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One glimpse of Daniel DiMarco sets Alaina Miles's hormones into overdrive, but she cannot act on her feelings. Not only is he ten years younger than her, he's a notorious womanizer. When the tension between them escalates into one night of passion, Alaina takes it in stride. It's a dream come true, but it's only one night.

When a leak in her roof forces her to hire a contractor, Evan Carrico, Daniel's best friend and secret lover, is the man for the job. It doesn't take long for Alaina to realize that her attraction to Evan is much more serious than it should be.

As she falls in love with them and they fall for her, Alaina discovers their secret, but she wants to wait for them to build enough trust in their relationship to tell her themselves. When she stumbles upon them locked in a passionate embrace only hours after a tragic event, will the explosion destroy everything they've built?

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Gale Stanley says

A brand new release by Michele Zurlo. Erotic Romance, Contemporary, May-December, Menage a Trois/Quatre.

Blackravens Reviews says

3.5 Ravens. I have read quite a few of Michelle Zurlo books and find them entertaining. To view the rest of this review, please visit <http://www.blackravensreviews.com/?p=...>

Judith says

4.5 out of 5. I have enjoyed all the stories in this series, even though they have been difficult sometimes as the BDSM elements have been troublesome at several levels for me. But ultimately, the characters are real and gritty, searching for genuine caring and honest about their deeper needs. Society is not often open to allowing individuals this kind of honesty. This is also an older woman/younger man story--a menage context, but it is also about the denial which permeates Daniel's life as he struggles with his love for Evan. This was a very emotional story and compelling in its deep examination of feelings and the need for honesty--without that gut-level openness, no relationship can hope to endure. This author has written a number of stories that are set in a variety of settings and social contexts. I applaud her willingness to dive in and deal with the realities within this novel.

The BookChick says

1.5 stars

I didn't care for this story; not because it contained bisexual elements per se but because the romance between the three characters happened too quickly. Furthermore, their personalities were quite contrary to each other thus making the relationship between them feel very contrived.

This book was not my cuppa nor did it evoke my interest in other books in the series.

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://whippedcream2.blogspot.com/201...>

Whoever it was, who said "variety is the spice of life" might just have been lucky enough to experience as

hot a Ménage à trois, as the one in this book...

When I started reading about Alaina who finds herself passionately enjoying the sexual attentions of not one but two gorgeous, younger men, who are best friends and secretly in love with each other I just knew I was in for a treat! What starts out as tempting, lustful fun quickly escalates to love and then just like in the "real world," life has a habit of intruding and each of the lovers has to deal with their own issues and personal demons. I couldn't help but relate to each of these three and found myself empathizing at different stages in the story, with them all. So much so, that I felt dragged from one end of the emotional gamut to the other, yet still came out smiling by the end of it and more than a little envious of lucky Alaina!

Michele Zurlo is wonderfully adept at "fleshing out" her characters, even her secondary characters, bringing them all and the story to vibrant life. She is remarkably gifted at making it all seem so real, that it is both absorbing and memorable. The erotism throughout is divine. From super hot and frenetic, to loving and deliciously sensual, especially when all three finally let down all their guards and participate fully.

This story is so much more than just a quick immersion into the lusty cravings and socially frowned upon excesses of an older woman with her eager young studs. It's a love story with an edginess to it that combines several hot themes (cougar with younger man, cougar in a Ménage à trois with two younger men, bisexuality) into a plot that's completely riveting from start to finish. I absolutely loved it! This is the fourth book in highly acclaimed Awakenings series and another superb tale of love, lust and life that make her novels, such a delightful fascination to read.

Divalish Smile says

Finally finished this book. I was so bored and I had to force myself to finish it. I don't know why exactly I didn't like it or get into it but it just did not keep my interest. Sorry.

The only character I liked in the story was Evan. I really liked everything about him.

Michele Zurlo says

This one took almost a year to write because Danny is so stubborn! Anyway, it was worth the time investment. This is definitely one of my favorites. Thanks to the various readers who sent "Where's Daniel's story?" emails to me every now and again.

Find out more about this title on my website: <http://www.michelezurlo.com>

Pansy says

I do enjoy this author and this has been on the pile forever. So glad I finally got to read it. This was one HOT cougar with not one but two young cubs. Oh my! Some rather nice twists that kept me turning the pages. I

like this series. May have to dig up the others and do some re-reading too.

LoveRomance says

I have enjoyed the whole Awakenings series, and this books tells Daniel's story (I had to go back to book 2 in the series (Hanging On) to remember who Daniel is -- Sophia's brother). While I appreciate that others may enjoy M/M sex a lot, I generally don't look for that in my romance/erotic novels. However, in this book it helped move the story along, and built in the depth of the relationship between Daniel and Evan, and how both can also love Alaina (another character about whom I had to go back and re-read from book 2). As always, Michele Zurlo weaves in great character development, and always gives us little updates from characters in previous books. I'd love to know more about what's happening with my two favoriate characters from my two favorite books in this series, Letting Go and Two Masters for Samantha, but alas both received only passing mention. Time to Pretend is a good next book in this series, but not my favorite.
