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Mega rock star, Alex “Zander” Metcalf is burned out after nearly two years touring with his band, as well as emotionally drained after his sexual preferences were exposed by the media. He is ready for a long sabbatical – alone, and retreats to the east coast island of Martha's Vineyard; leasing an oceanside estate.

Alex seeks the quiet lifestyle of a recluse to write new material for his band, only to meet the handsome estate manager, Chase, and his gorgeous fiancée, Danni, living in the guest house on his property. Alex's hope of solitude is soon forgotten when he discovers Chase has a repressed bi-sexual side that is aching to surface and Alex is more than happy to help him explore it.

What neither Alex or Chase expects is the emotional power of their chemistry expanding to involve the three of them when Danni becomes entangled in their passion. Alex believes he has finally found his perfect menage relationship with Chase and Danni.

Sometimes two isn't enough and it takes three to complete the union of a fulfilled love. But, will their new relationship be strong enough to survive when real life wants to punish them for their unconventional love? And, can they be confident in the strength of their love to take the 'happily ever after' they can only give each other?

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Joanne Swinney says

I Don't even know where to begin. This book was written to tell us about another story of The Rock Gods and after reading the other books, I was obviously eager to read more. I think what I didn't expect was to feel very deeply about this story. It has a tight grip on my heart and won't be letting go any time soon.

Alex AKA Zander needs time out and decides to have a vacation, a very long vacation, leasing a home for a year. What he didn't anticipate was falling in love with not one but two people, one man, one woman. Alex is openly bi sexual, he didn't really want to come out but like all things when in the media spotlight these things tend to always come out. He is such a deep person, his heart is filled with pure love, it would be hard for anyone not to fall in love with him. I fell completely head over heels in love with this character. I wanted him to have everything his heart desired.

Chase works on the properties surrounding his home, one of them being where Alex is staying, they have an instant connection. Chase only just previously told his girlfriend about his sexual fantasies and as much as she is supportive of their relationship, she didn't completely understand the magnitude of what was really happening.

Danni is Chase's partner, they are engaged to be married. Her world is turned upside down and she is struggling to deal with it all. I have to say, I was very conflicted about Danni. Her character although beautiful left me wondering what it was I didn't like about her. I think maybe the fact that Alex and Chase got to spend some time together when Danni was working away, I was so involved in what was happening between them, it was breath taking to read and Danni didn't see this happening, so maybe it took her longer to realise what we were reading was love, what she was feeling was jealousy.

It is hard to say how one would feel unless it happened to them. Yes Danni was very open minded and loved Chase but she was seeing change, everything she knew was never going to be the same again, so I think I should definitely cut her some slack. I do think she is a strong woman with lots of love to give and I would say she is very lucky woman. Oh, I don't know maybe I just wanted her to see what I could see, well read, you know what I mean.

This is how much this story affected me, I couldn't possibly be anymore invested in this book than I already am. I loved the journey, reading about Alex, Chase and yes even Danni. Who am I to judge how she dealt with things affecting her life. What I will tell you is this story is filled with the greatest kind of love where anything is possible.

This book was definitely one of my all time favourites. The story was written beautifully and no doubt was left about how talented the Author is. Ann Lister literally covers every aspect of her stories. Just sheer brilliance that leaves me wanting more. I am off to read book 3 in The Rock God Series, it seems to be a favourite amongst readers so I am looking forward to beginning a whole new chapter.

Claire says

1 I-was-looking-for-more star

Let me start by saying how much I like a good ménage story.

They usually fall into two categories, either the author does an incredibly good job in building the characters and getting the reader to understand the dynamics of the relationship ... adding hot sex scenes here and there, or the author goes for a much shorter book, focusing on the sexual chemistry between characters that are only superficially described. And both are fine if well written.

This book tried to do both ... and in my opinion failed in a big way.

Big issue #1 was the lack of solid character development. What we are being told about each of them and the way they act are quite different stories :

- Danni sounding like the girl who wants honesty and open communication above anything else, relentless in her will to make Chase talk, then act, on his so-far repressed bi-sexuality, and then acting like a bitch and not even expressing the reasons for her anger when she decides to move away.

- Chase the supposedly nice guy who was always trying to protect both Danni and Alex's feelings who suddenly acts snappy and childish.

With this constant gap between what we are told and how they act, I just could NOT relate to the characters or even like them.

Then you've got the building of the "tripod". On one hand, Alex explained that, for this to work, emotions must exist between all three of them. On the other hand, he was willing (and even pushing) to consider a tripod with Chase and Danni before even meeting her ! ... so from there on everything seemed forced and I never really felt that emotions were actually building between Danni and Alex : we got a succession of hot (and repetitive) sex scenes with men sporting constant boners and Danni orgasming around the clock ... and bang this somehow translated into deep feelings and that's when the author resorted to the good old non-communication trick and everything blew !...

As if this wasn't bad enough, the author has a way to avoid difficulties by telling us things after the fact. When Danni came back from Colorado, I was impatient to read about Chase explaining her the situation, his feelings, the tripod story ... and nothing ... we were (as always) treated to a hot "welcome back" sex scene between Chase and Danni and were told much later that they "had a seriously long talk" ... WTF this was key to the story, to understand how Danni reacted to being dragged into this ... but no.

So, because I never DNF and the whole book was far too long for what was really happening, I ended up reading pages "diagonally", skipping some more sex scenes to read only about the story twists ... just to be served more good old romance clichés ... and all this with too many editing issues.

Kim Person says

Loved it ~ although I felt some irritation with Chase from time to time! Will explain with full review~ a awesome series that's left me wanting more

Janne says

Hot, scorchingly book. Normally I would not say that reading about two guys getting at it, would get me hot and out of breath, but Ann Lister certainly know how to write the sexy scenes between Alex and Chase. Throughout the book I just wanted to keep reading and at no point at all was this book boring or drawn-out. Towards the end of the book my heart was beating so loudly and my heart was in my throat.

This book got me hooked right from the beginning, with the revealing of Chases bi-sexual side, (how embarrassing it mustn't be for both parts - read the book and you will know what it is), to the part where Alex and Chase meets for the first couple of times - I must say that Alex is not self conscious about his own body.

Even though a male relationship was new to Chase I kind of liked that he was not a frightened, restraint, little scared boy (which the female part often is). No Chase knew what he wanted and was definitely a top.

Danni... hmm, I don't know what to say about her. She was for me a small part of this book, and yet she had a very important saying in this tripod. For me this book was more a mm book and not a menage book, but that did not make this book less fantastic.

Tia says

This five star book was amazing! A bottle of wine and a vibrator would make it a perfect date... This book had my heart pounding, panties melting and eyes filled with tears from one moment to the next.. I hung on every word of every page never once wanting to put it down.. Danni is stong, sexy and deeply in love with Chase yet she knows she cannot give Chase everything he truly desires. Chase will go to the end of the earth for Danni to give her the life she desires knowing deep down he will never be truly satisfied.. Alex (rock Star) can give them it all... The ménage was intimate, passionate and fucking hot as hell... Its a must read !!!

??? Mary's Menage Reviews ??? says

sorry but for me it was a MF story turning MM ending MMF when it is obvious that the woman is the third wheel... Most especially when one guy cheat on his fiancée. Cheating is cheating and a major nono and give a shit that the guy acknowledged his bisexuality. GRRR

equality love and sex for all main characters dammit! and NO cheating under any circumstances. no excuses,

no freaking fantasy reading MM sex scenes and the girl cheated behind her back. I do not care if remorse ate him and he decided to confess and include her later.

All the story focused on the MM relationship. Alex who was the third purposely destroyed a couple, 2 months before their marriage (and NO it does not make it better that they are engaged and not married). The girl was not even there physically and the fiancé was not man enough to tell the selfish brat to wait his fiancée before he could be involved... meaning that he was thinking with his dick and choose to cheat on his fiancée.

I understand falling in love for another person. But a person is not an animal and in a ROMANCE I do not want to read that the hero cheat, have remorse, confess and CONTINUE to cheat anyway saying that he still loves her. That show a weakness of character that I do not like in real life, certainly not in my romance!

How can I fall for a third that just think about himself no matter the damage. She was included not because he loved her but because he had no other choice if he wanted to keep the guy. No personal time with her to develop a love story.

And what can I say about the heroine who suffered, almost lost her fiancé, a guy she was with for years. Betrayal all through and through for more than 2/3 of the story. Romantic? really?

Sorry Mrs Ann Lister... your vision of ménage MMF romance is galaxies away from mine.

Emily Seelye says

I'm a huge fan of triads, so I was excited to get this, but it was not my favorite. First off, the author kept referring to the relationship as a tripod, and I kept picturing a camera stand. Also, I think the relationship felt too forced. The relationship between a Chase and Alex was believable, but the inclusion of Danni didn't feel natural. At one point, I didn't understand Chase's continued devotion to her.

It comes down to I liked it, but I honestly would have enjoyed it more if Chase had left her for Alex. Leaving the focus on the guys.

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Lindsay says

***READER DISCRETION ADVISED.** If you don't like ranting and venting, then this isn't the review for you. These are my opinions and I mean no disrespect. All opinions are about the characters themselves. I admire the author's work and think she has great talent to make me react so strongly to her book. Proceed with caution*

I have to be honest...going into this book, I wasn't looking forward to it. Normally I'm not into M/M books. But I've read ménage before so I was game to give this a chance.

And I was pleasantly surprised by this. I did have issues but I also enjoyed the story.

I liked Chase at first...how he was with Danni. I thought they had a great relationship. And I was even ok with his attraction to Alex when they first met. But somewhere along the way, I stopped liking Chase. I felt like he was selfish in his wants to the point that he was pushing things on Danni and Alex. When he started talking about the tripod and how Danni would accept it (before even talking to her about it) I wanted Chase to go away and for Alex and Danni to get together. Let Chase be the odd man out instead of him getting everything he wants and making the others fall in line. That that continued for me throughout the story. Chase just wouldn't leave them alone. The first sexual encounter Alex and Danni had, Chase had to come busting into and put himself in the middle. Then, when it looked like Alex and Danni were finally going to get one-on-one time, Chase put himself self in the middle again demanding pics through text message. If you want Alex and Danni together so badly so you can have both, then shouldn't you let them actually connect?! I just felt like it was ok for them to be together as long as Chase was somehow involved. But other than that, it wasn't ok. But the opposite was true for Chase. He didn't care how much it might hurt Danni, or how uncomfortable she was with it, he wanted to be with Alex, so he was. He gave his ok for Alex and Danni to be together but she never gave the ok for them to be together without her. And he went and broke that trust because he wanted to. He was selfish and Alex and Danni deserved better than him.

I couldn't help but feel like Alex and Danni never formed a real relationship. It was repeated over and over again that the relationship wouldn't work if Danni didn't want it as much or have the emotions for Alex, but I felt like Chase never gave them a chance. He never left them alone long enough to let that develop into a real relationship.

I have to preface my next thoughts with this statement: I truly believe that you can love two people at once, both man and woman (even though that hasn't happened to me personally). With that said, I just felt like Chase was selfish. He wanted Danni, but he wanted Alex too. And he wasn't willing to give either of them up. Come hell or high water, he was going to have both. Alex told him multiple times that they couldn't force Danni into the tripod relationship. Yet that's what Chase was doing. Every time it would come up and she would state her feelings on it Chase was there saying "You'll like it." "You can do it." "It will be great." And that's all fine and dandy but you're pushing her into it. She needed to go at her own pace. And it doesn't help when she wasn't able to spend time with Alex alone. They had issues that needed to be worked out but when that would happen and she would show her emotions, Chase was there saying "Lay off Alex." Um. No. She has a right to vent her anger and hurt at the situation she found herself in. To put it plainly, Chase was a selfish bastard.

Another issue with Chase, he put all the blame on Alex when things went bad. Chase could do no wrong and accused Alex of everything he could think of. And ironically enough, I thought Chase was the one guilty of everything he accused Alex of. Chase wouldn't accept responsibility for his role in breaking up the relationship. And honestly, I didn't blame Danni for her reaction. Chase and Alex broke her trust by hooking up without her being there or getting her approval prior to getting it on. Yes, she and Alex had been alone together but they had Chase's blessing. And for them to break her trust, plus overhearing their exchange of ILUs, I felt bad for her.

As much as I loved Alex (and I did love Alex), there were times that I thought he needed to man up. If he really had feelings for Danni like he claimed, he should have been fighting for his relationship with her as much as he fought for his relationship with Chase. Both Alex and Danni loving Chase isn't enough for them to stay together. They need a relationship outside of Chase for it to work.

I also have to wonder if Chase was really bi-sexual. Because the book focused so much on Chase and Alex

that it made me think that Danni was a safety blanket for him and he refused to let her go because of that. Even when they had sex, Chase's time with Danni was glossed over or done quickly so he could get to what he really wanted....Alex. And after they started the tripod, I can't think of one time that Chase and Danni were together alone while in the tripod. After the relationship blew up in their faces, Chase was trying to get Danni back, but he never once said he missed her touch, or kissing her or the ache that only she could fill. No, that was all thought about Alex. Alex was the one he missed the touch of etc. It just made me feel like Danni was getting the short end of the stick. Two guys claim to love her yet one wasn't really missing her while "trying" to work things out (by talking) and the other never fought for her.

Overall, this book was enjoyable and I loved Alex and Danni. I wish there had been more scenes with them, showing the formation of their relationship outside of Chase. But I would definitely recommend this to anyone that likes ménage or M/M books.

Christi Snow says

My Review:

Flat out, I loved this book. I had a really hard time putting it down, but I'll state right now, the reason I loved it so much was Alex and Chase. I had a few issues with Danni, but I will get to that in a moment.

But the set-up with Chase and Alex was just perfect. Chase is a straight guy, engaged to Danni, but he's always been bi-curious...although he's never admitted it to anyone, even himself. When Danni catches him masturbating to gay porn, she pushes until he admits a fascination...one that he assures her that he NEVER plans to act on. As timing would have it, Danni goes away for a 2 month school right before Alex moves in. Alex is bi-sexual and immediately drawn to Chase. At the same time Alex is pursuing Chase, Danni is pushing him to think about what he truly wants and pushing him to maybe explore all that. Then things happen...and Danni freaks out.

That is my issue. She pushed, then did exactly what he feared would happen. And I have to give the author credit because she wrote Danni exactly the way most women would react and as much as I hate it, it was probably right. But it made it so hard for me to like Danni's character in this book. I adored both Chase and Alex and all I could see was Danni screwing everything up over and over again. I want to fall in love with all the characters that should be in love together.

But regardless of that, I did really, really enjoy the book. I was totally pulled into the story and ignored my work all day to sneak "just a few more pages" reading....a sure sign of a good book. I cannot wait to read more of this series....maybe Cooper and Jayson next?? Because I can already tell there is so much more to their story and I want to read it.

Shannon Gorilla McGee Winston says

I came *so* close to DNFing about 3 different times.
Why? Because, Danni:

I don't care what the author is trying to sell you here, but Danni is the 3rd wheel. As much as we were set up for Zander to find his perfect *tripod* relationship, this didn't come across as an equal relationship.

Admittedly, menage is not my favorite. It does tend to make me pity the one I feel is the odd-man-out. But I have read some where I felt that all members were loved equally, so I keep giving these stories a shot. But I think I'm ready to give them up. Seriously.

The romantic in me kind of hates menage. The romantic in me **really** hates this menage. When the characters are saying these sorts of things, I can't really swoon, you know?:

"Because, I love pussy as much as I love cock. I need both to feel whole."

"What can I say," Alex shrugged. "I can't decide whether I prefer dick or pussy, so I do both."

"I want to be whole, Danni; with the love of both a man and a woman..."

What it boils down to is that Alex (Zander) is in love with Chase. Though he's the one in this whole tale who has the love for and experience with committed menage relationships, his willingness to make things work with Danni came across as something he just had to do to be with Chase. There was no real connection on these pages. Danni wasn't even introduced to Alex until the middle of the book, so it was hard to swallow that there was a deep relationship developing. Given that Alex was supposedly so adamant about the Tripod relationship working, you would think the author would have devoted more page time to Danni and Alex falling in love, that maybe she would have written more about Danni and Alex missing each other during the separation... but, no. It was Chase and Alex. Chase and Danni. This was more TRIANGLE than MENAGE and I *loathe* triangles.

The head-hopping that was so prevalent and annoying with the first book is not nearly as noticeable in this one, though there is a little bit. There are a few typos, grammar issues, etc., but that's all nothing compared with the lack of equal-love in here. Alex and Danni don't love each other. Straight up.

Joyce says

Quick review:

Cover: fitting

Title: take what you want doesn't seem to quite capture the Essenes of the book,

Rating: Adult

Thumbs Up: 4

Overall: I really liked it, look forward to the next book in the series. Even better than book one.

Characters: Chase, Alex and Danni.

Plot: chase and Danni are planning to be married, when Rock God Alex moves into their life finally making Chase fess us to his bi-curious fantasies.

Page Turner: Yes

Series Cont.? Yes

Recommend: Yes

Book Boyfriend: Alex who is anything but the Rock God persona that he is on stage, and Chase the rock solid handyman everyone wants to hire.

SUMMARY

When soon to be married Danni finds her soon to be husband masturbating to gay porn she pushes him to explore his bi-curious feelings. When he falls in love with a known bi-sexual she has a difficult time coming to terms with the feelings she has for both men.

I really liked the true to life reactions and emotions in this book. Although it makes it really hard to like Danni, I'm sure she acted and reacted like most women would. I will give her credit for seeing things differently in the end. In the end I got my HEA, which always makes me very happy!

A??ela W. says

This was a really long book. First let me just say that I loved Alex and I loved Chase Danni not so much in the beginning she was ok and she encourage Chase to act on his bi side and once he did she flips out. Alex Metcalf Rock Star came to the island after a long tour and a break up with his girlfriend after being outed on the cover of a magazine kissing a man while his girlfriend was sitting on his lap to rest and write some music. Alex rented a mansion that had a guesthouse that Chase and Danni lived in. Danni came home early from work one day and caught Chase jerking off to gay porn on the internet. What I disliked about Danni is that she was ok with him having a fling thinking that he would get it out of his system and although Chase never meant to have feelings for Alex he did and he tried to be honest with her she acted like he did it to hurt her. Throughout the story you get to see how the three of them try out a menage relationship there is a great deal of sexual chemistry between the three of them, but circumstances arise and things don't turn out so well. During the course of this book you see many different emotions and conflicts and the three are separated with Alex returning back to California. Although this is a series and I do have the first one I read this one first and I will read the other one's. This was my first time reading this author. The book was a little drawn out to me and I know with all the emotions I found that I had to stop at times. I am looking forward to read the rest of the books in this series.

Tami says

Edited

Ok I've had enough time to digest this book and get all my venting out of my system.

This is my second Ann Lister read and second book of The Rock God series. The entire series, except for this installment, is MM. This story is an MMF - an engaged couple, Danni & Chase, and a Rock star, Zander.

I love Ms Lister's writing style and the cast of characters are great. Oh and the sex is pretty hot as well. All things considered this should have been a 4 star read for me.

What I didn't enjoy was the triad relationship as it didn't ring true from inception and I could not relate to the characters nor their decisions.

Danni learns her fiancé Chase is bi-curious, after catching him watching gay porn, right before she leaves for a 2 month trip.

Sexy Rock star, Zander, moves in next door and instant attraction between the men. Danni gives permission

for Chase to “get it out of his system”, not thinking he’ll act on it nor expecting it to go beyond one night. (well that sure backfired!)

What I didn’t like was Zander pursuing Chase even knowing he was engaged and confused and Chase, for all his profession of love for Danni, seemed like he was two shakes away from giving in to Zander before Danni even gave “permission”. He, at least, wasn’t honest with Danni with how drawn he was to Zander and wanting more and that, for me, was the beginning of the disrespect by both men for the relationship between Chase and Danni.

The story was all about the men falling in love and Chase “finding himself”, while knowing he was hurting Danni, but that seemed ok because he didn’t mean to hurt her. The relationship between all three felt like a forced event, was in no way organic and reeked of selfishness by Chase. Danni was not an equal partner in the triad and nothing, from start to finish, could sell it any differently. To me it honestly felt like he was cheating on her and then it morphed into selfishness with him wanting them both.

While I didn’t like the direction this story took, it was still well written and hot (although I couldn’t get into it) and I’m looking forward to continuing the series.

Tracy says

I read the first book in The Rock Gods series which I really enjoyed so when this book was released I did not hesitate to download it. This is my first m/m/f read, I was not sure I was going to enjoy it as much as the first book so it has sat on my Kindle for a while. I read a review by GGR Review which advised to keep an open mind and consider the feelings of each person in this three way relationship, that is exactly what I did!

Ann Lister has written an amazingly beautiful story which gave me lots to think about. I could feel the love, passion, Jealously and uncertainty coming from each character and yes I wondered if and how a relationship could work with three people long term. I also found myself wondering how I would feel and behave in the same situation, could I give the amount of trust truly needed! I really did enjoy every page of this book and adored the characters especially as it included a couple from the first book.

This is a story that will affect your heart as well as your mind and most certainly confirms that true love is love no matter what society considers as normal...such a precious gift you should grab it and hold on tight!!

I am now looking forward to more from this amazing author.

Highly recommend!!!

Ann Lister says

Take What You Want is Book Two in the Rock Gods series. This is Zander's story. We learn in, Fall For Me, Zander is bi-sexual and his preferred relationship preference is a menage, with two men and a woman. When Zander moves to a small island to rest after a very long world tour, he falls for the handsome bi-curious estate manager, Chase Middleton, and his beautiful fiancée, Danni. What happens after that is a wild ride that none of them expect, nor can they walk away.

If you enjoyed Book One in this Rock Gods series, Fall For Me, you will love Zander's story, even more!

Dagger and Ryan make several appearances in Take What You Want, and I'm certain you'll love reading the

updates on that Rock Royalty Couple, too!

Buckle up. Zander's story is a long, wild ride.

** This is a m/m/f menage story in every sense of the definition.
