



Luck, Love & Lemon Pie

Amy E. Reichert

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

Luck, Love & Lemon Pie

Amy E. Reichert

Luck, Love & Lemon Pie Amy E. Reichert

From the author of the “clever, creative, and sweetly delicious” (*Kirkus Reviews*) *The Coincidence of Coconut Cake* and the forthcoming *Simplicity of Cider* comes a novel about an exasperated wife and mother who makes a play to reignite her marriage—and risks everything in a gamble she hopes is a sure bet.

When Milwaukee-area wife and mother MJ Boudreaux notices her husband Chris seems more interested in the casino than her, she’s more bothered that she isn’t upset than by her husband’s absence. She picks up poker as a way for them to spend more time together—and reignite their marital flame.

Although the game doesn’t give her the quality time with Chris that she’d hoped, MJ finds she has a knack for it. Increasingly unhappy at home, she turns to the felt top of the poker table for comfort. Intoxicated with newfound freedom, MJ begins spending more time at the gambling tables and less with her family, finally carving out for herself a place outside her role of wife and mother.

After a string of great wins, MJ finds herself in Vegas, attracting the attention of a certain magnetic poker star. But when she’s forced to choose between her family and her new exciting lifestyle, the stakes may be higher than she thought and MJ will have to play her hand carefully...or risk losing it all.

Don’t miss Amy E. Reichert’s sparkling new novel *The Simplicity of Cider*, available now!

Luck, Love & Lemon Pie Details

Date : Published July 12th 2016 by Gallery Books

ISBN : 9781501121555

Author : Amy E. Reichert

Format : ebook 320 pages

Genre : Fiction, Womens Fiction, Chick Lit, Romance, Contemporary, Adult

 [Download Luck, Love & Lemon Pie ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Luck, Love & Lemon Pie ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Luck, Love & Lemon Pie Amy E. Reichert

From Reader Review Luck, Love & Lemon Pie for online ebook

Sue says

I absolutely loved this novel -- it had everything -- laughs, a few tears, a little romance, jealousy, friendship and love. What more could you want to spend a few hours to take you away from your own problems? MJ and Chris have been married for 20 years and have two teenage kids. Chris has been spending more time at the casino playing poker than he has been spending with MJ so she decides that she needs to start playing poker, too, so that they can spend some quality time together. Boy does her plan backfire! Because of her history (which I won't go into because of possible spoilers), she is a fantastic poker player and soon becomes hooked on the game and HER time at the casino. Read the book to find out if Love or Poker wins the game of life for MJ and Chris. Its a great read!

(This book was provided by Net Galley for a fair and honest review)

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

We step into the life of MJ and Chris who have been married for over 20 years and have fallen into that trap of boring existence and not taking care of each other in the manner that they should. Nothing in common anymore, working overtime, putting the kids first, and basic existence plague this couple.

As you're reading the story I found myself reflecting on my own marriage and correlating with the authors writing. I'm sure it's not a popular position that MJ took things a bit too far, but I can also relate to why she did that too.

Thankfully, it wasn't all a loss and we are treated to a heartfelt HEA. While not intense or overly dramatic, this book does reflect what a marriage can look like after it's been ignored for a bit.

This book is a delightful reminder of the fact we need to learn to take care of our spouse as much as we take care of the kids, work, housekeeping, and other items that seem to get on the list first.

A wonderful book that speaks to the heart of marriage and the importance of working together to make it stronger every day. Amy has a lovely talent in being able to tell a story women can relate to. A lovely summer read.... And make sure to check out the recipe at the end! Yum

Full review at <http://amidlifewife.com/luck-love-lem...> and enter to win a copy too!

Pam Jenoff says

A delicious and witty story about a woman who learns how to play poker as a way of reconnecting with her husband and instead finds a part of herself she never knew existed. This book will resonate with every wife and mother who wonders what else is out there or if she can find happiness where she least expects it. So fun!

Jenny Belk says

How do you recapture the romance and attention you once had after many years of marriage? MJ and Chris are drifting away from each other. MJ must find a way to rekindle that spark they had when they first met. Chris enjoys hours at the local casino. MJ decides to find out what the big deal is with playing poker. She's a quick learner and discovers she has a real knack for the game. She meets a renowned poker champion and starts to enjoy his lavish attention. Will this attraction lead to the destruction of her marriage or will Chris and MJ find their way back to one another.

Told with humor and insight, this was a believable, enjoyable read.

Danielle says

I had hoped for more based on the author's first book. When starting this, I expected a light read, but this bordered on boring for me. There was no real depth to the characters, and I found the MC to be petty and selfish. A family relationship/connection was never really presented from the beginning, so I didn't much care about whether or not the MC resolved her issues.

As a whole, this was a let-down. I am still planning to give the author's next offering a fair shot. Hopefully this was simply a case of a sophomore slump.

? Kimberly says

I adored the quirky romance Reichert delivered in *The Coincidence of Coconut Cake* so I was eager to begin *Luck, Love & Lemon Pie*. Set in Milwaukee and we enter the Boudreaux home. Chris and MJ have settled into a routine and are busy raising two teenage children. When, Chris is late for their anniversary lunch it sets in motion doubts about their relationship. MJ attempts to rekindle their connection but miscommunications, trouble from an old nemesis, and plans backfires MJ is unsure where she stands.

All marriages go through phases and having been married for close to 29 years I can attest to this. Sometimes we are like new lovers, other times like roommates who bask in holding hands and watching a movie. We both have our own interests and things we enjoy together, but sometimes life gets hectic and we forget to make time for us as a couple. This is where MJ and Chris find themselves.

Chris enjoys playing poker, and MJ decides to learn so they can spend time together. With things going south at home, MJ loses herself in the game. She discovers a renewed confidence in herself and a sense of accomplishment as she begins winning. She pushes herself and enters a competition. While she is becoming more confident in herself, it also leaves her craving what she and Chris once shared. I felt for MJ, but was frustrated by their lack of communication. Even Chris had me shaking my fist for being closed lipped. So much could have been resolved if we just locked them in a closet for a few hours. Bwahaha!

I found the threads on the game of poker interesting from finding tells to strategies. Reichert shared just enough to get us into the game and understand its allure. She offered insight about what draws folks to the felt and it fit MJ perfectly. I do wish Chris was a little more fleshed out, particularly with his poker habits and secretiveness.

Reichert touched on many topics from jealous to the pressure and insecurities a stay at mom faces. While I

did not always agree with the actions MJ took the author did a great job of making me understand her. Admittedly I worried we might cross the line when a certain sexy poker player entered the picture and we did indeed teeter that line, but his attentions helped MJ focus on what really mattered. Funny, sexy, and outrageous he boosted MJ's confidence.

The back of the book contains a recipe for Anniversary Pie and questions for Book Club. I for one cannot wait to bake the pie!

Luck, Love & Lemon Pie wrapped up with character growth and tender moments that made me smile. Reichert delivered another heartfelt novel with realistic characters who drew me in and allowed the outside world to slip away.

Copy provided by publisher. This review was originally posted on Caffeinated Book Reviewer

DeB MaRtEnS says

3.5 stars. First of all, I liked Love, Luck and Lemon Pie because it was about MATURE WOMEN... yep, with kids in their late teens, with harried marriages, with somehow, somehow one of them, MJ, realizing that a wedge has crept in between herself and her husband, Chris and she can't pull them back together.

Chris likes to play poker at the club, so MJ naively thinks that joining him might give them a chance to spend adult time together. Thing is, she gets plunked with the beginners and Chris heads off with the experienced dudes. So...MJ decides to practise, then play in a tournament... and Chris is off chatting to her former never bff who has moved back to town.

I know... this sounds BORING... but for old married ladies whose marriages get a wrinkle in their Kaboose, it is actually a pretty sweet piece of mid-life chick lit. Those marital dead spots, the clod hopper dumb inside "who am I" spots, the too much routine and needing some razzle before forever losing the dazzle- this little engaging novel covers the gamut. It was a pleasure watching this twenty year marriage revive itself - yes, look love in the face and see it was there all along.

Light, easy chair reading only!

Grace {Rebel Mommy Book Blog} says

Review

MJ and her husband Chris are going through some rough times in their marriage. One reason is Chris's love of poker which seems to keep them apart. The bigger issue is MJ doesn't really mind. In an attempt to rekindle their relationship MJ tries to use playing poker to find common ground. Instead as MJ starts to play more and find something for herself she puts more space between herself and her husband and kids. After winning a trip to Vegas to play in a tournament which MJ goes on without her family she will have to figure out what is truly important to her.

Another book, another case of mixed feelings. I wanted to love this. I went in thinking I would love this. I came out feeling meh to good on it.

MJ was someone at first I felt bad for. We start off with her being stood up but her husband. This

automatically had me on her side and kind of hating her husband. I was rooting for her plan to rekindle the flames in their relationship to work. I saw where she was coming from thinking a shared interest would be a great way to do that. But then she got all wrapped in poker herself and kept putting off her relationship issues. So pretty much at a point, I didn't really care for either MJ or Chris. That is never good. Then I started to feel bad for Chris because she kept ignoring and putting off him. She was kind of hiding her wedding ring and getting jazzed up for poker. Then there was some jealousy issues and temptation on her trip. It was all just kind of f*cked.

There were relationship dynamics I did enjoy, though. I enjoyed seeing the family dynamics with their kids. Their son was super sweet and their daughter was too but she was a bit older and having her own issues. They were old enough to get there was something going on with their parents so that was interesting. I also like MJ with her two best friends. They were fun, honest and loyal to each other.

While this one wasn't a big hit with me, I did still enjoy it enough and got through it rather quickly. I am still excited to read her other book, *The Coincidence of Coconut Cake*.

Review

A reunion book? I am in! I was so looking forward to this one and then I was so disappointed. This is a case where the premise was so good for me and then the characters were pretty much all awful. I mean you don't have to like characters to like a book but they can definitely bring it down.

We have 5 friends coming back to their old college house at the behest of their old friend who passed away years ago. They have been living separate lives and haven't stayed in touch. When they get together lots of old feelings and events are brought up again. They need to deal with these old feelings so they can move on with their lives.

The female characters - Lindy, Annie, and Catherine - were probably the ones who annoyed me the most. I think it has to do with that they were probably the most involved and a lot centered around them. Lindy was selfish, outspoken and rude. Annie seemed a little clueless, weak and obsessed with appearances. Catherine came off as a controlling bitch who didn't listen enough to her husband or really anyone else. Owen, her husband, wasn't necessarily annoying but childish during the weekend and not capable of standing up for himself to his wife. Colin, while actually a central part of the overarching story, was just there for me. I ever felt like we got to know him much. He didn't add anything for me.

I think we were supposed to see these characters grow or come to realizations about their lives and, in the end, I guess we did. Still, I didn't quite believe it or think it would stick. If there was ever a need for an epilogue it was here!

The two characters I did enjoy were their dead friend Bea who we get to know a little in the beginning and through their stories and Leon, Lindy's kind of person (it's complicated). Bea was kind and loyal. She tried to keep the group of friends together - even after death. Leon, while high most of the time we spent with him, was a truth teller and laid back as anything. I was glad for the two of them in the book.

It took me a little while to get into this but it did move nicely after that. Despite my dislike of the characters, I did quite like the writing and how the story progressed and was told through the different viewpoints. While this wasn't my cup of tea, I think that there will be many who enjoy this story. This review was originally posted on Rebel Mommy Book Blog

Julie says

Luck, Love & Lemon Pie by Amy E. Reichert is a 2016 Gallery Books publication. I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher and Edelweiss in exchange for an honest review.

I loved *The Coincidence of Coconut Cake* so much I could hardly wait for Amy E. Reichert's next book. I have to say the wait was worth it. This is my kind of book in every way imaginable when it comes to contemporary fiction.

MJ's marriage is in a rut. On her twentieth wedding anniversary, she finds herself waiting for hours for her husband, Chris, to show up for their lunch date, consuming an entire custom made lemon pie, an anniversary tradition, while she waits. But, Chris is late due to a poker tournament and can only stay a short while because he won and needs to get back to the tables for the next round. MJ should be crushed, but instead, she feels relieved. She can go home and take a hot bath and read a book. What does that say about the state of her marriage?

So, MJ decides to kick start the relationship by taking up poker, something she and Chris can enjoy together. But, things go horribly awry as an old nemesis returns, and MJ and Chris find themselves drifting further and further apart.

As a person close in age to MJ, and enjoying a long marriage myself, I could really relate to the ups and downs of married life. There are peaks and valleys, and times when you fall in love with each other all over again. This is something MJ acknowledges in her marriage, but right now, she's having a pretty hard time summoning that 'in love' feeling again, and Chris is not much help.

I could understand MJ's feelings and admired her tenacity to at least try and rekindle the flame. Chris was a guy I had my doubts about, and had a hard time understanding his treatment of MJ. So, I must say I rather enjoyed his little wake up call, and was super happy when he starts to work redeeming himself.

The secondary characters all played their roles perfectly, especially Tammie, a woman who is hard to like, but one I felt confident could change if given half a chance. MJ's mother was a riot and I loved her sage advice.

This is a terrific story all the way around. It's realistic, honest, and emotional, and could certainly work as a cautionary tale. It is so easy to fall into this trap, so remember to always be diligent and never take your significant other for granted. But, the thing that stands out at the end of the day, is that this story is a tried and true love story and is proof that everlasting love is entirely possible, but you must be willing to work for and fight for it.

5 stars

Sherri Thacker says

This book is my least favorite of all of Amy E Reichert's books. Not too interested in the poker world (and I found myself skimming parts of the book) so I was kind of bored with the whole storyline but I kept reading till the end. Just ok.

??? ?????? ? ?????? ?????????? ?????????? ?????????? ??????????, ?????? ?????? ?? ?????????? ? ????, ???
?????????, ?????? ?? ?????? ?????????? ?????? ?? ????, ?????? ?? ?????????, ?????????? ?????????? ?????????? ??
???? ? ?????????????? ? ?? ? ??????, ?????????? ?????????? ? ?????? ?????????? ?????????? ? ??-????? ? ??? ???? ?
?????????????????

????? ?????????? ??, ? ?? ???? ?????? ?? ?????????, ? ?????? ?????????? ?????????????? ?????????? ? ??? ?????? ??
????????????? ?????????? ? ??????, ?? ?????? ?????????-?? ?????????? ?? ? ?????? ? ?? ?????? ?? ?????? ??????

?? ?? ?????? ?????????, ?? ??, ?? ?? ? ?????? ?????????? ?????-????? ??????. ??? ?????? ?????????????? ??? ? ??
????, ?????? ?? ??-?? ?????????? ? ???, ? ?? ?????? ?? ?????? ?????????, ?????? ?? ?????.

????? ?????????????????? ?? ?????????????? ? ?????????? ??? ? ?????????? ?? ?????????????????? ?????? ??????????????
?????? ?????? ?????????, ?????????? ?? ??????????

Mandy says

4.5 STARS

I loved this book! And far more than I expected I would. I was hooked immediately by the cover and title from the very first time, but by the description I wasn't sure if I would have an appreciation for the plot. Simply because poker bores me, I don't like it...which might have to do with the fact that I can't play worth my life. And there was quite a bit of poker in this book. But I am soooooo glad I read it. Amy Reichert is such a talented author. (I was actually interested in the poker) I was completely swept away in the story. The characters were so flawed, real, and lovable, and relatable at the same time. There were so many instances where I would be so angered by a character's choices, but they were also so relatable to me at the same time. Flawlessly written, this book had just the right amount of romance, family, jealousy, and love.

I received an Advanced Electronic Copy of **Luck, Love & Lemon Pie** for free through NetGalley

Kristen Richeal says

I received this as a Goodreads giveaway. This was a cute book, however I felt it was written for above my bracket. I still enjoyed it though.

Sheyla  says

MJ Boudreaux is feeling like the sparks are missing in her marriage. When her husband appears late to their

twenty-anniversary dinner, she knows she must do something to improve their relationship. Since her husband Chris enjoys playing poker, she decides she can join him at the tables and learn it herself. This could be something they could share together. To her surprise, she finds out she is good at it and little by little she starts spending more time at the casino.

To make matters worse, her husband is hiding something involving her college nemesis. MJ doesn't know what it is but she starts having doubts about how faithful Chris really is. When she wins a trip to Las Vegas, she decides to go and here she runs into interesting characters including the current poker champion who makes it very clear he wants more from her if she is willing.

MJ must make a serious decision of what to do next. Try to fix her marriage or move forward with someone new.

~~~

I loved The Coincidence of Coconut Cake and I was looking forward to reading Luck, Love & Lemon Pie. It's hard for me to say it but I didn't love it. I had some issues clicking with both main characters.

The writing was smooth but there just wasn't enough romance in it. MJ was frustrated with her marriage and at first, it felt like she was on the brink of giving it up until she believes her husband might be interested in someone else.

For his part, I never felt like I got to know Chris well. I do know Chris had as much blame as MJ for things not working right in their relationship. The lack of communication was their downfall. I don't agree with the way things were handled after MJ came back from her Vegas trip. In my opinion, they needed marriage counseling to fix what was missing.

Cliffhanger: No

3/5 Fangs

A complimentary copy was provided by the publisher via netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

---

## **Meg says**

This book....don't waste your time! I grabbed it thinking it would be a fun read (I hate the label, but chick-lit) with food mixed in. NO, no....nope. Thankfully, I got a free copy at work, unfortunately, I kept reading hoping something would redeem the book from the floor where I threw it when it was all draggingly OVER. Again. Wrong. I really need to stop being so kind and optimistic.

This is the story of a headstrong mother/wife who gets into poker because her husband is interested (for a very short moment) and then becomes so addicted she loses her family....goes to Las Vegas for a tournament....and her family falls crumbling down. The lemon pie? a gimmick. It is mentioned 3 times in the whole book...not worth being in the title. Gah. This book!

Things I disliked:

1) Female main character is unlikable--- she is just plain clueless and dumb (sorry, but who is deathly allergic to something, yet pays no attention to what she is eating/drinking?!) and really has nothing to do all day--- as she keeps saying she is a bad housekeeper and can't cook.

- 2) Husband is unlikable---- he is portrayed as faultless at the end--- all blame on his wife, yet he is AT FAULT. He is never around and pays little attention to his family. If the author had put in more details about how amazing he was....before trying to show his other side....
- 3) No gorgeous man who can have his pick of woman goes for a middle-aged MARRIED woman who has pushed him away....I know that sounds sexist and like I am generalizing, but in fiction (chick-lit) this does NOT happen and is not buyable. The main character? Is NOT so amazing he should pursue her.
- 4) Poker, poker, poker--- I am sorry, but someone who grew up playing poker does NOT need a refresher from her husband...she knows how to play. It was condescending. And then--- her husband went from never around to then blaming her for having a hobby?
- 5) Private jet!!!!? Sure. (rolling eyes)

I hate books that don't jive. This story did not. So many details that should have been edited out--- so many details that didn't work to build up the characters' background...a story that just didn't work.

Yes, I am negative. No, I do love a good story.

Don't read. Don't kill a tree. Please.

---