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I like to think of myself as a man of pleasure...

I enjoy a good pint of ale, being in the arms of a beautiful woman, and living by my own rules. The only thing I try to avoid? Commitment. And I've got a three-year success rate to prove it.

I wasn't planning on Grace—the beautiful, funny, totally off-limits massage therapist who keeps popping up in my life. She's on a six-month mission to rid her life of toxins. No alcohol. No red meat. And, yeah, no men. I'm talking full-on man cleanse.

I know I should walk away, but I can't...and the only way to keep her in my life is to live by her rules. I'll need to prove to a woman who's lost all trust in men that I'm worthy of her love. And do it all without so much as a single kiss.

The only problem? If I win, I'll lose the one thing I swore I'd never give up. My heart.

Each book in the Kingston Ale House series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order.

Series Order:

Book #1 The One That Got Away

Book #2 Six Month Rule

Book #3 Three Simple Words

Book #4 Worth the Wait

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? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says

Worth The Wait was not the first book I read by A.J. Pine, so I knew I would at least like her writing style. Question was as this is a book in the middle of the series – would I be able to follow the story not knowing what happened before.

The answer is yes – it is possible to read this book as a standalone you only have to face possible spoilers on previous books (I usually do not mind them – in fact they only increase my tendency to read the those books if I like what I hear about them)

My thoughts on Jeremy and Grace – well both have been burned by relationships and have either trust issues, are not willing to put their heart on the line or are in completely unwilling to be in a relationship.

But the reader instantly notices the sparks between them and will be drawn into their building relationship. The author manages to catch and keep the readers attention throughout the whole book. The story is well developed and the pace is steady, the reading felt good and I enjoyed it from beginning to end. Therefore it is easy to recommend

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Kimberly (Kimmy Loves to Read) says

I received an advanced copy of this book with the promise of an honest review.

Holy Crap. I have enjoyed every book in this series, but this one is my absolute favorite. Jeremy is AMAZING and I love him. I even started using #Jeremyisbae to express how much I love him.

Jeremy meets Grace when he is away at a weekend conference. After sitting in a comfortable chair all day, his back starts to bother him. He makes an appointment for a massage and Grace is his masseuse. The two are immediately attracted to each other, but Jeremy is a client so he is totally off limits. Later that night they run into each other at the hotel bar and Grace ends up walking Jeremy back to his room. They part ways thinking they will never see each other again, but fate intervenes and they find themselves in the same place at the same time more than once.

Grace is on a six month life cleanse and included in that cleanse is men. She's made some bad choices in the past and wants to change her ways. Through some bad luck her cleanse ends up on the news and Grace finds herself thrust into the reality television/social media world. She has three months left of the cleanse and

during that time she will meet various men and document the dates on social media. At the end of the three months she will kiss one of them on live television, ending her cleanse and also getting a nice prize of \$25k. Sounds pretty simple, right?

Well of course it's not. Grace is holding on to some pretty serious secrets after her awful ex stole all of her savings. She can't expose him because he knows things that will put her whole family at risk so she see this as a way to get back on her feet. Then there is Jeremy. The two of them become friends and he even proposes that he helps her out with this whole dating thing. But they are both holding on to some feelings that just make the situation so complicated. Eventually Jeremy just throws his hat in the ring, telling her he wants to be the one she kisses on live television, with the hopes that she wants that.

“Christ, Grace. If you don’t want me on your list of suitors, just put me out of my fucking misery so I can get on with the status quo. But if there’s any part of you that—”

She reached across the table and grabbed his hand. “Wait!” she finally said, her palm icy cold against his heated flesh.

“You’re freezing,” he said.

Her cheeks flushed, and she shook her head.

“Nervous.”

He smiled and raised a brow. “I make you nervous?”

She let out a shaky laugh. “You make me...lots of things.”

Her hand still rested on his, the heat between them mingling so that she didn’t feel so cold anymore.

“Like what?” he asked.

“You want a list?”

He nodded. “I really do.”

She let out a long breath. “Okay. Yes. You make me nervous. But you also make me smile.”

This made him smile even broader. “Right back at ya.”

She looked down at their touching hands and then back into his eyes. “You make me warmer.”

He laughed.

“And drier,” she added. “Thanks to my new umbrella.” But then her smile faltered a little, and she squeezed his hand. “You make me feel safer than I’ve felt in a long time. Is that weird to say after meeting such a short time ago? I just get this feeling that I can trust you. That you wouldn’t do to me what...”

She trailed off and was quiet for a second. Jeremy flipped his hand over so he could squeeze hers back. Fuck protocol, if there even was one for this situation.

"I don't know what's going to happen in the next few months," he said. "But I can tell you one thing. As your friend, as whatever I might be when it comes time for you to decide who you want, you'll always be safe with me, Grace. And it kills me that anyone made you feel otherwise."

"I want it to be you, too," she blurted, and he could hear the tremble in her voice. Because here they were, six days into their friendship, admitting it might not be enough, that there might be something more brewing beneath the surface.

She chewed her bottom lip, and then her expression broke into the biggest, most beautiful smile he'd ever seen, and Jeremy knew he was in deeper than he'd ever meant to go. Yet he had no intention of swimming back to the surface.

"I'd give my right hand to kiss you right now," he said, his voice low and hoarse.

I mean...come on! These two are the CUTEST. And what happens after this....WOW. Can we talk about phone sex for a second? It is almost always a bit awkward, especially the first time a couple does it, so it was nice to feel that awkwardness. Not only did that make me laugh, but it also made me want a cold shower. It felt REAL. AJ wrote, what I feel is, the hottest phone sex scene I have ever read. SO. SO. HOT.

Jeremy. I LOVE HIM SO MUCH. I already liked his character from the previous books and of course we got to know him a lot better in Three Simple Words. I wasn't expecting him to be such a sweetheart, but he won me over very quickly and then jumped to the top of my book boyfriend list in no time. He is just the BEST! #Jeremyisbae

While this book is part of a series, it can be read as a standalone and I highly recommend it. You won't be disappointed.

Kodie Mackay says

This is just what I needed after the last few weeks I've had.

Going in to this I knew I was intrigued by the blurb. Other than reading that I had no clue what I was in for.

It takes a lot in a story to keep me interested when there isn't a lot of the horizontal mambo going on. I love sex in a book, infact its something I insist on having in the books I read. So colour me purple when I realised that I wasn't getting a lot of the hot and Nasty from this.

BUT....

Even better, Is that I didn't miss it.

Que shocked gasp...

I know ...me pervy penny here was rather content without it. I will say though there is some action in the form phone sex which was pretty up there in the wet panty hot scale. You also left very satisfied by the end which just makes the book even better. (And for the pervy penny's like me... your panties wetter (;).

I would say this is a slow budding romance all things considered as the timeline is over 3-4 months. However nothing feels dragged out. The timeline skips through the months so you don't get bored but not so obviously that you feel you missed out either. The story is very seamless. The plot was super cute, very relatable and realistic. The characters are a total joy to read and although there's a few little angsty moments most of the story is upbeat flirty, sexy and fun to read. Great character growth throughout and for once other than the "villain" of the book, I really enjoyed every character.

Grace was a great heroine to read. She's very realistic, relatable, charismatic, sassy and strong. She had this vulnerability about her that made her a pleasure to read because she wasn't perfect. She owned her mistakes and made effort to improve her life in the best way she could. Her character growth was a pleasure to read.

Jeremy ... I could drink him up. He was delicious in the best possible way. From the get go with his dramatic antics over a lecture class I knew I was going to love him. His infectious cheeky grin had me grinning at my kindle like a crazy women! (ok maybe I am but still.) he's definitely a cheeky one but also such a freaking sweetheart and definitely boyfriend material. After having his heart broken is such a horrible way he's been dead set against anything other than a one night stands until he meets grace.

As fate would have it even though their first encounter didn't go the way he wanted he'd definitely get another chance and boy did he go for the home run with that.

If you love reading sweet romantic stories with little angst and lots of feel good feels you'll love this. It's got everything and more you want in a happy romance story and it's written so well you almost feel it's real.

It got me out of a book slump and gave me happy feels. I laughed, got angry, gasped in shock and smiled like a creepy crazy women while reading this. Oh an maybe got a little hot to!(!;

I'd definitely recommend this book to others. I'd also read this again.

I kindly received this ARC from netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Bette Hansen says

Jeremy's story - YAY!!!! Bonus - it's fantastic! After having his heart handed to him three years ago Jeremy has been happy living his life free of commitments. A good pint of ale and a beautiful woman was all he needed. Meeting Grace, the beautiful massage therapist, was never part of his plan. Add in the fact that she is currently doing a man-cleanse and he knows he should run - fast. Yet he can't. Something about her calls to him. Could she be the one that he could open his heart to or will she end up hurting him too?

Put this on the must read list. I highly recommend it.

Kathleen R. says

Title: Worth The Wait

Author: A.J. Pine

4 unexpected stars

If there's one thing I enjoy in books, it's to be surprised and enchanted by the characters and the storyline in such a way that you'll remember it for as long as possible. Worth The Wait was that kind of book and for that reason, A.J. Pine is an author that I'll enjoy following for as long as she'll be writing. It's the type of novel that has a little bit of everything all rolled into one - humor romance, sexyness and so many emotions that you'll think to be in a roller coaster. Grace and Jeremy are the perfect example of what happens when two individuals become friends and decide to go for the benefits of being intimate without the inconveniences of a relationship (for them).

4 breath taking dreams

Neither was looking for anything serious - in fact, Grace was giving herself a relationship detox and Jeremy had spent the last 3 years avoiding everything and anything more serious than a good roll in the sack. However things don't always go as planned when their relationship with benefits gets a little more serious. Their chemistry is undeniable and I was sad to see them go after all this time. I thoroughly enjoyed A.J. Pine's Worth The Wait and I can't wait to read more from her in the future.

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Reviewed by Kathleen, The Small Girl from A small girl, her man and her books

A.J. Pine says

WORTH THE WAIT is HERE!!! Thank you so much for reading! This is the fourth and final book in the Kingston Ale House series, but it can be read as a stand alone. So if you're looking for a sexy romcom, Jeremy and Grace are ready for you! And if you've already read and have a chance to paste your review onto Amazon, the Kingston crew (and I) would really appreciate it. Thank you so much for supporting this series!

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Irene says

4 stars

I'm a huge fan of author A.J. Pine's writing and once again she's delivered another great read with Worth the Wait.

The storyline was sweet, fun and very entertaining.

Jeremy and Grace were likable characters that will entertain you while watching their relationship unfold. They amused me with their banter and I loved how they took the time to talk and get to really know each other while Grace was on her "life cleanse".

Overall, Worth the Wait is a well written slow burn romance with a heartwarming storyline and characters that are likable and very entertaining. I've really enjoyed reading the Kingston Ale House series, each book can be read as a standalone and I highly recommend them all!

Worth the Wait Links ~

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Thank you to the publisher for the advance copy

Jennifer Blackwood says

JEREMY IS EVERYTHING <3 Review to come closer to release :-)

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review:

I'm really sad to see the Kingston Ale House series come to a close as I've enjoyed this crazy, fun group of

characters. Worth The Wait is a book the author didn't have planned but the hero convinced her he needed a happily ever after and he got it, but it took time, patience, and quite a bit of inventive foreplay to get there. From the way these two met, to the way the universe kept throwing them together, to the three months of celibacy, to the "reality show" type arrangement, and to every moment these two spent together really getting to know one another, this book was special. There was much I loved about Worth the Wait, but there were also parts that didn't ring true, parts that had they been cut out would have made this book five stars for me, but hey...it was still a very strong 4 star read and I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

After having his heart ripped out by a college girlfriend Jeremy Denning has embraced the single life and vowed never to trust another woman with his heart again. Commitment is a bad four letter word to Jeremy and that's one of the reasons he hasn't been able to embrace the idea of becoming a partner in his friend's business, the Kingston Ale House. Working there for years, he knows the business side inside and out, but learning the brewing side doesn't thrill him and he's just not sure he's ready to give it his all.

The one thing Grace Bailey has always wanted is to prove to her family that she can be successful on her own, but after her boyfriend empties her bank account of her savings that she plans to use to open her own massage therapy studio, she finds herself working two jobs to keep her head above water and save as much as she can to make her dreams come true. Determined to take back her life and stop making bad decisions when it comes to men, Grace is following the advice of a self help book Man Cleanse: Six Months to a Healthy, Happy You...and the Road to True Love. She just doesn't expect to meet someone like Jeremy Denning three months in.

There was something so special about the connection between Jeremy and Grace from the start and while he wasn't all the convinced about her self help journey, he respected her enough to understand she needed to do it. I actually loved that it forced them to really get to know one another on a different level and it built an insurmountable trust between them that might not have happened if sex had been on the table. That's not to say there weren't some steamy moments in the three months Grace had left, they found some very inventive ways to find satisfaction.

I loved seeing all the couples from the previous books especially since they were gathering for a very happy occasion and it really brought to light now much this group of friends were more like family and wanted what was best for one another always.

Fun, crazy, adorable, steamy, and sexy Worth The Wait was exciting to read and easy to enjoy.

Review copy provided with no expectations.

Wendy's Thoughts says

4 To Trust Again Stars

*** * * * Spoiler Free It's Live!!!**

When we are little, we learn to trust freely...after all, our family is there to look out for us, take care of us and we learn that all those grown-ups are there to guide us towards safe places...At least that is what hopefully happens. As we mature, other people start to interact with us and we learn the hard way not everyone is looking out for our best interests...We start to assess...to watch and see... and not give away our trust so easily.

But then when we are at an age where love comes into play or what we think is love.... that is when we are tested the most. And sometimes, we are taught that lesson we learned when we first started interacting with others...Not everyone is looking out for our best interests...even those who we thought loved us, shared their lives with us and let us believe we could trust them fully with our hearts.

Trust... the subject or undercurrent of so much... is the main focus of Worth the Wait.... and A.J.Pine did it justice.We were given more than the idea of trusting in others...we were given the idea of how we must believe in ourselves, how we must be in tune to what is real and authentic for us and to be open to the possibilities of life no matter where they come from.

Could be heavy stuff, right...But leave it to Pine to mix it with humor, sexual chemistry, family and a dash of Reality TV/Social Media making it a current relatable story. This was the 4th entry to the Kingston Ale House series. Each of the books could be read as stand alone... no worries. However, by reading them...you did get the more intense backstories of why characters are the way they are...I only mention this for those who love to read series in order. **Worth the Wait** was a total stand alone with no need to read the others if you haven't....But they all were winners, just sayin'.

So, we have Jeremy Denning working since high school at Kingston Ale House with the now owner, Jamie. Things have been happening with all the friends at the pub; with Jamie getting married soon, he is looking to the future and a possible partner. Jeremy hears all of this and asks why not him...he has only spent most of his adult life there. Jamie is a bit surprised because he knows Jeremy hasn't been interested in being "Tied Down or Committed to Anything or Anyone" for the last three years.

Three years ago, Jeremy thought he had found his one...they had been through College together and Grad school... and it was clear to Jeremy this woman was it... or so he thought. Instead he got his heart and head crushed by her response to his proposal. The things she said to him were chilling... The man who had trusted his heart swore never again.

Now he believed in total freedom; no ties, just hook ups and easy times...

So for him to want to be part owner of the pub is not in keeping of how he had been...Jamie decides to see how serious Jeremy is...

This sets in motion a trip to Madison, Wisconsin for an Eight Hour Training Seminar about micro brewing, hops, etc...with enough information to drive a normal guy like Jeremy to drink...It also twisted his back and body into concrete knots after sitting so long in a crappy chair. Luckily, he called and got a last minute appointment with a massage therapist at the hotel spa.

Grace Bailey is on a mission. All her life, her family has taken care of her. When she bucked the family tradition of being an attorney, they still provided her with tuition to massage therapy school. When she graduated, they paid for her apartment so she could finish getting her license and career started. Years ago she stopped their funding and stood on her own two feet. She was working and saved with the goal to start her open spa. She also fell for one of the attorneys in her family's practice.

Big Mistake...

Grace thought he was the one...and even though she had a few gut concerns... her love was blind. She trusted him when he said he was going to use Her money for the down on a place for their future...Instead, he cleaned out her account and threatened to expose personal family secrets if she said anything.

Trust shattered and doubting her ability to see clearly about anything, Grace latches onto a plan from a

popular self help author...A Life Cleanse... It is a book and program that so many have been raving about... and to Grace, so much of it makes sense.

Cleanse Yourself of Life's Toxins in Six Months
No Meat, No Alcohol, No Negative Thoughts and No Men...
Yes, No Sex....
No Kissing or Touching...Nothing that could cloud the mind.

Well, What the Hell Can You Do...

Eat purely, think about you and what you actually are doing to make your life good... and most importantly...

SELF PLEASURE...Yes, Ladies... Get yourself off as much as you would like...All Good.

The idea is that sometimes we have relationships based on lust and sex...with no foundation of who the other person is...do we really know them. If Grace had paid attention to her ex, gotten to know him more than the sex they were having, she would have realized he was not to be trusted... at least that was the theory. Now there is no Heavy Judging in this plan... just the idea of looking more closely of why you have been doing things the way you were...

Grace has been on this Man Cleanse for almost 3 months. She has been working 2 jobs to recoup the savings she lost. On the weekends she leaves Chicago and drives the 3 hours to the hotel, does as many sessions as she can fit in and then drives home at the end of the weekend. This appointment she is about to do will be great because a regular canceled at the last minute.

The receptionist is all a flutter telling Grace about her replacement customer. She goes on about how handsome and cut he is ... how his eyes are flirty. Grace sets her straight about thinking this way about clients and sets up the room.

Jeremy is led into the room and Grace tells him how to get ready, put the sheet on his body and to be face down to the table. Once she starts, both of them connect with a pleasant conversation but with an undertone of play. Grace can feel Jeremy relaxing and is pleased she doing what she always plans while working... her best. Yet at the same time...she also is working to keep ideas out of her head about Jeremy... he is exactly what her cleanse is all about...Not falling into a "Thing" with a guy she is attracted to...She finishes the massage and leaves the after care instructions to the receptionist...she really does not want to deal with any temptation...she is taking care of herself like her program says.

Fate has other plans...Because Grace and Jeremy start crossing paths right away...after the massage, the next day and then at the Pub. Each time they do...Jeremy does not want to leave Grace's presence...He likes just talking with her...hearing about her "Cleanse" and how she is committed to figuring things out. Yes, he is attracted to her big time... no doubt...But there is something more to Grace and he hasn't been so interested in someone like this for a very long time.

Grace can't get over how she keeps running into Jeremy either... and because she never thought she would see him again and because he was so easy to talk to...she shared about how she was robbed. She talked of how it made her doubt so much about herself...and how she believes some things are meant to be like her book says.

It is at their latest crossing of paths where things take a turn. Jeremy's Ex shows up at the pub while he is

having a "Friend" meal with Grace. They had just decided they would be pals while she was going through the last 3 months of her deal. Jeremy never had a woman pal before... but he really wanted to try with Grace.

The Ex sees these two together...pushes in. She is part of the Local News Station and always looking to further her career. When she sees an opportunity, she grabs on. The idea of a Man Cleanse Rocks Her World. It has Reality TV written all over it...

This story was about relationships; learning about people without sex getting in the way...Because it can cloud vision sometimes...Sex is good...and this is not about denying or abstinence for any other reason than being able to know who you are and what you are capable of doing for yourself. That was the idea of the self help book. What also was addressed was the unfortunate belief and practice of looking for answers from others and thinking they will absolutely come from following a program...

Like Hocus Pocus... I am a new person in six months...

These two grow as people and as friends over 3 months. They learn likes and dislikes... they discover deep secrets and share...It is almost like he is courting her... and any kind of touch... such as hand holding is so meaningful. True feelings are developing for the both of them and it is their willingness to believe in the other one... to trust which is key.

Now do not worry, romance readers...there is steam...there is chemistry and they figure out ways to express it together...sort of...heh, heh...

Let's just say these two are hot and when things finally, be patient, happen....they are sweet, hot and oh so good together.

The trust between them does get tested. They had a foundation which was solid. They just needed to believe in themselves and each other totally. We benefited from their life lessons; understanding the here and now... not living in the past is so important. This book approached that concept well.

A.J.Pine knows her stuff. She creates characters we would like to know and hang with.... and the group from this series was engaging, fun and real. No one was perfect and that is a good thing. This may be the end of Kingston Ale House but I am not finished with A.J. Pine...not by a long shot.

The One That Got Away (Kingston Ale House #1)

Six Month Rule (Kingston Ale House #2)

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Three Simple Words (Kingston Ale House #3)

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~~~~~ **Before Reading** ~~~~~

*Have your heart smashed by your maybe fiancée....*

*Answer is: No Commitments Ever Again...*

*Feel like a fool after dating a man who is now holding secrets against you...*

*Do the Updated Version of "Washing That Man Out of Your Hair":*

*A Cleanse of Everything Poisonous...*

*Oh, there will be No Red Meat or Alcoholic Drink...*

*And nothing Toxic...*

*But most of all...*

*No Men...*

*No Rough and Tumble, No Chiseled Jaws or Soft Full Lips...*

*Nope, Nothing...*

*But Remember Mister No Commitment...*

*Yeah, Him...*

*He has other Ideas for our Gal...*

*And He thinks She is...*

**Worth the Wait (Kingston Ale House #4) - January 16th 2017**

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## **Natalie The Biblioholic says**

This was a sweet story about two people who were afraid to trust their hearts... again.

Jeremy was left heartbroken three years ago when his girlfriend turned down his proposal and left town. He's on a "no commitment" diet. Grace had her heart broken by a boyfriend who stole her money and has forced her to work two jobs to make ends meet, all while keeping her family out of the loop. It's complicated.

Jeremy was intelligent, handsome and pretty easy going, but didn't seem to take anything seriously. His failure to commit seemed to extend to his professional side as well, which made for an interesting little side story with Jamie. Grace was on a man cleans for 6 months. Nuff said. But these two connected on an emotional level, despite the lack of a physical relationship, which was sweet to watch unfold.

While I enjoyed this story, I didn't love it as much as I thought it would. It just didn't measure up to Three Simple Words. I did love getting to see past characters again, but I failed to truly connect with the main ones. So although this story was sweet, endearing and entertaining, it failed to actually move me. However, would I read anything from this author again? Heck yeah I would!

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*Genre:* Contemporary Romance

*POV:* Dual - 3rd person

*Steam:* 0 out of 5

*Series or standalone:* Standalone, although it is book 4 of the Kingston Ale House series and there is a lot of character crossover

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## **Marie says**

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AJ Pine's Kingston Ale House series quickly became a favourite of mine. Starting with Brynn and Jamie's story in *The One That Got Away*, then Holly and Will's story in *Six Month Rule*, then Annie and Wes in *Three Simple Words*, and finally Grace and Jeremy in *Worth the Wait*, I loved each new book more than the last.

We got to see Jeremy throughout the series, so I was excited to finally read HIS book. After having his heart broken by his former girlfriend, Jeremy is resistant to commitment or letting anyone get close. He's always been the sort of guy who goes with the flow and accepts whatever falls into his lap. He's okay just getting by, doing what needs to be done, but not really striving for more. Enter Grace - strong, driven, independent. Having been deeply hurt by her ex, she decides she needs to make some big changes in her life. She goes on a six-month cleanse, which includes no men. She needs to figure out how to separate physical connection from emotional connection, and hopes once the cleanse is over she'll have everything figured out. She wasn't expecting Jeremy to enter her life, or to have an instant connection with him.

*Worth the Wait* had so many of the elements I love in romance. I enjoyed the themes of trust and commitment, learning from mistakes, and learning to move forward after being hurt. I loved watching Grace and Jeremy form a friendship that slowly turned into something more. Considering Grace was on a 'man cleanse' I didn't expect there to be much in the way of sexytimes but OH BOY let me tell you: this book is sexy. I'm talking need a cold shower sexy. There's a lot more to it than that, though; Grace and Jeremy form a real bond, and they grow a lot over the course of the story, both personally and as a couple.

One of the things I love most about Pine's books is her ability to write fantastic ensemble casts. I fell in love with her characters in the *If Only* series, and fell just as hard for the Kingston Ale House gang. I can imagine being part of this group, hanging out at the Ale House, and being part of this mismatched group of family-like friends. I'll miss these characters and think of them often, the way I still do with the *If Only* characters. While each of the books in the Kingston Ale House series can technically be read as a standalone, I recommend reading the whole series - in order - so you get the full effect of the relationships between the characters. I got excited every time familiar characters showed up, and I'm not even going to lie, I cried like a baby at the end of *Worth the Wait* seeing everyone get such beautiful happily ever afters.

Fun, romantic, and sexy, *Worth the Wait* is the perfect end to one of my favourite series. Grace and Jeremy are relatable characters who are easy to fall for separately, and make you want to root for them as a couple. Pair that with great side characters, plenty of giggles, and an engaging plot - oh and the SUPER HOT SEXYTIMES - and *Worth the Wait* is definitely a book that should be on your TBR.

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## **Alison says**

Jeremy Denning is the brother of Annie Denning, the bookstore owner from *Three Simple Words*, after his almost-fiancee brutally dumped him three years ago he has shied away from commitment of any kind. But now he has a shot at becoming a partner in the Ale House if he can prove he is interested. After a long day studying brewing techniques he gets back to his hotel room only to find that his ex has moved back to Chicago and is presenting the weather on the local TV station. In order to dissipate the resulting tension, he decides to have a relaxing massage. The receptionist fails to warn him to drink lots of water and alcohol and

he is slightly the worse for wear when the masseur, Grace Bailey walks into the hotel bar.

Grace is the black sheep of the family, all of whom are high-flying lawyers. She was dating a layer in her parents' legal practice until he used the money for the deposit for their home to fund his gambling addiction and then threatened to expose her father's shortcomings if she told anyone. Tired of making bad judgements about men, Grace decides to go on a six month cleanse of mind and body, including no sex, to allow her to see more clearly and make better decisions based on a self-help book.

Grace and Jeremy keep bumping into each other, as if the cosmic forces are trying to bring them together, and they have just agreed to be friends so that Grace can complete her 'Man Cleanse' when Jeremy's ex walks into the bar. Before anyone is quite clear how it happened, Grace is now the star of a social-media based reality TV show in which the TV station arranges a date each week for Grace to see if she can connect with a man without sex. Can a man and a woman ever just be friends?

Jeremy is torn between the return of the only woman he ever felt ready to commit to and a woman that he might want to commit to. Grace is trying to protect her family from her ex, whilst being constantly undermined by her mother's attempts to get them back together. She likes Jeremy but he's a bit of a player, is he only interested in her because she is currently unobtainable? And what happens when Grace's ex finds out about the reality TV show? And can either of them trust Jeremy's ex, or is she manipulating things for the ratings?

This was another great book by A.J. Pine. Jeremy and Grace were great characters and I liked that they respected her cleanse enough to not even kiss (on the lips). This is not the first reality TV novel I have read in the last few days, like the other book, this is focused more on the people and the relationships than on the TV show or the weekly dates. It's funny, and sweet, and 'real'.

Although this is the fourth book in the Kingston Ale series the books are only tangentially connected and it is easy to read them as stand-alone novels - I still haven't read the first in the series!

Highly recommended - maybe the best one yet.

I received a free copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley in return for an honest review.

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**Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince  
Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says**

\*\*\*\*\*THREE STARS\*\*\*\*\*

{Netgalley ARC}

This was not my favorite out of the three I have read so far in this series.

I just never connected with the story or the main characters.

Honestly, I never felt like the character of Jeremy really needed his own book.

I kept hoping that things would click into place and I'd get lost in the story but it just never really got



interesting for me.

It hasn't been the greatest week for me either so maybe that caused the reaction I had to this book. Who knows?

The author definitely can write. I've had plenty of experiences with books written by authors that I love that have not been hits with me. I would definitely read another book by A.J. Pine in the future.

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## **Bookgasms Book Blog says**

Oh, you guys.

I cannot resist a delicious ginger. I cannot. It's impossible. And if he also has a sense of humor, a sense of loyalty, and a great big...heart? I am powerless against his charms. And so, my friends, meet Jeremy Denning. He is all of those things, and so much more.

I truly was completely and utterly charmed by the relationship between Jeremy and Grace. I mean, Jeremy alone has charm oozing from his pores. It's impossible not to lose your heart to his easygoing personality, his quick wit, and his stark sincerity. Combined with Grace, who – with her hippie tendencies and her quirky insistence on seeing her man cleanse through to the very end – holds a great deal of charm herself, they're adorable together. Sweet and flirty and somehow sexy – even without doing the actual deed.

Which, let's talk about that. Because there's a gift involved with taking two characters who haven't even touched each other intimately – and making you (the reader) ache with want for them. I wouldn't qualify this as a *sexy* book (as in, that's not the first thing that comes to mind about it), but there were definitely moments that set my heart racing and my legs crossing – and they didn't even involve Grace & Jeremy touching. That's...a little like *whoa*, right? *Awesome*.

There were a few spots where the story dragged for me a little bit – and I can't even pinpoint the problem. The writing is great. The characters are great. My mind just wandered and I found myself skimming along for something to draw me back in. And – it did. Every time. So this isn't a complaint so much as it's an observation. It wasn't a *flawless* read for me, but it was a completely enjoyable one.

Loyal readers of this series also get a sweet reward. The updates on all the couples we've met and loved along the way were so much fun and such a treat. This was a delightful resolution to the series, and – while saying goodbye is always a little bittersweet – my heart could not feel more satisfied. ~ Shelly, 4 Stars

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