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Tristan Wilder, self-made millionaire and devastatingly handsome CEO of Wilder-Nation is on the verge of a very lucrative buyout. With tough negotiations ahead, he's armed with his acquisition pitch, ready to launch the deal of a lifetime. There's just one glitch. The last thing he expects is to fall for the hot business owner he's trying to sway.

Dylan Reeves, computer science engineer and founder of the very successful social media site, Secret, is faced with a life-altering decision. A devoted family man with three kids and a wife, Dylan has been living a secret for years. Fiercely loyal to his convictions, his boundaries blur after meeting the striking owner of the corporation interested in acquiring his company. For the first time in his life, reckless desire consumes him when the gorgeous computer mogul makes an offer he can't refuse.

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From Reader Review Secret With Bonus Material for online ebook

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read** says

4.25 Stars

This one surprised me...in a good way! Based on the blurb, I thought there was going to be a hell of a lot more angst than I got....which was not much at all.

I've seen mixed reviews among my friends when it came to this book, so I was a little apprehensive when I jumped in, but overall I really ended up enjoying it....a lot.

Yes, there were some things that had me scratching my head (suggested threesome with a gay virgin?) and sure the ending was a little too easy and nicely wrapped up...but you know what? I got over it.

I really liked Dylan (most of the time) and Tristan and I felt the chemistry between them immensely. Plus, it doesn't hurt that this book was a smutty good time. Grade A quality stuff here, folks!

Dylan and his wife's arrangement was a little too self-sacrificing for my tastes, but you know what...I liked how supportive she was. She wasn't portrayed as a villain or a woman biding her time or a pusher...her and Dylan were genuinely best friends. Big thumbs up for that.

Overall, a really enjoyable read that I ended up liking way more than I thought I would going in.

Eva says

Read with friends Monday 15 June here

Total coverlust

Gigi says

I hate when this happens and thankfully it doesn't happen often. This book is going on my Everyone Like it But Me shelf. I went back to read some reviews after I finished the book and the positive response for this book from my GoodRead friends is overwhelming. I'm glad for that, especially since I'm such a big fan of Kindle Alexander's books and have given all of them 4 and/or 5 stars. But this one did not work for me.

First off, since the blurb indicated that one of the main characters was married with children, I wanted to

know if there was cheating involved before I started reading it. I'm not one who absolutely *won't* read a book with cheating (one of my favorite books of all time is Cameron Dane's *ReneCade* where cheating is a huge part of the plot) but I like to be prepared, especially since children were involved. I don't think it's a spoiler to tell you that there was **no cheating** here. Dylan and his wife Teri are together only for their kids and Teri is actually involved in a two year relationship with another man when Dylan meets Tristan.

So, we have a deeply closeted man, Dylan Reeves, who is the creator of a social media app that all the big name companies want to acquire. He and his team travel to California to meet with the team at Wilder-Nation (described as a Google clone) and start negotiations to sell them Secret, the app that has millions of users. Tristan Wilder wants to acquire Secret at all costs after his own company's foray into the social media business has failed spectacularly. When Dylan and Tristan meet, there is an immediate attraction, but it thankfully isn't insta-lovey where they felt the need to rip each other's clothes off in the stairwell. But we do hear both men's inner monologues and the attraction is there and mutual.

After Tristan and his team give Dylan and his team a tour of the Wilder-Nation facilities, they take them out to wine and dine them and even visit a titty bar. Tristan can see that Dylan is uncomfortable and suggests the two of them leave the group and visit another establishment that would be more to their liking. This is where my problem with Tristan starts. Tristan is all promises to Dylan that he won't force him to do anything he doesn't want to do.

"We don't *HAVE* to go to the gentleman's club if you are uncomfortable. We don't *HAVE* to dance if you don't want to. You don't *HAVE* to drink this tenth 7&7 to loosen you up. You don't *HAVE* to let me suck your cock. You don't *HAVE* to fuck me, especially since it will be your first time with a man, you are wasted and you haven't had sex in 19 years."

See a pattern here? And all that is in the *first night!* I felt that Tristan was pushy and had his own best interests in mind from the start. The next day, he finds he is **SO** enamored with Dylan that he offers the Secret team 20% *more* than their asking price and all the stipulations they were asking for. On one condition: That Dylan agree to drive with him at sunset in his Ferrari and have a picnic on the beach.

The story continues with Dylan being apprehensive in his new relationship with Tristan (some reviews I read had readers annoyed with Dylan and his closeted ways, but I felt his feelings were warranted given the circumstances) and Tristan doing everything in his power to start a relationship. Flowers, Ferrari's, private dinners with Wolfgang Puck as their chef, elaborate hotel rooms, etc.

Yes, the boys do eventually get their HEA and all family members come to grips (incredibly quickly, if you ask me) with the changes in status and Secret is an astounding success. The end.

Tristan was just too relentless in his pursuit of Dylan and it kept me on edge throughout the entire book. I wasn't able to enjoy any of the sex because it felt just a touch dirty to me given Dylan's inexperience and Tristan's pushy tendencies. I personally **can't recommend this one**, but for my one negative review, there are 60+ positive reviews so YMMV. Either way, I do hope you enjoy!

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

Re-Read:

Sometimes I find I just need some Kindle Alexander in my life. Her books are simply guilty pleasure reads for me. I just eat them up.

Enjoyed it almost as much the second time around!

First read:

4.5 Stars!

Oh man, I think this might be my favorite Kindle Alexander yet!!!!

That blurb, no lie....

....had me shaking in my boots. It screamed angst and drama. Which I HATE! I mean one of the MCs...married. This cannot end well.

Reading those first few chapters.....I was sucked right in. And damn if this one didn't turn out to be even better than I expected.

I loved the social media aspect. Dylan has created Secret a social media site that leaves zero paper trail.

And Tristan wants to snap the site up.

Dylan is buried DEEP in the closet. DEEP! I was afraid this part would really bother me. He was at times OTT paranoid about anyone finding out he was gay.

But this was offset by his absolute devotion to his family. He sacrificed his own happiness for that of his family.

Was his situation conventional? No
Did he make the right choices? Maybe. Maybe not.

I loved how supportive Tristan was of Dylan. He understood the situation he was in and he stood by Dylan. He never gave up on him. Not when Dylan wavered in his head about what was right and wrong. And not when Dylan needed him the absolute most.

I really loved everything about this. A few small details aside, this one was virtually perfect to me. A unique story, low drama and angst, off the charts smokin' hot sex.

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Natasha is a Book Junkie says

“Love’s hard to find, and when you do, you don’t throw it away.”

Ever since I finished this book, I haven’t stopped smiling. Smiling because stories like these fill me with an indescribable sense of hope and positivity. Smiling because some stories are just so wonderful in every single way—inspiring, brave, honest, relevant—that they fill my heart to bursting. Smiling because some love stories touch us so deeply that we never want them to end. And this is a book I wanted to grow old reading.

“...he was a gay man buried so deep in the closet he questioned if he would ever find his way out.”

Dylan Reeves is a married man in his late thirties—a man married to the same wonderful woman for the past nineteen years, a father to three well-adjusted kids, a successful businessman on the verge of the greatest professional accomplishment of his career—and yet he has been living a lie all his life. Dylan’s marriage, as supportive and loving as it is, has been a sham from the start, an arrangement between two best friends who agreed on living separate lives while raising together the three people they love the most in the world. But while his wife has given herself permission to find true love outside their marriage, Dylan has denied himself the same, putting his children’s happiness before his own, and living by a strict moral code of always doing the right thing, at all costs.

“...they didn’t ask to be born. It wasn’t their fault I didn’t have the balls to be me.”

While on a weekend business trip, as part of his company’s merger negotiations with one of the most successful technology companies in the world, the last thing Dylan expects to find on the other side of the negotiating table is a man who suddenly makes him forget all he’s pretended to be for so long, awakening all his suppressed yearnings, and igniting the very sexual man he was born to be.

“I’m in trouble...”

“That you are. I think we both are.”

Tristan Wilder is a man at the top of his professional game, a self-made computer mogul who has the world at his fingertips, but his success has also cost him his personal life, rarely finding the time to engage in anything more than commitment-free trysts with men who never ask more of him. Until a closeted man walks into his life, and ends up turning it upside down. Never one to have to pursue his conquests, Tristan

finds himself in uncharted territory as he romances a man struggling to let his desires consume him. But the more time they spend in each other's arms, exploring each other's bodies and stealing each other's hearts, the more it becomes apparent to them both that their weekend together would end up changing their lives forever.

“There’s no way this will end well for me, but not taking the few moments you’re willing to give me seems like a far worse fate.”

And this is all I will tell you about the storyline because even a peep about what comes next would deprive you of the very special way this story unfolds and eventually comes together, of the way these characters react in certain pivotal moments in the story, of the way their unique bonds are attested, because it is those unexpected actions and reactions that make this book so extraordinary in its approach. This is not a story that trivialises the vows of marriage, or validates infidelity—this is a truly inspiring story about living one’s truth, about the kind of selfless love and devotion that puts most of us to shame, about finding the courage to show one’s most vulnerable side to those we love the most. Love does not always mean an easy road ahead, but stories like these make us believe that there might be a happily-ever-after for us all. There is something truly uplifting about tales like these, tales that show us how life should be, the life we should all have the right to live, and I am always astonished by the sheer beauty of these authors’ stories, consistently inspiring but inexorably sexy. Whether a seasoned m/m reader or new to the genre, this story should be on top of your reading list.

“I’ll wait for you, however long it takes. I don’t care. I’ll wait.”

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~Mindy Lynn~ says

Kindle Alexander did it again!

Two hot guys with some hot sexy times.

I couldn't wait for this book to come out and I wasn't disappointed. I loved the relationship between Teri and Dylan. I loved the love they had for their children and the sacrifices they made for them. And what great kids they were! I was so relieved how they took their parents secret.

Tristan and Dylan were sweet together when Dylan would finally lay his walls down to rest and just be in the moment with Tristan. He frustrated the hell outta me, but knowing how much his kids mean to him I couldn't stay mad at him too long.

Always good to end in a happy dance. ;]

DW says

My first Kindle Alexander read and I LOVED it.

Honestly, I was not sure how I would feel about Dylan being married with kids and being a closeted gay. No worries though, it worked perfectly.

Dylan's wife is super supportive through it all. She just wants Dylan to finally be happy. Dylan and his wife decided years ago that they would remain married until the kids graduated and went to college. She is ready to move on but stays because they had a deal and she worries that Dylan will never find someone that he truly loves.

Dylan and Tristan meet during a business meeting and there was instant attraction. The only problem is Dylan is so paranoid that someone will find out that he is secretly gay that he wants to hide out and not go out in public with Tristan.

I loved how understanding Tristan is with Dylan's plan. He wants nothing more than to be with Dylan and decides that he will wait for Dylan to work it out.

The struggle for Dylan to do the right thing by everyone is very real. He just wants to do right by everyone involved.

The drama was low and the sex was smoking hot!!!

Jess-i-ca ~Sometimes a Gif Witch~ says

4.5 Stars- Another Solid Kindle Alexander Read!

I like to change up the genres I read and every now and then will read a M/M book. Kindle is one of my favorite go-to M/M authors.

Ok so now for the story...

You have Dylan Reeves, founder of Secret

and Tristan Wilder, owner of Wilder Nation

Two guys who are coming together (<--haha you see what I did there)

on the sale of the social media site, Secret, to Tristan's company, Wilder Nation.

Tristan is a young pretty rich boy. Dylan is a family man. Two opposites in almost every way....Except they are both gay. And both attracted to each other.

Only problem is Dylan is trapped in the closet and not planning to come out for anyone.....

Oh yeah and Dylan's married....But what will happen between them???? Can he come out of the closet and not ruin his family??

~◊~**Doxi(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says**

Minority opinion: poorly edited, wordy, boring, too much business talk, nonsensical plot, cookie-cutter characters.

Dylan's "I must sacrifice for my children even though they're nearly grown and my pseudo-wife has been fucking around for years" shtick got old fast.

Tristan was too pushy and predatory.

One extra star for the sex scenes, which admittedly were hot. I do love me a butt-sex virgin.

I said it before, but this time I mean it: Kindle Alexander and I are through.

Bo says

Full Disclosure: I Owe Part of My Heart to Kindle Alexander

My use of the title of one of Kindle Alexander's best books (well, they are all "best books" in MY book) to lead off my headline of this review is done for two reasons: 1) It's the theme of the book, and 2) it's personal.

Let's get the personal out of the way. I have corresponded with Ms. Alexander for a couple of years because I just love what she does with men who have some serious issues about loving other men. A lot of authors do this very well, but she does it for such a wide cross-section of men in so many situations that I just kept telling her this, and she kept writing back and we had some very nice philosophical discussions (by e-mail only, we have never met or talked or Skyped or connected by social media), and shared some personal histories.

Therefore, I was completely taken aback when I saw to whom she dedicated this book--Bo--and I sent off a missive asking if she knew someone else by that name, and she said, "no, silly, it's you." And I nearly died on the spot--after my jaw hit the ground. Full disclosure.

Just so you don't think I was unduly influenced by this unbelievable honor, I wish to let you know that it took me a few days to let that settle in, and then I started to read, nervously. After all, what if I didn't like it? And, actually, the first couple of chapters, which concentrate on a bit of a family crisis in the life of computer genius and Dallas semi-mogul Dylan Reeves, threw me for a bit of a loop.

While the jacket blurb of the book does a good job of setting the reader up for a potential romance between him and computer genius and Laguna Beach mega-mogul Tristan Wilder, the exquisitely handled introduction of Dylan's family--wife Teri, daughters Chloe and Cate, son Chad--has me shaking my head: Is this going to be one of those books where one MC, i.e., Dylan, is straight as a Texas arrow and we are getting set up for a sloppy seduction process by an admitted player in Tristan Wilder? This man Dylan Reeves is a completely devoted husband and father, and you could not even imagine where Ms. Alexander is going with this.

Until the last couple of pages of Chapter Two--wherein you discover that the title of the book is not only the name of Dylan's high-tech company, but also the definition of virtually every little plot twist that comes along. And, wow! Do they twist and turn--but with such deft segues, beautiful writing, and extraordinary sexual heat that you ultimately cannot put the darn book down.

This one took my breath away in every way and in every chapter. It's fast-moving but not capricious, to the point but not nasty (well, one little incident is, but that's expected), mind bending but never outrageous in its premise that two alpha males just over the 35-year-old divide can blow their lives apart, but agree not to keep doing it, until there is no choice.

There is never a choice in this book for continuing to have secrets--which is why the title of the book, the name of the company, and the plot twists are so cool to contemplate. No, the reason there is no choice is because Dylan Reeves is one of the great characters to have emerged from the M/M contemporary romance novels I have read (and there are many): He lives his life on integrity, except, of course, for one part of it which some might say qualifies him as a hypocrite, but not when you get to know him. He is walking honesty personified, and he manages to change people's lives with that honesty and integrity without leaving the other people, or the reader, raising skeptical eyebrows--a testament to Ms. Alexander's fertile imagination.

That he has a wife who as a major positive player here may stun you at first, just as much as how a conflicted

Tristan thrashes about trying to wrap his head around a man he cannot figure out, may take you aback at first. But when you get wrapped up in this tale, and this family, you will wonder how many other couples are in the same situation, and how few of them deal with it as this one does.

Here is a book that will challenge you to guess when the next secret is disclosed, and how these people will deal with it. That Ms. Alexander will toss a nice little bomb in your path to each of those discoveries will rivet you to the page, this tale, and to these characters.

One could have no greater honor than to have had a book like this carry one's name on the Dedication page.

Elsbeth says

BR, June 9th with Julie and Momo.

The blurb had me freaked out.. Wife, kids!!! Aaaagh..

Thankfully the Secret contained many issues and the “secret” wasn’t kept from his wife, Teri.

This is a sweet story about a man who sacrificed his life for his kids and in doing so he undermines who he really is and the life he really wants to live.

When he travels to California to meet with the Wilder-Nation to get his social media site, Secret sold, he meets Tristan Wilder.

Tristan

Tristan is openly gay and has always had casual flings and one night stands. Never in a million years did he think that a business meeting would lead him to love and to him becoming a changed man after just one weekend.

Dylan

Dylan struggles a lot with his identity and is adamant to stay married to his wife until their youngest child goes to college.

I loved how supportive Tristan was of Dylan. He understood the situation he was in and he stood by Dylan. He never gave up on him.

He had never slept with anyone curled so completely around him, yet he found he never wanted Dylan to leave this spot. Dylan was made to lie with him exactly like this. Something told him he’d found his other half and he needed to hang on at all cost. Tristan dragged Dylan in closer, if that were even possible, and closed his eyes, relishing the moment before

drifting off, sleeping better than he had in weeks.

The other thing I loved was Tristan's and Teri's interaction..

Loved the wife, the kids were very supportive when they were told their fathers and theirs moms secret for that matter!!

The only thing that has been bugging me ever since I finished this book is that I struggle with the concept of sacrificing your life for your kids... Knowing kids always blame themselves, I thought it was a big "burden" for the kids to bear, knowing their parents were so lonely all of these years!!!

But nevertheless, a sweet and sexy story, cause dammn Kindle can write hot, scorching sex scenes!!

Recommended...

Julio Genao says

...yeah, no.

? Todd says

Wow, color me impressed. I'm really glad that I overcame my initial misgivings while reading the book's blurb and took my friend Toni's review at face value.

(Or in this case, by the blurb sounding like there's cheating...)

I'd feared that with the wife and three kids, this book might contain cheating, a hard limit for me, but I'm pleased to report that **the book contains zero adultery, is low drama and completely free of 'fuckery'**, as my gal pal **Dani** would probably say. ;-)

How? Well, **Dylan** may be the married owner of a popular social media site, named **Secret**, but he is also honest to a fault, living by an **extremely strict moral code**. One which included divulging to his wife and best friend, **Teri**, that he was gay, back when their three nearly college aged children were still very young. Other than Dylan's wife, **no one else knows**.

And although his wife has been in a committed, although secret, relationship with a very nice man for a few years, **Dylan refuses to allow himself the same happiness**, having decided to cloister himself away until

the youngest of their children leaves for college.

That's the plan and he refuses to stray from it. **Until he meets Tristan.**

The two meet when Dylan visits Southern California to engage in talks with Wilder, Inc. in regards to them buying his online web site, Secret.

When **Tristan Wilder** first meets Dylan, he's immediately taken by Dylan's tall, toned, auburn-haired good looks.

And although Dylan keeps it well-hidden, he's equally attracted to Tristan, the tall, sandy-blond, gym-toned CEO of Wilder, Inc.

But on Dylan's first night in town, the executives at Wilder take him and his staff to a strip club. A female strip club, where Dylan shows **zero interest in the local talent**, which sets off a San Andreas fault-sized ***blip* on Tristan's finely-honed gaydar**.

So after Tristan rescues him from the gentleman's club, now **two people know Dylan's secret**. And that scares the deeply-closeted married man nearly senseless.

However, **serious attraction mixed with large quantities of alcohol** never turn out well for Dylan's carefully-laid out life plans, so the two men end up in Tristan's bed, not once, but **repeatedly**, until Dylan returns home to Dallas at the end of his trip.

Once back in Dallas, Dylan tries his best to resume his former life, but now that he realizes what he's been missing and that a man as amazing as Tristan might want him, he begins to slowly come apart at the seams.

And after **Tristan admits that "it's just hard to go back to adequate once you've had spectacular,"** well, he has no choice but to keep chipping away at Dylan's resolve until they have their shot at forever.

Overcoming his crippling fears of coming out resulted in several setbacks for the men, but Tristan didn't become a self-made success by giving up when things got difficult.

So Tristan pushes when needed, giving Dylan his space when required, but **blatantly ignores Dylan's many attempts to distance himself** from their budding relationship.

I absolutely loved how **Tristan found a strong ally** within Dylan's very own ranks to help the men get their happily ever after, which they eventually did. Those parts of the book had me **snickering conspiratorially** with a grin that would not leave my face. The whole thing was **deliciously evil in the best way possible**.

While the book spared the reader from having to endure scene after scene of gut-wrenching angst, it's a bit of an understatement to say that the story **did *not* skimp on the sexy bits**.

I lost count of how many (**insanely hot, extremely versatile**) **intimate scenes** that Dylan and Tristan shared, but all of them, every single one, felt necessary to the story and didn't come across as gratuitous or only there to sell more books.

And the scenes where Dylan loses both of his gay virginities? **Sweet. Merciful. Crap.** Someone call the fire department, stat!

I would not consider this book really as erotica, mainly due to how strong the story was, but I'd be hard-pressed to think of a sexier read from this year. **The book's cover is sizzling, but nothing compared to what's between the pages.**

There's also Tristan's **Ferrari**, which like Dylan's son, I also coveted highly. *insert-drooling-below*

This was an **amazingly touching and humorous** story of remaining true to what's important in your life, while adjusting your goals to create the life that will truly make you happy.

5 highly-enjoyable *It's-in-my-hand!* stars, but you'll have to read the book to find out exactly what that means. It was **seriously priceless**, though. ;-)

Buy. Read. Now!

My copy of the book was provided by the publisher in exchange for a fair, unbiased review.

Arabella ~?AB?~ says

★★★ 3 Stars ★★★

This was a sweet story about a man who sacrificed his life for his kids and was struggling to come to terms with the fact that he had to move on or spend his life alone. Dylan is married with three kids but his marriage is an unconventional one, his wife is his best friend and have decided to stay together until their children have all left for college.

Tristan is a self made millionaire who is openly gay and has always had casual flings and one night stands. Never in a million years did he think that a business meeting would lead him to love and to him becoming a changed man after just one weekend.

Dylan struggles a lot with his identity, he has kept it hidden for so long that he doesn't know what to do with all the feelings that Tristan is bringing out of him. He panic's a lot and tries to push Tristan away, but Tristan is so supportive and caring that he won't let him go, but also gives him the space he needs in order to come to

terms with the inevitable.

When Tristan and Dylan sign the contracts to go ahead with their business deal, Tristans life in California and Dylan's in Dallas collide and secrets are revealed.

This was a heart-warming story with lots of sexy moments, an enjoyable read overall. If you like low drama in your stories, this is perfect. A bit on the insta-love side for me, but I am so glad I got to read it.

This is a full length standalone, told in third person dual POV.

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Barbara says

BR with my Girls!
