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Fasten your seat belts for another round of domestic adventures with houseboy Gillibran Brown.

In his own words: 'think of me as a gay male version of Flora Thompson writing not so much about Larkrise to Candleford as Arsehole to Breakfast Time. The BBC will never commission it as a series, but there you go, it's their loss.'

Gilli talks and quips us through another year of life with his beloved dictators Dick and Shane. In many respects it's a tough old year and Gilli has a lot to adapt to.

## **Gilliflowers Details**

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### Danni says

I've come to the conclusion that it would be impossible for anything written by the adorable Gilli not to end up on my 6 star flipping fantastics shelf.

Yes, the books are laugh out loud funny in parts, but the more I read, the more I find them desperately sad. I haven't read one of them without shedding both tears of laughter and tears of sadness.

I've never really liked Shane, but the more I read, the more I dislike him. I'm not sure that he cares about Gilli at all. He could quite easily give Gilli more of what he needs and IMO deserves but he doesn't - instead, he chooses to throw small scraps of affection Gilli's way, and then watch the poor guy scrabble around trying to pick them up and hang onto them.

Shane strikes me as the sort of guy that sees no need to ever say thank you to someone if they're just 'doing their job.' Never mind the fact that he could brighten up Gilli's day (and life) by doing something so easy.

He never defends Gilli or makes any attempt to understand Gilli's hurt, even when people (Penny, Jak, Leo, etc.) are intentionally vile (view spoiler) towards him. I actually think he's complicit in their humiliation of him.

Dick admittedly is nicer and easier to like, BUT by allowing Shane to treat Gilli this way makes him almost as bad. They are dismissive of the very real problems facing Gilli - his epilepsy, his relationship with his dying mother.

Grrrrrrr - anyway, rant over.

As always, a beautiful, poignant look at life with the wonderful, wonderful Gilli who should be fully appreciated for his supreme wondrousness!

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### Mercedes says

Dear Gilli,

Please let me first start by asking you to please don't stop. Please don't let this be your last book. I know I am not the only one who wishes to continue reading your mad adventures.

Gilli's life story continues. Who could have guessed the life of a houseboy could be so eventful? Not me at first but know I understand. Gilli's life is not normative by any means. If you read any of his previous books: *Fun With Dick and Shane*, *More Fun With Dick And Shane* and *Achilles and the Houseboy* you know our resident houseboy leads a very different life. But it is a life you come to understand works for him.

Dick and Shane provide him with the balance of what he needs in his life: love, caring and firm guidance. I think Shane gets a lot of bad rap and you know what he mostly deserves it. Is Shane a bastard? I don't know but he sure acts like it 98% of the time. However, put it all in perspective, look at how his sister, brother and dad behave. He was obviously not raised in the most affectionate of homes. I like to think as emotionally

stunted, poor dear. But he is as he is as many times Gilli reminds us. I don't think we can doubt that Shane cares for Gilli deeply. Thank goodness Gilli has Dick to show him the loving he needs.

One last thing that I had to keep in mind if that this menage is not your "standard" menage. This is not a menage where "all sides are equal." There is a hierarchy. So if you find yourself getting upset at how Gilli is being treated try keeping that in mind and consider what's happening under those terms.

This books gets 5 stars for the complexity of the story, Gilli's introspective dialogue and the ease in which he tells his story.

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### **Susan says**

I always seem to be waiting for a new Houseboy book to arrive and desperate to read them as soon as they do. This one didn't disappoint at all. Gilli continues to be his own worst enemy and some necessary changes in his life mean he has more than his fair share of sulks and tantrums during the course of the book. Some of his worst decisions had me laughing so hard I nearly cried! Shane is still Shane and puts up with no nonsense from Gilli and Dick, always a slightly softer touch than Shane, enforces discipline in his own way. If you enjoy this series then you will undoubtedly love this new addition to it.

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### **Maggie Simms says**

Warning!! Might be spoilerish.

Poor Gilli. This sure was a trying year for this lovely houseboy. There were more ups and downs in this one than a Six Flags rollercoaster.

Shane grew on me a bit more on this one. He is still very much Pappa Bear laying down the law. But he has some very tender moments with Gilli. He is also very protective of him.

This book made me shed tears, as well as laughter.

I really dislike Penny. The woman is just vile. The things that she says to Gilli are just pure evil, meant to inflict hurt and pain. The incident at her house during eastern was just horrible for Gilli. It just makes me wonder over and over how do his other two lovers not see the way that he is treated? I keep reminding me that this is all from Gilli's perspective only. I appreciated Shane's words in the sense of not keeping Gilli as 'their dirty little secret' but still. The response these two always have for Gilli for awkward family and social situations is just to 'suck it up'. Easy for them to say when they are not the ones on the receiving end of rejection, dislike, and mistreatment. We all know of our houseboy's shortcomings which include insecurity and low self-esteem. I can't help but feel that they could be a bit more reassuring to him on an emotional level.

Dick obviously loves him, and Shane has a deep feeling of responsibility for him. Their sticking to the ups

and downs show their commitment to him. Even through the trying times, they still have his best interest at heart. Over and over they demonstrated how much they care for him.

Leo did a little bit of redeeming himself with trying to accommodate Gilli's new needs.

I really wanted to get in the story and hug Gilli during his moments of depression, fear and loneliness. I struggled right with him through his challenges: his relationship with his mom, his medical condition, his fears, his insecurities in the relationship and the hard limits imposed. The book ended on a lovely note showing deep care among them. Dick's Christmas present to Shane really touched my heart. I can't wait to read more about Gilli and his daddies.

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Ok, so just finished reading a second time...yeah, I loved it that much!! I just noticed how Shane usually finds a way to rear Dick in whenever he snaps at his boy, like after the Halloween candy incident.

### **Josephine Myles says**

I love Gilli and his annoyingly endearing ways. This latest year of his diaries focuses on how he deals with the alcohol ban Dick and Shane impose on him. Despite it being a proven trigger for his epilepsy, Gilli struggles with the hard limit.

I really loved the way you get to see more of Shane's softer side in this book, and conversely, more of Dick's brattiness. It's perhaps not quite as laugh a minute as the first two books, dealing with more serious matters, but there are still plenty of giggles.

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### **Wusswoo says**

This book did not disappoint, it was a roller-coaster ride of emotional ups and downs. There were a few tears but also genuine laugh out loud moments. He is the one author that manages to make me laugh, the last time I remember finding a book so funny it was Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy. I love Gilli and his inner-voice. I can't help but identify with him (not his lifestyle, mine's far more boring) but with his bouts of jealousy and his striving to be a better person but still lapsing on occasion. He's a sweetie at heart and I hope his men appreciate him (and I'm pretty sure they do).

On his blog he suggests that he may not write anymore books and I hope that isn't the case. But if it is I sincerely hope that he gets his happily ever after with his two Daddies.

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### **Vivian says**

Heartbreak, aggravation, and serenity: this is what you'll experience.

This is my favorite of the series. While there are funnier ones, this one finally pulls the story of how Shane, Dick and Gilli live and love together in a way that makes sense. Maybe it's because Gilli was so young in the other stories or perhaps it just takes time for the three of them to adjust and feel comfortable in their place, but up until this one--I didn't think their relationship was going to work.

The success was predicated on two events: Gilli accepting his medical condition and both Dick and Shane demonstrating their love for Gilli. Previously, it always seemed like Gilli was the outsider in Dick and Shane's relationship, a tasty bit on the side to enjoy at will even as they cared for him there felt like a chasm between them. Some might say Gilli imposed that divide himself through his resistance, but I always felt like Gilli was much more sensitive than Shane took into account.

(view spoiler)

I need to reread this because there are multiple analogies and symbolism to rethink.

But, the door is probably the most emblematic. Doors open and close and if you don't walk through them eventually you find yourself standing alone in an empty room. Gilli learns that life changes and so do the people in it.

Favorite passage:

My relationship with my men has many facets, physical and emotional. Like a rose it can be a thing of great beauty filled with musky sweetness and soft sensual delights, but a rose can also draw blood.

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### **Trio says**

That was absolutely lovely. Our Gilli's growing up... there were so many bittersweet moments in this one. Gilli has some hard knocks dealt his way and he's having a really tough time coming to grips with them all :(

On the positive side, he gets mega graphic with the sex in this one and he does write a very descriptive, image evoking scene. So there's that.

Truly, I enjoyed every page.

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### **Kaje Harper says**

Reading Gilli's books is like spending time with a hyper needy friend - fun, amusing, a little exhausting and a great way to wile away an afternoon or two. Gilli is emotional, bright, snarky, somewhat self-centered, and feels so young.

The episodes he chooses to spend time writing usually reflect the moments of conflict in his household, often times he provoked by pushing his boundaries in search of attention and understanding. They make me ache for the restlessness and insecurity he projects, while at the same time make me want to shake him. He often rejects his men's overtures because he can't let go of a bad mood, or accept anything less than what he feels he's due. Gilli hangs onto grudges and ill-feeling, pulls them out, turns them around, and stew over each one for a long time. This doesn't serve him well in a lifestyle where discipline is fast, physical and intended to close the matter.

In this book, his mother's impending death from cancer and his own epilepsy hang like twin palls over his days. Both are serious, and sometimes are not acknowledged by Shane as valid reasons for angst. At the same time, Gilli tries to make his epilepsy go away by not admitting it exists, with dangerous consequences. I got more feeling of love and affection toward Gilli from both his men in this book. The relationship seems more stable and settled.

I think Dick has the hardest role in many ways, placed as he is between the other two, sympathetic to both, sometimes bending himself to please each of them and not always getting the credit his efforts deserve. It was nice to see more of Shane's affection for both men here, but especially some tenderness toward Dick. I wish Gilli would choose to portray more of the good moments, and the times when he is an asset to the others and it *doesn't* go wrong. Last book, I wondered if they really loved him enough. This book I believed that they do, but wondered how they managed not to kill him.

A funny, painful, occasional sweet memoir. I do so hope that this is not the last one.

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### **Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says**

Spending some time with Gilli is like comfort reading for me. I feel like I know him on a deep, intimate level. It feels familiar and it is very easy to become wrapped up in Gilli's life.

I love the dynamic between Gilli and his daddies. I, like Gilli, always want more out of Shane, but I see what Gilli gets out of that relationship. Dick is just perfection. I honestly could go on all day about the psychology and the subtle interplay between the three men, but that would bore everyone except for the hardcore Gilli fans (Me! Me!).

I can't wait for the next Gilli book to come out. I know I can visit his blog, but that just feels like cheating to me. I'll try to be patient and wait for Gilli to gift us with another piece of his fascinating life.

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### **Chris says**

I absolutely adored this ! I know I side with Gilli, and I know he tries to top from the bottom but he's just so bloody spectacular ❤? witty, clever and ridiculously bratty. Shane has his number and Dick softens the blows on occasion. I seriously laughed with Gilli's attempts at smartarse humour - even when he didn't mean it and then felt low emotions when Gilli was in a funk. Really loved it !

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## **Ery says**

I hope Gilly never stops writing ( although his stories hint that the end may be nigh. Every book is new, refreshing, and provides the reader with an enlivening view of a BDSM threesome. The power dynamic is a joy to share with Gilly, the antics are entertaining, and the underlying romance remains a subtle ( sometimes very subtle) thread throughout.

Don't stop, Gilly. Please?

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## **JustJen "Miss Conduct" says**

Absolutely love reading about Gilli and his crazy life. He never fails to make me smile, laugh out loud, shake my head and break my heart all in one sitting.

Even though there doesn't ever seem to be all that much progress in one direction or another, I still cannot get enough. He still does silly Gilli things on an almost daily basis that get him into trouble, he's still a very grumpy houseboy most of the time though it is easy to see where it all comes from.

With the story being told from Gilli's point of view, it is also easy to want to side with him all the time and question the Daddies' actions and their overall relationship. But, in the end, you can see they all care for each other in their own distinct ways.

I think I will always cherish these stories, as they have stuck with me, and when I pick one back up, it is such a pleasure that I hope will never end.

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## **Macky says**

So, I've finally finished Book 4 and up to now the last in the series of Gillibrain Brown - houseboy and lover to his Two daddies Shane and Dick. Has this been the easiest of series to read... not always, but its certainly been one of my top favourites - playing havoc with each and every emotion possible!

Gilli has been the magnet that has drawn me back each time. His voice is the sole POV and he's had me lmfao one minute and crying my eyes out the next. The daddy/ boy relationship between the three of them has not always been easy for me to get my head around but as the books have progressed I've begun to see that to truly enjoy the stories, even if I didn't get it, I've had to push aside my initial misgiving, accept the D/s lifestyle they share and let them get on with it without question. Once I did I actually began to understand the dynamics and accept them. No other D/s story has ever done that before so strike one up for you Gilli!

Needless to say all through the books Daddy Shane and I have not had a good relationship and even as we speak he's still not my favourite person. My beef with him, is not the ( many) physical punishments that he doles out when Gilli ' misbehaves ', there are times when he deserves it , or the strict rules and regulations ( that Gilli is constantly pushing) they are part of the lifestyle... He is Alpha daddy , Dick is Daddy number Two also dominant to Gilli but sub to Shane and our totally endearing Gilli is baby boy and sub to them both- thats the hierarchy. Shane is the boss man, so has all the control -- but what I can't accept about Mr

grumpy pants is his total insensitivity and downright obtuse behaviour when it comes to handling Gillis insecurities and bless him he has a lot!

On the surface Gilli comes across as jealous, childish, petulant, gobby and disobedient but at the same time he's loveable, thoughtful, kind hearted, sweet, loyal to a fault and he wears his heart on his sleeve. His love for Shane and Dick is palpable but most of the time Shane - and sometimes Dick - appear to treat him more like an employee and part time lover than an equal in their threeway! The most unforgivable thing is the way Shane dismisses his appalling bitch of a sister's behaviour towards Gilli, you have to read it to believe it, the woman is pure poison and the rest of Shane's entourage aren't much better either... There were a few people in this book who I would have quite happily put a hit out on myself for crimes against Gilli !! My blood boils even now just thinking of them all !! At least Dick shows Gilli a lot of affection but even he sometimes lets him down by not standing his corner so our poor houseboy spends most of the series with a bright red ass, on the outskirts, with his nose pressed against the metaphorical window of Shane and Dick's long term love, looking in, wishing he was truly a part of it but never really being made to feel or be told that he is ... and that was what broke my heart so many times over the course of the story. In a way I was sort of hoping that he would end the book, walking off into the sunset in search of a Dom who would cherish and love him and only him... But he loves these guys passionately and it's patently obvious that whatever scrap of attention and affection he does get from Shane lights up his life so he's in to the death, and if that gives Gilli happiness then who am I to judge? Talk about emotionally exhausting!

I could ramble on forever about these hilarious/ sad books but enough's enough! Overall, what I'm taking with me is a deep and abiding affection for one of the most snarky, funny yet poignant and loveable characters I've ever come across . Gillibrain Brown you stole my heart! I'd give the whole series a ten star rating if I could. Loved it. :)

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### **Fangtasia says**

Yay! Another installment of Gilli's story with Dick and Shane, can't wait to read it. I didn't know this was out, or even planned. Love this kind of surprise!

7 October 2012 - Finished, and I'm glad and sad. Glad I read it, I didn't know how much I'd missed Gilli's voice. Sad, because it's over, will probably read all the books again, just for Gilli's company and inimitable voice. And the fact these books can have me laughing until tears run down my face, then again crying for real, all within a few pages. Genius!

This installment is excellent, shows growth in the characters and the relationship, in so many ways. Gilli's growing pains are excruciating, to him, his Daddies, and his readers. The Daddies cope as best they can, with a boy in denial, a tanking economy, recalcitrant family members, death and taxes. All the inevitables in life.

Mr. Brown posted on his online diary that this book might be his last. Dear author please no, don't do that, don't let "post-project blues" cheat your loyal readers from the unparalleled experience of your diary entries turned books. Take a page from Dick's book and just have crazy sex 24/7 to get the blues out of your system. After all, you do have two Daddies who are extremely susceptible to your charms. Then embark into the next one. There's a whole bunch of people wanting to know how 2009 went for you, particularly about Dick's Christmas gift to Shane and the Christmas cake thing, among other things.

I learned a couple of things while reading this book: a) Gilli just turns my "Mom" button "on", I'd just succumb to all his ploys and tantrums. If I had anything to do with him, he'd be spoiled beyond rescue. And b) I *vehemently* envy his neighbor Eileen, for the ease with which he goes over to visit. He does muse that his relationship with Eileen is almost that of mother and son, bearing out my first point above.

Ooooh, one other thing I suspected and confirmed in this book: Leo is absolutely salivating at the thought of getting his hands on Gilli, permanently. And Jak is just plain jealous, is all.

If you haven't read the previous installments, much of what goes on in this story may not make sense. Don't fret, though, the whole series is worth reading, I assure you. Enjoy!

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