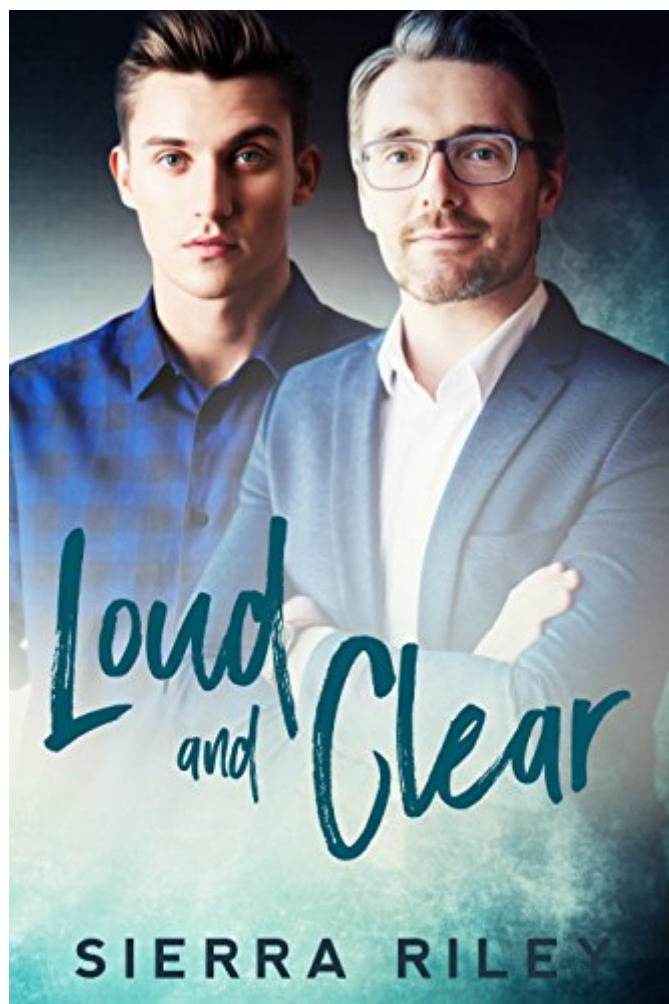


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# Loud And Clear



## Synopsis

"With just a few words, you can change someone's life for the better." "I became a teacher to help people, not to deal with office politics." Professor Daniel Talbot learned the hard way that the cost of taking risks—both personal and professional—is just too high. But when his best friend's wedding makes him realize just how lonely he is, he gives in to one night of reckless passion with a younger man. "Don't waste your time on me, Professor. I'm the resident screw-up." As a recovering addict, Matt Graves is no stranger to bad choices—he just never thought a harmless one-night-stand would end up being one of them. But sometimes one taste is all it takes to become hooked. "You make me feel like I can be something better. Like I can do something better." When Matt realizes the public speaking class he's taking is Daniel's, both men are forced to confront their lingering attraction. Daniel can't nurture any kind of relationship with Matt, but he also can't resist teaching a student who desperately needs to be heard. Learning to love, on the other hand, could destroy them both. Can Daniel and Matt overcome their pasts to create a future neither one is sure he believes in? Loud and Clear is a steamy, standalone gay romance novel with a HEA and no cliffhangers.

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## Customer Reviews

When the one-night stand Daniel cannot seem to forget shows up in his public speaking class it is obvious the chemistry is still off the charts and mutual. Daniel makes it clear they cannot be anything other than teacher student, which really hurts Matt even though he understands it. Daniel already went through losing his job and partner when his last college found out he was gay and he is terrified of losing everything again. This is my new favorite by Sierra Riley, it touches on some very important topics about mental health and how our emotions, especially fear cause us to sabotage ourselves. In Daniel and Matt's case it almost cost the love of a lifetime. I truly enjoyed (OK and cried) following Matt and Daniel struggle with their feeling for each other vs Daniel's fears and Matt's issues with low self-worth and addiction. Excellent story, outstanding characters!

The book blurb is pretty explanatory.....\*\*\*\*\*I have become a big fan of Sierra's. I liked all of them except for three and this is one of them. The story-line of the professor and the student comes with a twist. We have Daniel, the professor and Matt, the student, met a bar and had a one night stand and that was to have been it. However, chemistry between them told otherwise. Both MC's have major issues in their past and both trying to overcome. It was a good read; angst and I think Sierra did a good job with it. I love the way Sierra writes, her word usage and sentence structures makes it very easy to read. However, I struggled with this one. My beef turns out I could not get past the mistakes I found in reading the book. It took away the enjoyment of reading and getting involved in the world Sierra created. Errors that I believe should have been caught. The name change, the age of the MC's and other minor details derailed the story for me. It seemed to me I was being told the action rather than experiencing it. Reading the other reviewers, I appear to be the only one bothered by this pesky details of not being consistent with the main details: such as the MC's name and age. This is an engaging read and would recommend it to anyone. It did not work for me though.\*\*\*\*\*ARC given for an honest review.

I've loved almost every Sierra Riley book that I've read, and this was one of the best. Having lived with depression for all of my adult life, and attempted ending it twice, this book hit very close to home; but rather than trigger the darkness like most of the books that have these themes do, this one felt hopeful and empowering. Thank you, Ms Riley, for sharing these wonderful stories with us!

The main characters were very complex and the storey line kept me intrigued and wondering where it was heading. There were so many times I thought that the HEA was never going to happen but even the way it did eventuate left me very satisfied and never thinking it was an easy fix. A beautiful storey with an ending better than I ever could have imagined.

\* \* \* 1/2 Loud and Clear was a wonderful surprise that I happened upon just a couple weeks ago. The age-gap and teacher/student relationship were the things that drew me into reading this story and I wasn't disappointed. These are two tropes that I love but also demand be portrayed in a way that addresses the undeniable complications. Complications that Sierra Riley navigated expertly. From the very beginning, you can feel the chemistry between Daniel and Matt. Their meet-up in the beginning of the book sets the reader up for the intensity of their attraction when they meet again in the classroom. There is the expected dilemma of abuse of power both with the age difference (17 years) and the student/teacher relationship. But the fact that they are adults also adds a surprising level of complication to the question of "should we or shouldn't we?" Another obstacle that interferes with their attraction and relationship are the chronic mental health struggles that they both suffer from daily. Daniel suffers from depression. Although he has found ways to manage it does not mean that it doesn't sometimes kick his ass. Then there is Matt's struggle with addiction. I've mentioned before in my reviews that reading about addiction can be upsetting for me so I often avoid it. But I found Matt's recovery to be portrayed so realistically and with so much empathy that I wanted to hug both Matt and the author, Sierra Riley. Regardless of their struggles and positions, Matt and Daniel are adults. And they are adults that work hard to do the right thing and face the consequences head on. And it's this quality that makes both of them such likeable heroes and what makes you cheer them on from beginning to end. Loud and Clear will draw you in with romance and its beautiful portrayal of imperfect but happy human relationships. Read this one. You definitely won't be disappointed. Nat

Wow, what an incredible book. It grabbed me from the first page and held me throughout. The leading men are powerfully written and so flawed that I instantly bonded with them. Everything just worked in this book from the dialog to the plot to the sex. It's a gripping tale of two sad and lonely souls and I just adored it. I'm going to write this review and then go find more books from Ms. Riley!

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