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Years ago Lance and Gordon fell in love when the bass player and band manager were part of The Might. The band was led by a rich, self important genius and everything was just great as long as no one rocked the boat. But Gordon chafed in the restrictive atmosphere and Lance was too laid back to test any boundaries. Gordon pushed for more; Lance fought any change. The final straw came when Lance acted out by sleeping with someone else. That was it. Gordon broke it off and was gone.

Now, Gordon's invited Lance to join the Indigo Knights, a new band he's managing. He's made it clear that this is business only and that they're not going to rekindle the flames of their past. But Lance has been so hung up on Gordon that he's been celibate all this time. He wants no one else. He regrets how things ended, but he's never had the chance to try to make amends.

This is his only chance. Can Lance convince Gordon to trust him again?

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### Jen says

This was more of a solid 3 or 3.5. The dialogue was good. I find that some authors don't write dialogue well.

I agree with others that Gordon wasn't really a likeable person. It was a little odd to keep going back and forth between the present and the past. I kept forgetting what happened the last time in the present/past that it disturbed the flow of the story for me as I paused, thought about it, and then kept reading.

Not a whole happens in the story itself. There's a band. They play gigs. Some of the members suck. That's basically it.

I'll still read the next books in the series because I'm a fan of the series in general :-)

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### Marlobo says

More than a book with a «second chance» trope is a book about two chances. It seems to me that the *racconto* is excessive to the invasive, it extends almost to the ending and creates potholes in the tension of the current story.

Otherwise, an entertaining reading as it's usually with this author's works.

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### Vickie says

I agree with those that didn't like Gordon. I felt really bad for Lance because he took all the blame for the breakup when once you get all the facts it is obvious Gordon was the more responsible of the two. Gordon is a controlling dick. I wanted Lance to be with someone that loved him and not a hard ass "I don't give second chances" jerk like Gordon.

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### Deeze says

Oh this one was so much more than the previous books.

This one had the emotion that I crave. Poor Lance, despite what he did I felt for him. He showed genuine regret, while at the same time making me believe he wasn't totally to blame.

Gordon played with my heart too, so strong yet you can feel the sadness underneath, although he is not totally innocent in what went down in the past.

Watching Lance try to win back Gordon was just my cup of tea.

So far this has been my favorite, it has also made me want to re read the Heaven sent series again.

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## Ami says

First things first, I LOVE ‘second chances’ stories. This is my favorite trope – some people love GFY/OFY, friends-to-lovers, enemies-to-lovers ... me? Anything with “the one who got away” theme just warms my heart. So when the blurb for book 3 of Jet Mykles’s *Indigo Knights* series was out, I was excited beyond belief. I already noted the history between Lance and Gordon from the previous book (which was released 2 years ago!) and couldn’t wait to see how it would pan out.

And I LOVED it ... I really did.

I thought it was really interesting that while Lance was the one who made mistakes in the past, I could actually feel that it was Gordon that might be the unsympathetic character. Gordon did come out as the bossy character, while Lance was the more laid-back and pragmatist one – and he was also the one who did the penance after their broken relationship. I thought this provided subtlety to the situation – that some readers could see why it ended up badly for the two of them. That Lance wasn’t the only guilty party in the break-up. For me, that was really good.

Now, a little technicality – this story was written in alternate present-past time chapters. So you get one chapter of the present, followed up by a past time chapter. The past time chapters started at the beginning, where Lance first met Gordon, up to the moment of their break up. While the present chapters started from the moment they finally met again – after Gordon contacted both Lance and Noble to be part of the Indigo Knights – until the resolution of their relationship. I don’t know how most readers will take this kind of structure – some might not like it.

Truthfully, it did make the story drag especially from the middle towards the ending. It felt too long to get to the point of the break-up. Readers have to go through the present time with Lance being celibate and Gordon avoiding him while experiencing the slow ‘journey’ of Lance and Gordon hooking up for the first time in the past. And the break-up point felt too quick and abrupt.

But again, this was my favorite trope and I absolutely loved the last chapter. I could only say that it provided what I wanted and I loved how Lance pushed Gordon past his bullshit up to the point where Gordon finally admitted he still loved Lance. I could read that last chapter over and over again just to savor it. I always prefer complicated couplings rather than the sweet-fluffy-eyes-gazing-lovingly-towards-each-other ones anyway.

So yes, I loved this installment. Now, I hope I don’t have to wait another two years for Noble’s story \*smile\*

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*I purchased the book for the intention of giving fair and honest review for the blog.*

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## **Sandra Ramirez says**

3.5??

The reason for then slitting up was real in a sense but Gordon blew everything out of proportion. Gordon started it, and when Lance killed it; he places all the fault on Lance. No Gordon, it was as much your fault as it was Lance's; now own up to your end of the misunderstanding.

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## **Kris says**

3-2 stars. Great revisiting the lads.

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## **Kassa says**

2.5 stars

I had a really weird reaction to this book. It's classic Mykles rock star book but oddly I didn't believe any of it. I mean I know it's fiction and all but I never bought into the main couple together and I thought they were better off apart the entire book. So when they finally got together I couldn't shake the feeling that it was a huge mistake. I like these easy to read and fun books by the author but the IK series pales in comparison to the HS series and it shows in just about all the books. That's not to say this one in particular isn't enjoyable to read. The angst is light, if even there, and the characters very easy to take. They're fun and not too serious while they fall in love and in committed relationships. My main hang up is that I never thought the main guys should be together and I agreed they were better off apart so the final resolution of them happy in love rang very hollow for me. But fans of the author will easily like this one.

As the third book in the series, which should be read but doesn't have to be, this time bass player Lance has a chance to get back together with this old boyfriend, Gordon. Gordon and Lance met when Gordon was hired to manage Lance's old band. Unfortunately that band was going nowhere and Lance resisted all of Gordon's attempts to help him go places. Although a determined playboy Lance agrees to an exclusive relationship with Gordon but eventually gets fed up with Gordon's (out of the bedroom) pushy ways and cheats on him. Gordon swears he never gives second chances and is done with Lance. That is until he gives Lance the chance at a real band with the Indigo Knights. Now Lance has to prove to Gordon that he's changed and worth breaking the rules for.

The timeline of this one is a little wonky because apparently events in the second book – Danny and Cash – happen at the same time this one happens. Actually this should have been the second book and Danny's book the third book in reality as the timing doesn't really work any other way. Here Danny doesn't hook up with Cash until near the end of the book so it's a little weird and kept throwing me for a loop reading about Danny and Noble clubbing and hooking up with random people. Likewise there is a big detail about Lance being celibate for the year since he and Gordon broke up but that turns into two and half years somehow, which doesn't make much sense. Additionally the past months jump around – first there is a November scene then a September scene in the past so I was confused because I think the Sept scene actually came after the November one. Anyway beyond that I liked the characters, the band members are fun and interesting enough if not particularly memorable.

Lance is a nice character as someone that struggled with commitment, made mistakes and now is trying to atone for them. He accepts his actions as wrong and tries to show he's sorry by not having sex with anyone else since he and Gordon broke up. Gordon is a bit uptight I have to admit but I could understand that he was trying to protect himself while still creating a working relationship with Lance. I guess the two men have chemistry as the past scenes certainly showed that but ultimately I just couldn't see the two together. Gordon is very clear about them not being together and how he can't trust Lance, which I think is a valid fear. Likewise Lance is simply too lazy and fearful of change to make any decisions in his life, which frustrated Gordon tremendously and would again in the future. Gordon is very clear on what he thinks is the right move and regardless of Lance's reasons, right or wrong they are his choices, Gordon didn't respect them very much. They're both likeable characters but I don't really see them together. They tried and it didn't work, for more than just the cheating aspect. Which is the problem. The story has to sell why the cheating happened in a way that Lance isn't a horrible person and it did so well enough that I believe the relationship was falling apart and wouldn't have survived anyway. Thus, the two really shouldn't be together.

This really colored how I viewed the story, since it's a romance and all so I never could feel that sense of happiness when all problems are worked out, because the problems weren't actually worked out at all. Both men promised to "talk" in the future, for whatever that is worth. Then they were incredibly, deeply in love and willing to go without condoms as some show of trust? The resolution was incredibly fast after the entire book had Gordon shooting Lance down and refusing another chance. Aside from this rather significant problem I liked reading the story well enough. I like Mykles' writing, which is smooth, easy, and light on detail. It's definitely popcorn reading but the myriad of supporting cast members, past and present, helps keep my interest. This is not a book I particularly liked nor would read again but I'll easily continue with the series. I'm happy to see where Noble finds love.

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### ♥ Rebecca ♥ says

I am not really a fan of second chance romances, or books with flashbacks. Plus Lance was kind of dull. The least interesting member of the band. I really liked Noble though and I am looking forward to his book.

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### Barb ~rede-2-read~ says

The Heaven Sent series is one of my favorites, so I was very happy when the author branched out into this new Indigo Knights series, and I've enjoyed the first two books. But, when I read the blurb, I was very wary of this one when I read that Lance had cheated on Gordon in the past. I don't do well with stories containing cheating; in fact, I outright hate it. But, in this story, that was really the only thing which could have happened at that point in time, and I'm glad it didn't stop me from reading what turned out to be my favorite in the series, so far.

The story of Lance and Gordon's relationship is told via flashback, with almost every other chapter flipping from their past to their present. It works because, as we become more vested in Lance's pursuit of Gordon in the present, we get to see why they broke up in the past.

In the present, Lance and his best friend Noble are invited to join the newly formed rock band, Indigo Knights, a new venture brought about by Brent Rose and his husband Hell, two of the original Heaven Sent

cast members. Their manager, Gordon, has recommended these guys, but it isn't until Lance arrives and comes face to face with "his" Gordon, the man whose heart he broke several years ago, that he realizes it's going to be very hard to hide how he feels. Gordon is the man he still loves and has remained celibate for. But Gordon wants nothing to do with Lance, other than to be his band manager, and slowly but surely, Lance, who still loves Gordon, tries to get him to at least be friends.

In the past, Lance and his best friend Noble, were members of The Might, a band created by a wealthy man named Shelby, who pursued his career as a musical genius with a manic frenzy but only allowed his band to play in the club he owned. As weird as that was, they were happy with the arrangement, because they earned more than they did before, and Lance sent the money he earned to his sister to support his mother who was confined to a nursing home. When Shelby hired Gordon to manage the club and the band, everyone was happy, at least for a while. Lance pursued Gordon, a gorgeous, dark-haired and muscular man, even though Gordon didn't want to mix business with pleasure. Eventually Lance wore him down, and the two began a relationship that was going to simply be sex, but became much more than that. But, when Gordon finally had enough with the restrictions placed on him, he quit the job and moved to his own place. He seemed to shut Lance out when Lance refused to quit the band and refused Gordon's offers to try for a better position for himself.

At this point, it's very evident that the two have grown apart emotionally, and when Lance acts out after being ignored by Gordon yet again, someone tips Gordon off, and he finds Lance sleeping with another guy. Lance knew up front that Gordon doesn't give second chances, so it's no surprise when Gordon storms out.

I really enjoyed the way the story was told and seeing Lance in the present, compared to how he was in the past, gave me more of an investment in him and his hopes of getting back together with Gordon. However, Gordon did act like an ass throughout much of the story, especially in the present, when he paraded his boyfriends in front of Lance. The present part of the story takes place over the course of a year, which made Lance's pursuit of Gordon and Gordon's various reactions, so much more believable. And do they get their HEA? Well, yes, because I'd be pouting if they didn't, and I don't believe I'd be alone in that.

I recommend this series to fans of M/M who enjoy stories featuring musicians, lots of angst, and unresolved tension, and/or a hard fought battle to find an HEA.

Note: This book was provided to me by the publisher through Hearts on Fire Reviews in exchange for an impartial review.

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## **Heather♥ says**

I am a huge fan of the Heaven Sent and Indigo Knight series but unfortunately this one did not quite work for me. It pains me to say it but I thought Gordon was a complete tool the entire book and didn't understand why Lance would want him back that badly, even if Lance was the one who messed up. Anyone who knows me can tell you that if there is a character who cheated, I tend to hold that against them the entire story (and perhaps for years afterward) and want to rip their balls off. However in this case I sided with Lance and didn't really care if he cheated, so what does that tell you about Gordon? The story progressed slowly and for every chapter in the present which basically showed Lance being abstinent and Gordon throwing in his face that they would never get back together, there was a chapter in the past describing the slow build-up of how they got together in the first place. We had to wait until the very end to get the details on the break-up and how they planned to move past it. But sadly by that point, after seeing Gordon with his boyfriend and then

later with club hookups and after all his constant harping to Lance that they were over and he didn't give second chances, I was ready for Lance to move on too. Preferably with one of the hot young things Noble kept sending his way ;) But alas Lance and his heart had other things in mind and everyone got their happy ending after all. It's always great to see the boys from Heaven Sent make an appearance and the scenes with the other Indigo Knights were very enjoyable. I can't wait to see who ends up stealing Noble's heart :)

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### **Karen Wellsbury says**

Now, I should have been buddy reading, and I was going to...but then the lure of the Indigo Knights called to me...and I obeyed.

I'm pretty invested in this now, and Lance was a bit of dark horse...and I liked him, that broody atonement thing he had going on, I'm a sucker for guilt. When we met Gordon, in Book 2 he seemed OK, but to be honest I thought he was a bit of an arse here, and the whole, one strike and you're out, well that was mean.

The band is taking off, which is good. and I like that we get snippets of Rabin, Izzy, Danny and Cash as well, plus the lovely Noble.

I'm still not convinced that rock stars live like this, but I just don't care, these books are funny, entertaining and romantic.

I may read book 4...next

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### **Kat says**

[ I didn't like Gordon at all, I found him extremely pushy and bossy throughout the whole book and I really couldn't understand why Lance was so hung up on the guy. Gordon completely disregarded all the time what Lance said or wanted and when Lance didn't do what Gordon wanted he was pissed off. Lance cheated, but t

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### **Elishia says**

2.5

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### **Christy says**

I've been looking forward to Lance and Gordon's story. Don't get me wrong, I've so enjoyed Rabin and Danny's books, but knowing that Lance and Gordon have some type of history intrigued me. Plus Lance is quiet and, obviously, something happened in his past, based on all of Noble's comments about Lance being celibate. Hmm. What would cause a young, gorgeous, talented rocker to give up sex? That's what I wanted to discover in this, Jet Mykles's third book in the 'Indigo Knights' series.

*“Both hands came up, palms out in defense. “I know. You said we weren’t getting back together. I understand.” Lance dropped his hands and let emotion bring the corners of his lips down and fill his gaze. “But you need to understand that I’ve never gotten over you.”*



*Gordon shook his head slowly, contempt written across his face. "You hypocritical bastard. You had your chance with me."*

Three years ago, Lance and Gordon met when the former band Lance and Noble were in hired Gordon as their manager. Shelby, the lead singer, and controlling force of that band, was a control freak to end all control freaks. At the time, Lance had been with them for four years, and the only crowd they played in front of was at the club Shelby owned. Naturally, Lance and Noble were pretty excited that maybe things might change with Gordon in charge. They changed, all right, just not necessarily for the good, at least not for Lance. Even though they tried not to, Lance and Gordon fell in love, regardless that Gordon had been determined he would never get involved in another relationship that wasn't committed and monogamous. Theirs was, until Lance got angry, and did something stupid, and lost the best thing he ever had.

So now, here they are, Gordon managing the Indigo Knights, and being responsible for calling Lance and Noble to come meet the band. No matter what else might have happened, Gordon knew Lance and Noble would complete the band, and the four men would work well together. Except now, Lance has to deal with seeing Gordon, and the pain he caused, and the pain Lance still feels. And Gordon makes it plain that there is no "us", and, if Lance is doing the celibacy thing for Gordon, he can forget about it. Lance knows they're never getting back together, but the thought of sleeping with anyone else just doesn't appeal. So where in the world does this leave them?

I really enjoyed Lance and Gordon's story. The author did a great job shuttling back and forth from past to present to explain what happened before, and how they ended up where they are. It was easy to see that in the past Gordon wanted more for Lance, and knew he deserved more, so sometimes he pushed a little. But Lance had gotten over those dreams, or thought he had, so it made him angry that Gordon couldn't, or wouldn't, understand why Lance stayed with Shelby. I don't agree with what Lance did, but Gordon had responsibility in the ending of their relationship, before Lance cheated. And, even though it took quite a while, I was happy to see these two men back where they belonged. With each other.

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