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The Goodreads M/M Romance Group invited members to choose a photo and pen a letter asking for a short M/M romance story inspired by the image; authors from the group were then encouraged to select a letter and write an original tale. The result was an outpouring of creativity that shone a spotlight on the special bond between M/M romance writers and the people who love what they produce.

Nearly 190 stories were submitted and have now been published as a twelve volume set with two additional bonus volumes, titled *Love Has No Boundaries*. This edition is Volume 5.

## Words of Caution

The stories in this collection may contain sexually explicit content and are intended for adult readers. They may also contain content that is disagreeable or distressing to some readers. The M/M Romance Group strongly recommends that the reader review the General Information section before each story for story tags as well as for content warnings.

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## From Reader Review Love Has No Boundaries Anthology: Volume 5 for online ebook

### **Lisa ~ Books Are My Drugs ~ says**

I read all the stories - some I like better than others (of course) but the entire event is amazing and so are the people who donate their talents & their time for it.

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### **Janeylou says**

3.5 stars

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### **Exina says**

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**A very good collection! With a few exceptions, I enjoyed these stories very much.**

Roaming Canisters by Adrian Fridge - 3 stars

My review.

In the Right Light by G.B. Gordon - 5 stars

My review.

The Field of Someone Else's Dreams by Amelia C. Gormley - 3 stars

My review.

Forever. I Promise. by Lily Grace - 4 stars

My review.

Open Arms and Open Eyes by Michelle K. Grant - 1 star

My review.

Pickup Lines by Kathleen Hayes - 2 stars

My review.

The Ideal Cut by Elinor Gray - 5 stars

My review.

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### **L.E. says**

Normally, I don't have the patience to read anthologies, but there are some really good stories in here that I enjoyed. It's good to read in small doses... a few stories here and there before taking a break and reading something else, but it's like chocolate. You can't just have one.

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### **Tamara (?) says**

Roaming Canisters by Adrian Fridge  
The Only Way Out Is In by Lyn Gala  
When You Were Pixels by Julio Alexi Genao ★★★★☆  
Learning To Dance by Annette Gisby ★☆☆☆☆  
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### **Regencyfan93 says**

Several stories were dnr, because not in genres I favor.

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### **F. says**

As with all anthologies some stories I loved, others I liked and some just were. The highlight was "When You Were Pixels". So different, I thought it was brilliant. I also enjoyed "The Only Way Out Is In", "Bring Him Home", " When It's Right", "Forever I Promise" and "Falling Away".

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### **Allie Ritch says**

I absolutely loved Lyn Gala's "The Only Way Out Is In." I had high expectations to begin with since the Story Letter mentioned using Firefly/Serenity as inspiration, and the author definitely didn't disappoint me. There were some other good stories in this anthology, but being a sci-fi fan, that one was definitely my favorite.

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### **Marie says**

ROAMING CANISTERS by Adrian Fridge

- DNR

THE ONLY WAY OUT IS IN by Lyn Gala

- DNR

WHEN YOU WERE PIXELS by Julio-Alexi Genao

- DNR

LEARNING TO DANCE by Annette Gisby

- ★★★

BRING HIM HOME by Sammy Goode

- ★★

IN THE RIGHT LIGHT by G.B. Gordon

- ★★★★

THE FIELD OF SOMEONE ELSE'S DREAMS by Amelia C. Gormley

- ★★★★

WHEN IT'S RIGHT by Aria Grace

- ★★★★

FOREVER. I PROMISE. by Lily Grace

- ★★★★★

OPEN ARMS AND OPEN EYES by Michelle K Grant

- ★★★★

THE IDEAL CUT by Elinor Gray

- DNR

HARD AND FAST by Jack Greene

- DNR

THREE'S A CHARM by CR Giuliano

- DNR

OFF SIDES by Dianne Hartsock

- ★★★★☆

FALLING APART by Kathleen Hayes

- DNR

PICKUP LINES by Kathleen Hayes

- ★★★★

ONLY MINE by Valentina Heart

- ★★★★

FALLING AWAY by Lisa Henry

- ★★★½

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### **Jennifer?Pher? says**

ROAMING CANISTERS by Adrian Fridge

THE ONLY WAY OUT IS IN by Lyn Gala

WHEN YOU WERE PIXELS by Julio-Alexi Genao

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### **Trisha says**

I'm so sorry for this low rating. I read this for a challenge even though I knew this was not a genre I enjoyed reading. So, if you love this genre, READ THIS! I'm sure you will love it!

I can add that I absolutely loved story #3, "When You Were Pixels"

And I thought "Open Arms and Open Eyes" was adroable and "Pickup Lines" was interesting.

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### vLadimiR says

I appreciate the "no sex" element of the story and that everything was based on emotion and sexual tension. What a beautiful ending too!

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### Sandra says

**Roaming Canisters** by Adrian Fridge **2.5 stars** - I wanted to like this so much more. The premise was great, and sci-fi romance is one of my favorite genres. But it was just so... flat. No emotion. From anyone. I get that he is excited to meet aliens, but the MC wakes up naked and chained in a cage, and doesn't freak out *at all*. That just isn't realistic.

Then there is a lot of show and not too much tell with regards to their growing relationship. Despite Waters claiming an attraction, I just didn't see it. The sex could have been hot but given that I wasn't emotionally invested, that fell flat for me too.

Lastly, there was a *lot* of inferred world building about the aliens that was never really fully explained. Casey mentioned their observation of Earth and their intentions (view spoiler), he seemed to have ulterior motives, but nothing was elaborated on which made the whole thing feel underdeveloped. Instead of trying to do complex world building, but not really having the time to fully suss it out, I think the author would have been better to keep this as a light human-meets-alien story.

**The Only Way Out Is In** by Lyn Gala **3.5 stars** - (sci-fi) I was a little disappointed for about one second, when I realized this was only *based* on the character from Firefly, and he wasn't the actual character. I got over that pretty quickly, and it was just great. To quote Zeke, "*I like the world the way you see it, Jacqs. It makes a lot more sense.*" There was no hemming and hawing, once Jacqs figured out what he wanted, he went and got it. The verbal and physical sparring were funny and super hot. And I have to say, I love the world Lyn Gala created. Het = heterosexual, Homosexual, Pansexual = Bi (I think), Hypersexual, and Stenosexual = I like one particular trait in whoever. Everyone registers and it's no big deal, just avoids confusion. Really interesting take on things.

I do wish our guys had gotten together a bit earlier in the story, as it was it was mostly build-up. And while I enjoyed the final (sex) scene, I was a tad disappointed (view spoiler). Lastly, I have one complaint about the practicality (view spoiler).

Turned into a full length, Turbulence!

**When You Were Pixels** by Julio-Alexi Genao **4 stars** - Cooooool pic! And the tone of the story captured the feel of the picture very well. I was hesitant about the "No HEA or HFN" tag, but honestly, I dunno, oddly enough I felt hope at the end of the story. Antho was just so content that it's hard to feel any differently, no matter what ended up happening (view spoiler). Buuuuuut I hear a rumor there is more to come and I *cannot* wait to get a continuation of these guys (both to hopefully get a little HFN action and to find out more about our mystery man). Like I said, I actually felt hopeful at the end, but not knowing what would happen, that first paragraph killed me.

*My name is Antho, and I love you.*

*You don't remember me.*

*That's okay.*

*I'm going to leave this for you where you'll find it, in that long black coat you wear with all the secret pockets. It might take you some time, but I don't mind.*

*I watched you kill my boss. Then I watched you fall.*

*I think I maybe loved you as early as then. He was an asshole.*

*But that's not really what I need you to know.*

*You'll need to read these words one day, and I hope you believe them:*

*You are not alone.*

*You forgot me three times, and every time, we started over.*

*Maybe I'm already dead. Maybe you killed me like you said you would.*

*Doesn't matter.*

*I loved you even when you forgot me.*

*And? for a little while? you loved me back.*

**Learning To Dance** by Annette Gisby - I debated whether I should round up or down, but ultimately the decision was based on my complete lack of emotional involvement with both the story and the characters. I think this is a good first draft. Add in some set-up where we see the two men in class together, maybe a private lesson with some sexual tension. Then split up the one main sex scene so it transitions Daniel into the lifestyle more smoothly. As other reviewers said, it was all just too rushed. From zero to Master in 16 pages.

**Bring Him Home** by Sammy Goode -

**In the Right Light** by G.B. Gordon -

**The Field of Someone Else's Dreams** by Amelia C. Gormley -

**When it's Right** by Aria Grace -

**Forever. I Promise.** by Lily Grace **4.5 stars** - Oh my goodness! What a beautiful, sweet, and sad story. I loved the connection between Pat and Zach. I loved that they got together with almost no agnst. I loved their smexy innocent exploration during the ultra sweet sex scenes. I even loved the pain I felt when things weren't going well. The one thing I didn't love, was their parents reactions. I'm OK with the unfortunately realistic plot device of parents not understanding. Pat's parents were actually better in the realism I think (view spoiler) but I didn't like the way Zach's mom was portrayed. It just seemed like it was trying a little too

hard to make things *too hard* for them. But great story, sweet Epilogue. I'd love to see a sequel of these guys, or even better, of Joel and Brad!!!

Random pet peeve (view spoiler)

**Open Arms and Open Eyes** by Michelle K Grant -

**The Ideal Cut** by Elinor Gray **2.5 stars** - This was a fun little short. One thing that bothers me in stories, though, if when a thief or assassin acts unprofessionally. I know I know, that sounds stupid. But Clayton is supposedly this world renowned jewel thief, but he's bumbling around through the first half of the story. It was cute the way they found each other out, but I wish he had been confident up until that point instead of bumbling. It just didn't ring true.

Opposite issue with Theo. He was all suave, calm-cool-and-collected during the heist, then was all innocent newbie the next morning. I will, however, say... that sex scene was *smokin!* Cute little HFN.

**Hard and Fast** by Jack Greene -

**Three's a Charm** by CR Guiliano -

**Off Sides** by Dianne Hartsock -

**Falling Apart** by Kathleen Hayes -

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**Only Mine** by Valentina Heart -

**Falling Away** by Lisa Henry **3.5 stars** - Swoon. Although well formatted and complete in the HFN sense, this was such a tease! I would love either a full-length follow up, or even if this was stretched out into a full length book. We didn't get to see how they met (although we got the cliffs notes version) and this could certainly continue on as they begin their relationship together and figure out how to manage the change. But as it was, just a sweet little short. Started out with a hot bondage-y scene, then we experience Jason's grief and torment over realizing he is in over his head and needs to get out before he loses his heart completely. Dylan, Jason's brother, was a nice little secondary to character as well.

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**Leo says**

skipped some, but also some very enjoyable ones:

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**Lila Hunter says**

Not that many high rate stories. Skipped several.

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