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I hired him to help me get a boyfriend by Christmas, but time was running out. Then he said he'd fake it for me.

Mason: When I searched the Internet looking for confidence tips, I didn't expect to find a guy who taught confidence for a living. Kade Thompson Confidence Coaching sounded like the worst thing in the world: a brash, tattooed bad boy teaching me how to live my life? Thank you, but no.

But when I met up with Kade, the night ended up very steamy, very unexpectedly. He told me that he didn't do commitment, and would never want a boyfriend of his own... but he offered to come home for Christmas with me and pretend to be mine.

He isn't really mine, no matter how hot things get. When we kiss, it's pretend. When we sleep together, it's just acting. So why do I suddenly wish it were real?

Kade: I've never helped a man like Mason before. He's shy, like all my clients, but who in the world keeps an Excel spreadsheet of all their dating failures? But I need Mason--my bank account is running on empty, and I can't pay my rent.

When he needed a fake boyfriend, I offered to do it. Given the opportunity to kiss a sexy man, I never say no. But when I have to pretend I love Mason, my world is turned upside-down. Why am I enjoying this part? And why am I still kissing him when no one else is around?

A Boyfriend by Christmas is a 67,000-word gay romance about two very different men who seize the day... and each other. It features a cat named Squiggles, snowed-in nights by the fire, and plenty of "just faking it" steamy scenes. It's the second book set in Mistview Heights, but can be read as a standalone novel.

A Boyfriend by Christmas Details

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namericanwordcat says

Mason and Kade. The writing here is pretty uneven in terms of the characters actions making sense.

Kade crossing lines pretty easily with Mason. Kade is really broke and seems to not really work for a way out of that. These are just some examples.

I am a sucker for a shy hero and a love interest that really values them so I enjoyed the ride of this silly Christmas fake dating romance.

However, if this author wasn't on Kindle Unlimited, I likely wouldn't pick up their books.

***~*~Fawkes, Padfoot, and Prongs~*~* says**

True rating —>>> 4.5 stars (rounding up) for so many reasons!!

Need to go to bed now but will update this review page this weekend FOR SURE!!

Len Evans Jr says

I really liked this book a lot. I loved the fact that Mason and Kade were such opposites, yet so very perfect for one another. Both of them were wonderful people who I came to care about a lot as the book progressed and I got to know each of them better. I loved their trip to meet Mason's family at Christmas even with the bumps in the road and especially loved Mason singing karaoke for Kade after they return the city. For the most part I loved the pacing the author used throughout the book, though there were just a few sections that felt like they were moving a bit too slow for my tastes. Over all this was a very enjoyable and fun read, that definitely left me both laughing and crying at times!

Danielle says

Confidence

I always thought people who try to teach others how to be more confident or assertive are the ones who need it the most, and after reading this I still feel that way. I did like the story and it felt real because Kade being the coach was in need of some of his own advice. You got to see that he made what he needed into a business to help others. As for Mason the other mc, yeah he needed. More because he didn't believe in himself. The two worked off each other really well and it made for a great story. Glad they ended together and for the first time the one seeking the most help had the most supportive family.

Bookreader87(Amanda) says

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3.5 stars

A neurotic nerd with social anxiety is in need of some confidence... Further review to come soon. Just need to get to a computer ?

Amanda says

Loved this!

Sylvia says

3.5?

Adorably Cute story

Mary Mary says

* I was gifted a copy of this book by the author in exchange for an honest review *

Absolutely FABULOUS!

As much as I liked Josh and Adrian's story, this one was soooooo much BETTER! I LOVED Mason and Kade, they were just adorable <3

This is an amazing love story with fake-boyfriends theme. Kade is Mason's confidence coach and even though his methods are a little bit unconventional (at least in my opinion) he succeeded in making Mason believe in himself and his skills. During their short stay at Mason's family house they grew closer and as "confident" as Kade was he decided that his "boyfriend" deserves someone better.

There is a lot of GREAT chemistry between MCs, a HUGE amount of feelings and a serious heartbreak on both ends. In the same time, there is a super sweet happy ending with public serenade and a crazy rat.

It is a wonderfully written, fast paced story with great characters. The whole story feels authentic. It is a great read, especially now, near Xmas.

Vanna says

4 stars!! ???. Loved this little holiday romance!! Having never read anything by this author before, I had no expectations except to enjoy a pleasant holiday romance.., but to my surprise although the premise of the fake boyfriend angle (for Christmas) has been overdone; this story was very unique with a mix of angst and sweetness.

Mason is a geeky workaholic with OCD and anxiety issues, which from a reader's point of view are adorable; but have set him up to be a failure in his social life. Looking to change his (single) status, he connects with Kade, a confidence coach to help him date and (possibly) get a boyfriend to take with him to attend his family's Christmas celebrations. Kade's exterior hides his personal vulnerabilities and the stress of living paycheck to paycheck and he presents a very confident persona. When he meets Mason he knows he needs the job; but he's unable to resist the attraction he feels towards him and despite having a rule to never have a physical relationship with a client, he breaks it. Through the coaching sessions, dinner sessions, make-out sessions and family Christmas parties they both realize that they are more than a fake couple. However they are also plagued with insecurities about what they have to offer the other and end up breaking the fledgling romance. With some help from family and some karaoke singing later, they do make-up and have an awesome HEA. ?

I have to say I was pleasantly surprised by how much I liked this story, how real the characters felt and how thrilled I was to read the epilogue?. Highly recommended ?

Linda says

Touching ?romance where pretence turns scarily authentic!??

December 17, 2018

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??? I found the story sweet and poignant, with a smidgen of spice, and I really loved the two heroes, socially inept Mason and his new confidence coach Kade. Although at first impression it was Mason who had a messed up life that needed help, as the story went on, I felt that it was really Kade who desperately needed rescue despite his confident veneer. Both guys had insecurities that were realistic and made them sympathetic characters. I especially adored Mason's post mortem charts on his failed dates!:-)

I've read a number of author Raleigh Ruebins' MM romances and I'm always impressed by the quality of the writing and how it makes me care about the protagonists. Although the romance builds fairly quickly timewise, their story is filled with shared and touching moments, like the time and care Mason puts into making a meal for Kade, or Kade's full-on effort to get along with Mason's family. Totally satisfying ending with no cliffhanger.

I read a complimentary advance copy of the book; this is my voluntary and honest review.

~☆~Doni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

~3.5~

I didn't love the first *Mistview Heights* book, but *A Boyfriend by Christmas* was a pleasant surprise and reminded me of Raleigh Ruebins' *Under the Stars* series, which I really enjoyed.

This is a lower angst story set right before and after Christmas featuring opposites-attract and fake-boyfriend themes.

The MCs are adorable, and I love the Christmas they spent with Mason's family. I could especially relate to Mason, who had terrible social anxiety and always reverted to tired small talk. I had crippling social anxiety for a long time (still do, but I manage it much better) and know how hard it is to put yourself out there.

I was angry with Kade for being so insecure that he hurt Mason before Mason could hurt him, especially since Kade was a confidence coach! I also didn't understand why Kade didn't get a part-time job of some kind to pull him through while he drummed up more business. I still felt bad for him, though. Money troubles are the worst. I've been there, done that.

This book can be read as a standalone; one of the MCs from book 1 appears on page briefly, but other than that, this story doesn't harken back to the first book at all.

The ending is a strong HFN and felt exactly right for this couple. Recommended now or in January when you need some holiday cheer.

Robin says

While Mason is pretty successful in his professional life, his personal life is a disaster. He can't seem to get comfortable on the dating scene. He's carefully charted all his failed dates of the past couple years looking to see what he can change, but his efforts are unsuccessful. With all else failing he agrees to accept the gift of confidence lessons from his roommate. Kade's first year as a confidence coach was highly successful, his second not so much. He needs Mason as a client if he's going to make next month's rent. And he knows he can help Mason. But the more time they spend together, the more Kade realizes that opposites really do attract.

Mason is easy to identify with. Everyone has felt like him a time or two. But even more, I could identify with Kade who puts on a good face for the outside world, but isn't happy with who he is. I loved both these characters, knowing they were only able to grow and become as a team.

I received an ARC of this book and have voluntarily offered my review.

AussieMum says

DNF 36%

More a case of it's me, not the book.

Earlyn says

Kane and Mason

Oh boy, you had to fall in love with Mason and his neurotic ways. I smiled at his bedtime routine. He had no confidence in himself when meeting people or going on dates.

Kane is a confidence coach, who Mason's roommate hired for him.

I can't say it was love on sight, but it sure was attraction.

It was a pleasure watching these guys try to manoeuvre the road they started to travel. Of course Kane fought the attraction but love won out.

Sarita Chapdelaine says

This is a great addition to the Mistview Heights series and I am so happy to get to read Mason's story. I loved him in the first book and Kade is amazing as well. It is a well-written, sweet, funny and sexy book that I really enjoyed. Mason and Kade are complete opposites but they are perfect for each other. Kade is confident and strong on the outside while Mason is anxious and uncertain unless he is at work or with his family. I love how hard Mason works at improving his confidence and how Kade sees the real person under all of the anxiety and quirks. They are a sweet and unique couple and I like how their relationship develops. The secondary characters are great and I love mason's family. I look forward to reading the next book in this entertaining series.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy of this book.
