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C.L. Etta: Love's Tethered Heart before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Love's Tethered Heart:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A different kind of story but good.By Eloreen MoonI saw this book posted by the author shortly after accepting her friend request. I read the blurb about the quadriplegic as the journalist and was intrigued. I bought the book since had it on sale and proceeded to devour it. I'm glad that I got to read this tremendous story packed with humor, humanity, God, alterations, and love. Yes, there was dark things but Mico and Danny grew in their love to overcome. Overall, a great story that everyone needs to read. I see great things in C.L.'s literary future. Thank you for a lovely time and I look forward to more from her. See my blog for an expanded review in the future.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. reviewed by redz world reviewsBy Tina (Redzworld)Love's Tethered Heart by C.L. Etta is a very emotional read. I liked the way this story unfolds, feels like a great flow, very natural. I also liked that this story is not like any other I have ever read. It is a powerful well done read. I loved how it tugged on my heart strings and made me fall in love too. Mico, he is a complex and well developed character. He has layers we see peel back as this story progresses. He goes from bitter, sad, angry to finally having peace and love in his life. With all he goes through he really keeps a good heart. He is a good soul who has had things happen to him no one should have happen to them. Danny he is assigned to get the story Mico has to tell. He is kind, sweet, and can see to the heart of the man inside of Mico. Danny is the kind of person who is a true loyal friend. You would want him in your life. Watching the characters in this book come full circle from darkness into light is just an amazing read. This book is really about learning to love yourself just the way you are. Very powerful read with tons of emotion. A must read for the truly romantic. Five Shooting Stars0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fresh and heart-warming.By Sinfully*Reviewed by Cheryl for Sinfully Gay Romance Book Review ~ 3.5 Stars*On the whole, the story was fresh and heart-warming. My sympathy was immediately aroused for Mico and stayed with him throughout. The book led in nicely but the interview fell a bit flat at the start. I felt talked at, and that feeling persisted throughout the book. There were quite a few pages of stiff language that felt a bit monotone, before Danny picked up the plot and started giving us details about Micorsquo;s tone, facial expressions etc. It would have been nicer if that had been scattered more through the story from the start. Strange use of tenses. The main part of the story is in third person past tense. Then there are flashbacks from all the characters which are written in first person present. I found it jarring and it wasnrsquo; talways correct. I can see why it was done, and from a creative point of view I think it was a good idea, I just donrsquo;t think it worked, although I did like the way different characters brought different perspectives to the same situation. My favourite thing about the book is the banter between the MCrsquo;s. Not just Danny and Mico but especially Randy and Adrian. Randyrsquo;s speech ishellip;unusual but I like it very

much, apart from his tendency to shorten everyonersquo;s name to a single letter. His history is shocking but I still empathise with him. Itrsquo;s quite an accomplishment to reveal a shocking truth about a character but keep the reader engaged with him. Adrian is a total sweetheart and his jokes about seeing are touching and funny all at the same time. His relationship with Randy is inspirational. There was a certain naivety to the writing, showing mainly in the dialogue. I had little problem with it, as I have always placed the story over the technicality. The storytelling is superb. The story is an important one and unrayels at a leisurely pace. Even when something utterly shocking happens, itrsquo; absorbed into the pleasant patchwork, that encompasses it and rolls on, like an old, beloved quilt whose holes and bare patches take nothing away from the overall beauty. I have to admit that there was a fair bit of purple prose and it got carried away with itself at times. There are many occasions when what the boys say really donrsquo; t mesh with the type of people they are. This was annoying sometimes but Irsquo;m a romantic at heart and let it sweep me on. I think others might have more of a problem with it, but itrsquo; s mainly at high energy moments which should set them in a context that most find acceptable. One thing that is very consistent and meshes well with their ages and characters is that Danny is so impulsive he buys a house to move in with Mico before he even asks him. That has interesting repercussions. I love the way the whole family rallies around and closes ranks when needed, and sometimes when not needed. Of them all, I think Adrian is my favourite. His quiet steadfastness is a calming influence on everyone and is a guide rail through the high emotions that often rise up. Hersquo; s sweet, sensitive and has had his own cross to bear which hersquo;s done with grace, and now hersquo;s a foil for everyone elsersquo;s angst. When Adrian gets upset everyone knows things are going to hell in a handbasket. This is a very emotional book with highs and lows; good and bad throughout. Itrsquo;s definitely a tear-jerker, but in an inspirational way. The ending gives the heartstrings a good, hard tug and makes them sing. Irsquo;d forgive almost anything for the ending, even though it was as preachy as Dannyrsquo;s dad. I canrsquo;t believe how restrained everyone is all the time. Therersquo;s no real ranting or angry outbursts. Even when people are yelling they seem to do it quietly. All in all, I definitely recommend this book to people who like sweet, but unusual, romances. The fact that Mico is quadriplegic raises complications and obstacles for the two of them to get over and it gives a lot of weight to the story. It would have been easy to skate over the difficulties or minimise the effects of his disability on both Mico and the other characters, but the gory details are all there but subtle enough to be absorbed into the story and almost as invisible as Micorsquo;s ventilator becomes to Danny.Because of the dodgy dialogue I have to give it 3.5* but the storytelling itself ndash; the story, the way it unfolds, the characterisation, depth, description, detail, weight etc ndash; merits a 4* - 4.5* If yoursquo; re not too picky with your structure and are in it only for the story this book will blow you away

Two years ago Mico and his partner suffered a savage gay bashing that left Mico a quadriplegicmdash; and ended his dreams of traveling the world as an archaeologist. Abandoned by the man he loved, he lives in isolation, tethered to his bed by the machines keeping him alive, with only his caretakers and immediate family as companions. Assigned to interview Mico and uncover the story behind his assault and his refusal to identify his attackers, journalist Danny is unprepared for his reaction to the fragile enigmatic man. Mico is afraid to let Danny into his life, and Danny is unsure how to change his mind. Mico is also keeping secrets, and he isnrsquo;t the only one. Danny is determined to protect Mico, and hersquo;s determined to show Mico that their feelings for each other can thrive amidst the mechanics of Micorsquo;s existence. If you enjoy romantic tales of heartbreak turned to hope, the life-affirming story of Danny and Mico will make you believe in the possibility of love for everyonemdash;no matter what obstacles they face.

About the AuthorWith a shriek heard from sea to shining sea when her first book was accepted for publication, C.L. stepped into the world of storytelling. Having raised a husband and family, C.L. now spends her free time reading and writing. After four decades working, C.L. is now nurturing her creative muse. A self-described romance novel junkie who considers tequila a food group, C.L. heard voices and put the tequila away. Still the voices continued, demanding their stories be told. So she and her computer became BFFs. She hasn't slowed down, knowing more pretty boys await her attention.

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