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Librarian Charlie Jules really needs to stop falling for straight guys. Every man he's been attracted to over the past year has turned out to be straight—including Scott, a cute new library patron who comes complete with an adorable puppy.

Charlie was almost ready to give up on ever finding love in Hope Springs, but when Scott kisses him...

... *twice*...

... he starts to realise that the gorgeous man of his dreams might not be as straight as he thinks he is. Is there hope for the two of them?

After uprooting his life and moving to Hope Springs to finally pursue his dream of becoming a veterinarian, Scott still feels lost in his new hometown. He doesn't really fit in at work and his classmates are all younger than him, so all he has for company is his small pack of foster dogs. That is, until he meets Charlie.

Charlie isn't like anyone Scott's ever met.

He's never wanted to kiss another man before.

What the hell is he supposed to do now?

Checked Out is the second gay romance in The Family Jules series, but it can be read alone.

It does not contain a cliffhanger, but it does contain a puppy called Chewie, a kiss that Charlie totally didn't start, a kiss that Scott totally didn't start, a sweater with a hole in the sleeve, explicit sex scenes, the entire Jules family in one room, and a happily-ever-after ending.

Checked Out Details

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From Reader Review Checked Out for online ebook

Leandra says

4 1/2 stars rounded up to 5. I love both Charlie and Scott! Loved them together.

Sylvia says

2.75?

Sweet friends to lovers story.

Guerre Thomas says

Rent Don't Buy

I had lots of problems with the whole setting and living arrangements of the characters. For one, who's ever heard of a construction worker without transportation like a car or pickup truck?

What is with these guys studying for supposedly graduate level college/professional careers at a 2year community college?? Not even close to realistic.

And Charlie growing up out in the sticks of Colorado unable to drive a car? Not believable either. Or that he supposedly never left home to go away to college to get his 4 year B.A. degree in Library Science? What, the 2 year community college magically awards Charlie a 4 year degree?? And we are supposed to think Scott is going to get 8 years of college and a D.V.M. out of this 2 year community college, too??

Somebody really needed a competent editor for this mess. Like An editor or writer who actually went to a college with a graduate school in the career areas mentioned for the MC's!

Grammar and spelling had few errors. And the prose was good when the author wasn't being ridiculously unrealistic.

Katherine says

Taking advantage of the sexy librarian

This was such a warm, fuzzy, happily enjoyable romance, with surprisingly little angst, and lots of love to go around.

From the last book we are this time following Charlie Jules, the youngest Jules, but the most settled in some ways. He had a job he enjoys and friends he loves in the town he grew up in. Charlie is looking for love though, and the small town he loves isn't exactly full of new people. When he meets student veterinarian

Scott, Charlie is immediately charmed, and knows he wants the man for at least a friend if not more. Scott is also looking for a friend, but never having thought of himself as bisexual he is confused by his feelings for his new friend, and even more confused by their two kisses.

I loved how the decisions made involved actually talking between the two. Sure, there were freak out moments of running away, and big uncertainties where they backed off at first before saying what they wanted. For the most part though, Scott and Charlie both really wanted to stay in each others lives, so when a problem came up they would talk about it. It was often sweet, honest, and very heart warming. There wasn't any guilt or shame with Scott exploring his sexuality and when the two were together they could get very hot.

A great light read with plenty of wonderful characters!

Charlene Harris says

Another great story by Sean Ashcroft! A sweet, sexy story that will make you want to read the whole thing at once if you can. This is turning out to be a pretty good series and I'm looking forward to the next book. I've voluntarily read an Advance Reader Copy and this is my honest opinion/review of Checked Out.

Tanja says

Sean Ashcroft has once again done what this author does best: writing a fun and sexy story. This story features Charlie, Owen's brother from Drawn In, and Scott. Charlie is the local librarian, happy in his job and with his family but he dreams of something more, someone more. Then one day, Scott enters the library with a little puppy and Charlie is hooked, hooked on the puppy and on Scott. Scott is a construction worker while studying part time for his vet's degree.

Scott and Charlie are great characters who I could easily relate to. Apart from some confusing moments takes his changing view on his sexuality in stride. It doesn't matter that Charlie is a man, he is attracted to him and he goes for it. I loved the presence of the dogs. Charlie's family draws Scott into their midst without hesitation and that is all Scott ever wanted. A family of his own.

It is a slow-burn love story, well written with a steady pace. There is no major drama, just a fun, sexy and sweet story with enough depth to keep me turning the pages.

This is the second book in the Family Jules series and can be read as a standalone. However, as there are recurring characters in the book I recommend to read the first book as well.

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

Not even puppies could save this one.

The MCs, as well as the secondary characters, have no personality; everyone is just so nice and understanding, very cookie-cutter. You know how everyone in Dora the Explorer, even the villainous Swiper the Fox, is super, super cheerful ALL THE TIME? Yeah, like that.

This author seriously writes the most awkward dialogue EVER:

(Mind you, this is two grown men talking.)

"I'm honored that you're comfortable around me." Charlie shrugged ... "I want to be your friend."

"I wanna be your friend, too," Scott responded. "You seem really cool."

Charlie laughed softly, his heart soaring. Scott thought he was cool ... "For the record, you seem cool, too."

Who talks like that?

There is no angst here, no conflict, no plot, just family dinners and pizza in the library and dogs. And I like all of those things; I really, really do. But they don't a novel make.

The writing is formulaic and rife with typos. This is my third, and final, attempt at a Sean Ashcroft book.

Lisa Cullinan says

Another great read!

Checked Out was everything I wanted it to be and more! I was so happy that Charlie found Scott, his HEA! I adore everything about this series so far. It was great to see Owen and Jude with baby Kayla. There's something special about the small town of Hope Springs that no one wants to leave, including myself. I absolutely love Sean Ashcroft's writing style. His attention to detail, the most lovable characters I've ever met, and a storyline so well-written with all the feels helped make this a five star read for me. I can't wait for big brother, Riley's story!

Alex says

Review to come

Heather Rawlins says

I really liked Checked Out. It was low angst with a sweet love story. I thought Charlie and Scott were so likable. It was easy to read, fast-paced and I liked the secondary characters as well.

I always like visiting with other characters so it was nice to see more of Owen and Jude and get a better glance at the other Jules brother. I have my guesses as to the next book and can't wait to read.

I voluntarily and honestly reviewed this book without bias or persuasion from the author.

Mainely Stories says

Charlie is looking for a job in the city where he will have much more of an opportunity to find a boyfriend, a partner who isn't related to him. Pickings are slim in his small town, Hope Springs. He is frustrated at his recurring attraction to men who turned out to be straight. Enough!

Scott, on the other hand, moved from the city, Denver, to pursue his dream to become a veterinarian. It will take time as he is only a part time student while working construction to pay for his studies and living expenses. Scott is also fostering dogs from a local rescue so although it will be a long time before he is a vet, he is surrounded by his lovelies, puppies, all the time. Scott was surprised at the attitude of the local librarian when he discovered that Scott brought a puppy into the library.

Scott is straight but certainly enjoys the company of his new friend, the small town librarian, Charlie. Even when assuring Charlie that he isn't gay, Scott finds himself increasingly attracted to the super nice young guy with glasses.

This is a lovely, enjoyable story with both young men coming to learn about the things and people important to happiness and satisfaction.

I always enjoy stories by this author. Characters are well developed and lovable. The story line is believable and always a satisfying conclusion.

namericanwordcat says

I love me a nerdy librarian hero, so I am all in. Charlie is a great character. Scott is less well done. He is kind and loves dogs and lonely but as usually with Ashcroft a great deal of his emotional and sexual landscape is sketched in.

The crush trope is well done and I love that Charlie, while nerdy, is not sexually shy.

This a light sweet romance with some unneeded conflict that would have been better replaced with character development.

However, it was a nice escape read. I can't wait for the last brother's story.
