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Barbara Johnson dreaded going home. It was a simple job to close a factory. She'd done it several times before. What made this time different was being forced back to the very town she'd fled years ago hoping never to return.

Ryder Bishop was strong and sexy. A ladies' man who reserved his loyalty to Ocean Crest, New Jersey. The last thing he expected was to fall for the plentiful figure of the enemy. So when Barbara's curves called to him he realized it meant trouble.

Were they both flirting with disaster?

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☆☆☆ 5 STAR REVIEW ☆☆☆

Barbara Johnson is back in her hometown. She had left and didn't wanted to come back but now that she is here it will not be a pleasant visit. She is there to closed down the only thing that is keeping this town a live, the old factory. The same factory she had sad memories thanks to her alcoholic mother. She was back and the reality settled in, small town and Ryder Bishop was all around it. He was the last person she wanted to interact with of course he wouldn't remember her since she was invisible back in school.

Ryder Bishop knew loyalty, he had stick around this small town but he was realistic that it was sinking and the rumors that the factory was closing down he knew it was a matter of time this town was over. When his father tells him he was recommended to work on a project with the same person it had the town's future in her hands he was not happy but money was money.

Barbara and Ryder have this incredible chemistry but like always everything was working against them but will they be able to make it work and give Ocean Crest a bright new future?

This is a great story, the suspense and steamy chemistry between this two is incredible. This plot is full of so many emotions it has just the perfect combination for a best seller.

I loved this story and will recommend for everyone to read it too. You will not be disappointed.

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Anita Byars says

I loved that this story was from both their POV. They were great characters and I had a good feel for both of them from the beginning with an excellent introduction to each of them. The story had good flow throughout and an excellent build with drama and intensity throughout as well. Loved the chemistry and the passion that these two characters unexpectedly find with each other.

Ryder Bishop has lived in Ocean Crest his entire life, high school sport jock that all the girls were in love with, and in the popular crowd in school. He now owns a motorcycle shop called Speed Demons Bike Repair, but lately with more shops in town closing and people moving away, he will take any jobs that come his way to help pay the rent. His father is the manager of Ocean Crest Factory the main employer of the people in town and as the company has slowly decreased production at the factory more people have lost their jobs.

Barbara Johnson aka "Bobby Jean" grew up in Ocean Crest, she always felt like she was invisible to everybody and left town to go to college and to get away from her alcoholic mother. Now she is the reorganization guru for DCD subsidiaries and she has been sent back to her home town to shut the factory down and sell it. Barbara still owns her mother's small jersey shore bungalow and since she is going to be in

town for awhile as she closes the plant down she has decided to spruce it up.

When Barbara enquires at the factory about a handyman to help do things for her, Ryder's father gives her Ryder's phone number. Barbara keeps her real I'd entity a secret, so when Ryder shows up to discuss her plans, he thinks she looks familiar but can't figure out why. Barbara has difficulty talking at first in Ryder's presence she is so taken by his good looks and muscular physique. Ryder is also captivated by Barbara's curves something that he has never been attracted to in other women he has dated before. As these two begin to work together to spruce up her house their sizzling chemistry draws them together, and although Barbara is the enemy, Ryder is surprisingly attracted to her. There are twists and turns that you will not expect as well as some suspense and acts of revenge that will add some intensity to this story. Loved the passion and real life situations. It kept me reading to the wee hours of the morning I could not put it down. Will Barbara Johnson close the factory and leave? Will they get their HEA? You will have to read this to find out.
Received a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Kathleen Williams says

Great read

I really liked this story about a very quiet rundown beach town due to the economy and how the try survive day to day then get news the factory that houses most the jobs being closed. Which brings violent drama and romance that keeps you hooked from beginning to end.

Coco.V says

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Gail says

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

Barbara Johnson and Ryder Bishop were classmates in high school. Barbara was the studious nerd and Ryder was the popular, handsome, 'love 'em & leave 'em' heartthrob.

Barbara's job has her returning home to Ocean Crest, a small coastal town not far from New York. She left 18 years ago after a miserable childhood. Barbara is in town to determine the fate of the small town's major job source. If it closes it will likely destroy the little coastal town. Barbara is also looking forward to visiting her childhood home that was left to her after her Mother died.

Ryder is a loyal Ocean Crest resident, has his own auto repair business and is there to help and support his father.

Barbara hires Ryder to do repairs and painting. Ryder can't figure out why Barbara is familiar but can't place how he would know her. Barbara knows being in close proximity to Ryder could be risky, he's handsome and charming and in her house and working on her bedroom.

Chemistry is hard to fight and even though they try to ignore it, they fall into an uneasy relationship with

some steamy loving, a little mystery and an uncertain future.

This story is narrated by the heroine, Barbara Johnson and our hero, Ryder Bishop in alternating chapters. At first I was confused, but quickly fell into the rhythm of the story and looked forward to the change of perspective.

I hope there will be another Ocean Crest book, as I would like to know more about the supporting cast of characters.

JoJo says

Finally! A book that I could really get into, and did! Unfortunately, I had been on a bit of a reading hiatus as I had gone through a few books that were more irritating to me as a reader rather than entertaining. Finally, a book that pulled me out of the hiatus. Therefore, I would like to personally thank the author(s) for writing this fantastic book. It has a little bit of everything in this book: transformation, loyalty, intimacy, misunderstanding, stereotyping, suspense, and family drama. I have read books in the past where the amount of topics were overwhelming in one book, however, they blend beautifully in this one. The main character, Barbara transformed from a practically invisible small-town nobody with an embarrassing drunk mother into a powerful, smart business woman (shout out to feminism-you go girl!) that is in town on business from New York City. The love interest in the book, Ryder, has been a playboy since high school who originally overlooked Barbara in high school but is now taking a job renovating her house. The very place that her drunk mother was let go from for her drunken episodes, Barbara has been sent to shut down. Something she has had to do in several towns as part of her job, but this time it gets personal. Not just for Barbara, but for Ryder, and someone else who demands to cause damage. In general, I don't particularly mind cursing. But for those readers who do, you should know that the foul language is rather minimal, only a time or two. There is a lot of steamy scenes in which those readers who are not comfortable with adult situations may want to be wary. Without giving any more away, I'll just wrap this up with it's a great summer read. There's romance, grilling out, suspense, a beach, and warm summer sun. I loved this book and highly recommend it to any reader looking for a fun, sizzling, beach read!

Please note: an ARC was generously provided in exchange for an honest review.

Tonya Boutwell Hauser says

I was lucky and got an ARC copy. Barbara Johnson (Bobby-Jean) worked very hard to over coming being raised poor and by the town drunk. She goes into companies and closes them. She is sent back to her home town to close the last factory in town. She hopes no one remembers her.

Ryder Bishop is Barbara's high school crush. He is still struggling in the home town. Barbara hires him to fix up her house. They have lots of sparks and people trying to keep them apart.

Crazy Dance Mom says

I was really lucky to get an advanced readers copy of this book. So glad too. It was a great read that had me so hooked I finished it in one sitting. I love the character development and (without giving too much away)

there is some miscommunication that breaks them up for a while. The story is written from both his POV and hers, which is difficult to write. But the author does a pretty good job of keeping you up to speed with the events while giving a taste for what both are thinking. It's kind of neat to see how male and female react to something said and how it can be interpreted so differently based on something as simple as gender and insecurities.

I've been asked for an honest review, so here's the bad....I thought this would be a book about disaster of some kind based on the title. It's not. Barbara comes to town to shut down the factory that keeps a struggling community alive. And while Ryder comes to terms with her job and why she's there, we never see the rest of the community come to accept her until the very last chapter where we see that Ryder's dad came around and his brother is helping out with the business. I would have rated the character development higher if not for this nuance that just left me a little confused as to why she would want to stick around town. She's a smart and successful woman, so it just doesn't make sense to me that she would do so only for a guy. One more chapter that would explain how they all started to come around, or if there was more explanation on how she came to see the light and did something to help the community, anything would work.

Otherwise, I loved the book. Downloaded and finished in a single sitting. Loved the story and the tension. And lots of steam and tension - which I LOVE. This is definately a book you won't want to miss.

Sarah Scott says

Dnf. Could not connect with the book or the characters

Lisa White says

Good story. A moderate pace read. Chemistry was great, dealing with insurtries, past and the future.

April Symes says

I received an ARC copy from the author in exchange for my honest review.

This was a very interesting story with different perspectives playing out. It is told in both MC POV and that is hard to do but it came off flawless. And the setting, which was Ocean Crest, NJ as a small town was great. I felt like I was completely there and could feel the small town feel. This is a small town slowly dying out , and everyone into everybody's business.

Barbara Johnson had lived here years ago, as BJ and things were not good for her when she was living in this small town. She made it her business to get out when she could. Now she is back and in her line of work, she comes in and makes decisions that her lot of people; she makes the hard decisions that end up hurting people-- Some might say she is known as the "Terminator" . Now she is back in her old town of Ocean Crest and is here to do a very hard thing. Nobody would put together Barbara now- the beautiful, voluptuous woman to the girl she was then-the invisible kid who had the drunk mother and no father. Nope no one would put one plus one to equal two.

Ryder Bishop is the town hunk and owns Speed Demon's Bike Repair. He has a younger brother who left Ocean Crest as soon as he got legal but for Ryder, he stayed and built his shop up. He also takes care of his dad. He is loyal to his dad and to his town. He was a player in his younger days but now, not so much. When he went into the café in town, he sees Barbara , something about her makes him wonder how he knows her but he can't place her. He knows he wouldn't be attracted to her voluptuousness so he writes her off but then his father refers her to him so he can do some work at her place while she is in town. Then as he is around her , he finds her more approachable.

Barbara has always been attracted to Ryder-years ago when she was in school and lived in town and now. But she is afraid that when Ryder finds out she will be the one to close the only factory left in Ocean Crest-the one his father manages, she will be run out of town, personally by Ryder and the easy going feeling between them will be gone. She tries to put distance but it's so hard.

Then there is some sabotage going on. Little things. Barbara notices and it happened while she tries to bring in new blood to the town in the form of a friend of hers. There are twists and turns that becomes almost deadly. Will Barbara lose her life? Will Ryder realize that he does have deeper feelings for her? Will they get their HEA? Oh I cant tell you, only you will find out if you read this book.

What I can tell you is the passion; the chemistry is off the wall between the MC. The action is fantastic –I found myself enjoying Barbara and Ryder—they really made this book. They both were spunky and passionate. Barbara came from a sad background with her family and all she wanted was to be LOVED. I think when she came back to Ocean Crest, she finally found what she needed. With Ryder, he never found someone who loved him for him-he was always loved for his looks or for who his father was ..With Barbara, she accepted him for just him. The only minor compliant on is that I would have liked to know who Barbara's father was—that never was resolved for me. I mean, he paid for her mom's house yet he left her was taxes owed and he knew when her mom died but why did he never come to her ...Dunno, I would have liked for that to have been resolved. That is something I would have liked , as a reader, to have known. Otherwise, this was such a great book. I hope we get to read Hunter, Ryder's brother's story and also Brad, Barbara's friend story.

My rating: 4.5 stars ****

Michelle Sanders says

I received this ARC in return for an honest review. I loved this story. It was a real romance. We get to know the characters...see this relationship grow and experience the hardships they go through. The chemical between this is scorching too! 5 stars!

Barbara says

3.5 stars I enjoyed the story but felt that Ryder was too hot and cold. One minute he can't get enough of her and the next he's angry and says mean/rude things. I understand that she's insecure but I think most women would call him on his behavior. And I don't believe she would really just let him leave after he completely misunderstands something she said. The story was good and I liked the characters, I just felt these things kept me from giving it 5 stars.

Camille says

Awesome

Loved this romance! The conflict and emotions were so real that they pulled you along with them. You truly feel a part of the story.

Anto says

I received an ARC copy from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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This story takes place in a small town on the coast of New Jersey, Ocean Crest. Ryder Bishop have lived all his life there, and his loyalty to the town runs really deep.

Whatever life threw at me, I was ready to tackle it.

But things start to change when the town's factory, the main source of job, is in danger of being shut down. And the one sent to do it is Barbara Johnson, a woman that escaped that same town long time ago. Barbara's and Ryder's paths crossed and though their first encounters are tense, the chemistry between them is palpable.

She was the enemy, the one that was here to tear us apart. She should be the last thing I'm thinking about. The harder I tried to push her out of my mind, the stronger she came back, taunting me.

So now Ryder and Barbara have to figure out their feelings, with the big elephant on the room that is the factory's closing. And that procedure starts to have its complications, too.

I really liked the story, it has a good plot, it's easy to read and it catches you from the very beginning. Also, it's written with dual POV, not just taking the chapter from where the other one ended but a little before, so you ended having a same scene from the perspective of the both characters (Totally loved that!) The only thing I didn't like so much, was the speed of the relationship of Ryder and Barbara since the middle of the book forward, it let me feeling that something was off. Still, is a great and sweet story with a touch of mistery and really hot scenes! 4 stars
