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Firefighter Jason "Jase" Weller and EMT Scott Bronson are living the perfect life. They work together in jobs they love, they live together, and in their downtime, they still can't get enough of each other. It's been six amazing years. Then on Christmas Eve, Jase's former lover Elsa shows up with a six-year-old girl in tow. The strung-out junkie claims Kerry is Jase's daughter and it's his turn to care for her, and then she walks out.

Shocked at both the fact that Elsa is now a junkie and that he has a daughter he never knew about, Jase nonetheless steps up to the plate as her father and Scott offers his full support. Having an instant family comes with plenty of challenges, and the two men work to deal with sweeping changes in their lives and to make things right for Kerry.

It's not going to be easy, and their new circumstances test them and their relationship like nothing ever has. They'll need all the love they have for each other, and the love they discover for their daughter, to keep from breaking apart.

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From Reader Review Add Love and Mix for online ebook

Donna says

I enjoyed the Mannies, Inc. series, so I knew that this would be a hit for me! Yes, I know some of you are thinking, "but this isn't a great literary work of art." Duh, why would I want to read stuffy, overdramatic books written by drunk authors that are either dead and gone or so out of touch with the world today that I want to bang their heads on a wall... but, I digress! *clears throat*

Let me start again... even though I do find this author's work "simple"? I have never finished one of his books doubting the completeness of his characters and their desire to make the world a better place, which could probably be said for the author also if we could just get him to admit it! *grin*

I admit that I am drawn to covers with men in uniform, as my husband is a paramedic, let me say that the compassion, emotions and dedication to those in need are NOT overstated in this book... these guys are the "real deal"!!! So, when you take two totally "hot" in love guys in uniform and add in an adorable little girl... you have a great story, at least for me! ;D

Kim says

Great mm contemporary story. I love the way this author writes, and I'll be reading more books from him. This story was about a firefighter and a EMT in an established relationship and a 6 year old girl added to the mix.

Jenny Wood says

I love Sean Michael's way he writes about daddies and mannies and cute kids that you can't help but fall in love with. This one was no different.

Jase and Scott have been partners for the last six years. They work together as emergency responders, Jase a firefighter and Scott an EMT, at the same firehouse; working the same shifts and being content just the two of them, happy, together and in love. Everything was perfect for them.

Then, an ex of Jase's stops by and drops a huge surprise in his lap, in the form of an abused and mistreated daughter; Kerry. Her mother was awful, treated her so badly, it was heartbreaking. She spoke to her and about her in the worst way and it showed in everything Kerry done. Jase had no idea she even existed or he would have done all he could to save her, and jeeez, had it been me, it would have weighed heavily on me, all the years that she'd been mistreated. It was incredibly sad.

Together though, Scott and Jase tried to give her normal and happy. They worked themselves to the bone to do right by her and to get her to understand that they loved her and that they weren't going to do anything to hurt her or leave her like her mother did. Half of me expected the whole time for her mother to come back and try to get her back to sell her or something, but thankfully; she doesn't.

It's tough though, the guys are doing everything that they can to do what they need to do to ensure that this little girl is taken care of and safe and Scott starts to feel a little cornered, a little but like he's doing all this stuff because he has to and I hated to see that. I could see where he was coming from especially about the

marriage and the proposal at first. That would have hurt my feelings so bad. I could see where he'd feel like, just someone fitted in just because things needed to be done. That wasn't the way it was, by no means; you can tell how much these two love each other throughout the whole thing, their chemistry and adoration they showed was apparent, but I could see where it might feel like that, due to the circumstance and timing of everything.

So, it wasn't an easy road. Things got pretty hard for a while, luckily, they both had amazing, supportive, helpful parents who were there to help at every turn. Everyone pitched in and helped and loved Kerry the minute they met her and it didn't take long for Kerry to turn into a happy, healthy little girl with two loving daddies and some amazing grandparents; even if she did take things out on Scott for a time. That was hard to read too, I hated it for him, especially because he had done so much and sacrificed and turned his life upside down to do everything he could for her and Jase and I'm sure it would have felt like a slap in the face.

In the end though, it all worked out. Love usually does, in the end, doesn't it? It was an incredibly sweet, low angst, happily ended story and I wouldn't mind reading more about this couple and their sweet little girl if another one were to happen to come out lol, but if not, it ended perfectly happy and I was pleased with the way it turned out for them.

If you like hot guys with cute kids.... Check this one out, this author does them best!
4 stars from me!

I received this book from the publisher in promise of leaving an honest and unbiased review.

Annie says

Add Love and Mix deals with an established couple facing a major life change in the form of a 6 year old daughter who was previously not known about. The book gives an honest look into how an unexpected upheaval can tax even a solid long term relationship and force partners to either work together or grow apart. While I like this idea of an established couple having to find themselves again, there were a few things that kept me from falling hard for this story.

The book opens with the couple, Jase and Scott, returning to the fire station from a call. The main conflict presents almost immediately. This meant there is minimal introduction to the couple, as individuals or together. Though the sudden emergence of the Jase's unknown daughter captured my interest, I wished there was more of a backstory or glimpse of the couple before Kerry appeared on scene. It was hard to have a connection or feeling from the couple that wasn't riddled with angst and the unknown because the reader never gets to witness their previous version of normal. From the little clues given, they seemed to have a somewhat relaxed view of their relationship at first. While the way their casual stance on a 6 year relationship struck me as odd, it made the relationship changes and growth over the course of the book more apparent. Despite not having a solid read on Jase and Scott at the start, they were undeniably likable characters. Both were good men who wanted to do right by each other and Jase's daughter, and I couldn't help but hope they got their HEA.

The writing in Add Love and Mix was easy and relaxed with a steady pace throughout the book. The narrator, Steve Balderson, embodied the characters' voices well and his different tones for Jase and Scott made it easy to distinguish between the men during prolonged dialogue. I think this is the first audiobook I haven't needed to turn up the speed because the narrator used an ideal tempo. However, the pacing felt a little stilted. I am uncertain whether this was due to the writing or narration style, but the flow wasn't the

smoothest. The shorter sentences and occasionally repetitive descriptions made the pacing stand out and kept me from being swept away by the story.

The final few chapters of the book stood out the most for me. I saw so much more from the characters in regard to their relationship as a couple and I liked how the resolutions unfolded once Jase and Scott talked out their issues. Add Love and Mix had all the components for a really great book, it just never took off for me. This audiobook was a good read with admirable characters and a solid plot, but I don't know that it was entirely memorable.

Reviewed by Annie from Alpha Book Club

Anna Zedda says

3 1/2

Diverse says

4.5 Stars

The title for this book is truly a perfect fit. It starts with Jase and Scott. Two guys who have been in a relationship for six years. They owned a house, one was a fireman the other an EMT. They had the same shifts so they were always together. Then one Christmas Eve a woman, Elsa, arrives and announces to Jase that Karissa (the six year old girl by her side) was his.

Elsa omg I wanted to beat her to death. She was abusive to Karissa. She called her horrible names and physically assaulted her. I spent the first 15 minutes of this book actively hating her.

So now Scott and Jase's lives are turned around. A life they knew, gone. Where most people have nine months to process and plan; they pretty much are thrown into the deep end. And it takes its toll.

One thing that never changed in this book; no matter how hard times got or emotional. Scott and Jase never stop loving each other. Neither runs. They face it all and they do it together. And even though their sweet talk gave me a tooth ache at times, I admired their love. I don't know many people or couples who could handle it as well as they did.

This is a story about the strength of love. That sometimes it's not working up to it. This story was about being injected with a big dose of it and riding the high. My heart practically burst with love. Sweet and awesome read.

Gigi says

I'm having a hard time getting into this one. Putting it down for a few days and will start fresh!

Lisa The Novel Approach says

~ Narration Rating 2.5 Stars ~

Jason Weller is a firefighter. His boyfriend, Scott Bronson, is an EMT at the same firehouse. They live together, work together, and built what seems like the best possible life they could live. In the past, Jason has dated both women and men, until he met Scott. They have been together ever since. So, it is a surprise to both when Jason's last girlfriend shows up with a child, claiming her to be Jason's. The surprise is compounded by the fact that Jason's former girlfriend is a junkie, and that it is Christmas Eve, and at the height of a snow storm. Faced with a sudden family, Scott has to figure out if this is who he really wants to be. Can they make the changes needed to become dads with a daughter? Will the love they share grow to include a child, or will it be more than Scott bargained for?

Steve Balderson gives us a competent narration. Though some of the line breaks and inflections are a little tough on the ear, it isn't impossible to get immersed in the story and enjoy the ride. He does get the idea of the story, about how a relationship changes between any two people when a child is suddenly in their lives. There are bits of fun in the serious situation of deciding to take custody of a child, and make her part of the family and the love the two men already share.

Listeners who stick it out to the final third of the book will get the reward of finding out how the story plays out to its satisfying end. They will also get to enjoy Bladerson's voice finally coming into its own to tell the climax of the story. Again, this is an average narration. If you can pick it up on sale, you'll enjoy it well enough. Buy the book to read along with the narration, though. It will make the early cadence problems less noticeable.

Reviewed by Mike for The Novel Approach

Anke says

Another one of my 3* reads. It was nice enough, but somehow something was missing. Perhaps it was too easy, too repetitive. It was a quiet and uneventful story that just drifted along. And I didn't like the nicknames.

Chelsea says

Broken Heart :-(- DNF

This was a super sweet, uplifting story about a little girl who has been neglected by her drug addicted mother and then gets united with her father and his long-term partner. There is hope, love and quite a bit of fear as these two men become instant dads to this six year old girl, so why didn't I even finish it? I got sooooo bored!

I don't really know what I was expecting, if I was expecting anything in particular at all, but it most definitely was not a 'preparing for parenting 101' book. I got to about 50% through and within the story two weeks had passed since Jason discovered he had a daughter and starting caring for her. All we had seen was

their mundane aspects of life and in waaaay to much detail. Details about the lists these men had to make to prepare for their daughter. Details about what breakfast was like, almost every morning! Details about what furniture they'd need for her room and then *seeing* that shopping trip. I understand the need for all that stuff in a story when the plot is essentially about becoming a parent, but I really thought it would be the first 30% at most and then we'd get to a story line. It would've been nice to see something happen other than shopping, preparing and the boys going to work.

I probably could have persevered and enjoyed the story at a slow pace if reading this, but unfortunately the narration was starting to grate on me.

The dialogue was extremely rushed, extremely! It was super difficult at times to figure out who was speaking and that wasn't helped by very *very* subtle differences in the two main characters voices. Due to the rushed dialogue it was also hard to differentiate between what was being said and what was being thought by the characters. I hate that, it just leaves me confused and I don't like being confused when listening to a book. On top of that there were these weird periodic pauses in the narration that make the voice sound quite robotic... It was very off putting!

Obviously the story will work for some people who like a nice slow-paced family- building/healing story, it was much too slow for me though. I wouldn't recommend this audiobook though, just read the book. However, I would listen to something else by this narrator as I haven't heard anything else by him and I could see the potential for him to be an enjoyable narrator.

The Reading's Love Blog says

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Ci troviamo a Ottawa, capitale del Canada. Jason Weller o Jase per gli amici e i famigliari, di professione vigile del fuoco e Scott Bronson, paramedico stanno insieme da sei anni e condividono ogni cosa, a partire dal lavoro, alla casa, ai weekend e alle giornate libere. Un giorno però, alla vigilia di Natale si presenta Elsa, ex ragazza di Jase, che non vedeva né sentiva da ben sei lunghi anni, quando si erano lasciati. Jase e Scott decidono di comune accordo di dare tutto il possibile a quella bambina che è piombata all'improvviso nelle loro vite. Ma non è facile, perché loro erano abituati ad essere in due ed avere una figlia significa anche fare dei sacrifici e ridurre i momenti in cui stare soli. Riusciranno i due a superare questo ostacolo e ad essere una vera famiglia insieme a Kerry? Leggendo la trama, la storia prometteva bene, mi aspettavo tanto, purtroppo però non è riuscito a soddisfare le mie aspettative. Mi aspettavo una storia un po' più intrecciata e più dettagliata con altre situazioni. Tuttavia la lettura è molto scorrevole e per niente impegnativa. Jase è innamorato del suo uomo ed è contento di allargare la sua famiglia con Scott, ma quando lo stress prende il sopravvento sentirà Scott sempre più lontano, così cercherà di fare di tutto per tenerlo e legarlo al suo fianco per sempre. Scott ama Jase più di qualsiasi cosa, è sicuro che lui è l'uomo della sua vita, anche se per dimostrarcelo, dovrà superare molti ostacoli, comprensibili. Nonostante tutto lui ama Kerry che biologicamente non è sua figlia, ma lo diventerà di conseguenza. Vi consiglio la lettura di questo romanzo, perché non è molto impegnativa, è sempre bello quanto si parla d'amore e di famiglia...

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Diane Dannenfeldt says

That was a really cute read. I loved that they didn't run from the situation but Made a plan and worked it out. The slight jealousy issues, all the worries and the feeling of helplessness all felt real. The sexy times were a little tamer then most of Ms. Michael's books but in comparison to the story line, it worked perfectly.

Valentina Campi says

3 stars and half

Sylvia says

3?

I liked this one just fine.
hated the nicknames though

Trio says

3.5 stars

Awww, that was just so very sweet. It was the first book by SM I have read like this... I usually go for the ones heavy in kink, and the author does thoes *so well*. Usually the best thing about a Sean Michael book though, is the characters, and this one has some great ones. Loved the dynamic between Scott and Jase, they were great together. It was a very interesting story which held my interest throughout, and it was nicely written and well edited.
