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Srikanth Bhattacharya is a quintessential gay bachelor and perfectly happy about it-until he gets a call from the local hospital telling him his best friend died in childbirth. Sri had agreed to provide the sperm to make Jill's dream of motherhood come true, but he'd never expected to have to make decisions for a baby girl. He intends to place her with an adoptive family, but once he sees her, Sri can't bring himself to do it, so now he's struggling to learn how to deal with a newborn. His housemate and friend, Jaime Frias, volunteers to help, never guessing he'll fall in love with both the baby and Sri. Everything seems perfect until a visit from Social Services sends Sri into a tailspin, feeling like he has to choose between his daughter and a relationship with the man he's coming to love.

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Holly says

Potentially had fantastic themes. I work with a lot of people from Mumbai who are all avid proponents of arranged marriage and who profess such a different approach to sexuality (I've never been brave enough to ask about GLBT) that I was really excited to find an Indian MC. But none of these issues were explored. And I hated it when Sri's parent were going to miss their marriage because could get a flight from India and then turned up at the last ~~minute~~ second anyway. To me the author is cheating.

Also, I wasn't convinced that a relationship between Sri and Jaime could suddenly blossom in those difficult weeks after the birth of a baby when it hadn't in the years they had been house sharing. In my experience this isn't a romantic time in your life. It wasn't Jaime's baby and I found his reaction a bit hard to believe.

Enjoyable enough but shallow and ultimately disappointing.

Lily says

Srikanth Bhattacharya had thought when he served as a sperm donor to his best friend that he'd be nothing more than a friend to the child. Unfortunately his BF dies in childbirth and Sri finds himself faced with making difficult choices for the baby's future. When he goes to sign the paperwork to set her on the road to adoption he finds himself unable to give her up. But with no experience with babies and no family to turn to Sri is feeling overwhelmed.

Lucky for him one of his housemates, Jaime, comes from a large family and happily offers to help him out. From getting the house ready to bring baby Sophie home to feedings, colic and walks in the park the two men slowly find their friendship deepening over time. Things are going great for them until Sri is faced with unwelcome visitors and a threat to his happy family life.

Her Two Dads is a very sweet, uncomplicated story reminiscent of a category romance. The minor bump in the road to Sri and Jaime's HEA is solved quickly and before long there are wedding bells ringing. I liked that it's a slow building relationship, no jumping into bed for these guys, and it's definitely got a sweet ending. No tissues required although it may be too sugary for some.

However at the same time I was a bit disappointed with it. Although I liked the characters I didn't get a sense of great chemistry between them. At times their relationship seemed to be based primarily on Sophie and I found parts of the book dragged. Also, if you need any info on getting ready for a baby and taking care of one, this could be used as a reference tool. Especially during the first part the constant use of brand names felt off putting to me.

Overall this was a nice story by an author who's books I've enjoyed in the past. I did like it but still felt let down in some parts.

This story was reviewed for Rainbow Reviews

Tracy says

This was a sweet story; I really enjoyed it. I loved that Sri went through the "new parent panic" stage (we -- parents -- have all been there, but with a bit more preparation than he had) but that he had his friend Jaime by his side supporting his choices throughout. (*Note: Jaime is the son of Mexican immigrants to the US; I vaguely recall the correct pronunciation of his name from HS Spanish classes but couldn't get it to gel in my mind. Purely my own fault.)

Sri's friend Jill used Sri's sperm to get pregnant when she could feel her biological clock ticking with no husband on the cards. Sadly, she dies in childbirth, leaving her daughter alone in the world. Unexpectedly (they had agreed that his name would not be a part of the proceedings), she has named Sri as the father to the hospital. He originally plans to give her up for adoption, but is unable to do so once he's seen and held her. (I'm just glad there was no family waiting in the wings to adopt whose hearts were broken.) Sri is a gay man who shares his condo with two other men: Jaime, who has been living there for three years or so, and Nathaniel, who hasn't been there as long and is in med school. Jaime comes from a large, tightly-knit family and has admitted to having kind of a crush on Sri, although neither of them has acted on their feelings of attraction in deference to preserving a good homeowner-tenant relationship. With the addition of little Sophie, Nathaniel leaves, and they decide not to acquire a third roommate so as to free up a bedroom for the baby; but splitting child-care causes them to grow closer emotionally.

Eventually, they acknowledge their feelings for each other and set about developing a relationship deeper and more lasting than friends and roommates. This is derailed when Child Protective Services is called on an (unfounded) abuse charge -- based, apparently, on the fact that Sri and Jaime are gay. Sri panics, Jaime withdraws; they are forced to communicate to fix things (but ultimately do. C'mon, you knew there'd be a happily ever after.)

There's a wedding, a family dinner, a date or two...definitely a feel-good story, and Sophie's a little charmer (I just wish my kids had been more like her -- I love them, but...even-tempered they were NOT.)

Things I wasn't so crazy about:

- Several times, Sri mentions Jill as having been his best friend, and yet aside from mentioning her as Sophie's biological mother, he seems to have no contact with the end of her life (he doesn't go to the funeral, nothing.)

- Even though Sri had not planned to be a significant part of Sophie's life, Jill seemed to have nothing set in place to care for her daughter in the case of her (Jill's) death or injury. It would have seemed logical for her to name him as the guardian, but he would, presumably, have been informed of that at some point.

- Frankly, the guys had it really easy. I don't know anyone whose babies were as calm and stress-free and illness-free as Sophie. I get that they had a lot to deal with, between CPS, work, estrangement from family, and whatnot...but still.

Candice says

[if it's your best friend, where's the grief? Why didn't you have a funeral for her since she has no family? What happened with her belongings? Couldn't he have just gone to her house to get all of th

Suong Doan says

I was very much looking forward to reading this story due to the many rave reviews here, unfortunately I turned out to be very disappointed. From the very first page I already found elements that I didn't like, from the way we were abruptly introduced into the story, to the the way situations were explained. I found no real depth in our characters, no real development other than the fact that they gradually adapted to having an infant.

But I think what I disliked the most was the main character Srikkanth, there were so many times I wish he would just man up. I can understand the situation he was suddenly dealt with but seriously can't be a man about it?

So yeah, I was very dissatisfied.

Maya says

1.5 This just brought back how fricking tired I was when my son was an infant. I don't want to read about baby vomit and dirty diapers and, while the writing is good, it couldn't make the story better for me.

Nichole (DirrtyH) says

I was so disappointed by this story. I plugged along faithfully because the premise was so appealing to me I was determined to ignore its faults and let my imagination fill in the rest. But I couldn't finish it. The dialogue was stilted and the relationships between the characters, including the baby, never came alive. There was way too much time spent on detailing the supplies (including brand names) that they had to buy at the store. There was just no soul here and I got bored.

Danielle Desantis says

I really didn't enjoy this. There were weird inconsistencies (if she's his 'best friend', why doesn't he seem upset about her death, and if she's not, why did he contribute to her pregnancy?) and it read more like a baby-care manual than a novel. It's great that the author knows how to take care of a baby, but there's such a thing as too much information.

Overall, I just didn't really care about the characters. It's nice that some of the money from this is going to charity, so at least it wasn't a TOTAL waste of my time and money.

Ozlem says

3.5 stars. The shopping for the baby part was too long (and they did it twice). I would like to read more about their inner conflicts (like to marry or not, the progress of their relationship etc.). Falling in love with your roommate of 3 years did not seem very realistic or exciting. I'm more of a "love at first sight" person.

Vfields Don't touch my happy! says

Okay, I don't do babies or children in my books but I was so curious about Ariel Tachna's Her Two Dads I gave it a try. I mean I already know there are going to be kids in it so ... go! The beginning was well written and sucked me in right away. We meet Srikanth a kind of cold, Indian web designer when he gets a phone call about the birth of Sophie. Jamie his Latin roommate is the catalyst that pushes Sri in the right direction to the baby. Together they swim upstream taking care of and raising the baby. Tachna used a starker, more clinical writing style than with her other works. Time was taken to flush out the story. Sensual interactions were there not used as filler therefore feeling more romantic and real. I love the feeling of wanting to keep watching their day-to-day lives for years to come. First, yikes at the use on characters that are Men of Color. There isn't enough of that in m/m books today. I did have a question: Why didn't they go to Sophie's Mother's home to get all the stuff she had to have had everything for the baby? Or was there a funeral or what happened if she had no family. It just stuck in my mind. I'm glad I read this one.

IC says

Si esperas un hijo, este es tu libro porque es como un manual sobre cómo cuidar a un bebé. Hasta el 50% del libro no pasa nada de nada, solo compran lo que necesita un bebé y te lo relatan, pero ojo, no es que lo hagan por encima, es que son páginas y páginas de productos incluidas las marcas. Desesperante. Y luego lo mismo con una infección de oído y suma y sigue.

La traducción, como en la mayoría de libros M/M, mediocre y con faltas (en este caso no tantas, pero algunas) y con redacción forzada.

Esto no es spoiler, la propia sinopsis te lo adelanta.

Y la historia inconsistente. La madre de la criatura es una conocida y 4 páginas más tarde era la amiga de la juventud, compañera de piso de la universidad...como una hermana, eso sí, es tan amiga que pasa de acompañarla cuando va a dar a luz y ni se nombra el entierro.

Mary says

This story is full of romance and love and has a beautiful pace where it builds and builds to the outcome you are so rooting for. The love between the two men, Sri and Jaime, is romantic and the movie kind where you sit and smile. The way they both love Sophie is heartfelt and realistic and when you see her grown at the end, you know they've done a good job. But you just knew her two Dads were going to do it right. This book left me with a warm fuzzy feeling that I love.

Rosy says

This is the perfect story when in the mood for a very sweet story. It's not perfect, in fact most of the details of the kind of relationship one of the heroes had with his "best friend" i kind of read in between the lines. Yet, it is so good for when you just want to read about a couple who REALLY get to know each other before getting physical.

I loved the way the relationship evolved from friendship to more without the characters even noticing. I could see it, thanks to the author but they were totally unaware and just went on with their friendship. The baby added another fantastic dimension to this plot and though it may not be for everyone, i would recommend it 100%.

Becca Waldrop says

Beautiful friends to lovers. Fear makes things hard but when you let go, sometimes amazing things can happen.

Gigi says

Poor friend reviews.
