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An American celebrity chef and an Italian chocolate maker cook up a magical recipe for true love.

In a tiny village in the hills of Tuscany is a statue of Cupid with the power to grant the deepest desires of the heart to all who ask. The village is home to single mother Valentina, who runs a struggling chocolate shop. All she's ever wanted was to fit in, determined to provide a quiet, normal life for herself and her daughter. She works hard to keep it together, asking for nothing...especially not Cupid's help. Not when that would mean admitting to herself and everyone else that her deepest desire is to find the love of a woman.

American celebrity chef Andie should be having the time of her culinary life while on a PR blitz in Tuscany. Instead, a tabloid scandal that threatens to destroy her career has her hiding in a remote hillside village. With nothing to do but worry and wait, she spends her time avoiding shame and infamy by flirting with a local chocolate maker who's as irresistible as the sweets she sells. She's shocked by the discovery that her heart longs for much more than a temporary distraction, but even if she can convince the reluctant Valentina to give her a chance, how can she balance a relationship in Italy with a career in the States?

When it comes to realizing the deepest desires of their hearts, it just might take an act of divine intervention for these two women to find their future together!

Letters to Cupid is the third book in the Americans Abroad series of stand alone romantic comedies. Don't miss Waltzing on the Danube and Holme for the Holidays!

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vacatedboat says

All that needs to be known about the storyline for 'Letters to Cupid' is written in the synopsis, so I'm just going to skip all that and ramble on this one...so, this is going to be a lot of blah, blah, blah'ing which will not be objective at all, but based solely on my personal experience with this author's work.

This is my 5th MacLeod book and, quite honestly, the first one I connected with. After reading her debut, 'Telling Lies Online,' I was a bit hesitant to read more, but I chose to because I just had a feeling she was going to be an author I could enjoy. The second book of hers I read ('A Road Through the Mountain') got a slightly higher rating out of me (3*) and I enjoyed it enough to try the next book in the series, but that ended up in my DNF pile. The fourth book ('Waltzing on the Danube') was still just ok. I knew I liked her writing, but there was just something missing for me in these first four reads.

Whatever that missing ingredient was...well, I found it in this book. I really, really enjoyed 'Letters to Cupid' and felt connected to the characters, as well as invested in their HEA. This is definitely one that falls into the sickeningly sweet category, but hey, one of our characters is a chocolatier, so of course it is. I'm not generally a sweet tooth reader, but it worked for me here and mostly because I felt like we really got to know both MCs as individuals; they felt genuine and they were both really likable. It was hard not to want them each to find happiness and it was definitely believable that they'd find that happiness together. The development of their relationship felt organic and I was ecstatic.

The setting also played a big part in this book and I could easily imagine the village of Montamore, the Cupid statue that plays a hefty role in the book, and the entire piazza where most of the story takes place. Valentina's conversations with Cupid and Andie's experience with a micro-car also provided a bit of comedy; not the sort that makes one actually laugh out loud, but that maybe invites a smile.

MacLeod has definitely grown as an author, so because I enjoyed this so much I will go back and read some of her more recent releases that I've purposefully skipped. My only disappointment was the steam factor. The chemistry between Valentina and Andie was really off the charts while they were flirting and getting to know one another, so I expected that when they finally 'did the deed' it would be a scorcher. MacLeod did great with building chemistry, but fell short on the big bang (for my personal tastes). This isn't the be-all and end-all for many people, and obviously it wasn't for me either since I still really enjoyed this, but I thought I'd put it out there.

All in all, enjoyable warm fuzzies abound and recommended to any pure romance fan.

Arien says

WARNING: Contains a lot of adorable blushing.

4.3 stars. A really sweet, at times sizzlingly hot and angst-free read. Maybe a little bit too sweet for my taste but I still enjoyed it a lot.

Both leads, as well as the few secondary characters, are well written. The chocolate making is tasty and

engaging, and the quaint little Italian town was an excellent location for this story. I didn't particularly care about that minor supernatural angle with the Cupid but I guess it works.

Overall a lovely read.

Mari Stark says

When I read the summary, I knew right there and then I got to read this book and I am very glad I did, it is a very beautiful story, with a little bit of everything and mostly a lot of humour, from the beginning to the end it's very charming and of course all that very deliciously described chocolate it's a perk. Loved it very much, the characters are engaging and the author's style and tone pull you in and carries you along. While you might know there is going to be a happy ever after ending, there is always that sense of expectation, waiting for another twist in the tale.

I liked to read all about the funny misadventures around cupid of Valentina the lovely Italian chocolate maker had to endure since she was 14 years old and knew she was different from the other girls, but I'm sure she never expected either after living in such a small village in the hills of Tuscany her life could change so much and in a relatively short time due to Andie a very outgoing American celebrity chef, who ends up in Italy escaping from a tabloid scandal, who also never imagined her life and goals could turn the way they did after she met the lovely chocolate maker.

I was hooked by the first page and it kept me expectant until the last sentence of the last page. The characters are so well developed and loved the humour involved all along. What a wonderful story! The truth is I couldn't put this book down and ended up reading it in one sitting!

I really liked the story, was a slow burn that gave enough background on the two main characters so that you see how they interact with each other and threw in a few surprises along the way! It is undoubtedly a very entertaining read with a well-researched plot. The love story was great as well and I would love to read more books by this author. Overall a great read, Miranda MacLeod did a wonderful job and I would absolutely recommend this book.

I received a free copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review

Annette Mori says

I really enjoyed this book because OMG a chocolate maker and a chef...how can you go wrong with that. Add the backdrop of the mystical Cupid Statue and the tradition of adding notes and throwing coins in the fountain and how can you go wrong with this absolutely adorable and entertaining book. The characters, settings and plot was perfect. This was a light, romantic, read that I will definitely remember because of the slightly interesting plot with the cupid tradition along with the great typical romance that is sure to put a smile on your face. I loved the out lesbian chef linked to the struggling with her sexuality chocolate maker.

They both had their very appealing traits and never did I dislike either person. I was rooting for them the entire time. I highly recommend this wonderful story. This isn't the first I've read from this author and I will certainly try to pick up the rest of her backlist which isn't long yet.....but hopefully she'll keep providing these lovely little romances.

Elske says

Light and sweet romance.

Alexis says

What a delicious read this was. From the chocolate to the romance everything about this book is sweet. I'm going to keep this short but for a more in-depth review I will refer you to Corrie's review who did a great job on selling me this book.

All I will say is that the book is very well written, packed with romance and has some super sexy moments. The story after all takes place in Tuscany which I can tell you from experience is a very romantic setting. Romance fans who like angst free books will probably really like reading this.

Despite being a little unrealistic this ends in a solid 4,5* rating.
reading this may also cause you to devour 1 or 2 chocolate bars so be prepared

Marilyn says

The setting was the star of this book. I loved the little Italian town, and their trip to Florence. It's a charming love story with beautifully drawn characters and a touch of magic.
I received an ARC from the publisher.

Jaie says

I very much liked this book. This is the first of the series I've read, but I plan to go back and catch up. Fun setting and likable characters.

Sandra says

A chocolate sweet romance set in Italy, in the beautiful part of Tuscany. For the sweetest chocolate, put in together the outgoing celebrity chef Andie from New York, the lovely Italian chocolatier Valentina from a small Italian town and a mischievous statue of Cupid, mix it with small town living, gossip, warmth, humor, cooking, and love.

The story is free from angst and lots of misunderstanding, the characters are grown up women with real lives. The statue of Cupid is a funny secondary character which takes an important part in this story. The attraction is fast, but the romance itself is more one of the slow-burning, and this is perfect. The dialogues and actions are witty and sometimes surprising.

Overall an easy, light and sweet romance. And now I need some chocolate.
My rating 4 stars.

Thanks to the author for receiving an ARC for an honest review

Em says

Letters to Cupid is such a charming story. It has a wonderful setting, with lots of humour and misadventures, a touch of magic, a lot of chocolate and of course romance.
All in all it is wonderful story by Miranda McLeod.

Corrie says

Letters to Cupid is the third book in the **Americans Abroad Series** and tells the story of American celebrity chef **Andie Bartlett** and Italian chocolate maker **Valentina Moretti**. The setting is the small Tuscan town of **Montamore**.

The blurb gives you a very nice indication of what's in store so I'm not going to bore you by rehashing that part.

Miranda MacLeod goes all out with a super fluffy romance full of Italian passion and mouthwatering food. I loved the amount of detail MacLeod put in about the process of artisan chocolate making in **Cioccolatini di Venere** and the overall flavor of live a small Italian town, the food and its people.

Montamore's pride and joy, **La Fontana di Cupido** - with the cheeky winged messenger of love himself at the center of it - is the theme that runs heavily through this story.

As soon as *The Quick and Easy Queen* meets the *only divorced woman in Montamore* things are set in motion that will alter the lives of both women. There is mutual attraction, lots of flirting, teasing and lusting, but your patience will be severely tested before all the stars align and our ladies finally arrive at *the* magic moment.

I had to suspend my disbelief at the often too fantastical plot devices to make everything come together the way it did, but for the sake of fluffy romance I could let it go. If you want a nice little escape to Italy with the addition of lots of chocolates, wine and good food, this sweet romance might be your dish of the day.

Mangiare gustoso!

f/f

Themes: stupid cupid stop pickin' on me, chocolates galore, I have a serious craving for chocolates right now, Andie and her clown car, so everybody in the village knew Valentina was probably gay but they just let her muddle on?

3.8 stars

* I recieved this ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Carol Hutchinson says

This was fantastic and so very beautiful.

The perfect little romance that I thoroughly found myself enjoying, as much as I am sure I would enjoy the fabulous chocolates Valentina makes.

Set in a rural Italian town, Valentina is hiding her sexuality from a town that known everyone's business, and Andie is a celebrity chef exiled while her TV station clear up issues in the states. Their paths cross during a moment at the town's famous fountain and cupid statue, which sets them on the path to true love and romance in a most unique way.

This story is just perfect! Filled with humour and cute flirty moments between the two of them.

I just loved it and highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a good romance, because not only will you fall in love with Andie and Valentina's story, but with them as characters and the charming setting of Tuscany.

Kitty Kat says

'Letters to Cupid' is a feel-good romance that hits all the right notes. It's the story of Valentina, a talented Italian chocolatier firmly in the closet. Living in a small town with gossip being one of the main activities of the populace, she fears her secret coming out. Meeting celebrity chef Andie, a woman keeping a very low profile, she begins to question her life choices. A certain statue of Cupid in the town is reputed to show those who ask the face of their soul-mate. And the people of the town are apt to believe it. I liked Valentina and hoped that she could find the happiness she deserved. Andie was caring and fun and her feelings for Valentina were obvious from the start. Miranda Macleod has a talent for humorous writing that can have me laughing out loud one minute and then feeling so emotional the next. She made me believe in the love story between the women, made me root for them. The setting was beautifully described and I could easily imagine why Andie loved it so much. The romance was tender and loving and very hot. This book left me with a very happy feeling. 5 Stars!

I was given this ARC in return for an honest review.

Karen says

When I first started reading this book, I could hear the narrator from *Holme for the Holidays* in my head. As I kept reading, I didn't hear her any more as Valentina and Andie became unique characters with their own story. The setting, a small Italian town with a statue of Cupid, was a lovely place to visit. Andie, a celebrity TV show chef, ends up there for awhile where she meets a native of the town, Valentina, a chocolatier.

Neither expected sparks, just a short fling if anything, even though they were both immediately attracted to the other. Andie experiences some culture shock, starting with the mini car, which I wish I could see a picture of. Then there are the narrow streets, cobblestones, a piazza, a pizzeria, and other local features. MacLeod creates the town well enough that I can see it. The countryside and other locations were also well described.

The locals are entertaining, from the grandmother with the binoculars, the neighbors, friends, to the family and everyone else. The story was alternately amusing and romantic and hit all the right buttons. I thoroughly enjoyed this novel. When I saw that I was at the 95% mark, I was dismayed because that meant the story was almost over.

I received a free copy from the publisher.

BookFiend17 says

A deliciously sweet and humorous read. I found this to be highly engaging and enjoyable. Just what I needed! I've enjoyed all of Miranda MacLeod's novels. I receive a free arc from the publisher.
