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Vin's a hot Goth, tattooed and pierced and the most popular bartender at the Square Peg. Want to date him or buy him a drink? Sorry. Vin's body is a temple and he's barely been kissed. His heart belongs to Riley, the guy he crushed on in high school and can't forget.

How about Vin's BFF Patrick? He'd let you buy him a drink and have your wicked way with him in the men's room (shh, don't tell Shane or Ben, the bar owners!) Okay, maybe Vin needs to loosen up and Patrick needs to calm down, but they're set in their ways.

Enter Riley, looking for Vin, and suddenly everything changes. Vin's handed a happy ending on a plate and Patrick's free and easy lifestyle loses its glitter as he sees what Vin has.

But does Vin really have his dream guy or does he just have Riley? Maybe they're not the same thing, after all.

As reality ruins fantasies and divided loyalties make life complicated, choices need to be made by Vin and Patrick, but timing's everything. Speak too soon or wait too long...either can leave a true happy ending out of reach.

(Author note: not a threesome romance or menage.)

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Macky says

Must start by saying this is not a BDSM book at all, even though its a follow up to Square Peg which is. Just wanted to clarify that for any peeps who aren't into that side of the genre. I would say you can read this as a standalone but obviously it contains all characters from The Square Peg so its probably better to read them as a series. Its also not a ménage story, despite the look of the cover, but whether that pleases you or not it really won't matter because this is a great story and I really enjoyed it.

I found Vin a complex character and for a little while, even though I liked his character I found I didn't quite connect to him early in the story, especially when he and Riley got together in the first part of the book which is told from his POV but then as the book moves along and you start to get the story told from Patrick's, that's when I started to really warm to him and by the end of it all I loved him.

But overall, I think Patrick has to be my favourite character in the book. I adored him. He's a sweetie. First impressions are that he's just slutty but at the same time he's funny, sweet and outrageous but his loyalty to Vin is second to none and vice versa. They really are BFF's even though they are so completely different.

Personally I could see exactly where the story was leading but I liked the way the authors manipulated the story and didn't go the safe route to make this into another formulaic romance. Vin has to work hard to get the ending that's perfect for him and its bumpy, so its not that easy a ride but it is a satisfying one. Definitely a keeper and one I'd be happy reread to read again down the line.

Sandi ♥'s way too many M/M books says

I don't know why I waited so long to get back to these boys! I loved seeing Shane and Ben OMG they are so freaking hot! But Vin and Patrick just wow LOVED this!

Kaje Harper says

[despite the title no M/M/M at all (hide spoiler)]

Debra says

This was very different in tone and content from the first book The Square Peg. Right up front it is not BDSM and despite the title and cover no M/M/M relationship.

The Broken Triangle picks up where The Square Peg left off. The man Vin has pined after for the past 5 years shows up at Vin's bar seemingly out of nowhere. Although the two never had more than a passing

acquaintance in High School, Vin has always considered Riley the only man for him. He even had Riley's initials worked into a tattoo and has chosen not to date and remain celibate. Now Vin is seemingly living out his dream with Riley.

Vin's best friend and co-worker Patrick, who is the complete opposite of celibate, wants his friend to be happy, but sees trouble with what Vin wants to be a HEA. Not only that, he has realized that his love for Vin goes beyond just friends. While he will support anything to make Vin happy, and will not undermine the relationship, he can't help but hope Vin will wake from his dream and open his eyes to what is right in front of him.

The book switches POV's between the serene Vin, and all over the place Patrick (who is not so much the man he puts out for all the world to see). We also get a bit of Shane and Ben but this is really Vin and Patrick's story. I enjoyed the route the authors took, and the characters they created. It can be read as a standalone, but as there are references to prior events that have a bearing on this story, it has more meaning if read after The Square Peg.

Vivian says

Whoa.

This book went a totally different direction than I expected and at first, I was like...what? Then I was like, Holy Crap! This is so much better than the easy road I imagined. It is messy. It is not rainbows and unicorns, but damn if it didn't make me break out in goosebumps and take deep breaths along the way. Vin's journey is so much more than a romance, it is life. And doesn't that just suck sometimes? Especially, when you realize you're wrong.

Blinding moments of truth.

I admit, at first I felt cheated that the story turned, but then as it evolved into something more real and intense I was like, Wow. So unexpected and if you're looking for typical, this story isn't what you're looking for. By the end, I was so glad the easy story was ignore because this was so much more satisfying. Okay, maybe there could have been more D/s 'cause let's face it I adore Davitt and Snow's work in that playground, but there is a fantastic voyeuristic scene. You see the nascent beginnings of Vin's sexual revolution and it is SUBLIME.

Arthur says

4.5 stars

Riley was a rich kid who grew up with all kinds of expectations, not only from his own parents but also from his parents' business partners. He was good friend with Marco, a spoiled son of those father's business partners. He liked sports, and boys--although nobody in high school knew this. Not his friends nor Vin, the goth boy whom he liked. Vin often got bullied, so Riley made sure he was there to save him. Until one day

Vin just stopped coming to school altogether. Riley heard that Vin dropped out of school.

For years, Riley regretted that he never told Vin that he liked him. After college, Riley came out and lived as an out gay man. When Marco was arrested for arson, Riley learned that among workers who worked in the bar that Marco burned was Vin. Riley collected himself and went to the bar when it was reopened. The story started from there.

(view spoiler)

I liked reading this book. The dynamics between Riley and Vin are really different from the ones between Patrick and Vin. I wouldn't approve some things that Riley did to stay with Vin, but he probably didn't know any other ways. He really liked Vin, but was not ready to return the intensity that Vin showed him because there were things that were not yet worked out between them.

Patrick was a nice guy who only realized the true nature of his feelings toward Vin when the best friend started going out with Riley. While Patrick loved to sleep around, he drew line when he knew the other man was already taken. He backed off and went all the way to make sure that Riley stopped seeing him as a rival.

Vin had fallen for Riley since they were both in high school, so he was grateful that he finally could be reunited with the man he had been pinning for years. He was, however, concerned about Patrick and wished his best friend would get the man he deserved.

The title is The Broken Triangle, but the triangle never existed in the first place as Riley and Patrick are not really connected. Their only connection has been Vin.

Sara says

When I got to the end of The Square Peg and realized that Vin would be getting a story. I was thrilled. The set up with the love of his life walking through the door after years and Vin chasing after him? It was perfectly set up and I wanted the boy's story. What I got was not what I expected and I have mixed feelings about that.

Vin has been in love with Riley forever. As a teen in high school, the crush flourished into unrequited young love as Riley would "save" Vin from the group of jerks messing with him and like all crushes, Vin built up Riley in his head and placed his perfect and first young love on a pedestal. I fell for that Riley too, I wanted Vin to have his Happily Ever After with his love after not seeing him for five years and for Vin to finally do what he, um, hasn't. I mean, I get it, I do - the reason that Vin dives head first into it all with Riley. I've had that whole scene where the boy I crushed on in high school shows up, sees me years later and realizes all that he's missed. It's a wonderful unrequited fairy tale... but Riley? Ugh. I didn't like him.

From the first conversation I wanted to push these two apart, push Riley far, far away from my Vin. Riley was slimy, arrogant, judgmental and just, yuck to me. The real Riley that is, I was still crushing on the Riley in Vin's head but sadly the up close, personal in the flesh Riley was nothing short of a jerk. When we learn who he is friends with, I threw up a bit in my mouth. I wondered if he has some ulterior motive for being with Vin and my dislike for the dude grew.

But on the flip side of Riley, we have Vin's colorful BFF Patrick who is always there for Vin and when we get his POV, I fell head over heels for him. I love damaged boys and Patrick is a mess, a wonderful heartsick mess who I desperately wanted to have a sleep over with so we could pain our nails and share stories about our crushes. I just adored Patrick. Even though he is free with his love, when he realizes where his true feelings and his heart lie and who they lay with? He turns into this pigeon holed caterpillar and transforms into this gorgeous butterfly. I loved watching him grow and change and accept himself, flaws and all and welcome the love of his best friend.

It was also lovely and well, hot getting glimpses of Ben and Shane and the *ahem* pool table again. Nice to know the boys are still in lust and love with one another and how helpful they are to those who they employ. The talks with Patrick and Shane were so bro like but heart felt and the help that Ben gives Patrick made me melt. I loved those two in *The Square Peg* and that hasn't changed.

But back to Vin and Patrick, because Riley doesn't get any more of my time, these two were insanely sexy. Who knew Vin had that side to him? I guess he did and just needed the right boy to let it out... thank goodness for that because it again, was hot. Really hot.

It makes me sad that Vin had to go through all he did to realize who he wanted, he always knew what he wanted; someone to love him for who he was, no judgments and to be on his same level and I am so happy he gets it. So very, very happy.

The Broken Triangle is not an m/m/m book (despite the misleading cover), nor is it a threesome and no, there is no cheating. It's just a story about two boys who stumble along the road to love until they find the right one.

Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

As I was reading *The Square Peg* I became increasingly intrigued by Vin. I wanted to understand him & why he'd chosen celibacy. What the point of it was, what his backstory was, blah, blah, blah. We get to know a lot about Vin's decision making & personality here. I must admit I was surprised when I read the blurb & it talked about Patrick. I hadn't paired those two together.

Riley (Vin's high school crush) has suddenly walked back into Vin's life to his delight & they decide to date. Riley has been out of the closet for approximately a year but never forgot about Vin. He decides to contact him after seeing he worked at *The Peg* during all the media coverage over the renovations. Coincidentally, right about the time Vin & Riley make it official Patrick is the last to realize he's in love with Vin. Ain't that always the way? Patrick then embarks on a makeover of sorts in an attempt to make himself worthy of Vin. He really needn't have bothered because Riley is a box of rocks. B.O.R.I.N.G.

I didn't like Riley from the get go. I don't think he's a bad or evil person, I just think he's morally malleable to whatever the popular position is & is spineless. Moreover, he's constantly trying to change Vin! Why? Just baffling. This is a highly insightful book on the dangers of idealizing your first love & trying to make that ideal fit into reality. Oddly enough, it truly makes square pegs of both Vin & Riley. Hmmm wonder if that was on purpose...

As much as I enjoyed this story, I didn't love it. It's chock full of angst & internal dialogues by both Vin & Patrick that I felt slowed the pacing. The writing is exceptional as with *The Square Peg* along with the

character development, but it just didn't hold the same appeal for me of the first book. Then again I can respect any book that makes subtle *The Princess Bride* references &, seriously, WTH is a bacon cupcake? I think I had a myocardial infarction just reading that.

Mandy*reads obsessively* says

There are no tags that this is D/s or BDSM but for some reason I am unsure. I think it might have those elements...if it doesn't have that, then I really want to read it.

After being assured it isn't a D/s story * *insert happy cheer here* and told it isn't a ménage story * *insert sad face sobbing here* * I'm going to give it a go.

Jenn says

DNF at 65%

I know; I'm so close. But the truth is I just dgaf and I don't care to continue on. It had some nice parts, but I've already forgotten everything taking a 3 day break from the book.

On to the next.

Leanne says

Firstly, I think it's important to say right away,(and I don't think it's spoilerish because judging from the comments, people are wary of this) this story doesn't involve a threesome. Without giving too much away, it does not involve cheating either. What it does involve is sweet, somewhat naïve, sexy Vin and outrageously slutty Patrick -both from Square Peg #1.Riley, the other guy, is gorgeous and sweet too, and pretty much all Vin's been dreaming about since High School. But Vin eventually chooses one. Actually, by the halfway mark you'll be begging for him to make a particular choice.

I'm a huge fan of the UST/slow burn and although there was a good dose in this book, even more would possibly have made this a 5-star read for me. There's an incredibly hot scene when Vin and Patrick go downstairs to investigate a noise in the bar and find Shane and Ben having rough, kinky sex on the pool table....phwoar!!!I wanted the **more** of the slow sizzle resulting from that scene. Once it had been established who Vin should be with, the authors could have really milked that aspect a bit more. Woah...pun so not intended but how else to phrase? Lol

I really enjoyed Patrick. I love how a character can use vampy, in-your-face behaviour to cover up a world of hurt and insecurity. And then to see that character exposed,in rare moments of utter seriousness, all walls down, is like receiving a gift. I cheered when the story eventually (!!) moved to his POV. Fans of the first book will love the glimpses of Shane and Ben throughout the story, how they both take Patrick under their wing and but give him a *snot klap* (SA-speak for smack) back into line when he needs it.

This a good, well written story with strong, likeable characters. Recommended to those who loved the first in the series.

SheReadsALot says

Vin's story (finally)! Can't wait!!

Anke says

Finally finished - feels like it took me forever! Although it was interesting and I was reading on, in the end this will be remembered for being the one romance book where finally the sexual relationship wasn't over-the-moon perfect. Nope, it was more like, em. well, like, every-day-life, perhaps? LOL! And that was very much appreciated:)

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

Review written for Hearts On Fire Reviews

This is book 2 of the Square Peg series. Vin is the main character here. We know from The Square Peg that Vin is a pretty unique guy. He rocks the goth look, complete with piercings and tats, but doesn't drink, smoke or do drugs, and has remained almost a complete virgin over the five years since high school saving himself for the crush he had at that time on classmate Reilly. He believes he truly loves Reilly and really hasn't had any interest in looking for anything else.

Out of the blue, Riley shows up at the bar one afternoon seemingly searching for Vin, though Vin ends up having to chase after him. Now, keep in mind that Vin has believed he was in love with Riley for the past five years, so his vision is a shade cloudy where Riley is concerned. Riley seems nice enough though, and they decide to see each other. Pretty much right off the bat though, we see the major discrepancy here. Riley is all about sex to get off, the faster the better, because getting off is the whole point. Why do in an hour what you can do in five minutes? On the flip side, Vin is all about the ride, not caring so much about the destination. Being a virgin, Riley is unable to really give Vin the wonderful sexual experiences he should have had.

Then there is Patrick. Poor, sweet, down on his luck, slutty little misunderstood, twinkly, Patrick. I loved him and saw right through his slutty antics from the beginning, even though each one was a bit of a disappointment. He is Vin's bestie. After seeing the caring relationship of Ben and Shane, and even what appears to be the same with Vin and Riley, Patrick realizes that is what he truly longs and has been searching for, though never finding it with his casual hookups. He also realizes he wants that with Vin and decides it is time he turned his life around for the better.

I had a bit of trouble with this book in that I never liked Riley from the start and liked him even less with Vin. The majority of this story is about Vin and Riley, and it pained me to watch them trying to make a go of it when they so obviously weren't right for each other. Add to that the fact that Patrick was there, perfect for Vin and trying so hard to be the good friend and just wanting Vin to be happy, even if that meant him staying with Reilly.

So, the first 75% of this book felt like a 3 star for me. But then, magic happens and Vin and Patrick finally figure things out. The last 25% of this story was totally 5 stars for me, bringing the overall average to a 4.

I absolutely loved Vin and Patrick together. I loved how Vin held his ground sexually to not settle for exactly what he wanted, even while hoping Patrick would be able to give him that. And Patrick, while used to being somewhat used and abused, did everything in his power to give Vin exactly what he asked for. Vin draws things out torturously slow, to the point that I felt I was being more impatient than Patrick. What a nice change of pace these scenes were. I only wish there had been more.

Sunne says

I had high hopes for this book. I like the authors style, the characters are often a bit different, the behaviour not always what I expect.

So I wasn't so happy at the beginning. It's difficult to get into a romance when the pairing is the wrong one. So at first we get only Vin's POV, how he finally meets the crush of his youth again, a guy he sees in a golden light and how this is like "his dreams come true" - but not.

Now Riley seems to be an okay guy, superficially he does everything right, says the right things, is okay with Vin's wishes, seems to respect them. But...I didn't feel them as a couple, which actually is the right feeling to get but was uncomfortable to read. Additionally Vin's POV is a bit naive and too accepting.

The moment the book switches to Patrick's POV it gets much better. Patrick is so endearing, that I wanted to cuddle him, help him get a grip on his life. I have a soft spot for those slutty boys who try to hide their vulnerability behind their obvious behaviour. Additionally Vin becomes much stronger in relation to him. While their dynamic was off the charts, the one between Vin and Riley was kind of painful.

I know - this is the story of the book so I shouldn't complain about it. I'm just saying, it took me a while to enjoy it. But then I did, oh yes....Vin and Patrick are perfect and *fans herself* ...Vin has some serious ideas about what he wants sexually and when he finally voices them...uff...
