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About the last thing Vincent Wade expected was for Carson Cress to ask him out. Vince is a dedicated biology student and a bit of a loner. Superstar quarterback Carson is larger than life, and he lives under a public microscope. There's no way they should work. But Vince is learning that sometimes people just come steamrolling into your life and all you can do is hang on for the ride or lose your heart in the process. If their relationship can survive the fallout when an injury derails Carson's future plans, maybe Vince can finally find something to believe in.

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Amy Lane says

I'm a sucker for the college age love story, for the geek who's courted by the quarterback, and by decisions made under duress of hurt/comfort that will change our lives. This story pushed my buttons, and Vincent's dour irritability was endearing, much like Carson's wide-eyed belief that somehow, with love, the two of them would be okay.

Julio Genao says

Unsatisfying.

Like that first bite of delicious cake just as the rest of the slice is snatched out from under your fork and tossed into the trash.

Negatives: no challenges to speak of, very little development or complications, and NOT ENOUGH WORDS.

Positives: IDK. I'm still too annoyed.

Someone needs to lock Mary Calmes in her room with a bed pan and a nutrient drip and make her write things all the damned time so her addicts don't die of withdrawal.

Nikyta *Miss Forgetful* says

Mary Calmes books are my secret obsession. I know exactly what I'm going to get from her and each time I love it and want more!

This story is no different. Vincent is an overworked, stressed gay nineteen year old. He doesn't make the best first impressions and seems to piss people off more than anything. Carson is the number one man on campus, the star football player. He can make anyone do anything for him and he's as straight as can be. Until he meets Vincent. Vincent won't be pushed around no matter how hot Carson is. He makes his own way and he's not willing to jeopardize that just for a man.

I think the reason I love Mary books so much is because there's always that one character that is willing to say 'fuck you' when it comes to breaking promises. Vincent, while he wants to meet up with Carson, decided to keep his promise to cook for a friend's birthday instead. I like that because it shows having a SO isn't going to change him or make him ditch his friends. Another thing I loved is how Vincent and Carson first meet. Talk about intense! Carson gets forceful but Vincent won't back down. But yet, Vincent will melt to Carson when Carson gets intimate. It's sweet in a way. Carson is sexy and possessive and aggressive. And I absolutely loved it especially his long term obsession with Vincent.

College is one theme I love to read about because they're so young and the choices they make have a huge

impact on their lives. With this story, my only problem was with the lack of anything after the final decision. I sincerely hope there's a sequel to come because Vincent made a huge decision but after that there's no epilogue to show the repercussions of that decision. I would really love to see life after the ending! The book was too short, damnit!

All in all, I absolutely loved it. I'm already tempted to re-read it because it's just so darn cute. I loved the characters and their chemistry. Definitely recommended to those who love Mary Calmes books.

Ami says

3.25 stars

I stopped reading Mary Calmes's stories because her stories weren't my cup of tea. However, the blurb was intriguing enough that I decided to give it a try.

While it still has Calmes's signature (that I know of), loveable characters, great banter, and sort of fluffy love -- I find it slightly different. Yes, I'm no expert in her stories, but I feel Vince to be slightly edgier, more grumpy, I think. And he doesn't just jump completely in love with Carson, even if the jock steamrolls into his life. Vince says "no" for the first time, he bails on Carson a couple of times, and even in the end, he doesn't immediately say "yes" to the promise of happily ever after. I think if Mary Calmes works on Vince's characters a bit more, rough him up more, he will be very interesting.

Unfortunately, I don't *get* Carson that much. You might want to read Lisa's review for her insight on Carson's character. However, for me, he feels underdeveloped. Plus, I don't understand his attraction to Vince. Why Vince? Why he decided to make a move on Vince NOW? I don't get enough answer to believe in him.

Wendy says

This one was full on insta-love, but I didn't mind one bit. It was sweet and hot and ott and I loved every freaking word.

I just wish it would have been longer, or that there had been an epilogue.

Seems that whatever Mary Calmes writes....I love :)

4 stars from me

BWT (Belen) says

This is a new adult insta-love story that is pure Calmes.

I don't know what it is about Mary Calmes' writing, but she just flat out works for me. Things that would

normally make me nuts or cry “foul!” totally work under her magical ways. Take this novella for instance - it moves fast. Seriously. The relationship moves faster than Usain Bolt.

Vincent Wade is an assistant manager of a copy store putting himself through university with a plan to become a botanist/genetic engineer and create a species of plant, some hybrid of wheat and oat that would grow really fast and feed the world’s hungry. He’s sarcastic, snarky and a pain in the ass.

Carson Cress is the university’s quarterback football star and its resident BMOC. While Vince knows of Cress, unbeknownst to Vince, Cress has been watching Vince for a year waiting for an opportunity to approach him.

Their first meeting doesn’t go too well, but when they meet again Cress makes sure Vince knows he wants him. Vince isn’t convinced as Cress has always been straight, which is enough of a concern, but he’s also a well-known football player slated for the NFL, which does not bode well for a gay relationship or future.

They have one explosively sexy, mind-blowing night before Vince’s reservations seem to bear fruit. That is until a tragedy strikes and Cress needs Vince to prove that together they can weather the coming storm.

This is short, and like I said before, moves fast. It also ends with more of a glimmer of an HEA than an actual HEA. I wanted more. Then again, with Calmes I always want more. But I’d love to have seen more about them finding their way together.

I thought Joshua Macrae does a great job with the narration. He does a splendid job conveying both Vince’s snarkiness and vulnerability, and makes the sexy times hot. **Macrae may be a new to me narrator, but I definitely enjoyed his performance and will look for other work by him.**

Recommended!

This review has been cross-posted at Gay Book Reviews.

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Arthur says

4.5 stars

He nodded. "And does he love me, this boyfriend?"

Some of the most romantic words uttered in romance books are not a direct "I love you," but are indirect ones. Like the one in this book.

I really like reading this book. It bears all Ms. Calmes' signature.

- Rapid dialogues? Check
- A character that is loved by everyone? Check
- A competent character who falls for dominant, macho guy? Check
- family and friendship that last forever? Check
- Romantic story? Check

- Some insta-love? Check

It doesn't mean her books are all the same, though. If I remember correctly, this is the first time I read Ms. Calmes' story that is about college students with college setting. Usually hers is about adult men with family or work setting (although Dylan of the Warders series is a college student, the story is never about him in college beyond some passing discussions).

The story is simple. Vincent Wade, the beloved-by-everyone competent guy, met Carson Crass the jock when the latter came to his store. (view spoiler)

Our eyes met and locked.

The book is not without flaw. (view spoiler)

The usual rapidness of the dialogues is even expanded to the rapid speed of the relationship. Vincent felt he was steamrolled by it. Hence, the title. When the situation required him to decide at a whim, he had to look at his heart. Could he decide what he want in such short time, and answer the question?

I swallowed hard around the lump in my throat. "Yes, he does."

(view spoiler)

Meags says

4 Stars

That has got to be the most insta-love M/M romance I've ever read. Seriously, it was insane how quickly their feelings developed. Yet, unsurprisingly (because of Mary's talent with witchcraft), I gobbled it up and read it in one sitting.

Once again, we have an MC who is so damn desirable that his milkshake even brings all the straight boys to the yard. Vince has many admirers, which was kind of funny because he came across as a bit of a dick. In true Mary Calmes style, Vince is oblivious to all the sexual attention he attracts. He's not an idiot, no; he's a super smart college student who is going to solve world hunger. *nods*

Carson Crass is a college football star on the fast track to the NFL. But apparently he's not so straight. He's been eying Vince for over a year - a fact that Vince is completely oblivious of - until one encounter brings forth all his secret desires for the super smart, super desirable, Vince.

Then they are in love. The end.

Seriously, their relationship may have moved at the speed of sound, but I couldn't help being completely charmed by the whole thing. Mary Calmes has got me again, the sneaky sneak.

Barbara? says

Boy was this book fast like a rabbit on crack! Wham, Bam, Thank you ma'am! Of course I didn't care because Mary Calmes is *my* crack.

Was it just me or did Vince remind anyone of a young *cough* Jory? Because everyone loves him and wants to be with him.

And wait, hear that? That's me pulling out my rusty knives because Carson started to remind me of a young *cough* Fucking Sam Kage...closeted, gay alpha. Luckily I didn't have to pull them all the way out.

But overall I enjoyed it. It's a quick read and insta everything on steroids.

Leaundra says

This was a beautiful love story and I could just eat Carson up! Loved him! Vince was lucky to have him:-) Mary Calmes is one of my favorite M/M authors. She can make you fall in love with the people in her book! She will always be an auto buy for me. Loved it!!

11/25/16 Rereading. I loved this book in 2012 and I want a comfort read and Mary always is one...
****Still loved it after all these years****

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

4 Stars

Well! If that wasn't the most insane thing I've read in a long long while, then I don't know what is!

I'm laughing and shaking my head because I'm no Calmes novice having read almost 30 of her books, but this is Calmes on a whole other level.

You want whirlwind romance with grand gestures? You want proprietary proclamations after literally 3 conversations and a one night stand? You want a fairytale? Well this is fucking it!

Irresistible oblivious MC that turns straight men crooked + Determined alpha who just won't take "no" for an answer = Lightning fast claiming smexy smex that makes no sense whatsoever and it's lust to love to a promise of wedded bliss and forever and ever in a blink of an eye.

Let me repeat that. *In a blink of an eye.*

Always ridiculous. Always pretty darn romantic. Just park your higher brain function at the door, nod and grin, and no one has to get hurt.

SheReadsALot says

Yes, I am aware that Mary Calmes' main characters seem to be a variance of the same type.

But that shit works for me.

Yes there is insta-love and fairy tale factor throughout the entire story! I see it. I understand.

But it still fucking works.

It's standard Mary Calmes just set in college and featuring new adults. Add in some 'gay for you' and home cooked Mexican cuisine.

sigh

lip quiver

I liked both Vince and Carson, wished it was longer so I could believe their insta-love.

Still hot though.

3.5 Stars

Whatever, leave me in peace with my book crack.

Elsbeth says

- Narrator: Joshua Macrae

3.5 stars

So wow, that was fast!!

"Just say you'll come to Maine."

"I'll come to Maine."

"Because you love me."

"Because I'm infatuated with you."

I guess there wasn't much time to fall in love and to get to *know* each other.
The audio is just about 3 hours.

But who cares.... It's Mary!!

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

3.5 Stars!

DarienMoya says

Reread August 2018

It's Mary Calmes aka (A VERY ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE)
