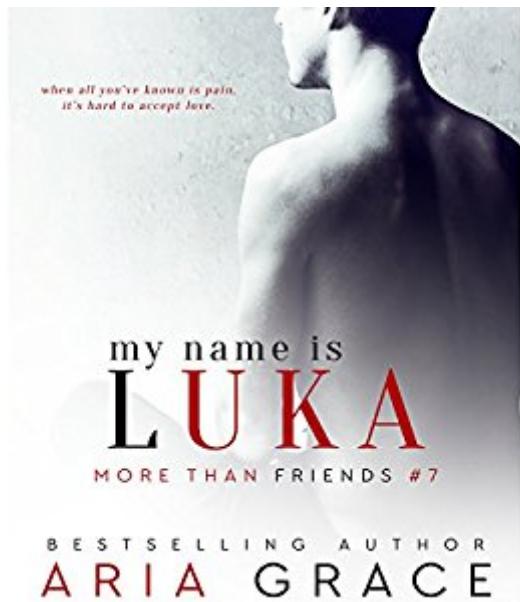


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# My Name Is Luka: More Than Friends, Book 7



## **Synopsis**

Brad spends his days swinging a hammer and his weekend nights pouring drinks just to keep his nose clean. At only 21, he's already had enough trouble to last him a lifetime. But when he realizes the boy upstairs has new injuries that coincide with loud shouting matches from that apartment, he knows he has to do something to help.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book was so good, and just like the others in the series, it doesn't disappoint. The original file was short, but I noticed the author reached out on her various sites to say that she accidentally uploaded an incomplete file (so if you received a copy that seemed unfinished, you may need to download the most recent version). The author replaced the bad file with a good one and the story is awesome! Luka's story is a darker read as he is a teenager suffering abuse at his father's hand. I found this really drew me in as a reader because I couldn't resist staying up to find out what was going to happen next! Definitely another favorite of Aria Grace's! I can't wait for the next one!

Aria Grace has become one of my favorite 10 authors in the M/M erotic romance genre. This book, My Name is Luca, once again shows what a wonderful author she is. The book does have a dark side for much of the story, as perhaps too many do these days, and it has less hot sexual scenes since Luca is 17 until near the end of the story when he becomes 18 and then hot sex definitely becomes an important part of the conclusion. I did get my copy redownloaded so that there was no

cliff hanger but a very definite and satisfying ending which despite a previous reviewer's thoughts, I felt it was very realistic. You do not want to miss this book or any of the previous books in this superb series. While each book can be read as a stand alone, Aria does bring back characters from her previous books which makes it more enjoyable to read them sequentially.

"My Name is Luka" is a compelling, dark story about an abused boy trying to survive in a world that doesn't seem to care about him at all. His mother died when he was fourteen, and his father is an abusive man who blames him for her passing. He's just three weeks away from being eighteen, less than that to being free of his father. When he spies his downstairs neighbor for the first time, the vision of his tattooed, muscular body fills his thoughts. So much so, that when he comes home later that night he forgets to be quiet, and hell quickly comes calling. High school drop-out Brad is construction worker and part time bartender who puts in long hours and is almost never home. When he slips at work and breaks his wrist on a table saw the resulting cast means he'll be taking time off from work from the construction site for a little while. Spending time at home doesn't appeal to him, nor does getting into someone else's drama, but when he hears a knock down drag out going on upstairs and then finds the kid from upstairs on the steps, bloodied and battered, he takes swift action. Love the way the connection between these two grows, tenuous at first and then powerful. There's also some seriously hot chemistry between them, evident from the first time Luka spies Brad through the window. It's so sweet how tough guy Brad practically mother hens Luka, recognizing some of himself in the younger boy. Grace did a really standout job of developing these two characters, giving you bits and pieces of their background as the story rolls out so you can see where each guy is coming from. The sexual tension has them both wound up tight but it's clearly more than just sex going on between them. Then you've got Luka's awful father around to provide plenty of dark drama. The writing is great and the POV alternates between Brad and Luka making it an intimate story. Really enjoyed this! I received an ARC in exchange for a fair, honest review.

This was an excellent book and good story of love. Although the story line can get a bit boring at times, when the stories continue with other characters in newer books in the series, it kind of makes reading each one worth it. I rather liked this book and found the story is well written and it's even proof read to correct any mis-spelled or wrong words (or mis-pasted words by spell check). However, as with all of Aria Grace's books, I can do without the 2, 3 or more graphic and detailed sex scenes. If I wanted to read PORN I'd find other kinds of books! Also, the books in this series aren't that thick, only 282 pages, so I'm glad they're only around 10 bucks. I'd be pissed if I

spent 15 dollars for a novel I find online and get a little more than a short story.

I too had trouble loading the full copy. Finally I had to call the help line. It is embarrassing because of the genre, but the lady at the other end was very nice. She loaded the full length version quickly and I urge people to call, even if you're embarrassed. After all, we should get what we paid for. Ironically this happened to the pre-order people. The people so eager for the next story in the series, they planned for it months in advance. Finally, I was able to read the whole story last night. And it's just as enjoyable as the rest of the stories in the series. The story centers around Luka, who represents a lot of abused children. The pain and suffering and the silence. Luka is just trying to hang on until his eighteenth birthday. That is when he meets Brad, the neighbor downstairs. Brad's various jobs and activities meant he was only at home to sleep and therefore, didn't witness the abuse upstairs. That is until he breaks his wrist and his home during the day. Brad is a man of action and with the help of his friends, frees Luka. The end result is a little too hard to believe, so I took off a star. It was nice to see Vince and Chase and Steve and Joey and their happy home lives too.

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