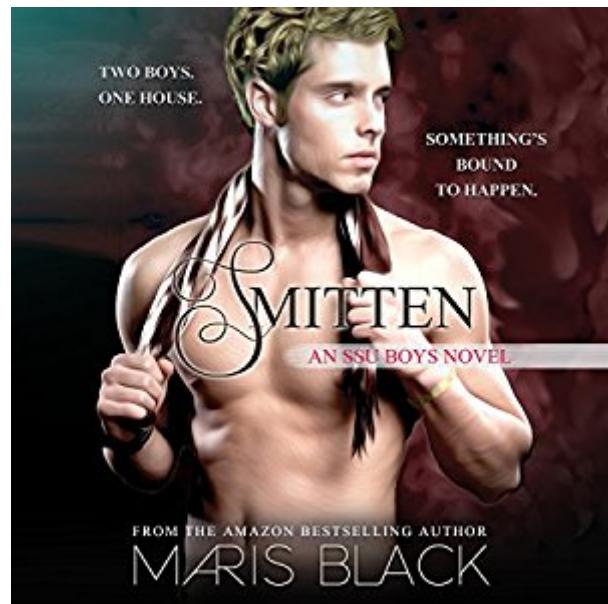


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# Smitten



## **Synopsis**

Dan Fisher is a fun-loving slacker from SSU with a passion for partying and dancing. When rich girl Avery Wakefield offers him a brand-new designer wardrobe in exchange for posing as her boyfriend, he reluctantly agrees. He hates lying, but it's hard to turn down nice clothes and a chance to live in a historic mansion in Savannah for two weeks. What he doesn't count on is falling hard for her mysterious, straight brother. Julian Wakefield is as tortured as he is handsome. He keeps a secret close to his heart and everyone else at a distance. But now his sister's new boyfriend is stirring up feelings he's always been able to deny. Like an angel and the devil all rolled into one, he tempts him to take chances he never would have taken before. Too bad Dan belongs to his sister, whom he would never dream of betraying. But...put two hot boys with an irresistible attraction in the same house for long enough, something is bound to happen.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I love the fact that Maris Black's books are always exactly the right length! Too many times in this genre, writers churn out a bunch of books in the sub 150 page range, that only half introduce you to the characters before they are wrapping up the story. Not so with Ms. Black's books. In Smitten, we return to the campus of Southeastern State University (SSU), this time to hear the story of Dan. We were introduced to Dan Fisher as a Harley Davidson riding supporting character in Ms. Black's previous book Pinned. Now he is back as the main character, unfortunately without his motorcycle, which it turned out belonged to his Dad. Dan is approached after class one day by one of his classmates, a rich girl from Savannah

who begs him to come home with her over the Christmas break to pose as her boyfriend for her Coming Out Cotillion. It seems her boyfriend just broke up with her, and the gossip rags will tear her apart if she shows up without a boyfriend. She knows that Dan is gay, and that he doesn't have a lot of cash, so she plays the "designer clothes shopping spree" card and he reluctantly agrees. As soon as they arrive in Savannah he is introduced to her obnoxious, but super-hot straight brother, Julian. Julian goes out of his way to be obnoxious and talk down to Dan. But is there another reason? Julian is hiding a secret, even from himself. A lot can happen in a couple weeks. And boy does it ever in this book! There is so much I would love to add, but I don't want to give to many spoilers! Honestly the only thing I didn't like about the book, as an avid motorcycle guy myself, was Dan not having a motorcycle! Come on Ms. Black, what's up with that? (Mock Frown) You could probably make it up to me though in a future book if Dan and Julian show up on matching motorcycles! maybe on matching black Ducati Diavels? Just saying. Back to seriousness. I highly recommend you pick up this book today, I loved it. While Smitten could be read as a standalone, I would highly recommend reading Pinned first so you have the background on the characters. I personally am eagerly looking forward to diving into the third book in the SSU Boys series, Undeclared! RATING: 4.5 Stars (Originally reviewed for Love Bytes Same Sex Romance Reviews)

What an amazing ride! I couldn't stop reading. Smitten is the second book in the SSU Boys series, but can totally be enjoyed and understood as a standalone. I loved Pinned and if possible this story is even better. We meet Dan in the first book and here he gets his own love story with a partner who is challenging enough to match his extraordinary character. I was smitten by him right away in Pinned and was very excited to read more about him. My heart is completely exhausted from being taken on an emotional roller coaster ride. This book has everything that guarantees a great reading experience. It has flawless writing, a gripping plotline, a well-built structure, intriguing characters, lots of surprises, unexpected events and enough angst to keep you on the edge of your seat till the last page. The chemistry between Dan and Julien is sizzling hot. Their emotions are palpable, their inner struggles and conflicts very real and heartbreakingly honest. There are some gut-wrenching episodes, some totally sweet ones, but mostly it's an entertaining ride where we get to see how Dan and Julien work their way through the obstacles to finally reach some well-deserved happiness. What I really like about this story, besides enjoying the building romantic relationship, is how it focuses on some very important

issues. Like what damage denial, lying, and dishonesty can cause, or how crucial acceptance is, especially in a family, and how the lack of it always leads to unimaginable pain and suffering, and in some cases to unchangeable, devastating events. I really enjoyed the final part of the story when everyone is together from Pinned and Smitten, and we can see glimpses of the future. I can't wait to read the next book! Highly recommended!

Dan's beauty and charm captivates Julian in a surprising way. Why can't Julian think of anyone else other than Dan. He is a straight man and he can't seem to get his sister's boyfriend out of his head. I enjoyed how these two hot guys try to figure out why they are so attracted to each other and how they find a way to be together. I hope the SSU series continues. Maris seems to know exactly what I like :).

Dan is openly gay and has no problem showing it. Avery makes an offer to buy him new clothes if he will pretend to be her boyfriend and come home with her. Dan agrees but soon runs into a problem when he meets her brother Julian. Julian is handsome and smart but keeps part of himself hidden. No one knows that he is gay. The attraction between Dan and Julian only heats up from there and doesn't go unnoticed. When they finally give in to their feelings, they make magic together but they have a lot to overcome. The biggest of all is Julian's dad. Throw in a drunken night, a public lap dance, working a strip club, and a lovely chastity bracelet and you have an excellent story. I highly recommend this book but would suggest reading Pinned first. I think Beck and Jeremy still have Dan and Julian beat by a hair but I love both these couples.

This is my second book by Maris Black and a have to say I'm definitely a fan now. I loved Julian and Dan's story. I can't wait to read Beck and Jeremy's story!

What a great story. This is one of those stories that you can't help but fall into before you even know it. Dan, with all his honesty is clever and way too cute. He is the type of character that keeps you rooting for him. Julian is his complete opposite and it works. The story is very well developed and the characters fall into place perfectly. The location of Georgia was the finishing touch.

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