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*Rough Boys series, book #3*

***When faced with a challenge, it's best to pool your resources.***

Liam Mattson used to play his wife's body like a fine violin. Until a logging accident dampened his fine motor skills and rendered his legs - and the most important part of his below-the-waist playground - useless.

If only Liam would throw himself into therapy with the same vigor he used to throw her into bed, Ivy is sure he'd fully recover. But lately she's felt adrift, while he's stuck in self-pity and pre-occupation with a serious threat to his logging business.

When Ward Bose returns from the backwoods, Liam isn't blind to the heated, guilty glances between his best friend and his wife. And he takes a step he never could have taken if his legs were working - ask Ward to service Ivy in bed.

The moment the three come together, Ward's heartstrings are tied in knots, and Liam holds them in his fist. But secrets they're each keeping could tear them all apart ... unless they can find a way to share their burdens as easily as they share their love.

*Warning: Men who wield big saws know how to take care of business - in bed and out.*

A Threesome Lumberjack Romance

## Fevered Hearts Details

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## From Reader Review Fevered Hearts for online ebook

### Veronica says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

The premise of the story was good. Liam and Ivy are married but Liam was in an accident is wheelchair bound. Liam is very negative and so afraid of failure he doesn't even try therapy to see if he can learn to walk again. When Liam's best friend Ward comes back into Liam's life he decides to bring Ward into his marriage to help satisfy his wife's need for intimacy.

Early on in the story I was annoyed with the way that the men decided that Ward should see to Ivy's sexual needs without consulting her. I found this incredibly sexist and I was so infuriated I had to take a break from reading.

I enjoyed the relationship between each of the three characters and that we get the story from the point of view of each of them. Each character is also dealing with issues of their own which added a little more meat to the storyline. Fevered Hearts didn't reach any emotional highs for me but I did enjoyed reading it. If you are a ménage fan I'd recommend Fevered Hearts.

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### Lauren says

Good small town logging erotic romance.

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### Heather says

While not my typical read, I have to say that there were a lot of very hot scenes in this MMF romance. After a severe logging accident, Liam is no longer able to make love to his wife. When he learns that his former best friend, Ward, is back in town, he decides that Ward should make love to Ivy since he cannot. However, he neglects to tell Ivy that he and Ward were more than friends in the past. Aside from the romantic elements of the story, there was also a bit of suspense as someone is determined to destroy the logging businesses owned by Liam and Ward. Not to mention someone else has their eye on Ivy.

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### 1-Click Addict Support Group says

Loggers, I thought. Never read one of those before. AND WHY NOT? Loggers = hot. M/M/F logger action? SUPER hot. Hell.

After losing the use of his legs -- and other parts of his anatomy -- in an accident, Liam Mattson is no longer able to take care of his wife, Ivy, the way he wants to. Feeling broken and frustrated, he turns to his best friend, the newly-returned-to-town Ward Bose, for help.

Ward couldn't keep his eyes or his thoughts off Ivy Mattson the first time he met her, and when Liam asked him for help pleasuring his wife in ways he himself is unable, Ward was more than happy to pick up the slack.

But having two men take care of her pleasure spells trouble for Ivy. Her heart is getting ever more entangled as the passion the three of them share becomes explosive, the danger around town becomes more potent and the secrets they're keeping become harder to conceal...

Eek, I know Em Petrova can write a hell of a good cowboy story, and clearly her skills aren't limited to knockin' boots on a ranch. Nope, *Fevered Hearts* is as sexy as you'd expect from her, but also packs a bit of a punch, emotionally speaking. Having Liam injured, less than the perfect male specimen we typically see in romance novels, was an interesting choice. Oh, don't get me wrong, Liam is still strong, Alpha and sexy, just a little different, and I loved that about this book. It was great to see him come to terms with his situation and watch him lose his tightly held control, and it was hard not to feel his frustration at his situation -- which made his victories all the more pleasurable. Pun intended.

Ward and Ivy were also good characters. Easy to like, easy to root for and with a scorching chemistry that meant this reviewer was panting when they (and Liam) made it happen in the bedroom. The sex scenes were H.O.T hot, especially working around Liam's....problem. The three of them together -- so natural.

There was a little mystery happening in *Fevered Hearts* too, and while it took a backseat the relationship these characters were building, it was enough to keep the story flowing and keep it interesting outside the dirty though, which was good to see. I did feel the ending came a little abruptly, but it was a satisfying conclusion nonetheless. For *all* parties \*wink\* ~ Beth, 4 stars

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## Pretty Sassy Cool says

**3 stars.**

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### **Mary says**

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This book is about more than just disability and romance. Its about love in all its forms and how people who love each other tackle the obstacles life throws at them.

Liam and Ivy have been married for years and their lives changes forever. More than a year after the accident, Liam is still feeling sorry for himself and pushing his beloved wife aside. Ivy is tired. Tired of being pushed away, tired of being strong and tired of being alone in a marriage, Ivy doesn't know what her next move will be. All she knows is that she can't go on like this.

Wade is back in town after living in California for almost a decade. He's surprised to learn of Liam's injury and when he meets Ivy he feels a spark of desire he hasn't felt since he and Liam were together.

I hope that the author writes more about the journey the three are on.

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### **Toni FGMAMTC says**

This is about a woman and 2 bi men. The men are best friends and previous lovers, and now one is married to the woman. Both men are in the logging business. It is like my fantasy come true. ;) I was super stoked to read this, but it was just overkill on how horny they were. She was soaking her panties with it running down her legs, and one of the men was about to bust out his pants a good bit of the time. Then this line

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was not working for me. I love M/M and couldn't wait to get to those scenes, and as I said, one woman with 2 bi men is a super fantasy, yum. Unfortunately, I was unable to get far enough to read any of that. I seem to be the only person that didn't love it, so this may be just a personal issue for me.

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### **Veronica of V's Reads says**

Ward has returned to his western Pennsylvania hometown to help run his family logging company now that his father is on his death bed. For the past six months a poor manager has been running the company into the

ground, authorizing an illegal clear-cut of prime forest. Unfortunately, this gross mismanagement of the land has been blamed on another company, one owned by Ward's former lover's (Liam) family.

Liam has been wheelchair-bound for the past year since a logging accident. He's surly and standoffish with his wife, Ivy, barely speaking to, or touching, her. The doctors believe Liam might make a more stable recovery, and even walk again, but he feels diminished physically and sexually and won't undergo therapy in the event he fails. Plus, he doesn't know how Ivy will react to finding out that he and Ward were lovers, and a radical activist group is attacking his business as a result of Ward's manager's clear-cut....and Ivy's life is under threat.

Ivy loves Liam like crazy, but finds Ward remarkably attractive. It's been a bad, lonely year, with no hope in sight as far as Liam's recovery. She makes ends meet as a court recorder and selling knitted handicrafts, hoping that Liam might snap out of his funk.

Ward is attracted to Ivy, and fully acknowledges that he is still in love with Liam—he attempts to reconnect, and doing so puts him in the right place at the right time, directly between husband and wife. That's right. Indecent proposal time. Liam asks his former lover and current business partner, Ward, to be his surrogate, and well, there's some fireworks to this request... The book? It gets hot, and hotter.

The fun thing about this steaming hot ménage story is that there is a story unrelated to all the sextimes. Ward and Liam have to track down and neutralize the threat to their businesses, and to Ivy. Ivy, for her part, is a smart woman who gets the best of two men. I enjoyed the development of this story, and the relationship, where each partner had his/her say and they all felt equally valued. There are parts that seemed a little physically unrealistic, mostly pertaining to Liam's recovery of function, but it didn't detract. Readers who enjoy ménage will love this one.

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### **Angela Goodrich says**

Wow! *Fevered Hearts* was really freaking good. I already knew that Ms. Petrova could write unbelievably hot ménage romances as I have read several of them. What I did not know was how good she was at writing romantic suspense. And she is GOOOOOOD!

I loved that the book opened with Ward seeing Ivy for the first time and experiencing an immediate attraction for her before knowing who she was. Their natural sexual attraction actually went a long way in cementing the realism of the arrangement Liam proposes and the eventual relationship they all enter into because it showed that Ward wanted Ivy for Ivy and not just because of Liam and the history the two men shared. But it's that history that makes it possible for Liam to ask Ward to help him show his wife that she is beautiful and sexy and important. Liam not only trusted Ward with Ivy, but he also trusted Ward with his pride and his heart. After the initial shock, it was their mutual trust that made the relationship possible – Ivy trusted Liam to have her best interest in heart when inviting Ward into their relationship, Ward trusted Liam not to let his presence interfere with Liam and Ivy's marriage, and Liam trusted Ivy to fall in love with Ward and still love him – oh yeah, our boy Liam had a long-term plan whether he realized it or not. There were so many places for jealousy to emerge and ruin the budding relationship, yet it did not. Liam could have easily become resentful of Ward's physical abilities and that Ward could please Ivy in ways he no longer could, but he didn't; instead he used the visions of Ivy and Ward as motivation to commit to his physical rehab so that he could join the two people he loved the most and make theirs a true ménage relationship. No matter when the couplings occurred, each and every sex scene in the book was HAWT!!! It didn't matter what the combination was either – MF, MFM, or MMF – they were all scorchingly hot.

As if the relationship development and super-hot sex scenes were not enough, Ms. Petrova weaves it all within a rather gripping romantic suspense plot. Initially, the trouble that Liam's family is having with environmentalists seems to be par for the course in the life of an owner of a logging company, especially with the recent bad press they suffered when the company contracted to replant after an area that was harvested failed to fulfill their contract and disappeared with their money. But as the story progresses, things begin to heat up as property is vandalized and death threats are made. What I enjoyed about the suspense element is that I learned the facts at the same time the characters did, so while I knew something was going on, I was no more aware of who the culprit was than they were. This ratcheted up the suspense and made the reveal that much more shocking. I loved *Fevered Hearts* and am excited to add yet another Em Petrova novel to my re-read shelf.

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.  
Reviewed by Angela at Crystal's Many Reviewers!

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### **Tanya Brown says**

I think this is a great story of 3 tormented souls. Liam had an accident that put him into a wheelchair. Ivy, Liam's wife, afraid of losing her husband and marriage. Ward, Liam's childhood friend, logger and ex-lover. As Ward ends up back in town and sees Ivy for the first time, he's hooked until he learns that she's Liam's wife. The attraction is there for Ivy too. Liam knows his wife is hurting and as he and Ward reconcile

through their logging businesses Ivy's name comes up and a plan is hatched. Trouble is on the horizon at the logging camps and Ivy in the middle in this menage. I loved it!

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### **Ruthie Taylor says**

"I received this book for free to read and review for Wicked Reads"

Ms Petrova is a talented author, who guarantees a hot, meaningful read. This is no exception. Secrets between husband and wife come to light after Liam's old friend Ward comes back to town. Liam has suffered a disabling accident and it seems that Ward may just have the cure that both Liam and his wife, Ivy need. The connections between the three are steaming hot, and beautifully described. That there are also environmental issues, family problems and a knitting club add to the reality in which the unusual relationship develops.

~~Wicked Reads Review Team~~

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### **Rachael Orman says**

4.5 Stars

This is the first menage book I've read that had a disability in it, but also the first one that really truly worked for me when it comes to a married couple adding a third.

The two men had a past that had blown up, but when they meet again all the feelings are still there not to mention they are both hot for Liam's wife, Ivy.

The way the story played out was really interesting, there were twists and turns along the way that kept me flipping the pages, not to mention the chemistry between the three of them... Whew..

Although I can say that I wished there were more scenes between the men to show that they were committed to each other, not just through the past, but even with Ivy around. I've also never heard of a bailiff wearing suits, so I think they was likely an oversight by the author. And I highly doubt after a year of no therapy someone would advance as fast as Liam seemed to (or that he'd still have rippling abs).

However, I can say these were all little things and in the grand scheme of things, the book was really great and I can't wait to read more from this author.

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### **Angie says**

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Liam and Ivy used to have a hot sex life, until his accident. Life was really good until the accident and almost a year later things are slowly moving downhill. Liam refuses to go to therapy and Ivy feels neglected.

When Liam's best friend Ward comes back to town there is no hiding that Ward is attracted to Ivy and Ivy is just as attracted. Liam comes up with an idea to hopefully make everyone happy. What Ivy doesn't know is there are things between Ward and Liam and their past that Liam hasn't told her about. Once Ivy finds out it could end everything. Throw in a crazy drama with the logging business and you have one good story. The hotness in the bedroom was amazing; Em Petrova does a fine job with those scenes. I highly recommend this book if you are a fan of threesomes done right.

Characters: The characters were well written and believable.

Sex: yes

Religious: no

Would I recommend to others: yes

More than one book in the series: no

Genre: M/F/M/Romance

Would I read more by this author: yes

~Wicked Reads Review Team~

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### **Diane Dannenfeldt says**

I think if the menage would have started earlier in the story I would have liked it better. Plus if someone is threatening my significant other, I would make sure that they knew so that they would be vigilant on what is going around them. Also if someone was being inappropriate to me at work, then my boss is going to know & my significant other is going to know about it. I do have to say that I didn't immediately figure out who was behind the things that were going on. This could have been a better story.

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