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Blake Riley thought she could leave her traumatic past behind when she left for college. Starting a new life and moving forward never sounded so good. Living carefree with her best friend in Ocean City New Jersey gave her the freedom she had always hoped for.

But sometimes life isn't so carefree.

When Blake finds herself torn between the affections of two men, emotions that have been buried for years will be exposed. Derrick, a powerful CEO of a popular casino resort, instantly captivates her. Being drawn into his domineering passion, she bares herself to him in a way she least expected. With Landon, a successful attorney, she can be someone new; someone free from her haunting past. Each man evokes a different side of Blake. As both relationships grow stronger, walls will slowly begin to crack.

What will happen when the past slowly creeps its way into the present?

With two worlds filled with secrets and lies, it's only a matter of time before they crash and truths are revealed.

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What do you get when you have **ONE** girl, **TWO** guys who happen to be best friends all interested in this **ONE** girl? A whole lot of **DRAMA**, that's what!

Luck of Love by the writing duo team Tiffany Aleman and Ashley Poch took an interesting & different spin on a love triangle to create a fun but emotional read with great characters. These girls sure know how to create the perfect guy because there are three boys in this book I wouldn't mind calling my "book boyfriend".

Luck of Love is told in four different POV's, Blake, Derrick, Landon, and Dean. I usually find so many POV's while reading confusing but Luck of Love is the perfect book to have so many POV's with this type of storyline. The main character is Blake, a 22 year-old college student who is running away from her past and moved to New Jersey from Florida. She is guarded and only lets herself be close to her two best friends Rachel and Dean. Dean is her roommate whom she met after moving to New Jersey. He is the only man Blake has ever let get close to her. They are strictly best friends but let me tell you girls, he is a NICE guy! He is good looking, smart, and just a good guy! There were times I almost wanted these two to hook up but Blake needed him in her life.

As much as I liked Blake and loved Dean; Derrick & Landon were the true stars of the book. Derrick and Landon are best friends who happen to meet Blake at different times developing feelings for her without knowing the other one even knows who Blake is. I was hands down a Derrick fan... at first. He just seemed more ready to settle down and mature with a big heart after his troubled upbringing and of course he is successful & handsome. Landon is successful & handsome as well but he came off more of a party boy still even though he is 32. By the end of the book I was rooting for BOTH men! I seriously do not know which one I want Blake to end up with. They both seem to truly care for Blake and have their positives & negatives to be the man for Blake. I can't wait to read everyone's opinions on who they would chose for Blake.

I found the book to really pick up towards the 60% mark when Blake finally hooks up with one of the guys. Before that I found the story to be a bit slow, but I understand the authors were setting up the series. Luck of Love DOES end on a cliff hanger, be warn! The drama really starts up there leaving a great set up for the second book in the series Luck and Faith that is scheduled to be released in August.

I give Luck of Love 3.5 Stars.

ARC provided by the author in return for an honest review.

Wendy says

ARC provided for an honest review

4.5 where the fuck did this come from stars!!!

Ahh, Blake. Where should we start with Blake. I was concerned with how my feelings started out towards Blake right from the beginning. She practically calls herself bitchy and while I'll be the first to admit to being a super bitch, I'd almost rather not read about one. However, I do love a strong, independent woman and while Blake is all of those things considering her past, she definitely has a right to be a bit of a bitch.

Blake and Dean are best friends, I mean in a strictly platonic BEST FRIENDS type of friendship

I love this friendship! I have my own personal opinion on a boy/girl friendship and this pretty much sums it up. These two are honest and caring and share an incredible bond. Dean is a stand up guy.

Both Blake and Dean work at

and it's here where Blake sees **HIM**

He's tall, lean, and the most attractive man I've ever seen

I'm so excited because I can feel something coming

Meet Derrick! *SWOON*

Fire and Ice got noting on these two and their first meeting. There's just something about Derrick that puts Blake on the edge. It's definitely an explosion waiting to happen. But, will they see each other again? hmmmmmm

Enter Landon, Dean's family attorney and friend. The ultimate,

Does he dare give up his wild ways of

A small part of me wants to care that she has a boyfriend, but that's only because I have some morals. For the most part-I don't care. I want nothing more than to make her mine.

But, Blake has put up walls around herself. She's got something from her past that she can't seem to let go of, and while Dean has been her rock, can she learn to trust Derrick and/or Landon?

Landon and Blake have something. A spark maybe? I don't know, but it's there and a little emotional for me because I'm torn between these two really great guys. Okay, I like a bad boy (Landon) and I like a dedicated guy (Derrick) so I just can't decide. I don't think Blake can either at this point,

I want to laugh until I cry, be carefree without hesitation, love like there is no tomorrow, survive a heartbreak and know that I will have the strength to love again.

And then,

*"Will you **be** with me tonight?"*

"I'm going to do things to your body that nothing else will ever compare. When your body aches, I'll be the

only one to relieve the pain. When you're starving, I'll be the one to satisfy your appetite. And when you feel like you can't breathe, I'll be the oxygen you need."

BOOM

I can't tell you which one of the guys gets the nookie on, I hate to be a spoiler, so YOU HAVE GOT TO READ THIS BOOK! I will however warn you that at the end I was

and a little bit of this

and a whole lot of FUCK ME!!!!

My Cast:

Blake

Derrick

Landon:

Hollie says

This looks good and I love love the cover, but I get anxiety when two men are involved....so we shall see.

The TBR Pile *Book review site* says

<http://thetbrpile.weebly.com/1/post/2...>

The first half of the book is filled with a lot of dialogue and not much action, a lot of description but not much to keep the wheels of the story turning at my kind of pace. And then the cliffhanger... it felt as if the authors saved up all of the drama and angst for the last few pages of the story and then, BOOM, left you hanging.

I can see why readers might enjoy this story. The writing was strong much of the time, and the story did have its high points. So while I didn't enjoy it overall, I think it's still worth a shot.

~ Becs ~ says

Well, if you're looking for a new adult novel with some great characters and a complicated romance, this one fits the bill. We have Blake and Dean, working their way through college, sharing an apartment and working at the same bar. They're great friends but it's purely platonic. Derrick comes into the bar one evening when Blake is working and they share an instant connection but Blake is withdrawn, traumas from her past have made her reserved and she's fairly rude to him but circumstances push them together again and she slowly warms to him and they begin, slowly, to form a relationship.

Dean is delighted – he has never seen Blake so happy. And along comes Landon. Tall, gorgeous easy going and a good friend of Dean and Blake finds she is inappropriately attracted to him despite the fact that she is falling in love with Derrick. What follows is an angst story where I really wanted to yell at Blake sometimes – she makes some daft decisions but she's unfailingly honest and will confess all her sins!

This was a fun read and I grew to love all the characters, even Landon who is interrupting and complicating the fledgling romance between Derrick & Blake. Blake is a sweetheart who's got a dark secret in her past which casts a lengthy shadow over her life today. She's guarded, withdrawn, a little rude and not easy to get to know.

Derrick is determined to get past her barriers and I really loved him for it. He's got the patience of a saint, is incredibly romantic and understands the need to take things slowly with Blake. He's never felt this way about a girl before and he's starting to feel very protective and possessive of her.

Landon, despite complicating things, was easy to like too. He's easy going, charming and is desperately attracted to Blake even though she warns him off and I also completely adored Dean, Blake's roomie. He's very protective of her but he truly needs to find a girl of his own.

I did enjoy the story, it was very romantic, very compelling but felt that we didn't quite get deep enough into all the characters' pasts to truly understand their motivations but this does end on a wicked cliff-hanger and there is obviously more to come in the second book which is due out in August and there's still a lot of gaps to fill here and loose ends to tie up.

3.5 stars

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Mary Tatar says

I had the pleasure to read the arc of Luck Of Love by Ashley Poch and Tiffany Aleman. Boy am I glad I was given that chance. I am in love with this book and its main characters. What this book is an emotionally charged read full of angst and love, with a tad bit of mystery.

The main character in this book is Blake, she is a young college student working her way through school with a bit of a past she is hiding from. Blake is sort of a closed off girl and she has every reason to be. She ends up meeting Derrick a rich and powerful business man who wants to sweep her off her feet. Sounds good right, well not so fast. Blake also meets Landon a successful attorney who is so drawn to her he doesn't seem to care who stands in his way. So Blake has a bit of a problem. Not a life altering problem, but for Blake being torn between two men that she can easily be with scares her. She is so fragile that she needs to make the best decision, the decision she will be able to live with.

So there is Derrick he is sweet, caring, loving and makes her feel safe and protected. Just the kind of man she should be with. Then there is Landon he has a lot of good qualities as well he is sweet and caring, but he also makes her feel free and alive. Things she hasn't felt in a long time. Each one wanting to give her the happiness she deserves. Trying to avoid one or the other is not an option.

What drew me in was how lost and fragile she was. I felt that she could break at any time. But also she was brave and fierce at the same time. With a heart of gold giving all of herself to one of them is not something she will be able to do easily. I can understand why this is such a hard decision for her. I found myself going back and forth while reading this book. In the beginning I was all team Derrick. He is the logical choice, but as we know that with matters of the heart they are never logical. Then towards the end of the book I was leaning toward team Landon. He's not a bad guy at all, actually he's pretty perfect. So who gets her heart? Who can heal her scars? Good question! This I will tell you the end will shock you to your core.

This book is pretty fabulous. The cover is enticing and the story intriguing. I felt so many different emotions while reading this that I can't even name them all. This is definitely a book I would recommend reading. I kinda amazed by it all and I believe you will be too.

Books, Babes and Cheap Cabernet says

Noooo! I don't want it to end like that!!! **BEWARE of cliffhanger!!!**

Excuse me; Tiffany Aleman & Ashley Posh, You guys can't end a book like that! It's not good for people's hearts. Mine is pounding so hard that I feel like I am going to start convulsing any minute.

Okay so let's go back to the beginning...

In Luck of Love we meet Blake a bartender, going to school for advertising, in Ocean City, New Jersey. She is a spitfire and a bit of a fashionista.

“I maybe sarcastic, bitchy even, but I always look good doing it.”

She lives with her best friend Dean (hottie bestie- YUM!) above, Frankie's Tavern, the bar that they work at. She has had to have a fake persona in order to not let people in. Only her two best friends Dean and Rachel truly know her. Too scared by her past, she is unwilling to let anyone else in. She doesn't date, like AT. ALL!

But when this tall, dark, and handsome guy (Derrick) walks into the bar she works at, she is floored by how much she can't seem to stop staring at him. That's so not like her. It's almost like she craves him. But she is determined NOT to act on it. Can she resist?

Derrick is equally attracted to Blake from the moment he sees her. He is determined to make her see that she can let go of her ugly past, and let him in. But fate decides to be a snarky bitch and puts a bit of roadblock along the way for Derrick and Blake.

Shortly after meeting Derrick, Blake meets Dean's friend Landon. Landon is a 32 year old lawyer who hasn't outgrown the "party" mentality. He is not looking for anything serious, but there is something about Blake that fascinates him. He is sort of a jokester, very easy going. Blake is able to not be so uptight around him. She likes that she can be easy going when she is with him and not have to worry about all the baggage she is carrying.

Who would ultimately be the right person for Blake? Will it be Derrick the person that she finds herself slowly opening up to? Or will it be Landon the person who she can be someone completely different and not have to worry about the past at all?

“I’m going to do things to your body that nothing else will ever compare. When your body aches, I’ll be the only one to relieve the pain. When you’re starving, I’ll be the one to satisfy your appetite. And when you feel like you can’t breathe, I’ll be the oxygen you need.”

“And just so you know Blake, once you’ve had a taste of what I can offer you, your body will crave me like a drug addict craves their next hit.”

Is it hot in here or is it just me? Woooo! (Takes a moment to fan herself)

But when fate once again throws a major dodgeball into everyone’s plans, will the consequences be too much for two people to move past?

Soooo, the ending... Blake’s past and future collide and the outcome is a catastrophic mess that leaves you hanging by the edge of your seat. So good!

I absolutely LOVE romantic suspense stories. For this being the debut novel of the writing duo of Tiffany Aleman and Ashley Poch, it was such a good story line. I did feel like it was a bit slow in the beginning but somewhere around the middle it picks up and there is no putting it down. The sex scenes where steamy and oh so hot! One of the best lines was **“Arghhh!” I scream out as I feel the shredding of my innocence.** Isn’t that a fantastic line?

I really enjoyed the different POV’s. We really get to experience the story through Blake’s, Derrick’s, Landon’s, even Dean’s eyes. You get a better sense of where their heads are at. Something I truly appreciate. I battled with Blake at times because I felt like she was being too harsh, but in the end I understood her motives. I am glad that we don’t have to wait too long for the second book in the series that is scheduled out for later this summer.

4 stars!

*** Meli Mel * says**

REVIEW TO COME...

Derna says

I received an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Blake has a past that has left her guarded, unwilling to consider the possibility of romance. She doesn’t let anyone in only Dean and her other BFF Rachel. Things start to change when Blake meets Derrick the attraction is instant. However, she also meets Landon and there too is chemistry. Both men ignite feelings that Blake keeps hidden.

Queue a love triangle with a bit of a twist, as Derrick and Landon best friends, who unknowing to each other are falling for the same girl. I like how both men bring out a different side of Blake; Derrick breaks down Blake walls she lets her emotions show when she is with him. Landon brings out her carefree side; alas she

finds it hard to decide which one she wants. She does choose and when she does it results in some steamy scenes, as the two are extremely hot together.

As with any love triangle I can tell pretty quickly who's Team I'm on and in this one it was a no brainer I was Team Derrick all the way. So much so that when Landon came onto the scene and don't get me wrong I like him a lot, but I was thinking 'back off mate'.

I loved the storyline, it was romantic, fun, made me laugh; it had a little suspense and was emotional to read at times. As it touches on what is really a heavy and sensitive issue, when I found out what happened to Blake in her past my heart went out to her, and I just wanted to give her a hug.

So let's talk about the part of the book that put me in a bad mood for the rest of the day. 'THE ENDING' before I started this book I saw that it had an epilogue, so I was thinking Woo Hoo! No cliffhanger it's going to be a HEA Well you can imagine my shock when the epilogue turned out to be just one big cliffhanger! So be warned.

However don't let that put you off, Luck of love is a wonderful read. I loved the writing style of Tiffany Aleman and Ashley Poch. Well done on a great debut. I'm genuinely looking forward to reading next one Luck and Faith.

Luck of Love gets 4 stars from me.

Some Quotes

I want to laugh until I cry be carefree without hesitation, love like there is no tomorrow, survive a heartbreak and know that I will have the strength to love again~ Blake

'As I make my to the bar. The sexiest woman I've ever seen stands behind it and I can't help but stare. Our eyes lock for a fraction of a second but enough time for me to see an edge of tension around those amazing green eyes' ~ Derrick

'Completely caught off guard that he remembers my name, I snap my eyes to him, and I lose myself. The depths of his eyes suck me in as I stare at him'. ~Blake on Derrick

I like her attitude. I like that she's feisty. I like that she's not afraid to stand up to me. I really like that she's fuckin gorgeous'. ~ Landon

'I'm met with the most amazing pair of blue eyes I've ever seen. I just stand there, frozen in front of him staring', ~ Blake on Landon

Lauren ♥ Inked in Chapters says

Review to come.

Lara says

From the jump our heroine, Blake's story lured me in. She's a young woman who has lived a life guarding her heart from a dark secret in her past that only her two closest friends know about. When her best friend, Dean, finally convinces her it's time to start tearing down the walls she has so carefully built, she finds that love isn't always as easy as just letting go. Unbeknownst to two men, they are each vying for Blake's affection. Derrick and Landon are both strong, successful men that draw out different sides to Blake she never knew existed. As she struggles with her conflicting feelings for both men she must both come to terms with her past and decide where her heart truly lies. This book has a cliffhanger but don't let that stop you from picking it up because it's a pretty shocking twist of events that will lead you into the next book. I enjoyed all these characters as well as their individual stories and how those stories surprisingly intertwined.

Debi Barnes- Mean Girls Luv Books says

This is a great first book for Tiffany and Ashley. The characters are strong and the ending is amazing! I love a good cliffhanger and I can't wait for the second book.

Wendy says

Oh, holy hotness. This book is unbelievable. I am anxiously awaiting the sequel.

Sugar and Spice Book Reviews says

4 STARS

Derrick or Landon????? Which HOT man should Blake choose?

I am trying to figure out where to start with my review.....I guess at the beginning. The story begins quite slow for me....I know the authors are trying to give history and background for Blake but some of the information to me was so monotonous. But then BAM!!!! About 40% through the book it begins for me. Finally, the chase begins for Blake. So many secrets, love triangles and friendships on the verge of falling apart.

Blake, in a nutshell, has a horrible past that she has been hiding from ever since she left home for college. She is focused on graduating college and moving forward into an advertising career. Her best friend, Dean, is her roommate who knows all about Blake and her horrible past....But there is NO hanky panky going on with them. Dean is her best friend, supporter, protector and will do anything for her. He helps guide Blake through the bumps she encounters. Blake has closed herself off from most people around her not wanting to get close so no one can learn of her past. So much so, she has been described as a BITCH. But soon we learn this is a facade. Dean and Blake work at a bar they live above. This is where we first meet Derrick....Oh my....what a HOT and SEXY man. It was nice to have a man who has his stuff together! But wait.....we still have Landon, the womanizer and a partier who enters the picture. And of course he is a HOT and SEXY playboy! Blake meets Derrick when he comes into the bar and for Landon, she meets him through Dean.

This is when the hot pursuit from two men becomes such a tangled mess.....Blake first begins to slowly connect with Derrick....after a few horrible bar encounters, he becomes Blake's hero. Blake finally lets Derrick in a tiny bit. And of course, Dean's daily advice finally breaks her down a little more. Finally, we see a sign that Blake is finally going to start her baby steps moving toward not being a BITCH! Now, for Landon....he is Deans' good friend who lives in the New York City. When he comes to visit, this is when he meets Blake. Her fiesty and 'I don't take sh_t' attitude is what he is immediately attracted to. After several encounters, Blake allows Landon close enough which is when the mutual attraction begins.

Now we have two HOT and SEXY pursuers and Blake in a lovers triangle.....Where will this triangle go? Not going to tell.....But let me tell you this is one book you cannot miss.....But you need to know, the book ends with a cliff hanger....now patiently waiting for the next book!

*Review by Kim

Fern (whirlwindbooks) says

Cannot wait to read and review!

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