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Mark Beckett is the most annoying, patronizing, arrogant jerk on the face of the earth. So, naturally, I can't get the damn man out of my head.

Fiona:

Like the old saying goes, I'm a jill of all trades but a master of none. What I lack in skill, however, I make up for in enthusiasm—something certain people (ahem) find irritating. But I have my reasons for living my life the way I do, for diving into one project after another and trying to make a difference. And if Mark Beckett doesn't like it, he knows where to find the door. I don't need his approval ... or his panty-melting kisses.

Mark:

I enjoy the simple things in life: a job well done, a cold beer, a hot woman ... you get the idea. But there's nothing simple about the mess I just found myself in. The last thing I need is a pint-sized princess sticking her nose in my business and pushing every damn one of my buttons like it's her job. But Fiona Pierce may be the only one with the tools to solve my problems—and the power to change everything.

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Chantal Bellehumeur says

Although this is the second book of a series, I felt that it worked well as a stand alone. I never felt lost or like I was missing something. In fact, it was easy to get right into the interesting and realistic romance story which was well written and had great dialogues between the fun characters. Once I started reading, I didn't want to stop. There were both serious and funny content as well as drama within the book, and I quite enjoyed it. I am actually curious about the first book in the series now, as well as the next one to follow.

I may not have read the first book, but I would be surprised if anyone who had didn't like the second in the series. The story is greatly told by the points of views of the two main characters; Fiona, a cancer survivor and daughter of rich parents, and playboy Mark. The way their initial "hate" for each other evolved into something romantic during unusual circumstances was brilliant.

I highly recommend this book!

Cassie May says

Reviewed on behalf of 2 Girls Who Love Books Blog

The first thing I thought after starting this book was... Wow, she rambles. And boy does she ramble. The character, not the author, that is. And it was cute. So cute how different parts of her mind and body joined the rambling, like Guilt and Pride and her female body parts. It made me laugh more than once.

After reading the first chapter from the female point of view I was asking myself how the author would manage it to let the male part sound differently. Well, she didn't fully manage it. Mostly in the beginning the male character sounded exactly the same as the female. He rambled just more about manly stuff.

What I really liked was the character development. They grew with the storyline and worked on their flaws and in the end became bigger persons than they were before, also the manly rambling was lesser during the book...

It is the second book in the Carolina Connections Series and you can totally read it without reading the first one. In fact I thought this would be the first book of the series, so no worries about that.

What I really really liked was the fact that Fiona made other people see the strength in themselves. She was such a bubbly and encouraging character that touched everyone she met, which was shown so much in the end. I loved how it all played out. Everything.

4,5 stars

Vikki Vaught says

Wow, just LOVED this book. Review to follow.

Anna Stewart McCall says

Funny. As. Hell. I have officially found a new author. Fiona is a cancer survivor sort of drifting through her twenties unsure of what she wants to do with her life. So she bides her time by helping her wealthy parents raise money for childhood cancer research. Through mutual friends, she meets Mark, a meathead manwhore. Turns out that Mark is having some family drama and Fiona is just the person to help him with it.

Okay, so I know the whole manwhore, one and done thing has been done. He just needs to find the right girl to make him change his whoring ways. I think the ending is a foregone conclusion, but these people, especially Fiona, are funny as hell. I definitely recommend it for a quick and fun read with all the feels.

Kel (Faerie-bookworm) says

Title: The Spark

Author: Sylvie Stewart

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Heat: 5

Thoughts: I'm not sure where to start! This was such a fun read, I giggled almost all the way through this book with a few aww moments thrown in with some tears. Now that I've had the pleasure of reading this one I will definitely have to read the first book! Fiona is a trip, I'm pretty sure I fell in love with her and now have a book hangover. And Mark, swoon, he will most definitely steal your heart and make your panties wet but I'm calling dibs!! This is a must read then reread and then maybe just one more time type of story. The characters are so adorable you can't help but smile at their craziness. I wish they were real so we could hang out all the time, I'm sure my face would hurt from all the laughing but it would so totally be worth it. Grab yourself a copy and enjoy the ride, you won't be disappointed!

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work and chose to write a review.

United Indie Book Blog says

This is one hilarious book. I absolutely loved the writing style of Sylvie Stewart. This book had my laughing out loud getting funny looks from the hubby. I loved the banter between characters, most especially between Fiona and Mark. These two have sworn off relationships of any kind, not to mention the idea of everlasting love. So the idea of a casual hook up is the best thing for both of them one would think, except fate has a way of changing things on a dime. Mark and Fiona are forced to spend time together because of troubles in Mark's past; ie, his dead beat dad who re-enters his life, bringing trouble that Fiona takes upon herself to fix. During that time together Mark and Fiona fall for each other. That is what neither wants or do they? I highly recommend this book.

Review by Ann

Tara says

Fun, fulfilling and fast-paced, Sylvie Stewart's latest book, *The Spark*, is also a masterclass in how to write a strong, sexy heroine with a hint of vulnerability that a reformed playboy hero simply can't resist.

The story moves along at a cracking pace and while it takes a while for Fiona and Mark to actually meet, we learn a lot about their backgrounds in the meantime – and it really helped me warm to them.

I did struggle at first with the book's bright and chatty style but that could have something to do with the last book I'd read, which was a bit more serious than I was used to.

I soon got into the swing of it – and when I did, I couldn't put it down.

If you're looking for a quick fix of romance, this is for you. The chemistry between Fiona and Mark is irresistible – and the spark soon bursts into flames. It was such fun witnessing them get together. There are some great scenes that genuinely made me chuckle.

It's the second book in the Carolina Connections series – although works as a standalone. The first has definitely won its place in my "To Read" pile.

With thanks to Sylvie Stewart for the ARC (via NetGalley) in return for an honest review.

Kristian Erdmann says

This is the first book I have read by this author and I enjoyed it so much. At first it was a little hard for me to get in to, but once I did I was hooked!! Fiona and Mark are too cute. Fiona has had a hard time in life and is not really sure how to live for the future. She lives by fake it till you make it. Don't get me wrong she is sweet and totally funny but a childhood illness has left her a little skittish about the future. Mark is a playboy no other way around it. Relationships nope not for him and especially not with the crazy girl that drives him nuts, Fiona. He has a policy one time only and absolutely no friends. Crazy circumstances bring them together and Mark and Fiona start spending time together and their mutual no relationship policies start seem not so great but just as they start to move forward Fiona's past hangups makes her pull away. Their story has so much...loves, laughter, loan sharks, and even a gay bar what's not to love!! Great story

Energy says

This book was funny to the very end. While it says it's part 2 in the series, it is made to stand alone, which I truly appreciate. We meet Fiona, a stubborn and feisty cancer survivor who has more money than most people because of her parents, and we meet Mark, a man well built, who works hard and takes care of his mother. The two couldn't be more opposite, and Stewart lays for us a well written, funny and sexy tale bringing these two together. The characters are well established and each play their role well. The secondary characters are well established as well. The conversations Fiona has with herself were amusing and her interactions with her family, friends and Mark had me laughing until the end

Paula Phillips says

Are you in the mood for a romantic comedy? Wanting something with a bit of a suspense and thrill to it? The Spark first drew me in by the cover as it had a cutesy feel to it and I just expected this to be a sweet romance. Instead, The Spark by Sylvie Stewart had me laughing out loud as I read through the book. Inside it turned out to be a Romantic Comedy/Suspense tale. We are introduced first to Fiona Pierce, who comes across a bit of a ditzy air head that comes from money. She is also sarcastic and a bit of a smart-aleck and seems to rub her best friend's partner's friend Mark up the wrong way. When the two of them are in a room, all they can do is pick on one another and treat each other horribly. When Mark's father comes back into the picture, trouble follows as Mark's family are thrust into the middle of loan shark debts as the loan sharks threaten to come after Mark's mother. Fiona who always loves to help and be a fixer decides to enlist the help of their friends and save Mark or at least come up with a plan to deter the loan sharks and steer them away from Mark's mother. During this adventure, we read as the sparks fly between Mark and Fiona, but can the two work out despite both swearing off love and bad mistakes? Is it true that opposites do attract and that the age-old act of teasing can still mean you have feelings for that person?

Find out in this Cute Chick-Lit Mystery - The Spark by Sylvie Stewart.

Soccergypsy says

** I volunteered to read an advance reviewer copy of this book. **

This is just shy of a five-star rating. I laughed so hard at Fiona's thoughts my throat hurt. And my chest tightened and its entire cavity was warmed by Mark. Plus I came very close to crying. An easy read with colorful characters, both primary and secondary, and a storyline that evokes hope with every turn of the page.

Ann says

I volunteered to read this book for an honest review for United Indie Book Blog -This is one hilarious book. I absolutely loved the writing style of Sylvie Stewart. This book had my laughing out loud getting funny looks from the hubby. I loved the banter between characters, most especially between Fiona and Mark. These two have sworn off relationships of any kind, not to mention the idea of everlasting love. So the idea of a casual hook up is the best thing for both of them one would think, except fate has a way of changing things on a dime. Mark and Fiona are forced to spend time together because of troubles in Mark's past; ie, his dead beat dad who re-enters his life, bringing trouble that Fiona takes upon herself to fix. During that time together Mark and Fiona fall for each other. That is what neither wants or do they? I highly recommend this book.

Irene says

You need a good laugh this is the book for you!

Fiona is one of those people who's heart is made of gold. She see's that you are suffering she has this need to fix you. To help mend that heart and make things right. That is what she did with Mark and his family. Not only that but she fell hard for Mark too!

Mark who's types were young, blonde and oh so high schoolish! Once he was in Fiona's radar there was not getting out of it. They were not really kind towards each other at first. There were small jokes Mark would say to Fiona, who was short by the way. She took it though and dished it right back out. She rambled on in her head OMG! She could go for years!! However once her mind was set on something it was set until that task was finished.

It wasn't just Fiona who had you in stitches, it was Mark as well. Dude he was whipped!!

Like I said if you're looking for a romcom this is it!!

Nickie Adler says

I voluntarily read this ARC for an honest review. There are so many things I loved about this book. First of all, it has to be one of the funniest books I've read in a long time. The writing is very witty and the characters have great chemistry.

Fiona Price, a pixie of a woman, is unstoppable. She is dedicated in everything she does, whether it's volunteering for a charity, cooking for her friends, there isn't anything she won't do. Except allowing herself to get involved in a relationship. Friends with benefits is fine, as a matter of fact, encouraged. As a cancer survivor, when at age 9 she developed leukemia, she lives life to the fullest. Now in remission, she doesn't believe in relationships, due to her uncertainty of getting cancer again.

Mark doesn't believe in relationships. His idea of dating women is to pick them up at bars, take them home for sex, and never see them again. Mark gets a scare, after a night of drinking, wakes up in a dorm with an underage coed and doesn't remember anything that happened. This is when he realizes that he needs to change his ways. When his estranged father ends up in the hospital after he was beaten up, his mother asks Mark to drive her to the hospital to be by his side. This is a man that left the family 18 years earlier. Sitting in the lobby at the hospital, he runs into Fiona, the most annoying woman he's ever met. He is pleasantly surprised when she offers to stay with him to wait for his Mom. Fiona always thought that Mark was an arrogant jerk, but she starts to see him in a different light after spending a few hours with him in the hospital. How can two people who don't believe in relationships have a chance at love and happiness.

This is my first book by this author, but I know it won't be my last.

Analia Almonte says

A great story that will make you laugh and cry in the very good way. Is my first read of the author and I'm not disappointed. Is a great read and an amazing story that will keep you hooked.

I received a complementary copy of this book and voluntarily review it.
