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Shaft Season: A First Time Gay Romance



Synopsis

Dumped by his movie star boyfriend, writer Trevor Cunningham trades the glitz, glamour and pricey house in Hollywood for a quaint turn-of-the-century bungalow in Copper Bluff, Montana. This infuriated authorâ€™s going to write a gruesome death for his ex, a big change from his best-selling gay romances. Now, instead of fighting traffic on Melrose Avenue, Trevor's trying to chop firewood with his puggle Sabrina by his side. Don Harperâ€™s lived his whole life in this faded boom town. Need a house weatherproofed? Need a fence built? Have an old mine shaft open up? Call Don Harper! Donâ€™s never been sure there are other men who want what he wants, but he spies books on Trevorâ€™s shelves, books with men loving men. The mutual attraction is there from the get-go, but how is a mountain man supposed to fit into a Hollywood kind of life? And how can Trevor realize heâ€™s worth Donâ€™s masculine attentions? Theyâ€™ll both find out when winter turns to spring. Because spring is shaft season. A standalone novella with a first time relationship, a lovable designer dog, and an HEA.

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Customer Reviews

This was a sweet story of a first love and a lasting love. The giddy discovery by Don that he wasn't the only man in the world who felt attracted to men was both heartbreaking and amusing. Being so isolated from the world at large, both by a father who abused him emotionally and by the small minded people in his small town, it was no wonder he thought he was one of a kind. It took meeting a new transplant into town who wrote gay romance novels to awaken Don to a bright new world. He and Trevor journeyed together into their very own HEA. Well written with delightfully honest dialogue from Don. His wonder at discovering he was not alone and that he was lucky enough to find someone as kind and loving as Trevor was heartwarming.

I liked it, but I think I wanted a little more substance in the storyline. I liked Harper, but was a little disappointed with Trevor. I hate it when people listen to bad people from their past and still influence their decisions, although I know it happen all the time. I have read other books from this author, and will continue to do so.

Shaft Season is a first-time gay-for-you romance by Devyn Morgan, and I loved it. Shaft Season is about Trevor Cunningham and Don Harper. Trevor is a writer of gay romance novels and Harper is the local do-it-all handyman. Trevor gets dumped by his movie star boyfriend Anthony and decides to move to the quiet town of Copper Bluff, Montana to write his novels. His realtor Megan recommends Don Harper, although everybody calls him Harper, as the person to call for firewood, fencing, and any other questions that need answers. And to make sure to get everything he needs to have done before shaft season begins in the spring when all of the rain and snow brings out the sink holes from the abandoned mineshafts that the town is built on. Harper has lead a very sheltered life, after an incident in the seventh grade his dad pulled him out of school and kept him isolated and alone. He also verbally and physically abused him until he died in a snowmobile accident. So on the whole gay dating thing, he is pretty naïve, he knows what he is but not that there are other people out there like him until he realizes that Trevor is like him. I absolutely loved the part of the book where Harper starts reading Trevor's novels and becomes so engrossed in them to the point where nothing else matters. I felt the same way when I first started reading gay romance novels for the first time. Of course, Trevor's insecurities have to bring some drama to the book and Harper has to fix a mine shaft that opens in Trevor's backyard and rescue someone that is precious to him. But they manage to work out their differences and get their happily ever after. Thank you, Devyn Morgan, for another awesome book. I received this free book in

exchange for an honest review.

This was, without a doubt, my favourite novella by Devyn Morgan to date. My only issue? That it was a novella, because that meant letting go of these characters long before I was ready. Retreating from an ugly break-up to the backwoods of Montana, Trevor's notion of hiding out and working on his next novel to heal his broken heart was promptly sidelined with the introduction of Don Harper into his life. Raised in isolation, believing his sexuality was an aberration and he was the only one afflicted, my heart was shattered as Don explained the circumstances of his youth. As the world seemingly opens up in front of him, the joy he found in reading Trevor's books was infectious, and I could practically hear angels singing a Hallelujah chorus during their first intimate encounter. As charmed as I was by the chemistry between them and the friendly banter they exchange, when an ugly encounter with Trevor's ex undermines his confidence, not only about his relationship but about his self-worth, I was ready to sit Trevor down for a well-intentioned but very stern chat. I could practically hear the gears turning in Don's head as he tried to keep up with Trevor's thought process, and was more than thrilled when Megan said what I was thinking. This was such a fun book to read, I couldn't get enough of it. Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

I love Devyn's writing, but this was a really nice story of a man's broken heart and esteem and an innocent forgotten man from the back woods of Montana. Homophobia, neglect and violence formed Don's life as he grew up in a mining town. He was in his early thirties and still was a gay virgin and never even kissed a guy. Trevor is a romance writer who had a verbally abusive and cheating ex whom he needed to recover from. Both his heart and self esteem is broken. He picks a small mining town in Montana to move to, He wants to write a novel and viciously kill off the character who represents his ex. Don is the handy man of the town and Trevor is steered toward him by his real estate agent to get what he needs for his house. Both men need to learn important things about their lives. Don, about sex and being gay, and Trevor about small town living and true relationships. Sweet dogs and angst with a splash of danger in the end give this book a must read status. There is humor, but also brings the grief out in our hearts that people still treat other people the way they do if they are different than what we believe to be the norm. I was given this book free in order to give an honest review of it.

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