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Hunky Alaskan dive master and charter boat captain Jackson Cameron is absolutely sure he's straight until openly gay treasure hunter Dax Powers calls him and offers him the adventure of a lifetime: Dax and his sister Donatella have found the Anna Wyoming, a ship that went down during the 1889 gold rush on return from Skagway Island—very possibly carrying a fortune in gold.

But real treasure is never free, and this one comes with some heavily armed strings attached. Jack and Dax struggle to keep their small crew safe from a powerful threat while they fight against the attraction they feel for each other. Between the danger of the hunt, the risks in the dive, and the thrill of being lost in passion, Dax and Jack are going to have a hard time holding on to their treasure... and to each other!

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Ami says

Let's get the niggle out of the way, first, shall we.

I really don't care about the characters. It's probably one of those occasions where I don't click/feel the chemistry with the characters presented to me (hey, it happens!! seriously!). I think the romance is flat. I don't think Jackson's monologue/musing regarding his sexuality is amusing. In fact, I skip almost all of the sex scenes. I find the romance is a bit superficial and I don't really believe Jack and Dax have good enough basis to actually fall in love. I basically don't care enough, and that is the issue. On top of that, I actually find Mac and Brad - the characters from Wings of Love -- a bit annoying and pushy, in their attempt to "push" Jack out of the closet.

Having said that, the treasure-hunting part is VERY exciting. I find myself enjoying the research, the actual preparation, the diving, until finding the wrecked ship. I can imagine the scenes, it feels like an action (suddenly I remember Jessica Alba's movie *lol*). That part saves the book for me, although I still cannot give it more than my usual so-so stars.

Cryselle says

Treasure hunters need good maps, good hunches, and a lot of determination to find their booty, and Dax Powers has both when he charters Jack Cameron's dive boat. In Treasure of Love by Scotty Cade, Dax starts by looking for gold but finds a great deal more.

Both Dax and Jack are alpha kinds of guys, who start out with friction. The back and forth over the treasure diving trip makes for some great reading; they growl at each other to cover up the attraction, which is mutual, to Jack's great surprise. Poor Jack gets a lot of flak from his crew/friends Mac and Brad about this – paybacks are hell, but such fun for the reader. The relationship unfolds more gently than it starts out, and kudos to Dax for not pushing too hard. He pushes just hard enough:

"?If all I need to do is go on a tirade to get you to kiss me, look out, Jack. Your life is about to become very confrontational."

They do find their treasure ship, too, using seriously unsafe diving practices – twice they nearly run out of air, no one thinks to leave spare tanks below, and the words "safety line" or similar do not appear anywhere - and salvaging the valuables is suddenly the least of their dangers. The shadowy danger materializes with explanations – a LOT of them, that seem reasonable for modern day and really weird for 120 years ago. The day is saved though, through an outside agency that had not previously appeared in the story and seemed tacked on.

The style of the book, unfortunately, doesn't flow very well: there are huge chunks of exposition, some unnatural sounding dialog, and a lot of explanations of the "as you know, Jack" variety to convey information that could have been worked in more naturally. The POV is not stable – it can go for pages in one person's POV, only to flip for a sentence or two and then back. The occasional forays into a true omniscient POV worked to convey menace, and I don't consider those a problem, but really didn't like the

dizzy-making quick trips through other heads. The heads all had similar names: Jackson/Daxton/Dax/Jack/Mac/Brad.

The love story was the best part here; Cade writes good relationships, not only between lovers, but with friends. I wish the adventure had matched.

Gavin Stephenson-Jackman says

Brad and Mac are back when Jack gets an unusual request for a lengthy and secretive dive charter from Dax. Turns out that Mac and Brad know of Dax from a failed treasure hunt near Cape Horn that was broadcast on T.V. What they don't share is that Dax is gay. They've long suspected that Jack, Mac's brother in law from his first partner is also gay whether Jack realises it or not. Dax is smitten by Jack at first sight but how can he convince Jack of that? Jack agrees to the charter and its rather unusual conditions. During the course of their search for a shipwreck off the Alaskan coast the two men nearly come to blows, but Dax foils Jack with a kiss that sets the ball rolling. Gold and contraband bring in a whole new set of risks for the crew and Jack and Dex must fight not only for each other but for their entire crew. A great read that will keep you turning the pages from beginning to end.

Elisa Rolle says

This was more romance and less adventure than expected. I'm true, I like romance but I'm not really the adventurous novel type; I usually skip really quick through all the crash-boom-bang scenes to arrive to the one where the two main characters are alone, dealing with each other and their feelings. When I read the blurb of this story, the relationship between Captain Jack and treasure hunter Dax, I had the preconception that these two alpha men were too stubborn and strong to give me a sweet romance... I was wrong.

Sure Jack and Dax clash at first encounter, but then Dax decides to play the romance ace instead of being stubborn; he unexpectedly kisses Jack and from that moment on, he remains open to Jack's attempts, without pushing too much, but leaving the other knows he is interested. Dax is openly gay, when instead Jack has never once considered himself bi-curious. Jack is not closeted case, unless you don't consider self-conscious behaviour. He is not homophobic, even if he was not so accepting of Mac and Brad's love story, mostly since Mac was his former brother-in-law and I think Jack felt like Mac was betraying his sister, and Mac's wife, memory. His sister was dead, but having her husband falls in love for another man was not easy to accept.

Once Jack overcomes his reticence on regard to Mac and Brad's relationship, he was also able to see they were happy; and that a love story between men was not only possible but also fulfilling. And so when he is giving the chance with Dax, he is more ready to consider the possibility than before.

As I said, this is mostly Dax and Jack's love story; the adventure side of the novel is there, but it's not really intruding their relationship, and actually it develops quickly, and quickly ends, almost all in the last chapters. I have to say I prefer the novel like this, I enjoyed a lot Dax and Jack's love dance, and I think Dax adopted the right strategy to conquer skittish Jack.

Secretly Reading says

Originally reviewed for The Book Vixen

In a Nutshell: Great MM romantic suspense with a strong romance and compelling plot.

Why I Read this Book: I really enjoyed book one in this series so want to continue it. I have to also mention how much I'm enjoying reading male MM romance authors, like Scotty Cade.

What I Liked: Dax and Jackson have great chemistry. The sexual attraction is there but I really like how their emotional relationship develops. The men communicate with each other, especially important since gay attraction is new to Jackson. I like that Dax doesn't rush Jackson in their relationship and this provides great emotional and sexual pay-off for readers. I also liked how realistic Jackson's sexual confusion was. He didn't just suddenly feel comfortable kissing Dax in public but it's a struggle for him in the face of societal pressures. The first two books in this series have very accepting views on sexuality that it's less about absolutes and more attraction for specific people and I enjoyed this gentle message.

What I Also Liked: Mac and Brad from book one are great secondary characters here, as well as Dax's sister who is also his business partner. These three form a crew for the ship with Dax and Jackson and all work together to find the shipwreck. Their gentle humor helps Jackson alter his life in order to have a relationship with Dax and I liked this support network for both men.

The plot was also quite suspenseful. The shipwreck was straight out of a Discovery Channel documentary and I'm a sucker for this kind of thing. The book focuses a lot on how the crew finds the wreck, then how they dive to document it, claim it and then see what's in the shipwreck. The rival group looking for the wreck provides just enough sinister action for the novel and rounded out this good novel.

What I Didn't Like: Nada.

IMO: Good romance, good plot and good characters here. I'll be continuing this series.

*review copy from publisher

Nikko says

I love this one too!! Its really a nice book!! No cheating, no angsty and best of HEA!!! Yum!!! Just the way i loved it!!

Jordan says

Tremendous improvement from the last book. Maybe because I don't know anything about treasure hunting? In any case, I found myself less judgemental of this book. I really liked both Jackson and Dax (though Dax

was my favorite). One of the best things about this book was how openly gay Dax was. There were parts that almost made me want to laugh because it seemed comical, like a skit made for a cartoon. "The Adventures of Captain Cameron and the Gay Treasure Hunter." I can see it now.

In all seriousness, though, I did like this book much much more than the last. I felt like there was a real connection between Dax and Jackson. Even though the book did still feel rushed, it felt like it had been reviewed and edited more than the first, or maybe the author just improved their writing that much between the first and second books (which would be worthy of a standing ovation, whoa). Whereas the first book was "meh," this book was "good."

I also felt like Cade wrote Alaska better in this book, which is a huge bonus.

S.J.D. Peterson says

I love it when I can learn new things while reading fiction. The scenes in which Scotty Cade writes of treasure-hunting and diving are so well written I felt as if I was taking the dive with them. Being as obsessive as I am, I had to check out treasure-hunting articles and even watched a few documentaries on the subject. I could so imagine, while watching the programs Jack and Dax in their wetsuits....the excitement of discovery and even the fear.

Treasure of Love blends just enough suspense with just enough romance. The characters were well developed and though this book had the underlining tone of GFY which I normally do not like, I could feel the connection between Jack and Dax and the struggle Jack had in coming to terms with his sexuality felt real.

I highly recommend this book for those who love diving , treasure-hunting, suspense, sprinkled with a little romance.

Mary Gresham says

This is another excellent book by Scotty Cade. In my opinion, it is the best one yet. It is very well written, with just the right amount of romance and suspense. Keep up the good work Scotty!

Nic says

I was a little worried when I started reading this book, knowing the story was about Jack who was pretty much an asshole in the first book. I definitely didn't like Jack' character in Wings of Love so had no idea what to expect here.

I needn't have worried. The Jackson in this book seems a completely different characters to the character we were first introduced too. Some time has passed and Jackson has definitely mellowed in his attitude and there are no signs of his previous intolerance. *"Jack had had a hard time dealing with Mac's sudden change in lifestyle, but eventually he'd come to accept it, and if he was honest with himself, was a little envious of their loving relationship."* In fact its rather fun to see Jack get teased as he clearly develops feelings for Dax.

It was nice to get an update on Mac and Brad, to see where their relationship was taking them, and to have them play a role in this story.

It's quite an interesting tale with some mystery and intrigue as Jack's boat is hired for a trip to find treasure. While he and Dax are falling for each other and Jack is dealing with his sexuality, they have to find the treasure and ward off the bad guys.

There is some similarity with the first book - similar lines and a shared gradual romance. In both books, one character is only just realising they are gay and the other isn't prepared to have a relationship unless they are fully acknowledged by the other.

Once again, the love is pretty instant and the sex is pretty amazing between the men with 'blinding flashes of light' and 'angels singing' - lucky Jack and Dax! There is fun, there is humour and there is some drama which all-in-all made for a enjoyable story.

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L-D says

At the end of the first book, Mac nearly loses Brad because his brother-in-law, Jack, threatens him with an ultimatum to choose Brad or his family. I'm glad this book takes place a couple of years later because otherwise I'm not sure if I would have been ready to forgive Jack for his bigotry. Yes, okay, we all know he was only acting out because he was scared of his own feelings for men...and so begins Jack's story.

The one thing this book was missing compared to the first book, was the wonderful relationship build. I really loved the characters in the first book, so when I compare this book to that one, it's not quite as good. Yes Dax is super hot, but he's such a dick in the beginning it's tough to like him. And Jack needed to do some redeeming from his actions in the first book. But it also seemed like it didn't take Jack long to get over his "I'm straight"-ness and open up to Dax. That was much quicker than the first book. Granted, Brad was also grieving so the slow build made more sense in the first book, but I really missed that. Once Jack and Dax admitted their attraction (which was pretty quick), then it was on pretty hot and heavy.

The one thing that this book did better than the first book was the plot. Sure, stuff like that doesn't happen every day, but I am a recreational diver and reading this book really made me feel like I was down there with the characters. It was very detailed and I felt quite accurately depicted. I don't know anything about treasure hunting, but I just let myself enjoy the situations that Mr. Cade created. I did not like this book as much as the first one, but I definitely enjoyed the writing more. I also loved the fact that Mac and Brad return for a very featured role in this book. Love Mac and Brad!

Jacq says

Thank you Scotty, for another great read ! I truly enjoyed, the mystery combined with a fine twist of suspense. HELL I was holding my breath time and time again. Scotty, also provided a sweet treat in reflection of a true series, which actually brought a smile to my face... when the boys re-appeared...I know I

know shhh, I never like to tell. Ahhhh another true love story well written.Cameron I& Dax Powers ahhh.

ManOhMan says

Reviewed by Jamie: They say don't judge a book by it's cover, but the eye-pleasing cover of 'Treasure of Love' gives any potential reader a clear taste of what's in store. This is a falling in love story, very much set on a boat in the water. If you don't like reading about boats and diving expeditions, then you may find yourself skimming over the finer points of the detailed and well re-searched plot.

The main character is Jack, a stoic, shy man who ends up hiring his boat out to a pair of treasure hunters; twins, Dax and Dona. The attraction that builds between Jack and Dax who start off irritating and hating each other is tense and quickly heats up into a steamy affair.

This is all while the small crew, including Jack's own brother-in-law and his partner are hunting for a shipwreck that should contain enough gold to set them up for life. The interaction and banter is light and amusing, while the setting is picturesque.

Again, if boats and treasure hunting aren't your thing, then this may not be the story for you. But if you love boats and the thrills experienced by diving on wrecks with buried treasure all wrapped up with handsome men falling for each other, then this is the book for you.

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Bettina (a.k.a. Betty) says

A little slow at times. 3.6 Stars

Sandy Malone says

I thought at first it was because i was drunk when i read it, it seemed that bad. So in my not drunk state i read it all AGAIN this morning..and yeah it was still THAT BAD! I feel kinda like i am being harsh, but it was one HOT MESS!
