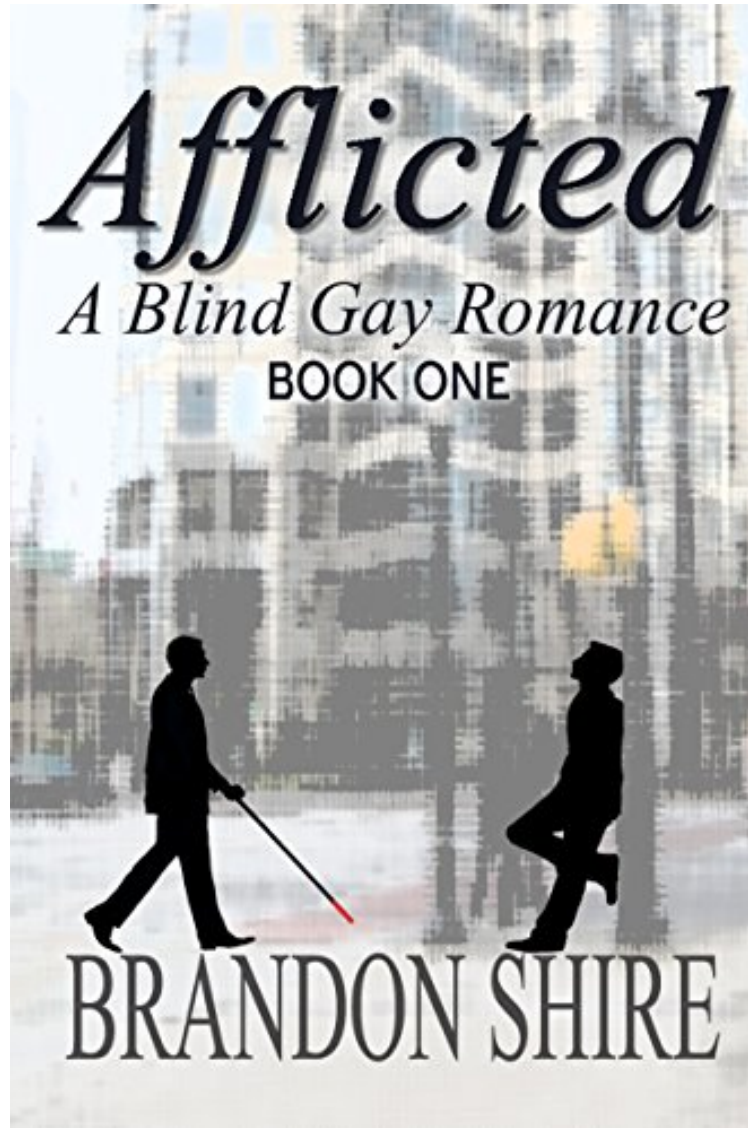


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Von Brandon Shire : Afflicted: A Blind Gay Romance (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Afflicted: A Blind Gay Romance (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Seeing, hearing and smelling these two guys together is a thing of pure beauty!Von MsBaba4Wow...what a fantastic book! Brandon sure knows how to write an enthralling and intense story. When you are reading Afflicted you can close your eyes and the words will be raining down on you, embracing you and you will be having a highly intimate and very

animated visual. Afflicted was a whole new sensory experience for me. Every single touch, every kiss and every smell have a deeper meaning. It will wash over you so smoothly and you will crave for more. It's intense. It's sensual. It's edgy. Dillon (Frank), a high-priced male escort, stumbled over Hunter on the street. They have great sex but it's not over yet. Dillon is coming back to Hunter's apartment over and over. This is not about a simple transaction, it's more personal. He can't get Hunter out of his head anymore. Hunter who is blind exudes confidence, lust and genuine affability. It's beyond Dillon why he can't stop thinking about him and he really does struggle to take the plunge into unknown waters. Because that's what it was: falling in love is uncharted territory for Dillon. For the first time in a very long time Dillon understood how deeply his father's rejection had affected his life. He is keeping people at a distance and he has issues getting emotionally involved with Hunter. "Hunter had found the deep melancholy Frank had spoken of in his description on their way back to his apartment. It was in Frank's hands. All of it, right there in the slender wrinkles of his hands. The desperate resilience; the annoyed flamboyance; his personable passivity and his phobic aggressiveness; all trapped in the clever wrinkles of his fingers, the hard, unsociable cast of his knuckles, the safe hopelessness of the pads." Hunter's business was audio books--the small press, cult following kind of audio books. In the business he was known as 'The Ear' for his ability to match voice, character setting, and auditory scene. Hunter has a very acute sense of smell as well. From time to time he can be an over-sensitive yet insensitive d***, and sometimes he could react pretty aggressively too. Everyone had treated him gently his entire life, like he was a fragile butterfly. He didn't want that anymore--that attitude enraged him. Hunter wanted Dillon to f*** him like a man--he just wanted to be taken. "Smell the loam," Lydia had said, grasping a handful under his nose. "That's the smell of death." But Hunter found life in that aroma; he found regurgitation and the stubborn ache of an eternal spiral that left panic on those near its end. He smelled flowers bending in slow ruin, seeds hard and bold with new life, a river moving lazy through shallow greens. There was affection in that dirt; a touch of flesh meeting the crumbled hand of God. It was all the opposite of what his mother felt about everything. Seeing, hearing and smelling these two guys together is a thing of pure beauty. The wonderful and at times incredibly lyrical prose meshes beautifully with the raw, lush, intense and edgy sex. I have to say that every sex scene was driven by lust. "This was to be man sex." These scenes are exceptionally well-written and highly erotic. Further, I absolutely loved to see how their relationship evolved from pure need for sex to affection and even tenderness. No worries though, the hot sex is still there, 'cause one thing does not rule out the other. When I was 76 % done I could read one of the most touching and best annotation what love is all about resp. what love should mean to each and every one of us. It was another spellbinding and philosophical moment of utter beauty. What did love look like? Yes, you can see what love looks like. There are outward visual signs of affection; that glow in someone's eyes, a specific look. But first and foremost you can feel love and by doing that you don't need your eyesight. Feel it, touch it and listen to your heart. Oh my, what's not to love about this book? Afflicted is a beautifully crafted work of love. Need, passion, hot and erotic sex, subtle banter, thoughtful dialogue and a truly fabulous and riveting narrative left me breathless and craving for more! Read this book, I'm pretty sure you wouldn't regret it. I also recommend Afflicted to those readers who would like to give the M/M genre a try. Enjoy! Last but not least I'd like to mention that I love the cover. This slightly blurred vision of a gorgeous man is beautiful, and I think it reflects the story nicely. "The very first time they were together, Dillon's hold was uncertain, a tentative embrace that held no absolutes, no dreams, but just now it was different; it was a grip that sat right on the edge of possession, a possession Hunter would willingly give, if asked." I strongly advise you to read the author's note.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Brilliant writing, brilliant story, fascinating characters Von Silvia This book was recommended to me by a friend and I was lucky enough to snatch it up for free (damn I LOVE that does that!). Im twice grateful for the recommendation and for the freebie :-)) Its a fantastic read, and I wont dwell on the story itself for thats been done numerous times by other reviewers. I loved the writing and I loved the characterizations. I enjoy reading m/m stories written by men because their tone is different, and they focus on other things (assuming that Brandon Shire actually is a man we all know there are female writers out there who take a male pen name for whatever reason, but lets assume this really is a guy). That is not to say that I like m/m novels or romances written by female authors any less its just that men tell stories differently, and you might see things in a different light afterwards. I like that. One such thing is Hunters fascination with smells, be it body odours or others. Im fairly certain most female readers cringed along with me at some of the very vivid descriptions for although Ive grown up around men and still find myself in male company more often than not (not of the romantic kind) and although I know theyre less squeamish about smells than women its something else entirely to read it in such detail well. Luckily were not talking about neglecting basic personal hygiene here. Theres nothing remotely fascinating about that and men dont like that either. But while I was reading I kept thinking that maybe us womenfolk fuss a little too much? Anyway, the fact that Hunter is blind gives the story an interesting twist, a new angle and a whole new approach without being anywhere near a tearjerker. Hes blind. He deals with it. He has his ups and downs like all of us. He doesnt want pity, and he doesnt need pity. Hes a regular bloke who happens to be blind. Yes, this makes certain things more complicated and difficult, too, but it doesnt stop him from being interesting, arrogant, snotty, lovable, vulnerable, strong in short: a human being. And while Dillon is an escort and theres some personal drama and hurt in his past, it hasnt stopped him from growing up to be a responsible, attractive, strong, vulnerable you get my point. Each man has a burden to carry

and although they've certainly been shaped by it, they're not solely defined by it. This is not an overly dramatic, angst-ridden novel (thank goodness). Rather, it's the story of two complex characters meeting each other and finding a way with each other. It's bumpy and lovely, it's challenging and hilarious, you oooh and awww over them and you want to smack their heads together. There's nicely fleshed out side characters to make the story come to life, and the banter is just great. Hunter's mom, the cougar. The gruff waitress (Louise? Sorry but I can't recall her name right now, shame on me) cooing over Dillon. Such a joy to read! There's only two things that made me frown. But only a little. Not a lot. A distinct voice in gay fiction isn't that Josh Lanyon's catch phrase? Is Brandon Shire just another pen name for the same person? Secondly, with all the vivid and graphic descriptions, I don't think Hunter's eyes were mentioned once. Wouldn't the eyes of a blind man be something of interest for a sightling? I can't say I've come across very many blind people but I have noticed they all have very different eyes. Sometimes it's only the faraway stare that gives them away, sometimes their pupils are tiny which looks a bit scary, sometimes their eyes are closed, etc. So I'm surprised it's not mentioned here at all. Maybe in the second book which I will download next, and I can't wait to read how their story progresses. I'm giving five stars for fantastic writing and an unusual love story with unusual ingredients.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good in a different way Von Sunne This is not the "mainstream" m/m romance, this is gay contemporary. And this review is for both, Afflicted I and Afflicted II because in my opinion both books together are the story, the first one just ends at a convenient place, that's all. You notice that immediately while reading - it has the touch of a guy. The writing is very well done, the way the author describes Hunter's surroundings by using the smell fascinates immediately. He doesn't shy away from unpleasant odors either. Actually...it reminded me of a discussion I had read a while ago that female authors do interpret the male sense of smell wrong. This time we read about body odors...at least in the beginning of the book. I found it a bit disappointing that these descriptions got less during the story. On the other hand, the story progressed and distracted me from that. The relationship is good, it's hot and sexy. There are a few things I wasn't very comfortable with, e.g. the no-show of condoms (but I loved how Margie ripped Hunter a second one about unsafe sex) and the very infrequent mentioning of lube. Seriously, some of their sex must have hurt like hell....but hey, a guy must know ;) The characters feel real, with all their little faults. Man, I loved how Hunter realized himself what a hypocrite he is when he tells Margie that she is a good person and being fat doesn't mean that she isn't worth love and remembers how he had said to Dillon he wouldn't do a fattie. Yes, they are not perfect and inconsequent like actual people. That makes the books good in a different way.

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ber den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende A distinct voice in gay fiction, BRANDON SHIRE is being labeled by readers and reviewers as a Master Storyteller'. His first novel, THE VALUE OF RAIN was chosen by Indie book bloggers as a Top Read of 2011 and a Best in LGBTQ Fiction for 2011. His second novel, LISTENING TO DUST was rated by Out in Jersey as a timeless masterly crafted literary work that leaves readers speechless. It was also chosen as Best of LGBTQ Fiction for 2012 by Indie s. 10% of the proceeds from the sale of any of Brandon's book are donated to LGBT Youth charities.