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Welcome to Mayhem, Minnesota, home of the Knitty Kitty, The Little Slice of Heaven Pie Shop, and O'Halloran's Pub—owned by the four young women known as The Whiskey Sisters.

In the wake of her divorce, Jameson O'Halloran has gone man-vegan. And this is one diet she's determined to stick with. Even when her long-lost ex-brother-in-law shows up looking like two scoops of double dutch dipped in chocolate... She's not giving in. Been there and still wearing the messy T-shirt.

It's been a decade since Scott Clarke left his family and his hometown, never to return. But when tragedy strikes, he finds himself dragged back to the land of gossip, judgment, and the one woman he absolutely, positively, without a doubt can never have. His brother's ex is off-limits. He just needs to keep repeating that to himself until it sinks in.

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Nicole Westmoreland says

I loved this second Whiskey Sisters book by L.E. Rico! Fantastic follow-up book to Blame it on the Bet! This series featuring four sisters (all of whom are named after whiskey), has humor, love, and heartbreak.

Jameson and her unfaithful ex husband (Winston) try to cope with his father's medical emergency and in the process they find out it is Win's estranged brother, Scott, who is his healthcare proxy. They find Scott doing charity work in a rural Mexico city, and he arrives home for the first time in 10 years.. Will Scott and Jameson remember their past, and be able to reconnect their feelings for one another, even though Scott and Win are brothers? Will the secrets of Scott and Win come out?

L.E. Rico writes with great flow and includes such great story lines and additions (Like Jameson & Win's toddler, Jackson!!!) I also love the main characters and the supporting characters (There is more of Bryan and Hennessy, Big Win, and Father Romance!)! I LOVED this second book and cannot wait for the next book in the series! I would recommend reading Blame it on the Bet first, but it isn't completely necessary ;)

Elizabeth Neal says

The Whiskey Sisters have made their own places in their town of Mayhem. Jameson, recently divorced, has started a diet, no, not that kind. Of the man variety. She's cut herself off after her marriage imploded but every diet allows for a "cheat" day, right? Jameson wasn't tempted until HE returns, but she's a determined woman and no one will break her control.

Scott left everything behind a decade ago, not caring for everything that goes with living in a small town. But now he's back, a family tragedy the only reason he'd return. He's geared himself up to face the gossip, the judgment, and everyone knowing everyone else's business, but nothing could prepare him seeing her again. Jameson, his brother's ex, the one woman he can't have no matter how much he still craves her.

Eventually, he may get it through his head, but his heart is another matter. Scott and Jameson have always felt the pull toward each other, but neither acted on it. With her past with his brother, Win, and though she knows they're never getting back together, despite that history and sharing a son, Win hasn't accepted it.

Jameson is ready to move on, needs to move on, and as she and Scott spend more time together, their connection continually grows until resisting it is no longer a possibility. Nor do they want to.

How will Scott and Jameson handle being in the same town again? Can Scott move past her once being Win's? What happens when he realizes Win is trying to get her back? Will Scott and Jameson take a chance on what's between them? Is a HEA possible?

One-click now and follow along as two people, always destined to be together, finally get their chance.

I voluntarily read and reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book.

Heather says

Mischief and Mayhem is a “sweet and clean” book – there is minimal mild cursing (no f-bombs) and no sex. If those things aren't your jam, there's nothing to worry about here. And even if you prefer those things in a book, this one has enough plot and good writing that you will not miss them. This is technically the second book in this series but it completely stands alone. You do not have to have read the other book to enjoy this one.

This is only my second L.E. Rico book, but as I read this one I was reminded of just how much I enjoy her writing style and storytelling skills. Although this book deals with issues that are very important and emotional, there is a gigantic amount of humor and happiness threaded throughout so the story isn't heavy or depressing, it is both hopeful and hilarious.

Mayhem is my kind of town. Even the most trivial background characters in the book added so much to the story that I found myself wishing Mayhem were real so I could visit the town and revel in the, well, mayhem.

Jameson was such a great character that I found myself rooting for her from the very start. The way that Jameson loved and supported everyone around her – including her weasel of an ex-husband – was beyond impressive. She unflinchingly supported Scott, Win, Big Win, and all of her sisters without fail, all while juggling her job and her duties at the bar and still being her own woman. She's the kind of woman I could easily see myself being friends with. I also really liked Scott. Despite having spent ten years of his life literally running away from his family and his life, he was a surprisingly great guy. His sense of humor and the way that he loved his father, Jameson, and Jackson was incredible. I found myself just hoping he would get his stuff together and be the man that Jameson deserved.

I cannot wait for more of the Whiskey Sisters stories, and more from Mayhem in general. But weirdly enough, as I was reading, I found myself wondering if there was a way to redeem Win. Of course, when I was thinking that thought, the putz went and messed up royally (the fair) so maybe not, but if any author could do it, it would be Ms. Rico.

I would highly recommend this story to anyone who loves a beautiful love story set in a small town full of amazing characters and wonderful people.

Ayekah says

I'm packing to move to Mayhem. I love the Whiskey Sisters and man did I take a header into this book! I loved Scott and Jameson.

Scott Clarke left Mayhem 10 years ago and hasn't been back after a falling out with his father. He's traveling the world working basically as an NGO helping do whatever needs to be done. Meanwhile his brother Win has married and now divorced Jameson. They are co-parenting their son Jackson who is a pip! The toddler has his own lingo and happily I understood exactly what he was saying. Wonder what that says about me? When Big Win suffers a massive stroke, and on life support, Doc tells them that James is the second name listed on the health care surrogate form. Win is not the first. His brother Scott is. That makes Win really angry, not that the jack hat needed anything to make him contrary, the guy was just an all around dipwick. When they locate Scott, he dreads coming home, but he's also determined to discover the truth about who he is and the illusive clue his mother left him before she died. Win being Win won't help him, meanwhile Scott

and Jameson grow closer and dang if that didn't just push all the right buttons for me. I loved them together. The guy has been living in third world countries for 10 years, no idea what a smart phone is, who certain celebrities are and what's been going on in the town of Mayhem; land of KnittyKitty, priests dispense love advice like a Pez dispenser and pies. Those magical pies. And then O'Halloran sisters! This book had so much going on in it. Goopa is the bomb!! Another lesson, never cross a sister! Then there's little Jackson. I loved the way the book opened. That was a classic I won't soon forget.

I love the way Lauren weaves a story together and wow did she push my buttons in this one... had a little book hangover after reading this.

Lauren, you hit this right out of the park! Thank you!

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Fizza says

It's a sweet and yet emotional story. Not every love story can be straightforward and this one is quite complicated because Jameson was once married to Scott's brother. But, he can't stop himself from having feelings for this woman. She is the most beautiful person he has ever met and as guilty as he feels for being attracted to his brother's ex-wife, he simply cannot help it.

Jameson is a mother, first and foremost, also after her divorce she has lost faith in her judgment as well as men in general. But, Scott is not like any other man. He is sweet and he is considerate; the exact opposite of his brother. Perhaps that's why she feels the way she feels.

Both are scared of their complicated pasts and current situation, however, one thing is for, sure they may not be able to keep their feelings hidden for long...

It's a very well written novel and has some very interesting characters. I quite enjoyed the story and would recommend to all contemporary romance fans.

P.S. I received a complimentary copy of this book.

Eileen says

I totally enjoyed Mischief and Mayhem by L.E. Rico, part of her Whiskey Sisters series. This is the first book I've read by Ms. Rico but will definitely not be my last. I loved that all four of the O'Halloran sisters were names after different brands of whiskey, which made sense since their father owned a bar in Mayhem, Minnesota. This story features Jameson who is trying to pulling her life together after her divorce while being on a strict avoidance of getting involved with any man other than her son. When her long-lost ex-brother-in-law shows up looking like sex on a stick she's still not giving in. She's been there and still wearing the messy T-shirt. After a ten year absence, Scott returns to Mayhem only because his father falls ill. After a lifetime of fights with his brother, Scott knows that despite his attraction to Jameson she is off-limits.

I loved the interaction between the sisters as they work together, support and love each other. Scott and Jameson have a wonderful friendship as they work together to find solve a mystery regarding the brothers. I also loved the town of Mayhem and how they are in everyone's business; such a small town thing. I especially enjoyed the Pie Lady who had visions of the future and memories of the past. I live in the capital city of Minnesota and enjoyed the way Ms. Rico included many of the quirks and traditions of the State Fair.

Yes, the butter sculptures, cheese curds, and food-on-a-stick are real things.

Ms. Rico wrote a wonderful story that drew me into her book and the lives of her characters, making me forget the world around me. I had trouble putting this book down, turning page after page, not letting go until I turned the last page, still wanting more. I highly recommend this book to other readers.

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book.

Suze Lavender says

Jameson's ex-husband Win has broken her heart and she's made a vow to remain single. She isn't interested in another relationship, especially after what she's been through. Jameson is a single mother with several loving sisters. Her son's grandfather also enjoys to help out, so there's plenty of support. When disaster strikes Jameson meets Win's brother Scott for the first time in years. Scott once made her an irresistible promise, but does he still intend to keep it?

Scott left his hometown because of family problems. Now that he's back he has trouble adjusting. He never got along well with his brother and finding out that Win's ex-wife is single again makes Scott feel things he's never felt before. However, he can't date his brother's ex-wife or can he? When Scott and Jameson spend time together sparks fly, but would it be a good idea to give in to them if Jameson wants to keep her promise to herself and if Scott will leave again? Will they be able to resist temptation or are their feelings too strong to walk away from?

Mischief and Mayhem is a wonderful romantic story. Jameson is a strong and determined woman. She's a great mother, she's a caring and protective sister and she's a sweet daughter-in-law. Her ex-husband hurt her, but he hasn't broken her and I admired her strength. When Jameson meets Scott she knows she's in trouble. Especially since he's living abroad and doesn't intend to stay. Scott is a kindhearted and chivalrous man. He has such a lovely personality, but he's also a troubled soul. I couldn't wait to find out if Scott and Jameson would be able to heal each other's hearts. Fate offers them a chance and discovering if they'd take it kept me glued to the pages.

L.E. Rico has a lovely heartwarming writing style. I love the Whiskey Sisters, they're all fabulous. Jameson is part of a great family and I really enjoyed reading about them again. L.E. Rico skillfully describes the relationships between her main characters. She perfectly understands friendship, true love and family and the result is a well balanced story with many fabulous twists and turns and an adorable ending. Mischief and Mayhem is a terrific charming, captivating and tempting story.

Bec_BookMagicReviews says

Her divorce should have put her off men forever, but somehow Jameson O'Halloran finds herself deeply attracted to her ex brother-in-law, Scott Clarke, when he comes back to town after his father suffers a stroke. Unfortunately, Jameson and Scott know nothing can come of their attraction, especially when family secrets and the fact that she was once married to his brother are reasons enough to keep away from each other. Will Scott and Jameson fight for their shot at happy ever after or does too much stand in their way of being

together?

Having absolutely loved the first book of this series, I couldn't wait to read more about the O'Halloran sisters and the town they live in, as it's quirky and charming, and I've got to say that I loved this book every bit as much as the first. Really, the main characters were incredible, and the dialogue was highly entertaining due to the main characters back stories and everything these two go through on their journey to happy ever after because they have huge obstacles to overcome to be together. However, it was from the moment the hero and heroine come face-to-face for the first time where things really come alive, as there's plenty of chemistry between this couple, and yet, any relationship between them seems impossible.

As for the dialogue, it was a wonderful combination of intense moments due to the main characters back stories and playful banter that had me loving this couple's growing relationship, especially the moment where Jameson says things in a moment when she has a rather say-what's-on-your-mind reaction while under the influence. Moreover, the heroine is resilient, courageous, is a good mother and I liked the close bond she shares with her sisters, even though it seems she goes a little overboard when it comes to being protective of her younger sister. I also liked how the secondary characters helped bring the hero and heroine together since her ex is an absolute piece of work that didn't deserve such a wonderful person as Jameson in his life.

While the hero, family secrets have kept him on the run for years, and I liked how determined he was to learn the truth no matter how painful the truth might be to learn. He's also confident, kind, caring and I liked the way he took care of Jameson in her time of need. I also liked how determined he was to make things right with his dad, especially after everything that's happened and everything that he learns. Yet, what I liked most of all about the hero was his determination to win the heroine over, even though the obstacles they face are tough and there are times when it seems they'll never overcome them. Will he be loyal to family or follow his heart?

Overall, Ms. Rico has delivered another fantastic read for this series where the chemistry between this couple was off-the-charts; the romance was on the sweet side; the secondary characters entertained me just as much as the main ones, although the heroine's ex was a total jerk at times; and the ending had me loving what the heroine does to fight for her chance at forever with the hero. Talk about cryptic clues and deliciously good pie! However, it was the epilogue that wrapped this story up wonderfully, as the heroine knows this time around that Scott is her Mr. Right. I would recommend *Mischief and Mayhem* by LE Rico, if you enjoy the forbidden romance trope, second chance romances or books by authors Sonya Weiss, Victoria James, Jennifer Hoopes and Jody Holford.

Lauren says

4.5

Oh my goodness it was SO MUCH FUN to be back in Mayhem again!

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Claire Mc Partlin says

?I'm really enjoying this series about the Whiskey sisters, set in Minnesota, and this one was even better than the first one which I also enjoyed.

This time we get the story of the second sister, Jameson, who runs and owns O'Hallorans with her sisters, the Irish pub in their town of Mayhem. She is recently divorced from Win and they have a small son called Jackson, a holy terror but very, very funny too!

Her father-in-law, Big Win, collapses and is rushed into hospital on life support in a coma. So the family rally around, and 'missing' son Scott comes back to be by his Dad's bedside, as he is also his Primary Healthcare Proxy, with Jameson as Secondary Healthcare Proxy, leaving Win out entirely. Win and Scott have a very antagonistic relationship, hardly surprising since Win is a complete pain the behind anyway, and so there is quite a bit of hassle going on. There is also a secret that Scott thinks he knows all about, and is the main reason he left town 10 years ago to work for the Peace Project around the world, but in fact things are not as they seem and nasty Win knows more than he lets on.

Jameson and Scott start getting closer, but of course Win doesn't like it and creates grief for everyone, that luckily gets resolved in the end, with involvement from the pie lady and a mad dash to the airport!

There are some great characters in this series, I'd love to know more about the pie lady, and there's also the (very famous) shop that knits outfits for small animals, all mad but very, very appealing! I'm assuming this series will continue with the other two sisters and I am really looking forward to returning to Mayhem and catching up with everyone. Very entertaining.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

4.5 stars

I fell in love with the Whiskey Sisters series with the first book, Blame it on the Bet. The story had amazing characters and was a fun read. The second book, Mischief and Mayhem is different. It's more serious, which I wasn't expecting. The characters are still great, but it isn't as fun and there aren't nearly as many humorous parts. However, this isn't to say that the book wasn't good, because it was.

Mischief and Mayhem finds Jameson Clarke newly divorced from her cheating, jerk of an ex-husband Win. Jameson is the second oldest of the O'Halloran sisters. It's in her nature to be a nurturer. In fact, before she had her two-year-old son, Jackson aka The Adorable Terror, she was a nurse at the local hospital.

Within the last year, Jameson has lost her father and divorced her husband, but the blows keep coming when Jameson discovers her former father-in-law passed out and not breathing. She soon discovers Big Win selected her and his son Scott as his healthcare proxies. In typical Win fashion, when he learns he wasn't picked by his father, he has a fit. He also leaves Jameson on her own with the task of locating Scott, who no one has had any regular contact with since he left home ten years ago.

After his mother died, Scott Clarke found himself confused and alone. Instead of turning to his father for help, he packed up and joined Project Peace. For years, he's done hard manual work, with the benefit of knowing he was helping people who couldn't help themselves. When he gets the call that his father is ill, he rushes back to Mayhem, Minnesota and prepares himself to face the past he's been running from.

Mischief and Mayhem is heartbreakingly sad for many reasons. However, in the midst of the story coming together and the shocking discoveries, the O'Halloran sisters are there for each other. Mayhem may be a small town with more than its share of eccentric people, but this town is full of heart.

Once again, L.E. Rico has put me on an emotional rollercoaster. She gave me highs that made me smile. She gave me lows that either made me mad on behalf of a character or reaching for tissues. I loved Jameson and Scott together. These two both have such incredible hearts and love for their family. I don't want to give anything away but Jameson and Scott were destined to be together.

If you haven't read this series, I highly recommend you do. L.E. Rico has solidified her place on my favorite author list. I am so looking forward to the next books in this series.

Received a copy of the book from the author and voluntarily reviewed.

P.e. lolo says

The story centers on a small town in Minnesota, with Jameson and her sisters. Jameson O'Halloran is now divorced and still dealing with the ex because they have a little boy together and he is really what has kept them and the family together. When tragedy strikes the grandfather which is her ex father in law it turns out that she must now locate her ex brother in law Scott which has been gone from the town for ten years. When he finally arrives in town is when all of their lives take a turn for the best it just takes you some time to get there. You get family drama between Scott and Win you used to be married to Jameson, but literally screwed that up but still thinks he has a shot at winning her back. You have Scott and Jameson who have always liked each other and are trying to figure things out, along with a family secret. Then of course there is her sisters and the shenanigans they pull especially her oldest sister at the county fair. All of the added characters just add to the story and overall this is a very fun story and worth the read. I received this book from Netgalley.com I gave it 4 stars. Follow us at www.1rad-readerreviews.com

Carolyn's says

Lots of mischief and even mayhem. I loved the story of Jameson and Scott. The Whiskey Sisters series is one I am definitely going to follow.

Jameson is a recent divorcee with a terror as a son. Well they say terror but goodness I bet he is the sweetest thing ever- he was written so mischevious you just know he was an adorable little chubby cheek boy you want to cuddle.

The ex is Win- Scott's brother, but things aren't as simple as that. With deception and deviousness Scott has wasted the last 10 years of his life. Coming home to his ill father things are about to completely change and goodness know mayhem will ensue. Jameson and Scott find themselves drawn to one another- it feels meant

to be. But with the evil Win in the picture nothing is going to be easy.

The Whiskey sisters are unique and fun and hilarious! The first book in this series promises a fun adventure with each book to follow.

Claire Robinson says

5 - "Wow... Just Wow." Stars!

We travel to *Mayhem, Minnesota* and get to know the *Whiskey Sisters* and believe me when I tell you they and the town they come from are unlike any family or place I have read about before, and in such a happy and positive way.

"This is something special you have here..."

Two books, and two novellas make up the sum of this series so far, and I devoured each and every one of them, it's not often I find an author that can make me laugh, cry and fall in love with a group of fictional characters and the place they live so quickly, but I was enamoured from the start of book one; *Blame it on the Bet*. I felt like one of the O'Halloran family by the time I had flown through *Mischief in Mayhem* and now that I have just stayed up way past my bedtime to finish *Mistletoe in Mayhem* I feel a whole lot of a book hangover because I have nothing else left to read featuring the outstanding cast that the author has put together.

"We can do this... We can keep this pub running."

We start with Hennessey and Bryan in book one with a funny and poignant enemies-to-lovers story-line, and we follow on with Jameson and Scott, with the more tricky ex-brother-in-law to lovers story, notable mention goes to divorcee Jameson's son Jackson, because through all of the books he is a hugely entertaining and absolutely adorable character, and the glue that brings and holds the family together at some of their darkest points. The novellas that follow along from the books then give us the progressions of these couple's stories into marriage and starting their families.

"I kind of don't want to leave... I like this place. I like the people who live here."

This collection of books contains a little bit of everything in regards to reading tropes, the first two although not necessarily Christmas books, are all bought together with the seasonal novellas and have set me up perfectly to spend the rest of this month indulging in one of my favorite times of year, with some seasonal reads to go along with it.

"Want to make a match with me?"

These books encompass everything that is important about the Christmas season, with strong family ties, faith (in yourself and a higher power), forgiveness, caring for your neighbor and helping out those with needs bigger than your own, love, laughter and letting go. They are also a perfect introduction to Lauren's writing, and I am so glad I said yes to the opportunity to read and review this series.

"I'm here... I'm staying."

With two sisters still unwed, I hope that the author has plans for Walker and Bailey and in the not too distant future, the O'Halloran family have a permanent place in my heart now and I cannot wait to go back and spend more time with them and the residents of *Mayhem* as soon as possible.

My thanks go to the author for generously providing me with copies of each book in the series, it was my absolute pleasure to provide the above honest review in exchange.

Harlie Williams says

Where do I start? I mean really. It's like I waited FOREVER for this book in the series. If you want a recap of my review of Henny's story here you go: Hennessey's Review. So I won't go into the sisters again in my review but let's just say that they all play a very big part of this book and it is wonderful how Ms. Rico is able to use them in nonintrusive ways. Bailey and Jameson's side plot is brilliantly played out, even if my heart broke a bit. Very realistically written and heartfelt. Remember that Jameson is the oldest and Bailey the youngest.

Anyways, I'm here to tell you how much I just ADORED this book. In some ways, it supersedes the first one and I'll tell you why:

Jameson is the oldest sibling and feels like a failure. In her marriage, in helping her sisters and at times her son, Jackson. Jackson is hilarious in this book. Unca Scott and beddy-bye are just two of his sayings.

Jameson carries some guilt when it comes to her mother's death and still misses her. But what was great about that is she was finally able to "see" her mother when it came to the butterfly exhibit at the fair. Trust me, I had a tear. She fights for what she wants and doesn't let her douche bag of an ex-husband take it from her. Also, she cares deeply for her father in law and the feeling is mutual.

Scott. I swooned. Yes, swooned and pictured Josh Lucas as my Scott. Just think Sweet Home Alabama and you'll understand. Anyway, I loved him from the start and when we finally understand why he left and then the fallout later in the book, my heart literally broke. How could someone be that cruel to another human being? I know, there are plenty of people out there but in the end, they don't get their way. Just the last scene in the bar spoke volumes to me in the sense that a certain douchebag will never get his way.

The Pie Lady is back and spookier than ever. She scares me. Seriously. Ms. Rico has written a secondary character that is funny, fun but reminds me somewhat of a fairy godmother. In a spooky way.

The celebrity cat scenes. Laugh out loud funny.

The mystery in regards to Win and Scott. I really liked that plot point. It showed me that the Clarkes were made of a certain character and didn't back down. Too bad Win didn't get the same message. Ungrateful little snot.

With this story, we didn't have an outsider trying to take over something. I love Brynn but this one was more about two childhood friends that made a pact that they both forgot about. It's about finding that true love when you think that you will never get it. For finding that someone that makes you feel alive when you don't think you deserve it. For finding the peace in the reasons why you leave and but then find reasons for never leaving again.

Ms. Rico has written that rare second book in a series that really makes you think. I'm not sure if I could have coped with what Scott went through all those years ago. Jameson had to finally get her backbone when it came to Win and his ways. Douchebag. Yes, I will continue to say it. It's still a story about sisters but in the end, it's about being true to yourself and fighting for what you truly want in life.

