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Marek Wisniewski is a man used to being obeyed, whether it's by his patients or his lovers. When he's hired to be an in-home nurse for an extremely difficult old man, he's certain he can handle it until he comes face to face with Ryan, his client's son. Both men have reasons to dislike each other, and neither is pleased when they're forced to live under the same roof. Ryan wants Marek gone, and Marek wants to bring the beautiful and spoiled Ryan to his knees.

Ryan Chadwick seems to live a charmed life, but underneath his polished veneer of arrogance and success, he's miserable. Ryan feels increasingly like his carefully constructed life is spinning out of control. All it'll take is one little push to bring his world crashing down around him.

Marek and Ryan clash again and again, causing Ryan to further question who he is and what he wants. Marek brings out a side in him he didn't know existed, a side that wants to please and obey. Marek's desire to teach Ryan a lesson in humility becomes, over time, a lesson to show Ryan that who, and what, he wants isn't shameful.

Two very different men come together and discover that what you want, and what you need, aren't always the same thing. They find that you need to pace yourself at a Polish dinner, how building snowmen is not rocket science, that a mansion on a lake doesn't guarantee happiness, and most of all, the importance of letting go.

Daddy Issues is a 90,000 word steamy romance in the North Shore Stories series. It contains BDSM elements, fisting, a blanket fort, an embarrassing butt plug, lots of food, and a HEA. This book follows Be My Mistake and Damage Control, but can be read as a stand-alone novel.

Daddy Issues Details

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From Reader Review Daddy Issues for online ebook

Kathryn Manzella says

This book is amazing! Ryan is a broken, hurting character who suffered much abuse growing up, emotionally. Those scars are part of him and take a toll. He has hurt many people in his life, unable to be true to himself for fear of disappointing his father. He is lost... But Marek is going to break him more and then put him back together, just like he needs. And what Ryan finds with Marek will help him find himself - finally.

I think most people who read the 1st book in this series and saw the pain Ryan caused, disliked him, or at least wished he would get a bit of a karma @\$@ kicking. Well in Daddy Issues we get to go into Ryan's head and we get to see his conflict and his thoughts hurt.... and maybe we get to start feeling for him. And we see him with Marek and slowly we fall in love with these two men and want a happily ever after and a family of their own.

Incredible story with outstanding characters who will stick with me past the first s.l words in their book.

I received this book as an Advanced Readers Copy and am voluntarily leaving my honest review and recommendation.

Angela says

Not daddy kink but was an ok read

Karola says

4.2 stars.

Sweet and kinky - just the way I like it. Both characters are interesting and real. I like their dynamics and D/S play. All in all, very enjoyable.

Since I am Polish myself I really appreciated the Polish character, Marek. I'm happy that the author attempted to make it as realistic as possible (the food, the language, etc.) although there were many mistakes there (hey, Polish is super HARD!).

Now, from this point on I will point out some mistakes. Not trying to be mean, I truly appreciate people trying to speak my language, I just believe (if by any chance the author reads it one day) it might help to improve the book. And since I am Polish, and a translator, it's almost a compulsion :D So...

There were many mistakes with declination of "niegrzeczny ch?opiec", several typos (I guess?) in names, and also problems with their declination (good ending, bad root word), some awkward use of vocab, e.g. names. We rarely use full names when we refer to family and friends, so "Tomasz" would be "Tomek", "Stanis?aw" - "Stasiek" or "Staszek", etc. Yet, none of it compares to translating "dirty boy" as "zaplugawiony ch?opcze" :D Now... it's almost impossible to literally translate "my dirty boy" into Polish. The word "zaplugawiony" made me roared with laughter :D "Zaplugawiony" is not a word any person would ever use in a conversation, much less as a term of endearment. It sounds quite archaic and, honestly, nasty. The closest English equivalent of "zaplugawiony" is "defiled", so not "dirty" in a sense it was meant to be used. "Dirty" basically means the same as "bad boy" in Polish - "z?y/niegrzeczny ch?opiec". I know non-English speakers won't even notice all that but if there's some room for perfection...

Natalie says

4.5 Stars

Let me clear up one thing, because I wasn't sure when I saw the title; no daddy kink here! Lots of other kink but not that. I really liked Damage Control and wondered what would ever become of the cheating, closeted so deep he can't find the door, messed up Ryan. At the start he's still the same, desperate for his father's approval with no control over his own desires, confusion or self-loathing. It hardly seems like Marek could turn him around that much or that fast but he does. Using not necessarily well-thought-out BDSM techniques at first, Ryan finds it's just what he needs. I'm no fan of BDSM in place of decent therapy but that isn't what this is. Marek just gives Ryan a time he can let go of his tangled thoughts, which does help him become more honest with himself. I was a little disappointed that he didn't get therapy and that it took another crisis with his father to get him to fully face things.

The journey is excellently told though, bringing all of the characters appearing in Tyler and Josh's story into the narrative too. Marek's family and grandfather are wonderful extras and they were all incredibly well balanced with the building romance. There is quite a bit of sex and dayuum is it hot! Lynn has quite the touch with kink, showing just enough detail and keeping the focus more on the emotional atmosphere that Marek and Ryan create during scenes. I did want just a bit more proper healing for Ryan before the utterly happy, squishy ending, so it didn't quite make my five star list but there really wasn't a lot to complain about. Maybe a little about being utterly clueless on how to read/pronounce all the Polish words (there is some translation and phonetic pronunciation). It's a hurt/comfort story that's well worth the read.

JenMcJ says

4.5 First off....this is NOT daddy kink for those that might be put off by the title. The kink is fulfilling and carries through most of the book but the deep character building for Ryan is important to appreciating the kink. Marek is also pretty interesting but the beginning of the healing of the broken boy in Ryan is what makes the book.

I really enjoyed this book. These guys just clicked like a lock and key. This could have been a total train wreck if the writing wasn't on point and focused.

I didn't read the first book in the series but I probably will now. However, not reading it did not impact this book except to wonder how Ryan was portrayed in that book.

Chris says

I really enjoyed this - it's angsty, painful and emotional. This is no Daddy kink, so don't be fooled. Ryan is a pleaser, he does everything to follow societal norms and to mostly please his complete asshole of a father. All of this to his detriment and to the relationships he has with his brothers. Marek is employed as his fathers

nurse when a stroke hits. 11 years younger than Ryan, Marek sets his sights on him and understands that Ryan is deeply saddened and messed up sub who really has no idea of who he is and what he needs. Ryan has masochistic tendencies and Marek knows how to take care of him. Once you get past the stalker element at the start the story unfolds. I loved it ♥?

Michaelene says

I couldn't stop reading this book.

Daddy Issues is book two in Lynn Van Dorn's North Shore series, and the first book I've read by this author. Once I picked it up, I didn't want to set it down.

Ryan has a host of problems, and it doesn't help that Marek is in charge of looking after Ryan's father. Especially with Marek's connection to Ryan's ex, and how overbearing Marek can be. So why does Ryan keep finding himself before Marek on his knees...and wanting it more than his next breath?

I was engaged the entirety of this story. The chemistry between Ryan and Marek is off the charts. There's also a good amount of humor to offset some of the more serious notes. And they are some serious issues dealt with in this story.

Content warning: There's mention of self-harm. There is homophobic language from Ryan's deplorable father. Also, Ryan is engaged to a woman in the beginning of the story, and he DOES cheat on her with a man. Usually that last is a big deal-breaker for me, but Ryan is hiding who he is. Moreover, he doesn't know WHO that person is, himself. What that person can be. I was willing to keep reading his story to see this change happen. This journey.

I also like that Marek knows Ryan's transgressions up front, and he doesn't--won't--let Ryan revert to his old ways. Marek demands obedience. Fidelity. Honesty. I loved him to pieces! He was just what Ryan needed to come to terms with his past actions and how he can change them.

And yes, there is a lot of sex. BDSM plays an important--an elemental, I'd argue--part in how Ryan defines himself and what he truly needs to get over some big, BIG issues. I loved this element. It was used perfectly, and again, plenty of hot, hot sex. I wasn't complaining. ;)

This one doesn't shy away from the harder aspects of sexuality or defining oneself or overcoming your flaws, and I so appreciated that. If you're wanting an erotic, but super personal journey, you'll want to pick this one up.

4 stars!

Reviewed by Michaelene from Alpha Book Club

Staci says

4.5 stars

Ryan was such an ass in the first book! (Yes- you should read that one before you dive into this.) I really didn't think he could be redeemed AT ALL.

We get to see why he acted the way he did, get his thoughts on himself & his family, etc. I really enjoyed reading about him and Marek.

Marek was made for Ryan. The ending was so sweet!

Amanda says

Like the first book, Daddy Issues deals with abuse. Ryan has lived his whole life trying to make his father proud of him. He has lied for him, defended him when he treated him and his brothers like shit, and always have reasons for his fathers fucked up attitude. All of that has made Ryan a very unhappy and almost broken man. ALMOST broken.

Marek meets the son of his newest patient and see instantly that Ryan needs what Marek can dish out. Marek sees how much pain Ryan is in and knows he can help Ryan deal with it.

Daddy Issues does deal with long term emotional abuse. I really didn't like Ryan in Damage Control and he started out super shaky in this too but along the way, he changed. He became the man he would have been without his asshole father in his head.

A solid four stars for Daddy Issues.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

4.5 stars

Lynn Van Dorn has a great voice and this story was so well developed with a nice intensity and plenty of angst, but also enough lightness and bits of humor to keep it from getting overwhelming. Daddy Issues is actually the second book in Van Dorn's North Shores series, however I jumped in not having read the first book and it was just fine. This is kind of surprising as the two books seem to be fairly intertwined. Ryan plays a major role in the first story from what I can tell (his brother Tyler marries Ryan's former best friend and first love). And Ryan seems pretty clearly the bad guy for at least part of that book. But somehow Van Dorn manages to pull all those story threads together well here and after a bit of a catch up at the start, I was able to follow along just fine not having read the first book. That having been said, if I had to do it again, I'd probably start with Damage Control just because I enjoyed this so much and I think having read that would enhance this story.

Read Jay's review in its entirety [here](#).

~nikki the recovering book addict says

DNF @26%

I loved the first book. It was emotionally engaging and angsty and just the right balance of both.

This sequel though.....felt like a hot mess. There was one section at 6% that was OTT with drama that I was sooooo tempted to throw in the towel then and there.

It does not improve. At least in my opinion. I didn't get the draw between Ryan and Marek. It was like all of a sudden they were just at each other. I guess to me, it was like the cliched portrayal of gay men - that they're all horny and lust-filled and would just hook up with anybody, anywhere. I think that's an unfair and inaccurate portrayal of gay men. I'm offended on their behalf.

I adore Lynn Van Dorn and would read her future works but I'm gonna have to pass on this one.

JD Crittendon says

Finding What One Needs!

A tale of finding what you didn't know you needed for Ryan & Marek. I always have ambivalent feelings about Doms/ subs stories. I'm intrigued and repelled at the same time. With that said, this was a well written, strong character development and good pacing story. I would have liked more interaction between Peter & Marek. I do wonder that instead of a kink wouldn't therapy be better but then there would be no story. Haha!

Anna says

Ryan and Marek. One full of insecurities, one full of understanding. Kinky, sexy , raw, fantastic ride. And polish food porn with some polish words. My kind of book. Highly recommended, but eat before reading

Teri says

This was pretty painful honestly. I was sad and hurt and angry at times. It was also beautifully done and I loved Marek. he was perfection. No one could have suited Ryan better. Ryan was a bit of a selfish douche at the beginning. I didn't read the first one, either, but as I got to know him, man, he was just a mess and he knew it. He felt guilt and shame and craved approval and it was rough. So well done though and we got to meet some really awesome side characters and I hope there is another one because I'm not quite ready to let go of these people, I want to see them again. I hesitate to read the first only because I can imagine how Ryan

must come across. We'll see. Maybe I'll get brave. Highly recommend this story!

Ed Davis says

I loved this book. I couldn't put it down. Ryan and Marek were the perfect main characters for me. Ryan is flawed and needy. He can't decide what he wants in life. Always trying to please his abusive father and be what he wants him to be. He's dumped by both his girlfriend and his boyfriend and he's lost. Then Marek comes along. He strong, steady, and the ultimate Dom. And it took place in Chicago. It's fun to read a story that's set in places you know.
