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All those years of adolescent fantasies and this was how Bowie Bodine first touched my boobs. And he apologized. Real life was stupid and unfair.

Small town deputy Cassidy Tucker's dating life is a train wreck on repeat. All she ever wanted was a solid partner. A man to share pajamas with. The handsome, big-hearted Bowie Bodine. Wait. Scratch that. Mr. You're-Like-a-Sister-to-Me is not welcome in her fantasies.

She and Bowie aren't going to happen—that's been clear for a long time—and as for the rest of mankind? Cassidy's officially giving up on love and adopting cats. Good thing the cold case disappearance of Callie Kendall is heating up to keep her distracted. Except the investigation is testing her friendship with all the Bodines—Bowie in particular.

Bowie knows he can't have his little sister's best friend. He made a promise and he's determined to keep it. But putting distance between them isn't easy—not when she lives right next door.

Having her poke around trying to prove his father's guilt isn't helping either. All Bowie has ever wanted is to shed the No-Good Bodine reputation. It's looking like he'll never be free of that shadow.

But one nocturnal animal, a feverish against-the-wall kiss, and absolutely zero pajamas has a way of changing everything.

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Raidersgirl says

Need more bootleg springs

Lucy and Claire did it again. Not only was it a great romance but a great mystery/suspense to boot. Each book in the series ending a cliffhanger of what happened to Callie makes me just want them to write the series faster. Love how each book still has the other characters and we get to continue their love stories....can't wait to see who gets married first, who has a baby first and who will June, Jonah and Gibson end up with?? Please write Gibson's story soon.....don't make us wait until the last book for him.

Kim says

Bootleg Springs is my favorite place to be! I adore the Bodine family and all the craziness that the family and their town brings. Moonshine Kiss is by far my absolute favorite of the series! With every single book in the series, the story gets more intriguing and we get closer to finding out what happened to Callie Kendall and what roll the Bodine family really played in it, if any (I have a feeling I figured it out...)

Moonshine Kiss is truly a second chance romance at its finest. Lucy Score and Claire Kingsley tell the story of Bowie Bodine and Cassidy Tucker's relationship (or lack thereof) with such emotion, you feel like you yourself are in their shoes. The feeling of being let down by that one special person, but yet not really ever being able to let them go for good. The give and take, the push and pull, the realization that you were truly meant to be with a TON of ups and downs...whew! What an amazing love story it was!

The friends who become family and the town that takes care of their own makes Bootleg Springs a place you're going to want to visit over and over again. I know I do and I look forward to the next book in the series.

Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

RATING 4.5 STARS

Moonshine Kiss is book three in the Bootleg Springs series by Claire Kingsley and Lucy Score. Each book in this series can be read as a stand alone but there is a continuing story that continues through the series, the disappearance of Callie Kendall. The prime suspect is now the deceased father of the Bodine siblings. Each book is about a different sibling. This book focuses on Bowie and his sister Scarlett's best friend, Cassidy.

Bowie Bodine is the Vice Principal of the Bootleg Springs High School and has lived in Bootleg Springs his entire life. He has also loved Cassidy Tucker most all of his life. But, she is his little sister's best friend, is the sheriff's daughter, the same sheriff who was more of a father to him than his own ever was, and he is the son of a man who was a suspect in a decade old missing person case, a man who had never had a stable life, a man who could never be good enough for her. And, he had made a promise. And if there was one thing that

Bowie Bodine always did, it was to keep his promises.

Cassidy Tucker has been in love with Bowie probably since kindergarten. She and her best friend Scarlett fantasized when they were kids of planning the wedding, of being real sisters some day. But when Cassidy was nineteen, she finally had to accept that Bowie would never see her as anything other than his little sister's best friend. Her heart was broken. She pursued her other love, to be a police deputy and work under her father. Her hope was to someday take over his job when he retired. She loved her town, and loved her job. There was always that little hole in her heart where Bowie was concerned. It didn't help that they now lived right next door to each other. They each shared half of a house with only a door separating them.

Detective Connelly from the State Police Department has set up camp in their police station to investigate the newest evidence in the Callie Kendall case. It doesn't take him long to gain the dislike of the entire town. And for some reason, he seems to have a huge dislike for Cassidy. He is just looking for a reason to fire her. He knows of her closeness with the Bodine family and as far as he is concerned, they are all guilty by association.

It's been eight years since Bowie broke Cassidy's heart by lying to her about his feelings. It's a daily torture to try to keep his feelings hidden. He's been sending all kinds of mixed messages but he can't help it. She's the only woman he's ever wanted.

Bowie and Cassidy finally get their chance and Bowie is all in. He's wasted all these years and he knows what he wants. But he has lost Cassidy's trust. She doesn't trust that he won't hurt her again. Then there is the fact that Detective Connelly has threatened her with her job, a job she loves, if she doesn't stay away from the Bodine family. Maybe they can just date in secret for awhile to explore their feelings for one another. That way she can keep her job and finally get to experience the man she has fantasized about all her life.

Okay, first, I really did love this. Once Bowie was in, he was ALL in. He was adorable. This was actually a pretty long book. And I felt like a lot more of it was dedicated to the Callie Kendall case this time. There is some new evidence uncovered and some new hypothesis of what could have happened with the death of their own mother. There are still so many unanswered questions though. I really am dying to know the answers.

While I loved delving more into the whole mystery part of this, I wish it hadn't taken so long for Bowie and Cassidy to get going. I am completely in love with this town, though. These residents are a wacky, moonshine guzzling bunch and I love every one of them. What I especially love is the way they stick together, the way they have each other's backs.

Bowie and Cassidy were made for each other, were two halves of a whole, they always had been. It makes me sad that they wasted so much time but it was wonderful watching them finally get their chance to make things right. They wobble a bit and make some mistakes. But with the whole town behind them, they are destined to find their way. There were some hints that Cassidy's sister, Junie, might be next in line to get her

own happy ever after. That is one story I can't wait to read.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/44036...>

Stacey is Sassy says

I'm feeling mushy and gushy again

Oh my lordy, I LOVED *Moonshine Kiss*. My eyes are blurry and my back is breaking after reading for four hours straight. I haven't had an intense reading frenzy like that in yonky donks but I just couldn't stop. There's something about knowing, or thinking you know, the characters before you even start. Within a few pages, I knew what had scared Bowie off from the love of his life. It was just lucky theirs was "true love" and nobody else would do in the eight years it took for them to come together.

Seriously, this series is magic and *Lucy Score and Claire Kingsley* definitely have a distinctive voice and I will be purchasing more of their previously published books. For starters, they're bloody funny, but while funny, they also manage to suck the emotions out of the characters too. There were a few times I was sniffling and taking deep breaths to control the tears. I feel like I know these characters and I, like the town of Bootleg Springs, need to see Bowie and Cassidy find their happy ever after together.

The intrigue in this instalment takes a tricky turn when Cassidy's job is on the line because of her connection to the Bodine's. As a small town deputy, she has to remember her badge while also remembering that she's one of them. How do you draw the line? Does the job come first? When family and friends are involved in an enquiry, should you share new info? Hmm...even I was a little bamboozled as to where the line should be drawn. I would hope our officers of the law have an inbuilt detector that beeps when you're getting too close to the line.

I seriously had mushy, gushy feelings in this one. When Bowie and Cassidy finally connect, my heart was pumping and there was a big goofy grin on my face. Bowie and his words were MAGIC!! I found myself wanting to highlight some of his words and hint at hubby that he could use a bit of magic to get on my good side. Don't tell hubby, but I guess this would be the negative of marrying young...with maturity comes magic words. Hubby is great now, but I was lucky to get more than I love you, I want you...lets hit the sack, back in the olden days. ? (If you do see this hubby...LOVE YOU!!!)

Anyways, absolutely LOVED *Moonshine Kiss*. The only smidge of a negative, I have to wait for more. ? But, I am excited as June is definitely someone I have grown to love and her love interest...SO COOL!!!

Kait Nolan says

Three words: Worth. The. Wait.

I've been waiting for Bowie and Cassidy since Book 1 and this did not disappoint. The whole combination of friends-to-lovers with best friend's big brother just works for me. These two are super well matched and there's plenty of hilarity and Bootleg Justice to go around.

Can't wait for June's book!

Kelly says

The mystery continues

Moonshine Kiss is the third book in the Bootleg Springs series, and this story focuses on Cassidy Tucker and Bowie Bodine. Best friends with Scarlett, Cassidy grew up with Bowie and he was always her end game, she was just waiting to be old enough for him to notice her as more than his little sister's best friend. She was devastated when he brushed her off. Cassidy is at the stage in her life when she has given up on men and accepted that cats are going to be her happily ever after.

Poor Bowie. He so badly wants what he can't have. And he further tortures himself by moving next door to Cassidy. This book is very funny at times, but it also has the mystery element that started in the first book - the ongoing mystery and investigation into the disappearance of Callie Kendall. Cassidy can't help but feel conflicted about her closeness to the Bodine family and strong attraction to Bowie, and how that could affect her job as Deputy and the continuing investigation.

Next up in the series is June. She's so quirky and hilarious. Her book is definitely going to have lots of LOL moments.

Cc says

Cassidy and Bowie

She's had a crush on him since as long as she can remember but he says she's just his sister's best friend. Six years and she's still having trouble moving on from him.

These two are such star crossed lovers. There's a mystery here too; one that's been talked about all through the Bootleg Series. We get more information but no solution. I'm eagerly looking forward to the next book in this series.

Alex ? says

DNF @ 44%

I can't do it to myself anymore!!!

12/11/2018 long before the final book will be published.

I have a theorie what happend to the missed girl.

One of the Bodine brothers, Gibson, found her years ago, nurced her to health and they have a couple of kids already. Or... there could be an amnesia. Or.... she could have changed her identity. But I like my 1st idea.

Will try the next book. I sincerely hope June is not a virgin! But if my 'brilliant' idea of revealing of a mystery is not true, I still hope they won't pair June with Gibson the womanizer. He is one, isn't he? ?

Maria Di Pasqua says

Bowie has gotten under Cassidy's skin and has taken roots in her heart. Since she was a little girl, she knew deep in her soul, that some day she would end up being with him. Unfortunately Cassidy has had to suck it up and move on because he admitted that she was only a sister to him. Her world is shattered and even if his shadow follows her everywhere she tries to move on. Despite this tangled situation nothing can really prepare the reader for this exciting and intense journey of a once in a lifetime commitment between two characters that needed to mature over the years in order to take the reins of this sluggish circumstance and overturn the order of things. So Bowie initially seemed a distant character, someone standing behind the scenes. On the contrary as the story developed he stands out among the crowd ready to fight for his long time secret love. Cassidy on the other hand, remains the same passionate girl with her head held up high thus in the face of adversities that she must deal with in the story. It turns out that they are indeed the perfect couple with an audience rooting for them. I loved this book very much and I guarantee that it will steal the reader's heart.

Ivy Deluca says

Ah, now THIS is what I love about the Bootleg Springs series - the town is full of fun, quirky characters but I never feel like it takes precedence over the main romance. In this third installment, Bowie Bodine, one of the infamous Bodines in Bootleg Springs, and Cassidy Tucker, a deputy with the local Sheriff's Department (and who also happens to be Sheriff Tucker's daughter) finally explore their long-standing feelings for each other.

The story is a classic best friend's brother/sister's best friend trope with a heaping helping of UST that's been teased throughout the earlier books. It does work as a standalone, but I'm a huge fan of the first book and I think it's worth going back and reading before this one. It establishes the overarching storyline, which is the mystery of what happened to Callie Kendall, and is just a ball to read. Anyhooole, I enjoyed Bow and Cassidy's Firsts, their chemistry is strong, and when the focus is on them and the mystery, the story is strongest.

The main conflict is built throughout the story and is character-driven, but I was wanting just a bit more to set it off. It's so close, but the emotional resolution wasn't as strong as it could have been. I will say though, I read it very quickly, very eagerly and overall, I was happy when I closed my kindle. the Callie mystery has some movement that answers some questions, and left me curious to see how it will all resolve itself and that's exactly what I wanted. So far books one and three are my faves, so if you like funny, small town

romances with a dash of mystery for spice, I think you'll enjoy this.

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Christine says

Moonshine Kiss was everything I hoped it would be and more!! Of course it was hilarious, because this is Bootleg Springs after all.....but it was also sexy and oh so sweet. Truly, this series just keeps getting better and better, and Bowie & Cassidy's romance was absolutely fantastic! Loved watching these two finally give into the feelings for one another that they had been denying for years. Even better was seeing how they thought they were being sneaky, trying to protect Cassidy's job, but you can't fool anyone in this small town!

And I can't not mention Scarlett in all of this. While I might not have been a huge fan of her in the beginning, I completely adore her now and she is the type of friend everyone should hope to have.

By the end, we are no closer to solving the mystery of the disappearance of Callie Kendall.....but the plot definitely twisted in a way I didn't see coming. I really have no idea what's going to happen but I can't wait to find out the truth - and see what's up next for the rest of the Bodine family and Bootleg Springs!!

Mo Martian says

This book is full of Bootleg town shenanigans and funny one liners from my favorite Bodine, Scarlett. I really enjoyed Cassidy and Bowie's story. The murder mystery still is far from solved, but I feel like it's closer. Lucy Score is great at fast paced dialogue and always delivers on the fun factor. I'm really looking forward to the next installment.

Jacob Proffitt says

This is third in a series and some of the events deliberately build up over time. Also, the relationship

dynamics are fully explored in previous volumes. So I would recommend reading in order except that I skipped the second in the series without much loss or any hiccups. So there's that. So read the first at any rate, but feel free to skip the second.

This is the best of the series so far. I absolutely loved the two protagonists and was heartened to find that the whole barrier to them being together a) didn't last so long I got frustrated and b) there was lots of reasonable story/conflict to work out after it was removed. I particularly liked that Cass points out the central betrayal by Bowie wasn't just the cause of the freeze out but its length and his method over the years. So it felt like the relationship had the weight of those years and neither one was being unreasonable in hanging on to past hurts. Which is a trickier line to walk than I realized until just now. I mean, you have to feel the weight of both their love that finally gets expression but also their hurt that needs time and effort to work out. Well done.

Add that this was as funny and heart-melting as the first and you have a real winner. I had enough periodic frustration around the investigation and Cass turning stupid with regard to the guy running the show that I can't go higher than four stars. I mean, she's clever and can come at barriers sideways so having her go all malleable and stupid in just that one area felt weak and abnormal. And frustrating. But it's a solid four stars, I think, given how solid the rest of the story felt.

A note about Steamy: There are two explicit sex scenes putting his in the middle of my steam tolerance. They're a bit ridiculous, really, and I kind of felt like I'd dropped into a different kind of story, but whatever.

Peggy R says

It's time to return to Bootleg Springs and watch another Bodine sibling fall hard. I love this series. It has been amazing right from the start. Lucy Score and Claire Kingsley have hit a home run. This series is so well written that you really want to go live in Bootleg Springs. That is the hallmark of both these author's. They craft stories that just grab you from the first page and leave you wanting the next book as soon as you finish the one you are reading. I loved Bowie and Cassidy's story. It is a story of young love, second chances and going after what you want from life. These two are stubborn characters and there were several times when I just wanted to slap both of them. That said, they had a lot of history and baggage to overcome from the past and some interference in the present. The secondary characters in this series are some of the best that I have read and add humor and authenticity to the town and its story. I can't wait to see what these two authors have in store for June Tucker and the remaining two Bodine boys. I'm confident that their stories will be worth the wait.

If you are looking for a romantic comedy, set in a fantastic small town with plenty of great characters, witty dialogue, humor and suspense, I highly recommend this series.

I voluntarily read an advanced copy provided to me by the author.

Debbie says

Everyone makes mistakes, sometimes things are misinterpreted, and sometimes people just don't explain themselves very well, but thankfully after years of secretly loving each other, the truth comes out! The

trouble is, one person feels let down and feels like they can't trust their heart to the other, whilst the other is willing to not give up and fight for the time they have lost and the love they both want for the rest of their lives!

Bowie and Cassidy have known each other their whole lives, she has crushed on him since forever, but after a few drinks, and a bit of a fight, Bowie breaks her heart! They both date other people and go away to college, but neither settle down. They live next door to each other, but rarely speak, which is hard considering Scarlett is her best friend and Bowie's sister!

Finally the misunderstanding from years before is revealed and Bowie will do anything to get Cassidy to forgive him, but there are complications - the Callie investigations which involves the Bodine's and the investigating officer who, well, basically has a problem with Cassidy and the Sheriff!

Will Bowie get his girl? And, how much more will we learn about the disappearance of Callie all those years ago!!

This is a lovely story, and I can't wait for the next 3 books!
