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Want a bite?

Ally

The first time I saw Gabe in my sensual cupcake bakery, I had no idea who he was. All I knew was chiseled perfection like him could never really want a girl like me. That didn't stop me from craving and lusting after everything I could never have.

Success.

Gabe.

And I was trapped in a twisted frenemy relationship with my douche bag ex fiancee. I never would have dreamed who Gabe really was, what he wanted and why he wanted it.

Gabe

My f*cked up family taught me a lot. Take rather than give. Anything.

Everything.

Ally made me feel clean. Whole. I'd do anything to have her and even more to keep her. In spite of my past but more importantly ... because of it.

I took her tenuous control and worshiped her killer curves. I never suspected she'd steal my heart.

Please Note: This book ends with a cliffhanger. The story continues in Vanilla Vixen, Part Two of the Baked series.

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Patricia Blevins says

Awesome

This was a great short story about Ally who was trying to get herself out in front of her past and open up her life long dream of having a bakery. The day before Grand Opening a fire broke out and caused all kinds of set backs and trouble. One great smelling fireman saves her and her cat. One day Gabe walks into her business and tries to sweep her off her feet after a little persuasion Ally finally gives in. Then all heck breaks lose will Ally lose her Bakery and will her ex Matthew cause all kinds of trouble and what about Gabe.

Kelsey Moody says

Great book! You get into the main characters and hope they can sort it all out. They have wonderful chemistry and a VERY hot time together. The ending is a cliff hanger and you want the 2nd book immediately to find out what happens!

Nina says

Oh for the love of God, why are the bad guys always whiny spoilt brats in Colleen Charles' novels. I've read four of her books today and they've all been the same.

I'm all for one book occasionally having a petulant ex boyfriend who is a spoilt brat but three is just tiresome.

Liz says

Very good fast read

Not only was this book a nice fast read it left me wanting more. I can't wait to start the next part.

Julia Handley says

Ally is starting a new life after a bad breakup. She has opened a bakery even after a bad start which include fire and being rescued by a mysterious fireman. Her bakery opens and customer start spreading the word. One customer who happens to come strolling in is Gabe, who also wants more then her cakes ;) Poor Ally! that ex of hers is a right douchebag. Her self confidence over her body hasn't been helped with hid vile words. Why can't he just leave her alone? Now especially with someone like Gabe chasing her, but

then it seems he is hiding things from her too. So much is happening all at once which is a bit dodgy with her ex being a cop. Now what is going to happen after the heartbreaking cliffhanger?

Julie says

I really enjoyed the setting/scene of this contemporary romance which revolves around a cupcake bakery owned by the heroine. However, this isn't your ordinary bakery and not your ordinary cupcakes. With cupcake names like "Red Velvet Rapture" and "Vanilla Vixen," I think you can guess what these cupcakes are selling besides their deliciously sweet taste. It was a lot of fun imagining the next flavour of cupcake that might be introduced while at the same time dreaming of their decadent appearances and sinfully rich tastes. This aspect of the story was definite icing on the cake, so to speak. The romance is just as delicious and the reader is definitely not deprived. This first book of the Baked series does end in something of a cliffhanger and leaves you with the realization that you will definitely be searching out book 2! A fun and unique romance and one worth reading.

Naturalbri (Bri Wignall) says

LOVED, loved this book! Fast-paced, believable and highly addicting, this book is a down-to-earth, steamy read.

From page one, I was hooked on this book. The characters really pulled me in, especially with their real life issues. A few pages later, a hot fireman and a sooty Codsworth and I wasn't able to put the book down, until I had finished. (Probably not best to start this read at 11pm..)

I liked that the characters were all very real and believable. They had great personalities, with a blend of all sorts of people, as well as having a variety of real problems and murky pasts. I found it easy to connect with them, as I found them interesting and I loved watching as the story unfolded and the characters grew to become something more.

When the main character start to deal with a mixture of a hot stranger and her (annoying) ex-fiance, I found myself giggling, smirking and even blushing, as their relationships unfolded. I liked that it was easy to connect with them and the problems they were facing as we've all been there or know someone who has.

The pace was brilliant. It kept me on my toes and really tossed me straight into what was happening. It was refreshing to have a read that just kept throwing lovely events at you, rather than something great followed by a lull that puts you off. The fact that it was constantly moving, made it really easy to want to read just one more page.

The overall storyline was both fun and interesting. Owning my own business myself, I found the story very real and easily believable, for a person just starting out, in their own business.

Overall, this was a brilliant read. I really enjoyed the start of their story and cannot wait to move to part two!

**I received this book in exchange for my honest and unbiased opinion.

gayle says

Great

Light,funny book and the second one was also. My only complaint I can't find part 3. I hope you enjoy them also.

Emily says

Ally has the chance to make a dream come true by opening a cupcake bakery with a twist, a sensual theme. The eve before her opening an unexpected fire breaks out, saved by an unknown firefighter she goes about fixing her bakery and life. Then she meets mysterious Gabe, the chemistry is instant but Ally has issues with relationships and Gabe has his own secrets. As she becomes the target for trouble, she uncovers something that will stun her.

Quickly paced. I was surprised by the way the story developed. Ally has a bit of a chip on her shoulder and Gabe, even though Ally has shot him down, Gabe knows Ally is something special. Cliffhanger you wouldn't expect at the end. Look forward to next book.

Kathleen says

Are you ready to read an enticing new series that features decadent cupcakes and sexy romance?

In Baked: Red Velvet Rapture, the first installment in the Baked series, the reader follows the story of Ally Wilson, the owner of Temptations, a racy Minneapolis burlesque themed bakery that features sensual cupcakes like Red Velvet Rapture and Dark Decadence.

The night before the grand opening of the bakery, a fire breaks out in the kitchen, and as Ally is searching for her missing cat Codsworth, she passes out from the smoke only to be rescued by a mysteriously sexy fireman. After repairs are made, Ally opens her bakery, but the mystery of the faceless sexy fireman hero is still on her mind.

Gabe comes into the bakery and there is an instant attraction between him and Ally. Gabe tries to sweep Ally off her feet, but with her focus on the bakery and a past dysfunctional relationship, she refuses his advances until he finally wears her down.

Just when you think Ally and Gabe's relationship will blossom, Ally's ex-fiancee Matthew comes back into the picture and causes a lot of problems that could cost Ally everything, while Gabe has his own dark secrets to deal with. What will happen when temptation meets emotional and vengeful conflict?

In Baked, author Colleen Charles weaves a fast paced and intriguing romantic novella written in the first person narrative, that easily draws the reader into Ally and Gabe's story. The seductive bakery themed

storyline is intertwined with an enticing mixture of mystery, tension, conflict, and passionate / sexy romanticism that captivates the reader's interest, while keeping them turning the pages and guessing what will happen next. You can't help but wonder what will happen as Ally, Gabe, and Matthew's worlds collide ... but alas ... there is a cliffhanger ending that leaves the reader wanting more, and eagerly anticipating the continuation of their story in Vanilla Vixen, Part Two of the Baked series.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book blast event hosted by Goddess Fish Promotions.

<http://jerseygirlssizzlingbookreviews....>

DawnMarie Carpintero says

4 Stars

This is part 1 in this Baked Series

I found that this journey between these two characters had plenty of mystery, calmness and a sense of wanting. What one wants doesn't always mean one gets and with this read this author brings the mystery and some depth to these two characters.

A bakery isn't just a bakery and an ex can be a pain in ones butt. lol

Short, good anytime read

Did I mention the sex is hot?

Happy Reading

Sheila says

Ally opens her own bakery but a fire happens before opening day. She is rescued by a hot fireman. A new man comes into her life and her ex-boyfriend also begins coming around again.

I liked Ally. She is spunky and not willing to put up with other people telling her what to do. She is emotionally strong as problems beset her and bad news follows her. I wasn't happy with the cliffhanger ending because I have so many questions that I want answered now, especially about the ex-boyfriend, the cad.

The story moves along quickly. It is believable and realistic. I do have questions about the insurance investigator. He does not seem on the up-and-up. There is something sleazy about him. There are not many secondary characters for now. Those that are there move the story along.

I am waiting for the next book because I have an enquiring mind and it wants to know what is happening and why.

Liz Gavin says

BAKED - Tempting first installment

4 stars

A sweet, funny read sprinkled with steamy hot scenes perfect to warm up wintery nights. This is my first time reading a book by Collen Charles but it won't be the last. I've already downloaded the second part. There were a few (very few) editing issues, which didn't take away my enjoyment of the story but distracted me a bit. For instance, 'the door over the bell rang' instead of 'the bell over the door rang'; 'a perfect gentlemen' instead of 'a perfect gentleman'; or using 'she' instead of 'I' or 'them' instead of 'us' in a couple of places – the story is told in first person, by the way. On the other hand, I received a review copy, which means it might have been edited afterwards. Either way these little details shouldn't put you off from reading this very good first installment.

I don't like reading spoilers consequently I don't write them. I can safely say though that Baked is the promising beginning of what seems to be a good story. Since it is only the building part, I cannot evaluate how it unfolds but it has potential. The characters seem interesting, the sex scenes are well-written and steamy (even for an author of erotic books like me), and the plot is intriguing even though the 'twists' were predictable. I hope the author keeps the pace up and wraps the story up in a convincing way. However, the fact this is not a complete story, which means I don't have the whole picture, is the reason I couldn't give it five stars.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Allegra "Ally" Wilson is an aspiring new business owner. Her dream is to open her own bakery, Temptations. She's overcome a lot and is about to have her dream come true. The night before her scheduled opening, a fire breaks out in the bakery's kitchen, delaying the opening.

Gabe Moreno is a firefighter who has his life changed the moment he rescues Ally from her burning building.

At times, I found Red Velvet to be a little confusing. I didn't know where the story was taking me or exactly what the characters' roles were. A couple of characters are definitely not likeable from the start. All of this made the story intriguing and left me wondering how ultimately everything will fit together.

Red Velvet is the first of a three book series and ends in one heck of a cliffhanger.

Personal Purchase

Rating: 3.5

Paula says

Just Wow!

When I first started reading this, I thought...I've already read a story just like this! Then, I remembered I had read the teaser/prequel. I remembered how much I like this the prequel and how excited I was to read this when it came out...it did not disappoint.

I can't wait to read the second part and see what is going to happen! This book is a little naughty, a little nice, a lot of mystery and I wanna know what happens next.
