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Second Chances. Temptation. Hope.

Depressed and at a crossroads following the death of his boyfriend, Drew Lawson dropped out of the cutthroat corporate world and started his own dog walking business.

Pups and Leashes is off to a running start when Drew meets Kyle Bradley. Rich and successful, Kyle is everything Drew rejected after Steven's death. But suddenly saddled with his five-year old nephew as well as a rambunctious new puppy, Kyle is floundering. And Drew can't resist coming to the rescue.

Before long, friendship turns to passion, but Drew is still guilty over Steven's death and afraid to embark on a relationship with someone who comes from the shallow world he rejected and left behind.

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Lisa1269 says

So much love for Drew and Kyle...

I enjoyed this book so much, with Drew and Kyle being such a great compliment to each other, I couldn't get enough of them. Conflicted by his unresolved guilt over the death of his boyfriend a year earlier, Drew is hesitant to even allow himself to consider the possibility that he is entitled to happiness. He's abandoned the corporate machine that had consumed him and rebuilt a simpler life that's left him guarded and isolated. He peeks out from behind those walls long enough to form a friendship with his client Kyle, who just may be deeper than Drew's initial judgment would have indicated. With Kyle comes his young nephew Benjamin (whom I also loooved), the catalyst for some dramatic changes in Kyle's daily life and the lure that originally draws Drew in. With the men being of such opposing stances about wealth and lifestyle, I was as entertained by their snark as I was by their sweetness as they took their first steps towards a relationship. As they peeled back the layers they both hide behind, there is such a playful dynamic that grows from the initial tension between them that I stayed charmed by them page after page. And once they crossed the threshold to intimacy? The intensity between them only escalates, even as they struggle with the barriers between them. With sly and witty banter and powerful chemistry, Drew and Kyle were so irresistible to me that I finished this in one sitting. Loved. It.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Kiki Clark says

Originally Posted on Kiki's Kinky Picks

Reviewed by Brandy

Unleashing Love by S.C. Wynne was a fantastic read! It was brilliantly written and had very little angst and just a touch of drama. The characters felt real and even the kid in the book was amusing and not over the top in "kid antics." It was a refreshing change from some of the more drama ridden, suspenseful books I've been reading recently.

Kyle is an amazingly strong character. He starts off seeming like a snooty jerk, but naturally changes into a caring, kind man. It makes a reader believe that he was really the nice guy, and the jerkiness was a facade. His developing relationship with his nephew felt natural, he didn't automatically become an awesome uncle in a few short days. It grew from hard work and time spent with the kid. I really appreciated this so, so much!

Then there was Drew. The story, being told only through his eyes, was surprisingly enjoyable. Usually, I prefer dual POVs in books to get inside both MCs' heads. Drew was an incredible opposite of Kyle. Admittedly, he was the same as Kyle at one point, stuck up and stuck on a rat race through life, but when he lost his lover he made drastic changes. I think what I like most about Drew was his ability to step outside his comfort zone, even if he had to push himself. It made him immensely likable and I was rooting for his and Kyle's relationship from the very beginning!

I loved how there was no huge drama brought into this book. There were a few misunderstandings and a few fights, but given the history of the two MCs it all seemed like a normal progression and reaction to what they

had thrown at them. There was nothing far-fetched in this touching story about coming to terms with losing someone you love. I really look forward to reading more from S.C. Wynne and hope to give her more 5 stars! If all her books are this enthralling then I bet the 5 stars will be raining down on her from me!

Copy provided in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Tracy~Bayou Book Junkie says

4.5 Stars

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After a tragic loss, Drew Lawson, fed up with the cold and fake people of the corporate world quits his cushy job to start a dog walking business. His newest client, Kyle Bradley, is everything Drew despised and left behind. Drew and Kyle come face to face when Drew starts walking Rascal, Drew's sister's dog, which Kyle is taking care of along with his 5 year old nephew, Benjamin.

This was such a sweet story. It had such great character growth. Both Drew and Kyle realize that neither of them are perfect, and they need to make some serious changes to make this new romance work. I adored this book. At times I wanted to smack Drew and Kyle, but once you get past Kyle's brashness, these were both likable characters you wanted to stand on the sidelines and root for.

I absolutely loved Drew's nephew, Benjamin, Drew's best friend, Cully, and of course, the dog, Rascal. They were good supporting characters and added humor and heart to the story.

This book was sweet and sexy. While it had angst the author did an amazing job at adding in lightness and humor along the way. The story is well written and flows well and I was left satisfied, when I got to the end.

Very quick and enjoyable read, I'd highly recommend!!

Anne Marie Crookes says

This is a well written and beautifully edited book.

It tells the story of Drew, who is mourning the death of his boyfriend. Feeling guilty about the fact that his workaholic ways cost him time he could have spent with Stephen, he left the corporate world and opened his dog walking business.

Kyle was quite content with his life as an art dealer. He and his boyfriend had an open relationship and he lived in his high end condo where everything was as he wanted it.

When Kyle's sister becomes ill, he finds himself looking after his 5 year old nephew, Benjamin, and a dog named Rascal. That is how he meets Drew.

The first meeting is not a success but as they get to know each other better, Drew has to come to terms with his loss and look to the future. Kyle has to make changes in his life so that it can include a small frightened boy and the possibility of a relationship with someone he doesn't have to share.

This was a heartwarming story, which I enjoyed very much.

BR11 says

2.5 stars

I couldn't warm up to any of the characters nor feel their connection. Also, they start their relationship while Kyle is still in an open relationship with another man. This one was not for me.

Cat says

*****To Love, Lose, and Love Again*****

I wasn't certain what I was going to think of this book. Drew broke my heart, but Kyle seemed absolutely beyond the pale! With his air of entitlement and his utter inability to relate to anything human, I wondered if I'd warm up to him even if he *did* check the attitude at the door. Lest you think S.C. Wynne doesn't know her way around attitude, allow me to dissuade you from *that* notion immediately! I ended up enjoying not only Kyle and Drew, but all of the characters that graced the pages of this book.

The plot is well-written, the main characters are engaging (okay, and infuriating, but hey – drama is necessary!), the dialogue is by turns serious and laugh-out-loud funny, and the peripheral characters really add to the depth and breadth of the novel. The attraction between the main characters is sweet and sultry, and the character building in this book is simply astonishing. To watch each of these men come alive in their respective worlds is a treat to behold. I actually feel slightly bereft that there wasn't a built-in way to expand this world into more books within the m/m genre, but alas, I shall have to content myself with re-reads. That will be no hardship! Four stars of lovely storytelling – give it a try!!

Brava, Ms. Wynne – well done!

ARC provided by the author, S.C. Wynne, in exchange for an honest review.

Deirdre says

Sometimes what's most beautiful is hidden under layers that take time to bring to the surface. Kyle tempted Drew with his charismatic personality and handsome exterior. But his arrogant and condescending attitude made Kyle a lot less attractive. His behavior toward the dog he was hiring Drew to walk was also telling. It was obvious he knew nothing about a dog's care or needs beyond providing food and water. It irked Drew that the rich man with ostentatious taste in decor, including valuable paintings and other works of art, bulked at Drew's hourly rate. He felt embarrassed by his attire though he hadn't been previously. His red hoodie served him well while walking his charges.

Drew was so annoyed he mentioned it to his best friend, Cully an outgoing and friendly young woman he'd known since college, who also sometimes helped him with the dogs. She was a great friend. She felt it was time for Drew to ease himself out of his grieving state, as it had been more than a year since the death of his

partner. At her insistence he went out to a book club get together at a bar. She assured him there were a couple gay men in her book club group. After finally giving in Drew almost didn't show up, but knew he couldn't disappoint his best friend (and live). The evening didn't turn out the way any of them planned.

Kyle began to reveal the true sides of himself to Drew that usually he kept hidden from all except his sister. Unfortunately, his sister was battling a chronic illness which led Kyle to not only offer to help with her Labrador Retriever, but also his five-year-old nephew. It was very difficult for him to admit it, but Kyle let his guard down and showed his vulnerable side with his young nephew and sick exhausted sister. Despite his initial impression of Drew, Kyle soon realized there was a great deal within the red hoodie. Impeccable references led to him hiring Drew to walk his sister's rambunctious Lab, but his personality, intelligence, and willingness to go above and beyond, in addition to being an enigma. Kyle sensed that there was a lot under the surface. Including fear.

Kyle challenged Drew. And Drew let himself be gradually drawn out, by this snooty man who actually had more depth than he liked to show. But when Kyle's young nephew came to stay along with the dog Drew really helped him out. The attraction between the two blossomed as Kyle's life became more complicated and stressful. But Drew was still fearful of a new relationship. When Kyle suffered a very distressing family crisis he had a convenient boyfriend he should have been able to count on, but it was Drew he called instead. As he hoped, Drew responded immediately, without any hesitation and this was a huge turning point in their relationship.

I thoroughly enjoyed the story. Learning about the job of and responsibilities of a Dog Walker was very interesting to a dog lover like myself. As well as all the occasions that involved a variety of dogs. This was a strong story of transformation, courage, and assumed / shared responsibility. If you enjoy stories with family situations involving sweet young boys, two men who never expected to be Dads assuming the role. In some books the female characters are portrayed negatively, but the women involved are shown in a positive light. The female best friend and a much-loved sister are central to the story. Also essential are board games, bedtime stories, tiring out a youngster, arranging child care and preparing meals. As stated before if you enjoy family dramas (especially those ones that also include a dog) this story is for you :0)

Denise H. says

*** Unleashing Love is a heartwarming story of two men who deserve better in life. ***

Drew has lost his partner in a car accident, and has withdrawn from his high profile financial job, society, and life, as he started a dog walking business.

It's doing well and he likes it.

Uptight Art Dealer, Kyle, needs a dog walker,

because his sister has Lupus and is undergoing treatments, so he steps up to care for her dog, and then her son, Benjamin. Great side characters with Cully, the dogs, and the little boy.

Drew's rescued Brindle Greyhound, he saved from Rottweiler attack...

Benjamin's role is perfect, with tender bits, and funny bits, just right.

This well written tale is funny, serious, caring and understanding. It's "angsty" in parts, a little drama, too, but has almost everything you could possibly want in your romance.

Kyle's a tough cookie at first, until his softer side shows up. Drew is patient, giving, and helpful. The guys are open and talk about their issues, and Kyle never does sleep with his boyfriend after he got together with Drew, he just hadn't made it official, which he does. Drew still is afraid to love.

Is it perfect, no, but worthwhile, yes.

Different events come into play, the guys sort out their feelings, and get a HFN.

I recommend this heartwarming tale. ENJOY !!!

AnnMarie says

I received an ARC of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I enjoyed Unleashing Love, the story of Kyle and Drew, two men with completely different outlooks on life at the beginning of the story. Drew is still recovering from the death of his lover a year later. He was formerly in the financial field and he walked away to open a dog walking business. Kyle is a very successful art dealer whose life is turned upside down when he has to take in his sister's dog while she deals with a serious illness. I really didn't like either MC much at the beginning, but as the story progressed they grew on me. I really didn't like the side story with Kyle's ex, I think that was unnecessary and didn't add much to the story.

I loved the secondary characters, especially Drew's best friend Cully and Kyle's nephew Ben. Like I said I didn't much like the MCs in the beginning but as they opened up to each other I enjoyed reading how the relationship progressed. It was a cute story overall, solid 4 stars.

Juxian says

Whoa, what is it, m/m romance for five-year-olds? Not only everything is delivered in the most elementary way but every thought is repeated until it is hammered into the reader's head. Yeah, I know it's free. But my time isn't free. Well, DNF.

Gigi says

[The first time Drew and Kyle have sex, Kyle has a boyfriend and Drew has had too many glasses of champagne. (hide spoiler)]

Lisa says

Not bad... Just not much of anything else, either.

Very light, superficial (which might actually add a layer of irony to the story, considering how often Drew

complained about how superficial Kyle's life was) story with characters who fail exist outside of the plot. The one time Drew does something that is not Kyle-centric it adds absolutely nothing to the plot or his depth of character (we've already been *told* he prefers dogs to humans so rescuing a stray isn't that surprising). Not even the dogs got much more than a passing mention most of the time and if you're putting a dog on the cover (regardless off the accuracy of the colour) and 'leash' in the title, the dogs should have had a much bigger presence, but like the humans they weren't very integral to the story.

Jennifer Reilley says

Kyle is a workaholic and thrown into a situation of having to help his family out

He meets Drew who is suffering from loss and is hard to open up his life to new love.

I felt the two were perfect for each other to show each other what they are missing out on in life. Of course there are people trying to stand in their way of happiness.

I love the interaction with Benjamin. Such a cute kid. I loved Drews best friend Cully.

Rachel says

I really enjoyed this book. I have never read this author before but after reading this book I am going to search out more.

The writing was good, the story was sweet and funny and well written. The characters were believable and lovable and drew you into the story. I loved Janie and Ben and Cully as well. They each brought something to the story adding take anything away from the MCs.

I really liked the whole changing to be a better person and trying not to forget past loves but to start living lives again while remembering the good times.

I received this book free for an honest review.

Queue says

4.25 stars

S.C. Wynne is a new auto-buy author for me. I've been blown away by many of her books and *Unleashing Love* was another great one. This book wasn't as hard hitting or emotional as my favorite, *Believing Rory*, but it was a sweet romance with great characters.

The tale features dog walker Drew Lawson and wealthy Kyle Bradley; two men who would never have met unless fate hadn't stepped in. Kyle wouldn't normally have a dog but when his sister gets sick he first takes in her dog and then her nephew for a short time. He hires Drew, who is mourning the loss of his boyfriend, to walk the dog, Rascal. Their first meeting was wonderfully written with subtext. Kyle can see right away Drew is hiding from life and Drew is not impressed with Kyle's attitude.

I loved how neither guy put up with each other's bullshit. They seem to be opposites but have far more in

common than it seems at first. Their commonalities show up slowly but their attraction is fast and furious.

One thing that might be an issue to some readers is that Kyle is in an open relationship with an actor named Pierce, and is in that relationship when he and Drew have sex for the first time. Some people might see that as cheating but I didn't and it didn't bother me at all. In fact, the open relationship aspect of the story made it stand out from other stories in the genre. Lots of gay couples, as well as straight ones, have such relationships. It added to the realism and made the conflicts interesting.

I'm normally not a fan of kids in my gay romance stories, but Wynne did a great job with Benjamin. He acted age appropriately without becoming too precocious or annoying and he didn't overtake the story when he was present.

Kyle and Drew are a wonderfully fabulous couple. Wynne truly did a great job. Now I'm off to check out her backlist.

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