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**Her sweetest mistake . . .**

Cool as a Chicago winter, private events planner Cara DeLuca is a model of self-control . . . until she meets the one temptation she can't resist: Shane Doyle. The sexy, Irish pastry chef is too hot, too sure, too young, and after a crazy night in Vegas—her new husband. While at first Cara wants nothing more than a way out of her sham marriage to Shane, she soon finds that beneath his farm boy demeanor lies a man who can match her drive, both in and out of the bedroom. How can the wrong guy feel so deliciously right?

**... tastes so, so good.**

Shane has carefully structured his career and life around one goal: connecting with the family that doesn't know he exists. Marrying a woman with more issues than a magazine stand wasn't part of the plan, but melting Cara's icy exterior is so worth the detour. Now as the annulment date nears and long-buried secrets are revealed, Shane will have to fight for the one thing guaranteeing the perfect life he craves . . . the current Mrs. Shane Doyle.

## All Fired Up Details

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## From Reader Review All Fired Up for online ebook

### Brooke says

I received this ARC via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

The gist: Cara is a control freak. Shane is a pastry chef. A wild night in Vegas results in a marriage between two virtual strangers, but the following weeks lead to a lifetime of happiness.

I want to start by saying that I'm not usually a fan of books involving chefs because I'm not into reading cookbooks disguised as romance novels. I don't have the same love of food that most of the population seems to have and I couldn't care less what my romance novel characters are eating. I was leery that this one would focus on the food, as so many do, and leave the characters as side attractions to the novel. I was more than pleasantly surprised that wasn't the case here. Yes, they talked about food, but the food was a little bit of seasoning to the wonderful love story between Cara and Shane.

Cara is in recovery from anorexia. It's especially difficult for her since she's Italian and her family owns and runs a popular Italian restaurant. All that pasta is a way of life for Italians and Cara has always felt like an outsider in her own family because she never really had the love of food everyone around her had. Plus, she works for a former celebrity chef in HIS restaurant as the special events coordinator. She's around food all the time. Her relationship with food and her struggle with fitting in has always made her come off a cold and distant. Her sister is getting married and she's blissfully happy (I assume her sister's whirlwind romance is the basis of book 1 in this series, which I haven't read) and Cara has a mean case of envy raging a war inside her. When she goes to Vegas for her cousin's combined bachelor/bachelorette party, she lets loose like she doesn't allow herself to do and ends up married to Shane, the pastry chef at the restaurant where she works.

Shane is huge, Irish, ridiculously sexy, and an award winning pastry chef. He's also hiding some deep secrets. He's fun-loving and incredibly attracted to his uptight wife and he's not really feeling the annulment she keeps insisting they have to get. He does everything he can to break through Cara's tough outer shell, but when she finally opens up to him and shows her vulnerability, he makes the mistake of not confiding his own demons to her. When his demons finally come into the light, they threaten to ruin the tenuous connection he's been working so hard to build with his wife and he's precariously close to losing the life he's always dreamed of.

I absolutely LOVE a book that causes physiological reactions in me and this book definitely did that! On more than one occasion, I had to fight back tears so my family didn't think I was completely batshit crazy for crying while reading. Cara's and Shane's personal struggles were heart wrenching, but their push/pull with each other BECAUSE of their personal struggles truly had my stomach in knots. I enjoyed EVERY. SINGLE. MINUTE. of this book!!! I'm not usually a fan of stories that have underlying, deeper meanings either, but I even loved the lessons this book gave. The story had a lot of elements of loving yourself before you can love anyone else, stop trying to please everyone around you to the detriment of your own health, and trust in those you care about.

I definitely recommend this story to anyone who loves romance. It's absolutely fantastic!!!

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### **Cher says**

I guess the story was good but this book was not for me. If you like a beta hero and an alpha heroine then this is what you are looking for.

But I love my men to be all alpha, so sadly this didn't do it for me.

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### **Linda says**

Arc received from Netgalley for an honest review!

Wow, All Fired Up and definately hot in the kitchen . Cara Deluca, event planner and drop dead gorgeous control freak

Has gone to Vegas for a bar hopping men and women's wedding party. Feeling tired and under appreciated she walks into the bar to have , the oh so sexy Shane O'Doyle the new Pastiere at her soon to be brother in laws Jack's Chicago restaurant.

Shane with the dark hair, chocolate eyes and drop dead Irish accent offers a chair, conversation , jokes and for the first time in years makes Cara feel comfortable and laugh and she just clicks with Shane .Many drinks later and hours spent with Shane she wakes up with his arm around her and up against his hard body. Luck Girl!

Your quickly returned to Chicago and Cara's controlling ways; trying to plan and pull off a wedding she was brought into by her cousin at the last minute, the very same cousin with pretty poor taste. It is after this event , seeing Shane and bing ignored that a huge secret is revealed , Cara was not just a one night standbut a drunken marriage too! ( And bam just like that I am hooked, okay well I think I was mostly hooked when tall dark and Irish showed up! )

Kate Meaders definately hooks you in though with the plot line , because though they are married , they really do not know each other so you get to follow them through the whole dating /annulment period and the unraveling of secrets.! These two have some major secrets too, what a great ride to take Cara is dealing with eating disorder and Shane with the memories of physical abuse, the relationship runs from sizzling hot sex to Cara trying to push away poor Shane in her bid for control .

Will these too make it? I will not tell go read it! So glad I did!

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### **Jackie Fire and Ice Book Reviews (blog) says**

Did you hear that? Yeah, that is my stomach growling after reading this book. Not only is this book HOT, it will also make you hungry. Kate Meader strikes again with an amazing book. Her writing style is off the charts, and all of the recipes will have you begging. Oh, and lets not forget about all of the pantie melting guys that will have you doing a mental swoon.

I am a true romance junky at heart, so I loved watching Cara and Shane fall in love. Miss Meader takes us

for one hell of a roller coaster ride, and I loved every moment of it. Cara is a party planner, and oh boy, oh boy does she plan a party.

I think one of the best parts of this book was watching Shane help Cara through all of her problems. Not only was he there for her, she was right there for him. Without knowing it, they really were perfect for each other.

I really adore books that start off with one crazy night in Vegas. Even more when the characters wind up married. Because Cara and Shane didn't know each other, that made this book even better to read. We got to watch them date, and also see them as a married couple at the same time.

Over all I really enjoyed this book. I really loved all of the other characters, so I am excited to read their story. If you love food, romance, and a smoking hot love story, give this book a read.

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### **Christine says**

LOVE, love, love this book. Had all the elements that makes a book great to me. Food, sassy confidant woman, strong alpha male, hot steamy sex, Italian family and food! Shane and Cara meet, get drunk and marry in Vegas. Isn't that how all couples meet? While waiting for the annulment they start to get to know each other and fight the growing attraction.

I didn't read the first book in the series and felt that I was only missing how Lili and Jack met. This book could be read as a standalone. However, I will read it to fill in the blanks.

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### **Emily (Mrs B's Books) says**

\*\*My thanks to NetGalley and Forever (Grand Central Publishing), for providing me with a free copy for an honest review\*\*

The second book in the series starts a year down the line from book one. Jack and Lili are only weeks away from getting married and it ends at their wedding.

However the book focuses on Lili's sister Cara who we meet in the first book along with a new character, Shane who hails from the same town in Ireland as Jacks late mother. Its is Shane's happy nature and persistence that cracks Caras shield and gets behind her walls to see the true her that she has been hiding from everyone.

Shane winkles out her secrets and starts to heal the hurts she has been hiding making her a stronger woman, not that she is not already a strong woman. I should mention that Cara has an eating disorder which is

handled really sensitively by the author.

The chemistry between the two is explosive and i am really glad the two get their HEA and that we get to see the beginnings of something happening between Taddeo DeLuca and Jules Kilroy, as the next book is about them.

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### **Ingrid Thomas says**

This book has the same problem as the first one, only for me it was worse... YOU GET HUNGRY!!!! but now you want DESSERT!!!!

Cara and Shane!!! Nice couple! even though they married withing 4 hours of meeting, and they were DRUNK!!!

Cara is as uptight as you can imagine, a controller and manager of people and situations, (which is great for her job) but there is always another side to every coin, a side hides very well from every one, since she fears the loss of love from her family if they know the truth.

Shane has a secret! a secret he has carried for a long time! and now is the one thing keeping him from getting everything he has dreamed of, and has always been afraid of getting.

As with the first book in this series, food is quintessential for everything, its woven so intricately that you cannot separate the characters from the food and viceversa!

But in this book, you get a little more of an insight in to the psychology of the characters, since Cara manages an eating disorder, and Shane tries to overcome an abusive father.

Each one has it's demons, but eventually they find that together they manage not only to live by, but to flourish in the things they do best.

The family, a wonderful clan, is supportive and a great picture of what a family is all about!

This book, could be a five star book if at the end KATE MEADER WOULD PUT UP SOME OF THE MOUTH WATERING RECEPIES SHE DESCRIBES!!!

Kate: consider it!! Please?

Another great book by Kate Meader! Also funny, witty, sensual and sharp.

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### **Heather in FL says**

I think I liked this one better than the first... still a 4-star read for me. Cara came across as so cold and superficial in the first one, I wasn't sure how the author would make me care that she finds her HEA, but she did. Once I understood Cara's backstory, I could understand how she was in the first one, and I felt bad for

her. I loved that Shane wouldn't just let her get away with "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas". I loved that she opened up to him about her past, and I loved how he reacted to the news. I also loved how Shane started to figure out Cara's many layers. And while I understood why everyone was upset with Shane's revelation, I didn't see it as a "lie". He didn't tell anyone, sure, but he didn't outright lie about who he was. Ultimately, I was glad to see how this one ended.

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### **Donna Cummings says**

I was lucky to be able to read this before it was published, and I'd planned to wait until it WAS published before adding my review. Unfortunately, my brain completely forgot what my plan was! Ack. So yesterday I saw the print version in the bookstore, and I read the Dedication, where I'm mentioned, and I realized, "Double ack! I never left my review!"

I loved Shane. He was a yummy, delightful, wonderful hero. I loved how the romance between he and Cara started with an impulsive act, and they had to find their way to the HEA while trying to unravel their actions. I actually fell in love with this couple, way back during the days of Six Sentence Sunday, when Kate gave snippets of them, and I always looked forward to what she presented each week. Her writing is fun, and funny, yet lyrical and poignant too. I also want to read more of this series, after seeing the previous book's characters in this story.

Anyway, a great read -- and Kate, my apologies for taking so long to leave a review! Thanks for letting me get a delicious sneak peak of this book. :)

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### **CL says**

*Received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review*

I liked the first book in the series but I LOVED this one.

Shane/Cara's sexual chemistry was off the charts and I loved how we saw how their individual battles when they were younger shaped who they are today.

This book made me have so many ~feelings~. I was completely hooked (especially from the chapter where Shane/Cara finally give into their lust) and couldn't wait to find out how they would get their HEA.

More books in this series ASAP please!

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### **Maria says**

*All Fired Up* is Kate Meader's second installment in her *Hot in the Kitchen*-series. I haven't read the first

book *Feel The Heat* and I didn't feel like I had to read it before this one. With this said, the characters from the first book are very much included in this book as well and I guess it would only be positive to read the first one before this one.

Cara DeLuca and Shane Doyle meet for the first time during her cousin's bachelorette party in Vegas. Well, apparently what happens in Vegas doesn't *always stay* in Vegas. Now stuck with each other in multiple ways, i.e. as neighbours and co-workers, they have to find a way to be around each other. With Shane's easy-going self and Cara's stuck-up attitude this is easier said than done. Each of them are carrying a past that still hurts them. What will happen when these secrets threatens the fact that Shane and Cara find that they don't necessarily want to leave what happened in Vegas behind?

My list of ♥ & ?'s for *All Fired Up*:

♥ **Shane Doyle:** I loved this Irish man. I knew, Irish men are great! He's so easy-going and fun. Plus he's a hottie that makes cakes and dessert for a living. He seems like the perfect guy to me and he really is. He's so sweet and caring despite his hurtful past. I really felt for him and was on his side all the way throughout this book. When all secrets came out, (view spoiler)

♥ **Foodie heaven:** As mentioned, Shane is a pastry chef and a *really* good one too! There's a lot of food porn as it's the setting is placed in a world of restaurants. I really enjoyed this setting and if you're a foodie I think this series is worth checking out.

♥ **Leaves me wanting more:** Besides Shane, I really liked the small snippets we got of Tad and Jules. The little preview we got of their book in the end also left me wanting more of those two and I can't wait to see how that plays out.

? **Cara DeLuca:** Okay, so now for the first part I didn't quite love so much; Cara. Oh my goodness, she was so annoying sometimes. I do get that she had her struggles, (view spoiler) but seriously she was sooooo stuck-up and kind of bitchy. It annoyed the crap out of me! She got better through the book, but the way she reacted when the shit hit the fan made me not like her again. I guess some would say her reactions were justified, but I didn't get it and I was definitely team Shane.

? **Stupid meanie:** Man, I really felt like Jack was a big meanie with a way to big ego. I didn't like him at all. He might be all bark and no bite, but he was really mean! I felt like he should've had to work harder for Shane's forgiveness in the end. His behavior in this book really put me off wanting to read the first book about him and Lili and I'm thinking I'll skip this for now.

Overall, I would give this **3.5 stars**. There was a lot I really liked, but Cara and my dislike of Jack colors my rating. But I did enjoy Meader's writing and I love thought of Tad and Jules' book, so I'll definitely check this out when it comes.

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**Aly says**

Why All Fired Up ?

Because it's Kate Meader  
Because a drunken night ended in a Vegas marriage  
Because of a no-fraternizing rule from the boss (who obviously doesn't know about the drunken night)  
Because of line-dancing  
Because of an Italian family  
Because of an Irish hero who never surrender and show the uptight heroine how to have fun  
Because of a control freak heroine who learn to let loose and to let go of her obsession of perfection  
Because of a few secrets and dealing with personal issues

It all take place in the culinary world, which I don't really like, but I absolutely liked this book. And come to think of it, this author often put elements in her stories that I usually don't like and always makes me enjoy it :)

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### **Kusanagi says**

Je l'ai préféré au tome 1. Assez bizarrement Cara qui n'apparaît pas toujours sympathique dans le 1, n'avait pas grand-chose pour me plaire et en fait j'ai trouvé son personnage beaucoup plus intéressant que sa sœur. Quand à Shane..il est irlandais et pâtissier. Je crois que tout est dit ?♥

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### **Lyndy Ann ? says**

**All Fired Up is the second book in the Hot in the kitchen series by Kate Meader this is Cara DeLuca and Shane Doyle's story.**

Cara DeLuca is Lili's big sister and she also works for Jack. Cara is a control freak in everything she does in her life until one night in Vegas after to much alcohol she marries Shane Doyle after only a few hours of knowing him.

Shane Doyle is an award winning pastry chef who transfers from Jack's New York restaurant to his Chicago one, he has always wanted to work with the mighty Jack Kilroy. Jack offers Shane an apartment next door to his secret wife.

After spending more time together getting to know each other feelings begin to grow stronger for Cara and Shane but they are both keeping big secrets from each other and their families. What is going to happen when the secrets are finally revealed?

I found this an emotional story what both Cara and Shane have been through since their childhood on their own is so sad. There is not much sex in this story but I still loved the way their relationship developed slowly makes a refreshing change to have a couple talking instead of getting physical.

**I also loved that we continue Lili and Jack's relationship and they still have the sexual chemistry. I love all these characters.**

**Moving on to Hot and Bothered now Jules and Tad's story.**

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**Karma♥Bites ^.^ says**

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(CR; m/f) Another NTM author and another great read! As a foodie, love, love, LOVE that this series uses the backdrop of the restaurant/*haute cuisine* world. Definitely plan to read the rest of this series. :)

**ETA: Full review here.**

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