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Sequel to A Matter of Time Vols: I & II

Jory Harcourt doesn't have to go looking for trouble. Wherever he goes, it seems to find him—particularly when his partner, Sam Kage, is working undercover on a federal task force.

After the recession forces him to close his business, Jory goes to work as a matchmaker and event planner. From there, it's only a matter of time before his big mouth and up-front attitude make him the rope in a tug-of-war between a trust fund baby and a drug-smuggling criminal. Then, as if that situation weren't delicate enough, Jory's undercover lover shows up working for the smuggler.

Between the men who want him and the men who just want him dead, Chicago is getting a little crowded for Jory, so on the advice of his brother, his boyfriend, and the FBI task force, he heads for Hawaii... where a serious accident threatens his quality of life. Can Sam and Jory keep the faith and prove that their relationship really is bulletproof?

Bulletproof Details

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Diana says

3 1/2 stars

Barbara? says

If you've been following me as I have read through this series, you know that:

1. I love Jory. I love his quirky, clueless ways. I can totally see why some people don't like him. I get it. He's too perfect and everyone likes him or wants to be with him and he has no clue until it's too late. He's too trusting. He makes stupid decisions that get him in trouble time and time again. But he's also vulnerable. He doesn't see in himself what other people see. He was seeking and seeking to find *something*. And as much as I hated it in the beginning, he found that *something* in Sam.

2. I hate Sam Kage and want to stab him with a rusty dull knife. Well...I used to. Then, it was just a sharp knife so it didn't hurt so much. Now, well, color me surprised, I'm actually digging him.<---Yep, I just said that. I LOVE how possessive and obsessed he is with Jory. After everything that has happened that I hated about him, I get it now. No one else but Jory will do. I mean he still does some shitty stuff. And in the beginning of this book, I was back to pulling out my rusty dull knife and getting it ready because I just knew he was on his road to one of my most hated heroes again. But he came through. I think he finally got it. Nothing else matters in his life but Jory and if he can't have him or has to be away from him, he doesn't want anything. And oh man, he actually had me SWOONING in this one...yes, swooning.

"To me, Jory," he said, "you're more beautiful now than you ever have been, and I can't wait to see what you're gonna look like at forty and fifty and sixty, and God willing a lot more numbers after that."

"Many after that," I assured him as my eyes drifted open so I could look up into his smoky-blue ones.

"The most important thing is that you're mine, you belong to me..."

So, I will continue on with this series. I've got invested in these two and I want to see how it goes. I'm still keeping my knives handy, both the rusty and sharp ones just in case. So, we shall see...

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read says**

*****3.5 Stars*****

Damn this is a hard one to rate...

All the stars for every scene with Sam and Jory together....unfortunately, that's only about 20-25% of the book.

I wanted more! MORE DAMNIT!!

Because every scene with them together was so full of longing and love and need and desire and passion and intimacy and SO MUCH DAMN LOVE!!!

"I know you worry about getting older, about not being the prettiest guy in the room anymore. But there will never come a time when that will be the case," he said, pressing soft kisses to the side of my neck.

"To me, Jory, you're more beautiful now than you ever have been, and I can't wait to see what you're gonna look like at forty and fifty and sixty, and God willing a lot more numbers after that."

They're so damn wrapped up in each other. It doesn't matter what's going on around them...as long as they're together, everything will be okay.

What happens when they're not together, you ask? Sigh...we get about 75-80% of the book filled with Jory's shenanigans.

- Jory getting fired
- Jory getting a new job
- Jory deciding he wants to start his own company
- Jory helping his brother, Dane, find a new assistant
- Jory saving the life of a guy who happens to be the brother of a well-known criminal

"Is this what it's like living in your world? It's like a goddamn rollercoaster."

What was I going to do? Lie? "Yeah, a little."

- Jory running into his ex who's still obsessed with him
- Jory becoming the obsession of a former client
- Jory becoming the obsession of the aforementioned well-known criminal
- Jory getting tangled up with an undercover job that Sam is involved in
- Jory nearly getting Sam killed
- Jory nearly getting himself killed

"Jory, most people, when hit men come after them, they get killed. You're lucky, spontaneous, and your guardian angel is overworked and way underpaid."

"I know, right? My angel walks into a bar and the other angels are like, 'Oh shit, that's the poor

sap that's got Jory Harcourt. Look at him, he started drinking again."

But even with all this unnecessary crap that I really didn't care about, I couldn't stop reading. I'll read about whatever Jory gets himself into, just so I can have a glimpse of him and Sam together.

Because, seriously, these two as a couple make my heart smile.

"You need me."

"I more than need you. I don't work without you. I just don't."

"Same here."

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

3.5 Stars for the story - Audio Edition

What can I say that you don't already know?? This was yet another roller coaster ride on the Jory train!

I found this to be a bit more explicit than the previous installments, though the onscreen time with our favorite couple was quite less than usual, as Sam worked undercover and Jory continued to find himself in unbelievable situations. Truly, really, unbelievable situations - I kid you not.

What stayed the same though was their love for each other. Sam is such a possessive badass and Jory continues to hold court with just his presence alone. You either love him... or love him. There's obviously no choice in the matter.

This audio installment was by a different narrator than the first two volumes. Jeff Gelder's performance made it hard to distinguish different characters thus creating confusion for me at times.

MsMiz (Tina) says

I don't care what anyone else says, I flipping LOVE Jory and Sam!!

Bubbles Hunty Honest & Direct Opinions says

If you don't have anything nice to say you shouldn't say anything at all, or so I have heard but don't really listen to what people say. Plus I do have something nice to say, so eat that bitches. I should also point out that this is all just my modest opinion and that I already strongly disliked Jory, also overall this book while frustrating was not the complete suckfest the previous book was.

I think Mary did a great job writing this, she writes great first person POV and I was amazed at her ability to get in Jory's head (although we all know there is lots of space in his empty head). She really brings Jory to life, and even though I hate Jory I appreciate the author's ability to give him such details and really develop him as a character.

That said what was the point of this story? Did I miss the plot or was there no plot to miss? That said the rest of this review will just be things that bugged me and there will be no order to this so don't expect much.

(view spoiler)

Amy Lane says

So very much fun. The thing I loved about this book is that, while Jory stayed much the same entertaining, irritating gold-fish-in-a-bowl that charmed us in the first two books, in Bulletproof he actually showed a few signs of character maturity. He'd come to the point where he'd rather be alone than with a group of people he didn't know well. He actually admitted that there were situations where he could have acted better, and he kept his own ego out of some tight moments when it could have been devastating to both him and Sam if he'd let it get in the way. In the end, he was still very much the smart, goofy, big-hearted flibbertigibbet that we've loved from the very beginning, and, as with most good men, the signs of age only served to make him look better. And as for Sam? Sam showed some cracks in the armor, some chinks in the "Sam does everything right" that, once again, served to let us see that the only thing bigger than Sam's ability to be a hero is his absolute love for Jory. High class, enjoyable, charming and exciting--I really adore this series and I couldn't have asked for a better read to make me feel better about the world in general.

Edina Rose says

Can't wait to read this one! The blurb shows a Jory true to himself and I loved it! The "twenty-six year old graphic designer who thinks he's fucking' Batman" is now a twenty-six+ year old matchmaker and event planner who thinks he's fucking' Batman! Never learn, Jory, never learn.

I stopped everything to read this book. I just ADORE Jory! His love for Sam is just so cute! Jory, a little bit man, a little bit child, original and funny, never complains, not judgemental at all, kind and compassionate, brave and SUPER FAST - I love how he is always running. Jory is also physically stunning, but his real gorgeousness comes from the inside; he is an angel inside, a wicked angel though.

I really don't care about the plot, it was about mobsters, nothing special as far as Jory is concerned! But it is the way the story is told, the dialogues, Jory's "joryness", his antics, the way trouble ALWAYS finds him and how he gets away, his adoration of Sam (his He-Man police officer hubby) and everybody's adoration of Jory, this is what makes this book unique.

Now I hope there is a next book with Jory as a daddy! I can already see him educating his child. I'm sure it is not going to be orthodox at all!

Deborah says

Re-read 8th - 10th September 2018

There's not much to say that hasn't already been said. I'm completely hooked on this series. Yes it's crazy, totally unbelievable and so OTT it leaves your head spinning. But I love these guys and I can't get enough.

In this one Sam's undercover and has been for 3 months. Jory is missing him like crazy and talking of crazy Jory gets himself into the same crazy situations. The problem is these crazy situations bring him face to face with an undercover Sam.

It's another Jory adventure and I'm off to start the next one now.

Fiona Goodman says

Casting of A Matter of Time (Bulletproof). Written review to follow

Jory: Mathias Lauridsen (The only guy pretty enough to make a straight man gay....)

Sam: This gorgeous unknown man...

Or....

Chris Hemsworth (Blonde,brown hair, check. Slate blue eyes, check. 6'3 inches, close enough...and hot,hot hot!!!)

Dane: Hugh Jackman (Hansome, debonair and damn sexy in a tux!).

Dane's expression when Jory does something stupid....

Sara says

The cover of this kinda says it all, a lonely Jory in bed without Sam. This book should have been called "The one where Jory and Sam are apart more than together" or "Everyone loves Jory STILL, but Jory finally grows the fuck up".

This was good. Though I was ticked there was less Sam time and Jory seemed to be bouncing off the walls like a super ball, it was necessary. We needed to see selfish, self absorbed and clueless Jory grow up. It's time and it was done in pure Jory fashion. I loved seeing him finally get it and do what's right. The man belongs to Sam Kage and he will do whatever it takes to respect his marriage and keep his man safe.

Again, it was over the top but I am used to that with this series, it wouldn't be the same if it wasn't and I am still stupidly in love with it all.

I loved Jory being in Hawaii. You can tell the author knows her stuff and lived or lives there. Having lived there myself, it was fun to read pidgin and hear the locals talk.

That end? I had to turn the page back and read it a few times to make sure I was reading it correctly because for once, I was as clueless as Jory. But YAY and bring on the babies for these boys!

So, another one under my belt and I am ready to sink into the quicksand and continue to be absorbed by all that is Jory and Sam.

BWT (Belen) says

First, I just want to start with how much I love this book cover! I mean, don't get me wrong, I love the book too...but that cover really does it for me.

Anyway, this installment in the Matter of Time series takes place three (or so) years after Matter of Time Part IV. Jory and Sam are still happily married, Jory is still a trouble magnet, and he's still as zoned out, snarky and wonderful as always.

So Jory's got a new job at a matchmaker and event planning business, which he doesn't love but has thrown himself into, particularly now as Sam has been gone for four months on an undercover assignment and being without Sam, as always, weighs heavily on Jory.

The blurb really does give you a great idea of what's happening in the story, so I won't rehash. Even though Sam and Jory are separated for 2/3rds of the book, I didn't actually mind because the story flows so effortlessly. As always, Jory, being Jory, manages to find trouble in the most unlikely of scenarios, which ends up bringing him in a direct conflict of paths with Sam's undercover assignment.

“Jory, most people, when hit men come after them, they get killed. You’re lucky, spontaneous, and your guardian angel is overworked and way underpaid.”

“I know, right? My angel walks into a bar and the other angels are like, ‘Oh shit, that’s the poor sap that’s got Jory Harcourt. Look at him, he started drinking again.’”

What I loved more than anything else? Jory actually saves Sam's ass, not once, but *three* times. Ha! Actually, Jory saves the day quite a lot in this one to my everlasting joy.

I reached a hand out for him, and he crossed the room fast to take it. I pressed his warm palm to my heart. “You need me.”

“I more than need you,” he said, trembling. “I don’t work without you. I just don’t.”

“Same here,” I told him, closing my eyes.

One thing that did annoy me about the story was the inconsistent use of "boyfriend", "partner" and "husband" to refer to their relationship. I mean, we know that at the end of Part IV they got married in Canada in a civil union - so I didn't understand the weird referencing to Sam as his "boyfriend".

For the narration, I love the character voices Jeff Gelder uses for Jory and Dane, but I'll admit I definitely prefer Paul Morey's growly Sam character voice. That being said, Jeff Gelder just doesn't do a great job with the narration. In parts he loses inflection and his reading becomes flat at times. Worse, he self-corrects and mispronounces words *often* (example: saying "prostrate" instead of prostate.) Argh!

Though this is my second favorite story in the Matter of Time series, it's my least favorite audio. The flubs and issues aren't enough to nix it and it's still a good listen, but you should definitely be aware before buying if that sort of thing drives you bonkers. For me, my love of the story outweighs my annoyance with a few parts of the audio, so it's not an issue, and I re-listen to the audio book every few months. **I just love this story, and Sam and Jory, so much!**

“You’re a fuckin’ gift, I swear to God,” he said, closing his eyes. “Whatever I need, you give me. I’m so fuckin’ lucky.” It was said not as praise, because he wasn’t even looking at me, but simply from his heart, because to him, I was everything.

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Wendy says

Re-read 7/13/18... still makes me feel so good ;)

Reread June 26 2016....I still love the crap out of Jory !! One of my favorite characters ever !! <3

23-05-2015

What can I say. I like everybody else in this book, have a thing for Jory. I just cant help myself.

5 stars from me because I just love Jory, but it did piss me off that there was so little interaction in this one between him and Sam. Hope the next one will give me some more Jory and Sam together.

It was way ott and at times ridiculous as usual, but what can I say....in this case it just works for me :)

Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says

?????*Might contains spoilers*?????

Four year time jump. That's how this book starts. What a disappointed beginning. I feel like we're not a part of **Jory Harcourt** (30) and **Samuel "Sam" Thomas Kage** (42) journey. But what to expect when the series feel like a TV show and each book is an episode with some time jumps. Sure, there's action, love and friendships, but really most of the books is a *déjà vu* from the previous ones. And Sam was barely in this one, being undercover and all, and Jory doing something that ends up with him being in trouble. Again. Oh and the ex is back, wanting to fuck and own Jory, and more people, again/also, want to fuck and own Jory. Also, the "quote" under completely describes Jory. It's annoying how true it is... And btw, since Jory and Sam are married, why don't they have the same last name?

I also need to check occasionally to make sure that something that I've said was okay, really is. I tend to be too accepting of situations and circumstances. Like if a good friend of mine asked me to keep a gun for them, I would probably do it simply because it's my friend; why would I question it?

Quick basic facts:

Genre: - (Adult) Contemporary Romance (M/M)

Series: - Series, Book Five

Love triangle? - (view spoiler)

Cheating? - (view spoiler)

HEA? - (view spoiler)

Favorite character? - Dane Harcourt (even though he's barely in it).

Would I read more by this author/or of series? - Yes.

Would I recommend this book/series? - Unsure.

Will I read this again in the future? - No.

Rating - 1.5/2 stars

Susan says

I read the first 4 books a couple of months ago and even though I loved Jory and Sam, they broke my heart. I stopped reading after that because I just couldn't do anymore of the push and pull between them.

But people started harassing me to please continue, and because I ~~am weak~~ listen to my friends, I caved.

And thank god I did!! I loved this installment! What I wanted all along was for Jory and Sam to be solid. Just that. I wanted them to just love each other. And throw in some pining because they are apart, some gangster related violence, and of course some hot possessive sex, and we had ourselves a winner!

I still hate what they did to each other in the first 4 books, but I really did like this one.

And Jory:

