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Zoe always loved Calvin, who left Major, Alabama after high school and joined the military, never knowing her feelings. They are reunited five years later, and their passion runs hot. As Zoe's life is rocked with bombshells, Calvin leads the way, teaching Zoe to follow the rhythm of her heart.

## September Tango Details

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## **From Reader Review September Tango for online ebook**

### **Pamela says**

Oh my what a sad wonderful journey !!!!!!!

Zoe Parker a strong women who had caught her now ex boyfriend having sex with her best friend on the hood of his car in public. Neither felt bad but he kept trying to get her back. She was done 4years wasted. Her relationship with her Dad was not good since her mom passed. She lost her job. Boy!! was she also in line for some more sadness and would She survive it.

Calvin Hall hadn't been home in 5 years. He was in the army and gone when his parents died.....couldn't even make it home for their funeral which ate at him. Now he was home it was time to see His grandparents, sister and say goodbye to his parents.

Could He really come home. He had 15 days to see.

He was her high school crush, her best friends boyfriend but now It was different or was it.. Why hadn't he notice her before, she was gorgeous. He is reminded of his ex / her best friend the girl he dated In High school really was as a awful person. He saw Zoe and knew That he need her. What he didn't know was how bad he needed her and she so needed him.

Could fate really let the have what they though they never could.... Would she just have 15 days or the Forever she had dreamed about. Come join Scarlett Jade on a journey where family, friendship, love was All a lie. Where you come back to a place to see if it's truly home. When you realize that you can truly find what you seek but there is still things working against the love you seek.

Can it be strong enough

To hold together this thing called .....love

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### **Ikelia 'Bookoholic Anom' Francis says**

Who says a summer romance ever has to end? What if thousands of miles and a war separated you? Would you keep dancing? Or would it simply be... a September Tango?

To answer that question after reading the book I would have to say I would keep dancing! I believe that long distance love can workout, I'm a former Navy Brat and my parents did it. I mean my Dad wasn't involved in any wars, but he did have to leave us for months at a time and one time a whole year! Their love was strong enough for them to stay together; well I'm sure having two kids in the mix was a reason for it too. Lol! I digress.

Zoe Parker has it pretty hard! Her boyfriend and best friend she finds out have been sleeping together behind her back and in public for the whole town to see. Her mom died recently, her Dad isn't the same since she

died, and is never around, she was laid off her job, and to top it all off it's summer and hot as all hell! Yea I felt like she was experiencing a little bit of hell. The girl just has no luck it seemed like. I was pulling for some happiness to come her way as I was reading. My heart felt like it was going to explode because of the pain I felt for and with her. And when I think this is going to be the whole story she sees a handsome man at the airport that will no doubt change her life.

Calvin Hall enlisted into the military after high school and hasn't been home in 5 long years! He is coming home to parents that were killed in a car accident and he was unable to attend their funeral do to his orders in the Military. He is coming back to his sister and grandparents and a small town where little has changed, but Calvin is not the same guy he was before he left. The military has changed him for the better in my eyes, but everyone has their shit to deal with. He is expecting to come home and relax until his leave is over in two weeks. What he doesn't expect is to meet Zoe Parker, and have his life change even more.

I enjoyed reading September Tango, it was different from most of the books I read, but it was refreshing to break away from my normalcy. The chemistry described between the two characters makes you think back to the first time you really, really, really fell in love and it makes you think of all the heartache and friends you may have lost and gained in life. How life has its downs, but when you least expect it has a lot of great ups!

I love that the couple in this story is interracial. I honestly have not read a lot of books that have this aspect of it and a thoroughly enjoyed it.

One of my favorite aspects of this book and what also peaked my interest in wanting to read this book is that a male wrote for the character of Calvin! I love to know what a man is thinking and how he thinks, and why he thinks the things he thinks. I absolutely love it! I'm thinking that is why the sex scenes are so hot and steamy because they are coming from not only a female perspective by a male's as well. That doesn't happen very often! It's all about chemistry man, and the chemistry is fire in this book!

A lot happens in this book and you will never be bored. Both characters even though they have been through so much, they are both very strong people and I can relate to having to rely only on yourself and that it is hard to allow someone else in to help you from time to time. I love that the two of them found solace in each other.

And yes there is a bit of a cliffhanger at the end (cliffhangers and I have a love hate relationship) and I'm praying that there will be a book 2! I need to know what will come of Calvin and Zoe! There just wasn't enough time! Lol!

**\*\*Fingers crossed for a sequel\*\***

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## **Megan says**

Wow! How much bad crap can happen to one person in a matter of a few days? According to Zoe Parker, A LOT! Just when you think there is no way she can deal with any more bad news, Calvin sweeps her off her feet and is there to show her how she should be treated. This book had a great storyline. It was a whirlwind romance that swept them both away just over a few days. At first I was a little skeptical of the timeframe but then reminded myself that they did grow up together and Zoe has always had her eye on Calvin.

I really liked Zoe as a character. She had depth and an incredible inner strength. She's dealt with so much rejection and heartache but she kept going and once she realized what kind of people she was surrounded by, she didn't hesitate to drop them. I really admired that about her.

Calvin is a hot army guy so what's not to like? But he also is really protective of those he cares about, loving, and recognizes those people that are good and those that need to be dropped to the curb.

This was a really great love story and great if you have a serious book hangover from an overly emotional book or just want a sweet love story. I really hope there is a sequel or at least a novella after this book. Excellent story and I give it a 4 out of 5!

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### **BooksandBeyondFiftyShades says**

What a way to start the summer, Zoe Parker finds her boyfriend engaged in sexual activities with her best friend. How is it everyone knew that he was messing around behind her back but Zoe? She wants to forget and move on, and thankfully her new best friend is coming back into town.

Calvin Hall just stepped off a plane and is on leave from the Military, for the first time in 5 years. He missed a lot, including his mother and father's funeral. What he doesn't expect is to find the most beautiful girl at the airport. He thinks about her all the way; until she appears at his welcome home party.

Zoe and Calvin have history, except Calvin is clueless as to how much Zoe wanted him in high school. The two want each other, but is it worth it to risk it since Calvin will be leaving again soon? Bombshell after bombshell rocks Zoe's world and the only one who is by her side is the one that won't be there soon enough: Calvin.

Scarlett Jade has done it again. She knows how to write the perfect stories full of love, lust, and even loss. What I really liked about this story is that you can relate to Zoe. She isn't a size 2, she doesn't think she's beautiful, and is always comparing herself to her friends. She can't believe someone would fall in love with her. Haven't we all been there once before?

Ugh and Calvin! The man most women want to find and fall in love with: man in uniform and a perfect gentlemen. You want to root for them to be together and you also want to scream at Zoe for not believing in how Calvin feels.

Besides love, we learn about the heartache that Zoe suffers from all those that she trusted. Again, you can probably relate. It just shows who you can and can't trust, and who will be there when your world falls apart. Get ready for a cliffhanger! Scarlett Jade leaves you on the edge until you pick up book 2 of this series: November Foxtrot.

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### **Booky Ramblings says**

A sweet and tender love story that sweeps you up into their whirlwind romance. Only, who says that a holiday romance has to end?

This is the story of a small town girl on her journey with Fate as she finally gets a chance with the love she craves and desperately deserves. A tale of a beautiful romance that's true and real and absolutely shakes you to the core.

"I'm saying I want to protect you. I'm saying that I would give up everything for you. Right now. That is what's important"

This is also the story of a Soldier who deals with the ugliness of war everyday. When on R&R, Fate throws beauty in his path. The beauty of love. Only, Fate doesn't always play fair. Will their romance last?

"I want the world to know I'm ready to rock yours"

Zoe is dealt a bad hand in life. All the people in her life that were meant to love her, have only ever caused her pain and anguish. When she can no longer see a light on the horizon and life seems just too rough, Calvin walks into her life.

It's not only the romance that makes this books special. It's the characters that bring the book to life. Everyone should have a man like Pops in their life. Bringing humour and warmth to the story. I love Pops!

Back to Zoe, she is one of the few female book characters that you will actually like. She is a ballsy chick with a gooey centre. She picks herself up and dusts herself down each and every time.

I would recommend this book to anyone that likes an easy romance to fall into.

We loved this book and we know you will too. Its romantic, real, raw and tender all at once. Its the sheer beauty of their romance that will pull you in . . . give it a read, you wont regret it . . .

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## **Samaris Creech says**

Zoe has lost everyone she has ever cared about in some of the most unbearable ways; death, betrayal and sheer self-indulgence and ignorance are just some of the scenarios. The final blow to Zoe comes when she realizes her best friends and father are also among those people. You would think that would be enough bad luck to last a lifetime yet for Zoe the hits keep on coming. When she finally manages to find a little happiness will she be able to actually take it? Or will her past and recent experiences continue to make her feel unworthy.

Calvin has been overseas for many years fighting the good fight to keep all American's safe this is the first time in five years he is able to return home. What happens to him and the changes he goes through once setting foot back in America even he couldn't anticipate. The girl he once thought he would marry turns out to be the town slut and the one woman who has now caught his attention has been through hell and back. Zoe thinks of herself as undeserving of any kind of happiness and unlovable. Yet Calvin is determined to make her his. Will he be able to change her point of view of her life and herself in the short time he has state side? Or will Zoe find that falling for Calvin is setting herself up to lose yet one more person she loves?

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## **Natalie says**

Omg!! This was a great story of a girl that's life is nothing but hell but turns perfect in just days. Zoe Parker has been through so much and thinks she'll never find happiness in this podunk town of Major, Alabama. After losing her mother to cancer, losing her job, finding her boyfriend, Derek and one of her best friends having sex out in the open she doesn't know what to do anymore. At least she has her other best friend Amy and her dad. When her and her father lost her mother he does nothing but work. So needless to say she is pretty much on her own to take care of everything.

Amy coming to visit from New York is just what she needed to get her mind off of things. She gets everything prepped for her friends visit the following day. Morning came and she got ready to head to the airport in Mobile to pick Amy up. When she got there she walked past a sexy soldier that couldn't take his eyes off her like she couldn't take hers off of him. She turned to look for Amy and then turned back but the soldier was gone. She turned back as she hears her name being yelled by her best friend Amy.

Calvin Hall sees the most beautiful woman he has ever seen at the airport. He then grabs his rental car and heads home to Major Alabama. Calvin has been away from home for the last five years serving in the army. He is only on leave for two weeks from Afghanistan.

His sister has set up a welcome home party on the beach close by so needless to say he's not getting any rest yet. As he arrives he's bombarded by friends he hasn't seen in five years. But as he makes his way through the crowd he almost walks right into the fire being drawn to someone he never thought he'd see ever again.

Amy and Zoe get back to her house and drop her stuff off. They head out to a party on the beach that turns out to change lives in so many ways.

I really liked this book and give it 5 stars. I love how it has dual POVs by two authors that work great together!! The characters were funny and very likable. Calvin and Zoe are an interracial couple that have made it through so much in such a short period of time in this book but leaves you wanting more so I really hope there will be a second book!!!

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## **Meganm922 says**

September Tango was a fun contemporary romance that was loosely based on a true story. I loved the true story aspect because I definitely believe in love at first sight –two people finding each other and knowing instantly that they belong together— and I know it happens (because it happened to me). I love that the two authors who co-wrote the book were writing their love story. I just think it's sweet!

I absolutely loved the setting of September Tango. It was a small Alabama town in the middle of summer. I felt the stifling heat, the humidity, and the utter hopelessness that comes with living in a dead end town. I felt Zoe's despair and frustration and the way it paralleled with the stifling heat really drove the point home.

Calvin returned home for R&R from Afghanistan and was instantly drawn to Zoe. Their connection was strong and their love story was great. Zoe had a ton of issues to deal with and get over due to her father, ex-boyfriend, and so-called friends treating her terribly, but Calvin really got through to her. I loved reading about their love story and seeing their journey from classmates to soul mates. I also loved the supporting

characters, mainly Calvin's wonderful family members and friends. They made me laugh and were exactly what Zoe needed in her life, aside from Calvin. Pops was definitely my favorite character.

I loved their love story and felt a kinship with Zoe and Calvin because I also fell for a military man myself (though not Army). When the two of them were getting set up with ID/Deers and enrolling in Tricare and having to deal with last minute changes in schedules and trying to make a new place home, I totally related. I loved being able to relate to the situation and, while most people might not understand having to wait for the man you love to get back from deployment or why on earth anyone would do such a thing, I get it and I understand all of the complicated emotions that come with it.

September Tango had a great plot, but I felt like a lot of the story was rushed and choppy. Even if the events unfolded that quickly in real life, I thought the story could have had a better flow in order to offset the rushed nature of their relationship. The story felt choppy both because of the events coming together in a rushed fashion and the choppiness of the narrative. Both Zoe and Calvin had points of view, but they weren't separated by chapters, so occasionally it would switch back and forth. I enjoyed both points of view, but I would have preferred more of a distinct break before switching. Some portions of the book felt choppy because every sentence began with She. She did... She went... She .. and I would have preferred run on sentences or other ways of wording so that the paragraphs didn't seem robotic. I only noticed it every once in awhile, but it pulled me out of the book for a moment whenever I did notice it.

I would recommend September Tango if you love contemporary romance or have an interest in reading mostly true love stories and seeing how two people met and fell in love. I love hearing about how my friends and family members met and fell in love and that was my favorite part of September Tango. Fans of the author will definitely love the book!

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## **Joecool Review says**

I just finished September Tango by Scarlett Jade and Llerxt the 13th! What a sweet and wonderful story!! I love that Calvin came in and picked up the pieces for Zoe as though it was always his job to do. There was no question, he just knew she was his.

This is definitely a Part 1, but it has a satisfying conclusion on it's own. I was definitely left wanting for the next in the series, though!

This is a book with a man whose eyes are opened to someone he never noticed before. Once he sees her in his home town, he can't waste a minute. He's on a limited time frame and he wants to secure their relationship before he goes. He wants her to wait for him, but is it fair to ask?

The woman has not had great luck and is a little wary, but she knows him, had a little crush on him in high school. She also knows he's the type of man you can put your faith in. I am sure you will love this story as much as I did.....AND anticipate the next story as much as I do. I really loved the dual POVs! Especially in the beginning when they see each other in the airport! I love that the POVs backtrack a little so you see what each one is thinking for the same sequence of events. Bottom line - This is a engaging story that you really want to keep going! I really don't think you want to miss this one!!!

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## **Heather says**

Let me start off with the fact that I am always impressed when you have a book written by two authors and it gels. You can't tell where one author stops and the other takes off. It's even more perfect when that author is a husband-wife team and you have an actual guy writing the guy's point of view. I'm taking Scarlett and Llerxt's word for it. It gelled that well. You couldn't feel a change in author at any time of the book. It was awesome.

This was a perfect whirlwind romance and by whirlwind, I mean really fast. When you know, you know. I've never had that love at first sight thing in my life, but I've known others who have and they have wonderful marriages. These two are perfect together. Zoe deserved some happiness after the drama with her boyfriend and other (no spoilers) things that happened to her in the book.

I want to add that I think it's interesting having an interracial couple write a story about an interracial couple, especially about an interracial couple in the south. I always have this hope that we've come a long ways in being tolerant of people, if not accepting, then things come up in the news, or I go visit family in the south. My uncle told me years ago when I asked him something about something I had overheard someone say at a store, I'm not repeating it, it wasn't nice, but he said, baby, things are different down here then they are in Iowa. I've never understood not liking someone simply because of the color of their skin and I don't get not letting people love who they love. While things regarding skin color are different the farther south you go from what I personally have witnessed, I've had comments said to me about being married to a Mexican here in Iowa, so we haven't come as far as I wish we had.

Zoe and Calvin don't deal with a lot of problems in this book that interracial couples deal with, but that's because Calvin took a proactive approach. I really would like to see some conflict regarding that in the next book because it's a reality of the society we live in.

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## **Jennifer - Martini Times Romance says**

September Tango is a great easy read. It deals with abandonment, betrayal and love, but it's done with strong willed characters that deal with their issues head on, so the angst level is non-existent. This book has a little bit of everything without draining your emotions. Zoe is a tough cookie. She's dealt a shit hand but keeps fighting, shes a perfect mix of sassy, strong, vulnerable, and sweet. I loved Calvin, he was so down to earth, he was clearly a leader, carried himself with confidence and authority, but was so tender and loving with Zoe. The combination of the two of them was fantastic as they perfectly complimented each other.

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What I love about this book is that it is so detailed. Usually it drives me nuts, but as I read the book, and listened to events of Zoe and Calvin's lives, I could see it play out in my head. There were no time lapses or gaps; it all flowed together in one non-ending story that lasts from the day they meet to the day Calvin leaves. Zoe is also a beautiful full figured woman at a size 16, and Calvin is black. This aspect of the book did not faze me in the least. Until I was just over 50% through the book I never even knew, it is such a non issue, and even after its revealed that they are a mixed race couple, its only touched on a few times. If this is something that you don't prefer to read about, it is so easy to insert the Channing Tatum of your choice and keep reading. This is but a small detail in the book that has no weight on any of their actions or relationships. To me, this book was real life. These were situations that us living outside of our Kindle have to deal with. We deal with our loves leaving for war, we deal with cheating, we deal with abandonment, deceit, and betrayal. We deal with having to make decisions that may seem crazy to others in order to make things work.

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The only thing that I didn't like about the book had to do with the writing structure. The POV changes from Calvin to Zoe, but there was no real distinguisher between the two, they switched from paragraph to paragraph with no story brake or indication of whose POV it was. Other then that, I really liked the book, and I would suggest it to anyone that is looking for an easy read with solid real life characters and events.

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## **Sandra says**

Almost 3 stars, so I rounded up. This book has a lot of great reviews, but for me.. it fell a little short of being really good. Don't get me wrong, it has potential, it's but not quite there. This book has details, many details - there's a lot of scenes with small, mostly useless details that I felt were just padding the page number count, slowed down the pacing of the book, and made it difficult for me to get through parts of it.

Calvin was a nice hero, great family. Zoe was nice enough, and she had been dealt a crappy hand in life, especially in a short amount of time, but I didn't warm up to her.

The gimmick, (ok maybe gimmick isn't the right word), the novelty, or uniqueness with this book is the hero's POV is written by a male, the heroine's POV is written by a female and these co-authors are married, they're also an interracial couple as are the H and h. There isn't much conflict dealing with that, in fact only one scene, if I recall correctly, and Calvin deals with it before it can become a problem. Maybe I'm naive or oblivious, but I'm not really sure I would have realized they were an interracial couple if I didn't know before I started reading the book. For a young mixed couple living in the south, I think they were doing ok in terms of acceptance but I think it helped living in their hometown. I thought there might be more conflict with this issue, but there really wasn't (view spoiler)

There's insta love to this romance story, and the ending felt rushed, but it also felt like a set-up for another book. I don't think it's a cliff-hanger per se, but the authors have left the door open for more story.. either for this couple or for a secondary character to get their own book. I would have been quite happy with an epilogue.. I do love me an epilogue.. but I'll settle for a follow-up novella because I'm curious about "where to from here" for Calvin and Zoe, but theirs isn't a story I'd pay a lot of cold hard cash for.

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## Cassy Witthar says

When I was asked to read an ARC of September Tango by Scarlett Jade, I was really looking forward to it because I LOVED her book "Beautiful Downfall" so much. I had pretty high expectations, but I have to say I

wasn't too disappointed. This story is completely different than "Beautiful Downfall", So I tried to keep that in mind as I was reading. From the very beginning, the book captured my attention. The author has a wonderful way with words and description to hook you right in. I felt as though I was right there. I could feel the humid heat, feel Zoe's anger and despair. I could feel her and Calvin's desperate love for each other, as well as the sexual tension.

The characters in the story, I felt, were "real". There's Zoe, who may be a little overweight and have some confidence issues, which isn't helped by her ex, Derek, who has slept with half the town, and always seemed to make her feel worse about herself. Then again, she has a feisty side and knows when to fight for herself. There's Calvin, Zoe's high school crush, home on R&R from the service for two weeks, whom she never thought she had a chance in Hell with. When they meet again, a strong connection is there, and they fall head over heels. He's leaving in two weeks, so their time is limited. Calvin and Zoe wonder how on earth they will make it when he leaves. There are other surprises and obstacles in the book, which of course I will leave for the readers to enjoy.

All in all, this was a great read. Toward the end, I almost felt like the story was kind of dragging on, possibly with some filler. However, when I realized there would probably be a sequel, I thought maybe the author was trying to lead us up to the next installment. That's why I am giving 4 instead of 5 stars. I do look forward to reading the next book to see what happens with Calvin and Zoe.

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★\_•\*°\*?\*Blanka\*?\*°°\*•\_•♥★ says

Unfortunately for me it was just okay.. the story seemed a bit far fetched for me. There is no connection or spark between these two characters that the reader has any knowledge of that causes them to come together. The whole story is based on 5-7 days and after a couple of hours the couple was on "I love you". The language seemed more crude than "country". But that is just my opinion..

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