his life trapped in a whirlwind of pain and self-loathing fighting his debilitating memories of the past. Unable to use his voice to communicate he feels lost, alone, and in constant fear of embarrassing those who support and love him.

With Tate's zest for life and Talon's enormous heart, falling in love would be easy. But to reach their happily ever after they are forced to travel a road filled with uncertainty, pain, loss, fear and not a small amount of outside interruption.

You will smile, laugh, cry and shout but ultimately you will understand that sometimes two people are just meant to be.

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Tristan says

I don't know if I will continue this series. I was disappointed that Tate and Talon weren't really the main focus in THEIR book. It was mainly focused on the "family" a a whole. While that would have been ok, I just short of forgot about the supposed main character's and the plot.

ANNNND!!! WTH is with the Haley situation. It was like the author wanted to kill of a character so making us hate her was the ultimate goal. It was random and unnecessary to the story.

I guess the author felt it was one straight couple too many..... and somebody had to go. *Kevin Hart voice*

Debating continuing on in the series....I just really want to know Shutters story!

LynW says

[I am not sure how I feel about Haley and John; seemed an unnecessary & uncharacteristic rift unless something will come in future books I don't know about. (hide spoiler)]

Cookie says

Emotional Rollercoaster Story!

This is a follow-up story to Succumbing To His Fear, revolving Fears brother Talon. The 1st story had romance, sadness, and much much fun as well. I couldn't stop laughing at the antics of Fear's boyfriend and mother. But this story, Sharpening His Broken Talon, took it to the next level. I couldn't help but fall More in love with the characters of the story and made me think about how could I have dealt with such a severe stuttering problem.

River Mitchell, the author, provided a great story about how the love of family may come from biological family AND from those you meet. I will be looking forward to future releases by the author.

Note: this story is about male/male relationship, so if you're not into this type of love please keep your comments to yourself.

Jenny Wood says

Talon... Ooooh, I have been waiting on Talon for what seems like forever!!

In this one, we have Fears new brother Talon, who we knew from meeting him in the last book, that he

doesn't speak due to a debilitating stutter. What we learn in this one is the horror he's lived with at having it. My heart broke for him, his mother was the absolute worst person in the world and I hated the way she broke them all... Loved their dad though and the way Fear, Alfie, Sharidan and the rest of the family swooped in and adopted them all. Even Tate....

Tate, is almost as nutty as Alfie, they both cracked me up in this one. The things that come out of their mouths I swear.... Loved it though, had me laughing one minute and crying the next.

Now, there's a lot going on in this one....it was very dramatic and one hit after another.... Talon's low self-worth was heartbreaking and it seemed like the people that kept popping up was attacking that the most. Who acts like that? So rude and nasty... I wish they all would've gotten a few teeth knocked out.... But Tate was always there for him to fall back on. I love Tate.

Then, what the crap is this stuff going on with Haley? I wanted to gut punch her as well....I'm not sure why that was thrown in, but I hope we get some answers soon... I hate it for Fear and the rest of the guys who lost her and were hurt by her betrayl. What a B !!

I also didn't see the end coming, but I should've because like I said, the mother was a dispicable person. I'm glad she's out of their lives though and will be from now on. I'm excited to see who's next... I really want Carter to get rid of that Dylan and find someone worthy of him.... I want Tristan to be happy and I'd like to see Dane get someone worthy of their family.

Overall, this is such an amazing series and even though I hate to wait so long to read more of them, I love this fictional family and I'm so glad to have read this one.

5 of the most well deserved stars, ever! So happy for their HEA <3

JenMcJ says

WTH? Why all the 5 star reviews? Are these mostly ARC reviews? Everyone in this book that isn't the core family (and then some that are the core family) are screaming psycho banshees. There are no rational woman to be found anywhere in this book that have a significant role to play. Seriously, EVERY woman turns out to be either a lovable wackadoo or a truly psychotic, shrieking, heartless, bitch. Additionally, the instalove is just hard to swallow. It was harder to buy in the first book but this one wasn't much better.

The book is well written as far as story telling goes (better than the first) but it still has huge holes. Talon has a hidden talent that I find hard to believe he could keep secret from such an intrusive family in such a way as to be that talented. The bad guy dupes other bad guys and somehow thinks when they get busted that they won't tell anyone that they were involved? What? And, yeah, the cops are again, portrayed as heartless and incompetent.

I don't know who is up next in this series, I'm going to guess Carter since we got a little bit of a glimpse at his wreck of a relationship but if all the side characters don't stop being ridiculously unbelievable this series will be unreadable.

San says

5+ to the infinity and beyond because I'M say

we wait long time for a second book...

I've wait, dreaming for this story...

and now, it's ...

Talon is hurt, don't speak, his mother is the reason, but his father, lil brother and big sister... and his recent big brother discovered -Fear- have love him and supporting, altough it's never enough, Talon suffer, the memory of the bad words from his mother, the actions and consecuences from this words they marked him and day by day his fight for be 'normal'...

Tate is attracted from Talon since the first sight, but his own fears and problems they stop him, until he decide only help Talon, being friends, supporting it and entrust in him. Tate falls in love and only want to protected it....

I want to say more, but its to much and important, change the life of this family, the treason hurt them, some suffered a lot and others separated. at the end, things started to improve, but they'll take a while.

I want more to this series, this make me believe in love, have faith and hope in the better times, in trust in other people and kindness.

Always triumphing over adversity with the support and care of those who love you...

Thanx again Ms. Mitchell

I patiently wait for the next story

Barbara? says

1.5 Disappointed Stars

So, I started out liking this one better than the first. I loved both mc's. One has a speech problem and doesn't talk. I loved how they communicated through letters...actual letters and not text or messaging. Then things took a turn for the bizarre.

First, the "conflicts" were rushed. This was also an issue I had in book 1. Things progress quickly and, there's more than one. If it had only been one and fleshed out more in detail, I would have liked it more.

Secondly, WTF happened with Fear's sister? All that shit was totally unexpected, made zero sense and she was painted as someone entirely different in book 1. I kept thinking it was all tied to the conflicts happening but sadly no. The author turned her around and made her a jealous, vindictive bitch. Like I said, zero sense. I hate when authors do that. I kept reading thinking she'd apologize, or it was a ruse or something...anything other than what the author decided to do. Needless to say, that brought down my enjoyment for the whole book.

So, honestly, I'm not sure I'll read more in this series in the future.

Deirdre says

Freak Regard Useless Lazy Worthless Broken Pathetic Stupid Embarrassment Disappointment

I thought I'd enjoy the first book, SUCCUMBING TO HIS FEAR, but this one compounded my enjoyment times three. If you have never read anything by River Mitchell please take a moment to download both of the books in The Living Art series. I always enjoy reading about characters with a seeming "disability" and how they overcome it along with all the challenges they face: Daily. Throughout his childhood. How did his disability help shape his personality? How much support did he receive from his family? There are always Tormentors. Who were his in this book? Talon Parker is half brother to one of the main characters Fear from the first book. Despite being of similar large size and fraternal features they are polar opposites.

Fear is fearless, people cross streets when they see him coming. While Bullies seem able to sniff out Talon's weaknesses. They seek him out to torment. Luckily he has people in his corner who quickly come to his defense - if / once they aware of the situation. But often the damage is already done, sometimes irreversibly. Talon is such a sweet guy and it hurts to read about what happens to him.

Fortunately for our reading pleasure Talon's hero emerges from among the tattoo artists at his half brother's shop. Tate so annoying and humorous in the first book - really steps up his game in this book. He makes it his mission to win Talon's attention, trust, and affection. He is attracted to Talon from the moment they meet. Seemingly unattainable, but Tate is prepared to just be the friend he needs. Talon has very low self esteem. His new friend seeks to increase his confidence and self worth. By the end of the books the title adjectives: Brave Strong Loving Big brother Fighter Tougher than he looks Not mute Songs in his heart Wears his heart on his sleeve Champion Smart Clever Uncle Son to be proud of.

River is always full of surprises. This book is no different. I found it even funnier than the first book. And the plot one will turn you into a pretzel. Don't miss out on this entertaining reading experience. This book is a keeper! One I will be rereading often.

Nu says

I have been pining, yes! Pining for this book for so long! And now that it's finally here, and I've read it, I couldn't be happier!

I am in love with Talon! With Talon and Tate! With Talon and Tate and the WHOLE family!

Oh how my heart broke for the things Talon endured! He was so big hearted and so emotionally scarred by the one person who was supposed to be there for him, that I just felt so much for him!

Tate was the sweetest person for him! He genuinely cared and built up the relationship in the best ways possible! The ways that were best for Talon and himself! They were both stronger together.

Fear, oh how I missed him! And Alfie and the nuggets and mamma Sheridan.

Every part was excruciatingly good! 5 wonderful stars!

Camila says

TBH I enjoyed this book but not as much as the first one. I had been looking forward to Talon and Tate's

book since I finished reading the first one. Maybe I had too many expectations and that's why it was kind of anticlimactic. I felt that everything was happening way too fast and I'm not talking about the love thing. Plus there was a part of the book that just didn't make sense to me. I was completely taken by surprise and I'm still confused as to why the author did that. Overall it was enjoyable and Talon and Tate are amazing together so I do suggest you read this if you enjoyed Fear and Alfie's book!

Timandjamie says

Oh my god! An amazing story

This story is jammed pack with emotion, suspense, love, and crazy family. The struggles of Talon will break your heart, inspire you, awe you, and have you cheering. Plus, we still get to see past characters from Fear and Alfie's story. Tate is a riot. Tate is so fun and has a huge heart. This story had me laughing one minute and crying the next. Amazing work, River! Can't wait to see what comes next!!!

Jb says

I loved Succumbing to His Fear and thought I would feel the same with this one...unfortunately that was not the case. I was left disappointed, feeling as if the romance between Talon and Tate was overshadowed by all the hoopla surrounding the supporting characters/their families.

While Talon was the bright spot of this book I had higher hopes that, like Alfie and Fear in the first book, we would see more of a progression with him and Tate becoming a couple. Granted both cases are totally insta-love but I wasn't bothered by that. I was bothered by the fact that we kept being told that everything was so great, whether weeks passed, or simply days did. More so, we get the whole "things were going so well I should have known something was going to go wrong" trope. Thus, that is how the last half of the book goes; we get scenario after scenario of convoluted craziness that undercuts any highs Talon and Tate experience.

Like I said, Talon was the stand out for me. He suffers from a severe stutter and as a result of the harsh criticism and verbal abuse he received from his own mother in his childhood, he has chosen to no longer speak at all. It was heartbreaking seeing him constantly struggle with the residual feelings being told he was a "freak," an "embarrassment," and most devastatingly, a "disappointment" has caused. When it comes to being there for his family he is usually able to fight against those voices and be there for them. However, one such instance of being there for his brother, resulted in Talon taking over for a drunken frontman of a band hired to play at his brother's birthday party and singing beautifully. Yes, he is unable to speak but has a voice that garners him tons of YouTube likes and the desire of the band to hire him as their new frontman. This is ultimately the catalyst that causes drama upon drama to ensue. It's also when the story went terribly down hill for me.

Seeing in the beginning how Talon and Tate developed their relationship through the writing of letters back and forth, was so sweet. I wanted more of that connection, that again, didn't just tell us that everything with them—especially with Tate being Talon's first everything—was great, but showed us in ways that wasn't about simply being there for each other while so much happened around them and within their families.

Therefore, this is barely a 3 star read for me.

Amanda says

Was this a total soap opera? Yes. Was it filled with a crazy family that has a lot of love to go around? Of course. I really do enjoy this series. It is completely over the top but the love and laughs more than make up for it.

Talon has a speech impediment and because of events in his childhood, he no longer speaks. Tate is the fun loving guy who gives Talon a sense of security. The Parker's have been welcomed into the makeshift family with open arms, but problems arise and old hags return to stir up a whole lot of shit for this rag tag family. I don't really like one event that occurred and could have been left out IMO but hopefully it is resolved in the upcoming books.

As always , Alfie and Mama Sheri rock and the nuggets continue to get sweeter.

Tina says

What is happening here!!!

I thought this book should be about Tate and Talon, that's not what we got..

This book was a BIG FAT soap opera and it wasn't even Tate and Talon drama, but everyone else and it just made me feel like they were more like side character in their own story.

I don't think I've ever read a book where there were so many evil women at once, I do not understand what the point was, because it did not give anything to the story.

I get the feeling that the author is too eager for us to get to know everyone at once, instead of allowing us to read about them in their own book, like in Succumbing to His Fear, that book was perfect.

I loved Tate and Talon, they were so incredibly sweet together, but unfortunately it was only a small fraction we got.

You will be left with unresolved problems, zero sex (not because they don't have it, but we only get one line or two to read) and a VERY weak HEA, if you can call it one!

Heather the Queen of (Smut)Books says

I need a release date for this book!!! I can't wait for Talon's story.

Anyone know the date?
