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One of London's up-and-coming chefs, Eddie Tripp has just the right recipe to drive tragedy from the mind of Gideon Kent—and leave him senseless with desire.

THE MEN OF LONDON

From Soho to Norwich, there's no escaping love.

A TASTE OF FOREVER

An award-winning chef with his own restaurant and an inexhaustible passion, Gideon Kent once had everything. Then came tragedy. It stole more than Gideon's home. He hasn't cooked since.

Until Eddie Tripp. Fun-loving and vivacious, the Norfolk redhead's a real up-and-comer in Gideon's kitchen—and other places. Slim where Gideon's broad, easy-going where Gideon is growly, he and Gideon seem polar opposites, and yet Eddie conjures flavors that would tempt anyone with a taste for perfection. The sauce of love is already simmering, and this pair is about to dine on the most delicious dish they've ever prepared. Because Eddie's been Gideon's missing ingredient all along.

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Cathy Brockman says

Gideon Kent was an award-winning chef until he lost his sense of smell and taste in a tragic accident. It also left him a grouchy, bitter man. Even though he could no longer cook, he found some great up and coming talent to run his kitchen and keep his restaurant on the top of the lists.

Eddie is the opposite of Gideon. He is charming and sweet. He loves his job at the restaurant and has a lot of feelings for his boss. Eddie lives with two very eccentric friends, Leslie and Taylor.

One of the things I love so much about Susan Mac Nichols stories is her amazing characters and this book is full of them. From the chefs at the restaurant, Gideon's wait staff and managers, I loved Carmen, to Eddie and I his friends. I couldn't decide who I loved the most. A little birdie told me I would be seeing more of both Taylor and Leslie and a bit more of Gideon and Eddie in the foreseeable future, so I am a very happy kitty.

Another thing I love about Susan's stories is the angst and tragic past of at least one of the characters. In this one It's Gideon with a very tragic story. I love how the story evolves and we watch Gideon grow from grumpy and hateful to a pretty likeable guy.

There is also lots of suspense, some twists, turns that had me chewing my nails, and I couldn't put this book down once I picked it up. I am so glad that this book is a series and can't wait for book two.

If you like interesting characters, sexy chefs, a hint of a supernatural twist, broken men, some angst, nice and hot man-sex and a happy for now ending I highly recommend this book!

Fani *loves angst* says

A very satisfying, easy to read book, with a bit of angst, a grouchy hero, a sweet chef and some drama but not lots of it. Eddie and Gideon were great together and once their relationship took off, there wasn't much to keep them apart; in my present mood, I really appreciated this.

Meags says

3.5 Stars

Gideon Kent was once a rising star in the food industry until a tragic fire resulted in the loss of his sense of taste and smell. No longer confident in the kitchen, Gideon settles for a life behind the scenes instead, running a successful restaurant in London.

Regardless of Gideon's often irritable mood swings, his employees respect him greatly, but no one bears the brunt of his wrath more than the restaurant's newest star sous chef, Eddie Tripp. Gideon knows he's a

grumpy bastard to Eddie, but he just can't help getting worked up every time he comes into contact with the talented red-head.

Eddie can't help but be attracted to his ill-tempered, but oh so sexy, boss. He knows Gideon has been through some seriously traumatic shit, and he knows the snarky and often scathing remarks Gideon throws his way are coming from a defensive place within Gideon that just needs some love and care. Eddie feels that, just given the chance, he could be just what Gideon needs to turn that frown upside down.

These two men were sweet together and sparks definitely flew during the slow build-up to their explosive coupling. However, the side stories, although enjoyable, seemed to deter slightly from the relationship development towards the end, which was a shame, but I did find myself liking the secondary characters and I'm intrigued to read onward to find out more about Eddie's interesting roommates.

This was my first time reading a book by Susan Mac Nicol and I'm happy to have enjoyed the experience, enough to read more from her catalogue, that's for certain. I'm actually quite surprised this one hasn't had a wider readership within the M/M community – get to it, people!

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

3.5 Stars!

I thought this one was pretty good. I mean a broody chef..what's not to love right?

Though I have to say, Gideon's broody prickly behavior bordered on asshole from time to time too. But then again, who doesn't love a good asshole from time to time?

I thought the banter between Gideon and Eddie was quite funny at times. Eddie really stole the show. I just wanted to hug him! And I liked that a portion of the story took place in a kitchen!

Eddie's roommates were great additions as side characters, though the whole psychic plot line was a bit weird for me.

Overall, it was a quick enjoyable read with some good steam and banter! I'll definitely check out the others in the series!

Tina says

Love You Senseless is a contemporary m/m romance and as usual it was another great read from Susan Mac Nicol.

It's about Gideon Kent, an award winning chef who is not working as a chef due to a tragic accident, and Eddie Tripp, a chef in Gideon's restaurant.

The romance was well written and there was plenty of heat woven into the story. I definitely can't wait for more in the Men of London series.

Susan65 says

The Blogger Girls

I love main characters with a disability. I love main characters that are broody. And I love Gingers. This story appears to have been written just for me...so, thank you Susan Mac Nicol, so sweet, and I appreciate you looking out for me.

Gideon is the victim of accident that caused him to lose his sense of smell and taste...two very bad maladies for a chef. A chef that was on the road to super stardom but now, in his mind, is relegated to just a superficial management role. It doesn't help that his new chef, Eddie, is currently the talk of the town and hot as sin. A love-hate situation for Gideon, but poor Eddie is the recipient of most of Gideon's broodiness and ire.

Fortunately, you get Gideon's point of view, so you completely understand what's going on in his mind, otherwise he would not be a very likable character. Eddie was just too sweet for words; a loving and beautiful ginger with skin like cream and a heart of gold. He was just perfect in every way and is easily the star of this story. He was funny, and cute, and the best friend anyone could hope for...and exactly what Gideon needed to help get himself out of his head and back to living again.

These two don't make it easy. They struggle before they get it right, but when they do...man, are they hot together. Gideon may not be able to smell or taste, but his others senses were in overdrive, and the two of them set the sheets on fire. I loved watching these guys get it right, because it was simply stunning. Sometimes, the best things in life are right in front of you, and when they finally make that connection, it brought the entire story together.

Eddie also has the best roommates...especially Leslie. I absolutely adored him. His love for Taylor was so obvious, and I am hoping the next book is theirs. Please? The secondary characters throughout the story are well developed and the kind of people that help make the narrative much more enjoyable. So, yeah, I really liked it and am definitely looking forward to the next Men of London book.

♦*Arianna♦* says

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3.5 Stars

Lucy says

How devastating does it have to be for a chef to not only go through a tragic fire with horrific aspects but to also lose the sense of smell and taste, making it impossible to continue the career you love? This is what happened to Gideon and to his credit, he is not a horrible person about it. Well, usually. Sometimes he can't help but lash out, he's a perfectionist and he just wants to be able to cook. Instead, he owns a restaurant and tends to take things out on Eddie, the sous chef. The sous chef who brings out "something possessive and definitely needy" in Gideon. Nope, can't have that.

Gideon is lucky to have an amazing friend in Carmen, and she tends to set him straight on when he's just being too hard on people, especially Eddie. Eddie is a very talented chef, an up and comer who will go far, and this too makes it difficult for Gideon to deal with his attraction to Eddie. Plus, Eddie is a bit clumsy and this gives Gideon a way to berate him. It's sad and understandable at the same time.

Secondary characters, as mentioned Carmen, but also the incredibly readable Leslie, were amazing. Leslie is one of Eddie's roommates and he's a sight to behold, "high heels, tiny silk shorts and a tight tank top", but more than that, he's a dedicated Eddie friend. Along with Taylor (who has a sort of paranormal gift), they make up a tight knit friendship and I was happy Eddie had that. Unfortunately, there are some idiots, (Michael Fortescue, talking to you!) as well.

While the attraction is immediate between Eddie and Gideon, the push and pull between them goes on long enough to be interesting without becoming overdone. There are a few times (particularly when Eddie misses their date through no fault of his own) that you just want to slap Gideon.

I thought the ending was a good one, less an "ever after" than a "this might work" and I felt that was in character, at least for Gideon. This has some angst moments but nothing that made it difficult to read. It's really the start for Gideon and Eddie and we can only hope they get their HEA. And that Leslie stays as awesome as he is here!

~◊~Doxni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says

What's sexier than a man who can cook?

TWO men who can cook...one of them a ginger!

Following a tragic accident, up-and-coming chef Gideon no longer finds joy in the kitchen. After all, what good is a chef who's lost his sense of smell?

Maybe that's why Gideon's so irritated with his new star sous-chef, Eddie. Or maybe it's because he can't

stop ogling Eddie's ass, wondering what his hands would look like tugging on Eddie's wild red hair.

Despite Gideon's terrible ordeal and subsequent mood swings, and the gripping side story concerning Eddie's younger cousin Luke, this is not a super angsty book.

The back and forth between Gideon and Eddie was frustrating but FUN. There was so much tension between these two, you could cut it with a knife. And even though I wanted to throttle Gideon on more than one occasion, my heart went out to him. Thank god Eddie was so patient and loving.

I loved the kitchen setting and the slightly kooky set of secondary characters. Gideon and Eddie were HOT together, and I appreciated the dual POV. The ending was a very strong and realistic HFN, and I really hope to hear more about these guys.

Also, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Eddie's roommate, Leslie (don't call him Les!), who, with his motor mouth, short shorts, heels, and creative "weaponry" (a purse, a fish), stole every single scene he was in. OMG, Leslie, I love you so hard!

Since this is book 1, I'm VERY hopeful we'll get Leslie's story and Taylor's too (Taylor is Eddie's other roommate and a very interesting character with a special talent).

This was a well-written, heartwarming beginning to what I think will be a great series. I'm certainly looking forward to book 2.

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

3.5 Stars

This was an enjoyable story and I'm surprised that more people haven't read this.

Gawd, Gideon is a fucking prickly bastard. Understandably angry and bitter, he takes his frustrations out on anyone who's handy, and most of the time it's his extraordinary sous chef Eddie, who gets the brunt end. Despite his oft bad moods, Gideon also can't help his attraction to the sweet, talented ginger. He struggles with the inappropriateness of the whole situation, and we all know *that's* going to be a losing battle.

Eddie in turn, can't help crushing on his sexy, surly boss. He knows Gideon has been through hell and only wants to help or soothe him in any way possible.

I really loved the kitchen/restaurant setting and only wished that it was consistently portrayed throughout. I also enjoyed the push pull of these two characters as they resist and then act on their attraction. The UST was very, very nice, while the rest was sweet sexy. Of note, this kinda veered off into a couple different plot lines, which I guess was necessary for the continuation of this series, but it seemed a bit disjointed. Regardless, the supporting cast was strong and interesting enough that I'll have no problem with reading about their happy endings to come!

Ezinwanyi says

I really enjoyed this one.

Famous chef Gideon Kent lost his sense of taste and smell following a fire accident where he lost a friend. That made his job as an owner of a restaurant difficult both physically and emotionally. Taste, smell and texture is an important part of creating a dish, and now Gideon couldn't do that.

Adding insult to injury, one of his new chefs, Eddie Tripp, was quickly becoming the toast of the town as a creative force in their industry. Gideon couldn't decide if he wanted fire Eddie or just kiss him senseless. Eddie had what Gideon wanted most both professionally and physically. What's Gideon to do?

I enjoyed the yo-yo emotions Gideon had concerning Eddie. It was actually funny because sometimes he wanted to just smack Eddie for breaking something, the next second, Gideon was starting at Eddie's butt and fighting to keep from mauling Eddie at work. Eddie, on the other hand, was incredibly patient. He put up with Gideon's mood swings and mixed messages, and he stayed persistent. The author kept this story light and enjoyable, and did a great job of developing the characters. She told the story from both Gideon and Eddie's POV, so we got a chance to be in each character's head space.

My favorite part of this book was when Gideon took Eddie to find his cousin. That's when I knew Gideon was ready to be Eddie's partner. It was his time to give to Eddie and be his pillar of strength. I have to mention the restaurant crew who played match maker and wouldn't let Gideon hide. They were funny and they were pushy, which was necessary for an old grump like Gideon. Also, Eddie's roommates have a strange connection, so I do hope the author will develop Taylor and Leslie's relationship and give us some more "insight" to Taylor. This book was the least angst filled book I've read by this author, but it was still as enjoyable.

*Thanks to the author for the reading copy.

M'rella says

For the life of me I could not connect with the characters. The book was too wordy and too "out there" - I still can't understand why all the paranormal business with Luke was necessary.

Loved the premise and the humor, but on the whole it was just OK. I think it might be *me*. 2.5 stars.

Wendy - thank you for the gift! You introduced me to a new author and will definitely keep an eye on SMN's future books :)

Optimist ?King's Wench? says

3.5 Stars

Let's just get this out of the way **I LOVE LESLIE!** There. I said it. Leslie and his Louboutins, pink tees and Papa Smurf slippers can get directly into my pocket. Leslie alone will propel me to continue with this series.

Alrighty. Now that that's out of the way let's talk about the rest.

We have two chefs, Gideon and Eddie, one of which is a ginger the other of which is named Gideon. Don't judge me I have a thing about that name. It's what made me choose this book. Well, that and the chefing. I'm kind of obsessed with chefs, cooking, watching cooking shows and have somewhere in the neighborhood of a bazillion cookbooks. Conservative estimate. The upside of my obsession is I feel like I have a good grasp of all things culinary including chef demeanor.

Gideon fits the prototypical chef mold-tempermental, arrogant, and passionate. Gideon was an up-and-comer on the London culinary scene until a tragic accident took away his sense of smell and taste, a chef's lifeblood. He tries to cope with the tragedy very unsuccessfully and it boils over from time to time. He probably goes too far a couple of times but Eddie is a chef too and does an admirable job of putting Gideon in his place. Eddie as a character is pretty bland. He blushes a lot and is into Gideon. He's sweet and loyal to his friends. Other than that... *shrugs* There are two women who work with them in the restaurant that are so annoying. I wanted to staple things to them.

I was enjoying the story, their journey, thought there was adequate conflict between them, their sexy times were pretty hot and I liked the quirkiness of Eddie's roommates who will undoubtedly be featured in the rest of the series until the cousin kerfuffle. I don't know what the purpose of that was. I thought Gideon and Eddie had enough to contend with without adding outside drama. From that point on I felt like the story sort of skidded into the finale on cheese skates.

Final note: it's unacceptable for an author to forget their MC's name.

Recommend to culinary enthusiasts and those who enjoy hurt/comfort reads.

A review copy was provided in exchange for an honest review.

Nic says

I enjoyed this story (3.5-4 stars). For me the appeal was in the character of Gideon. He was bad tempered and aggravating and quite unique.
