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Jason has had a crush on Damon Nixon ever since he figured out he liked boys. After one fateful day at summer camp Jason's dream finally comes true as he and Damon begin meeting in secret. But the waters of this new relationship are tested when school comes around and the weight of this secret becomes heavier than either boys expects.

Enter Dean Hardy. When the new openly gay bad boy takes an interest in Jason the stakes rise and it seems like there is no way to keep Damon's secret and be happy at the same time. Will Jason and Damon overcome the pressure of being together? Or will Jason decide he doesn't want to be someone's secret any longer?

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Tonileg says

High school coming of age and out of the closet M/M romance with a geeky out and proud guy with a secret first relationship with a in the closet football player.

Jason never thought he would ever have a chance to be with his childhood crush, Damon Nixon so when they end up working at the same summer camp and making out in dark corners, he is slow to understand what it means when they finally go back to school. The first day is not good to either of them because of bullying and the arrival of another out and proud guy, Dean Hardy. Dean knows that he wants to be with Jason and starts a sweet seduction in front of poor Damon's eyes. Damon has to let it go or come out of the closet to claim his first love.

Cute story that felt too short and the coming out was a little too easy but I'd like to think that people are becoming more tolerant and hopefully it will become a non-issue one day soon.

43 pages short story and kindle freebie

2 and half stars

Sunny says

Cute story, but everything wrapped up a little too easily.

C says

First book I have read like this but it was well written the characters are lovable especially Dean, I really like that kid...I was really proud of how Damon dad react and not judge or disown his son. This was a really cute short story.

Dawn says

I enjoyed this story. It was short, but complete and you could feel for both the MCs. I look forward to Dean's story.

Diamond Drake says

I thought Always was a cute short story. Jason's and Damon's responses to their issues seemed appropriate for their age. I just wish the story had been a bit more developed. Things happened and were resolved very quickly--too quickly, in my opinion. I liked Dean the most, honestly, so I was rooting for him and felt bad that he basically got kicked to the curb. And what about Clare? She seemed to be a major player early on and then disappeared, in a sense.

There were definitely grammar and punctuation issues that a good proofing could easily fix. Overall, I enjoyed the story and would be interested in reading more from this author.

CrabbyPatty says

A short story of Jason and Damon. Jason is gay and out, and suffers the bullying of high school jocks, while Damon suffers in the closet, carefully trying to avoid any hint that he is gay (and hopefully, desperately, in love with Jason). When new student Dean, a transfer from California, asks Jason out it ignites Damon's jealousy and brings about the conclusion of this story.

I found myself vacillating between wanting to dismiss this short story as an angst-y YA coming out story, and really buying into the heart-wrenching process Damon goes through before he comes out, first to his father and then to his high school teammates. Dean seemed very ... cheesy ... and at least in this book (his story is told in "Never" the second book of the series) and seemed to have been brought in only to bring about Damon's coming-out. 3.5 stars for Always.

MzBond says

1. The formatting of the book was terrible.
2. The narrative was not well written. Sentence structure, vocabulary and grammar were lacking. This short story needed an editor. It's clear there wasn't one. The author had you jumping into memories without any warning which made it seem disjointed, confusing and scatter brained, until you're like, "Ohhh, this is a flashback..." The formatting (or lack thereof) I mentioned above added to this.
3. Damon is an asshole. There was a very casual attitude toward teenage drunkenness and the whole thing felt so empty. In all, it was just very poor storytelling.

I was not moved at all.

Trisha Harrington says

This was free. Thank God for that! I thought I was going to like it, I really did. But Damon pissed me off so much. Look, I get that it's hard for some kids to come out, I understand that. But I don't like what he did to Jason. I'm not a fan of open relationships... although I'm pretty sure this was more like cheating.

Still, the writing wasn't bad and I did like Jason, sorta. So I'm giving it **2.5 stars**. Maybe I'll read the sequel.

Jane says

Actual rating 2.5 stars.

I guess it could be said that it is a pretty decent read but unfortunately it's nothing special. And if you're not into these storylines where there's more than one person in a relationship or love triangles, I don't think you will enjoy it.

I think if there hadn't been this thing with Jason and Damon being in love, but Damon not having the guts to come out just yet and Jason being with Dean for a couple of weeks and for Damon trying to be hetero with more than one girl, I could have actually really liked this story. Unfortunately those things I just mentioned had a bit too large of a role to play in the entire story so I can't really pretend that it didn't happen either.

So yeah... nothing too special, but nothing awfully bad either.

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Melyssa Winchester says

This was a well put together story. I enjoyed it a great deal. After reading some of the other reviews, I can see I wasn't the only one that didn't like Damon. I was the Dean girl through and through. About halfway through I pictured a different ending, I will admit, but the one that happened was just as perfect as any other one would have been. Jason, that character got to me on a level that I cannot even begin to describe. The strength he showed in putting up with the very real bullying that affects kids just like him every day was beautiful. This author has garnered herself a new fan and one for life. This was a really great story.

joani says

Really good!!

I loved the characters in this book. Damon, Jason, Dean and even Clair were great. While Damon and Jason had max chemistry together, Jason and Dean did too. Which should he be with but you know where his heart is at and you just pray that he doesn't get hurt anymore then he has been already. We have all been in Jason's shoes at one point in our lives. Being hidden and wanting to be with that someone and willing to let them lead and accepting what ever he is willing to give. Feeling your heart break over and over when he just isn't willing to give you what you need. I felt really connected to this story and to Jason and I am glad he got it all.

multitaskingmomma says

Original Blog Post: <http://www.multitaskingmommas.com/201...>

Jason had always had a crush on Damon, the jock everyone wanted for their own. What nobody knew, Jason has Damon in his life, as the dirty little secret. Maybe in fairy tales of romance books this sounds nice and edgy, but in real life, Jason found he could not live with a lie. As he attempts to move on, thanks to hunky Dean, Jason finds he may just have a chance to try to forget his Damon. What no one expected was Damon's reaction to the whole situation he himself started.

This was a short, sweet, light-read that took only minutes to finish but it sure did pack a whole lot

of punch. An hour after I read this, and I am still thinking about this. What went on, how these two boys allowed their situation to go on the way it did, and how society places pressure on young people to conform to a norm they obviously were not considered for by those who thought first it up, author Khloe Knight

addressed these beautifully. The harsh realities of society are never forgiving to non-conformists, or so everyone thinks. When they get the support from the least expected people, they knew they had a chance. This may be short, but it was definitely worth the read.

Note: Review copy provided by author.

Leighton Rose says

This is a short little story that packs a huge punch. I really loved the story of Jason and Damon.

Jason is out at school and has had a huge crush on football player Damon Nixon for years. He never would have thought that his dreams would come true and that Damon would ever be interested in him, but it happened over summer break.

When school starts back up, Damon has to be careful not to be outed. When Jason gets beat up in the locker room, Damon can't do anything to stop it. Jason understands but when Damon drops the bomb on him that he needs to keep dating (and sleeping with) the girls at school, Jason can't handle it.

Suddenly, a mysterious and hot openly gay dude appears at their school. Dean is everything that Jason wants in a boyfriend. He holds his hand, takes him on dates, is hot, sweet, and doesn't ever make Jason feel like he's a dirty little secret.

This drives Damon crazy.

You have to wonder what it would take for Damon to man the fuck up and own his feelings for Jason.

It's a great story and although I wasn't too fond of Damon during parts of the story, I fully understood him. He's a teenage football player who is terrified of coming out. He loves Jason but coming out is a big deal and has to be done when the person feels comfortable doing it, not when anyone else feels it's the right time. No matter how much Damon likes Jason, he just can't, even if it means he has to sit back and watch someone else do all the things he wished he could be doing.

Jason is easy to love in this story, and Dean is just nearly perfect, but Damon is flawed. You need to make sure to give him a chance. See things from his POV.

Can't wait for book two.

Shannon Gorilla McGee Winston says

This was really short, and though I'm usually left wanting when I'm enjoying a novella that ends too soon, this felt complete and unhurried.

I liked all of the characters and the love-triangle aspect was really great and not at all annoying (as I usually find love-triangles to be). There was sweetness and sexiness and a villain, too.

I will say, though, that it seemed a little far-fetched and these high school-aged guys acted a bit more mature, introspective and perceptive than I think teens are. Especially Dean. Dean was too awesome. He was so great, I'd love to read a story about him as an adult. I'm definitely eager to read more from this author.

Nu says

How is it possible for me to absolutely love these three guys! Jason, you are so amazing! Real, honest with yourself and so darn loving. You had a heart of gold and you were just trying to do the right thing for you. But you never stopped caring. You're amazing!

Dean! Dean, Dean, Dean.... How I LOVED you! You were the perfect gentleman! A truly amazing guy that anyone would be lucky to have. You were thoughtful and caring; I really appreciated that.

And last but not least, Damon! Gosh, you were so confused yet I totally got you! I understood you more than anyone else and I got it! It wasn't easy, (it never is when you face your fears) but you did it! You lived in your truth and you embraced love! I couldn't be more happy!

What a great book! Read it people!
