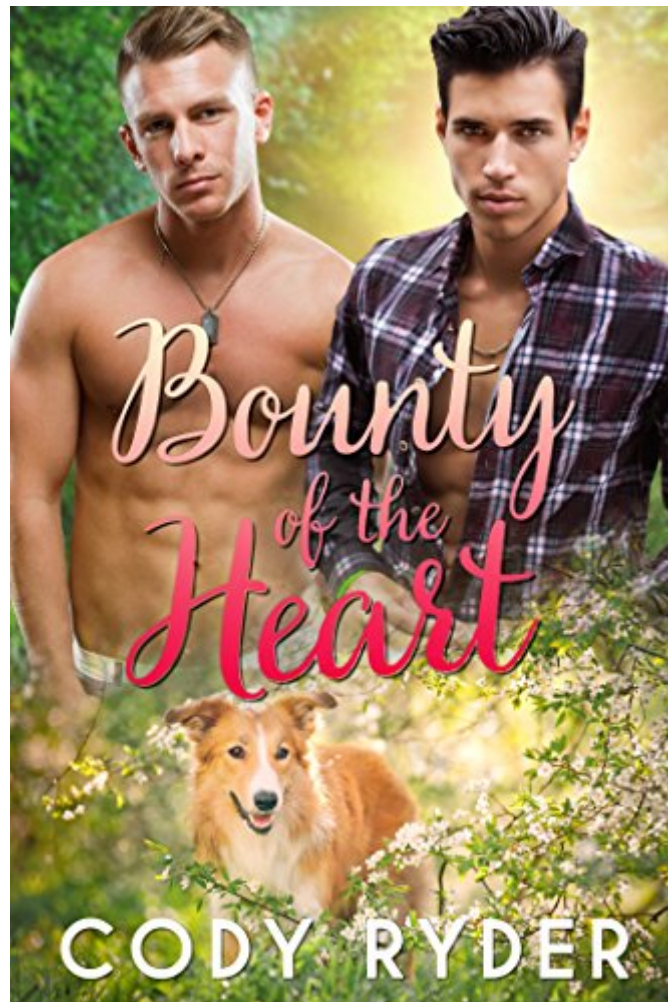


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# Bounty Of The Heart



## Synopsis

“Maybe my expectations for love were completely off?” At 30, Roy Winterfield could never have anticipated moving back in with his parents, but after being left by his fiancée and losing his job, options were limited. His heart and his trust wounded, Roy struggles to redefine his views on life and love, believing he’ll never love again. Everything changes when, at a local farmer’s market, a vendor selling fresh vegetables turns out to be someone from Roy’s youth—the only boy he’d ever loved. It was like every plant that grew was healing me, giving me life again. Dakota Heart has dealt with hardship his entire life. He lost his mother as a child, and after his father passed away, he decided to put all of his energy into one project: The Heart Lifespring Gardens, a permaculture food forest spanning the entire half-acre of his suburban backyard. He always viewed the gardens as his source of healing and love, but he never thought that his fruits and vegetables would bring him back face to face with his high school sweetheart—the one who got away. “This whole thing has just gotten me all turned around.” The two former lovers find passions quickly rekindling, but Roy needs healing, and Dakota doesn’t know if he can let himself fall in love with him again. It may be up to Rosie, Dakota’s clever border collie and sole emotional companion, to quietly keep the two men together. But can one dog, the healing power of nature, and the warm memories of a past love keep fragile hearts from pulling apart? Bounty of the Heart is a steamy contemporary M/M gay standalone story set in Southern California, and features a feel-good HEA ending with no cliffhangers!

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## Customer Reviews

This beautifully written story about Roy and Dakota, left my heart full with warm feelings. I love stories like this because it gives you hope that if one door has closed, another can be opened. The addition of Rosie as a primary character, shows that you know a lot about companion animals. I have my own and she has changed my life. This is a terrific book with a beautiful story. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK!!!!

I Can Hardly describe how good this story make me feel. It so sweet and beautiful. It makes u Think without losing it beautifull story, im greatfull that i read it. U cant help Fall in love with Dakota and Roy. If u only buy one book this mounth this sould be it. I Can truely recomend this book. As an ARC reader i resived this book for free in return for an hounest review. Hugs toni ^»

I really enjoyed this second chance romance, thereâ™s a sweetness to this couple that tangled up in my heartstrings. Trying to rebuild his life after it crumbled beneath him, Roy returns to his hometown and finds himself face to face with his first love, Dakota, who has thrown himself into Lifespring Gardens to restore his focus after the death of his father. There is such a natural flow to the way their relationship develops, the connection from their youth resurfaces but itâ™s the chemistry that binds them as adults that won me over. Thereâ™s something soothing about the time they spend in the food forest reacquainting themselves, even as Roy questions what he believes about true love and second guesses the draw between him and Dakota, I could almost feel it anchoring him. I also developed quite a soft spot for Dakotaâ™s sidekick Rosie, who seemed to have an uncanny knack for knowing when her humans needed her and adopted Roy as her own. Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

I received a free copy of this story in exchange for an honest review..... This was a very beautifully written and heartwarming story in which Roy has to reevaluate his whole life and future after being

dumped by his fiancée and losing his job. I especially liked this because it takes place in a town North of downtown San Diego which is my hometown also, although I lived South of downtown. :D Roy had developed a cynicism about love that I can definitely relate to, believing that love seems to fade in time or just doesn't last. Then he runs into Dakota, his first love. I think that it was fate that they ran into each other again because they were absolutely meant to be together. Rosie was also a very important part of this story with her being so sweet and smart, and such a loving dog. I loved the part where Roy is dreaming and Rosie is actually talking to him (if only they could). :) Dakota had been through so much that I saw him as a very strong character. This was moving as well as steamy, and it totally touched my heart.

Bounty of the Heart by Cody Ryder was an awesome book. I was hooked from the first page to the last. Bounty of the Heart was a great second chance at love book. I really enjoy reading this type of book and this one didn't disappoint. I loved the storyline and how it was set in Southern California which is where I live so I could relate to the areas in the book and the background into the climate here. I feel in love with Dakota and Roy and getting to see Roy struggle to put his life back together and decided if the goals that he had previously set for himself were still goals that he wanted to pursue. Dakota is so supportive and selfless in wanting what is best for Roy, and I loved that about him. Dakota's dog Rosie was also a wonderful addition to this book, and she was always trying to show love and affection and brighten both Dakota and Roy's days. Thank you, Cody Ryder, for such a great book. I received this free book in exchange for an honest review.

This is a wonderful, low angst, sweet story of two guys who move on after high school, and are reunited years later. Terrific. This is a lovely, gentle tale of love. Roy, 30, has a failed marriage, a downsizing job loss, and has moved back home. Roy is uncertain, confused, depressed, hurt, and adrift. Dakota, runs his home farm, Heart Lifespring Gardens, which saved him from heartache. He and his Dad started the project, and when he passed away, Dakota built the business to save his sanity. The roots are deep, but the tale is lighthearted, entertaining, and loving as the men rekindle their desires. We get a smooth flow, great sexy times, and wonderful characters. Even Dakota's dog, Rosie is a character here. She's truly a "service" dog in her own way. Great uplifting story. ENJOY !

When I started reading this book, I was like "okay, this is supposed to be a m/m book." But no, the first part of the book concentrated on the love of Roy's life, "Alicia." The change from m/f to m/m did not flow at all and frankly was totally unbelievable at this point. To spend the first 8 years of your

adult life with a woman, ask her to marry you, she says no, you cry about it over and over for several chapters, and then "bam" a guy from your high school years that all of the sudden you remember with fond memories becomes your sudden love forever. Just did not flow as a straight to gay romance. More like, I didn't get the woman I was in love with, so I guess I'll try it with a guy. Sorry, this book just hit me wrong.

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