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Gemma Wells came to Bliss, Colorado, after a scandal cost her everything. Utterly lost, she's built walls so high, she thinks no one can get through them. She's done with love and friendship and all matters of the heart.

Jesse McCann and Cade Sinclair have floated through life, enjoying the world around them, but not becoming a part of it. One look at the pretty attorney and Jesse realizes he's found a reason to stay put. Cade is crazy about her, but his dark past keeps him at arm's length. He wants her, but he's sure he doesn't deserve her.

But a secret from Gemma's past threatens to wreck their futures. Her fiancé is back and brings danger with him. Time is running out. Jesse and Cade have to melt this Ice Queen's heart or she might not leave Bliss alive.

## **Chasing Bliss Details**

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# From Reader Review Chasing Bliss for online ebook

## Rosebud says

Bliss, Colorado. A mythical town where many of the residents are odd balls, eccentric, or a little bit crazy. Where the sheriff spends most of his time fishing and if disturbed or called to do his duty the recipient will usually end up paying a hefty fine or end up in jail.

Gemma Wells is about to find out how true that is after she tazers one of the town's citizens. She gets the choice of serving jail time and paying a huge fine or agreeing to work as the sheriff's office manager. The only problem is the vacancy hasn't been filled as the previous people who have held the job don't last long partially due to the high murder rate in the town.

It has been a little quiet lately and Gemma doesn't plan to stay very long in the town anyway so she might as well take the job. Too bad Jesse McCann and Cade Sinclair, mechanics in the town, think differently. They think she might fit into the town's high percentage of menage relationships just fine. And as she's been a lawyer in New York City she shouldn't have any stalkers, serial killers, or mafia crime lords to worry about...

Every single one of Sophie Oak's books from this series have been terrific. I usually feel that the previous one I read was my favorite until the next one comes out and then change my opinion that this one is my favorite. Well, this one is my new favorite. The central characters are well pitted against each other. Between the snarky interchanges and sexual tension I can't say enough about how much I loved this book. I laughed so many times reading this book as the characters have so many facets that if I lived there I would just park my chair at Stella's or on the main street and watch for hours on end absorbing the town's ambiance. The author has a special way of writing fun scenes that I know she had as much fun writing as I had reading. Additionally, she pulls in previous characters from the series and uses them as I would expect in a revolving chain of events that show this town is as close net protective as they are supportive. They interact and play off each other to enhance the story line but I always know who the central characters are. It's also admirable that new characters are given cameo's in such a way that I really don't know which one will be featured in the next installment. Keeps that 'who could it be' mystery alive for me. Yes, by now there's a central theme to the series but I will never get tired reading this series and would cry if it ever ended.

As to the sexual erotica. Not many authors can provide the mental picture descriptions like Sophie Oak can to get sucked into the written word scenes. The BDSM and kink are delicious and make me want to go to this town and abduct a man couple for my own forcing them to provide me with similar attention that the heroines in these books get. Bliss Colorado and the "Nights in Bliss" series are near the top of my automatic buy list and will continue to be. You can't go wrong when reading about hunky men who come in pairs that love their women with passion, frequency, and BDSM play.

\*\*This could be read as a stand alone book but because of the characters used who come from previous books in this series it's advisable to read them in order to understand and get the feel before reading this one.

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## Jennifer Schultheis says

Chasing Bliss is a completely fantastic read just like the previous six books in this series. I loved all three characters and thought they were perfect for each other. Sophie Oak did an amazing job with creating Gemma, Cade, and Jesse. I absolutely adored Gemma. Her thoughts are down right hilarious and she's such a strong character. I love how Cade and Jesse see through Gemma's tough persona and realize she's not really a

beeyatch, and that she's vulnerable at times. Cade definitely needs Gemma to even him out and stir his blood and Jesse, well it's a good thing I think all the characters are perfect for each other, otherwise I would try to steal him away. Jesse is definitely book boyfriend material as he made me sigh happily, so many times while reading their story. Can't wait to dive into the next Bliss book!

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## **Kazza says**

Well, it's Sophie Oak, it's Bliss, so you just know it's going to be good...and it is. More than a few quotes make up this review.

This time around the kinked up trio of MC's consists of Gemma Wells, a blackballed lawyer, previously from a high powered NY law firm, with an arsehole ex, what else? and the hot mechanics, Caleb Sinclair and Jesse McCann, introduced in Pure Bliss.

Caleb and Jesse are still working at Long Haired Roger's and have discovered that they fit right into the vibe of Bliss. Jesse rolls with it, Caleb fights it somewhat. Gemma turns up in Bliss with her mother, who has previously lived in Bliss and is recovering from cancer, and her mother's nurse, Naomi. She starts out working at Teeny and Marie's, then Stella's and, through a series of 'unfortunate incidents,' lands up working for Nathan Wright, at the Sheriffs office.

Of course the three MC's have their individual baggage, but I must say *Emo of the year* goes to Caleb (or Bare-Chested Ape Man as Gemma originally refers to him). Holy shit! he has a lot of *"I'm not good for her"* moments and inner monologue. Lots. Of. Them.

During one of his, lighter, introspective moments -

*"You look morose again." Jesse stared at him, a frown on his face. Great. Now he was Morose Bare-Chested Ape Man.*

Jesse is the talker here, he makes things happen by honest communication, irrespective of what it is. Perhaps asking about Gemma's ex, Patrick, during their first sexual encounter may have been a bit much, in my opinion, but he is nothing if not consistent. You have to love Jesse. His upbringing hasn't been perfect, he met Cade in a foster home, but he believes in getting words out there. Thank goodness, because Atlas-Complex Cade and Ice-Princess Gemma would never get together without Jesse as a conduit between them all.

Gemma doesn't believe in love, you can't plan it, people die on you, they hurt you, they do unpredictable things that don't fit into her whiteboard driven matrices of control. So, Gemma has big walls up and comes across as aloof and unapproachable. When she sees Jesse and Caleb, and realises there's a mutual attraction, she rationalises it -

*Maybe she could just play around. Not for forever. Forever was an idiot's dream. But she still had needs. Lots of dirty, filthy needs.*

Gemma had always been on a diet to fit into power suits and a lifestyle she had in Manhattan. My favourite activist, Nell, constantly visits Gemma now with pictures of people hurt in a case Gemma was previously involved in, to get her involved in the good fight, and, because it's Nell, to feed Gemma muffins -

*Cam snorted and reached for the muffin. Screw her diet. How many calories could it really be? It was vegan. "Get your own muffin-making stalker."*

Of course Jesse and Caleb are interested in a menage, that's how it's done in Bliss, and of course there's always someone else thinking about hitting on the pretty new woman in town -

*The last thing he needed was Ty trying to hit on Gemma. He doubted it would work. He was pretty sure Gemma was interested in what he and Cade had to offer, but he was a very straightlaced man. He believed in tradition and that meant no fourths.*

This is book #7 and Bliss is still going strong. Yes, it has a familiarity about the writing, but it is just right as there are always individual nuances to the MC's; and a little more is revealed about existing characters or added on. But mostly the family feel of Bliss is always wonderful - for a while you can be part of somewhere nice, where you are given a second chance, and people genuinely care for one another. There are a few more interesting characters touched on here that you just know are going to get books and the series will continue, so, yay.

A friend of mine, on GR, just recently gave a review where she liked the book a bit more because of the MC's name, Liam. I thought that was nice, to have that association. Well Purplegirl, I now feel like that about the name Cade. I loved Cade here, every time he was on the page my chest felt pressure and I wanted to either hug him, slap him or do something perhaps a bit more R rated to/with him. Angsty-Cade, who loves to feed his woman, as well as sex her senseless, is my kind of (fictional?) man. Plus, Jack Barnes gets a mention. If you've ever read my Texas Sirens reviews before you will know I'm happy dancing right now.

Chasing Bliss is another great book in an equally great series and I can't recommend it highly enough.

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## **April says**

So, Awesome! I am ready to pack my bags and move to Bliss!

Sophie Oak has a wonderful way of telling a story that makes you laugh out loud, cry a box of tissues and never want it to end!

Gemma is awesome! Who wouldn't love a girl for taking a taser to Max!! Loved it!! From the opening scene!

Jesse and Cade are a perfect match for her! I love it when Stef plays matchmaker!

I need Michael and Sawyer to have stories in the not so distant future!

Another winner from a fantastic author!

## **Lenore Kosinski says**

OK, I loved the awkwardness and inexperience of Gemma. She was sassy, strong, but strangely vulnerable. The whole scene where she finally decides to sleep with them....just perfect. So, normal and real. It was quite refreshing actually. And Jesse was just fabulously sweet. Even the cowardice of Cade was believable and not too over the top and frustrating. Seeing his struggle was heart breaking. Yeah, but mostly it was Gemma. LOVED the glimpses more of Nell and Henry...who-wee I'm excited to read their backstory!!

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## **Lori says**

Sophie Oak has done it again. She brought us back to Bliss, CO for another installment of its crazy passionate menage loving citizens. This time newcomer Gemma, has been spotted by Cade Sinclair & Jesse McCann. They both want her physically from first sight, but Cade has some tortured-hero things to work through before he can find room in his heart for Gemma. Jesse is arrogant, and Dominant as hell, but when it comes to Gemma he shows a truly vulnerable soft side making him very lovable. Cade is a pleaser, who wants nothing more than to be loved enough that he can forgive himself for the mistakes he sees in his own past. When Gemma is threatened her men have to protect her, and to do so means giving up their heart to her. The well rounded scope of love between the three was offset by the neurotic but lovable characters of Bliss. I can't wait to read more from Bliss.

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## **Chloe says**

Another emotional read from Sophie Oak.

Cade Sinclair and Jesse McCann, Long-Haired Roger's mechanics who were introduced in the last Bliss book, came to Bliss for revenge. Since helping James, Noah, and Hope get rid of Christian Grady, they've stayed in Bliss, unsure of what to do with their lives.

Gemma Well's path was set until an unfortunate event changes everything. She comes to Bliss with her mom, hoping to regroup and move on.

When the three meet, Jesse falls hard, but it's not exactly love at first sight for Gemma and Cade.

Chasing Bliss is Bliss at it's best. We have Nate and Stella warring to win Gemma's employment, Nell protesting in a most unusual fashion, and Gemma learning about the town crazies. The book is full of laugh out loud moments.

And it balances with several heartbreaking moments that left me needing a box of Kleenex nearby.

Chasing Bliss is a fun, emotional, and sexy read.

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## **Hana says**

Another intense (both in action and sex) book with many witty comebacks and psychological streak. It did not disappoint. This time it was about a once very ambitious lawyer whose carrier was shot to hell after she finds her fiancé in bed with another woman and assaults her and two mechanics - laid-back Jessie and Cade who feels responsible for the death of his family and cannot commit. Again, there is a threat against Gemma because she stumbles upon a case where a congressman running for president bribes EPA in order to win a suit. I would love to find out what Henry did before he became a peace-loving activist.

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## **Malinda says**

Another great book in the bliss series. This story revolves around Jesse and Cade, who Bliss readers met in "Pure Bliss" when they help out Hope, Jame and Noah. I like Jesse and Cade although Cade does give me some stress with his issues. Jess falls for Gemma as soon as he sees her and decides to go after her with or without Cade but he wants Cade with him. Cade really likes Gemma to but has baggage that causes him to hold back. It causes some doubt about how the threesome will work out in the end but it keep you reading. :)

I really like Gemma. She seems like a big city b\*tch at first but as you get to know her you realize it's just a cover to protect herself. She doesn't open up to many people because when she does people think she's weird. She is really smart and tends to think too much and people don't understand her or her awkward social skills. Jesse and Cade accept her weirdness and even embrace it. At one point Jesse wants to spank her and she hesitates...they ask her what she's thinking and she reluctantly tells them that she's making a decision matrix in her head with the pros and cons of letting Jesse spank her. Jesse and Cade love this and ask her to proceed out loud so they can hear her pros and cons. It helps her to relax with them. They help her not to think as much and give her great amounts of pleasure as well. There are some questions on the boys sides about whether or not she can accept their blue collar selves but she never has an issue with their jobs and the trio works together pretty well.

The story does have a plot and some drama. It ends well and with another hint that Henry isn't all that he seems. :) I can't wait to see if Gemma can actually get past the injunction against lawyers in Bliss so she can practice in the future. A recommended read. 2 thumbs up. :)

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## **Daisy Sloan says**

You know, I love Bliss Colorado. Except for the whole more murders per capita thing, I would SO move there!

Hot guys, menage, Doms, aliens, protests....it has everything! LOL!

Sophie Oak definitely delivered with this one. Cade and Jesse went to Bliss Colorado looking to exact some revenge for their late foster mother. They ended up staying.

Gemma came to Bliss to take care of her mother. She also needed a place to get her life back together. She'd

had a meltdown and needed to start over. Of course, who wouldn't have a meltdown? In one day she lost her fiancé (he was a cheating slimeball, so no loss), her job, got arrested, and ended up on YouTube. Yeah, she needed to start over.

When she first came to Bliss, she was still the hard edged NYC lawyer. But Bliss has a way of mellowing people out. Gemma found a home and love or two loves actually. Then the death threats came.

This was great. Gemma was awesome. She had her insecurities but she was willing to try. They would creep in on her, but she didn't let it weigh her down too much.

Jesse was perfect. He was honest, bull headed, stubborn and all Alpha Male!

Cade took a little longer. He's wounded and scared. I wanted to smack him multiple times!

Can't wait to read the next one!

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## **Darcy says**

Gemma was a hard person to warm up to. I really bought her Ice Princess veneer. I did hate what she found when she came home at the start of the book. I sort of caught on to that Patrick was using her, so it didn't surprise me all that much, but Gemma's response did. I do wish that there would have been more descriptions to that.

I liked Jesse and Cade, but I did get tired of Cade's whole "I'm not a good guy" routine. It seemed like so much of the relationship between the 3 were one step forward 2 steps back.

I did love how the town butted into everything about their lives. From Nate getting Gemma to work for him, to all the guys giving Jesse and Cade advice, and for everyone hiding Gemma's troubles from Jesse and Cade until they had a "right" to now. I want more of the guys get together and the rules that they came up with on how to deal with these relationships, when they become real, and just what the rules are. It would make for a funny side bit!

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## **? BookAddict ✍️ La Crimson Femme says**

Death by Strawberries! That's a new one. But seriously, I have two friends who are allergic to strawberries and they carry their EPI pen with them. At any functions, we are super careful about strawberries in our salads or desserts. Last thing we want is someone to go into shock. It's not a pretty sight. In Chasing Bliss, Gemma is the disgraced big city lawyer who went postal. Personally, I think she was justified. Patrick was an asshole and "big tits" whatever her name was a be-yotch.

For the most part, I felt sorry for Gemma. She's this super hard worker. She possesses ambition and her plan was sound. Her execution was even great. Unfortunately, her focus was off. Patrick was a big mistake. She sacrificed and compromised when she should not have. For a supposed "ice princess bitch", she sure was softhearted.



Jesse and Cade are a bit confusing for me. I thought I understood Jesse's background, but near the quarter end of the story, suddenly his history changed. Either than or he didn't tell the full truth to Gemma when he said he did. I try not to think about this disjointed information because it doesn't really matter to me. It still makes Jesse's history depressingly sad. It doesn't change how I feel for him. He's still a decent guy who rose out of a difficult childhood.

Cade on the other hand was a bit odd. I don't fully understand how it was his fault for his family's demise. I think I put it all together, but it felt as though I was missing some key pieces of information. A bit distracting from the story as my brain tries to fit the pieces together, but still, it doesn't change how I feel about Cade either. He's a boy scared to love due to loss. So many stories are based on characters who have this issue. Sometimes it's a tired and used up device. Why is it so prevalent? Then I think about it some more and realize, it's a pretty accurate reflection of real life. So many people are this way. It's rather sad. So when it comes through a story like this and the fear turns around to acceptance, it gives me a warm fuzzy.

This is what Ms. Oak does for me. She gives me warm fuzzies and hope. This story is once again about hope and family. People who have hit rock bottom with nowhere to turn, they still have hope and it isn't some kind of entitlement welfare. Instead, it's real help in the form of friends and family. This type of bonding and small town support is quintessential to a Bliss series book. It's something I expect and every time, Ms. Oak delivers. I particularly enjoyed the "brotherhood" code of when a woman is "owned". It's rather old school yet makes my heart melt. I also like the women killer support group. That was pretty funny. "Hello, my name is xxx. I killed a man, but he deserved it! I feel guilty for taking a human life, but in my defense, he was a son of a bitch and the world is better off without him! I've been kill free for xxx months, xx days and xx hours." Well, the story didn't really go to that detail, but that is how I saw it in my head.

The romantic suspense in this story was actually quite believable. It's less far fetched than some of the other ones - like the Russian mobster hit. It could be due to movies such as Erin Brockovich which lends credibility to this plot. The way the town pulled together and used everyone's talents was amazing. Every one worked together to solve this mystery and catch the villain. All my favourite cast of characters came to play. One day, maybe Ms. Oak will provide us with a little spin off novella about Henry. I'd love to learn about Henry's past. What would be fun for me too, is if Nell knew all along and he realizes he never had to hide that part of himself. She loves him, for who his is, not who he thinks she wants. This contemporary romance story is for menage lovers who enjoy small towns that pull together in times of need.

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### **Carrie (Bears Read Too) says**

This review was originally posted on "Bears Read Too!" Gemma Wells moves back to Bliss with her mother after her career as a big time lawyer completely crumbles around her. She plans on staying there only long enough until she can get her job back or another one like it and then she was gone. She didn't really like it there nor felt like she fit in. Plus someone from her past was trying to scare her. Jesse has dealt with Cade's insecurities for a long time and now he's got Gemma to worry about as well. He's trying to bring the three of them together but he's not sure if Cade is on board and he's not sure if he can crack Gemma's tough exterior.

Really great storyline. Gemma came into town with her mother and friend in tow and a whole can of worms that she didn't know followed her. The suspense throughout and the flow of the story was fantastic. I could

not put this book down.

I loved Jesse McCann and I felt some sympathy for Cade Sinclair but I could not connect to Gemma... and really, I couldn't connect to Cade all that well either.

Cade: I did have sympathy for his background story... which, by the way, I thought was an amazing background story for a character... but I just couldn't connect with some of his reactions. It could have been me not being in the right head-space for the book at the time or I just couldn't connect. Either way... BUMMER! I loved his background story and I loved how he was portrayed as being gorgeous and sexy so it was kind of surprising that I couldn't connect.

Gemma: I couldn't connect with at all. That too was a surprise because she's tough and takes crap off no one, but I just couldn't get passed her bitchy side. Yes, I know it was a self-preservation mechanism for her, but I couldn't do it. I usually love the bitches who has a heart of gold, but to me she had the bitch part down but the heart of gold part needs some work.

Sophie Oak brought back some of our favourite characters, which is one of the things I love about this series. This time she really spent some time with Nell and Henry... Henry has a story there and I'd really love to hear it. I'm hoping that a future book is about him. She also mentioned some of our favourites from the sister series "Texas Sirens", which is always fun too.

As always the writing is spectacular. Sophie Oak knows how to build a story from start to finish and her dialogue and flow carries you through it seamlessly. It's so easy to read and get hooked on and once that happens you just can't put it down.

In A Nutshell: Another hit! Loved it! I can't get enough of this clan from Bliss, Colorado! Keep 'em coming!

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## **Oleta Blaylock says**

2012, November 19

Another good book in the Bliss, Colorado series. I love Ms. Oak's writing and try to read everything that she publishes. It is wonderful that she has interlinked the Bliss series and the Siren series. Seeing the characters of one series show up on the other makes it seem more like a huge community living their lives the way that makes them happy. This story is no different. I long time jerk from the Siren series is brought to justice in this story. It would be nice if it was this easy to catch dirty politicians all the time maybe things wouldn't be as bad as they are currently. Caleb continues to be the grouchy lovable doctor and you get to see more of Ty in this story. I had forgotten that Ty is a paramedic. Ty and Caleb definitely get a work out in this book. It seems Gemma or one of the guys, Jessie or Cade, are having some kind of emergency. Finding out that Jennifer and Beth are pregnant was outstanding. I hope that we get another book soon.

2014, September 9

Once again we find ourselves in Bliss, Colorado where anything can happen and usually does. We were first introduced to Cade Sinclair and Jesse McCann in PURE BLISS. They were after Hope's despicable husband for killing their foster mother. They were good guys that just wanted justice for the woman that had raised and loved them when no one else would. Jesse and Cade decided to stay in Bliss at the end of PURE BLISS.

Jesse McCann is the product of a prostitute mother and a father that was convicted of murder. He ran away at a fairly young age because his mother was going to sell him to a pedophile for money to support her meth habit. Jesse was finally put into the foster home of Nancy Gibbs. This is also where he met Cade Sinclair. Jesse is a Dominant and he deeply wants a relationship that will include Cade. Jesse is also ready to settle down and raise a family. Jesse is also the more level headed of the two men. I like Jesse very much for all the hardship that he has endured he is fairly well adjusted. He knows what he wants and he goes for it. He also knows who he is and isn't afraid of others judging him.

Cade is the screwed up partner in this little story. There are times that I want to shake some sense into him. He is so wrapped up in guilt about the death of his parents and sister I am surprised he is a functional adult. Losing Nancy Gibbs to Christian Gray has help eliminate any of the guilt he is carrying around. Cade can be Dominant and a little judgmental but he is just hiding his need for a connection to someone other than Jesse. Cade overcomes quite a bit in this story. It takes almost losing both Jesse and Gemma Wells for that breakthrough to occur but he is a changed man by the end of the story.

We get to see more of Caleb, Alexi and Holly, with all the injuries that happen in Bliss I don't think that we will ever not see the doctor. We also get to see more of Nate and Cam as well as small appearances of everyone else. This is part of the reasons that I love these stories is that all the previous characters keep popping up so we can see what they are doing and how everyone is getting along.

This is a very entertaining series and I always look forward to the next story. I haven't read a bad one yet and I hope I never do. There is bondage, anal sex, menage, and spanking in this story and it is m/f/m.

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Shadow's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

Sophie Oak has done it again-created a wonderful little world in Bliss, Colorado, and peopled it with unique characters that draw the reader right into town with them. Chasing Bliss is so entertaining that the few flaws are easily overlooked, and the book leaves you with a feeling all is right with the world.

Let's get the flaws out of the way first: one is why a woman as smart and driven as Gemma Wells would fall for her ex-fiance and go along with his schemes is a huge question. Second is the repetitive theme of the Bliss books: three wounded people come to Bliss, along with their problems, and set about creating a family with the help of the townspeople. This has been a reoccurring plot in the last several books. However, this one in particular is so funny and so introspective that you are willing to forgive.

Most of the book is laugh-out-loud funny. Sheriff Nate Wright's efforts to have Gemma work as his receptionist are hysterical. The townspeople, as usual, are charming in their offbeat ways and Gemma doesn't even realize how well she is fitting in with them, until a couple of the women spell it out for her.

In addition, the book is HOT. It is not overly full of sex, but the sessions that are there, will keep you needing some cold water or warm partner nearby. Gemma's two men, Cade and Jessie are great alpha males, taking charge in the bedroom, but letting Gemma be free to be herself elsewhere. Watching Cade overcome his demons is particularly poignant.

This is a great read from an author whose work continues to grow and shine with each new addition.

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