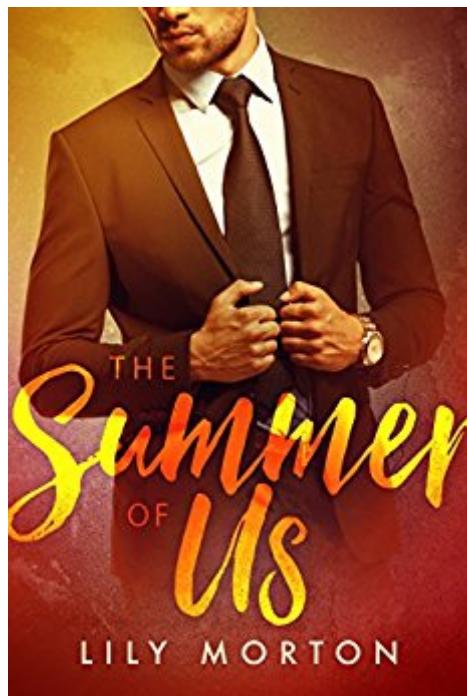


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# The Summer Of Us



## Synopsis

It's going to be a long hot summer. John is an exceptionally good lawyer. He's driven, arrogant and hides a warm heart underneath a facade of cool politeness. He's used to people disliking him but for some reason when meeting Matt in London the other man's open dislike of him bothers him. He's therefore surprised to find himself offering Matt a place to stay in his villa in the South of France while he's working nearby. He's surprised because he'd actually planned to spend the summer working on his book and plotting to get his ex-wife back. However, his perfect plans take a blow as the long hot summer progresses and the two men get closer, and John starts to nurse an unexpected attraction to his houseguest from hell. Matt is John's polar opposite. He's warm, funny, sociable and scruffy. He loves people and they love him back. However, to his consternation he hates John more than he hates Marmite, and Marmite makes him vomit. He hates his arrogance, his public school voice and the air of superiority that he carries around. The idea of staying in his home with just him for company sounds torturous and not in a good way. However, as the hot, lazy days slip by he's forced to realise that maybe he's not such a good judge of character after all, because underneath that arrogance is a warm, funny, vulnerable man who's incredibly sexy. The only problem is that while Matt is gay John is completely straight and Matt now wants him more than he's ever wanted anything in his life. See what happens when two men who think that they have nothing in common apart from a past mutual hatred find out that they might actually be each other's future. From the author of the popular Beggar's Choice series comes another scorchingly hot romantic comedy. This is a spin-off from the Beggar's Choice series. It features characters from the series but can be read as a complete standalone.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Taking the time to find out why you dislike someone the first time you meet him turns out to be a pretty good idea. Especially when you're generally easygoing and open, making friends quickly. John and Matt don't hit it off at first but, when put together for the summer, both are willing to talk, to give the other person a chance to be more than they assumed. And both men find themselves challenging their initial conclusions. As they begin looking for different motives, they find strong, likeable personalities in the other. That unique openness of character and direct dialog, makes this a charming and fun story. I liked this book a lot. France. Villa. Views. Fun. Romance. Conversation. What is not to like? It is written in first person present tense, which is a bit unusual and not my preferred style. However, the only problem I had with this book was the lack of commas. Yes, the lowly comma changed this from a five to four star for me. I decided some of this unusual problem was cultural but a lot of it is just bad grammar. When writing in first person present, addressing someone becomes problematic when not offset with a comma. "Do you want to John?" "Do you want to, John?" are very different sentences. Even though a simplistic example, the lack of commas throughout the book made me re-read numerous sentences and even paragraphs. It was a distraction, at best.

I am now going to be a stalker fan of Mrs. Morton. I absolutely adore her writing style and dialogue. These two men just made my heart smile. There were so many memorable parts that make me just want to go back for a quick re-read. My husband even commented on the smile on my face. That's rare. But when you have sexy talk in Star Wars speak, what can you expect. Love this one. Please read it too.

I read this in one sitting, after reading Rule Breaker. What a great author Lily is. She tells a fantastic story. I loved Matt and John so much!!!! Their friendship and love was so much fun to see bloom. It was sexy as hell and I loved every bit of it. You won't be sorry!!!!!!

This was a terrific story that started with a slow burn and built up to a beautiful finally. Not a lot of angst or conflict. The relationship was believable and I adored the characters.

I truly enjoyed this book, it was funny and smart. I'm finding it hard to describe how wonderful I found this book. The author builds the story with language, creating a story that is heartwarming, funny and makes you want to jump into the story.

Let's just start this with.....OMG!!! All trepidation about reading a brand-new-to-me author flew out the window within the first few pages of this book. The mark of a great book for me:1) Humor - This book had that a lot, tons of it, snort-laugh out loud stuff:"Ssh!" I put my finger to my mouth. "Ouch, what happened there?""You poked yourself in the eye," he says patiently.Seriously - the scene when Matt has a 'loopy' reaction to pain meds is one of the funniest I've ever read.2) Melancholy - this book had a bit as Matt and John worked through what was developing between them:'Nothing ventured nothing gained, and if all I gain is his friendship and a broken heart then my life will always have been better for having had him in it....'3)Angst - oh boy, is there angst. You read as your heart pounds, as you bite your lip, as you worry that these two men might not be able to find their...forever.4) Hotness - and, yeah, there's a whole heaping of that. Blood pumping, heart pounding, worried that my face might be flush as I'm reading this on the train hotness"We kiss as I slide forward in small movements, trying to be gentle but it's so tight that it's like a velvet boa constrictor around my d\*&k."So, to summarize this:New author for me - definitely will be adding her to my one-click listAnd this book, this story of Matt and John's journey? It had it all, everything that I love in a book, all rolled up into one wonderful package. I voluntarily reviewed an advance copy.

I want more of these two, ladies if you have never read mm books and you have perhaps decided to skip this one, well, then you have cheated yourselfs. This book is beyond beautiful, it is amazing. Let me tell you, it took me awhile to get into the mm genre, well mainly because I'm a hetero woman but also I thought it would be a turnoff, did not see the appeal. I am beyond happy that I took the chance, because, frankly when you find a good mm book, and trust me they are not easily found, and also I find no apeal in twinks or femboy's I like masculine men, strong alpha males who know

what they want, my special kink in reading this books though is friends to lovers or gay for you, it's so sexy. The emotions between two men, makes me wonder if we het woman, sell men short, if we emasculate them more often than not, if we tear them down instead of building them up, if in our feminism we have forgotten that we like strong men and for them to touch our hearts, mind and bodies with all that they are, not holding back, and that my friends is the reason why I love the mm genre, the feeling of seeing a bit into the male heart, his needs etc. Yes, this is a fantasy world just like with the het romance, but there is always some truth found in romance, our secret desires and hopes. So ladies take a chance, pick this book up and let your emotions take you higher than you've been in a while, love is love and let this beautiful love story send you to a beautiful world, where beauty excists where love is treasured where hope is endless soar with this book.

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