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Audree Edwards has loved Gavin Montgomery since she was a little girl, but her older brother Clint made it clear that Audree was off limits. Audree however, wasn't taking no for an answer and made it clear to Gavin she wanted him.

Gavin not having the best family life bolted as soon as he could after high school. Audree knew she wouldn't have all of Gavin and settled for the bit of him she could hold on to. When they are both finally ready to admit they want more Audree thinks Gavin has done the unthinkable.

Will Gavin be able to tell Audree he wants more? Will Audree see the truth about Gavin before it is too late? Will Audree and Gavin finally give in tell each other how they feel and what they want?

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## From Reader Review Love Unclaimed (Book 1) for online ebook

### Jennifer Diaz says

If you love a good love story then Love Unclaimed is for you. It will pull at your heart strings and and make you fall in love with the characters. The story goes back and forth between past and present and is told in third person. This is a story that you can pick up as a great weekend read and leave you falling in love. The story follows a circle of friends, Aubree and her brother Clint, Gavin and his brother Travis and Aubree's best friend Ruby. Even though the story revolves around Aubree and Gavin, I feel like I was able to know the other characters as well. Rudy is hilarious and is that best friend that knows how to tell it like it is. The story follows the group in a story that alternates between past and present.

Aubree knew at a young age there would be only one boy for her, Gavin. He was a little older than her but one day at the local swimming hole she knew he was the one. Over the years they were friendly with each other but on Aubree's 18th birthday she would give herself to him. Gavin also fell for Aubree but when her brother Clint told him to stay away that she was off limits, he respected his friend and did so. He would have relationships over the years but he was always attracted to Aubree. On that night, he would find out just how much.

“The spent the rest of the night making love under the stars, not thinking about what would happen when the sun came up.”

They would spend the next couple of years being there for each other when Gavin came home from college. But beyond that, they didn't have a relationship. They were just friends. Even though this pained Aubree, she knew she would take any bit of Gavin he would give her. What she didn't know is the promise he made to Clint but also Gavin was getting pressure from his father to pursue someone else. Gavin's family owned a large parcel of land but Gavin's father was greedy and wanted more. He would get that if Gavin was to into a prearranged marriage.

Will Aubree be able to move past the love she feels for Gavin? Can she find happiness with someone else? Will Gavin open his eyes to see that Aubree has been there for him always or will he do what's expected of him by his Father??? You will need to read to find out. Hopefully you will fall in love with Gavin and Aubree like I did!

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### Renee at Book Happiness says

I was gifted a copy of Unclaimed love for an honest review. I was absolutely thrilled to be able to read this book. One of my favorite story lines to read is the brothers best friend. This was that storyline of course with a nice little twist.

In this we meet Aubree and Gavin who basically grow up together. Where Aubree has known that she loves Gavin. Gavin is not as convinced and has been warned away by Aubree's brother Clint who is Gavin's best friend. This story spans throughout many years of Aubree and Gavin being together but not being together.

The thing I really enjoyed about this book was how strong of a character that Aubree was and deep her love was for Gavin. I also enjoyed how you could feel the love between the two characters. I could almost feel the love pouring out of the pages. This was one of those books that was extremely hard to put down.

\*\*This book is a standalone but will be apart of a 4 book series.

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## Once Upon says

I rate Love Unclaimed 4 stars. This is a story of a group of childhood friends that we read about growing up throughout the years. The story starts to dial in on Audree & Gavin, they start to have their first crushes on one another but Gavin heeds the warnings from Clint (Audree's brother) and doesn't act on them. Several more years pass, they share their first kiss, first love, but throughout the years Audree will push but doesn't say out loud how much she wants Gavin and Gavin doesn't act on how he feels or what he wants....Audree.

More years pass, Clint has joined the service, Gavin is running a business back east, Audree is back at the farm with family and friends to support her, and to raise Eva, the most adorable little girl ever. Gavin comes back into town for the summer, and it's the same song and dance, they have their rendezvous', wake up alone, and either Gavin is gone, or they avoid one another.

The push and pull between the two people is frustrating, all this time wasted between the two when both decide to not act on what feels right and to make each other whole. The story moves fairly quickly timeline wise, but without that, I don't think I would be able to fully understand the complexity of their relationships. What it takes for the both of them to be together and to have been able to avoid all the time wasted. They truly deserve one another and need one another and I couldn't help but hope the best for them. Love Unclaimed is true to the book's title and I thoroughly enjoyed it and I didn't feel a void after finishing the story, I felt that this book as a standalone was well written and enjoyed the story immensely. ~Reviewed by Shannon @ Sexyways of Reading (Book was gifted in exchange for honest review)

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## Miranda Whore says

Love Unclaimed is the debut novel by author Jennifer Benson. It's a second chance romance, well maybe a third or fourth chance romance, ha. For a debut novel it is well written and shows that Benson has great potential in the indie world. I look forward to seeing more titles from this author.

Gavin and Audree love each other. It's obvious to everyone. They fight their love, and honestly it drove me mad crazy. I wanted to reach into my kindle and SHAKE THEM. Or knock skulls together, either way. Gavin is super sexy AND stubborn as hell. He took his best friends warning from his little sister to heart, and for years stayed away... okay so he mostly stayed away. Audree, well, she wanted Gavin anyway she could have him and took the scraps of meaningless (yeah right) sex he was willing to throw her. It was heartbreaking and frustrating. The author did a great job evoking strong emotion from the reader.

There are several really great secondary characters that tie the story together, but because I don't want to spoil the story itself I'm going to stop this review now with a FOUR stars for storyline and a smut level of THREE wet panties. If you like sweet and sexy this is the perfect book for you.

Review by the Head Whore at Mommy's a Book Whore.

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## **Jessica Fay says**

Love Unclaimed is such a cute story about two young kids who grow up together, both fighting their true feelings for each other. We are brought into Audree and Gavins childhood lives and watch how these two struggle to keep apart from each other well into the present day.

Gavin forces himself to look at Audree as his little sister, even though she is secretly the love of his life. Audree continues to push him to his breaking point, forcing him to admit his true feelings towards her.

This is one of those books that you can pick up on a weekend and read in one sitting. The story line flows flawlessly and you don't want to put it down! Jennifer Benson did an amazing job bringing all of the characters in this story to life. As a debut novel into the Indie Author world I am so excited to watch her grow and cannot wait to see what she comes up with next!!

\*I was gifted this novel in exchange for an honest review\*

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## **Heather andrews says**

Gavin loves tattoos and on Audree the boy gets all worked up, "it's sexy as hell." He leans down, kissed the tattoo, and felt her lay back down. He kissed her across her stomach and stopped at her belly button making her giggle." He can be considerate, well depending on what he and Audree are doing, "I'm sorry, baby. Why didn't you say something?" He pulled out of her instantly regretted the loss of her body wrapped around him." Audree I'm glad as the book goes on she finds her voice to well voice her opinions, "no, Gavin, we have sex! All we have is sex. You make that very clear every time I wake up alone and in my own bed. We are friends who have sex when you are in town, at your convenience." After things are put into perspective I'm glad Gavin had the balls to think things over, "he quickly lifted his head and took a step forward forcing her back against the barn. "I mean, yes, I miss the sex, but I miss you. I miss us." He yanked the hat off his head squeezed it in his hands." I loved this story and I loved reading the book I can't wait for future books from Jennifer.

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## **Avid Reader Amy's Reviews says**

Love Unclaimed is the first book in the Red Truck series and the first by Jennifer Benson. it's a contemporary love story about two people in love with each other but never confirming it.

While I enjoyed the story, I found the back and forth between Gavin and Audree annoying. If you love someone enough you shouldn't let what anyone, not even their brother, say get in your way. When they finally admitted the truth, their romance was a sweet one.

Benson takes the time to build the background for the characters. She doesn't just jump in and say, "here's the story, deal with it."

I did enjoy the banter between Clint, Travis and Gavin. They are kind of funny together.

The family dynamic in the storyline is strong. The characters are family oriented and would do anything for each other. I love that aspect of the book.

My thoughts are that while I may not have like everything about the book, I still enjoyed it. The author gave a good start for the series and I look forward to reading Clint and Travis' books.

## **Sarah-Jane says**

Audree has loved Gavin as long as she can remember but she was only ever going to be his best friend's little sister. Well so she thought...

Gavin had always loved Audree but he was always warned off by her bigger brother!

Will Gavin finally pluck up the courage to tell her brother he loves his sister and he will take care of her and that beautiful little girl? Or will he continue expecting Audree to carry on with the arrangement?

I loved the story this book held! A beautiful love story... a typical country love. These guys didn't come to where they were easily or without hassle. They loved, lost, hurt, and ultimately broke each other. All in all this book is well worth a read! Gavin and Audree were the main characters in this book but few others featured largely, it gave it a good feel from the different perspectives.

For my full review please check out <http://abbycook30.wix.com/abbys-book-...>

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## **Amanda says**

### 5 STAR THOUGHTS

AMAZING! Almost a week after finishing and I still don't have the right words! This is Jennifer Benson's debut novel and I am officially a FOREVER FAN! Her writing flows effortlessly while you can't help but fall more in love with every single character! AHHH! It is absolutely perfect! Breathtaking, sweet, romantic, hot, add in just a touch of drama that we all love to hate, and you have the perfect combination for an amazing book. I couldn't put it down! Okay, okay... I will stop gushing and tell you about this amazing book!!!

Audree is a country girl! She grew up on a farm with her parents and her older brother Clint. For as long as she can remember she has been in love with her brother's best friend. Even before she really knew what love was, she felt drawn to Gavin. Gavin and his brother, Travis, grew up with Clint and Audree. But Gavin knew Audree was off limits, Clint had made that clear.

"Gavin, tell me you are not thinking about..."

"I just want you to stop..."

"She is off limits ..."

"Yeah, so you've told me," Gavin said with a sigh and glanced over his shoulder at Audree, who was now standing with Travis.

"And I mean it."

"What if some day she wants..."

"Don't..."

Audree however, made it clear she wanted Gavin. And she was not taking no for an answer! As they were growing up she always tried to find a way to get the attention she wanted from Gavin. She could tell he

wanted her, but something was always holding him back. But usually she would get what she was after, it just took a little persuasion.

She didn't realize she had been leaning back against Gavin's chest until he leaned forward and whispered, "You're not playing fair, Pip."

When Gavin graduated high school he left. He didn't come from the best family and felt he needed to get away from home. Audree quickly realized she would never have Gavin completely, but she would take whatever she could get. But every time he would leave, she was left with a broken heart. Throughout the years, her best friends Ruby and Travis were always there to help her. Considering Gavin was like family, it was inevitable that they would see each other.

Life continues and things change even when you didn't plan it to be a certain way. Sometimes you just have to make the best of what life has given you. And that is exactly what Audree is doing. But she still hopes to one day have forever with Gavin, but how long can she really wish for that?

"I need more from you. I want more from you. I cannot do this anymore. I don't want just sex with you."  
~Audree

Gavin has always been in love with Audree, but has never told her. It was always easier to stay away. When he was younger it was because of her brother, but now that they are older there are other reasons to stay away. But just as things seem to start going in the right direction, Audree thinks Gavin has betrayed her in the worst way. Will Gavin get the chance to tell Audree he wants more? Or is it too late? Can Gavin and Audree ever admit to each other how they truly feel?

"Audree, I love you. I have never loved anyone as much as I love you. I know I have fucked this up from the beginning, but I can only hope that someday you will give me the chance to make this up to you." ~Gavin

I was addicted from the first chapter, and couldn't put it down until I found out if Gavin and Audree found their HEA! There were parts I was SHOCKED, many times I wanted to punch Gavin, sweet moments that made me swoon, and also many times I was laughing hysterically (especially at Travis)! You can't help but love all of the extra character just as much as you do Gavin and Audree! I am hoping (and begging) that we get lots of future books for all of them! This is a MUST READ! I personally can't wait to reread this book, so I can fall in love with Audree and Gavin all over again!

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### **Getsy Hernandez says**

Mmmh.....the plot was good...the organization of the story line was not easy to follow...still entertaining enough.

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### **Rebecca Arbaugh says**

#### **Absolute Great Read**

Gavin has been best friends with Clint since they were kids, they grew up together so Clints family was Gavins and vice versa. So since Clint had a little sister, Audree, it was only fitting that he would help protect

her from any jerks. But the thing is she's had a crush on Gavin since they were kids and Gavin thought he wasn't good enough for her. So as time goes on they have a strictly physical relationship even though Audree has a daughter by another man when it should have been Gavin's. The 2 must realize that they are better off together than just sleeping together.

Absolute great read who I am so glad I pick up. Need more though on other characters in the book and continue Gavin and Audree's relationship!

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### **Laura says**

I received this copy from the author for an honest review. Audree Edwards has been in love with Gavin Montgomery most of her life. At the age of 11 she knows he is the one for her. Gavin is her older brother Clint's best friend and little does Audree know he feels the same way. When Audree turns 18 she wants Gavin to be her first. After that one night together Gavin makes it clear they could never be together. They begin a friends with benefits relationship. Although Audree goes along with their arrangement she is heartbroken every time he leaves. Gavin longs to be with Audree but too many things and people are in the way. When certain events come into play it is Audree's heart that is completely broken. Will Audree ever get her happily ever after?

When I started reading this book I felt it was going to be the same story that's been done before. Little did I know that I was wrong and I was pleasantly surprised. The way the author described both Audree's and Gavin feelings had me feeling like my heart was breaking as well. This book is a great book with great characters!

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### **Angela Goodrich says**

Unrequited love sucks and no one knows that better than Audree. She has been in love with Gavin since she was a child, but he only saw her as his best friend's little sister and that made her off-limits. In the beginning of the book, Ms. Benson provides us with snapshots of their interactions over the years and lays a nice foundation for the story without bogging us down in an unnecessary retelling of their lives. The scene in which Audree gives Gavin her virginity on her eighteenth birthday was an emotionally intense scene that was quite moving.

As the trip down memory lane progresses, we learn much about Audree and Gavin's lives up to the present and I must admit that I found their "friends with benefit" situation oddly disconcerting. Audree is such a strong and independent character that it seems contradictory for her to allow herself to be used by Gavin over and over ... and let's face it, that's what he was doing. She agreed to the arrangement in hopes that he would change his mind and begin to see her in a romantic light. While I might understand letting the situation continue for a while, my take from the book was that it occurred for almost a decade and that's practically masochistic.

Just as odd, for me, was Gavin's belief that he wasn't good enough for Audree. That's the kind of attitude you expect from a character who grows up on the "wrong side of the tracks," not a character whose family was one of the more affluent in the area and someone who ends up building an extremely successful company on his own. But my biggest sticking point with the book was that I never understood why Gavin's father hated Audree so much. I kept waiting for an explanation and I never read it – I suppose I could have missed it but I don't think I did.

While I enjoyed Gavin and Audree's interactions as the nature of their relationship changed and underwent some serious growing pains, my favorite part of the book was Travis, Gavin's younger brother. Travis's antics were quick to make me laugh; he loved his brother and Audree and did what he could to help them both out; and his loyalty is astounding considering the compromising position he found his fiancé in with Gavin. I really hope that the next book in the series is about Travis because that boy deserves a shot at love after what his father's machinations subjected him to. Love Unclaimed is a good read. It's a little sappy in parts, but that's what makes it a fun and light read when you just want to be entertained.

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.  
Reviewed by Angela at Crystal's Many Reviewers!

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### **Elliot says**

This is a sweet farm town love story. It brings a hometown family and their childhood friends coming of age and old family rivals bubbling over. The main characters while growing up together, protecting one another, learning life lessons along the way and always staying true to one another. Of course promises and mistakes are made along the way and hidden secrets could blow up each of their relationships. Yet in the end, they still all stand up for each other and even find love together with a few new friends added along the way.  
A wonderful read and I look forward to following more of this story!

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### **Tracy Lundy-Munn says**

Love Unclaimed is a standalone book by Jennifer Benson. I absolutely fell in love with this storyline and the twists and turns that had me hooked from beginning to end. I am hoping the author is making this into a series because there is so many characters from this book that she can create some amazing stories for. Love the whole older brother's best friend falling in love with his little sister storyline...I'm a total sucker for that!! The characters were all well developed and had great chemistry. Throw a little kid into the mix and this book just got 100% better. Looking forward to hopefully more in this series and more by this author!!

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