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Together for the first time, twelve short stories of male/male romance from award-winning author JL Merrow. Ranging from gritty to giddy, all feature two men finding their happy ever after -- or at least for now -- with a dash of the author's trademark humour.

Read about boys from the wrong side of town, boys from the right side of town, and boys from a town you really wouldn't want to live in. Meet a rent boy with a secret, a very earthly version of Cupid, and men with a definite tinge of the supernatural. Opposites attract, wishes come true, and old enemies find forgiveness in this variety pack of eight contemporary stories and four paranormal tales that's a perfect introduction to the writing of a very British author.

Contains the stories: Love Found on Lindisfarne, Free Ride, Light the Fire, Dead Shot, Stronger Where it Counts, Jack in the Green, A Ghoul Like You, Batteries Not Included, Making it Pay, Trick or Treat, Good Breeding, and A Pint of Beer, a Bag of Chips, and Thou.

A Flirty Dozen Details

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Suze says

A collection of JL Merrow shorts - what's not to like!!

I have definitely read 4 of them before, possibly 5, but it didn't stop me enjoying them again.

From reenactments to witches, adoption to turning tricks, pagan festivals to cupid there are a wide array of themes here.

I think the ones that were not so favoured are perhaps earlier works but generally I enjoyed them all - averaged out at over 3.5*.

namericanwordcat says

Love Found on Lindisfarne is my favorite of the bunch with a Viking re enactor and and single father Funny and sweet.

I like the paranormal ones the least but they are all good and make for a lovely read.

Antonella says

Uh?!! How is it that this collection doesn't have any review and not even a rating at the moment? It is a collection of great tales. I also loved the Britishness of them, the solid writing, the humour. Warmly recommended.

Elena says

3.5 stars

Tailtiu says

A Pint of Beer, a Bag of Chips, and Thou **4***

Light the Fire **3,6***

Love Found on Lindisfarne **3,5***

Trick or Treat **3,5***

Stronger Where It Counts **3***

Good Breeding **3***

A Ghoul Like You **3***

Batteries Not Included **3***

Dead Shot 3*
Jack in the Green 2,5*
Making It Pay 2,5*
Free Ride 2*

J.L. Merrow says

This is a collection of all my m/m short stories published to date with JMS Books - twelve stories adding up to, or so I'm told, 86,000 words or 246 pages. There are eight contemporary m/m tales, and four paranormals - more or less! (There are a couple which are a little on the fence, so I decided they added up to one paranormal between them *g*) One of the stories is set in the 1920s, my favourite historical period ever (the frocks! The hats! The lack of corsets!)

Some of the stories in this anthology are among my earliest published works, while others were penned more recently. Most are firmly grounded in my native Britain, although some are set further afield, giving me a chance to play with dialect. All of these stories have a touch of humour, even the darkest tale of the twelve (trust me: you'll know it when you see it!)

The collection is due out in paperback in January 2016. :)

Lene says

Sweet collection of MM romances.

Lillian Francis says

Many 5 star reads and none lower than a three. I'll happily give this amazing collection an overall rating of 5 stars.

Love Found on Lindisfarne - Adorable. Castles, Viking re-enactors, a child that acts like a child, a deadlocked hippy, and monk-licking. All written with the author's familiar humour. Loved it.

Free Ride - First meetings and second chances.

Light the Fire - A story of second chances and allowing yourself to be happy.

Dead Shot - read previously as individual.

Stronger Where it Counts - The writing was great as usual but I wanted more.

Jack in the Green - The whole story had a magical, dreamlike quality.

A Ghoul like You - read previously as individual.

Batteries Not Included - read previously as individual.

Making it Pay - Made me cry.

Trick or Treat - Sexy and spooky Halloween short with an unexpected ending

Good Breeding - read previously as individual.

A Pint of Beer, a Bag of Chips, and Thou - a very individual Christmas story to finish off the anthology.

Claire says

All stories between a 3-4.

EmilieSA says

Some stories I really enjoyed and some really not but all in all I close the book with a good souvenir of it. A couple stories I would gladly re-read too

Karen says

I'd already read all but one (possibly two) of the stories in this collection but bought it to gather them all in the same place. This made a pleasant, on occasion edgy, re-read for a summer day, and a nice refresher to Merrow's sense of humor before starting *Blow Down*. I'm particularly fond of "Love Found on Lindisfarne," "Free Ride," and "A Pint of Beer, a Bag of Chips, and Thou." There's a bonus link to the coda for "A Pint of Beer." Lovely.

J.L. dedicates *Blow Down* to Dorien Grey (Roger Margason) who died on November 1, 2015, something I seem to have missed, or didn't it register with me, since I'm pretty sure it was posted to our Fanyons GR group. But for whatever reason it hit me now as a significant loss, and I do remember reading this blog post, which (poignantly) was posted on October 29, 2015. https://www.goodreads.com/author_blog...

I also purchased this collection of his blog posts: *Short Circuits: A Life in Blogs*
