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Puppy Love is the story of Matt and Petey. Not only do they identify as a Dominant-submissive gay couple, but they also defy many of the stereotypes of this type of relationship. They rarely dress in leather; they don't hang out at sex clubs, and they have little interest in many of the heavy BDSM sexual practices. There is no denying, however, that Matt is the Master and Petey is his pup. Reawakening, book three of the Puppy Love Trilogy, is the much-awaited conclusion to Matt and Petey's story. After the tragedies of book two, more agony and ecstasy await Matt and Petey—a shooting, an unexpected pregnancy, a big gay wedding, and tons of passionate, kinky sex scenes. Will they find their happily-ever-after ending together, or will Petey's reawakened independence lead him down another path entirely?

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Jenre says

Finally, the long awaited (by me anyway) conclusion to Matt and Petey's story. I began reading this third and final installment of the Puppy Love books, greatly looking forward to reading Matt and Petey's happy ending, and whilst I enjoyed this book a great deal, I think the second book will always be my favourite of the series.

As this book begins, there are a number of loose ends flapping about from the last book. Matt has been outed to his parents and as a result thrown out of his home and had his dream job of managing one of his father's sports clubs taken away from him. Petey has recovered from the rape and abuse by Ryan, but is still easily overwhelmed by day to day life. Petey is determined to reconcile Matt with his parents and so does what every sub should not – keep secrets from his Master. When this leads to potential tragedy, Petey and Matt must start to re-evaluate their relationship to bring the balance back to their lives.

In some ways this was a book of two parts for me. The first part, which focused on Petey's attempts to make things right for Matt and the consequences of that, was by far my favourite part of the book. In this section we see Petey stepping out from his comfort zone and trying to rely on himself. He's not entirely successful, and as always makes some pretty dreadful errors in judgement, but this is what I've loved about the Puppy Love books: That Petey is so vulnerable, but still constantly strives to make Matt's life better. Petey has grown a lot in the time since we got to know him in book one. Yes, he still panics, but he's also become better at not blaming himself for everything that happens. There's an incident quite near the beginning of the book where Petey has a number of things happen to him which conspire to ruin what would have been a simple shopping trip. In the past he would have blamed himself, but it was refreshing to see this time that he understood that it was circumstance, not his own actions which led to his panic, and that he had the presence of mind to call for help instead of having a total melt-down.

The relationship and dynamic between Matt and Petey has also changed throughout the series, and I liked that Petey, through the gentle encouragement of Matt, has learned to know where his limits lie. For example, there's a scene in this book where the pair experiment with pain play. Petey knows that he doesn't really like pain play that much. If this scene had occurred in the first book then Petey would have allowed Matt to hurt him above and beyond what he would have been able to stand, but now he recognises that it's OK to tell Matt when he can't cope, that it's not a weakness or disobeying when he does. Matt too has learned to listen to Petey and as a result he's become a better Master to his pup. Petey has begun to recognise a definite 'scene' and know the difference between serving Matt on a day to day basis, and taking part in sexual play. Matt has also learned that dominance does not just mean bossing Petey around, but that sex between them can be tender and reciprocal, as well as having assigned roles. This growth and development in the relationship between the heroes has been by far the best part of reading this series and ultimately the most satisfying part of the story arc as a whole.

The second part of the book which didn't work as well for me, was in the resolution to the several plot strands that have been developing. Don't get me wrong, I loved seeing Matt and Petey overcome their differences and see them off into their HEA. The part that didn't sit as comfortably for me was that everything is resolved happily. Nothing bad is allowed to spoil Petey's life. He's even practically given a new set of parents to replace his dead ones. This meant that the ending was just far, far too sweet for me. One thing I've enjoyed about the series as a whole is that there have been some pretty intense and horrible things that have happened to Petey, and that have shaped him into the man he is by the end of this book. The fact

that by the end, no shadow of that remains on Petey and Matt meant that the book had far too much of a fairy-tale end for me to find it realistic. I guess it's that old cynic in me coming out again, but I think I would have liked the ending far more if Petey and Matt still had a few difficulties left to face in their life. Those readers who love sweet sugary endings are going to love the way that the book ends, but I would have liked a bit most spice with my sugar.

Despite my feelings about the end, this book and as an extension the series as a whole is definitely worth reading. Petey is one of a kind, and I'm actually quite sad to leave him and Matt to their happy ending. If you looking for a set of D/s books which chart the progression, and maturity of a relationship between two young men – a real 'coming of age' for both of them, then you can't go wrong with this series – this book is the end of that, and you do have to read the other books in the series first. As for me, I'm glad that I read this book, and series and wouldn't hesitate to recommend it.

Mike Oaks says

If you don't eat your meat...

You know the idiom "You can't judge a book by its cover"? Well I find that to be true most of the time. I'll admit I bought the Puppy Love books for two reasons: Jeff Erno and pretty covers.

You know the Pink Floyd song "Another Brick in the Wall"? There's a passionate conversation at the end of the tune between two people. "If you don't eat your meat, you can't have any pudding. How can you have your pudding if you don't eat your meat?"

And there you have it. I got sucked in by familiarity of an author's story telling and pretty pictures. What I found was that these three books are really just one long book. It's not fair to judge the book(s) until you finish the whole story.

So why only three stars? BDSM just isn't my thing. And because of that I struggled with some of the pages. Book one was the said meat in "Another Brick..." I had to finish it so I could enjoy my pudding. I had to endure what I perceived as degrading acts committed between people. I didn't like Matt or Alex. I liked Drew and wanted to rescue Petey, who I adored. My precious Petey.

Book two gave me another taste of how cruel Matt could be. The a little get together in a motel room after a party was just painful. But as I turned the pages I saw everybody maturing. Matt and Petey are only 19!!! Through trial and error, heavy on the error, Matt became a better person. Not perfect, but better.

And finally after eating my meat and some mushy veggies I finally got to have my pudding. The love story that was between the words at times. I still don't "get" why someone wants a dungeon in their basement, but I found that I read every word in that scene. I also learned about the tragic childhood of another character that helps the reader forgive his actions; and they were heinous.

It's 1,200 pages you'll commit to if you take on this series. Just think of the pretty pictures when eating your meat.

The book has an HEA but I still feel like I need a shower.

CB says

I can't say enough about this series (3 books) - it's not a YA story even though they start off as freshman in college. They are learning the BDSM submissive/dominant lifestyle from the beginning and you get to go along on their journey and WHAT A JOURNEY IT IS! Far from perfect, sometimes I wanted to smack Matt because it was easy to overlook how much he loved Petey (it's there in the writing but not in-your-face-obvious) and they make some bonehead mistakes because well, they're young and human. Just excellent writing and full of humor, love, sex, friendships, etc.

This will always be on my to-be-read-again list no matter how many times I re-read it.

Ashley♥Alexis says

IS THIS BASED ON ACTUAL EVENTS?!?! Damnit Jeff Eron, answer my emails!!!

oh my god. Im being such a fangirl right now. This series just wow. SOOO MUCH DRAMA! But it was so good. Seeing Matt and Petey grow was worth all the times I wanted to punch Matt in the face. There were times I really wanted Petey and Drew to just say "fuck it" and run away together. I need a soul mate dangit. The story started to drag a bit for me because there was just a lot of reflection and summary that I didn't need but I still gave this book 5 stars because I loved the way it all came together in the end.

Leah says

I'll review in a bit but I'll share that I marathon read it forgoing sleep, food, and the provocations of my partner and wasn't disappointed :D

Danny Tyran says

I can say that I have not been disappointed with this series. All three books are excellent. We clearly see the evolution of the characters, especially the MCs. In book 3, the author wants us to understand that it can very well be love in a D/s and BDSM relationship and he succeeds very well.

There is suspense too. So the novel sustains our attention and we want to know what will happen next.

For those who know me a little better, you might be surprised to learn that there is not a great deal of BDSM scenes in these three books. But as sparse as the SM scenes could have been, there was such a beautiful D/s relationship between Matt and Petey, who are so complementary, that I am perfectly satisfied.

Some reviewers have been shocked by some of the BDSM scenes. They have found it "extreme". I can tell that they have never read Humiliator or Christopher Enslaved. I suggest them to read these two books and come back. I am sure that they will adjust their point of view and their reviews. :) Personally, I loved the

BDSM scenes.

At times this story in 3 books made me think of the Slave Breaker series by Maculategiraffe. Bran and Petey have something in common. But the Puppy Love series is even better.

I understand that some people hate Matt, at least as he is in the first book, because of his selfishness, but this is one of the things that the author tries to make us understand: Being dominant does not mean being heartless and selfish. The other point that this third volume addresses is love in a D/s relationship.

I'd like to see in a sequel the two MCs interaction with Jason. Jason, who Matt describes as his pain slut, may come to want a little more than just casual encounters with his new master (Matt) and become jealous of Petey. They have had problems with someone feeling rejected already. How would they deal with it this time? That is just a suggestion because I love all these characters and this series, and I am sad that it is already finished.

DarienMoya says

^^MATT AND HIS PUP STILL GOT IT^^

It is with a sad heart that I write this review but I am also very happy at the same time. My favourite couple's story has come to an end, and what an ending it was. As I have mentioned before I was a little skeptical about reading the series, and I blame that on my preconceived notions of what a D/s relationship was really like. I have always had an aversion to someone telling another what to do and running his/her life. That was my single story of a D/s relationship. No one is more surprised than I am by how much in love I am with Petey, Matt, Alex and Drew. I now know that, any part of sexuality is never wrong as long as both partners are willing. Let me tell you this series will make you laugh, cry and have supreme bouts of anger at least that was my experience.

The third book in this wonderful series, and man was this one a joy ride. I am talking shocking moments, moments of laughter and oh so much love. We know that Petey and Matt met under bad circumstances, when Petey was getting beats by some punks, and Matt came to his rescue. After that meeting, a special relationship was developed and both provided what the other needed. The first two books we got to see how this relationship was progressing, and even though there were so many ups and downs both Petey and Matt remained true to their characters. Petey and his unwavering loyalty to Matt, and Matt and his very assholeish ways. We had to watch Petey suffer and experience pain for his master to learn a lesson in humility. Even through all this, one thing remains clear; this is story about love, pure genuine, I would give up the world for you love.

After the ending of Puppy Love 2, we know that Matt and Petey had a situation that they needed to get through, the third book provides a clear look into this wonderful couple overcoming the odds and remaining a rock in each other's lives. I can say that there is a happy ending, but there is also some jaw dropping moments and a big WHAT THE F*CK, at this very moment I still cannot understand why. I guess it is the talent of the author remaining true to his characters, or he really is one optimistic person. If I were in their position, I would not be so forgiving. We get to meet the parents and that was not as horrible as I expected, we get to see Matt struggle with his position as a Dom, not necessarily a struggle but his more stern ways are

put to the test.

The friendships are just pure wonderful, for all the things that Alex, Matt Petey and Drew have been through you would think that they would hate each other. No way is that an issue, all four remain loyal to each other and I strongly believe without the presence of Alex and Drew there would be no Matt and his pup. They are like the pieces to their puzzles they make them fit. I love Drew and he is just a brave and truly unique friend. Its time for my favourite part, the wonderful sex. Even though it is not in abundance, there are some breakthrough moments, like Matt giving oral, talk about knocking my socks off. I died all kinds of death when I read that and if I were a dude I would have been all kinds of hard. There is also a bit of pain in this book, and it includes a new friend of the paddle. I am talking red butt cheeks and crying, mmmmm delicious. Never thought I would be one to enjoy the pleasures of pain, then again never thought I would enjoy reading about a D/s relationship. This book was just all kinds of good y'all.

Told in first person, we get to experience all the pains and joy of our Petey pup. The book moves quite well as to be expected of Jeff, I will be a fan of the author for a while to come. I am just a huge fan of love conquers all and beautiful boys, and Puppy Love got beauty. I am very happy with how the series has ended and I am sure you will be also. I was a little scared at one point when I thought Matt was going soft, but he hits us with his I am so awesome and I realize no need to worry asshole for life and I love him(Alot). As you can probably tell it was worth five stars and more, might not be your cup of tea but it says this, when it comes to sexuality nothing is ever wrong when you are happy. I love my boys!

ilknur a.k.a. iko ? says

bencil piçin teki matt. petey itiraz edince a?lak, ona güvenmeyen sub oluyor. matt nefes alsa her ?eyi petey için yapm?? oluyor. matt güya bi?iler ö?retmek için birilerini (ryan gibi) düzünce problem yok, aldatma ama o aq. bildi?in psikolojik bir bozukluk bu.

ryan drew'u vuruyor. matt'in bi eski kad?n sevgilisinden çocu?u oluyor ama ald?r?yorlar fln. ryan mevzusu o kadar uzuyor ki delirmemek elde de?il. hepsini geçtim kitab?n sonundaki ryan fln çifte dü?ünler kanki olmalar allah?m bu nas? bi?i ya neymi? matt gurur duyuyomu? ryan'? affetti diye. niye aq niye böyle bi saçmal?k var m? sikerler.

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Graeme says

I'm writing this review for the whole series instead of just book #3.

Book #1 - 2/5 stars

Book #2 - 3.5/5 stars

Book #3 - 5/5 stars

Average - 3/5 stars which I round to 4.

The reason I'm writing the review for the whole series as Puppy Love is essentially one big book. Jeff Erno has written the story to where the plot structure continues through the whole series instead of every book having an individual plot structure. Book #1 is exposition and rising action. Book #2 is entirely rising action. The story doesn't climax until Book #3. It is very important to know this as you won't find enjoyment in Puppy Love unless you finish the entire series.

BOOK ONE

I didn't like Book #1 at all. Character likability is extremely important to me when reading books and I hated, hated, hated Matt. Petey, while not as unlikable as Matt, was also annoying and not very likable in this book. Matt is probably the biggest asshole of any main character I've read in any book in Puppy Love #1. He is extremely manipulative of Petey's naivety and innocence. Petey is much more humble but also an enormous crybaby with no backbone. And when I mean crybaby I mean that literally, it seems like he was crying for something every 5 pages. I really didn't like how he just let Matt walk all over him. The sub should have at least some kind of autonomy and rules for the relationship. While I don't have a huge understanding of BDSM relationships, I could never find a decent reason for it to be okay for Matt to be with another person yet alone a girl throughout the novel. He manipulated Petey into staying with him even though he had a running relationship with Tracy. Also, I didn't like Drew telling Petey it is okay for a master to be with other people without their consent. It is not. Not, not, not, okay.

Since I didn't understand the plot structure of the series when I first started reading Puppy Love, I stopped reading for several months after I finished Book #1 since I felt the book had a mediocre and unfinished ending. I also just plain didn't like it. It was out of sheer curiosity that I picked up Book #2.

BOOK TWO

Book #2 was alright. It was better than the first book for sure. I don't have too much to say about Book #2 as it was all rising action but there was much more plot getting added into the series and less sex. The events that happened in Book #2 is what led me to decide to finish the series, and that was character development. Matt and Petey both begin to mature in this book. I'll explain more in the review of Book #3.

BOOK THREE

Yes! Book #3 was an absolutely great read! Book #3 is what makes the Puppy Love series a Gay Romance classic and not a mediocre series that leaves readers with a bitter taste in their mouths. Book #3 contains the climax and really shows the evolution of Matt and Petey's characters. Matt grows from being an absolute prick of a teenager with no sense of responsibility and consideration for the feelings of others into a passionate young man who finds true love and devotion for Petey. Petey grows from being an insecure, needy, crybaby with no backbone to a confident sub and lover who knows his needs and limits and can not only stand up to Matt but protect him. Book #3 is the book that you can look forward to if you're able to persevere through Book #1. It ties a very nice ribbon on the series.

CONCLUSION

I would highly recommend reading all three novels. The series turns from being a sour read into something

wonderful and has one of the most beautiful stories of character development in the entire genre of M/M romance. While it has an unorthodox plot structure, I can assure you it is worth your while to pick up Book #2 and keep going.

Carolyn88 Welch says

Oh these three books are so good. After reading the first book I did not like Matt very much. By the end of Book 3 you are totally in love with Matt and all the characters. I would rate this as one of the few books that I would give more than 5 stars. If you can get through the first book you will just love these books.

Ryoma Gartre says

Consenting cheating/borderline Stockholm syndrome/unreal characters.

Taintedskyee (Books Books&More Books) says

The entire series was very nice at some point in the series I did really find Petey the sub character really pathetic, weakling blah blah blah.....but at the end of the series author Jeff erno did describe it in away that I felt I should give it a break and not be so judgemental about it may be I don't like such kind of character but some do, some people need these kind of people, like our Matt. My God hats off to Matt who had such patience and tolerance to deal with Petey and his leaking tap of tears. By the end of the Matt's personality development was awesome but it was hard to believe as he was only 19 yrs old. All in all this book was real good except for the parts when the author kept mentioning about the past incidents in quite a elaborate way which became bit drag. If u are reading only the last book u wont miss much apart from the real hot scenes as everything that happened in bk 1 and 2 was repeatedly mentioned in this book.

Nichole (DirrtyH) says

You do pretty much have to read all three of these books because if you just read the first one, you would not get to see these characters mature and you would be left feeling rather unsettled. By book 3 you feel much more comfortable that Matt actually cares about Petey and is not just using him because he gets his rocks off by being a bully.

This series is enjoyable, albeit quite flawed. I never did really start to trust Alex. I'm not convinced that he's not an asshole. There are lots of problems with tense throughout the series - randomly switching between past tense and present tense, which was really distracting and annoying. The odd speech patterns that originally led me to believe the writer might not be a native English speaker were toned down a lot as the series wore on.

Over all I really liked it, but there's one thing that really pissed me off and that was the way the whole Ryan issue was resolved. Very big of Petey and Drew to forgive him and I applaud them for that, but then Petey dancing with Ryan at his wedding and Drew & Alex planning a double wedding with Richard and Ryan? No. Just no. You don't plan a double wedding the guy that almost killed you and raped your best friend. Otherwise a great BDSM series, although some of the edgier scenes from the first two books were missing

from book 3 in my opinion.

Edit: 3/2014

I have no idea what prompted me to re-read this, but I have to be honest and say I did still enjoy it. But holy crap, did I realize how utterly ridiculous this was the first time? Oh my gosh. These books are ridiculous! You can only enjoy this with heavy skimming and a huge grain of salt.

Jerry says

The third in the series comes full circle with the first. There is a lot of rationalization for this lifestyle in this book (and series). Ultimately I did find all of it helpful in my understanding. I came to care for the characters and found it fulfilling as a story. Not something I can really understand but something I can accept.

Elisa Rolle says

The first thing I noticed was the strange contrast between the familiarity I had with these characters and indeed the short span their story lasted in total: this is the third book in a series all centred around Petey, a young and at the beginning innocent guy, and his boyfriend, and Master, Matt. All three books are pretty long, and both characters are probably “older” than their true age, and so, when I was more or less in the middle of the third book, I was surprised when Petey highlighted that it was neither a year he has met Matt. They have gone through so much, and experienced even more, that it seemed impossible to me that they were indeed still teenager.

That is probably the first impression I had of this couple, but above all Matt, they were walking into “dangerous” path when other boys their same age are probably still playing with videogames and going to football match. Petey has probably had to grow before his age when he lost both his parents, even if he has an older sister, he is pretty much without a strong leading, and he found that leader in Matt. Matt is absolutely not a fatherly figure, above all since he is the same age as Petey, and also since, according to me, Matt is also a bit selfish. Sorry, I arrived, and finished, the third book, but still I don’t like so much Matt: he is spoiled, moody, and yes, selfish. He is good for Petey, no doubt in that, but I think he has first of all himself in mind and then Petey; as soon as Petey agrees with him, and with his choices, Matt is the best of the boyfriends, but if Petey has his own opinion, than Matt reacts like the spoiled child he his. I agree with the author, and Petey, when he highlights that Matt is very much like his own father, and that Petey will probably evolve like Matt’s mother: at the beginning a spare wheel of her husband tank, with time she has developed her own character and she has managed her husband without him neither knowing it.

The author toned down a lot the kinky side of the story, and actually in this third book the sex is almost “vanilla”, just the sex toy here and there, but nothing too much or too strange; true there is a mild scene with a double couple sex scene, but it was almost expected and more or less harmless.

There was maybe a bit too much of pink glasses perspective, above all in the fact that everyone, really everyone, in the end had an happily ever after, and that was something that really had me realized these were almost all teenagers and so probably real life had still to touch them; and the hope is that, if it will reach them in the future, it will be clement with all of them.

If you have read the previous two books, I think the third volume is a must; if not, I think you can probably read book 3 without too much problem, and maybe for who is particularly impressionable, reading only book 3 can be a solution (in book 1 and 2 the sex is really out of ordinary and there is also a bit of violence in book 2).

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