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I've worn many hats in my time, from wedding consultant to computer programmer, but my retirement check comes from my time as an elementary teacher. Writing sweet, humorous romances containing dogs with as much playful personality as their humans is my favorite creative outlet. In my downtime, I binge-read most anything that's put before me, and I stream Downton Abbey or movies from Hollywood's Golden Era daily. I'm a sucker for a few laughs and a really good, happy ending with lots of "awww!"

Long to Belong

by T.C. Hester

There's a lot to lose, and everyone's happily ever after is on the line in Long to Belong, a heartwarming, clean and wholesome friends-to-lovers novella of a neurodivergent mogul and an unfulfilled barista, both of whom long to belong in a forever family.

MARK DIAMOND is on the spectrum, which means relationships can be extra complicated. Never having a family of his own, he resigned himself long ago to being alone. His successful investment consulting firm was enough—until the owner of the Bountiful Blueberry Coffee Shop stole his heart faster than an underpriced IPO offering. At some point soon he's going to have to tell her the truth—he's not shy. He's neurodivergent. Will she invest in him?

KATIE REED knows her bubbly personality was the key to building a successful coffee shop. Yet, smiling and gladhanding customers all day is not very fulfilling. Lately, her favorite part of the day is flipping the sign on the door to "Closed." So far, her shy beau has been as yummy as a dandelion-cocoa latte, but when her brother dies, she's got something important to tell Mark, and not much time in which to tell it. When she does, will he toss her out like yesterday's brew?





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