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Reaching Hearts (Hearts Series #2) by Sabrina Lacey

3.5 stars out of 5

Annie has returned from Italy. She buys a bar and works on making her business a success. While she has been in a long term relationship in Italy, Annie has not forgotten about Brendan.

One fateful night Brendan and Mark deviate from their normal routine and end up at Annie's bar. Annie is amazed when Brendan doesn't recognize her without her goth hair and clothes.

Her flirting is successful and they make plans for later. Although Brendan almost doesn't show and Annie is sure at one point he isn't going to, eventually he does. What happens during their time together will change lives forever.

I felt like I got to know Annie and Brendan better during this part. The secondary characters added more to the story as well.

I liked the second part better than the first. It ended as a cliffhanger as well. I am looking forward to Part 3.

A complimentary copy was given in exchange for an honest review

Susan, My Secret Book Spot

MrsJoseph says

Sabrina Lacey was the pen name for author Faleena Hopkins when she was shyly first becoming an author.

Victoria says

Is a great book to read

Laura Greenwood says

Review forthcoming on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

I received a copy of Reaching Hearts, book two of the Hearts Series, in exchange for my review.

It has been 5 years since Annie ran away to Italy to escape the fact that her best friend had a one night stand

with the man that she was in love with. But fate has brought Brendan through the door of her bar, and Annie can't help but feel the same thrill of attraction towards him that she has always felt, and even better, he seems to feel the same. Brendan doesn't like the pull he feels towards Annie though, and tries not to give in and go to see her, but when he breaks the pair of them share something totally new for Brendan.

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I recently read the first book in this series, *Throbbing Hearts*, and loved the realism that the author brought to the every day situation. And she has done it again in *Reaching Hearts*. Maybe not quite to the same extent, i.e. there was no kind of weird one night stand, but the situations still feel like real situations (e.g. getting a little over excited in the wrong place, falling into habits/beds without even fully realising, returning to old habits). And the emotions were all the same.

Annie is still in love with Brendan, and you know what, I believed it. But she hadn't let it control her life. Annie had still had a long term relationship and had still built her own life, which she wasn't actually going to put on hold or anything for him (a somewhat common mistake in romances).

Saying that though, the chemistry between the pair of them was amazingly well written. I could really believe that they were physically attracted to one another, and possibly mentally though they didn't have a lot of time to discover that before a certain event happens that stops it (not sex in this case). But they did also talk before they had sex, mostly about music, but it was refreshing to see a heroine and hero actually talk before ripping each other's clothes off.

There was no five year fast forward in this book, which allowed time for both Brendan and Annie to look back on what actually happened in the past 5 years. Which certainly solves some of the mysteries surrounding Christiano, who I have a feeling is going to be playing a pretty big role later on. The side characters, or at least the romantic side characters, Rebecca and Christiano, have been more fleshed out.

This story is engaging, sexy, kind of sweet (as in not sickly sweet), and realistic, and makes an excellent read!

Katie Keith says

Ok, so you get more then again another cliffhanger!!! I love that she finds herself and you get to hear sort of how it happened when she just up and left the states. You also get to hear more of Brendan's side and right when you think it is going to take off... BOOM!!! All hell breaks lose again!

Now, I wait. Not happily and very impatiently for book 3. This is why I usually wait for all the books to come out before getting started!!!

But so far, a great series!!

SL says

These cliff hangers are killing me...

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

This picks up straight from where Throbbing Heart ends.

I enjoyed this more than book one. I loved the chase of these two characters. Storyline was good and it went in a direction I wasn't expecting.

The ending has me wanting to jump straight into part three.

Anny hernandez says

I was provided a copy of the book by the Author for an honest review.

WOW I just finish reading this book, and I love it, I love the characters, I read the first book and love it, but now I am loving this one more, I am gone keep this short since I don't want to give anything away. This is the second book in Heart series.

This story pick right up where THROBBING HEART end it, with Mark and Brendan walk into the bar Le Barre.

Annie move back to San Francisco, and open her own bar called Le Barre. While being behind the bar, she hear the door open and one of the lady, let her know about the two hunk that walks in, when Annie looked up she notice that it was Brendan and jerkoff Mark. When they set down at the bar, Annie did not know how to act, if he was gone recognize her or not, but one thing she notice is that she don't look the same as before, Brendan got attractive to her right away, and started flirting with her, will he get to recognize her before the night is over.

I really love and enjoy reading this book, I love how Annie and Brendan are with each other, I love how this series is turning out to be, now I am so ready to read the next book in the series, Author Sabrina Lacey THANK YOU for this awesome series and this amazing characters love them.

Nikolina says

so thrilling and sexy, a very good, easy read. I loved it!

Sarah says

If you haven't read Throbbing Hearts, you need to start with it. To see my review of it, go [here](#).

This one picks up five years later and right where the previous installment left off. To refresh your memory...Annie has moved back from Italy, leaving her long-time love Christiano behind. She has opened a

bar, Le Barre, in the Mission district. In an effort to console Mark's precarious love issues, Brendan decides to switch things up and try a new bar...Le Barre.

Brendan is instantly attracted to the bartender (i.e. Annie) and begins flirting with her. After her initial shock of seeing him and further realization he doesn't recognize her, Annie begins to trifle in return. It's fun to see her acting more freely especially in light of her second chance with him.

A majority of this second part to the Hearts series is much like a game of cat and mouse; it's the dance of will they or won't they. While Brendan seems more like his pre-heartbroken self, he's also had plenty of experience as the player and those habits are hard to break. Just when you think everything is going to be alright, Sabrina Lacey throws a bit of a curveball and takes us in a different direction. In the end this is a big tease with more of a cliffhanger. Literally, I'm all in the story. I've finished a chapter and swipe my screen to get "The End of Part 2". I think an exaggerated cry left my mouth amidst the realization I again have to wait. Kudos to Lacey for creating an enticing tale.

Rating: 4.5 stars

~Complimentary copy received in exchange for honest review.~

B. Davis says

Can't wait for part 3!

I really enjoyed part 2 of this series. I like how Annie has sort of come into her own, ditched the goth, and matured over the years. I love that Brendan doesn't remember Annie, well the new Annie at least. The ending left me wanting more...looking forward to part 3!

Debbie says

book two, rejoins Brendan and Annie, five years after their first encounter. Back from Italy, Annie runs a bar, that brendan and Mark wander into one day. Annie recognizes Brendan, but he doesn't her, i mean they only spoke once or twice, its hardly surprising. after Brendan returns to the bar late that night, Annie gets her wish, and then faces the barrel of a gun!

again, so so VERY short, shorter than book one. i can't say that these books are good, i really can't, but they aren't BAD either! just short. they should be banded together in a single book, and the story would flow more.

we hear again from Brendan and Annie, but also flashbacks to what Annie has been doing in Italy. off to read book three, but only because i've been asked to.

3 fangs

reviewer for Paranormal Romance and Authors That Rock.

Alexa Nichole Demers says

Review to come

Dena says

Loved the entire series
