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Mac MacAllistre is obsessed; the online news reporter needs enough evidence to write a story accusing billionaire art collector Daniel Terrebone of stealing The Golden Dancer, a priceless work of art, from son-of-a-Nazi Horst Von Berg. The story promises the recognition Mac craves, but then Mac meets a real golden dancer, ballet star Trelain Medveyev, and his attraction to the man rocks his formerly straight world.

When the mysterious Terrebone "collects" this beautiful dancer, too, Mac rushes to the rescue like a knight in shining cargo pants and plunges into a three-way passion that tears him between love and guilt. Can Mac keep investigating when his story could send one man to prison and another to the morgue? Will this reporter get his story or get his men?

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Td says

Is it hot in here? It can't have anything to do with this book, not at all. Read Valentina and oceankitty's reviews while I go get some air and iced coffee. Yes, lots of ice...

Valentina Heart says

Always a sucker for a ménage.

This review was originally written for The Romance Reviews and can also be found there.

Surprisingly enough, ménages do it for me. This one more than did it. The perfect combination of steamy sex scenes, character vulnerability and mysterious background story just sucked me right in. I'm not lying when I say I hardly took a break and genuinely enjoyed every sentence in this complex tale of self-discovery, surrender and love.

It all starts with Mac chasing a story. THE GOLDEN DANCER has been stolen and the prime suspect is the billionaire Daniel Terrebone. Mac thinks he's on to something and as much as he dislikes the owner who's been robbed, his curiosity for the story is much stronger. He is set on exposing the billionaire as the thief.

Then another story comes in, one Mac shouldn't have gotten but is more than willing to write. Trelain is a real, flesh and blood dancer, a graceful star, winning the adoration of every crowd he performs in front of. Trelain can dance, and ballet happens to be very close to Mac's heart.

But Daniel doesn't just collect art, and Trelain has both eyes as well as great appreciation for beauty. Running to the rescue has Mac falling into all kinds of lust charged situations, and before he knows it, covering a story gets all kinds of additional meanings.

From simple infatuation to full out realization, Mac's life flips in a mere blink of an eye, and instead of just day dreaming about steel thighs and golden hair, he finds himself expecting that strong arm on his shoulder and the irresistible sound of begging.

I'm sure not everyone will like this story. For one it's extremely sexually charged and the guys certainly don't lack any imagination when it comes to experimentation. The whole theft thing was done nicely, but for people expecting a lot of explanations and detailed descriptions, it will probably be a disappointment. The author focuses more on the love story, the building relationship, conflicting emotions and the strings connecting the three men together.

In every way, I approved of that approach. I loved the excessive sex, the emotional sides which came out in just the right moments, and those sugar coated sentences of affection simply did me in. I liked the idea of the theft and thought it a great starting point, and a rather good conflict later on, but did I expect details about it? Not at all. I wanted a romance and a romance I got. It only had three hunks instead of two and that made it pretty much impossible to wipe the smile off my face.

Tara Lain knows how to write her men, breathe life into them and give them just the right amount of sensitivity without making them a weeping mess. They are funny, sensual and endearing, the same as her wonderful book.

Debra says

Full review originally posted at Sinfully.

I was a bit torn about this book as there were things I really liked and some things that just didn't work, but overall it was an enjoyable read with plenty of steamy hot sex, and I always enjoy the dynamics of a ménage story when all the men are new to each other. The three men in this story couldn't be more different, but they all wind up working very well together; Mac a hard news reporter investigating the theft of a statue called The Golden Dancer, Daniel the self-made billionaire and Mac's number one suspect, and Trelain a superstar of the ballet world.

Trelain and Mac are taken with each other from the moment they meet. As much as Mac wants to deny that what he is feeling is an attraction to the gorgeous man, Mac doesn't have much of a choice though when after an unexpected happy ending to their meeting, he can't get Trelain out of his mind. While Mac is keeping his distance and questioning his newfound feelings, Trelain meets super sexy billionaire Daniel Terrebone and agrees to spend some downtime at his house on the beach. Again the attraction is instant, and unlike Mac, Daniel has more than willing to indulge in anything Trelain might want. When word of Daniel and Trelain gets back to Mac, he panics and shows up at Daniel's home in hopes of rescuing Trelain from the possible thief's clutches, only to fall prey to Daniel's charm and magnetism himself. From that moment on all bets are off as far as both business and pleasure go, as Mac discovers his sexuality with the help of two very willing teachers and begins to question whether the Daniel he is coming to know could possibly be the art thief he's been investigating. What none of the men know however, is just how ruthless others with an interest in the statute are and the lengths they are willing to go to in order to get it back.

There is A LOT of sex in this book and that's not a complaint because other than one scene that had a distracting overuse of condoms, it was all very hot and very well done. It covers all combinations and all the men are quite versatile, even the previously repressing his homosexuality gay sex virgin Mac is all in! The relationship does move very fast as the entire story plays out over a matter of weeks and in that short time the men go from strangers to planning a commitment ceremony.

One of the things that didn't work for me is that there were a number of plot points that seemed too easily resolved. From the initial set-up of the story pitting Mac against Daniel, I was expecting it to result in a little bit more tension between them when the big reveal came, but it turned out to be rather anticlimactic. The tense family relationships between Trelain and his mother, and Mac and his father, also were resolved with relatively little difficulty as well.

The thing that really kept me reading was the relationship between the three men. I did like seeing Daniel, who is such an authoritative man in public, being almost submissive and doting when it comes to his partners. Trelain is a spitfire, all energy and sexuality, and he has quite a bossy streak as well. Mac is the most well-drawn of the three men. He has so much to consider from his realization about why his love life was always so miserable and the reasons behind his repressing of his sexuality, to the fact that he is still investigating Daniel even as he is growing attached, yet every time he is with his men those thoughts get pushed further and further aside.

As far as the mystery goes, it started off a bit slow for me, but it did keep me wondering what exactly was going on for most of the story. Although the number of secret players got occasionally convoluted, there was also a twist to it that I didn't see coming, so that's always a win in my book. The mystery isn't the strength of this book though and most of the time is spent on the relationship part of the story.

When it comes down to it, this is a hot, sexy ménage with three interesting men who can't get enough of each other, and a side of mystery. If that's what you're looking for in a story, this will definitely work for you.

Susan65 says

Not your typical menage...and that's a good thing. Trelain is the famous ballet dancer, Daniel is the billionaire entrepreneur/slash possible art thief, and Mac-kenzie is the reporter. What a strange combo, but it works, really well.

The sex is hot, the mystery kept me guessing til the end, and I truly liked all three guys. A perfect trifecta.

The british slang at times threw me off but otherwise it was a good story. Started a little slow for me but quickly hooked me and I couldn't stop reading until i finished.

Pia Veleno says

A billionaire who gets what he wants, a dancer basking in the glory of his craft, and a reporter who wants to break the true story of the Golden Dancer while fighting the truth about his feelings for another golden dancer.

This story had one mysterious art theft, several determined men, miles of denial, a thousand degrees of heat, and the perfect balance to a three-sexy-guy-menage. I'm usually "meh" on menages, but Lain had me fanning myself over and over again. Sure, I have a thing for dancers, but that alone did not carry this book. The personal growth of Mac, our reporter, and his big story unfolding -- both what he learns and what he decides to do with that information -- were just as good as the steamy, sexy smut.

Highly recommended.

Tina says

The romance part of 'Golden Dancer' is a nice enough read, the sex scenes are hot and the building up of the relationship is sweet.

The condom consumption is remarkable just like the nonexistent reasons to ditch them suddenly. :)

But the suspense part of the book isn't my cup of tea at all.

I hate books with stereotypes. Germans are evil Nazis, their accent is unbearable, the initials for a German name is of course SS. Oh, I forgot... the typical German Nazi descendant is blond, looks like hulk and is a villain of the deepest dye.

And I would like to repeat the question of Simsala: How do I have to picture a germanic-looking butler?

2 out of 5 stars for a menage story which would have been much better without the prejudiced stereotypes.

Vivian says

Entertaining read with extra of everything. Suspend rational thinking and ignore some of the ridiculous dialogue--yes, it will be difficult. I groaned several times--and enjoy the smutty scenes.

Favorite quote:

Shit, I'm so happy to think you really enjoyed sex, I don't care if you had it with a goat and an alligator."

A??ela W. says

Spoiler Ahead This was a pretty good book one that I read for a Summer Challenge for a GR group. Mac Macallister is an online news reporter he is obsessed with a story of a priceless work of art being stolen from Horst Von Berg by a billionaire art collector Daniel Terrebone. When his boss Woo ask him to fill in for a report who covers the arts he agrees to do an interview with ballet superstar Trelain Medveyev. Mac knows who Trelain is his parents are ballet teacher and taught Trelain at the beginning of his career after going back to Trelain's hotel and touching him his whole world is turned upside down. Mac leaves feeling confused he has always believed that he was straight although he had a few jerk off sessions with his college roommate he has been in relationships with women that went no where. When Mac found out that Trelain was spending time with Daniel he goes to his house to save him at least that what he told his self. This was a really good book this was my first time reading this author and I loved how the story unfolded. Daniel who was older than Mac and Trelain knew that they wanted each other and he realized that if he wanted to keep Trelain than he would have to accept Mac and Mac for his part knew the same and although he was still writing his story didn't trust Daniel and after spending time with him mostly naked he had to make a choice the story or his happiness. When Trelain is kidnapped both men will move heaven and earth to get back their lover. This book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling I am looking forward to reading more books written by this author.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

I was pleasantly surprised by this story, I don't know why I waited so long to read it.

The mystery was so-so and maybe a bit stereotypical and the conflict wasn't really a big deal for me, but it was just a nice sweet m/m/m story that worked for me.

Three very different and very independent guys that needed the others to feel at home.

A great read for a sunny afternoon.

Portia says

I'm not going to lie. I haven't found too many M/M/M that do it for me...until now. There always seems to be an inequality that sets my teeth on edge. Daniel, Trelain, and Mac find a way to make it work. It is no secret that I am Tara Lain's biggest fan. I love the way she lets us fall in love with the characters as they fall in love with each other. There is plenty of ménage, but you also get to see the MCs interact individually outside the bedroom.

When I started reading about Trelain, I thought we were going to meet the twin of Roan from, The Scientist and the Supermodel. But, other than being beautiful men at the top of their artistic fields, Lain has created two characters with unique voices.

Regardless of the fact that this book was called The Golden Dancer, this is really Mac's story. Trelain and Daniel are his companions and lovers on his journey. A journey that ends his finding acceptance and love that he never expected.

My favorite character among the trio is Daniel. He is a switch on every level and you never knew what was going to come out of his mouth. He is the fuel that powers this romance.

Finally, I know this is listed as a contemporary ménage romance, but there is a pretty decent suspense subplot woven into the steamy bedroom scenes.

Tara can't write fast enough to satisfy me. I highly recommend this book, and encourage you to go back and read her earlier releases, The Scientist and the Supermodel and Genetic Attraction.

Smith Barney says

There ought to be some legislation enacted against these book cover sluts-boys from being regularly regurgitated ad-nauseum. I've lost count how many times I've seen this anemic-flamingo-posed-jackass-dude prostituting himself. A complete marketing-embarrassment and surefire way of adding zero credibility to a deficit-consistent genre.

About the story. The beginning feels like you might be getting something special until you start recognizing that familiar epidemic-rabbit-hole-nonsense that some writers don't just fall-but-dive-down. Just like this same recycled jackass dancing cover-boy on about 100 more covers.

Jaime says

3 Stars This is the story of three men from totally different walks of life finding each other and falling in love, all while an underlying mystery is going on of who stole the statue known as *The Golden Dancer*. Trelain is the famous ballet dancer, Daniel is the billionaire entrepreneur/slash possible art thief, and Mackenzie is the reporter who is a little obsessed with figuring out who stole the missing statue for which this book is partly named.

I have to be honest and just say, I almost didn't finish this book. It started out so slow and jumped around so much I couldn't get into it. Then once it starts picking up there are some things that happen in this book that make ya go hmmm. Such as, This book is pretty much all sex. Which is saying something because Mackenzie aka Mac didn't even think he was gay prior to this story but then goes from a hand job to full-blown sex very quickly and Mac is some what of a power bottom! Then again so is Trelain and so is Daniel for that matter, which is unique in itself for this story.. three hungry bottoms!!

"Who would have believed Daniel would like to bottom this much? Bloody hell, Trelain loved being his top. Hot, deep and tight. Obviously, Daniel didn't get fucked often. His hole closed around Trelain's hungry dick like a sweet vise. He pulled out. Daniel moaned. He pushed in. Daniel moaned louder. Trelain began to hammer, deep, deep, deeper. Hot, so hot."

(view spoiler)

I wasn't surprised by the mystery in the book it was hinted at a few times. So overall, this is not a story for someone who wants a deep read but rather if you want to read about very raunchy sex and watch a relationship go from not knowing each other to a commitment ceremony in the blink of an eye. Other than that, once it gets going at about 40% it's not a bad book.

3 stars to *The Golden Dancer*

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Reviewed by Jaime from Alpha Book Club

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

This is one of the better menages I have read in a while. Trelain, ballet dancer, Daniel, the billionaire and possible art thief, and Mac-kenzie, the reporter, are all very likable characters.

This starts out a little slow, but quickly picks up pace once the three get together. And, once that happens, the

sparks fly. These guys are really good together, and even though I had doubts about how it would all work, they just seem to be what each other needs.

Throw in some mystery, a kidnapping, and a little action, and I didn't want to put this down until I finished.

M says

This beautiful disaster of a book probably doesn't even deserve two stars. But it's one of the few terrible books I've read that's actually so bad it's good. Go figure.

Simsala says

One star less for the blond, humorless German Nazi-hulk as over-the-top villain and his equally looking minions! (How do I have to picture a germanic-looking butler? Just asking...)
I am so fed up with that trope....yep, totally humorless!

Apart from that little nigger Golden Dancer was an o.k. mystery and a hot menage that I didn't buy for one second but was entertaining nonetheless...

This unsatiable trio definitely deserves a gold medal in the condom-olympics!
