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Summer Holland is set on one thing--convincing her childhood sweetheart \*and\* local preacher's son, Gabriel Edwards, to marry her so she can get back the daughter she gave up for adoption. She's always been able to count on him to rescuing her when she needed it most, but this time is different... there's a new woman in Gabriel's life. Only, Summer's not going to let a little thing like that get in her way.

It would be a marriage of \*major\* inconvenience...

There's only been one woman for Gabriel Edwards—Summer Holland, the daughter of Holland Spring's most notorious woman. But unless Summer needs cash, food or a place to stay, she wants nothing to do with him. He's done playing her knight in shining armor. He's finally found the woman to settle down with—the town's newest librarian. She's smart and sweet, and wholly in love with him. Nothing and no one will get in the way of his plans... until, that is, Summer comes home to Holland Springs, and needs his help once more.

Determined to protect her heart, Summer tries to keep Gabriel at arm's length, but with one hot kiss, she realizes that not only did she get more than she bargained for, but she might not be over him.

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## From Reader Review Not Over You for online ebook

### Andrea says

I love a good redemption story. Luckily, the Holland Springs series has them. What I love even more is a bad girl redemption story, and that's exactly what I got in Not Over You.

It doesn't matter that Summer Holland hasn't slept with every man in Holland Springs. It doesn't matter that she gave up her daughter for the right reasons. Small towns are ripe with rumors. The rumors about Summer Holland have defined her life. Driven her away from home, family, and her childhood sweetheart. She tries to pretend they don't hurt, but her sense of self worth is non-existent.

Gabriel Edwards has been rescuing Summer since they were kids. No matter the cost, he can never turn her away. I have to admit that until Not Over You, I sold Gabriel short. He seemed dull and undeserving of Zoe in Twice Tempted. He was detached and unfocused in Third Time's a Charm. But now that I know why he acted the way he did in those books, I feel nothing but love for the amazing Gabe. One more thing, Gabriel is a twenty-nine year old virgin. (I know!)

I didn't have nice feelings for Summer in Third Time's a Charm. She seemed beyond selfish and weak. Her actions were pretty awful, and I hated the way she was with Rose. But that story was told through Rose's eyes, and the facts weren't all in. When you see things from Summer's perspective, all the bad goes away. I loved that Valentine took this complex, broken woman with so much pain in her heart, and gave her a redemption of sorts. I relate in a big way with Summer and it felt good to experience Gabriel's unwavering love for her.

The Holland Springs series continues to be quite the treat. Not Over You is my favorite yet.

### Favorite Quotes:

*Summer, all alone in a meadow of spring flowers. Well, if you didn't count the hundreds of fireflies dancing around her.*

*Laughing with pure joy, she waved a hand in the air. The fireflies followed her movements, reminding him of kids playing with sparklers on the Fourth of July.*

*His gut clenched.*

*The fireflies continued their dance, moths joining in. Something swept past him. He followed the blur and realized it was a bat, most likely trying to eat the conveniently provided snack.*

*Summer laughed again, drawing his attention back to her. She threw out her arms and spun around. He felt himself drift closer, like he was one of those moths... and she the flame.*

*"Summer." Her name was a prayer on his lips. A plea in his heart.*

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### Shaly says

Okay, so different characters, but same story. Using the one you love to get what you want. I was really looking forward to Gabriel's story since he was first mention in Drive Me Crazy, he just sounded so sweet

and sexy. Don't get me wrong, he really was sweet and sexy, except he was such a chump as well. He totally let Summer take advantage of him, but I guess it was the 'do gooder' in him. He just had to help everyone. I still liked his character, I guess I just wanted him to man up and grow a pair when it came to Summer.

Summer...she was frustrating as hell. Talk about a woman with the lowest self esteem ever! I felt so horrible because of the circumstances that set her onto the path she was on, no female deserves that, but she had family and friends who did care for her and she still did her damndest to push them away...her feelings were all over the place. She needed some serious therapy or she needed to put her big girl undies on, put her chin up and tell everyone who spread vicious rumors about her to go f\*ck themselves and that included Elise...innocent librarian my ass!

Gabriel should have called her bluff and let her leave instead of begging her to stay but as per the norm and repetition in this series that didn't happen and we see quick forgiveness and so forth, this time the roles were reversed though...that's the only difference...

After reading the Epilogue of this book and the synopsis for the next book in this series, I know its going along the same exact path of the previous books, marriage of convenience, with great sex, lots of hurt, eventual but rapid forgiveness and then happily ever after so I think I'll pass on it...

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## **Liza says**

### **Heart wrenching story of a woman finding her self- worth and the man who's willing to do anything for her to see it.**

I will not hold you longer by getting through the synopsis again which is already on the book description. I will be doing a straight review this time.

This is my first book out of the Holland Springs series and I ABSOLUTELY love it. I am so glad that this is my first read opening the year.

I feel deeply connected to Summer while reading the story-- her not so beautiful journey of finding the value of herself against of what people thought of her and her family in Holland Springs. My heart clenched every time she pulled her wall up with Gabriel and pretended that she is what people think she is.

I adored Gabriel's character. His love and determination to show Summer of how worthy she is of love is admirable. When he said he's never letting go of Summer again, he didn't.

One element I also loved the most about the story are the minor characters. Jemma Leigh, Isabella and Gabriel's parents played major parts in building Summer and Gabriel's story. Their good judgment of the situations, their forgiveness and upright individualities will make them one of my favorite supporting characters yet.

***Marquita Valentine pictured a great representation of love in all aspects--- family, friendship and special relationships. This story might be my first of the series but it won't be the last. I am definitely itching to buy all Holland Springs series after Not Over You.***

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## Tabby - Shattered Hearts Reviews says

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Marquita Valentine has quickly become one of my favorite authors! & Holland Springs one of my favorite series! When Marquita wrote Not Over You, she wrote a heart wrenching, romantic, attention grabbing story that tugs at every heart string you have and takes you for an amazing ride.

Summer lives in a town where her name is something of a curse. People will think what they think and do what they do. No-one knows the real story of why she gave her daughter up, but no one cares enough to try and find out either. She has one person she knows she can always trust to help her whenever she needs it and that one person happens to be the man she wants to call her own. Only problem is – he's taken. For everything that she has been through and is still going through – she really comes into her own and I admire her in every possible way.

Gabriel.. oh sheesh. It's not often you read books where the male lead character is a virgin. I KNOW RIGHT! It seriously made him even more swoon-worthy in this book! Gabriel has pretty much made it a second job to rescue Summer when she gets herself into things. Just when he has finally gotten his life in a direction he wants it and finds a woman to settle down with – Summer pops right back into his life.

I loved watching this train-wreck happen. You never get in the way of a woman on a mission! I hate that it sometimes take men a little longer to figure out the important things, but it makes the read all the more worth it. Valentine took a broken woman and turned her into something great. I LOVE the fact that this book was a redemption book. Those are my favorite to read! I love the Holland Springs Series and if you haven't given it a chance yet, you should!

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## Savannah says

**Disclaimer: I received this book in exchange for my honest review and opinion. Thanks to the author and tour host for the amazing opportunity.**

Summer Holland is a young woman with a bad past, she had given up your baby when she born and moved out of her hometown. She always had counted with the help of her best friend and sweetheart childhood. But this time when she gets back to the town he isn't available.

Gabriel Edwards is the preacher's son. He was a sweet boy and now is a decent guy, he always had been loved of Summer but she hadn't. Now, he is with Elise and maybe they'll get married soon, Summer doesn't fix in the equation.

Will Gabriel help Summer no matter what one more time?

Will Summer get back her baby?

This is the first book of Marquita Valentine I read and it won't be the last. I really enjoyed it. Summer's story is so sad, she was a girl who made mistakes like everyone, but one decision cost her heart and happiness. She got pregnant very young and her baby's daddy died in Afghanistan, she was alone with an expecting baby and without family's support. She gave her child in adoption to her sister, suggested by her mother.

When Summer returns her town she decides get back her baby, but the attorney says she has to get married, so she asks to Gabriel get married only for recover her daughter. An unconventional marriage. But there is a problem: Gabriel is dating with Elise and she doesn't want to give up.

"I know I'm not the first woman he ever loved, but I want to be the last one, so I'm begging you, please stay away." Elise let out a shaky breath. "He'd choose you over me, I know this. So, I'm asking you, woman to woman, to respect our relationship, and stay the hell away."

Gabriel... what can I say about him? He's so sweet also he wants to wait to wedding night for have sex and he has almost 30!!! So sexy!

"I plan to be the man you've always wanted, your every fantasy, and every desire. I plan on meeting every need a wild child like you could have. And by God, I hope it's a lot, because I've been waiting my whole life for you."

"I plan on kissing you like that, every day, for the rest of my life," he said.

And his family? Oh My Sweet Lord, lovely family. His parents adopt and care kids from everywhere, as matter of fact Gabriel born in Colombia (so close to me).

In spite of the obstacles and Summer's barriers they star a sweet and sexy love story. Summer is a stubborn woman and I wanted to scream her so many times.

"Sometimes, when you've been battling for so long, it's hard to know when to lay your weapons down and surrender to love."

The ending is happy but not perfect, but that's life isn't it?

**How many stars deserve this book? Let's see**

**Interesting storyline? Check (also well development)**

**Lovely and easy relatable characters? Check**

**Hot and sensual scenes? Hell yeah check (Gabriel's wait is worth it)**

**Sexy virgin hero? Check (There is something attracting and being with a virgin guy)**

**Page turner factor? Check**

**Bottom line? My rate is 4 shining stars**

**'cause this is a**

*Unconventional, sexy and inspirational story. You need to read it and smile like me when you finish it.*

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## **Lisa says**

Not Over You by Marquita Valentine is very beautiful tale.

A difficult childhood and adolescence have left their marks on Summer Holland. The one time she desperately needed her best friend and first love to believe in her was the one time he failed her. She has never forgiven him.

Gabriel Edwards has always loved Summer. He let her down once in the most unforgivable way and he's been doing everything he can to make it up to her ever since. It's cost him along the way, dropping everything and everyone when she needs him, but it's Summer and there is no other way he would be.

Despite my OCD like need to read every book in a series, even if they can be standalone novels, I managed to dive right into this one and not get to itchy about not having read the previous seven novels/novellas.

There's a VERY slight mystical flavor to the story. Summer's sister Rose owns an apothecary and has *The Sight*. Summer is also very much at one with nature. It's such a beautiful tale. Heart breaking and uplifting at the same time. I will definitely be reading the other books in the series (in order of course).

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## **Rose says**

This book had me a little worried in the beginning. I really wasn't feeling the love for Summer. But as I continued reading and getting to know her, understanding what she had been through, I fell for her just like I have every other character I've ever read/met by this author. Summer's story is so heartbreaking, it's no wonder she is the way she is (or wants people to think she is).

Gabriel is almost too good to be true. And his love for Summer is the truest, purest thing about him. Just as he's finally ready to let that love go, Summer returns to town needing his help, once again. But this time he has given her an ultimatum, one he hopes will make her realize that their's is a love that can surpass all the pain in their past.

Will Summer finally open her heart to Gabriel? Can Gabriel convince Summer that she is worthy of his love? Come visit Holland Springs and see what love has waiting for the citizens of this quaint little Southern town!!!

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## **The Book Queen says**

Oh, Gabriel! A sexy, virgin hero who loves unconditionally and has a heart of gold? \* swoons \*

I had my doubts about this book, even from the very beginning of the series. After all, Summer has a bit of a . . . prickly personality, and a very complicated back story. Life dealt her a bad hand and rumors and jealous people made it even worse. The glimpse of Summer in the past books didn't allow me a chance to connect with her, to understand her. But Not Over You changed that. Valentine showed the real Summer in this one, and before long I wanted to be her friend, too, to help her to see what she's worth.

Okay, and perhaps to steal Gabriel away from her . . . Sssh!

The chemistry between these two is very potent, but so is the love. Not Over You was very sexy, but also touching, especially when they finally got together.

It's no secret: I'm a HUGE fan of Marquita Valentine, and I've been closely following/stalking her every book since her debut. With each new release, I am always reminded of how much I love this author, of how talented she is. I'm happy, even now, that I picked up that first book, and I'm always anxious for her next one. A writer of sexy, sweet, and very addicting romances, with heart and heat, Valentine is a must read author!

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I received this book from the author in exchange for my honest opinion.

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## **Melody May (What I'm Reading) says**

Posted on What I'm Reading

Rating 4 1/2 Stars

So, this weekend I read Not Over You by Marquita Valentine. For those who don't know, I LOVE Marquita's writing. It all started with Twice Tempted and I just fell in love with Holland Springs. In Twice Tempted we actually meet Gabriel Edwards, because he was dating Zoe Ambrose at the time. Since then they have broke up. Of course if you have been keeping up with the series you would know that she has married Christian Romanov. Anyway, Gabriel is finally getting his chance at love.

So, Gabriel has decided to move on from his first love of Summer Holland and take a chance with Elise Dumas. However, when he believes he's able to move on Summer waltz back into town and throwing his life into a tailspin. He makes a promise Elise to put her first. Yet, Elise isn't to confident in what Gabe says, because she goes to warn Summer away.

"He'd choose you over me, I know this. So, I'm asking you, woman to woman, to respect our relationship, and stay the hell away."

All right, but if have to warn an ex-whatever away from your man, I'm pretty sure the relationship is doom. That's just my humble opinion. So, we that working against Summer and Gabriel's relationship already. Fortunately, Summer is able to find a good friend in Jemma Leigh. Everyone needs a good friend, especially when you live in a town believing you are the town's harlot.

Like most of Marquita's other books it does have a strong emotional element. Especially, with Summer feeling like the town's outcast. So, you feels Summer's pain and she tends to be mean and horrible as a way to guard herself from others. This is why Jemma Leigh is important to the story, because she's Summer's personal cheerleader when no one seems to want to the job. It even takes Gabriel awhile before he realize he's to help her when she's pushing others away. I think Jemma Leigh put it best when she describes Summer:

"Sometimes, when you've been battling for so long, it's hard to know when to lay your weapons down and surrender to love."

I really enjoyed Not Over You, because you have two opposites that are strongly attracted to one another. At the same time, one has let the other down, which forces the other to put up walls around their heart. Plus, it takes a lot of patience and strength for Gabriel to breakdown Summer's wall. Not only that, he's going to try to change a town perception of Summer. I personally love all the Holland Spring books, and Not Over You is just as great as the others. I love do Gabriel and Summer's battle of wits. I love that how story centers around that somethings are just worth fighting for.

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### **Hot Romance Novel says**

After growing up in a town where ever knows everyone, the little telephone game that they all play can literally destroy not just a persons reputation but destroy her destiny. Summer maybe all of the bad things that the gossip has already decided she is...After running from the fear, the broken hearts and her horrible reputation, Summer finally all grown up and feels it is time to come home. She is coming home to help find the reason her heart was so broken and heal. Not Over You has everything from date rape, adoption, a preachers son, a small town wicked gossip, the town whore for a mother...and then Summer. Is she still the lying, cheating, thief, that the entire town believes? Is she able to heal the wounds that she and the entire town inflicted on her? This is quite the page turner!!

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### **Kellison says**

3 Stars. The characters were okay, if at times a little too type-cast. What really didn't work about this book for me is that, in my opinion, it doesn't stand alone well. There was a lot in this book that confused me, and I think it would have been better to have read the previous books in the series. Hell, I'm finished with the book and I still don't understand why Summer had her sister adopt her daughter, or why Gabriel would have talked her into it, or why Summer's mother appeared at just that moment to ruin things for Summer and Gabriel and then disappeared again, or why so many people in town were willing to project the sins of the mother onto the daughters, and I especially wanted to know what happened with Summer having Gabriel's truck, but none of this is really answered. It seems to be assumed that I as the reader already know all of this information. This would not be a problem at all, except that it is advertised as being a stand alone novel and I don't think it really is one.

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### **Mayra Statham says**

So I love this series. When I think that there is no way that Valentine's story telling could be any better or make me fall in love with characters even more she surprises the heck out of me because she does. I was not inclined to like Summer, from her actions in past books. Gabriel in past books was a little forgettable and I won't lie I wasn't too excited about this one.

Marquita Valentine I bow to you in forgiveness! Summer and Gabriels story was beautifully rich and incredible! I feel even more with your characters and with Holland Springs! Your writing is incredible and will be a faithful one-clicker of your books!

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### **Paula says**

Gabriel and Summer were met to be together. However what you perceive when you're a child with no role model and the reality is so different. Summer was like a tiger in a cage waiting to be attack. Angel or should I say Gabriel was sooooo patient with her. it was worth the wait. the sex omg 29 years in waiting it was hot.

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### **Rumpled Sheets Blog says**

Not Over You had me gripped from the very start. It is truly a beautiful, heartbreaking story.

The story has a wonderful plot that consumes you from the beginning and you simply can't stop reading.

The characters are very well developed especially Daniel and Summer's. They feel real and believable.

I loved it and definitely highly recommend it.

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### **Lady says**

Though this series can be read as standalones I would not encourage it. I feel a though I am missing essential pieces of the story that I would know if I had read them in the proper order so I would suggest doing that. The first book is Drive Me Crazy: Holland Springs Series, Book 1 (Contemporary Romance). The second book is Twice Tempted: Holland Springs, Book 2 (Contemporary Romance). The third book is Third Time's a Charm: Holland Springs, Book 3 (Contemporary Romance). The fourth book is Just Desserts: Holland Springs, Book 4 (Contemporary Romance). This is the fifth book.

Somewhere there is a joke about the town whore's daughter and the son of the preacher... Or if there isn't then there should be. Or at least that is the way Summer feels. He is too good for her irregardless of whether all the stories about her or not. But she is also the only man she has ever loved and the only real friend she had growing up. She feels like a part of her is missing and she NEEDS to get it back... She needs her daughter... No matter what the law says her little Ivy belongs with her! She will do ANYTHING to get her

back and fill the void within herself. But what if she's wrong? What if even that doesn't heal her heart?

Gabriel has only ever loved one woman... But he's over her! That's what he tells himself day after day ... Year after year.... He's over her. But is he? He is dating his mother's best friend's daughter but everything feels off. Like something is missing or just plain wrong. He is over Summer isn't he? He has to be... He has to move on for good. It has been years and she has never once come back after she gave up Ivy.

This is a contemporary romance that has a tinge of the supernatural. I really enjoyed it and can't wait to read the books I skipped and any that come after! I am definitely a fan now and will continue to be :)

\*\*\*This series is suitable for adult readers

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