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Ivy Nyman is used to being the screw-up in the family. And with her issues with O.C.D and anorexia, she knows she's shaky at best. So when Rayne has to leave to save her life and she's left facing the world on her own, she's not sure if she's strong enough to handle the stress. Becket Lowell believes in her though and with his faith and love for her, she's determined to be a strong woman. Asher Murphy though is doing everything he can to come between her and Becket. As Asher's insinuations and Becket's suspicious behavior begin to take their toll, Ivy is left wondering if her dreams of happiness will ever come true.

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Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I really love this series. This book was just what I've come to expect from Shannon Guymon. I'm so happy each time I get to settle in with one of her books. Characters from previous books still show up and interconnect with each other and it really feels like old friends are still around. I love that. I'm glad Ivy got her own story and a bit of happy that she deserved. Happily ever afters make me satisfied and happy. The books in this latest series have a mystery woven throughout and I still haven't reached the end of that so I know there is another book coming! :)

Alisa says

So I just finished Dreaming of Ivy and loved it! This is my first book I have ever read in any of the Fircrest series... After reading a book by this author which a lot of people loved but I pretty much hated, I had sworn off all her books so I hadn't read any of the Fircrest books. I could tell by the writing that there was a lot of history between certain characters that I wasn't getting because I jumped in at the end, but overall I felt like it was a stand-alone book! (After reading this book I did go back and read Book 1 in this series "Falling for Rayne" to get more of the back story on these characters - and I absolutely loved that book, too!)

I loved how Becket doesn't say a whole lot, but he means what he says 100%. He reminds me of a Marine I once knew in college. And I loved Ivy... I love how she is trying to heal and be better. She could easily slip back into an easier life (she can afford it after all), but she wants to be healed and to feel whole. She is so courageous and keeps going!

We get a hint of who might be behind the attacks on Ivy, but I'm not sure if that is or isn't a red herring so I will be interested to see how that all resolves in the third book.

Asher came across as a spoiled, lazy kid in this book -- but I thought his character added a dimension to the book. I will definitely be interested in the next book to see how the business arrangement between Garrett/Becket/Asher plays out. I would love to see the right girl come along and "unspoil" Asher! I think he has a lot of potential, but he will have to dig deep to become that man, and I think that would make a great book!

My real question after reading this book is: Who is the next book about? Tai and Cleo or Asher? I can't wait for the third book to come out...

Content: Clean, no swearing

Kathy Jo says

My 3rd time reading this book and it is STILL my favorite in the series! I absolutely LOVE Dreaming of Ivy!

dreamy sigh

Dreaming of Ivy is absolutely AMAZING! I LOVED every minute of it! And I have to admit that it is my new favorite book in this series!

Ivy and Becket are completely perfect for each other! They have both had a hard life, they both have issues that they are dealing with but they are also the only ones who can really see the other person for WHO they are on the inside... issues and all. Becket says it best when he tells Ivy, "We don't need to be perfect. We just need to be perfect for each other."

I loved watching these two grow and fall in love with each other. They had their struggles both separately and together but they proved that communication and unconditional love can go a long way to become better, to become stronger, to become closer to one and other. Becket knew from the start that Ivy was meant for him and he set out to make sure that happened. As I said before... they are PERFECT together!

As usual, I really enjoyed seeing the characters from the other books! The main one?! Tai!! What an AMAZING surprise!! I absolutely ADORED him!! Loved the way he stepped up and was willing to help Ivy and Cleo. Gotta love those Matafeo men!! ;) And speaking of Cleo... I know I am not the only one wishing that her and Tai end up together!! There is something there... I just know it! Ok... Ok... I don't know it... but I am definitely HOPING for it!! ;)

And we might as well discuss Asher... Oh my heck!! What in the world is WRONG with you?! Seriously buddy?! You turned into some psycho, possessive, non-boyfriend! How many times does Ivy have to tell you that you are JUST FRIENDS before you can get it through your thick skull?! I liked Asher in Falling for Rayne but he turned into a little twit! I no longer want him together with Cleo. She deserves to be someone's FIRST and ONLY choice in my opinion! I did think of someone I would be happy to see him with... Meredith! ;)

The mystery element was definitely on the low-key side in this book and was just the right amount in my opinion. I liked that the main focus was Becket and Ivy... these two NEEDED this happiness!!

I can't wait for the next book in this series!! I am extremely excited to see how everything works out in the end!! Shannon Guymon is absolutely AMAZING and I LOVE all of her books!! If you haven't read any of her books before then you are definitely missing out!! ;)

And my favorite part... my casting choice for Ivy and Becket... perfect.. right?! ;)

Toni says

Loved this one too! Shannon let's us into her characters lives so that we cheer and weep with them and feel like they're family.

Heidi says

Ivy's Story

I loved Ivy and Beckett's story though I am still in the process of forgiving Beckett myself grrrrr. I love that Ivy has overcome so much and has become so strong. This Love and Flowers Trilogy has become another favorite. Beautiful story.

Amie Aycock says

I can't even express how much I loved this book! By the end of it I felt like I was a puddle of mush on the floor. I am loving this series so much! This book had my crying when I got to the last page, because I didn't want it to end! I am never one to get a lot of sleep when her books come out!

Shannon definitely knows how to put together a great book! It has it all amazing characters, great plot, dreamy romance that will honestly have you melting, and great lessons to learn from it.

The story had me smiling, laughing, teary at times, and being the romantic that I am sighing with happiness! There characters are of course always on point!

Beckett could honestly be any girl's dream guy. He is of course gorgeous, humble, romantic, sweet, and loving. In my opinion the perfect package for the leading guy. He will make your heart swoon the way he cares for Ivy.

Ivy is such a beautiful character with a big heart. She is fun loving, with a little bit of sass.

I love how they make each other stronger, and their love story is just beautiful. I loved the chemistry between these two characters, and how they genuinely care about each other. Their story has so much heart, that it leaves you with a smile on your face.

I love catching up with the old characters as well, it's like a big family reunion. These characters are honestly my favorites. They all have so many different personalities that when you get them together there is lots of fun, laughter, love, and true friendship!

I can't wait for Cleo's story! I definitely recommend this book and all other books in these amazing series. These stories have everything you would want and are looking for in a good book! So check them out!

Tanya Velayutham says

First of all, I love the cover of the book! It's totally gorgeous and it perfectly fits the image of Ivy. Secondly, I loved Ivy's character from the 1st book. So I was dying to read more about her in this book! It was worth a read and I absolutely love this book! It's clean and very realistic! Though I like reading about a perfect girl meeting a perfect guy in novels, I knew deep down there aren't real and it's not realistic. This book is different. It tells you about Ivy and Beckett's insecurities and how they work on it!

Kristina says

Rating: 4 stars.

This book is the second in the "Love and Flowers Trilogy". Ivy was Rayne's younger sister in the first book "Falling for Rayne". In the past she had mental health issues - OCD and Anorexia. She grew up feeling trapped, isolated and insecure. Although her OCD was now under control thanks to medication and therapy, she was shy, often nervous, honest and humble. I liked her character in the first book, so I looked forward to reading her story in "Dreaming of Ivy". I was not disappointed.

I loved the chemistry between Ivy and Becket. Their relationship was sweet and innocent but also realistic. They were both able to look past each others imperfections to find true happiness.

Asher, Garrett's brother was such a jerk in this book. He was annoying at times in the first book, but he was downright rude, arrogant and immature in this one. He thought he was the better man for Ivy and resented Becket for claiming Ivy's heart. So, he planted seeds of doubt about Becket's character in Ivy's mind. Ivy never led Asher on. She always made it clear she thought of him only as a friend. But Asher would not take "no" for an answer. Poor Cleo (Rayne & Ivy's friend and live-in bodyguard). She found Asher attractive and was hurt to see him pouting over Ivy.

After the way Asher behaved towards Ivy, I don't think he deserves a chance with Cleo. I will be reading the next (and final) book in the series to see who will claim Cleo's heart! I also look forward to finding out who has been trying to kill Rayne and Ivy. I have my suspicions!

Jen says

What an emotional roller coaster ride! So many new things are stewing in this pot of yummy goodness.

As I mentioned with Falling For Rayne, just be forewarned that there are some tough issues addressed in this book. At least for me there were, but I'm naturally a bit of a sensitive spirit. It broke my heart to see the characters in pain and suffering, whether it be from physical ailments, mental road blocks, or their own selfish pride. Hopefully, everything will be resolved soon and for the best (view spoiler).

Is book 3 almost out yet!? ;)

P.S. Dear Tai, you are so freakishly adorable. I hope you have your own story someday. :)

Teya Peck says

Really good. The underlined mystery is coming to a head, which is exciting. I loved this love story and I'm seeing a relationship pattern. Clean, good an fast read.

Katie W says

I loved it! I've loved this series and I love how each trilogy focuses on a family, but has ties to characters from other books/trilogies. This particular one is about two sisters and their bodyguard friend, Cleo. Ivy is the younger sister and has everything money can buy, but she's very inexperienced in love and relationships. She's had trials to overcome in life, but what doesn't kill you makes you stronger and that's just what happens with Ivy. She is very strong and comfortable with who she is.

Becket has had issues of his own to deal with, especially dealing with the aftermath of growing up in a dysfunctional family and serving as a Marine. I truly think their hard times have shaped who they both are and I love that they can look at who a person is and not judge by the outward appearance.

Shannon Guymon writes great romance and this one is mixed with a little mystery. The romantic moments are clean, yet toe tingling. There are many oh, so sweet quotes and gestures. I love that I know exactly what I'm getting with this author.

I enjoyed getting to know other characters better--some I really liked even more and others were infuriating. I love Fircrest and the people there. This is a great addition to a fun series!

Content: kissing (clean); very mild violence (talk of accidents, shootings, attacks, but very brief and nothing graphic); mild religious elements (mention of prayer and church, but no details); no language. Clean!

Kathy says

Yes I read another Shannon Guymon book. I am hooked on these books set in Fircrest, WA. This is book 2 in this series but the 8th book set in this town. I recommend starting at the beginning or you will have missed a lot of back story. I'm not ready to be done with Fircrest so I'm hoping for another trilogy giving us at least a dozen books. I can think of a handful of characters we have been introduced to that I want to see find their happily ever after so I hope Shannon continues to write these stories.

While I did unquestionably love this book it did feel a little less polished than it could have been. There were a few minor editing errors and a couple scenes I thought could have been developed a little better. However, these issues didn't stop me from staying up until the wee hours of the morning to finishing reading this book and I can't wait for the next book to be released.

I highly recommend Shannon's books to those who enjoy clean romance.

Rating: 5 Stars - I loved it.

Content: Clean Romance (nothing more than kissing)

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Julia Lance says

Ivy Newman reminds me a lot of myself and of my niece trying to follow in my footsteps. Being the person in the family that doesn't seem to fit in with the others. That no matter what you do, someone will always think it's wrong. She already has things in her life that she has to overcome and when she has to be brave for her sister it is almost too much to handle. I love that she had a guy to fall back on for help and to fall in love with. That is how it happened with me and my niece and I know that my guy will do anything for me even before my own family. Loved Ivy's story and that she was able to be strong enough to find the happiness her life needed!

Valerie Waters says

Aww cute book!! I like this series and I love the big Samoan guys! Asher was a totally loser! I almost expected him to be the person behind everything because he was so lame.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

You can't read Falling for Rayne and not want to read Ivy's story next.

I liked Ivy in the first book and I loved her even more in this one. It was great reading her story. Ivy has gone through some trials, but she's used them to help make her a stronger person. I loved Becket, I have a thing for the strong silent type. He chooses his words with care and means what he says. I loved how he truly saw Ivy and treated her so well. Their courtship isn't smooth sailing though and they have to go through some tough stuff before they can get their happily ever after.

One thing I love about this series is reuniting with past characters. I loved seeing some of the old crew from previous series and also a few new characters as well (hint: Tai. Love him!). As I've mentioned before, I love the setting of Fircrest, WA and of course the rugby. I have a new appreciation for rugby (and the Haka). I like that there is a bit of a mystery, but the romance and relationships is the main focus.

Overall, another great book in a super fun series. Definitely one I would recommend.

Content

Romance: Clean

Violence: Mild

Language: None

