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Author's note: This second edition has been re-edited and considerably expanded from the original version.

Laid Details

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From Reader Review Laid for online ebook

Serena Yates says

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Dee says

I didn't understand why/when/how the main characters fell in love with each other. There was very little development with regards to their relationship. Not a bad story, but it's not something I would recommend to someone looking for a sexy, interesting gay-cop novel.

Melissa Mendoza says

Title:Laid

Author:A.J. Llewellyn

Series:Laid, Book #1

Publisher:Stiff Rain Press

Reviewer:Melissa

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Rating: 4 stars out of 5

Blurb:

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Review:

"I was surprised when he put his mouth on mine and started kissing me. I was even more surprised that I wanted to kiss him back."

4 tough cop stars!! Sexy and dirty!

Jack is a tough as nails cop for the LAPD Violent crimes unit and he's a manwhore, he sleeps with every man he can get his hands on, and well he's not afraid to say so. After one hot hook up, he realizes there may be more there, but when he finds out that Lucio, is a violent mob boss, that he's supposed to be following, will that end everything?

This book is dripping in sex and dirty talk. And I loved every dirty word!! Jack is a no nonsense dirty talker looking for his next lay and boy does he get it!! This is a quick book that you are sure to be entertained by. Yes there's insta love but if you look past that, there's a lot of hot, juicy sex!

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review. Reviewed by Melissa from Alpha Book Club

Catherine says

I don't know what I expected from a book called *Laid*, but the MCs in this were basically fucking their way through LA. Hard to rate this one as there was ZERO romance, and yet apparently it's an insta-love tale. Also, a whole series of WTF? twists, not all of which made sense/were adequately explained.

Alina says

[I'm just glad Lucky turned out to be a cop too. (hide spoiler)]

ElaineY says

It was hard to rate this because I did like it very much. It was a four-star read but in the end I had to settle for three because of the abruptness of the ending. It's clearly unfinished and did diminish my overall enjoyment.

It should have been released as a longer story or, if 2 books make the publisher more money, then at the same time. That way, if I didn't like the first installment, I wouldn't have spent more on the 2nd. But if I loved it (as I did Laid), I could have bought the 2nd one immediately after the first and not end up feeling like a victim of e-coitus interruptus.

Rant aside, I enjoyed Laid much, much more than the only Llewellyn I've read - Black Point, in collaboration with Manly. While I'd rather not have my MM protags indulge in a promiscuous lifestyle, in most instances, it fits in with the story. Laid is one of those that did come close to pushing the limit for me but, again, it was understandable because Jack is a cop and for some inexplicable reason, I give my cop heroes a lot of rope.

This short story really revolves around the brief sexual encounter between Jack and Lucio which, to Jack's surprise, ends up much more for him. It's sweet in that Lucio returns the sentiment and I did wonder how the heck Llewellyn was going to resolve that huge obstacle of Lucio being a mob boss' son and is given the order to kill Jack.

So, a great blend of sex and suspense and I was right - while I get my requisite HFN, this story could never have been told in merely a novella. Maybe not even in a novel-length book. I'm now thinking I ought to wait until the series is completed then buy it as a collection.

Sandra says

2.5 stars So this is weird. A lot of the reviews I read criticized that there is no plot, and warned readers that what they would get was solely porn... but I kinda felt the exact opposite. There was *so* much plot it was almost overwhelming for this length story. The blurb tells us that Jack is a cop, he has a sexy run in with Lucky and sparks fly, then *uh oh* he finds out Lucky is a criminal! But before Jack even meets Lucky we get a very detailed police raid and a ton of information about Jack's police work, his team/co-workers, as well as what he does for fun.

Despite Jack and Lucky both claiming some unseen connection, they actually only have a few interactions. They fuck, and it's somewhat hot. Then they have a date, despite Jack's reservations. Then there's a blowjob. Then there's another blowjob. That's *it* until the HFN end. (view spoiler) Not including two scenes of Jack with *other* people in the midst of this as he deals with his "feelings" for Lucky and learning about Lucky's criminal history.

Not gonna lie, I was ready and willing to read some sexy cop on criminal porn. So I was a little disappointed. The actual sex scenes weren't *nearly* as passionate as they should have been given that both these men claimed to be helplessly drawn towards each other. And I didn't feel any chemistry to justify their claims of 'love', besides the fact that it did *not* fit the character to fall so quickly. And how can you *really* love someone if you don't know them as a person?

Lastly, there's a shitty twist that, to be completely honest, makes *no* sense whatsoever. (view spoiler) **NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE!** Not terrible, but it shoulda just stuck to the porn and not tried to get all cray-cray with intense cop plot-lines.

Received from the publisher in exchange for an honest review, reviewed for Hearts On Fire

Smith Barney says

I kind of like this AJ Llewellyn. This is a mucho-suave, typical hardass "**Hands-up-mutha-f'er-me-cop-you-bad-guy**" neanderthal kind of story. And there's this sort of sexy rough-trade-candy-coated-energy worn by this LAPD tactical badass-dude as he mixes it up sheet-side in some dirty criminal elements with a sexy-shiny Mr-f'ing-mafioso-studly.

It's very fast-paced and engaging..with some amusing dialogue between fellow copper-toppers.

There's zero romance. Instead it's more insta-love-via-lust-protocol factor..viva la hot erotic man-mance moments.

This f'ing series is all hell kinds of confusing w/the titles..so some assistance should you be in the mood to take the Laid challenge:

#2 Bad Cops (is Laid 2)

#3 Laid 3

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FloJ says

this is really a four star but I have downgraded it to three stars because it was rollicking along fantastically

with heat, plenty of build up of secondary characters, development of a mystery and then very very suddenly it ended. I felt most deprived.

Jenni Lea says

Really good, um, I guess you would call it... erotic suspense?

It's not really a romance even though it does have a HFN ending. It read more like a really well thought out and well produced porn flick.

Smart writing, snappy dialogue and a plot! The mystery kept me guessing until the end.

Plus car wash sex!

xbmbgrl says

3.5 stars

Laid is a story that has aspects of a thriller and a suspense story with some smoking hot sex and a wonderful voice and fast pace. It has twists and turns and stops and starts. People who say one thing, think something else, and then do something entirely different. You see many characters in this book. POV changes from Jack Cannon, the undercover cop to Lucky, the mob bad guy and back again. You get perspective and understanding from both sources but are you getting the right perspective and clear understanding?

The pacing is great. The characters are, well, Cannon is likable. Lucky is a psycho but Cannon really falls hard for him. How could that be? A cop with all that training and gut instinct falling for a psycho killer? Maybe, maybe not.

I admit that I am the kind of person that sits in a suspense movie and constantly says "wait, I don't get it" and then I have to hammer out the details to figure out how they really fit together. The twists and turns and resolution come hard and fast. I really enjoyed the book but when I was done I once again had to step back and say, "Wait, I don't get it." Even though in the end I didn't get it and would probably spend hours with the author asking mind-numbing questions, I still really enjoyed the story. I don't understand how that works out sometimes but I liked the story despite my shortfall in the brains department where the twist and turns aspect came into it.

Cat says

This is Exactly What the Name Suggests

Well, I was sort of disappointed in this. It is quite short, and while there is a plot, per se, it is couched inside erotica between two characters that I never particularly connected with. Jack's answer to everything is to go get laid, and when he finds Lucky, he realizes he's got a seriously hot piece of tail to play with.

Unfortunately, the sex is about all there is to this. It reads like a bad porn script with a multitude of plot twists and random extraneous situations. Each scene involving a plot twist is depicted almost from afar, so it's nearly impossible to forge any kind of symbiosis with the characters.

I wasn't impressed with this one at all, and I'm rating it 2.5 stars, rounding up for sites that don't take halves. Not my cup of tea.

Review Copy of Laid provided by the Author, A.J. Llewellyn for an honest Review.
Reviewed by Cat from Alpha Book Club

Amanda says

This story is hot -- there's no question about that. Unfortunately, it read more like a screenplay than a book (probably due to AJ's contract to have this story made into an actual porn flick). There's very little emotion shown between the two protagonists and they actually spend more time boffing other people than they do each other. I have no doubt it'll make a scorching movie, but the "relationship" left me wanting.

If you're interested in pure gay erotica, then this is the story for you. If you're looking for another hot romance like AJ's Phantom Lover series, you might want to skip this one.

Elisa Rolle says

Good guys with bad boys, it's probably one of the most common pair in the erotic imaginery, but in this case, the good guy is not exactly so "good".

Jack Cannon is a special agent of the LAPD. He is in a special squad, three men under his personal control, and basically he deals with the worst layer of criminality. But even if he is not an immaculate angel, he is not even the stereotype bad cop. Only that he doesn't behave like a romance hero. Truth be told, I think he is not even an ideal gay icon, true, Jack is gay but he is not waving his rainbow flags. From this perspective I think his character rings quite true, I can't really imagine that some gay romance cops I read before really exist in real life.

When Jack has to boil off a bit of steam he has a preferred way to do that, get laid. And the better place to do that is at his local gym. It's there that he meets Lucky, a one night stand who becomes something more. Even the way Jack and Lucky meet sounds quite real, Jack is not the flowers and wine type, and I can't see him falling in love for the first guy he meets. Instead it's more right for him to go and find some willing bodies in a "safe" place. It's not illegal and if all the men involved are willing and enjoy themselves, it can be also pretty good. So at first Lucky is only another one of those willing bodies, but from the first "taste", Jack knows that Lucky is special.

I like the touch of romance that enters the story at this point. It's not that suddenly both Jack than Lucky turn in perfect romance heroes, but at least they have a bit of reluctance in continuing with their occasional meet and hit encounters, when both of them know that probably the right guy entered their life. Another thing I liked is that all the sex encounters are nice, even the ones without romance. It's always plain (meaning that

there are usually only two, maximum, three men and their bodies, and nothing else) but good sex.

Note on the Series: In conjunction with Massive Studios/Falcon Films, this is the first book in a four part series to be filmed by director John Bruno for Massive Studios. Rob Romoni will star in the movie version of "Laid" playing cop Jack Cannon. Laid will be shot in webisodes for Massive Studios and then released as a DVD thru Pulse. LAID Book cover designed by John Bruno. Images of Hunter Marx and Matt Murdock provided by www.massivestudio.com.

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