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Allison St. Claire has the face of an angel. That's part of the problem. She also sells quaint tea sets in the gift shop at Galveston's Pearl Island Inn. It doesn't exactly scream sexy! Years of having men treat her like a little sister is enough to drive a healthy woman crazy. Especially when a gorgeous hunk checks in and fails to recognize that Allison's more than willing. She's ready...

Frustrated author Scott Lawrence is hoping to get lucky in more ways than one when he checks into the Pearl Island Inn. A little fun in the sun with a beautiful woman may be just the inspiration he needs to cure his writer's block. No fuss. No commitment. But a "good girl" like Allison St. Claire? No way!

When Allison makes her move, every bachelor bone in Scott's body tells him to swim for safety. But stronger instincts prevail, and the heat climbs higher than the temperature on the Texas Coast. Now a four-letter word called love could turn a sweet spring diversion into the most unexpected and complicated fling of their lives.

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Tasha says

Well while I was reading this book I went to find the house that was the inspiration for the house in the book come to find out. There was a picture on www.pintrest.com that was the house that was the inspiration for the house in the book. Only problem was I saw other pictures and one of those pictures ruined the SURPRISE Ending. So Everyone STAY OFF Pintrest and dont go looking for the inspiration. I Loved that there were some True Facts in this book

Tina says

This was an okay read. It started out with a bang and I was expecting to add another book to my favorites list, but it seemed to fizzle out in the middle. The characters as well seemed to fluctuate. I started out loving Allison and not caring about Scott and by the end the opposite was true. But at least they were fleshed out well enough for me to have such passionate opinions on them. Basically though, I'm just kind of "blah" about the whole book.

Don't get me wrong, there were some really good things about LEAD ME ON as well. Writing is excellent, I especially loved the history/romance of Jack and Marquerite. It builds on a lot of what we learned in the first book of the series (my review of the 1st book can be found [here](#)) as well. For that reason, the books in this trilogy really don't work well as stand-alones in my opinion. There's so much history divulged that doesn't really recap.

Ultimately though, I just couldn't get excited about this book (*real life has more to do with that than the quality of the book though*). I enjoyed it yes, but I'm glad to move on. I've already started reading the final book in the series.

Lady Gabriella of Awesomeness (On Hiatus) says

[i cant couldn't really understand why he had practice telling all his personal secrets on live television before he actually her... i mean dude ? whats the point ? :p (hide spoiler)]

Mindy says

Allison and Scott both are haunted by their past and have to open up to each other and themselves if they want a chance together. I loved getting to know Alison more and get caught up on what happed since the first book.

This book is mostly upbeat but there is some heavy emotions the characters have to deal with. This can be a stand alone book but if you want to know Rory and Chance's story read book one.

Maria Haile says

This contemporary romance has it all; humor, sexual tension, tenderness and mystery. When an author with writer's block comes to the Inn at Pearl Island, he is attracted to "good girl" Allison St. Claire but does not want anything serious. So, he attempts to ignore her while she is feeling ready for a "fling". I like the heroine better than the hero, Scott Lawrence, at first, until he is revealed to be more complex. The second book in a trilogy, I can hardly wait to read the third book in the series.

❀ ?u-?u-?una ❀ says

Wow, I'm lovin' the Pearl Island Trilogy! Yes, I can't wait for book three. This second book was super hot and I just fell in love with the tough heroine Julie Ortolon made out of sweet Allison St. Claire.

Story goes...Ally is just your normal sweet girl with a past that she wanted to forget so she could get on with life. After meeting hunky author Scott Lawrence, who wasn't only extremely sexy but also hot for Ally's form, he makes her re-acquaint all her past ghosts and confront it to be able to move on. Bored, Ally makes him a proposition he DIDN'T want to resist. But fate had purposely placed Scott into Ally's path not only for the reason of his writer's block...Scott Lawrence just happened to be someone closer to the enemy.

My thoughts...yep! Yes! I love this second book and I love Rory's Falling for You sister Ally! There's something about a woman whose out to seek for what she wanted in life. There's no point in being shy when you can be who you want to be. Ally taught me that for a person to grow, they must give it their all, and keep on believing in themselves! Wow, can't wait for third book and it's all about their hunky brother!!!

Judy says

This was probably a 3.5 star book for me. It's the second in a series set on an island just off of Galveston and covers the romance between the another sister in the B&B owning family and author who has come for peace and quiet to break his writer's block. Unfortunately, it turns out his family background is a problem for their relationship. There's a little paranormal element with a family ghost in the old house where they created the B&B but nothing too obtrusive. It's a nice romance that keeps you interested, but nothing more.

Judy Wise says

Interesting story in the second book of the Pearl Island Trilogy. Fun to be reading about a writer that comes to the B & B and meets the sister Allison as they discover the puzzles of the diaries that one of the ghosts wrote. Really enjoyed this one.

Linda C says

John Lawrence, author with writer's block, arrived at Pearl Island Inn with hopes that some relaxation will do

the trick. Allison St. Clair and her siblings own the B & B with its legendary lucky ghost. As Allison decides to have a fling with John, he finds out that his estranged father is suing them and a family feud of generations is still going strong. He decides to hide his relationship to stay close to Allison. Of course this won't last. The story has subplots with his runaway niece, the ghost's legend and his writer's block. Good story.

Siobhan Newman says

Great story of ancestry, family, love and hate! A sequel... better read 2nd... as the first gives a great background! Looking forward to reading the 3rd!

Jen Pezzotti says

The first half was better than the second still was a cute book can't wait to read the third in series.

Nicole says

In a trilogy, the second and third books normally aren't that good. But after reading "Lead Me On", the second book in the Pearl Island trilogy, I was wrong. I fell in love with this book the same way I fell in love with the first. The storyline was even more gripping than the first, urging the reader to find out what will happen next to the characters. This book was also very mysterious since many questions were left hanging but by the end, you understand everything.

Allison St Claire co owns the inn with her brother and sister. At this point in the novel, Rory and Chance have been happily married for a year and have a baby on the way. Allison is very different from her sister. Rory was always the joyful, optimistic one, having men fall at her feet wherever she went. Unlike her sister, Allison was sweet and funny but held back hurt and pain. Allison fell in love and got pregnant at the age of 16, then told the boy that she was pregnant and he told her to abort it. Distraught and wanting to keep her baby she ran home and told her older brother, who smashed the boy's face. Soon after Allison suffered a miscarriage. All this affected the way Allison trusted someone.

Scott Lawrence is a writer and visits the inn for some relaxation to cure his writer's block. But when he sees Allison, he goes into shock. He wanted fun, not commitment. So when he comes up with the idea of a one night stand, Allison agrees, but it doesn't seem to work out. The more they spend time together, be it at the inn or some place else, the more feelings grow - something that neither of them wanted to happen. As the relationship suffers its ups and downs, the two get closer but Scott missed out one detail he forgot to tell Allison - that he was born a LeRoche. The LeRoche's are enemies of the St Claires, going back to when Marguerite fell in love with Henri LeRoche. John LeRoche, Scott's father, has sued the St Claires for buying the inn and Allison gets really upset, making Scott defend his new friends at the inn instead of his family.

This story reminds me of Romeo and Juliet, and how two lovers cannot be together because of a name. This trilogy is really intriguing and such a fun read, I can't wait to see what the last one brings!

Carina says

I really really wish I used to write reviews so I could understand the two star rating I originally gave this book... there had to be some reason behind it - but for the life of me I cannot think what it was as re-reading the book now I really enjoyed this!

In my review of the first book in the series (2014 review that is) I said I thought Allison's book was the third book in the series - totally wrong there. I also said I didn't like her characterisation in the epilogue but it makes total sense in light of this book - though as the epilogue in book 1 basically happens at the end of this book I do wonder if it would be better not to have had that epilogue... still. It does work.

Allison is again a well rounded character, as is Scott actually. I did recall as soon as he was introduced who exactly he was but was very glad that the book doesn't make a huge deal out of it - it was all very realistically done (I find a lot of chick-lit tends to dramatise things and it gets highly irritating after a while).

The... supernatural element is perhaps more emphasised here but isn't done so in an irritating manner.

All in all, a very solid middle book.

Leslie says

Very nice entry to the series. Downloading book 3 as I type. They are a really nice family, but I will say that though the main character is very sweet she is a bit ridiculous, uptight, has way too many double standards and could use a reality check about life. I cannot imagine anyone would actually put up with her in real life.

Sue Parker says

Loved this story. Allison and Scott are just going to give I to temptations once.....yea right we all know how that works. I didn't expect to find out who exactly Scott's family was. That one threw me for a loop. And of course it was hard for Alli to handle. This book actually made me cry but I did enjoy it.
