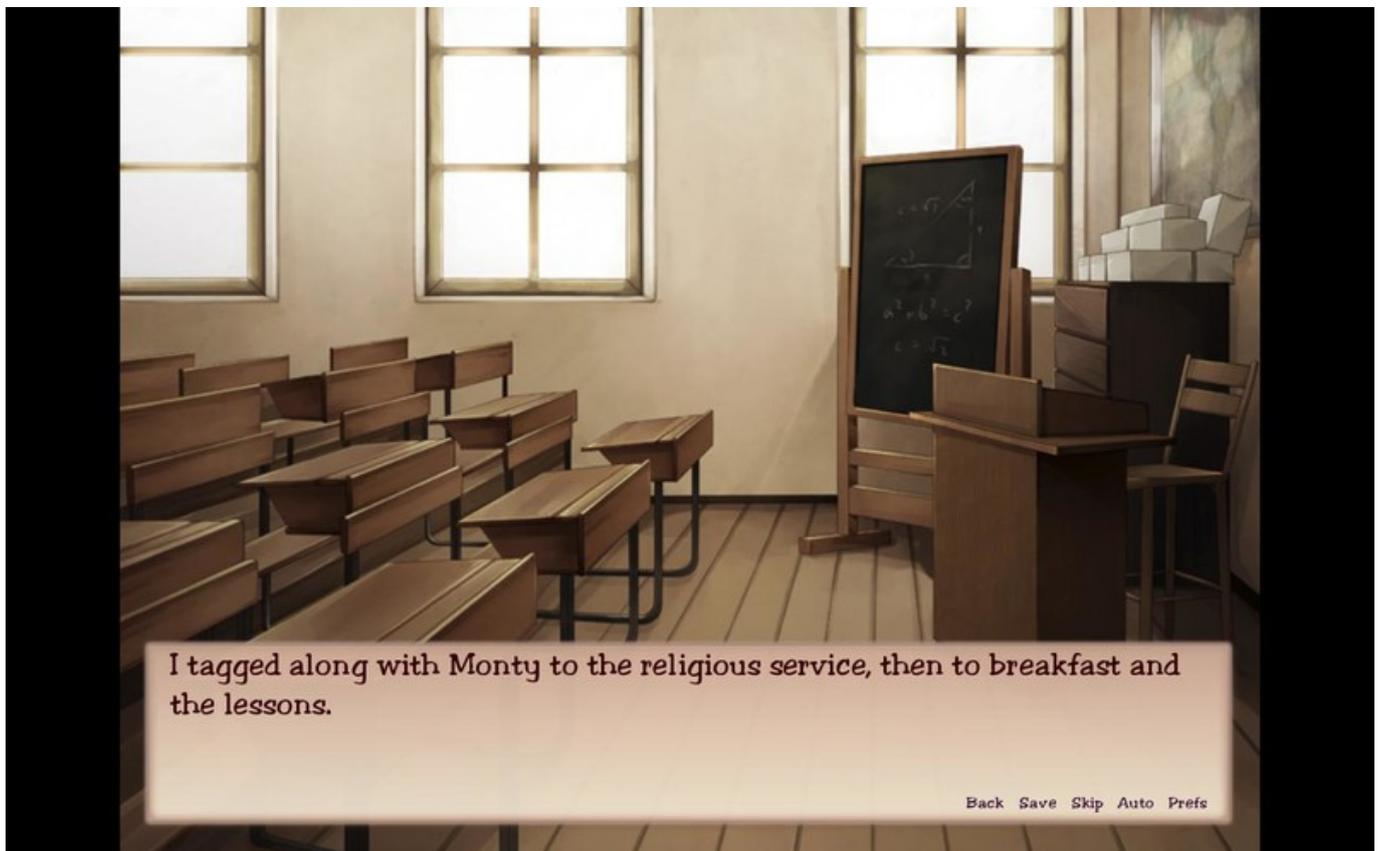


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## A Hand In The Darkness Torrent Download



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### About This Game

A Hand in the Darkness is a visual novel set in a British boarding school in 1910. If you enjoy reading school stories, you will certainly love following the four main characters while they bond, struggle to pass their exams, fall in love, dream about their future, cope with their parents' expectations... You will find lots of friendship, tons of "first-time-falling-in-love" romance and a thrilling investigation when the boys find out Alex' life is being targeted.

Will they find out who is behind Alex' murder attempts? Will Alex manage to live up to his family expectations and succeed in entering Cambridge or Oxford? Or will he be too distracted by his love affair to think about his future?

### FEATURES

- 100.000 words long story (around 10 hours of gameplay)
- Three routes with nine different endings!
- Suggestive CGs (no nudity)
- Love scenes written in detail (adult content warning)

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Title: A Hand in the Darkness

Genre: Indie

Developer:

Ertal Games

Publisher:

Ertal Games

Release Date: 1 Aug, 2017

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English





**Wilson**



Ah, you must be the new student! Please, let me guide you to your bedroom. Your name is...?

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**Damian**

Hmmm... So the rumours were right and we have new faces this term...

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This is a fun - and pretty hot - m/m romance game with an engaging murder mystery side plot. There are 9 different endings and even the bad ones are entertaining.

My one complaint is that the text could have used a bit more editing. There are a fair number of typos. Be warned if that is a big sticking point for you.. I wouldn't call it 10/10 VN - it's rather short and there are plenty of small annoying things.

But honestly game was better than I was expecting.

Story seems reasonable, writing is nice, art and music aren't flawless but still decent.

And I was genuinely interested in "mystery" part of the story.. I do enjoy a good BL novel! While this one is rather short, it certainly does do the "forbidden but delicious love" vibe just right, and if I'm honest, I like that kinda vibe. Steam doesn't have many BL novels to choose from, let alone much BL in general. But this game is among the few, and it certainly is a good choice.

The story, adorable characters, and feeling of the game are done well. To this, I say;

W e n e e d m o r e t h i n g s l i k e t h i s .

Pretty please, Steam?. I do recommend this game (just barely), but only while keeping in mind that it contains some harmful tropes common in yaoi and otome in general. The good ends contain a controlling partner, uncontrolled jealousy, sexual pressure, and these things are often romantacized. Unfortunately these themes are common in a lot of popular BL and otome games. The art is also of differing qualities throughout the game.

Now, while this game does have problematic content, it also has some positive elements. The routes go along similar paths, but with different dialogue, so the scenes don't feel old. They mention Wilde in passing. The characters are decently fleshed out and the romantic scenes are mostly good. I am glad I got this on sale though.. OK so not my usual fare, and in fact the first VN I have actually played through. This game is NOT perfect, a few glaring translation errors (too much fisting of hands), some occasionally inconsistency with foreground and background art, inconsistent music and SFX and some frankly daft plot points does not stop this from being actually quite a charming game. I have to admit I was pleased to see a BL VN pop up and I have noticed a few more around steam now and whilst we may not be getting Dramatical Muirder in a legit form any time soon I think it's games like this with the right kind of heart, telling this kind of story which will help us on our way. Those naughty bits are very naughty by the way - plus yay for getting the ending I was aiming for on my first try!! I may not have played any VNs before but I have watched dodger play a few... Very tempted to LP this ... there's only one English LP I can find...

Short update. Have now completed all endings and still have the same opinions as I put above. Some of the endings are genuinely a bit emotional if you're feeling a bit soppy and my almost spot on 7 hours feels like a good indicator of some sped up sections too (maybe half and half on play throughs I sped up and those I didn't). The naughty bits are going to make an LP unlikely but also make the game more worth the playtime! I'd suggest waiting for a sale to pick it up but then would recommend.. love it! super cheap, nice quality for the price. I love this game. Good story, sympathetic-looking characters (even Damian, yes), and excellent music. I LOVE the music. While playing, I was sometimes tempted to stand up and dance because of some of the tracks! I really hope that Ertal Games can make a DLC with all of the musics of the game.

I noticed something confusing though: the illustrations aren't made by the same person. Sometimes, I had difficulties to recognize Alex White in the illustrations, even if they were really well-made. In some illustrations, he is blond, in some has brown hair.....

Overall, this is a really good game. I do not regret buying it.. I'm a BIG fan of BL so this was really fun for me! Based on the achievements, there is about 6 or more endings, some good and some bad. I've only gone threw one playthrough and I'm on my second now. Even though this is a visual novel, I love that you get choices that change the story a bit! I'm choosing slight different options on my second playthrough and I'm getting a different, albeit similar in parts, story! I think the story is pretty interesting but it's kinda short. I'm an average reader so the first playthrough took me about less than four hours. The characters are very likable in their own ways, each with distinct personalities. My favorite is Rick! :D Its a really nice game/novella to play when you want to relax and its really fun for a BL fan like me. I would love to see more of these and maybe even an expansion of this particular universe (setting/story/ect). I was happy/sad when I finished my first playthrough, happy because it was a satisfying ending imo and sad because I wanted more! I won't oversell it, I really enjoyed this but it IS a visual novel so some might find all the reading boring. I personally found the story engaging, interesting and even erotic -- which I wasn't expecting but was welcomed haha! Now the price is a bit much for an interactive novel so you might prefer to wait until its on sale. I

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bought it at full price and I don't regret it!. I enjoyed the story - very interesting and creative, made me wish Chasing The Stars was just as thought out.

However, I can't get passed the harmful tropes - sexual harassment, sexual pressure, jealousy, and possessiveness. Are those things supposed to be attractive?. I had thorough fun with this. I must admit I was quite new to dating sims and graphic novel games with romance and all that, but I liked this one. I felt very entertained, I liked the different characters and plots.

A mild critique: it could have had more facial expressions and different character scenes, maybe also some background characters visible. But, I got it for five Euro, and I got more than enough out of it. I am really glad to see that we get more gay themes games now, and I hope the company continues to make more games like this. :)

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So far I've completed three of the endings of AHitD, and I've thoroughly enjoyed it.

Yes, it's short compared to most yaoi VNs I've played; no there aren't as many CGs as one would typically find in one. And yes, there were more than a few typos and inconsistencies in the language which probably shouldn't have escaped the proofreader.

Overall, though, it's been delightful, and I look forward to playing the remaining routes. The cast of characters are charming, and their personalities have been nicely developed. The sex scenes are \*fun\* and \*different\* for each character, adding to the story as much as providing some smut. Ertal Games has done something impressive, too, in offering the game in more than one language, and since there aren't many BL VNs available for purchase in English, this is definitely a welcome change! The music, though creative-commons sourced, was appropriately chosen and added nicely to the mood of what was going on in the story, and while the overall theme of the game is quite dark, it never loses its sense of fun and the writers have kept in mind the age and situation of their characters, as well as social conventions of the time.

Unlike many BL VNs, it stays clear of a lot of the typical tropes of the genre: fans who find aspects of other BL VNs problematic will likely view this one as a breath of fresh air (in a genre that often over-utilises shock tactics including [the r-word Steam won't let me use in a review] and body horror): there's a playful innocence to AHitD.

Overall, I'd definitely recommend it to fans of BL VNs or those curious about these types of games, and it's great to be able to support creators of works like this. I'm hoping to see more from Ertal: they've done a wonderful job and deserve the support!

I'd waited for this release for some time, and DLed it hours after it was announced: and I'm glad I did. Off to play the rest now!. So far I've finished 2 of the routes. Here are my thoughts:

#### PROS:

- + the story is good. it could be better, but overall it's an interesting mystery and setup with a lot of potential.
- + the characters are not bad. they don't blow me away either, but this is (like the point above) tied to the length of the game (more under cons). the basic characters as they are are really interesting and worth pursuing.
- + it's an English BL game, which is rare and I'm just happy there is one more to play.
- + I got this for 5€ on sale and that's pretty much exactly what I'd say the game is worth in its current state.

#### CONS:

- it's really short. that would be less of an issue if the story and relationships didn't feel so half-baked and rushed. if the developers spent more time on building the world they created, the game would benefit immensely. there's almost no build-up to the relationships. they happen and that's that. the mystery as well is barely a mystery and even though each route is about 2 hours only, everything seems like a sidenote.
- the characters I played so far had so much more potential than was realised. they each have pretty big issues that are never properly addressed, and while I don't expect a perfect resolution to everything in this setting, there was just so much potential that was wasted in not using these issues to build the story some more and make the game longer through meaningful interactions with the boys.
- the quality of the CGs is.... really inconsistent. there's maybe 3 that are really nice and the rest is either meh or genuinely awful. the characters look nothing like themselves in some of them. for a VN this is an absolute death sentence and I cannot believe someone looked at them and thought "good enough."
- speaking of CGs, there aren't a lot of them either. probably related to how short each route is, but there were several points in each of them where I thought a CG would have made the story better. in the 2 routes I've played so far, there hasn't been a single kiss CG either. again, for a VN that's not good.
- SPEAKING OF CGs, there isn't a gallery to look at the ones you got either. this is also a bit of an oversight as most people like to go back and look at them after finishing the game. in this case maybe not so much since most of them are genuinely not good, but for the ones that ARE nice, it would be cool to have them to look at without having to play the game again.

All in all it's an okay game for 5€. I'd buy it again mainly because I think it's great there's an English BL title on steam, but the truth is, the game itself is not even close to what it could have been, which is a shame. If they fixed the CGs and added an hour of content to each route in which they actually show Alex and the boy of his choice bonding and talking about some deeper issues, it could be a really great experience. The potential is definitely there.. Very Good game, realistic enough yet have it's own dreamy quality to it for a simple and short game. Good smut, worth it especially if bought at a discounted price.. Taking a romantic bath with your cute boyfriend

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\*Hard dubstep music start playing\*

Me: woo. I gave 7/10 for this game. I enjoy it so far.

It must be better if you buy this game when it's on sale. It is quite short in every route. The story is easy to guess. Anyway I like it that it's realistic. The art is decent. I like the soundtrack in every scene.. The game is really great and I highly enjoyed it! :D (Not only because I'm a Fujoshi of course. xD)

The story was very interesting and rather original and there were quite nice and unexpected plottwists.

It had a certain realism, even though it's still a game and you can't get rid of game logic completely. At least the decisions that were made were well explained.

Amazing music/soundtrack! That's all I'm going to say.^^

The gameplay was told to be around 10 hours and I needed a little more than 10 hours and I regret not a minute of it, so the price-performance ratio is in perfect balance.^^

The first Bad End left me a little unsatisfied, because it was quite short, but after reflecting it a little, it was fine.

I would have loved it, if Monty would have been a little more Yandere, at least in the Bad Endings of his route or if there would have been a secret Yandere Ending for him, that would have been awesome! But I'm still satisfied with his route, it's just an idea of mine, because I kinda like Yandere characters. xD

Though there are some flaws. First it lacks a gallery, however with the screenshot function you can make one for yourself.

Sometimes even though the music is really good there isn't any playing in some 'minor' scenes.

Another little idea of mine, which I would have liked to see in the game since it plays in 1910 the fact that a homosexual relationship was still forbidden at that time, there could have been like a Bad End or so, when Alex and whoever he is with in the route would have been found out. Though they always took great care to not be seen by anyone, so it's fine the way it is.

By the way, you get to be Uke AND Seme in the different routes in both aspects. :)

In the end I suggest this game to the BL and VN lovers out there. :). I just loved this game so very much... the characters were charming. Each storyline took such a unique turn. The writing was excellent: romantic and engaging. Really, this is one of my favourite gay visual novels I've played in a long time. I can't recommend it highly enough.. I think this game was fairly decent.

As someone who shamelessly plays dating sims, I can say that having to skip things is fairly common thing after playing the first route. I however wish that the developer would've made it possible to have a little more interactions with the characters. Having to play some of the same routes, with the same characters was a little bit odd. Such as the scene with Damian should've been an option if you're looking for a different character route. I understand it adds to the drama part of it, but it's hardly mentioned or becomes a big deal afterwards.

As for Monty's route, I agree with the reviews on here. It'd be nice to actually see a transition within his attitude, also the story rarely got into much details as to why he was the way he was. It was just mostly based on assumptions, no actual talking was involved by him. I think it would've been nice to get into more depth, I understand the game is based on Alex and his own issues, but the whole point of different routes is to understand and like the characters. I just couldn't like Monty at all, I didn't understand him till the very end. I just thought he was being possessive and annoying, honestly.

Rick's story was cute, it had some interesting events in it, however for me it lacked some interaction. The whole thing with Monty and Rick, I think it should've been more brought out. Rick eventually should've been able to confront Monty on his behavior, or something along those lines. Again the game, seems to briefly mention it, and we are left to assume it just resolves it's self. I'm a person who thrives on details and it was a miss to me.

I know these seem like complaints more than anything, but I will still add it was a fun experience. The price is a little iffy, considering you only have 3 character routes and little animation on top of it. Most Dating sims add unlockable characters after going through the main routes, so I think that might've made it a nice little surprise.

I give this game a solid 3 out of 5. I'm a girl who enjoys her boy love dating sims, and this at least had that for me at least. Damian's route clearly was the best, or at least in my opinion, and I think the game was mostly meant for him, as you seem to experience events with him regardless of what route you're going. So yeah.. Decent game, I'll recommend this to people who has similar interest in the Boy Love genre. As a regular dating sim, I can't say I was thoroughly impressed.. Very good. There are realistic conflicts that get talked about and actually worked through in a more mature way. You get to know what the characters are thinking about each other more and get to understand their personalities. The characters are likeable and the M18 scenes are described well. The MC is making an odd face in Damian's scene but overall very good art especially for Monty. But seriously some of the best and clearest writing to follow that really feels like a story. This could be longer just because the writer(s) would do a good job either way and I would always like to have more of a good thing :) As it is, it's length is still good and doesn't feel

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too rushed :). This game is the perfect BL game to binge- short and sweet, three endings per character. I loved the quality of the art and the writing.

My favourite character is Rick.

It's always the nerdy ones that are freaks...damn he eats that booty like groceries

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