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Love Is At The Heart Of All We Want For Ourselves So Why Shouldn T Any Human Being Be Able To Say I Do To A Life Of Commitment And Sharing With That Special Person We Hope That Marriage Will Soon Be A Dream That Everyone Can Share That S Why Some Of The Leading Authors Of GLBT Fiction Have Donated Their Talent And Their Heart Warming, Thought Provoking, Life Affirming Stories To This Anthology, In Aid Of Lambda Legal Fund S Fight For Marriage Equality Ruth Sims Alex Beecroft Lee Rowan Gillian Palmer Brian Holliday Rob Rosen Sophia Deri Bowen Nigel Puerasch Rick R Reed Nexis Pas Michael Gouda Nathan Burgoine, Jamie Freeman, Bruin Fisher, DC Juris, James Buchanan, L J Baker, Charlie Cochrane, Neil S Plakcy, Julia Rios, JL Merrow, Lenore Black

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10 thoughts on “I Do, Two ”



Josephine Myles **Josephine Myles** says:

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When I ordered this anthology I had a sneaking suspicion

that it would be a set of stories about weddings a subject I've never found terribly interesting, gay or straight. Instead I was treated to a set of twenty two short stories about partnership and some of the issues around it, like dealing with step families and deciding how long to stick with a less than satisfactory relationship. There is a wonderful mix of the historic and the contemporary, of romances and comedies, of erotica and bittersweet tales to stir the emotions. The stories mostly deal with gay male partnerships, although there are three involving lesbian relationships and two with transgendered protagonists. The quality of the stories was so high that it's almost impossible to decide which ones to pick out in detail. I can honestly say that I think every reader would be able to find a handful that they really love, if not. Rather than attempt to review all twenty two, I will give my own, highly subjective account of the five that made a particularly strong impression on me.

Home Cooking by Brian Holiday. The setting and time period is deliberately vague, giving this romance a timeless quality. David, a drifter, is given first a meal, then a job and home by the good natured Scott, owner of a small town diner. Holiday concentrates on all those little details that really make the diner and the characters come alive, in plain yet eloquent prose. The account of their gently growing love, despite the tragic losses in their pasts, makes a deceptively simple yet touching story.

Two Men A Fugue by Sophia Deri Bowen. Told in dreamlike flashbacks from the perspective of the day before their wedding, the romance of Steve and Adam has an almost unbearable poignancy. Punky artist and part time drag queen Adam doesn't understand at first why he's been set up with solid, steady Steve, but they soon fall for each other. Steve being HIV positive isn't an issue for Adam, but it gives the reader a sense of looming tragedy. Despite this, it is one of the most life affirming stories in the whole anthology, and the couple's love is palpable in their affectionate banter.

Stripes by Nigel Puerasch. I fell for the self effacing

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narrator of this story right from the first paragraph Told in James Australian surfer dialect, the prose is captivating and every line seems perfectly in character This is another romance story, where James meets the delectable Mattie on the beach but nearly messes everything up because of his low self esteem The combination of na vety, gentle humour and urgent lust is a winning one, and I just love the payoff in the final two paragraphs Aim Higher by J L Mellow Of all the comic stories in the anthology, this one delighted me the most Told from the perspective of a young teenage girl, this story is narrated in first person present tense which gives it an immediacy and charm Simone is bothered by her invisible friend, who just happens to be the Greek god Eros, and is intent on finding her a boyfriend whether she wants one or not I don t want to give away any , but suffice to say, Eric Eros ends up very happy when he finally manages to bring a couple together Ganymede by Lenore Black A stunningly sensual tale of enthusiastic American winemaker Michael s pursuit of the chance to learn from Italian master vintner Carlo Every word paints a vivid picture of the charms of Italy and Michael s mysterious host the luscious language giving the whole story an erotic charge I can see why it was chosen as the final story in the anthology, as it leaves you with such beautiful images and a sense of wonderful possibilities for the two men.It seems so unfair to single any of the stories out, as there was so much to enjoy in all of them, from the delightfully characterful narrators of Alex Beecroft s Inner Truth and Bruin Fisher s Work Experience , to the bitter sweet beauty of Ruth Sim s The Legend of Mountain Ash , L J Baker s Mallory s Gift and Jamie Freeman s Ships That Pass There were exquisitely erotic moments in James Buchanan s Touche and D C Juris Even Guys Cry , and sophisticated comedy in Lee Rowan s Turnabout and Charlie Cochrane s The Uneven Chance I also loved the sweetness of the relationships shown in The Song Inside by Nexis Pas and

Nathan Burgoine's Cakewalk Indeed, the only two stories that didn't work so well for me were the vampire story, Morbidly Obese by Rick R Reed, and the comedy by Michael Gouda, Hitched My problem with the first is that I will always find it difficult to have sympathy for a cold blooded murderer, and with the second that it seemed like a sequel or a second chapter rather than a story in its own right They were both perfectly well written, though, and I'm sure other readers will enjoy them. In short, I can't recommend this anthology highly enough, and it's given me a tantalising taste of many authors I intend to read from.

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Kimberly Kimberly says:

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Turnabout by Lee Rowan It's Christmas morning and Lord Robert Scoville finally has a chance to relax and enjoy the day with his lover, Jack Darling But can a relationship between a nobleman and his servant ever truly be equal Journey into Victorian England with Lee Rowan's Turnabout Robert and Jack charmed me from the start and the love between them defies social status and convention What I loved about Turnabout is that neither Robert nor Jack blatantly ignored the rules of society, they simply did what they could to make their relationship work Turnabout is simply a lovely, warm story that's a delight to enjoy Under the Shadow of Your Wings by Gillian Palmer Bee and Eliza run an orphanage and do the best they can to live their lives as they wish When a new child with a connection to Bee shows up at the orphanage, it's a bittersweet moment that will only serve to make Bee and Eliza's home complete Under the Shadow of Your Wings has beauty in sadness and two strong, caring heroines that are unforgettable Bee has

lost so much of her family that when her nephew shows up at the orphanage, it was a lovely, yet heartbreaking moment I adored Bee and Eliza and admired the capable way they handled the obstacles facing two women being life partners and running an orphanage in Prohibition era Harlem Their life is not without its sacrifices, but Gillian Palmer shows the true mettle of both women in *Under the Shadow of Your Wings* Cakewalk by Nathan Burgoine Babysitting an almost teenager is difficult enough without adding the fact that it's your boyfriend's daughter and she doesn't seem to like you too much But Charles is up to the challenge and, with a little help from his co-workers, maybe he can make Neil's family his own as well Cakewalk is a wonderfully sweet story that I adore each time I read it I don't envy Charles having to deal with the awkwardness of watching Neil's daughter on his own, and I give the man credit for doing the best he can to win the girl over There's nothing not to love about Cakewalk It's got a bright energy about it, stemming from Charles and his obvious love for Neil and the way he goes about bridging the gap between himself and the rest of Neil's family Even the cake decorating scenes are something any Food Network fan will be delighted by I sure was Cakewalk was the first story I've read by Nathan Burgoine but it definitely won't be the last Even *Guys Cry* by D.C. Juris Derek knows better than anyone how wrong a first date can go when the guy he's with finds out that Derek is anatomically female Oscar is different, however He doesn't seem fazed by the fact that Derek was born wrong and he seems to accept Derek for who he is Is Oscar too good to be true I always say I'm a fan of GLBT romances, using the acronym as a general term, but before *Even Guys Cry*, I'd never read a story with a transgender hero Derek was a wonderful hero and D.C. Juris beautifully expresses Derek's certainty that he is a gay man, no matter what his anatomy is Oscar is delightful and it was wonderful watching him prove to Derek that he is the real deal *Even Guys Cry* is both

erotic and heartwarming, a winning combination in my book *Mallory's Gift* by L J Baker. It's been three years since Gerry's partner, Mallory, passed away. Gerry's friends keep trying to set her up with women, but Gerry's not ready to let go of Mallory. Then one day, Gerry finds a lost child and the girl's frantic mother bursts into Gerry's life. Claire's beautiful, but can Gerry see past Mallory's ghost long enough to take a chance on finding happiness once *Mallory's Gift* is a gorgeous story that will break your heart before it puts it back together. Gerry's loss comes through clearly in *Mallory's Gift* and L J Baker made me ache to see her find happiness with Claire. It isn't easy for Gerry. She fears loving and losing again and she also seems to be afraid that Claire will want her to push aside her love for Mallory. She underestimates herself and Claire and the beauty of Gerry's journey will make you remember *Mallory's Gift* long after you finish reading it.

I Do Two is an incredible anthology filled with the voices of numerous talented authors. I highlighted some of my favorites, but there are many wonderful stories to be found in *I Do Two*. From Ruth Sims's haunting fantasy, *The Legend of the Mountain Ash*, to Alex Beecroft's phenomenal historical, *Inner Truth*, to Rick R Reed's sly paranormal, *Morbidly Obese*, and , there's something for everyone in *I Do Two*. Despite its title, not all of the stories in *I Do Two* involve marriage. The greatness of the anthology is that its common theme is love and commitment. What could be better than that?

Note Another thing to love about *I Do Two* is that all profits from the sales of *I Do Two* are donated to the Lambda Legal Defense to fight Proposition 8. *Reviewed for Joyfully Reviewed*

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Kassa Kassa says:

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I Do Two is the sequel to the successful and popular anthology to benefit the Lambda Legal Defense New and repeat authors have joined forces to offer a packed collection of stories celebrating all facets of LGBT Included are 22 stories of love, sex, and marriage from historical to contemporary with humor, whimsy, sadness and hope Above all this anthology is a celebration of love and passion between LGBT people There is sure to be something for everyone and with the great benefit to buying the collection, there is no reason not to get this You ll be delighted and entertained with the wide selection of stories while feeling good about buying this a win all around. These stories are short, mere glimpses for the most part of men with men, women with women and even a few transgender stories to really show a full spectrum of people, personalities, and relationships The writing is almost universally solid with evocative settings and engaging characters The stories range time frames and geographical boundaries from North American to Europe and even Australia The variety and breadth offer sharply makes the point that this an entire group of people from all walks of life with different values, hopes, dreams, and goals that all deserve the same options as anyone else This celebration of life and all it s high and low points is demonstrated incredibly well with these stories. The progression of stories is very nice and smooth starting with several historical themed tales, showing commitment and love even without the ability to legally marry The long time companionship of men or women is strong and necessary as much as if they were actually married The stand out of the historical group is Ruth Sims The Legend of Mountain Ash showing a deep love between two men that stretches the imagination and

gives rise to legends The lyrical prose gives rise to a story telling narrative, showing the lifetime of two men through happiness, hardship, and loss and a happy ending with a unique twist. From there, the stories turn contemporary with numerous stand outs that shine and delight There is Sophia Deri Bowen s wonderfully entertaining and romantic tale Two Men A Fugue about opposites attracting The men are creative not only in their lives and appearance but in their passion and dedication Similarly The Song Inside by Nexis Pas offers a glimpse into two blue collar workers in England as they reminisce on their years together and their home Neither man is classically handsome, instead larger and unassuming which lends an air of authenticity and honesty to the touching story. Slightly whimsical and humorous are the engaging and entertaining stories of Charlie Cochrane s The Uneven Chance about a man that takes fate into his own hands with a slight bit of trickery However when the man of your dreams is at stake, all bets are suspect Just as JL Mellow s Aim Higher offers several laugh out loud moments about a teenager that has an unusual problem The dry wit and candor evoke a teenager almost perfectly and the resolution is clever and fun These stories, among others, allow the reader to peer into the world of everyday men and women as they live, love, date, and fall in love. Among the 22 stories, there are few that stood above the rest but there are almost none that fail to offer a touching and evocative story The one discordant note is Rick Reed s Morbidly Obese which is interesting but the lone urban fantasy story The concept of two overweight vampires that can t stop eating is sly and worthy of an interesting telling but is misplaced within this collection The story hits a jarring note and doesn t fit in with a collection that focuses mostly on romance and relationships of LGBT men and women Similarly Touche by James Buchanan focuses on explicit erotica and less in keeping with the majority of stories Neither of these

stories is bad per se, but don't seem to fit well with the theme of relationships and romance. Some of the stories chosen have explicit sex and some do not, but almost all show the lives of men and women in good times and bad with a thread of hope for a positive future and these two particular stories just didn't seem to fit well. Nonetheless, this collection is a must-read for LGBT fans. The stories highlight the importance of equal rights by giving a look into the lives of such people. They live, love, laugh, cry, grieve, divorce, make mistakes and commitments like any other person and thus can only be granted the same options as anyone else. With the variety of stories offered, there is guaranteed to be something to appeal to all readers, so be sure to buy this now. You can discover your own favorites among the group.

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Karen Karen says:

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Even Guys Cry by D.C. Juris. This short story stands out in the I Do, Two anthology. It is a touching and tender love story of self-acceptance. D.C. Juris has written it with a sublime balance of vulnerability, strength, sex humor. I found myself laughing and then crying within the same paragraphs. It unveiled the mysteries of a transgender male as the character was laid bare and revealed in a loving, moving story. I look forward to reading by D.C. Juris.

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Lee Rowan Lee Rowan says:

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The second in the wonderful equality project created by Alex Beecroft Less explicit but with a wonderful mix of GLB and the oft neglected T characters, by writers of all persuasions and many nationalities Real diversity in the service of equality, all profits go to Lambda Legal to carry on the fight for equal marriage rights.

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Nathan Burgoine Nathan Burgoine says:

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Full disclosure, I m in this book but let me further preface a little to chat a bit about the purpose of I DO TWO Right on the bright cover, it subtiles itself with An anthology in support of marriage equality I m going to say it once again, before I begin I am truly blessed to live in a country where my husband and I are just that husbands In every legal definition thereof.I loved this collection I m stunned at the company I m keeping , and have to point out my favorites of the anthology The Song Inside, by Nexis PasThis story is touching on many levels The main characters are very much a pair of everyman types, with a subtlety in their conversation and description that makes them quite lovable The story a piece about these two gentle souls looking for a new place to live together is woven with such a style that you it leaves you positively warmed Definitely one of my favorites of the anthology Even Guys Cry by D.C JurisAnother favorite in the anthology, D.C Juris tackles a story rarely told a transgendered romance This story is romantic, erotic, and thought provoking all at the same time, and it brought to mind my transgendered friends and their struggles in a sort of everyman way, which speaks to how well the story is written Tenderness breathes throughout the tale Work Experience by Bruin FisherThis story was excellent Told

from a young man's point of view, we hear the voice of a gay youth working with his father to help renovate a kitchen, and watch as his awareness of being different and his knowledge of his father's intolerance clash. When the pair work on a gay couple's kitchen, the young man finally has a view of a regular gay couple, something he'd never seen prior, and the realization is nothing short of wonderful. Hat's off to Bruin, as this was definitely one of my favorite stories in the anthology *Mallory's Gift* by L. J. Baker. Another favorite, this exceptionally moving story is about Gerry, who has a lonely Christmas ahead of her, friends inclined to meddle in her non-existent dating life, and a loss that is holding her a step removed from life. Gerry lived and breathed in the story, with a verisimilitude that was evocative and absolutely real. Beautifully done, and incredibly touching.

Elephants in Her Tea by Julia Rios. Having grown up with wild stories about her Great Aunt Hortensia, including the title-inspiring tale of how Hortensia took elephants in her tea, Fiona has always assumed her father made up the character as a kind of bedtime story. After his passing, no mention of Hortensia was ever made, but at the start of this tale, the death notice for Great Aunt Hortensia is slid under Fiona's door, and she learns that perhaps there's something to her family and of it wonderful than she's ever known. This short piece was delightful, and made me smile ear to ear.

Aim Higher by J.L. Merrow. I loved this story, which is the rarest of things: a funny, nay, hilarious tale with a romantic slice cut through it. Poor Simone has a guest, in the form of Eros, yeah, Cupid, who will not leave her alone, and is convincing the rest of the world that she's nuts because he's so annoying she can't stop yelling at him. He's determined to find her a true love, and she's determined to get rid of him. Eros is cute and all, but he's not the brightest, and he really needs to leave her be. I had to put the book down while I read this story, because I was laughing so hard at a few choice passages. Definite favorite.

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Ruth Sims Ruth Sims says:

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It's always a puzzle how to review a book in which you have a story. Naturally, any author worth his/her salt is going to think her story is the best. We're just made that way. Mine is a historical that combines realism and fantasy. The Legend of the Mountain Ash. The length, subject, style, and heat level in the collection, vary wildly from story to story, as you would expect with this many authors. Some stories are going to appeal to one person and some stories appeal to someone else. There are a few, though not as many as you might think, that are sexually explicit. There is both fantasy and reality, intricate and simple. There is humor, and there is heartbreak. Not only are the stories varied and entertaining, all proceeds go to Lambda Legal to help in the never-ending USA battle to secure equal marriage rights for LGBT citizens. Did you ever squeeze a partially filled balloon? The bulge of air moves around from here to there depending on where you squeeze it. The marriage fight has been like that. Never settled. And regardless of how you feel about the issue, you'll find something in the book to enjoy.

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Marlobo Marlobo says:

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I skipped stories from authors that rate all their books. It's not the case with those that only rate anthologies. I still don't like it, but I can understand it like a recognition to their co-authors. The Legend of Mountain Ash by Ruth Sims 3

stars Inner Truth by Alex Beecroft 2 stars Turnabout by Lee Rowan 2,5 stars Under the Shadow of Your Wings by Gillian Palmer 2 stars Home Cooking by Brian Holiday 4 stars Mister Right by Rob Rosen Skipped Two Men A Fugue by Sophia Deri Bowen 5 stars Stripes by Nigel Puerasch 4 stars Morbidly Obese by Rick R Reed 2 stars The Song Inside by Nexis Pas 3,5 stars Hitched by Michael Gouda 1,5 stars Cakewalk by Nathan Burgoine 4 stars Ships That Pass by Jamie Freeman 2 stars Work Experience by Bruin Fisher 3 stars Even Guys Cry by D.C Juris 2 stars Touche by James Buchanan 2 stars Mallory s Gift by L J Baker 3 stars The Uneven Chance by Charlie Cochrane 3 stars Honolulu Hula by Neil S Plakcy Skipped Elephants in Her Tea by Julia Rios 1,5 stars Aim Higher by J.L Merrow 3 stars Ganymede by Lenore Black 2,5 stars

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Jordan Lombard **Jordan Lombard** says:

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I loved this anthology Each story was unique and well written There was also a good mix of FF, trans, teens stories POVs, LGBTQ families with children, funny, serious, sad, romantic, oddball, and insanely happy stories At least two were follow ups to novels I d previously read, which was nice Over all, a fantastic read and even better than the first anthology by the same name, which I recall having mixed feelings about.

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SA SA says:

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Some real gems while the anthology is not a style of reading I particularly enjoy, both Alex Beecroft s lovely slice of life and Neil Plakcy s dip into his protoganist s partner s point of view made this whole book a very pleasant read.

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