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Ten years and many boyfriends later, Cassidy Winters finally returns to the ancestral home of his late grandmother, Sadie Hart, despite the best efforts of his father to prevent it. Cassidy's plans of a quiet, seaside ceremony to wish a final farewell to Sadie quickly unravel. Interruptions run roughshod, beginning with Neil, who walks out of the ocean and straight into Cassidy's bed. The dominos topple one by one when the little dog he rescues from the hounds of hell brings him to Ben, the hunky vet who rescues Cassidy right back. News of his arrival spreads faster than Cassidy's legs, bringing his boyhood friend and first love Nate Sommers to his doorstep -- leaving Cassidy spiraling into a multi-layered love snafu. As if the island wasn't getting crowded enough for Cassidy's good taste and bad decisions, best friends Ollie and Spencer arrive in time to witness the uninvited return of Cassidy's most recent ex, Teddy, who's refusing to stay dumped.

Fists fly and all hell breaks loose amid mojitos and martinis while Cassidy finds himself planning a huge party to celebrate Sadie's life. Accusations are aimed as arguments and libidos boil over, but even through the chaos Cassidy knows exactly who he wants. While he's certainly willing, he isn't sure if he's ready or able for love and life at Pipers Point.

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From Reader Review At Piper's Point for online ebook

Barb ~rede-2-read~ says

Update: First read in October, 2012, this review is for the audiobook which I completed on 4/8/16:

I first read this story in 2012, as I was just discovering the joys of reading M/M romance, and it was also the first story by Ethan Day that crossed my path. Now, over 1500 books later, I found this to be just as refreshing, just as humorous, and just as poignantly emotional as it was the first time I read it. Couple Ethan Day's sense of humor with the delivery of Michael Lesley's imaginative narration, and it's an audiobook that is sure to be a hit.

This is the story of Cassidy Winters who returns to the island where he spent every summer with his grandmother, Sadie Hart. It's always felt like home to him, as his parents were emotionally absent all his life, and he was well loved by Sadie, her housekeeper, Natalie, and Natalie's son, the very handsome, Nate. Cassidy has inherited Sadie's home on Hart's Island after a long, protracted court battle with his father, the very wealthy, but cold, Lionel Winters. On Hart's Island, Sadie was an essential member of the community, and it was on the beach near the lighthouse where she met the love of her life, the husband who then left her a widow at a young age after a boating accident. Cassidy's mission on the island is to fulfill her wish to have her ashes scattered at Piper's Point. He has another mission in mind as well—he's finally back after more than a ten year absence, and he's ready to claim the man of his dreams.

The journey home, not just the physical journey, but the emotional one brought on by maturity and self-awareness, forms the core theme of this story. Surrounded by close friends, new and past lovers, and his one true love, Nate, Cassidy finds his way back and ultimately becomes a part of the whole community in both body and spirit.

It's the tale of his journey to finding his true place in the world that makes this story incredibly good—from the day he first arrives and is seduced by the gorgeous Neil when he wades out of the water to discover a nude Cassidy sunbathing on the beach—to the arrival of his best friends, both of whom were past lovers; and the later arrival of Teddy, his most recent ex-lover; and finally, Nate, his first love, the man Cassidy has come to realize he loves with all his heart.

Michael Lesley truly displays his multi-voiced talent in this one as he portrays each of the cast of secondary characters, and the many townspeople, with unique and interesting voices. I enjoyed the special effects he used during times when more than one person was speaking at once just as much as I enjoyed the humor and wit displayed by the very talented Ethan Day. This is a great combo, and if you enjoy MM romances with slow burn, humor, men with pets, and a roomful of hot men, this one is for you. Don't miss the chance to listen to the amazing audio version. It's like getting the cherry on the ice cream sundae—it just hits the spot perfectly.

Sheri says

Ultimate uproar. Gloriously gay. Healing homecoming.

Do you believe in soulmates?

That one person was created for you and you alone?

I do.

This story celebrates that belief and I savored every bit of it. A tale about best friends bonding eternally before they knew what wonders that involved. They drift apart for a few years, but grief and death unite them once again.

As much as this was a hilarious comedy, it was also deeply layered with notable lessons. It touches on the challenges of surviving grief after loss of a loved one, forgiving yourself despite your shortcomings, and standing your ground while fighting 'the good fight'.

Young love slowly develops between Cassidy and Nate during their summers on Hart's Island. Cassidy finds freedom and love at Pipers Point, the island where his grandmother lives. He lives a cold and sterile life 9 months of the year, with strict parents that have no time for him. His summer breaks however, are packed with all the love, harmony and laughs that he is missing. His granny, (don't let her hear that!) Sadie is a firecracker and does her best to give Cassidy what he is missing when he stays with her. Sadie's dear friend and housekeeper resides with her, along with her son, Nate.

Cassidy and Nate grew up connected at the hip, and before long, they discover new and hesitant desires. Cassidy leaves for college, Sadie becomes ill, and soon slips away abandoning Cassidy in this world all alone. Or is he?

Fast forward a few years and Cassidy finds himself face to face with Sadie's estate, wake planning, and other ghosts he would prefer to leave locked up. Sounds kinda sad, right? At times it is, but it is generously sprinkled with humor.

Every man that wanders into the picture is delightfully gay and they seem to have a common denominator, which is Cassidy's bed. Between his pair of hysterical best friends (both castaways of Cassidy), his recent ex, and a beach beauty hook-up, the testosterone is so heavy you can taste it. I giggled, I chuckled, and I burst out uncontrollable belly laughs. Pure frenzied awkward comedy at its finest!

I found the chaos addicting and thoroughly enjoyed the messy mash of characters. This story should come with a smile guarantee, for I can promise you'll crack a grin or two. If you're looking for a lovely tale of friends to lovers, with a touch of every emotion in the rainbow, this is the perfect story for you.

****4 joining-jumbled-jubilant stars****

Nikyta **Miss Forgetful says**

I must confess, I've owned this book since the day it was released but put off reading it because of thinking Cassidy would turn out to be an uber-slut in the book and from the fear I'd get more sex from his one night stands than between the two MCs. I'm happy to report that I was completely wrong on that front. ^_^

I really enjoyed this book. It was funny but at the same time lightly angsty and an easy read. I smiled and I laughed but my heart also clenched a few times.

I loved Cassidy and Nate. They were both frustrating but I really liked the ease they had with each other for most of the book. Even when they were awkward or uneasy around one another they still had a rightness to

their time together. It was nice to see since I like reading about guys that'll freely touch each other when they don't have to without making it into something too mushy. I know when I read some books I'm screaming in my head 'WILL YOU JUST HUG HIM ALREADY??' and this was the first book that actually heard my silent cries and followed them. Lol. Cassidy, though, he was a surprise. He had a perfectness to him but still felt real. He was loved by all but he didn't just brush it off, he had everyone's feelings at heart (at least while he's at Piper's Point) but it wasn't overly annoying how much attention he attracted. Nate, aw, Nate. How can you hate someone that gets jealous over Cassidy's one night stand?? I mean come on! Seriously, Nate's jealousy turned me on like nothing else.

The flow of the story is easy to follow and took me on quite a little ride. The plot may seem simple and boring but it's honestly not. It's interesting to say the least and meeting all Cassidy's friends (who, yes, are almost all past boyfriends), learning about Sadie and all the townsfolk gave the book an appeal that draws you in but still holds you with the light angst and witty, sometimes snarky, banter.

With that said, I was so frustrated sometimes! I wanted to smack Nate and Cassidy and tell them to TALK ALREADY! Tiny misunderstandings led to a few moments that made me want to scream. There were also a few scenes that couldn't hold my attention at all and they, surprisingly, weren't the ones of flashbacks since the flashbacks seemed to just make the story flow better. It was actually *after* the flashbacks ended that I found it dragged a time or two. However, there were freaking hysterical parts that had me falling off my seat laughing and still chuckling five minutes later when I was still thinking about it.

All in all, this was a surprisingly, delightful story. I really enjoyed it, the eccentric characters and the funny moments. I wouldn't be opposed to reading more about the guys gracing the steps of Piper's Point. Definitely recommended.

Shell says

Oh where to start? I found this book a little less mad-cap than Ethan's other books. It was still hilariously fun and the characters seemed warm and real, but there was a rather serious (especially for Ethan) undertone to it.

Cassidy Winters grew up spending his summers with his beloved, charismatic Grandmother, Sadie. He didn't have a good relationship with his parents and cherished his summers with her at Pipers Point. When Sadie passes away, Cassidy is left with her home and finds himself back a Pipers Point, urn in hand, to take care of Sadie's things and find some closure for himself. Of course, he isn't alone, Nate, Cassidy's first love and childhood friend ends up living in Sadie's house with Cassidy. Along with Cassidy's two best friends, Ollie and Spencer, his ex-boyfriend, Teddy, and on occasion Cassidy's newest one night stand, Neil and Nate's ex-boyfriend, Ben, crash there as well. I know, count it up people, that's seven horny gay men under one roof! As one would expect, chaos ensues.

It's a good chaos though. One filled with witty jibes from Ollie (who is now one of my all time favorite characters), occasional "fuckfests" (Between two consenting men, not an orgy. I know, I said seven gay men were sometimes together under one roof, but I assure you there were no seven-ways taking place.), and enough sexual tension between two of the characters that I found myself glaring at my ereader and grumbling about letting them get it on already, for "the love of all that is gay and holy!"

**The two quote are words/lines from At Pipers Point. Other fun ones were "accusapaloosa" and "Mel-Hos place." **

Heather C says

I've been putting off writing my review of this book hoping I would come up with the right words to say. But that's just it. All I can come up with is "ITS AMAZING"! Beautifully written, this is my favorite Ethan Day novel to date.

Lauraadriana says

So I've finally figured out what it is that resonates with me when I read an Ethan Day book, EVERYTHING is familiar. From the music that these boys listen to, to the cocktail choices, to the allusions to "Shrinkage!" it all brings back very good kinds of reminiscing for me.

I love Ethan's books because they are funny, and sweet, but have real struggles and pain that he presents in a way that is just delightful to read.

This book finds Cassidy Winters coming home to Piper's Point to reclaim his grandmother's house which he got after fighting his spiteful father in court and to bring her ashes home.

It's been ten years, he is so nervous that those people he loved as a boy when he came to Piper's Point during summers, would judge him for leaving for so long, or if they would accept him back, particularly Nate, his first crush, his first love, his first EVERYTHING...

This book dealt with so many serious things, grief, not only for a grandparent but for the only person that showed him unconditional acceptance and love...he is so frightened of love, of even giving into it with Nate who means everything to him...with this book I thought a lot about two things...the things that we do to ourselves out of fear, and the things that even those who love us may hurt us with...Cassidy's grandmother was a free spirit, and she may have left him with a sense of insecurity that really affected his ability to let go...if the only person that truly loves you can't be depended on what does that say for others.

And with all that you can still laugh of Cass' sluttiness, his mess with men, love Nate's easygoing way, Ollie and Spencer who are like the guardian angels that nudge people in the right direction.

The town and its fortitude...I loved this book, Ethan made me laugh and with Cass, made me cry for him, yell at him...while rooting for his slutty ass to get the happy ending he certainly deserved.

A great book...I loved it.

Ann says

This was a fun and sexy romp of a story and having Michael Lesley read it to me made it even better.

There is a LOT going on in Piper's Point for a small quaint seaside town and the one person at the center of the shenanigans is Cassidy. Everyone has the friend who is a drama magnet, and that is Cassidy. And I don't necessarily mean it's angst bad dramatic drama, but there is always something (or someone) going on.

Heading back to Piper's Point to handle his beloved aunt's estate doesn't change that in the slightest and I think heading to the sanctuary that is the Point actually enhances the crazy making. That's just what happens when you put a big personality into a small space. As well, one of the great things about the story is that there are already some big (and quirky) personalities there, so Cassidy's homecoming fit right in.

Differentiating between characters is something Michael Lesley excels at so he's the perfect person to narrate this one. There are a lot of characters and there is a lot of banter so the audio could have really turned into a shitshow without someone who has mad vocal skills driving the boat. As it was I had no trouble following the rapid fire conversations, get-togethers and heart-to-heart confessions that make up At Piper's Point.

More than anything At Piper's Point is a coming home story and I loved the emotions that Cassidy went through in coming back to the only place that ever felt like home. His reconnection with Nate was perfectly bittersweet and I wish there had been more focus there. I loved all of Cassidy's friends/ex-boyfriends/fuck buddies, but it did get a little distracting at times. I wanted further inside Nate's head sooner because I enjoyed listening to them working through their history, their time apart and then their coming back together.

This story would make a great movie since it has a little bit of every emotion worked in, but since that is unfortunately unlikely, the audiobook is going to be your next best bet. Michael Lesley did an excellent job keeping the characters on point throughout making what could have been a tough book to follow into audio into a really fun and satisfying listen.

a copy of At Pipers Point was provided for an honest review

Bev says

As far as the actual story was concerned, I didn't think it was too bad, quite funny in parts and I was really happy that Cassidy and Nate finally got it together. 3.5 stars for the story, null points for the narration as we people in Eurovision land say.

Oh dear, now we turn to the 'performance' by Michael Lesley. Mr Lesley's wildly flamboyant and exaggeratedly OTT performance as the narrator may have been funny at times, I'll concede, on - it was a wickedly funny story so he couldn't really ruin it for me, **BUT** this is me saying 'no thanks' to any more of his vocal interpretations. The phrase 'over acting' clearly springs to mind and he would definitely win one of those coveted Razzie awards if I had a say in the matter.

I was under the impression (possibly mistakenly) that the story was the most important part of a reader's listening experience. Of course, there are great, good and bad stories...just as there are unfortunately great, good and pretty ordinary narrators. Some narrators add absolutely **zilch** to the story and their voices are monotonous with hardly any distinction between characters (no names being mentioned here), while others lift a story to heights of perfection that you wouldn't normally achieve from just reading the story alone but - and it's a huge but - the narrator is **nothing** without the story to begin with, whether it's good, bad or indifferent. Sadly for me, on this occasion, Mr Lesley got rather too full of his own self-importance IMHO, tried to let his narration overshadow the story and 'pimped up' his characterisations of Cassidy et al to

almost laughable levels; his dramatic pauses, silly giggles and squeals and annoying Scarlett O'Hara-type Southern accents just succeeded in spoiling everything and make me want to get the whole experience over with as quickly as possible.

This was not a free copy generously provided by the narrator, my opinion wouldn't have been any different if it had been.

Elsbeth says

- Narrator: Michael Lesley

Oh man, this was hysterical...

Review to come

**audio provided by Michael Lesley in exchange for an honest review.*

Candice says

This book was lighthearted and had funny moments that had me laughing while reading. There was some emotional parts which added to the overall book. There are a lot of characters which add to the book and I loved the friendship between them all. I ended up wanting to know more about all the characters. I was sad when it added and would love another book to see where all these characters ended up. Overall a very enjoyable read.

Debra says

3.5 stars

While I enjoyed this book and the story overall, I had a tough time engaging with Cassidy and Nate as a couple. Ethan Day's writing style, however was engaging and fully of wit. I enjoyed the story of Cassidy's mourning his grandmother and trying to come to terms with the way he has been living his life and what he should be doing to move forward. This was my first book by Ethan Day, but I look forward to reading more.

All of the characters had clearly written personalities and all of them engage with a different aspect of Cassidy's personality. Some of the highlights of the book were when all of the men were just hanging out with each other (I could probably read a whole book of them just hanging out). The flashbacks to the summers Cassidy spent with his grandmother and the profound effect she had on his life were heartfelt and touching. The flashbacks were also the most engaging parts of the story of Nate and Cassidy.

What I needed and didn't get, though, was a good picture of the current relationship between Nate and

Cassidy. There was a long separation between the last time they were together as teenagers and Cassidy's return to the island. If the two hadn't run into each other there again, I don't think one would have ever sought out the other, yet neither of them was able to truly move on and be in a real relationship with anyone else. With this much between them, there was actually very little time spent with them working things out. You could feel the love between them, but at times it felt almost a brotherly love (not in an icky sense) of two men who had grown up together. Other than this feeling that something was missing there, the book was an enjoyable read.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Is it just me or is Hart's Island like the gay mecca? I mean, every non-coupled person that Cassidy sees ends up being gay! Where is this place and how soon can I visit?

"At Piper's Point" was an adorable, light romance from Ethan Day. My favorite part of this book I think was the humor. I found myself reading with such a big smile on my face that my mouth starting hurting from grinning too widely. It is just such a *fun* book.

"Jesus," Nate said, throwing his hands in the air as he stared Neil down. "You don't even know his last name!" Nate turned to Cassidy. "Is this Piper's Point or Dante's Cove?"

"Mel-ho's Place!" Ollie yelled, his smile fading as Nate glared, letting him know this might not be the best time to play Who's the Queen of Pop culture?"

But between all of the humor, some actual important stuff snuck in. This book is about first loves, when it comes down to it. It is about how Nate and Cassidy deal with discovering that not everything between them is as idealized as it was in their minds. They each have their own baggage and issues to work through, and the book takes us on that journey with them.

The characters also really worked for me. I liked how Cassidy was apologetically handsome and... promiscuous, let's say. He was who he was in all of his slutty glory. It is also easy to love Ollie (he gets all the good lines!) and the friendship dynamic between all of the guys. It was fun watching these guys have fun. I felt like I was in on the party!

What didn't work for me as much was the amount of time spend on Cassidy and Nate, just the two of them. I think their current relationship felt a little underdeveloped and pushed aside to focus on other things, like Cassidy's relationship with Sadie. I wanted more... something... with Cassidy and Nate.

Oh, and just a side note, in this book they reference, "hot boxing" which Nate says is when you inhale smoke and blow it into someone else's mouth. This isn't what hot boxing is. Hot boxing is when you smoke in a small space and the air fills up with smoke so everyone gets high from fumes. A "shotgun" is when you blow smoke into someone else's mouth. Urban dictionary needed, Ethan Day.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book. It was just what I needed.

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Leigh says

This was my first Ethan Day book, and it was recommended to me by some of my dearest friends (the Heather posse), and all I can say is "Wow"!!!!

I had planned to read this book on my Kindle, concurrently with another book in paper form, but needless to say, after I began, this one took all of my attention!

Day's writing is just fantastic. The book was very well written, and the imagery of Piper's Point and Hart's Island were perfect. I could visualize it all, and I felt like I was really a part of the story. I truly felt the same nostalgia that Cass often did. This book had me going through all the emotions...sadness and crying, as Cass would often reflect on his time with the one woman who loved him so dear, his grandmother Sadie, to laughter to feeling really hot to just plain happiness! And *phew* - there were some scorching scenes for sure!

Cass and Nate's love story was beautiful. I loved that they grew up together and found love within each other's arms once again. I loved the reflection of their youthful days (rrawrrrrr!!), and while they tried to deny themselves of a relationship after Cass returned to Piper's Point, of their undeniable chemistry and attraction 10 years later.

Added to all of this, this book was full of laugh out loud moments (the kitchen scene) and FABULOUS one-liners! Not only were Cass and Nate funny as hell, but so was the supporting cast. Ollie definitely deserves special mention here as his comments usually had me roaring.

This was my first Ethan Day book, but it SURELY will NOT be my last!!

Ethan Day says

Some Reviews for At Piper's Point

- 5 Stars and a Recommended Read from Dark Diva Reviews

"Wacky, loving characters, snarky humor, and screwball antics perfectly balanced by emotional depth make At Piper's Point by Ethan Day the best book he has written to date."

<http://ddrreviews.blogspot.com/2010/0...>

- Aunt Lynn from Reviews by Jessewave gave it 5 Stars

"Run, don't walk, to pick up this latest story by the wonderful Ethan Day. You won't be sorry."

<http://www.reviewsbyjessewave.com/?p=...>

- 5 Stars from Michele-n-Jeff Reviews

"Ethan Day's quick wit and talent for character development makes At Piper's Point a genuine pleasure to

experience.”

<http://michelenjeff-reviews.blogspot...>

- 5 Stars from Literary Nymphs

“The exceedingly talented Ethan Day has created an excellent multi-leveled story that I enjoyed immensely.”

<http://literarynymphsreviewsonly.blog...>

- 4.75 Stars from the Bookwenches

"Day has an engaging writing style, a flawless sense of comic timing, and a flair for creating vivid and personable characters."

<http://www.bookwenches.com/august10re...>

- 4.5 Stars from Rainbow Reviews

"This romantic comedy/drama is well written, humorous and with many sexy as well as sweet moments."

<http://www.rainbow-reviews.com/?p=6922>

Katharina says

4.5

There are many great reviews on this book already, so I keep it really short:

This book is awesome! It's funny and lighthearted, but it still has substance and a real depth to it. And there were moments in there that really made me tear up. The characters (and there are quite many of them) were real and had all individual traits making them fun and an honest contribution to the story. Ethan Day has a casual writing style that makes every story, every character and every dialogue seem natural, believable, and this book is no exception.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and I'll recommend it to everyone looking for a humorous, lighthearted but heartfelt story.
