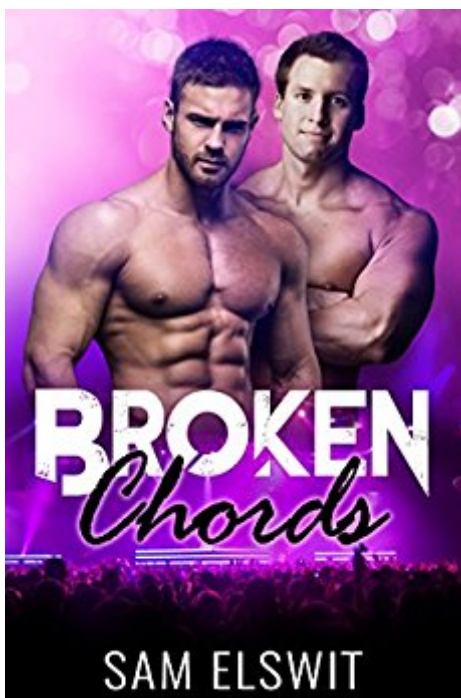


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# Broken Chords (A Taste Of Love Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

He was the vocalist I dreamt about. One second, my band was falling apart, the next, we were being begged for an encore. All thanks to him... BEN TAYLOR Betrayal hit me hard. Mostly because I didn't see it coming. This time, I wasn't going to let it happen again. I would be guarded. I wouldn't be so quick to trust. Yet, despite these precautions, he still managed to sneak his way into my heart one smile at a time. The same feelings are there| the same ones that got me into all this trouble in the first place| but something is different. But, when the band's success depends on our harmony, storm clouds loom as our sounds clash together like thunder. Farmer's Market was supposed to be an edgy, alternative group. He was trying to become the next John Legend. It would never work. We were like oil and water trying to mix together. Until| I tasted those sweet lips on mine. They were fiery and passionate, making my head spin in a matter of minutes. His touch was electric. His voice honey. Everything about him made it hard to stay away. PHIL KENDRICK I knew I would never be the same when she pointed him out to me at the bar. There was an instant attraction. The air around me filled with electricity, trying to persuade me to get closer, to make a move, but of course, didn't. He was taken and I was just some lame guy who drank alone most nights. What would he ever want with me? But, as fate would have it, I couldn't stay away. His sister conned me into joining his band. I knew it was a bad idea from the start but when I saw him for the first time, looking like the sexiest man on the planet, I knew I was done for. I had to have him. He was the one I wanted and the one that would satisfy me, even if I had to follow him to the ends of the earth just to taste those lips| to caress that body| to tangle up in the sheets with him. Sooner or later, it was bound to happen. Broken Chords is the first book in the A Taste of Love series, although they can be read in any order. It's a full-length, steamy gay romance and has no cliffhangers.

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## Customer Reviews

I seem to be in the minority here, but I really didn't like this book at all. I hated Emily with a passion. She was an annoying caricature of a person. I just wanted her to stop babbling and pushing. I can see her drugged and drunk in the future unable to even play coherently. Ben was so naive when it came to Adam. Why would a producer only meet with 1 member of a band he wants to sign?! Come on! Don't get me started on Phil. He was the shy virgin who somehow always rocks in the bed, even the first time. Can we say unrealistic much? This was an almost DNF for me. The only good part of this book was when it ended. Needless to say I will not be reading the sequel.

Ok so I've always had a soft spot for rock musicians and this story did nothing to change that, in fact it just solidified the genre in my heart. Ben and his sister Emily, guitarist and drummer in the band Farmers Market, are betrayed by their vocalist, and Bens boyfriend Andy, who heads out for a solo career. Emily hustles her friend Phil into stepping in as their new lead, against his better judgment. Phil has it bad for Ben but Bens still angry and bitter at Andy, so will Phil stand a chance? The three lead characters in This book are great. I particularly loved the larger than life Emily who manipulates everything around her in an always forgivable way. Ben is wonderful as the angst ridden musician broken by the bad guy and Phil is so sweet as the virginal suitor and he balances Bens character perfectly. The book is summed up in an epilogue set two years later which I like as it nicely finishes it off. The characters will return in the next book so this a great happy for now story and I look forward to the next one. I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book.

Wow! I absolutely loved this book! Very well written and flows effortlessly! The storyline and character development was very well thought out and draws you into the story and the lives of the

MCs. I love stories when MC overcomes a betrayal and Ben did it in a spectacular way! Ben, his sister Emily and Ben's boyfriend Andy were a garage band called "Farmer's Market". Andy was the vocalist but betrayed the band by getting a solo gig. He left the band and Ben without saying a word. Emily saw it as an opportunity to bring in her friend Phil as a new vocalist. The sparks fly between Ben and Phil, but will Ben take a chance or push Phil away to keep from getting hurt again? I loved that there was an epilogue 2 years later to close this happy for now book with the hint that there will be a 2nd book to continue the story!

**\*I voluntarily read a review copy of this book. All opinions stated are solely my own and no one else's\***I really enjoyed Broken Chords by Sam Elswit. The author captured the intensity of Phil and Ben's attraction perfectly. Both characters complemented each other and the author balanced them out really well. I loved the fact that Phil didn't allow Ben's rejection to hold him back from trying again. Ben was hot/cold but the author captured his inner turmoil well. Ben liked to run away from his problems but Phil grounded him. Phil filled Ben's lonely life with support, patience and love. Emily made me laugh - she kind of broke all the awkward tension with her dirty humour.

The fun and excitement of starting a Series is knowing when you finish the last page of the first book, you are immediately craving more as soon as possible. And Broken Chords did just that. From the beginning I was immediately interested in these fantastic characters. Ben and Phil not only spoke to the heart, but also created some very smoldering hot "music" together. Ben a founding member of his band Farmer's Market along with his spunky and oft times hysterically annoying yet funny and charming sister find themselves betrayed by Andy their lead singer and Ben's boyfriend, when he misleads them into thinking he was taking a meeting that was to elevate their band to the next level but was really only a means for his own selfish offer for fame. When Ben's sister convinces her HS friend Phil to join the band, the seed is planted for something that can truly become beautiful. I read Sam Elswit first book Turing The Page and I was impressed with that, I read an ARC for review for this and Broken Chords is an extension IMO of how this new wonderful author is becoming a favorite of mine, and how this book feels even more developed over all with it's characters and depth of emotional resonance. Really looking forward to the next part of this series.

**\*I was gifted this ARC and freely give my review of it\***I'm so sad because this book was so sweet but too naive in the writing style for my liking. I didn't feel like the characters were described with depth

so I felt like they were strangers to me and that's not what I feel when the characters are well described. The storyline was okay but again it lacked depth and emotions, mostly in the beginning but it got better at the end. Although it never reached the level of depth and emotions I consider magnificent. The first love scene was not as good as I would have hoped it to be, the feelings were there but it just wasn't enough..... and then I hoped that the next would be the one that made me feel the love.....it did, but it didn't, again..... the last one was the best of them all. On the positive side, there's lots of dialogues and no unnecessary descriptions of surroundings. This story has a lot of potential and even though it's not the best I've read I give it 4 stars because I hope the next from this author will be better as the journey continues.

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