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**A sexy new M/M romance from New York Times Bestselling author Tessa Bailey**

When CEO Renner Bastion walks into a room, everyone keeps their distance. Well, everyone but the sarcastic, tattooed, Boston-bred security guard whose presence has kept Renner in New Jersey longer than intended. As if the unwanted attraction isn't unsettling enough, Renner finds out his protector isn't as unavailable as originally thought.

Milo Bautista just came out to his wealthy, ultra-confident boss, a man he secretly respects and admires...in more ways than he'll admit. Worldly, experienced Renner would never look in his direction, let alone share some of that confidence he wears like a cloak, so Milo has set his sights on someone else to be his first.

Until Renner offers him private lessons in seduction...

Each book in the Made in Jersey series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order.

## Wound Tight Details

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# From Reader Review Wound Tight for online ebook

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 STARS

*I make the decisions. Do you understand? Boss inside work, boss outside of work. That's me. Your dick seems to like that idea just fine."*

Ever since I realized that Mr. Tightpants and big and bad boss Renner Bastion was gay in Thrown Down, I've been wiggling in pervy anticipation for his book. Can you blame me? Take Tessa Bailey's gift of writing some of my favorite dirty talking alphas and multiply that by TWO? Sign me the hell up! But I was also a little nervous, too. Can an author that's written mainstream contemporary romance pull off an MM without making it cliché and suffering some of the pitfalls that some author have when taking on something that's away from their norm? In the case of this book, it's a resounding HELL YES.

*He had a strict set of rules when it came to other men, and Milo violated them all by being his employee. Not to mention being too young...and too straight.*

Now before you go getting the wrong idea here, no, this isn't a GFY. Milo is very much gay. He knows who he is and embraces it. But coming to the realization that he's gay a bit later in his life is also making him question his approach. Watching his boss be so comfortable in his own skin and sexuality makes him follow him around not only to keep him safe. So of course it makes the perfect sort of sense to ask Renner for his help...in navigating this new to him world and eventually getting the attention of the man responsible for his sexual realization. A man that is NOT Renner.

*...please stop acting like a nightclub is Mars, for the love of God. You could easily do this on your own, but apparently you're rubbing off on me because I feel..." He shivered. "Obligated to guide your path. You've turned me into a gay Yoda. It's not a good look."*

But the second these two touch, the sexual fireworks go off, the lines get blurred, and all of a sudden what was supposed to be, isn't, and what shouldn't be happening, is.

Renner was every bit the brooding and broken alphahole I expected him to be. But getting pieces of his past does help you understand why he is the way he is. Milo is his antithesis. Fun-loving to his serious, quit to laugh to his brooding. But together they make the perfect sort of sense. The sexual chemistry between them was utterly sizzling. This was more mainstream MM and it hit the spot just right for this reader. I loved the way that Milo was so sure of his own self even while Renner questioned everything. Renner's past does explain some of his behavior, though I didn't feel that it was enough to make him be AS hesitant as he was. He frustrated me to no end with the way he handled certain things with Milo at times. Then again, he was just the right amount of endearing that I forgave him everything at the end.

Wound Tight was a perfectly delicious conclusion to the Made In Jersey series. It was steamy and with the right amount of emotion (though there was some cheese thrown in at the end that was a touch **too** sweet for me). But it was also entirely satisfying and a totally enjoyable read. If you're looking for a spicy MM

romance to spend an evening with, you can't go wrong with this one.

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~☆~Dāni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

~3.5~

*Wound Tight* is a very sexy read with a true HEA ending, but the writing style is overwrought and heavy on the tortured internal monologues.

The plot is mostly static: Milo, a security guard, takes it upon himself to watch over his stressed out multi-millionaire boss, Renner. Milo has never been with a man but is crushing on Trevor, a celebrity chef in Boston. Milo asks Renner to help him figure out his gay side, and Milo promises Renner he can make him relax.

Things don't go as planned (do they ever?). Renner is a workaholic and already on blood pressure meds, even though he's in his 30s. Milo is lusting after Renner but still hung up on Trevor, which makes Renner crazy. Milo is hurtful without really meaning to be, but that's because Renner doesn't communicate.

Milo and Renner bicker and banter. I enjoyed most of that, although some of the conversations felt repetitive. There was also too much talking during some of the early sex scenes. I am ALL for dirty talk, but this was like an entire philosophy session during a handjob.

I read this book as a standalone, and it worked fine. Renner's sister Samantha and her husband are fairly present, so I can guess the last book was about them.

**I'm rounding up to 4 stars because in the end I did like the MCs, especially gruff Renner, who needed to be loved so badly.** Renner does something stupid, but he apologizes and goes all out to get Milo back. I am a fan of groveling, so this really worked for me.

I also liked that Milo owned his sexuality; this is NOT a GFY story. It just takes Milo a while to figure out that he prefers men, but once he does, he's all in.

**Plus, the epilogue is insanely hot, like scorching; extra half star just for that!**

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**Coco.V says**

Tessa Bailey nailed it once more with her first M/M romance! Personally I enjoyed it immensely and was hooked on it right away. This sexy, intense and passionate love story between two incredible characters kept me entertained from cover to cover.

Renner Bastion is Samantha's stepbrother we met in the previous book in the series. He's a wealthy and successful CEO working 24/7 and never letting anyone getting close. His business is everything to him and his number one priority. Our first glimpse of Renner is one of a selfish man, over-confident, cold, ambitious, driven, a no nonsense type of guy, and who certainly doesn't give you the warm and fuzzies and most of his employees and people in the little town of Hook dislike him. Because of his youth, Renner had never been an overly romantic person, finding flattery and closeness difficult to bear. Security guard Milo Bautista is the last distraction Renner needs, but the tatted up temptation that walks into his office every single day throwing subtle jars and sarcasms his way at every available opportunity is too hard to ignore.

Milo has been hired to keep the factory safe and in his mind that duty extended to the factory's owner, whether he liked it or not. Milo is very protective over Renner and lately has been observing his boss closely, but not only for security reason. Secretly Milo respects and admires his boss. At the beginning Milo careful following of Renner's movements was just a way to keep the factory owner safe, and also as a way to study Renner's confidence, hoping to build his own in the process. But along the way, though it had developed into something else entirely. A disconcerting infatuation on Milo's end considering he was carrying a torch for someone else. Milo has always been fast with women and had practice in that arena, but none at all with men.

To get a chance to impress the guy who's stirred his first attraction to the same sex, Milo needs to follow the lead of a man who epitomized confidence and charisma, and Renner is the perfect specimen to deliver this kind of guidance. Reluctantly Renner agrees to help Milo even knowing he didn't have the inclination to become someone's field guide and that this whole situation was a certified mess. The more time they spend with one another, the more they start questioning everything else in their life and facing their inner desires, their needs and their wants, all one by one. Will the pull be strong enough to erase all the doubts and insecurities and to drown out all the questions?

Loved the journey this author took me on with these two men, the way they grew emotionally as the story progressed and that despite their insane differences they just worked, both amazing in their own ways. The passion between them was intense and their chemistry was off-the charts. Together they were combustible and outrageously HOT. Milo, made my heart melt! He was so caring and considerate towards Renner, always there for him and never once deterred in his determination to be his friend, even so far as hiding his own pain. Until he just couldn't take it anymore...

***"I claimed you, Renner. I made you my friend. Made you my...more. I needed you to claim me in return. That was all I needed."***

Emotionally compelling, sexy, steamy, humorous and entertaining, Wound Tight is truly a great story and brilliantly written as always. I couldn't have hoped for a better ending of the amazing Made in Jersey series.

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**Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says**

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## 4 Boss Man Stars

### Review @ Vanilla & Spice Books

One of the hottest things is two dominant males finding a way to make room for the other one without subduing their alpha tendencies. In this story this is what we get. I have not read the other Made in Jersey books (which I'll definitely remedy soon) but I never felt lost in the story.

CEO Renner Bastion knows his responsibility to the people he employs in Hook. Unfortunately some of the more conservative enterprises refuse to work with a gay business man. Nevertheless his main goal is to give his staff a thriving place to go to work to. He doesn't need to be loved by them. Not even by the gorgeous security guard who makes sure that Renner is safe.

***He enjoyed taking care of people. For some reason, that quality was amplified around Renner. By about seven million notches. Probably because the jerk needed taking care of more than anyone.***

Milo Bautista doesn't care if his boss agrees, he does what he is good at, taking care of people. Flipping each other off and exchanging snarky returns are their way of communicating. When Milo learns about Renner's health troubles he comes up with a deal. He wants to teach Renner how to relax if his boss in return shows him how to impress a certain man...and totally drops a bombshell on boss man.

Milo is an incredibly endearing hero. Open, easygoing, guileless, in a masculine way really sweet and comfortable in his own skin. He doesn't play around, he wears his heart on his sleeve and gets a kick out of irritating his boss good-naturedly. He admires Renner but he knows he can't make it too obvious, his boss's ego is big enough as it is - but the admiration goes both ways.

***Pride. It jammed in Renner's throat like a hockey puck. This man was growing more incredible by the moment in his utter refusal to be...in...now that he was out. He wanted to experience everything in the open and didn't care who knew.***

Renner has a brick wall around his heart. He doesn't really have time and patience for relationships so hookups are all he cares for. That he had his heart broken when he was young only fortifies his decision to not let anyone get too close. He covers his insecurities with snark that often drifts into insults. Milo totally has got his number though, so when he starts tearing down Renner's walls you get to see the real boss man: caring, possessive, aggressively sexual and sexually aggressive, and vulnerable.

***He kept them under the guise of dancing by staying in syn with the fast pounding music, but anyone with a brain knew they were two zippers away from fucking in public.***

Their chemistry is off the charts hot and their interactions highly entertaining on all accounts. I loved

Renner's deadpan comebacks, loved that Milo owned his attraction to men. But above all...Renner's filthy mouth was a revelation. Holy...that guy can dirty-talk. Their relationship developed steadily once Milo was out of the closet and gained depth quickly. While Renner displayed an overbearing dominance Milo's was easier and not as obvious but just as strong.

I adored these two and enjoyed Renner's and Milo's story immensely. I hope that Tessa Bailey will keep writing MM - the combination of two alpha guys and their dirty talks is a heady one.

*"I, uh..." Milo started. "Maybe we should address the elephant...trunk...in the room."*

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## Gigi says

Wound Tight is Tessa Baily's first foray into the world of M/M romance and I'm on my knees, begging it won't be her last!

Wound Tight is the 4th book in the M/F series Made in Jersey, but this can be read as a standalone. I haven't read the other books and had no trouble following along.

Renner and Milo \*dreamy sigh\* are the heroes in this book. Renner the a hard-as-nails owner of the manufacturing company Bastion Enterprises located in Hook, New Jersey. Milo is an ex-military security guard who has taken it upon himself to also be Renner's personal bodyguard.

Let's break this book down, step-by-step:

1. My favorite, right off the bat, **DIRTY TALK**.

**Renner used his forehead to wrestle into the crook of Milo's neck, scraping his teeth all the way up to his ear. "I make the decisions. Do you understand? Boss inside work, boss outside of work. That's me. Your dick seems to like that idea just fine."**

2. Slight May/December romance. Milo is 26, Renner, 33.

3. Dressing room hand-jobs. **WHILE FACING EACH OTHER IN THE MIRROR**. You heard right. Making eye contact **IN A MIRROR** during orgasm.

4. Emotional sex with *loads* of passion.

5. Over-the-top romantic gestures of love.
6. Mild relationship angst to heat the story up, keep it from getting boring and give these boys time to think about their relationship.
7. Warm and fluffy HEA. There are rainbow unicorns jumping over the moon at the end.
8. **DIRTY TALK.**

**“I want to suck you off right here. I want you to remember me on my knees, my head bobbing up and down between your legs, next time someone tries to fuck around with you. Or tries to make you forget that you run shit.” Another, longer lick. “You’re the man, Renner. So sit back, watch me make you come, and feel like it.”**

The rest of my review is best told in images.

## **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

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*This review is also posted at Gay Book Reviews*

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## **Jennifer says**

### **5 “Fight-Flirt” Stars!!!**

Spontaneous combustion does exist. Because that’s exactly what happened while reading this book. Oh man oh man oh man. The business man and the security guard GET...IT....AWWN!!!! It’s impossible for Tessa to NOT write dirty words.



***“Take it out,” Renner rasped. “Take out your dick and jack yourself off for me. But if you stop giving me what I need, I’ll make you put it back away. I don’t care how pretty it is to look at. You understand?”***

Renner is THE BOSS!!! Of my libido! Give. Him. To. Me. He is the man in the suit, always in charge. We meet Renner in the previous book, *Worked Up*, and I was freaked the fuck out when I found out Tessa was writing her first M/M. And she did NOT disappoint. Renner and Milo were made for each other. Renner has been dating men for a long time, and at the beginning of this book, he believes Milo to be 100% heterosexual. But he is in for a pleasant surprise.

***“You let me pull your pants down, let me fuck myself up against your pretty-boy ass, and then challenge me? You’re not ready for what I’d like to give you right now. You won’t be ready for a while.”***

Milo. Let me tell you, I usually go for the man in the suit. But give me this charming, dimpled, blue-collar, Boston security guard every damn day. Milo was hired to keep the factory safe, including the boss man who runs it. There is an instant attraction and connection between these two hotties. Milo recently discovered that he likes a dude for the first time (and it isn’t Renner), but he has no idea how to even to date a guy. So he asks Renner to help him woo another guy. Definitely not a good idea when Renner wants him already, but Milo quickly learns that he wants Renner too. \*cue all the swoons. MILO!! Stop charming the socks...and my bra...and my panties... off me! Ugh.

Oh god. The manly banter between these two. I could just listen to Renner and Milo talk to each other and ***“fight-flirt”*** ....all....day.

***“I’m healthy as a fucking horse, and unless you want some good, hard confirmation on that, Bautista, I would refrain from comparing me again to your daddy.”***

And like every Tessa book, I give you the best similes:

***“The man has a grip like King Kong on a bad day.”***

***“like a filthy poem that made no sense.”***

*“You think I’m going to act like a teenage girl at a One Direction concert over some nipples?”*

*“Ah God. The boss man’s voice had deepened. A lot. It smoked out from between Renner’s lips and slithered in between Milo’s ribs, gathering in his stomach, like a living thing.*

I pray to God this is not Tessa’s last M/M!!!

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**Jo says**

*“You don’t dance.”*

*“I do now. I do everything for you.” The crowd closed in around them, not even bothering to be subtle about eavesdropping. “I’ll do anything. Just let me keep you.”*

I love broody and broken men so of course I loved Renner Bastion. He’s a workaholic and a very sexy boss with his serious demeanor who hides all his feelings from everyone. Renner doesn’t do relationships or feelings and he has been denying his attraction to his very straight employee Milo for a while. But when Milo offers him a deal, asking for help with getting comfortable in admitting to everyone that he is gay so that he could make a move on a guy he’s been crushing on, things become complicated. I loved how hard Renner tried not to show how crazy he was about Milo and the fact that he was so afraid of risking his heart again on a guy who admitted being interested in someone else just made me want to hug him.

*“I’m just bones and blood when you’re not around.”*

Milo Bautista is a real charmer and a flirt and I loved him. I loved how honest and open he was about himself and his feelings, how he baited Renner to get a response from him. And I loved how confused he was about his intense attraction to Renner. I loved that it didn’t take him long to figure out Renner was the only guy for him.

The romance was excellent and I loved seeing these two fight for their HEA. The sexy times were of course scorching and I loved every moment with these two.

I can always count on Tessa Bailey to write steamy and sexy stories and this was another winner from her. A definite must read for all m/m fans.

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**Jaime says**

5 stars for this **sexy, perfectly filthy story by Tessa Bailey** ! Her first M/M and she knocked it out of the

park! I feel like Tessa needs a big ol' welcome to the dark side party..because she has show us m/m readers that she has what it takes to join the club! We welcome you Tessa and hope to see more sexy man lovin' stories from you soon!!

Wound Tight is part of the Made in Jersey Series; no worries though if you haven't read the other books in the series, neither did I - and I was still able to understand and enjoy the story. This story is told in first person, alternating POV between our MC's Renner and Milo. Renner is where the name of the book got its name, he is wound tighter than a cork screw and ready to break. Milo on the other hand is there as Renner security and is the total opposite of Renner ..personality wise. You know what they say though..opposites and all that...well it is true!

In addition to Milo working for Renner, he is also learning to explore his bisexuality and he makes a proposition to Renner. You see, Renner needs to learn to relax or his heart condition won't get any better...and Milo needs to learn how to interact and seduce a man so he can get his longtime crush to notice him. Who better to teach Milo than Renner who is suave, gay, and obviously would benefit from Milo's skills in relaxation... quid pro quo. It's the perfect exchange! This is suppose to be purely educational - lessons from one to the other, no feelings involved. The problem is nobody told their hearts or their libido's!!

As these two start giving in to their attraction, the dirty talk starts flying as fast as their clothes come off - Tessa does not let us down in the chemistry department! You will quickly find that Renner, while he may appear to be too high strung to enjoy himself...he takes all that focus and applies it to his mad skills and dirty mouth in the bedroom--watch out cause he goes to town!

I loved that aspect of the story....dirty talk and two men who are not afraid to get down. In my eyes, it adds a whole other layer to the already great story!

So let's talk, Dirty talk...just for a second...

The Art of Dirty Talk is not something that everyone can do. It is a skill that HOPEFULLY you can practice while having fun with a lover and again if you're lucky repeat performances are requested. Nevertheless there are some basics that you must know if you are going to attempt dirty talk at the level of Renner - here they are;

1. Be confident. If you are going to do it, own that shit!
2. Appropriate Setting. This level of talk is not appropriate for use during an outing at the grocery store, or your mom's table.
3. Reach out and Touch. Dirty talk while touching your lover or yourself - instantly ups the heat.
4. Start slow...the building up is all part of the fun.
5. Be Natural. If you wouldn't ever say the word normally..don't force it during sex.
6. Watch the reaction. Always pay attention to your lover...do they like it? Keep going!

So, why am I telling you all of these amazing tips? Well because once you experience Wound Tight, you are

going to want to go try out the dirty talk with your significant other! This book is hot!

I recommend this book - 5 Stars!!

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### **Elsa Bravante says**

Entre el MEH y el rolling eyes más absoluto, sobre todo después de ese final.

Supongo que este es uno de los casos en que el libro tiene buenas puntuaciones y yo me quedo mirando el kindle, haciendo autocrítica, y preguntándome por qué es así si a mí me ha parecido tan malo. Lo he intentando, siempre lo hago, pero... es malo, ese es el resumen, me ha parecido muy malo, lo único que le he encontrado positivo son las escenas de sexo y algún momento emotivo entre los personajes.

Renner y Milo, uno un empresario, y otro un guardaespaldas. Ya. No sé más de ellos, alguna pincelada, referencias a la forma de ser de Renner que supongo que se ve en libros anteriores. Pero nada más. No conozco a los personajes, no los entiendo, se me escapa totalmente su situación. Si esto no fuera suficiente, el desarrollo de la historia me parece totalmente inverosímil, la premisa con la que la relación empieza es totalmente ridícula, los personajes tienen alrededor de 30 o de 3? El comienzo absurdo y el desarrollo meh, tan tan meh..., recursos facilones, momentos de película estadounidense..., he llegado a sentir vergüenza ajena al estar leyendo, no digo más.

No me gustaría pasar el comentar la sexualidad de Milo, no la ha entendido. Un hombre que se supone que ha tenido toda su vida relaciones con mujeres, que de repente descubre que es gay por su atracción a otro hombre, y que se llama entonces a sí mismo gay, a pesar de que parece que sus relaciones con mujeres siempre carecieron de algo, no dice que fueran malas, ni se plantea ser bisexual? No sé si yo no lo he entendido bien, o no está explicado bien, pero me ha parecido todo muy confuso y farragoso en lo relativo a su sexualidad.

Supongo que el resumen es que no lo recomiendo, pero si lo leéis supongo que a muchos les gustará porque recurre a todo eso que vende bien, yo misma leo libros por el estilo porque siempre digo que todo tiene su momento, pero creo que este no tiene ni la calidad para ello. Irá en opiniones.

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### **Nicola says**

#### **3.5 stars**

*Wound Tight* is classic Tessa Bailey--dirty talking and sex fuelled--only this time she's venturing into M/M territory.

*"I'm going to enjoy that smart mouth more than I have the right to."*

I didn't go into this expecting a profound M/M read: Tessa Bailey has a formula, a successful one and I've read and enjoyed enough from her to know what I'm going to get when I pick up one of her books, and Renner and Milo tick all the boxes. If you've read the previous books in the series, you'll know Renner as a brusque, grumpy, asshole with a lurking softer side. Something I was pleased to see continue.

I can't deny there were some elements that didn't work quite so well for me. Mainly the fact that Milo had previously been with only women and had zero experience with men, yet never questioned if he was bi, happily telling his friends he's gay after an encounter (a very steamy one) with Renner. That said, after that, I'm not surprised it cemented his decision. However, what it lacked in that respect was compensated for by the fact that I did enjoy these guys together; Milo's no pushover when Renner gets going and there were some nice emotional moments amongst the flirting, fun, tension and passion as they work out how they fit into each other's lives.

*"You've turned me into gay Yoda."*

Removing my gripes from the equation *Wound Tight* is an enjoyable easy read with two hot, alpha men and was pretty much what I expected. I have to say though, the epilogue, which started fantastic, morphed into a bit of a damp squib, fizzling out which was disappointing considering this is the end of the road for this series and Tessa can write fabulous epilogues. However, if you're looking to scratch an itch with a quickish, sexy story that has the customary Bailey dirty-talk but isn't laced with drama or angst, then this is absolutely one to grab.

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## **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

Milo Bautista has his boss's number. Renner may appear to be a self-centered asshole, but Milo has been watching him, and there is more to Renner than meets the eye.

Renner Bastion is used to being disliked and left alone, but the sarcastic, tattooed Milo seems to want to take care of him. When Milo asks him to help him catch the eye of another man, Renner agrees, all the while knowing nothing good will come of it.

This review is probably going to sound like I didn't enjoy this book as much as I did. And I DID enjoy it...A LOT. Renner and Milo were SMOKIN. The writing was fantastic as usual. The sex scenes were scorching (Tessa Bailey really should write more M/M books.) It had a ton of feels and it kept me turning the pages.

Unfortunately, it also had one of the most (for me) annoying setups. The whole "please help me get the attention of an OM/OW" (in this case a dude called TRAVIS.) trope. I am just not crazy about that type of storyline. Someone inevitably has doubts and ends up either getting hurt or pulling a "shits for brains move" I also find them to be predictable and yes, this WAS predictable. Travis is never a *physical* issue for the couple, but his shadow does cover a good portion of the book.

*"I make the decisions. Do you understand? Boss inside work, boss outside of work. That's me. Your dick seems to like that idea just fine."*

My other issue was this ended REALLY abruptly in my opinion. I think Renner's and Milo's relationship deserved more than (view spoiler) On top of that, since this was the last book in the series, it REALLY needed a WAY better epilogue.

So I know it sounds like I didn't like this book, but overall it WAS an entertaining read. Certainly better than book one, but not as awesome as book three IMO.

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### Talltree says

4.25 stars!

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### Corina👉BookTwinsReviews says

OMG I'm in love with this book!!!!

4.5 stars

The sexual tension was INSANE. Renner and Milo were scorching hot together.

Wound Tight was the 4th book in (Made in Jersey #4) by Tessa Bailey. I utterly adored Worked UP (Made in Jersey #3), and was very much intrigued about Renner and Milo's fabulous chemistry, so getting this ARC was a wish come true.

And wow, Tessa Bailey did more than deliver. She hit it out of the ballpark with this one.

Renner Bastion was the ultimately successful, suit wearing business man. He liked to be in charge, inside as well as outside the office. He was also very comfortable in being a gay man. Renner liked his sexual encounters clear defined. He would meet at a designated meeting place, with clear boundaries all around, mostly with other like minded business men, that knew nothing would come of it. He definitely was the epitome of an alpha male. He was a little older than Milo, and thoroughly confident in being a full-booded

gay man. A badass, that didn't care at all what other people thought of him.

Milo Bautista, was a tattooed, and gorgeous hunk of a man. He had a budding interest in a former male acquaintance and looked up to Renner to figure out how to be comfortable in his own skin. Even so Milo was an alpha in his own right, accepting the attraction that he felt towards men was new to him and coming out was a rather taunting experience. Although there was an intense attraction between Milo and Renner from the very beginning, neither thought anything could come from it.

What I liked the most about Milo was his raw honesty. It was beautiful and refreshing all in one. And it surprised the heck out of Renner.

***“If we’re talking about things we want, I wish we were back in the club.” Until the words came out of his mouth, Milo hadn’t even been aware of their existence. “You got weird on me during the ride over. And now I’m getting weird on you because this place is like a fucking palace.” Milo shook his head and laughed a little. “I just want us back kissing in that club.”***

On the other hand Milo was surprised by finding out he really liked the 'Boss' side of Renner. The commanding, and dominating factory owner was a real turn on for Milo. He liked to submit to a certain point, especially in bed. Both men never really talked about it, it just naturally developed.

***Pulse chugging in his temples, Milo spread a hand over Renner’s belly and traced it up beneath the shirt, amazed when Renner hissed a breath. “I want to taste you. Here.” “Do it before I change my mind.”***

Renner had the most fabulous dry humor. He also was a little aloof, worked long hours, dedicated to his businesses, and never really stopped or slowed down. Milo just complimented him in the best way. Milo was the opposite of Renner, funny, smart mouthed, liked by everyone, but also pushy when needed. He loved to take care of Renner. Milo had this heart warming, nurturing side hidden in an ex military body.

There was this AMAZING scene in the dressing room. I just melted away. The chemistry between Milo and Renner was off the charts hot.

***“You know, the way you’re showing me the ropes like this? It qualifies you for the Mr. Miyagi nickname.” “Jesus, Bautista. Do I need to take the shirt off for you?” Their gazes zeroed in on each other in the mirror. “Do you want to?” Silence passed by, loping and heavy. “Get it off.”***

I couldn't have asked for a better book for Milo and Renner. Tessa Bailey did one fabulous job. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough, and I had a smile on my face the entire time. I must say, Milo and Renner might be my most favorite couple yet.

A gifted copy was provided by author/publisher for an honest review.

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## Wendy says

First of all, let me start by saying, that I haven't read the other book in this series, so it can be read as a stand alone, for those who don't want to read the m/f books.

I enjoyed this one, though there were some things that bothered me a bit.

This story is about Renner, multi-millionaire, boss-man. He owns multiple factories, one of them located in "Hook". He has known he is gay for a long time and doesn't hide this fact. He's not a very approachable man and though his employees respect him, they don't really like him. He seems very harsh and cold, but....I myself did really like the guy.

Enter Milo. He is Renner's, former military, bodyguard. He was hired as a security guard to keep the factory safe, but has taken it upon himself to keep the boss-man safe as well. Milo is a fun and outgoing man. Everyone does seem to like him. He recently found out that he's gay and he's been trying to figure out how to deal with his newly discovered sexuality. Now don't get me wrong, he isn't struggling with this fact or anything. He's just trying to figure out how to be with another man.

He already has a man in mind, he wants to be with.....Travis. He just has no idea what to do, or how to act. He figures he needs help and why not ask the one person who seems so confident in his own skin and who knows what it's like to be with another man, his very own boss-man Renner.

These two reach a "sort of" mutual agreement and things progress from that point on.

I have to say I was a bit apprehensive, from the moment I found out, that Milo wanted to be with another man. I know that most people probably felt a bit of annoyance towards Renner, for his somewhat cold and harsh personality. I however felt that annoyance with Milo. If someone wanted me, to help them out, with eventually seducing someone else....I wouldn't be a happy camper.

Travis himself doesn't really have a big role in this book, but just the way these two started out, made me a bit nervous. It isn't my favorite trope.

I also found the push and pull a bit too much. The steam was nice, but it all just took so long and once they were done, they started their pushing all over again....and I don't mean the good kind of pushing ;)

This doesn't mean I didn't enjoy the book though, because I did and if this author decides to write another one, I will surely read it.

I'm going with 3,5 stars, rounded up, because I really liked Renner's dirty talk :)



## **Elle the ClosetRomanceReader aka Leftie aka Shoebelle says**

*\*ARC received from publisher via Netgalley\**

If I could put this succinctly, it would be this...

Tessa + M/M =

This is Tessa we're talking after all, who in my book, is the queen of dirty talk. Mix in M/M and what you get is this. Simply delicious and panty-melting! Yes, I went there! Like I said, you're talking about a woman who has mastered the art of the dirty talk \*g\*

If you're a fan of this series like me, you'd have met Renner briefly by the second book. I haven't gotten to the third yet but I believe he had a slightly bigger role there. No matter, this is a standalone, you'll be fine.

Renner is the boss and Milo is the employee. Milo has a long way to go learning and understanding his sexual identity. Renner has the experience. What started out as a shaky agreement between these two turned into a yummy story of learning one's self and trusting one's own feelings.

Renner has quite a gruff exterior but there's a reason for that. And somehow, whether Milo knew why or not, he managed to see through that anyway. Milo is so quick-witted, he cracks me up with his thoughts. I love the way he called Renner out on his sh!t and the way he tried to take care of Renner, it's adorable. And Renner, I love how he was so unsettled by Milo. Milo was like a bull in Renner's china store, so to speak. HAH! Renner has these doubts that he hides well but oh boy, when he takes charge, HOT DANG!!!

For a Brazen read, this is one of the hottest I've read! Actually, this is one of the hottest I've read, period! And for realz, beyond the heat factor, you get a story of self-discovery, of tender emotions, of friendship, and of love.

I've been with this series right from the beginning, and to see it conclude like this, it's like going out with a bang! I will miss this series, for sure. O wait, I still have to read Duke's story, so maybe not quite yet for me at least, yay! Oh, which also means then that I can re-read this just to convince myself I've read in sequence! Pffft, as if I need an excuse to re-read this \*g\*

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