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They say no good deed goes unpunished. Two men are about to find out if that old saying is true...

Captain Daniel Chan works for the Riceland Police Department. It's a small town in Texas and he's the only Chinese American on the force. He considers himself bisexual, but when he meets Mark Montgomery, a gay man, he falls hard. But being with Mark means he'll have to commit to being gay. Mark won't have it any other way.

Mark's a man with a terrible past and he's in hiding from it and the man who tried to kill him so long ago. When he meets Dan, it's a chance at healing old wounds and finding a new life. But it also means exposure, and that's something Mark's avoided for years. When he's thrust onto center stage after a shooting, he turns to Dan for protection.

But even in a small town, things can get complicated. Political maneuvering, shady real estate deals, and men's ambitions all collide, catching Dan and Mark in the middle. Will the forces they encounter destroy them and their new found love, or will it bind them together?

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Violetta Vane says

In trying to clean up my TBR pile, I really have to chop this book. It's a shame, because it's wonderfully written and I loved the character of Daniel Chan. He's very three dimensional. I've definitely never read a better depiction of a bisexual, depressed Chinese-American high-ranking police officer in small town Texas! And like the other Lorenz book I've read, the dialogue is very smooth and realistic.

Unfortunately, I can't finish it because the narrative took a turn—not a sharp or jarring turn, but a turn nonetheless—into h/c territory, and I couldn't follow it there. Readers who don't have my issues with h/c will probably greatly enjoy this book.

Christy says

3.5 Stars ~ For a woman who never wants to live in Texas, I sure do love the stories that are set there. Especially if it involves police and that's exactly what Lynn Lorenz brought me in 'No Good Deed'. Captain Daniel Chan of the Riceland Police Department and Mark Montgomery, a broken and beat down man with a lot of pain in his past. This is an author whose work I frequently enjoy so I knew this book would be no different.

Daniel has heard every joke, some of them multiple times, about being a Chinese cop in Texas and having the last name of Chan. He's forty-two and set to retire in three years. He's waffled about his sexuality through the years, and now he admits to being bisexual with a preference for men. Hmm. Daniel has struggled some throughout his life with bouts of depression and now he's at a point in his life where he figures he'll be alone for the rest of it.

Responding to an unusual 911 call which results in a shooting of one of his officers, Daniel meets Mark. There are instantaneous sparks between the two and because of one of Daniel's officers jumping to the wrong conclusions, Daniel is given the task of smoothing over ruffled feathers and ensuring that Mark doesn't sue the department. Mark has some bad stuff in his past. Ten years before his boyfriend beat him half to death and with Mark's testimony, the guy is currently serving time. Mark sees himself as broken and not good for Daniel in a relationship. Of course, Daniel has no clue how to have a relationship, so it's sort of like the blind leading the blind.

This was an intriguing story with just the right amount of mystery, political maneuverings, backstabbing, betrayal, and a good chance at love for two men who really deserved it. The political machinations from the mayor and his election campaign manager were just low-down and sleazy, making the book even more exciting. There is nothing quite like this amount of backstabbing to get the heart pumping although I felt bad for Mark a few times as he kept getting thrown into the middle. The romance between Daniel and Mark was really sweet and they were two guys who definitely deserved a happy ever after. I enjoyed this book and can easily recommend it.

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Auraya says

[Well now I know. My immense dislike of reading about heroes sleeping with someone other than their main love interest isnt exclusive to straight couples (and honestly why the fuck should it?) (hide spoiler)]

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

Good story!

Daniel, I had my doubts about in the beginning, I mean really, you're a cop, prostitutes, really? But then I figured, sure of course! Why not? ;)

I was a little suprised that after so many years Mark hadn't had any real kind of relationship, but I guess it worked for the story.

The politics was a nice bonus!

The ending was nice and pat, maybe a bit too perfect, but that's how I like my romance, happy, healthy and all that!

Elisa Rolle says

I suppose that, when you start a cop themed story, violence and danger is what you are expecting, and probably the cops in question to not have a particular deepness, macho man sure, but nothing more. Plus if the cop is also bisexual, you lift your brows with a bit of scepticism, bisexual men usually are not so well welcomed in romance, they have give the idea to be undecided. Actually this is a point that would be worthy of more attention, why bisexual men, or women for that matter, aren't allowed to be hero, but maybe this is not the time, and it would distract people from the book in question, and it's a too good book to have it.

Anyway Daniel Chan, the Chinese-American captain of a small police department in an even smaller Texan country town, is probably the first bisexual man I like in a romance. He has always known to prefer men, if he can choose, but sometime he couldn't, like when is ultra-conservative family wanted him to marry a good Chinese girl, or when he moved in a small town USA where being gay was not an option, but a calling for bashing, and so he had his share of women in life; and then he is also honest with himself, and he can recognize when a woman is attractive, and he has even an ideal when speaking of them. Daniel has quite a straight mind, no pun intended, he likes men and women, more men than women, but he knows that he can love only men, and since for him it's not allowed to love men, so he is alone. If asked he replies that he is bisexual; but when he falls in love for a man, and that man is gay, and he wants a monogamous relationship, than that means that Daniel is gay, simple like that, no sweat on it.

It's so simple for Daniel, as it is simple for him to admit that he is in love for Mark, the man he met in the line of duty and that now seems to be the only important thing for Daniel. All right, Daniel knows that it can't be simple for them to openly live their relationship, that they will have to face some cold attitude, but again, balancing the pro and cons, to have or not to have Mark, for Daniel again the solution is simple, Mark comes before anything else. And if with Mark come also all his trouble, a very traumatic past experience that left him broken, first in body and now in soul, Daniel, with all his patience and love, is ready to patch him up. It's like dealing with a skittish horse, but if someone is up to the task, Daniel is the man.

Daniel is really a wonderful character. He is not a brooding cop, so deep in the closet to have lost the feeling

to be free. The people who are really near him, like his best friend Jeff, know what he is and who he likes, only that Daniel is not making of it a public question. Probably there is not even a reason, he has not a special someone in his life; but when that special man makes his appearance, then Daniel has no doubt that, to love him, he has to do the right thing. But it's not even a question of sacrifice, there is not tortured decision, not beating himself on the bad fate, it's again, the simplest thing to do, smooth like that, simple like that. One glance in the deep pools that are Mark's eyes, and Daniel knows that the time is arrived.

I also like that Daniel is not a self-righteous man, sincerely that type of man are boring and sometime even nasty. Daniel has his weak points, he sometime is even depressed, and if it's convenient, and not dangerous for any living souls, he is also able to forget the book and stretch the law a bit. Basically Daniel is a good man, with all his faults that make him even more good.

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Betryal says

Yeah it deserved the 5 star it got and anything to contradict it I'd never hear the end of it from Lynn.

:laughing: Just yanking! Firstly Lynn, to confirm that the girlie bits were 2 miniscule scenes only since you had warned me that there were 2 or 3. I have to appreciate it and say thanks M'lady.

The story has a great plot to it. Lynn kept it real which was most important to me and kept me eager to see where it would lead to next. The details are superb and I couldn't have asked for a better cop story than this one from her. She gave her all and I wasn't disappointed.

Fantastic story Lynn! Two thumbs up! Now what's next in store for us? :winks:

DarienMoya says

^^NO GOOD DEED IS GOOOOOOOD!^^

I am in all kinds of love with this book. If Daniel Chan wasn't a gay man I would want him for my own, but hahahah he is bi-sexual, yeh I know...this man is all kinds of awesome. I am now a huge fan of Lynn Lorenz she is a definate buy when purchasing my m/m loving. This book was surprisingly funny, angsty and just a sweet sexy fest. **LOVED IT!!**

Daniel Chan is the captain of a police force in a small town he is also chinese and if that don't blow all out the water. He loves his job, he has great friends and only a few years until his retirement. One problem, no one in town knows about his sexual preferences, sometimes he likes the ladies other times he wants a man. No reason to go spreading this around until there was Mark and all his homosexual tendencies are coming out in full force and everyone seems to be noticing.

The meeting between Mark and Chan is no gumballs and lollipops, you see Mark was just caught in some serious business involving a dead man, a wounded police officer and Mark being arrested. To save the police force ass Chan has to some smooth talking and that comes easy because he wants Mark naked. The instant attraction has some road blocks, because both our heroes have wounded souls and a whole lot of healing is

required.

I loved Chan's humour he makes being an asshole a true talent, but man is he sweet. His internal dialogue is hilarious, his dialogue with other characters is a laugh out loud kinda thing, and I did. He is a complex character with true worries and it proves the darkside that most cops without a doubt carry. Mark is a beautiful character, all the shit that man has been through he deserves his happy ending.

It was great to see a interracial couple, I love when the people of the world come together and just love, and it makes for just hot good times. Though the sex did not come till later it was worth it, so sweet and beautiful. These men aren't perfect and they make mistakes. There are scenes involving a woman, but it works in this story line. An enjoyable story with well written characters, a solid 4.5!

Kris says

I can give or take 'love at first sight' stories, but, imo, the author made this aspect a convincing one.

xbmbgrl says

3.5 stars

No good deed is a first person POV story told by Dan Chan. At times I struggled with the POV. While it doesn't usually bother me to read this point of view, there was so much waffling about what he should do and so much self doubt and recrimination that it would have been more compelling if I had been able to break some of that up and get some perspective from other characters in the book. Sometimes I just wanted to get away from Dan.

Mark is still an emotional mess 7 years after a severe beating and has not been able to connect with anyone on any physical level since the attack. He is forced into a situation that throws him and Dan together. Despite the fact that he has never had an emotional relationship (except a very short unsatisfactory marriage), Dan instantly falls for Mark.

There were several things that held back my full enjoyment of this book. First, Mark doesn't enter the picture until quite far into the book. We are just following Dan around and listening to his internal dialogue for much too long before he meets Mark. Even after he meets Mark, they really don't spend a lot of time together for another length of time. We are still following Dan around and listening to him mind-fuck himself over and over about his past mistakes, depression, failed marriage, strained relationship with his parents, the hooker he can't seem to say no to (there is some m/f sexual interaction in this story) and other things going on in his life. Next, Mark is much too fragile. After all these years he is still a mess and it is frustrating to watch Dan dance around him and worry constantly that he is going to say or do the wrong thing. Dan's passivity, insisted upon by Mark's psychiatrist, was just not erotic to me. Last, the wrap up at the end was very convenient. Everything that has been bothering Dan, even problems that go back 20 years, were resolved. After all the problems that Dan has been chasing around in his head for 40 years are gone...what is he going to be depressed about and contemplate killing himself over now?

It starts off as an unflinching and angsty story that takes a realistic look at how we think ourselves in circles

and the long term ramifications of events that can haunt us forever. There is a lot of room for contemplation and empathy for the characters that many will find compelling. In the end, I think this book had too little balance and resorted to an unrealistic and Pollyanna style ending that did the readers a disservice. Dan is still going to battle with depression and Mark is not “cured” of his issues and yet everything is tied up with a nice pretty bow that seems to imply that these guys are going to skip down life’s path with flowers popping up in their wake from now on.

Cindi says

4.5 stars

Wow, this was *good*. Really good.

Dan Chan. Gotta love it.

Daniel is a Chinese American police captain in a small town. He's bisexual though he keeps that to himself. Mark is an openly gay man who Daniel meets at the scene of a police involved shooting that was precipitated by someone going after Mark on the road. Mark has secrets that any kind of publicity can bring to the forefront so it is Dan's job to keep Mark out of the spotlight. They form an instant bond but Mark's past has made him into a frightened, sheltered man. Dan has to have a lot of patience in order to gain Mark's trust so that he can love again. There are hookers, sleazy politicians, past domestic abuse, an ex with an ax to grind, and one very disturbed police captain.

Dan is perfect. His sense of humor is hilarious. I found myself laughing out loud during some of his internal (and external) conversations. With Mark, you just want to hug him and protect him from the big, bad world.

Normally if I read m/m, I don't want any females honing in on my male hero. In this case, it was necessary in order for the story to unfold. Did I like that part of the book? Nope. I didn't like it one bit. But without this particular female, no way would the rest of the story have happened. And that would have been a total waste because this is one hell of a story.

Like other readers, I would love to see a quickie in regards to Mark and Daniel just to see them a little bit down road. The ending of this was perfect, but I would love to see where they are later.

Overall, an excellent story by an author I don't think I've read before. I will definitely be checking out her back list.

Jacq says

Lynn Lorenz, has a very nice descriptive style of writing. She has a gift of putting one right in the action. Dan and Mark aka (Allan) share sweet chemistry and an enjoyable plot. So why did I short the author one star? Well damn-never trump with a 14 year old.

Nikyta *Miss Forgetful* says

I really liked this one. It was sweet, slightly suspenseful and funny.

I liked Dan because of his smart aleck attitude. Even when faced with someone threatening to out him as gay and take away his pension, he counters it with smart-ass questions and answers which basically annoyed and frustrated whoever he was talking to, to no end. It was hilarious. Of course, I found it extremely funny when he'd go back and work with his friends or boss and they'd just keep saying ridiculous things. It was kinda like pong. Lol.

I loved Mark, though. Probably because of what he goes through in the book and what he's been through in his life. It made me sad reading about what happened to him and how he can't take people touching him. Then he has to deal with the shooting and it just about messes him up worse than he already is. He's a really sweet guy, though, and kind. It's quite touching seeing how Dan handles Mark and what he's willing to do to be with Mark.

The beginning of the book is a bit slow. The MCs don't actually meet each other until about a quarter of the way in but from there it picks up and that's when I got hooked. It was interesting to see all the pieces fall into place and seeing Mark and Dan get a happy ending. Also, there's very little sex between Mark and Dan and what sex there is, is at the end so that appealed to me even more. I liked that there was a lot more plot than sex.

Honestly, the only thing I didn't like about the book was the scenes with the woman. I could have gone without those. I mean, it's valuable to the story but I just don't like m/f in my m/m. So, I skipped over any scene with her that led to sex. Thankfully, there's only about three short scenes with them together but still, girly bits! Come on! Lol

Overall, this was a great book and I hope one day we get to see more of Mark and Dan. Without the girly bits. ^_^

Anna K?avi?a says

I did enjoy reading this book very much actually: I liked the main characters, political intrigues and action scenes but there were parts in book that bothered me so much that I had to drop stars down.

Few of the things that made me lower rating. Contains **SPOILERS**

*Mark had abusive ex-boyfriend who beat him and left him to die. OK, 100% believable. But why Jeff the Bastard should be such an idiot as trying to shoot Mark in public place? If person is cruel it doesn't mean s/he is unbelievably stupid.

* I didn't have problem Dan blackmailing St Romaine but I was disturbed that Dan not once thought about the teenage boy with whom St Romaine had sex. Dan is supposed to be good guy, he is policeman shouldn't he know that in most cases teenagers are forced into prostitution?

*Dan and depression/suicidal thoughts. Almost for twenty years Dan is supposed to have been struggling with depression but he was remarkably unaffected by it. Sometimes suicidal thoughts and self guilt, that's all? Not even his libido affected, lucky Dan.

*I was surprised how well Mark after like ten year celibacy and trauma(he had dated after Jeff but as I understand his after Jeff relationships didn't work at all) could have so hot and trusting sex with Dan. Yeah, right.

*Why Dan's parents didn't call/visit when their son was in hospital and yet they came all friendly and loving at his and Mark' house? Did his parents heard rumours that Dan get a lot of many now?

*It was often mentioned how difficult it could be for a man coming out from closet but miraculously Dan didn't have any. Entire town was more or less OK?

ElaineY says

More 3 1/2 stars. It had a good start and I took to Dan Chan's character immediately. I didn't even mind the first person telling and felt it suited.

Mark's vulnerability was a little overdone which had Dan running around in circles trying not to frighten him off yet getting mixed signals. While it made Dan a very nice guy, it lessened Mark IMO. He came across too emo, too sensitive and needed people walking on eggshells around him.

Dan, despite suffering from bouts of depression which caused him to contemplate eating his gun a few times, is fun, witty and didn't take himself too seriously. And that was at odds with the narratives describing his depression and his problems. I felt as if the author was telling me Dan is depressed yet the character as played out in the story, is anything but.

Still, it didn't bother me that much and I was able to finish NGD. One thing that *did* bother me was:
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St Romaine blackmails Dan by producing photos of him and a prostitute to get Dan to sell his property to the consortium but Dan has his own set of incriminating photos of St Romaine in a menage and demands double the amount. St Romaine protests against the blackmail but pays up, anyway, and Captain Dan Chan of Riceland Police Dept is half a million dollars richer.

Maybe things work differently in the US but I would have thought blackmail is blackmail anywhere in the world and when the police do it, it's even more heinous. I'd rather someone else do the blackmailing. Mark, for instance, or Dan's friend, Jeff. But for the police captain to outright blackmail someone in order to enrich himself and his friend, Bert, doesn't sit well with me.

Mark does get better by the end of the story. At least well enough to want to live with Dan permanently. This is no heavyweight M/M love story and I didn't mind it despite Mark's insipid personality and that blackmail bit.

Candice says

This was a really good story. This story really had everything in it for me. It was funny at times, loved the banter with Dan and basically everyone he talked to, those he liked and even those he didn't, there was angsty parts and of course there were the romance parts. Even though it was pretty easy to figure out who was causing all the problems, seeing how that unfolded added to the overall story. I know this story has been out for awhile, so I guess any hope of getting a follow up on the future of Dan and Mark is probably not gonna happen.
