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"Witty and fun, warm and endearing, Macy Beckett will tug your heartstrings!"-- Carly Phillips, *New York Times* Bestselling Author

In order to achieve her lifetime dream of owning her own martini bar, June Augustine must return to her small town of Sultry, Texas...and to the man who intoxicates her life no other.

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From Reader Review Sultry with a Twist for online ebook

Pat says

Our heroine in this delightful story is June Augustine. Her full name is Mae-June July Augustine; is it any wonder she prefers to be called June? She is a young woman, about to start on her dream career. She has given up everything she owns to start a high class martini bar, in Austin Texas with her friend and fellow backer Esteban. The only thing left is to arrange for her liquor license, and Luquos will be on its way. But, she finds out there is a bench warrant on record for her from nine years ago in her home town, Sultry, Texas. The only way to clear up this mess is to appear before the judge in Sultry.

Luke Gallagher, our hero, is divorced, ex- military, and a contractor in Sultry. He runs a non-profit company called Helping Hands, to repair and rebuild homes for people who can't afford the work. He grew up in the home of Prudence Foster, June's grandmother. His Mom left with his little sister when he was twelve, and he was taken in by Pru. June was also raised by her grandmother, June's parents died when she was seven. She and Luke were best friends, even more so after he started living with them. She worshiped him from afar, he tolerated her tagging along.

Prudence loves the children, has a strong Christian Fundamental background, and rules with an iron hand. Nine years ago, they broke her heart, and she sent them away. She has since learned to regret this hasty decision.

Luke has quite an eclectic crew working for him. One man is Trey, his foreman, and his best friend, from his military days. Trey enjoys a reputation with women. Luke describes his talent, "Trey flashes his dimples-the ones that make panties drop like lead". June is in town, doing community service for 30 days. Her options are Helping Hands, or church. Luke prays she picks the church.

This novel has a lot of laughter, scary mishaps, stubbornness and an abundance of love.

I enjoyed every page, and would highly recommend it.

I received this ARC from NetGalley and the author for an honest review.

?Karlyn P? says

3.5 - 4 stars. A fun contemporary romance set in a small southern town in Texas. Great characters, cheeky humor, sassy dialogue, and likable characters. A great read for fans of unrequited love stories. There was too much hot/cold back and forth between H/h which felt forced in places, but otherwise a great read.

Asheley says

I loved this book the first time that I read it, and I loved it on the reread. There are a thousand reasons why, but the main reasons are the Southern small-town setting, the second-chance romance, the quirky secondary

cast, and the banter between June and Luke. Also, I love that June is a bartender and Luke renovates homes - I tend to seek out bartending/renovating characters in romance stories.

June Augustine is all set to open her own fancy bar in the big city, but she has unresolved legal business back in her hometown of Sultry Springs, Texas that she has to settle up before she gets her liquor license. When she heads back to Sultry Springs, she runs into a blast from her past: Luke Gallagher.

The big thing about Luke is that June was certain that they would be together way back when, but for some reason, Luke left her high and dry. He absolutely broke her heart. She hasn't gotten over him in the years since she last saw him, and to be honest she's a little ticked off at him for what he did to her. Luke has his reasons for his past behavior, but still.

The fact that June ends up having to spend a lot of time around Luke before she can open her bar is GREAT. The two try to deny that they never got over one another, but it's pretty obvious to everyone around them that there is both tension and chemistry there. I love the way the author revealed the details about their backstories because it was helpful to understand why they get so grumpy and standoffish at certain parts of the story (especially Luke) and then when they finally get their HEA, it's just awesome.

I have to mention June's grandmother Pru: both June *and* Luke grew up living in Pru's house - and at the same time! They grew up together. Since Pru is a strict churchgoing Southern woman, OF COURSE she has rules. A lot of what June and Luke have experienced in the past few years is the result of breaking Pru's rules, and sadly this caused a huge rift between June and her grandmother. Like, when the book begins, they haven't seen or heard from each other at all in YEARS. So while this is a second-chance romance story, it is also fair to say that it is a second-chance family relationship story as well. There is a lot of mending that goes on in this book, and it isn't only the mending of two people that once loved another.

ALSO there are some crazy scenarios that pop up: natural disasters, hospital admissions, things like that. I think that even though these are really serious things, the author gave them plenty of humor so nothing felt over-the-top serious.

This book is just fun to me. Great to read and reread, even if you want to read slowly. I reread this on my phone's Kindle app when I was in line at stores or when I had to be places where I couldn't have my other physical books immediately at my side. Just, I love it so much: the reconciliations, the Southern aspect, everything. Since I grew up around a lot of strict churchgoing people that were much like Pru, I think I may have connected *a little bit extra* to this one.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Amanda's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

5 Stars

Sultry with a Twist by Macy Beckett is the debut romance novel and for me it is definitely a hit. She blends the right amount of turmoil, anguish, heartache, drama and romance that pulled on my emotions in all different directions. Luke and June were meant to be together and it took a bogus bench warrant to get her to return to her hometown of Sultry, Texas. June vowed that she would never return, but in order to go forward with the opening of her new upscale bar in Austin, she had to go back and take care of this legal matter. What she didn't know was that she would be thrown back into the path of the man that broke her heart all those years ago. It was going to be a long month of community service and telling herself that he was OFF

LIMITS if she was going to survive with her heart intact.

It's one thing to say it in your head but there is no denying what the heart says when it comes right down to it for both Luke and June. Luke felt unworthy of June and didn't have anything to offer her so he kept her at arm's length and only wanted her for the short term. He definitely had commitment issues with his mother's abandonment and failed marriage; so what did he know about love? June took it upon herself to show him love and it took a grand gesture for him to finally realize that she loved him. Luke almost blew it but what he did at the end made me fall in love with him, flaws and all.

June was a girl after my own heart. She worked hard for what she wanted and sacrificed things in order for her dream to come true. What she didn't count on was her dream changing. Ms. Beckett created a strong, mature heroine over the course of the story and it was insightful to see how her 9 year absence cost her precious time with her grandmother. She even took heed of the sermon she heard about love and decided that she would show Luke how to love. That made her a less of a self-centered individual and a better well-rounded adult that I can admire.

This was an incredible story written with great dialogue between Luke and June, and even better between Luke and his best friend Trey. They had me laughing out loud when those two got together. She brought it all together in this story with sultry sex scenes, witty banter, and an engrossing story I'm sure it will draw you in as well. I look forward to the next one in her new series with Trey's story. I'll even steal the slogan from the author's website itself and say "Welcome to Sultry Springs, where first loves find second chances."

Patty says

Looks and sounds great cant wait to get my hands on it!!!!

Jessica Lemmon says

Ho-o-ly...sugar!

Some books explore family themes and small-town life, others offer characters so real you worry about them whenever you're not devouring the pages. And then there are books that give you a very real, sock-in-the-gut love story.

Sultry with a Twist happens to have all of the above.

Macy Beckett's debut novel is clever, funny, and sweet. I doubt you'll soon forget Mae-June July Augustine or Luke Gallagher. Even the secondary characters, Pru, Bea, and especially Mr. Dimples (Trey) continue to haunt you...in a good way...long after you close the back cover. Poignant without being sappy, hot without being gratuitous, this book gives and keeps on giving until it hurts.

If you want a sigh-worthy happily-ever-after, take a trip to Sultry Springs, Texas. You won't be sorry.

Rachel Webb says

Fantastic new series! I cannot wait to read the next one, but I'll have to wait til March :(The character development was so complete I felt like I knew them in another life. It was funny when it needed to be and heart-warming too. It just made me happy to read it, like a Nora Roberts book, but with the humor of a Rachel Gibson book.

Lauren says

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4 Stars

June Augustine returns to her home town of Sultry, Texas to sort out an arrest warrant from nine years ago. Forced to work side-by-side with Luke Gallagher, the man who broke her heart, June simply wants to complete her community service and get back to her life. Luke, on the other hand, wants nothing more than to start up where they left off, but can June's heart handle another hit?

A surprisingly sweet and steamy story of second chances and true love.

Luke and June are an appealing and likable couple, and there is just the right amount of tension and angst in their relationship without crossing the line into irritating and annoying. June is an endearing klutz and it is amazing that she manages to survive the book in once piece. Nevertheless, the situations she gets herself into only add to her allure. Luke is an interesting mix of honorable and damaged. He has taken some hard knocks in life and finds it difficult to believe in love, but June isn't willing to give up on him.

The small town setting and quirky secondary characters are entertaining. The contrast between the religious community and the sexy romance also contributes to the charm of the story.

All in all, a lovely contemporary romance recommended for readers who enjoy laugh-out loud dialogues and reading with a smile on their faces.

Anne OK says

Product Description:

Welcome to Sultry Springs, Texas: where first loves find second chances...

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My Review:

Macy Beckett's debut novel sparkles. This new-to-me-author fills the pages of this second chance at love story with captivating characters, laugh-out-loud humor and small town charm.

The heat between Mae-June July Augustine (poor girl!) and Luke Gallagher sizzles and scorches. Both are flawed and wounded souls adding to the character development in each. The dialogues between them are filled with witty and comical one-liners that will keep a smile on your face.

A wonderful assortment of tempting secondary characters raises the level of fun. Hopefully, we'll be seeing a lot more of this spirited and captivating group as the series continues.

Readers are gifted with an epilogue that charms and completes June and Luke's happily-ever-after.

Jess says

2.5 stars

Okay, so there are things this book did well. It gets points for world building and an atypical setting. This is one of the more believable small towns I've read recently.

It loses points, however, for the hero and the unequal amount of give and take in the h/hr's relationship. She literally gives up everything so he can have his dream and I know I'm supposed to think it's romantic and an act of love, but mostly I just thought it was stupid, especially when coupled with how he treated her when she was trying to teach him how to love. Which is actually a thing in the book.

Sheryl says

AWESOME debut from a new writer!!! It was sweet and funny and sexy and i definitely look forward to reading more from this author in the future!!

Kristie (fabk) says

I really wanted to wait and read the paperback copy that I preordered in March, but I just couldn't do it. When it came available for E-readers in September, I bought it again. I just got around to reading it this week and let me tell you. I LOVED IT!

Mae- June July Augustine was a wonderful character. She was so real, I felt like I knew her in real life. She wasn't your traditional perfectly beautiful woman, she was tall and had brown hair (lately everyone has red hair, what the heck is up with that?!?!?) and a good set of hips.

She was clumsy, klutzy, but she tried so hard to help everyone.

She made me laugh and she had me tearing up. She was that kind of character.

Luke Gallagher warmed my heart. Never given a fair shot at life from a young age, his character has overcome so much to be the man (and boy what a man) that he is today. His loyalty is so strong, you can feel it seep through the pages.

Together they just click. They come across as two puzzle pieces that click together.

4 words for you here- The Pond, The Truck. Enough said about that.

Can't wait until A Shot of Sultry!!!!

becky (rtgirl) says

I was dying to get my hands on this book just from the summary on Goodreads! I was lucky enough to get an ARC from netgalley and as soon as i clicked the button on my Kindle, I couldn't put the dang thing down!

June is an absolutely adorable character who is so full of determination and back bone, I want to be her real life friend! And Luke...oh, my! That man makes my toes curl! How did it take him so long to see that what he had to offer June was simply himself? Having a history with someone can cause all kinds of complications, especially when that history has a bit of a gap in it. You think you have to fill in all the holes to know the entire person, but that's just not true. June knew him and I'm so glad she showed him what was always the truth; that he was worthy of loving and of being loved.

Their banter was flawless; not candy store sweet but completely real and believable. I laughed, cheered, bit fingernails, re-read paragraphs, highlighted sections, and even choked up in a few places. And the "naughty parts", well...like I said...toes curled!

This book had absolutely everything that I love in a book. It was sweetness, sassiness, a few heart-clenchy moments and tied up with a pretty bow. I loved it and am crossing my fingers for an ARC of the next two in this series!

Macy Beckett may be a first time writer, but you'd NEVER know it. I hope she'll keep the good books coming!

Lori Foster says

I got an advance read of this book. It was incredible! Macy Beckett is sure to be a star. LOVED the dialogue. I laughed out loud many times, knowing guys who would say *exactly that.* The characters are all amazing - can't wait for the book about Trey.

Slight spoiler - the scene with Lucas (hero) and Trey (best friend) in the hospital is priceless. That scene and two others are so awesome, I'm dying to talk about it with others! LOL

The entire book was a very fun ride. I think I have a new auto-buy author! C'mon Trey's book!

Lady Heather says

I LOVED this story!

The writing, characters, and story were AMAZING!

... and the ending *sigh*

Just when I thought I had the whole story figured out...BAM!

Kudos Ms. Beckett for the little twist!

Look forward to reading more from this author!

*** Just a side note: It seems that my favorite ALL-TIME male literary leads are named Lucas (Luke), and Lucas in the story certainly meets the my criteria *grin*! LOVE HIM!! ***
