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In seaside Blueberry Cove, Maine, friends are just another word for family, and big-city politics take a backseat to local pride. But the real treasure on these shores is always love...

When D.C. lawyer Hannah McCrae heads home for her brother's wedding, she's dragging a lot of baggage along with her—and she doesn't mean suitcases. Betrayed personally, and humiliated professionally, the last thing she wants is a new man. That's fine with square-jawed, rugged contractor Calder Blue. He and Hannah may be wildly attracted to one another, but all he wants is to build the town's hotly contested new yacht club and mend a centuries-old family feud. Yet thanks to resentments old and new, day after day the pair wind up tangled in each other's business—and maybe soon in each other's arms.

Every bride needs something “blue”...

Includes a delicious wedding cake recipe!

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Romancing the Book says

Reviewed by JoAnne

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This was a quick reading beach read but can be read at any time of year. It was reminiscent to me of books by Susan Mallery, Jill Shalvis, Erin Nicholas and Carly Phillips to name a few. The characters all have strong ties to family and their town – in this case Blueberry Cove, Maine, a small town I wouldn't mind living in.

There was some suspense and a mystery to be solved due to an explosion on the harbor but also wedding plans, playfulness, relief, family strife, small town happenings, romance and love. The characters were easy to get to know and it was heartwarming to see the interactions between the McCrae siblings even if they hadn't been together for awhile. Hannah, Fiona and Kerry along with their big brother Logan who is also the police chief and his soon to be wife, Alex, all have many layers to them and the sisters all have secrets they are hiding. It was fun to get to know them as well as Calder Blue who comes to town to potentially sign a contract to build a new yacht club that nobody but the person who commissions it seems to want. The sparks fly every time Hannah and Calder are anywhere near each other and they seem to be thrown together quite a bit even if their first meeting was a painful experience at least for Hannah. This is definitely their story.

The descriptions of the homes, businesses, dresses, beaches, the coast and the boats were vivid and made me feel that I was there. The lighthouse at their family home is an important part of their heritage and it was easy to envision. There was nice closure and a happily ever after in the offing that we know comes to fruition from the excerpt from book two in the series, Snowflake Bay, that's in the back of the book. The recipe of the Boston Cream Wedding Cake in the back of the book sounds delicious and I may give it a try.

Kaufmann is an author I've read before but not in a while. I definitely will be adding her other books to my always growing TBR pile and not only from this series. I can't wait to be back in Blueberry Cove!

Favorite Quote: ... "Works for a generations-old family firm. Has three younger brothers, a handful of nieces. Rescues horses. Even learned acupuncture to help relieve their pain."

Logan's mouth twitched in a smile. "And yet you hardly know the guy."

Jonel Boyko says

Kauffman has definitely done it again. This novel was a fantastic, approachable read with all the bells and whistles. The characters in this novel have the 'awww' happy kind of love. It's fantastic. There is such unmistakable tenderness throughout. Readers also get to experience the Maine coast & small town life via Kaufmann's picturesque writing. I'll admit, at the beginning, even though I was enjoying the story, I was wondering exactly what direction it was heading in. By about 20% through, I couldn't put the story down or get it out of my head. The well plotted and executed tale took me on twists and turns that one rarely sees in

contemporary romance, but that really make the novel stand out.

The McCrae sisters are a fantastic trio that I'm dying to get more of. The closeness of these sisters, and the way that they interact with one another was so genuine that I felt as if I were part of a family moment. The Blue family history added an extra twist to the tale that I loved unravelling. There were also lots of introspective moments that really draw you to the main characters as individuals. I loved getting a look at their feelings, fears, and desires, as well as how this all comes together to make these individuals who they are. I loved getting a look at how Hannah thinks and views things. The scattered, multiple thought trains at once was fantastic. I felt as if I really got to know the real her through it. Because of these intriguing two main characters I'll never look at *Gone With The Wind* or *Oliver Twist* the same way again. These literarily inclined characters were definitely a treat.

Kauffman never fails to leave me with a smile on my face at the end of a novel. This one was no exception. It's a fantastic read for all those who enjoy contemporary romance.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

Danielle says

I loved the characters and the town. It had amusing parts and the romance wasn't lacking. I can't wait to read about her sisters.

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

This is the first time I have read this author and was looking forward to a great romance novel set in a small town. These types of books are fun for the additional character development that will spin off into other books in the future. So for me the first book is the most important.

I had a total buy in with the main characters from the beginning. A strong leading lady and a hot leading guy with sparks coming off everywhere. There is plenty of anticipation and build up to the romance which is sweet with a fabulous ending. In between, there is a ton of other stuff going on with the storyline that you have to get through. A lot of it I did not feel was necessary to the story.

I love a great plot and this had a ton of choices, but the author tried to stick in too many details that to me distracted from the actual plot. I am sure she was thinking ahead to the next books... maybe? So I am not sure if this is actually a romance novel with some mystery attached or more a women's fiction/chick lit with a bit of romance thrown in for grins.

Plus there was a ton of additional internal conversations and excess details that were just not that interesting to me. I loved the storyline, but I wanted more on the Hannah and Calder (who is hot BTW) strain and less on the backstory.

I love the additional characters for the spin off novels to come so I would definitely recommend this as one to pick up. This book was entertaining and a fun read, I just wanted more!

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

This book reminds me of the expression, "You can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl." When Hannah McCrae heads home to Blueberry Cove for her brother's wedding, she is planning on staying. Not only is she running from a disastrous romance but she has quit her job. She misses her family and the small town atmosphere but is afraid to tell her family what happened. On her way into town she almost runs into Calder Blue, who is from the arm of the Blue family of St. Croix River who is feuding with the Blueberry Cove Blues. Injured, rattled and foggy, Calder helps her out. They continue to run into each other and there is an unmistakable attraction. There is a lot of fun banter between these two characters and a simmering build up to a relationship. This is the first in a trilogy so there is a lot of detail about the town, relationships and situations that will probably come into play in the next couple of books. There is some drama and mystery thrown in as well to make this book appealing on several levels. I really likes the McCrae family and the townspeople we met. They were real, caring and loyal to each other. A great read and I will definitely check out the rest in this series.

Lorraine Joy says

The part of the book that is the actual romance is great but the majority of the book is a lot of other stuff.

Apparently there is an entire Blueberry Cove series but this is my first book in the series and my first book by this author. I can tell you that you don't need to read any of the other books to follow this one so if you are concerned, don't be. I don't often venture into small town romance because I'm too much of a big city lover so take everything I say with that bias in mind.

Plot in super fast rewind: Hannah returns to Blueberry Cove (which I totally imagine to be like Abbot Cove from 'Murder She Wrote'...yeah yeah, I'm over 30) after some drama in her urban lawyer DC life disrupted her plans of world domination (to which all lawyers aspire). Calder is in Blueberry trying to untangle an ages old family feud involving his family. The two meet during an unceremonious traffic accident and keep meeting on accident/purpose (not sure which) as Hannah prepares for her brother's wedding in the Cove and Calder keeps waiting for meetings with people who are constantly pushing them back (seriously). There is an immediate attraction between the two and all kinds of erroneous assumptions and defenses start flying in all directions. The bottom line is that Calder wants Hannah and she has to work through her emotional trauma caused by a recent failed (in an epic way) relationship.

I really really liked the character depiction of both Calder and Hannah in this book. Calder is the kind of alpha male with a really good heart that gets me every time. He is steady and consistent in his pursuit of Hannah even though his desire for her doesn't completely make sense to him. Hannah was the best balance of tough, logical and soft that I love in heroines. Hannah had some very reasonable defense mechanisms erected as the result of her life circumstances but they weren't overplayed in the plot. There was just enough angst on her part to make sense in the context of her experiences but not so much that it became annoying melodrama.

I also enjoyed the development of the relationship between Calder and Hannah. I guess I should say that I enjoyed that the relationship was developed. There was insta attraction in this book but there was also

dialogue between the main characters as they developed an understanding of each other. Both Calder and Hannah initially misunderstood each other but their actual interactions with each other formed the basis for their relationship. This is great because we the readers get to know the characters and can identify with what draws them together.

Now for what I didn't like so much- there is entirely too much character introspection and too much information about all the subplots in the book. Let's start with the subplots: there is a wedding, a family feud, an arson, the harbor development, Hannah's siblings and the townspeople. For each of these subplots, there are several pages dedicated to explaining and exploring them. By the time all is said and done, I estimate that like 30% of the book is devoted to the subplots in the story. My main issue is that the subplots seemed like totally separate stories. I didn't feel like they did anything to further my understanding of the relationship between Hannah and Calder so you know what that means- you start skimming. The subplots were actually kind of interesting for what they were but if you are reading this book for the romance aspect, there is a real potential to get bored with all the other stuff. Here is a good example, at one point Calder is meeting with the Mayor who gives him insight on the Blue family feud and tells him all about his daughter and her hopes and dreams for life. While I was reading it, I made a note to myself which said "I do NOT care about this." And that pretty much sums it up.

As for the introspection, OMG, Hannah and Calder think way more than I want to know about. There are several sections of the book where there are pages and pages of introspection. That always leads to one thing- boredom. You just don't want to read about the main characters obsessing over the same issues over and over. Even if we do this in real life, we don't want to read about it. If you add the long period of introspection to the subplots, like 60% of this book is NOT about the relationship between Hannah and Calder. That's why I'm going with 3 stars instead of 4 stars. As good as this book was (and it is actually good), not enough of it was about the story that I wanted to be reading.

ARC provided by publisher via Netgalley

Janeiowa says

This is a wonderful addition to Ms Kauffman's series about Blueberry Cove, Maine, and it's inhabitants. While it's helpful to have read others about this town, this novel can also be read as a stand alone. I liked both main characters, Hannah Macrae, a litigator in DC, and Cauldef Blue, a construction guy from St. Croix River Blues ...split by a many years old feud from the Blues of Blueberry Cove. The plot involved suspense and it moved at a pace that kept my interest.

Kathy says

Fast paced and fun read. I just bought and sent the next one in the series to my kindle.

Bette Hansen says

Awesome book! I love the books in this Blueberry Cove series and this is a great addition. Hannah McCrae

is returning to Blueberry Cove after a huge scandal in DC has uprooted her well planned life. Calder Blue is in the Cove to find out why he is being offered a construction job even after he purposely overbid the job. When the two meet during a small traffic mishap there is an intense attraction but neither is looking for any kind of relationship. These two seem to keep running into each other in some hilarious situations. Throw in an age old family feud and some crazy town folk and you have one great story. I highly recommend this one.

Princess Thuy says

Omg! What a great story! I absolutely fell in love with Calder and Hannah! Their timeline in falling in love was kind of fast, about 4 days, but it worked for them. It wasn't exactly love at first sight but the way Ms. Kauffman wrote the story it was very believable that these two were able to fall in love in just 4 days. Love story aside there was also a bit of mystery and intrigue involved that made me not want to put the book down until I finished it. Loved every moment of this book. It was just so sweet! Can't wait for the next book in this series.

Kim says

I love small town books and this one was another lovely read.

Hannah goes back to Blueberry Cove to attend her brother's wedding- but has a car accident on her way in. A new man in town, Calder Blue is there to make sure she's ok and there is a spark of attraction. Her sister wanted them all to attend the rehearsal dinner in their WORST bridesmaid dress from the past which provided a funny scene when Hannah has to run errands in hers.

Hannah is fleeing her old life- her ex turned out to be married and his pregnant wife turned up to her office to tell her. She's a trial attorney- but she's resigned from her job and wants to make her home back in Blueberry Cove again- but she doesn't want to let everyone know just yet.

Calder is related to a family in the Cove- but there had been a split many years previous. He's been invited back to help set up a yacht club.

After an arson attack Hannah steps up to defend Blue. There is an air of mystery over what went on. There will be sequels featuring the other sisters in the family- the next one is a Christmassy one I think. Many thanks to Net Galley for the chance to read this one.

Arlena says

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Review:

"Sea Glass Sunrise" by Donna Kauffman

What I liked about this novel....

I really enjoy reading to first series of 'The Brides of Blueberry Cove.' The two main characters were very interesting to read about being of career decisions and family issues. Hannah McCrae was home in Blueberry Cove, Maine for her brother's wedding, after her job and personal life in DC had gone up in smoke. It was on her way home Hannah gets involved in a car accident after running a four way stop sign...there she meets Calder Blue who stopped to help her and this lovely story begins. Calder was in town to see about a job on the town's waterfront and also trying to resolve a decade of feuding between two separate factions of his family...'The Blue's.' I loved how this author was able to get Hannah and Calder together that will involve them in land issues involving semi dangerous residents and much more as they are drawn together in this very interesting story. And in saying that I will say I enjoyed how this relationship developed between Hannah and Calder. The chemistry was off the chart..hot and steamy! Let's not leave out those secondary characters especially Hannah's sisters that will put a smile on your face being well developed, portrayed, and believable helping to give the reader a story that will keep your interest in this two plot story that even has some mystery in it. Be ready for a good read about a old family feud with some crazy and some humours town people and you have it all..."Sea Glass Sunrise."

Elizabeth says

I enjoyed this 1st in a series by Donna Kauffman. I enjoy most books taking place in or around water and this one was no exception. The scenery was beautifully described. I really could envision the cove in Maine. All the characters, particularly Hannah and Calder, were well thought through. The storyline kept me interested and reading even when I should have been working on another project. I enjoyed the small town feel to the book, the fact that everybody knew everybody else. It was a fun book to read. Thank you to Kensington Books and NetGalley for a terrific read!

Ruthie Taylor says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads

This is a lovely read, with a good dose of romance, a mystery, and a host of interesting characters from a small coastal community of Maine. The leads are genuinely good people, who you cannot fail to admire, and want as friends (they are too into each other to expect more ;-0) There was enough community building that future stories will feature familiar characters, but not too many. The twist was clever, and the themes of family, trust and security were dealt with beautifully.

I cannot wait to read on ...

Susan says

Fun start to the new series. Hannah is on her way home for her brother Logan's wedding (Pelican Point). Her family doesn't know that she's coming home to stay after a relationship gone wrong that also wrecked her career, and she hopes to keep it that way until after the wedding. The last thing she expects is to be involved in a car accident and rescued by a hot visitor to the town, putting her "no men" resolution at risk.

Calder Blue is a contractor who has been offered the job of building the new yacht club. He has come to Blueberry Cove to scope out the job, but also to see if he can end a long-standing family feud. Getting involved with a local woman is not on his list of things to do.

The book starts with a bang and doesn't really let up. Hannah is driving through town, thinking about the mess her life is in when she nearly hits another vehicle. Though she misses it, she ends up crashing into a sign hard enough that her airbag deploys, dazing her. I loved this first encounter between Hannah and Calder, as each makes assumptions about the other. I enjoyed their banter as each tries to deal with the situation in their own way. There are also some definite sparks between them which they try to ignore. Over the next twenty-four hours, they run into each other several times, each time in increasingly amusing situations.

Hannah and Calder are both terrific. The disaster back in DC has dented Hannah's confidence in herself, but being back home gives her the chance to rediscover who she really is. I loved seeing her reconnect with her family members and friends and soak up the atmosphere that nourishes her soul. She is intelligent with an awesome sense of humor that really comes out when she's with Calder. Calder is laid back, confident, and charming. He's been burned once and wary of getting involved again. His sense of humor is right up there with Hannah's, and some of their conversations are downright hilarious.

I loved the development of their relationship. The sparks between them are intense each time they encounter each other. I loved how quickly they connected and how easy it was for them to confide in each other. I liked the way that Calder's interest in her helped Hannah get past her treatment by her ex. I also loved how Calder was able to tell Hannah about his suspicions over the yacht club project and her willingness to help him figure out what was going on. The attraction continued to build, and the kisses became even more incendiary. But it wasn't just the physical connection that was growing. Both Calder and Hannah found themselves thinking of each other as far more, and it freaked them each out a little bit. Neither was sure that they could trust something that was moving that fast. However, they hit a bit of a road bump when the yacht club issue escalates, then Calder's father is taken ill, sending him back to his hometown. There's a period of self-doubt that made me want to reach into the book and shake them. Hannah comes to her senses first, and I loved her big moment as she takes a chance on the future she wants. Calder's vulnerabilities show also, but he comes through like a champ.

The underlying mystery of the book was good. One of the residents, Winstock, has plans to build a fancy yacht club and most of the town doesn't want it. The man has been pretty ruthless in his methods of getting it done. Calder is suspicious of why the man wants him as the contractor, especially considering the family feud going on with another of the waterfront owners. Concerns mount when Winstock keeps delaying his meetings with Calder, then an explosion on the docks throws suspicion on Calder. The mood is lightened a little bit as Hannah gets involved in defending Calder to her brother, the police chief. Calder's and Hannah's investigations raise more questions than answers until one piece of information suddenly makes all clear. But it may not be soon enough, as a situation arises that puts a little girl's life at risk. Calder reaches hero status with his actions in a tense confrontation. The revelation of the culprit was a bit of a surprise, as it was not

who I thought it was.

I loved the closeness of the McCrae family. Hannah, Fiona, and Kerry each have their own distinct personalities, but their love for each other and Logan is obvious. I loved the stories that they told about each other. I also loved how they had each other's backs at all times. Fiona's appearance at Hannah's accident was heartwarming and hilarious. The events leading up to the wedding, instigated and planned by Fiona were a riot to see. I loved Hannah's protectiveness in keeping her problems to herself until after the wedding so that she didn't ruin the happiness of it. Fiona sometimes seems manic in her actions, until it comes out that she's going through some issues of her own. Kerry just seems wild most of the time, but I have the feeling that she's hiding some issues of her own. I am looking forward to reading their stories.
