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Nick Hawke wants his car fast and his girls faster. He blows through them quicker than his muscle car races down the drag strip in Collinsville and he wouldn't have it any other way. He's determined to avoid the devastation he has watched his father endure in the aftermath of his mother's abandonment. He believes there is no room in his life or his heart for a relationship lasting more than one night. He seeks happiness in things that won't let him down—fast cars, adrenaline highs, and one night stands. All of that changes when he unexpectedly runs into an old friend and is introduced to Payton Archer, the first girl he ever wanted for more than a night. There's only one catch—she's completely immune to him and his smooth talking ways.

Payton Archer is looking for love—the true, mad, deep kind. She's given up on finding it, at least until she leaves for college because she's certain that is where she'll find the ideal guy to fit into her perfect world. Her summer plans include nothing more than three uneventful months of fun but it turns out to be anything but ordinary when Payton meets Nick Hawke, one of Jesse's old Collinsville friends. She's shocked by her immediate and intense attraction for "Hawke" because nothing about him is on her checklist for the perfect love. Sure, he's hot and sexy but he comes from Collinsville and that is definitely not on her list of prerequisites. Everything about him makes Payton's heart speed. He's exciting and dangerous but his fast car and chance taking aren't what scares Payton the most. It's the way Nick Hawke makes her feel every time he looks at her. Can Payton find the courage to leave the safe, shallow end of love and risk going under completely?

Shallow is Book 2 of 2 in the Going Under Series but may be read as a stand alone. This is a second edition with new editing and added scenes.

This is a mature young adult/new adult novel and recommended for readers 16+ due to sexual content.

Shallow Details

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Andrea says

With an against-all-odds couple that you will love and root for, Shallow is a beautiful sequel in the Going Under Series by Georgia Cates.

Wow. I had high hopes for Shallow because, let's face it, Payton is one badass chick. The girl nearly stole Going Under from Claire and Jessie and I was beyond pumped for her to have her own story. Georgia Cates delivered. Shallow was everything I'd hoped for and so much more. Seriously, the story, particularly Payton, was almost too awesome to handle.

In Shallow, just like Going Under, you have another privileged girl falling for a boy from the wrong side of the tracks. It's a story of a girl who has everything, but only wants one thing: love. It's a story of a boy who is looking for another hook-up, but stumbles into the love of a lifetime. I said this with my review of Going Under: the particular story isn't anything new, but with characters that you will love and root for, Georgia Cates delivers stories that will win you over.

I would love nothing more than to sit here and gush, gush, gush over Payton and Nick. These two are some of my favorite characters I've read in quite a while. Payton is truly one of a kind. With her smart mouth and "never back down" attitude, she was clearly (in my mind) written for me.

"Sarcasm, insult, and mockery...my work here was done."

I'm serious, I want to be best friends with Payton. I could only hope to be half as awesome as this girl.

As for Nick, we're talking Swoon City here, ladies. Nick is exactly my favorite type of bad boy. He's actually not that bad at all. Sure, he sleeps around, but that's something I can overlook. What matters to me is that he is good to girl he loves. That he is sincere and honest. And holy geez, the boy apparently has some serious skills. *waggles eyebrows*

Shallow was everything I hoped for and more. I got a great love story, characters that made me laugh and cry, and I just had a darn good time reading it. I know I've already said this multiple times in this review, but Payton Archer is one of the best, funniest characters I've ever read. I honestly hate to let Nick and her go. And when you leave a book with those feelings, you can truly not ask for more. To tell the truth, I may or may not have already started begging Georgia for another Going Under book. Fingers crossed!

Fanny says

Tenia muchisimas ganas de leer este libro despues de leer Going Under y conocer el caracter tan alocado y divertido de Payton, sabia que seria una protagonista fantastica, puesto que fue solo un personaje secundario en el libro anterior y la ame, asi que sabia que leer desde su perspectiva seria aun mejor. Aunque puedan decir que este libro es uno mas con la tematica chica virgen-chico mujeriego, nunca me

cansare de leer libros asi, sobre todo si son tan divertidos como este.

Me gusto muchisimo mas este segundo libro que el anterior, quizas porque en este no hay tantos cliches como en Going Under, ademas el final fue hermoso, solo por eso le doy mas estrellas! (no me juzguen, estoy enamorada de Nick y Payton, por cierto hacia mucho tiempo que no me enamoraba un poquito de la protagonista.)

4.5 Estrellas!!!

Heather says

Well I was right in thinking that Payton Archer would be a much better main character than Claire was. She's got a mouth on her and she can take it as well as she dishes it out. This story was pretty good. The main plot line was good and the romance was believable even.

Here is what I couldn't take-

The completely pornographic descriptions of sex between the two MC's. Sex should never be written that graphically in a YA novel, even an adult novel. It wasn't romantic, it was gross.

Why are 18 yr olds talking so much about having babies? They are 18. They should be going to college or getting a job for real life. Not talking about "Putting my babies in your belly"

Why are both boys the type that have slept with every girl in the city of Collinsville and both girls virgins?

Once again, the author completely jumped over a great story line, Nick and his mother. She described that as an aside and instead described the breaking of Payton's hymen. Which would have made a better story?

I am not a hard reviewer so I don't understand why everyone else is so in love with these stories when it seems like the author isn't going there. I was so disgusted with this one that I'll never read anything by her again. I wouldn't think describing sexual acts in great detail would be easier than following the storyline with Nick and his mother but I guess it was for her. Two stars was probably too generous for this.

Yes the romance was hot, but this isn't even what I would consider YA. Not with the amount of explicit sex in it. I don't recommend this one.

It kills me because the writer has the skills and the ideas, she just seems to swerve away from them. I'm done.

Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says

Quick review:

Cover: Pretty

Rating: R

Thumbs Up: 4

Overall: Another story that was hard to put down

Characters: Good

Plot: Rich girl, bad boy fighting the odds to make a relationship work

Page Turner: Yes

Series Cont.? Yes

Recommend: Yes

Book Boyfriend: Nick

SUMMARY (50 words or less)

This story I think was better than the first. Not everyone talked in metaphors or rather smart ass talk. The story felt similar to the other one but different. It was hard to put down. I like how we got to see some of the characters in the first book.

To see my full review and likeness of my book boyfriend, check out my blog post.

<http://mybookboyfriend.blogspot.com/2...>

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★! Going Under series, book 1 & 2 (complete series). Cute YA coming-of-age stories - 2 privileged (girl) friends meet 2 guys from the “wrong side” of town.

Both books are entwined so I recommend reading them together as a set. To me this ended up one of those “feel good” series and I fell in love with all four protagonists. Both books have detailed descriptions to get you started. Here are my 2 cents:

Going under, Book 1

Jessie Boone (18 years/student/black hair/light blue eyes) is beyond wonderful (sigh!). Even though he grew up on the wrong side of the tracks and never had anyone caring for him he had a 4.0 GPA and phenomenal athletic skills upon starting his senior year of high school at East Franklin. There he meets Claire Elizabeth Devereaux (17 years/student/auburn hair/green-hazel eyes), who has so much spunk. I loved her strength and her wit, but it was Jessie who kept me reading. Because I needed something good to happen to him after everything he has had to endure. The dialogue/story came across as a bit immature at times, but I wrote it off as privileged kids who did not have to grow up too fast. The epilogue was sooo special.

Hero rating: 4.5 stars

Heroine rating: 4 stars

Story line rating: 3.5 stars

Overall rating: 4 stars

Shallow, Book 2

The summer after high school graduation Claire’s friend Payton Caroline Archer (18 years/student heading to college/blond hair/amber eyes) meets Jessie ‘s childhood friend Nick Hawke (19 years/high school graduate-heading to police school/black hair/brown eyes) and the sparks fly. I fell in love with Payton in

book one - she is so witty and truly the queen of comebacks:

"...I know the game like your crotch knows the palm of your hand and I definitely saw a move, so I'm giving you the luxury of a warning..." (book 1)

"...it's clear that you plan on adding yourself to Miss Black Halter Top's list of suspects for her next pregnancy scare..." (book 2)

Nick was just as hot as Jessie and equally adorable. It was nice to get to follow Jessie and Claire some more. Once again - loved the epilogue!

Hero rating: 4.5 stars

Heroine rating: 4.5 stars

Story line rating: 3.5 stars

Overall rating: 4 stars

Would I recommend this series: Yes.

Would I re-read this series: Maybe later.

Georgia Cates says

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Autumn Review says

I was so excited that Payton got her own book. I loved her in Going Under and connected with her right away. I can think of a handful of characters I've identified with like Payton. She just drew me in. Payton is a solid character with a strong voice and personality.

Because Payton has a firm presence, I knew she would need a guy to keep up with her. So, when I met Nick Hawke *sigh*, I knew she met her match. Nick is cocky, snarky, and exudes sex appeal. But, he's also a lot deeper than I initially gave him credit for. He's not after Payton just for fun, he really wants her. Payton wants something special too. She sees what Claire has with Jessie and she wants to be loved and cherished like that too. She's skeptical that Nick is that guy for her.

Conflicted about her feelings, Payton tries to push Nick away. He's not having it though and is determined to make her see that their feelings are true. There are a few major complications that add to their struggle, but one thing is for sure...Nick loves Payton. I about died with his journal entries! *melts* Once she realizes that he won't give up on them, she owns her feelings. I loved seeing their love for each other grow.

Shallow made me laugh, cry, swoon, and cheer. I couldn't have been happier with how things turned out for Payton. I loved the epilogue. It was perfect. This series is a favorite of mine. It combines all the elements I love in a great series: strong characters, humor, steamy moments, and swoon worthy guys. If you are looking

for a great romantic series to get lost in, the Going Under series is perfect for you!

Sara Bree High says

Shallow (Going under # 2)

Georgia Cates

Georgia .. Oh Georgia , sweet sweet Georgia Thank you!!! My life is better because your beautiful mind created one fabulous Nick Hawke, and Sassy Payton Archer. Wowza! Yes that is what this book did.. Wowza!

Payton is friends with Claire.(book 1) She wants what Claire and our other bad boy we live to love Jessie have.. Love!

I was worried at first since I always worry when second books focus on other characters. Although I felt like this worked well. I enjoyed the story and still had C & J too. Bonus score! Payton is smart mouthed, and has moxie to the max. Nick is bad boy not to be tamed. This leads to one thing..sassy banter, hot kisses and when they finally give in to one another love.

Georgia did not lead to love easy.. Oh no! Throw in parents (mostly Mom) who DO not approve and one mega wow that makes you think NO way they are going to make it thru this. Yet they surprised me and the characters showed maturity and growth. I really enjoyed Dallas too.. She was a nice addition. She allowed us to have a link to nick.. It was nice to see him as a big brother. Finally when we get past all the ups and down.. Past girls, lies and good old stubborn behavior.. We have a nice love story. A love story with two people I want to root for, that I want to see happy ever after. I really suggest you read this one, laugh and scream right along with me. Now if you will excuse me Ginny is here and we are cooking.. Yummy!

Fathima says

I was sure I didn't have a shot in hell at being what she wanted, yet I needed the confirmation in case I was wrong. "Tell me what you're looking for."

Her smile was breathtakingly beautiful. "I want truly, madly, deeply."

This has to be one of the most most make-the-butterflies-in-your-stomach-fly-real-high book I read this year !!!! Le sigh , I'm in love with this book . Would I call it cheesy ? NOOO ! would I call it corny ? NEVER ! I just dont know what to call it ! Its yummy and delicious . Its makes me all warm and fluffy on the inside . Its just that perfect book that talks about feeling falling in love . Feeling all the heartaches and risks that comes with it . All I can sit here and do is sigh , sigh away happily and wipe away the tears that fell out of my eyes without me realizing that they were there in the first place .

Yes I very much need that

Cue * Heaven - The Fire Theft *

For those of you who've read Going Under , you'll know that this is basically Payton's story . Who is Payton you ask ? Payton is Claire's best friend . And who is Claire you ask ? Obviously you need to read the first book first . Is it necessary ? I think it is , because Claire and Jessie are part of this book too and they are sweet as hell !!!

Payton for me in book 1 was that extraordinary BFF from hell who believes in you even when you dont and knows you better than you do yourself . But here , oh lord she is sooo someone I could be BFF's with ! I loved how she stood up for what she believes is right . Even if it meant going against her parents wishes .

Nick Hawke is what we would call a total bad boy . He loves to race , is always looking for an adrenaline rush and doesn't do relationships . He likes to live the fast life . That is until he meets Payton Archer . Payton is unlike any other girl Nick has ever met . She doesn't drool on his feet and is obviously not turned on by his flirty ways and charm . But things start to look better for the two when Nick realizes he is ready to change his ways for Payton and Payton sees a different Nick underneath all that flirting and teasing . But there are so many things waiting to tear them apart . There's a skanky ho who wont take no for an answer , and then there's the whole division of class and society thing . You know , 'you dont deserve to love someone just because you dont live in our uber rich yet hollow on the inside neighborhood and dont have as much as we do' thing !!! *And I thought that , that happened only in India . But apparently haters and morons are everywhere and its inevitable to cross paths with them . You'll find one sooner or later !*

This story bought out a lot of different emotions in me ! The beginning was all sweet and spice ! Nick constantly trying to woo Payton , but she refusing to budge from her stand . Then it got all soft and silky as Nick and Payton get to know each other and start defining their relationship and understand and explore each others feelings .And then things get all rough as they hit a block and everything seemed so wrong and undefined . This is the part where I was all an emotional mess . I guess I got too carried away in their relationship that it actually felt like I was watching my two best friends who love each other walk away from their feelings .

My favorite moment in the book is when Payton reads Nicks journal !!! I love that scene !

There's also a playlist at the end ! I love Georgia's taste in music ! Most of those songs were my favorite and it just made the reading experience a lot more exciting !!

A very sweet , emotional and touching story of two people falling in love against all the odd that life can possibly throw at you ! Its definitely a must read !

Linda Sims says

EJOYABLE BUT CLICHEDE

This is a straight forward classic romance, between the feisty heroine Payton Archer, and tattooed bad boy Nick Hawke. When Payton drives into the back of Nicks car on the way to watch a street race. She has no idea this gorgeous guy is one of the drivers in the race. Nick is friends with Jessie Boone the hero from the first book. Jessie warns Nick to stay away from Payton, she's not the usual type of girl he hooks up with. But that's easier said than done.

This is a pleasant enough read if a bit cliched. Both Nick and Payton are eighteen. He is from a poorer family, unlike Payton whose parents are rich, and will definitely disapprove of Nick. This is quite explicit sex wise. Which surprised me, as the first book Going Under was not. The characterisation is very good I really felt that I got to know Nick and Payton, and the side characters. The story was fairly straight forward, with one of Nick's ex-girlfriends trying to cause trouble. I might have given this a higher rating but it lacked that extra spark for me. And I am getting a little tired of the bad boy who has been through loads of women always landing the virgin! I certainly wasn't convinced that eighteen year olds would discuss marriage and having babies quite so much. Plus the story had too many similarities to the first book. But overall this was okay.

Gloria Green says

I just finished reading Shallow. Nick was one of those d-bags that was gettin with the skanks. He had "Jedi sex Tricks" for goodness sakes. But then he meets Payton. She gives it to him in the rear, I mean she rears ends him, as in a car accident. Ha!!! Get out of the gutter people. Nick fell hard and fast for Payton. What's not to love about a southern girl with a smart mouth. I started stressing when things were getting too good between Payton and Nick. That's usually when crap hits the fan, and it does. The biggest skank comes back and dumps all over this beautiful love story. I loved the way the author made my tears of sadness turn right into tears of happiness. Nick's journal was one of my fave parts. I loved this book!

Jess (the cozy reader) says

You see.. Even Mary Poppins agrees, this book was fabulous! I couldn't put it down. The chemistry between Nick and Payton was off the charts and I loved that epilogue. It was great to see Jessie and Claire again, and I really hope for a third book, about Dane and Dallas because I can't get enough of this series!

Michelle says

Holy hot chemistry! Nick and Payton are explosive. Cates takes her story writing up another notch in Shallow. I was not sure I could love Shallow more than I did Going Under, but I was wrong. Dead wrong! Shallow has it all, a female lead who doesn't take crap and tells it like it is, the bad boy *swoon*, enough sexual tension to drive you insane waiting on the first kiss, and even that manipulative nasty skank we all

hate. Did I mention it is in both PoV, how awesome is that. Talk about an emotional roller coaster. One minute you will be all, awwwww, the next you will want to choke someone with extreme prejudice. Get ready to have your heart played with, Cates is a master at it.

Payton knows better than to get involved with a bad boy like Nick "Sex Tricks Jedi" She really does, but how can she resist all that sexiness. Impossible I tell you. Nick might be everything Payton doesn't want but he is everything she needs. That doesn't mean she is going to go down without a fight. I love how headstrong Payton is. She is no rich little princess. Payton has the mouth of a trucker and has no problem letting people know what she is thinking. My God some of the comments she comes up with are just unreal. I found myself laughing out loud very often. Stuff like this "Yeah, I've always been different. I tried being normal once. It was the worst five minutes of my life." But one things is for sure, she has met her match in Nick.

Nick is, lets be honest, and bad boy man#%&* But don't let that fool you into believing that he could care less about Payton. Nick is as fast with women as is his with his car. Which says a lot. But he has hit the end of the road, with a chance meeting with the mating of a Lexus and a Camaro. Nick is a guy who goes after what he wants, and he has no problem yanking out any barrier that gets in his way. But this time things are different. Payton is not just any other girl, she is THE one. Sure he might not know this at first sight, but he is not a dumb man, he figures it out fast. I could not help cheering Nick on, just waiting for that perfect moment to evolve into a HEA. Nick is sexy and he knows it, *breaks out into the wiggle, or maybe not* but deep down he is as insecure as the rest of us. Inside there is that voice telling him he is not good enough for Payton and because of this he suffers greatly. It takes a little interference from some family members to bring these two together, despite their stubbornness.

Shallow was a beautiful story about two very lost people who learn that maybe what they both needed was the one thing they didn't think they did. I loved watching Nick and Payton clash. If there ever was a more perfect couple other than Jessie and Claire, it is these two. Shallow was amazing, I loved every minute of it. I have my fingers crossed for a Dallas/Dane book. Please *puppy do eyes* Georgia Cates took your average run of the mill bad boy, princess story and turned it into something more. Something that will have you going back and reading their story over and over again. In other words, get it as soon as possible.

Book provided by the author for an honest review

adinda widya says

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Marie says

It was going to be a five star yo until the last few pages.

I HATE epilogues. It ruins it for me. I like leaving the future up to the imagination. I like to believe what I want to believe not have an epilogue which makes that pointless.

Other than that I really enjoyed this book, more so than the first which is quite rare.

Nick was unbelievably sexy. I loved everything about him.

Payton what just a smart mouthed and a totally awesome heroin.
I loved the stupid random banter between them both. It was damn funny.

I hated Payton's parents, actually hated is an understatement I despised them.
Could you get parents any more stuck up their own asses. They were such snobs and Vivian her mother?
What a ho-bag.

Tilly did regain some dignity at the end. I loved Dallas too. And seeing Claire and Jessie's life from Nick and Payton's POV rocked. Combing both books was genius.
