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Josie Moore is in *big* trouble. After a few too many glasses of wine and tired of her mother's constant disappointment, Josie tells what she thinks is a harmless lie—that she is sort of in a relationship with her childhood crush, firefighter Lincoln Bradford. The lie comes back to bite her when her mother moves back to town, and now Josie has to make the fantasy a reality.

Lincoln has a perfect plan to protect his heart—and rule number one is: don't fall in love. There's no such thing as happily ever after, especially when it comes to love. But he didn't factor in Josie, his sister's quirky, gorgeous best friend. He agrees to help her, with the understanding that they're definitely not going to be anything more.

But every time they try to break up, they only end up tangled deeper together. Lincoln's carefully laid plans are about to come crashing down...

Each book in the Fire and Sparks series is STANDALONE.

\* Wedding Date Rescue

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### **Linda Quick says**

LOVED this book!!! Josie told a tiny white lie to get her mother off her back about her dating life, but because of the Murphy's Law governing her life, the lie takes on a life of its own when her parents come back to town and start talking about her relationship with Lincoln....the one that is the fake lie she told. Somehow she ropes Lincoln into helping her, and the lie takes on a life of its own. But what happens when Josie isn't sure what's a lie and what's the truth?

This is a delightful novel that is the very best of the friends to lovers romance genre. Fans of the genre will love this one and want to put it at the top of their TBR list. The author is on my must read authors' list, and, if you're a romance fan, should probably be on your must read authors' list as well.

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### **Eva says**

full disclosure: i'm sonya's literary agent, but i had nothing to do with the publication of this book, this was all sonya and entangled and i'm just lucky i got to read an early copy.

it's pretty well-established on this blog that fake relationships are like romance novel catnip for me, and the firefighter's perfect plan is the perfect blend of fake and real relationship that made this even better. josie moore has a terrible relationship with her parents, mainly because they are pretty terrible people. she's been a de facto bradford since she was a child. and in love with lincoln, her best friend casey's older brother since about the same time she became a de facto bradford.

linc is the kind of guy who instinctively wants to save you. when josie admits that she needs him to pretend to be her boyfriend because she lied to her mother about it, he agrees. he knows how terrible her mother is. nevermind that he'd been trying to stay away from josie because every time he looked at her he was tempted to throw away his perfect plan to stay single. a bad breakup had convinced him that he was a bad bet in the partner department. and hero that he is, he's decided to save every woman, but especially josie, from ending up stuck with him.

luckily linc's crazy baggage can't hold up to his family's incessant meddling. josie isn't much better because after a lifetime of being belittled by the people who birthed her, it's not surprising that she hesitates to believe that someone will pick her above anything. their love story is sweet and meaningful, beyond the attraction that blossoms between them, there is also this deep and abiding friendship. and it makes it all the better when they can admit what they truly feel for one another.

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### **Becky Burciaga says**

This second book in the Fire and Sparks series shows just how vulnerable love can make you when opening yourself to the possibility of pain thereby not even giving it a chance. Lincoln was the epitome of such a person... Josie was just the opposite, her kind heart gave her the advantage with no hesitation in giving her love to the man she'd loved throughout her life. They were drawn to each other, but Lincoln's self worth was a stumbling block for both of them.

Ms Weiss has created characters who are engaging, drawing you into their lives, bringing with it an investment in their happiness. Getting there may have been a challenge, but as the characters are written you'll feel as if you're part of their story. Lincoln could not have been more lifelike if he was standing before you...his struggles were heartbreaking. It was easy to feel Lincoln's lack of self worth when it came to Josie, and heartbreaking just how many times he walked away from her... towards the end when he did for the last time, it was emotionally draining.

The concept of a fake couple is not new, but in Lincoln and Josie's case, their lives prior to the arrangement added another element, being friends first gave them more believability. The humor with which they approached the arrangement was enough to leave you laughing out loud. The banter between Lincoln and Josie was priceless.

All in all, this a story that will leave you wanting more about the lives of the two remaining Bradford brothers, Grayson and Rafferty

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### **Talking Books says**

The Firefighter's Perfect Plan by author Sonya Weiss is such a heart melting read that gets the heart fluttering. A story full of fetching characters and many laugh out loud moments with each character stealing the limelight. I liked Josie and Linc's characters who are a good pairing in the story. They were hilarious with the one liners and heartfelt at other moments. Jean's character is simply hilarious. A great story with a small town backdrop that was a joy to read.

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### **Heather andrews says**

I think Lincoln thinks he's the cat whisperer, "he stood and walked over to the animal. "You can't barge in, buddy. It's rude." The cat blinked at him, then yawned and ignored him." If I had to grad Lincoln on his giving of the compliments I give him a big fat F, "if I was going to make the mistake of getting married, you'd probably be the first woman I'd think of." He'd meant it as a compliment, but the words came out all mixed up." I liked this book, Lincoln just had no game the man was always messing up making things entertaining.

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## **Cris Conquers says**

It all starts with an innocent little lie designed to get Josie's mother off her back. When her mother abruptly decides to move back to town and her little white lie becomes town gossip, Josie convinces Lincoln, her best friend's brother and resident firefighter hottie, to play along and act as her fake boyfriend until they can stage a breakup. She's always had an enormous crush on Linc but has never acted on the feelings. But when her little lie begins to grow and all their opportunities to break up seem to be thwarted, their real feelings can no longer be denied, and their perfect plan goes out the window.

After Linc's breakup with his ex, he just couldn't stomach going through the pain of loving someone and not being enough again. So, to shelter his heart, he comes up with the perfect plan to keep his heart safe – never fall in love. Especially not with his sister's best friend who has always been a special part of his life. But when their fake relationship turns into a fake engagement and real emotions get thrown into the mix, both Linc and Josie learn that sometimes the best parts of life happen beyond your reckless point.

I really enjoyed Linc and Josie's friendship and banter. The back and forth and the way in which the lovers get to explore aspects of the relationship in a way they normally wouldn't is part of what makes pretend relationships one of my favorite romance tropes. Despite there not being any sexual encounters in the novel, I think the author did an amazing job of keeping you excited by the budding romance and invested in seeing how it turns out.

Probably one of my favorite parts of the novel was the important role which family played in the story. Josie is already an honorary member of the family, even before dating Linc, and it's adorable to see how enthusiastic his mother and grandmother are about the relationship. I adored Grandma Jean and her sassy words of wisdom. The whole family dynamic really gives this story some dimension and makes me eager to read more books in this series.

If you love sassy, matchmaking relatives, fake relationship and best friend's brother tropes and a sweet, family-oriented hero, *THE FIREFIGHTER'S PERFECT PLAN* needs to be added to your TBR list.

Disclosure: I received this book free in exchange for my honest review. All thoughts and opinions shared are my own.

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## **Stacee says**

I'm a huge fan of the fake relationship trope and I loved that synopsis.

I liked Josie and Lincoln. She's sweet and he's gruff and they really are well suited. I loved the large family and the potential of future books. Jean — the meddling grandmother — was the best part of the entire thing.

Plot wise, it was decent. There were some really cute moments and it was amusing that the break ups never quite happened. My main complaint is that I never really got the chemistry between them. Josie's inner monologue was more like hero worship and Lincoln's was stoic and lacked warmth. The transition from fake relationship to real was extremely short and didn't feel fleshed out.

Overall, it was a quick read with characters I really enjoyed. I'm definitely interested in future books in this series.

**\*\*Huge thanks to Entangled Publishing for providing the arc free of charge\*\***

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## **books are love says**

Received in exchange for a honest review.

Lincoln killed me. He was so kind, sweet, generous, honest and an all around great guy. He did everything to help others but was afraid to help himself. No scratch that he was afraid to let himself feel again because he didn't want to hurt anyone or fail them. His last girlfriend did a real number on him. You truly want to slap that girl upside the head.

Josie is the family friend who was always more to Lincoln even when he didn't know it himself. He was there to help her pick up the pieces. He supported her and believed in her. So now she has backed herself in a corner and only Lincoln can help her.

Josie is a fun spirited woman. She always smiles and tries to not let these get her down. I love how she is around Lincoln. She razzes him and doesn't take anything from him as well. She is also kind hearted and generous like him. They are two peas in a pod that way.

So when Lincoln agrees to help her you know sparks are going to fly. We get some great banter, awesome chemistry and swoony moments. They are truly caught up in the relationship that isn't that they don't realize they are in love with one another. Well Lincoln doesn't at least. Each scene is sweet and fun. I love how they balance each other. What Lincoln is afraid of pushes him to be a doof but how he fixes it is swoon city. He is the perfect guy for Josie.

Each side character is a hoot as well. Grandma Jean will have you rolling in laughter. Lincoln's brother's crack me up. Rafferty when he falls in love it will be a sight to see.

A lighthearted, sweet, romantic and fun story of two friends who are more and have a comical story to how they end up together.

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## **Suze Lavender says**

Josie has done something terrible, she's told her mother she's dating a firefighter. Josie's had a crush on Lincoln for a long time and the lie slipped out by accident. Josie and Lincoln have never dated and it isn't very likely they will, given the distant way he's treating her lately. When her parents are back in town and start talking about their daughter's relationship, Josie has to do something to save her reputation and Lincoln is the only one who can help her. Will their warm friendship of the past be enough for him to defrost enough to make her lie believable?

Lincoln doesn't want to fall in love, because a broken heart hurts. He wants to protect himself and isn't looking for a relationship, he doesn't ever want one. However, when he's around Josie his heart keeps

sending him different messages. He's thinking about refusing to do her a favor initially, but when he needs something from her in return he reluctantly agrees to fake date her. Whenever they're trying to break up, something or someone prevents it from happening and their fake relationship is going on a lot longer than expected and starts to feel more real every day. Will Lincoln's plans to protect himself against heartbreak meet with disaster and what would happen if he does open his heart instead?

The Firefighter's Perfect Plan is a sweet romantic story. Lincoln is scared to give himself to someone on an emotional level. Josie is wonderful, but he's afraid to risk it. By pretending to be her boyfriend he keeps feeling closer to her and she slowly breaks down part of his walls. Josie is disarming and cheerful and she's easy to like. Lincoln and Josie know each other well and she isn't afraid to speak her mind. I loved that honesty and their dialogue was one of the most fun parts of the story for me. It's clear they belong with each other and finding out if they'd find their happily ever after kept me glued to the pages.

Sonya Weiss has a great easy flowing writing style. I was immediately fascinated by her story because of her vivid descriptions of her main characters. I love how she thoroughly explores their good sides and their flaws, which makes them real and interesting. The Firefighter's Perfect Plan is a story about a complex relationship and it has plenty of fascinating layers, which is something I really liked. It's a story filled with chemistry, true love, friendship, meddling and happiness. I highly recommend this amazing feelgood story.

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## **Ayekah says**

I loved Linc in book one and was hoping we'd see him in the next book and here he is. With his surly, grumpy, Eeyore, I'm unlovable self; the same one who puts others first, protects at all costs and does good things for everyone but himself. Except Josie. Josie is different. She's a notch above and it scares him witless.

Linc and Josie were doing fine until one day Linc shuts her down, goes out of his way to avoid her, despite the fact they have to work together on Casey and Kent's wedding. Josie just can't figure out what she did wrong. When she lies to her Mother ( who only birthed her God help me what a botch this woman is)about having a boyfriend and feeling safe because her parents moved away, she's got to step up her game because Mom and Dad are moving back to town. Much to her dismay, and while she's getting her new business off the ground also the timing couldn't be worse. So she gets it in her head to ask Linc. When she tries to even engage him in a basic conversation he just shuts her down.

So she's scrapping that idea. Until Linc needs her help and she says no. Only because she doesn't want to be around him. Can't blame the girl there. She tells Casey what she did and Casey thinks Linc will help her, but Casey is in full on bride to be mode and doesn't know what's going on.

Linc thinks he's saving her/ wait...himself first from heartbreak again because he's not good enough to love. Poooooor Linc. His ex really messed him over but he goes way back with Josie. His next excuse is they won't work. I can't give them all to you, you have to read them to believe them.

He eventually agrees to be fake boyfriend thing and then they'll break up and one lie tops another and so it goes. Add in to that Linc's meddling Grandma and Mother and it's a three ring circus. Funny thing about this story is, everyone's up Linc's backside and no one is there for Josie. They're too freaking busy telling her what to do without considering where she's at with all this. Linc does when he's not self involved, he does care about her, just not enough to be honest and talk to her about things. He doesn't do feelings. Only his own. The only man in that family that has room to bellyache is Gage. End of rant. Nope not the end, I got tired of watching them push Josie at Linc and Linc in turn push her away. We don't get a lot of emotion from Josie until the end and I wish we'd have gotten more from her and less from the BWB (big whiny baby) So they have plans to break up and each time their plans are foiled by one thing or another. Until they aren't.

Then you need to read the book because Linc pulls the dick move of the century. I love Josie.

I do.

I loved the story, I did. What I would have loved more was less bs thrown in, these things were distracting and unnecessary to the story.

I can't wait to see who's up next, Rafferty's on the list.

Great story Sonya!!!

\*\*advanced copy from NetGalley and Entangled for an honest review. The thoughts and opinions in my review are my own\*\*

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## Tanja Kezmic says

When given the chance to read this I jumped right on it because I've loved the first book in the series and this one is just as good. It was a quick and fun read. I'm so much in love with the Bradford clan. I want them to adopt me.

You can't be blinder than **Lincoln** and **Josie** were. They've been in love with each other for a long time, but just couldn't see it for what it was – **TRUE LOVE**. I was so sad to see how much **Lincoln** was fighting his true feelings. And when he told her he didn't love her? I never wanted to physically harm someone more in my life.

But then comes, what I see now is **Sonya Weiss** trademark; **THE GRAND GESTURE**. OMG I was smiling silly while reading it.

» **Because I know now that I loved you long before today. It happened over the years and my stupid plan; my perfect plan to guard my heart and not fall in love, never even had a chance. My heart was yours from the moment I saw you.** «

Let me tell you little something; with the way **Sonya Weiss** writes this series I think it will be one of my favorites by the end of it. Super excited for the next one.

\*\*\*I received this ARC from the publisher via NetGalley for an honest review\*\*\*

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## Heather says

### The Firefighter's Perfect Plan

This book is a “sweet and clean” book – there is no cursing and no sex. If those things bother you, there is nothing to worry about here.

I really enjoyed The Firefighter's Perfect Plan from start to finish. Josie was a hot mess, but in a really endearing way because she was so relatable in a way I wasn't expecting. She was a great mix of vulnerable and strong, and I admired the way that she constantly bounced back from the constant hurts that were heaped on her by her parents and by an incredibly unaware Lincoln. I found myself rooting hard for her from the start and that never wavered as the book went on. I loved the fact that, although I WANTED for Josie and



Lincoln to have their happily ever after, Josie would have been fine without Lincoln if it hadn't worked out because she was a strong woman. Lincoln was also a great character because his emotions were so believable and he was just so stupidly charming and likable. Although he had moments where I wanted Josie to tell him to shove off, his moments of putzdom came from a place of inner turmoil, so they were forgivable. And the times when he was absolutely sweet and good to Josie far outweighed those moments that made me scowl at him, and I just wanted him to get his “stuff” together and be brave. When he did? That was perfection. I loved that ending!

One of the best parts of this book was the humor. Just to vaguely name a few funny points were: both Josie and Lincoln's inner (snarky) voices, the ongoing negotiations for the fake relationship were hilarious, the wayward cow (I laughed out loud and had to read that passage to the people in the room), and Lincoln's entire family – Rafferty specifically.

If you enjoy a sweet romance that will make you laugh, make you smile, and that ends on a happily ever after, you should read this book.

I loved the little moments of foreshadowing and cannot wait to read about the other Bradford brothers meeting their matches.

I requested and was very generously granted a copy of this book via NetGalley and the publisher. I wrote this honest review for no reason other than because I enjoyed the book.

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### **Amy Lynn says**

The story follows Josie a small town freelance photographer/videographer who is living in her hometown surrounded by friends. She has a strange and limited relationship with her family, her mother is unintentionally cruel to her without even realizing it. Then enter Lincoln her longtime "friend" and light romantic interest. He is a local firefighter and hometown hero. Josie has told a little white lie to her mother that she and Lincoln had been dating, broke up and are now trying to work out their issues.

She pitches the situation to Lincoln who is hesitant and laughing to play along. As their fake relationship continues to escalate and the lies are dug deeper with the pushing of Lincoln's family who absolutely adore Josie they find that their feelings for each other have been growing for years.

A romantic story that ends with love, commitment and the joy of family.

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### **Elaine says**

I love escaping into these Bliss books from Entangled and this is another superb story from the highly talented author, Sonya Weiss. It is the second story in the ‘Fire and Sparks’ series, the first of which was ‘Wedding Date Rescue’. This is a series of standalone stories though there are common characters and settings involved in the books. In the first story, the romance was between Casey Bradford and Kent Wakefield, in this one it stars Casey’s best friend, Josie Moore, and Casey’s brother and Kent’s best friend, Lincoln. It is another romance that starts out as fake despite the mutual attraction between the couple.

The characters are superbly developed. Linc is a firefighter, strong, determined and always helpful to everyone but he doesn't believe in himself and feels unworthy of finding true love. He has always cared for Casey, especially when her horrendously insensitive parents are always trying to knock her self esteem to rock bottom with their unsupportive behaviour. When they are coming back to town, Casey tells them she's in a relationship with Linc but they've decided to part. Get ready for Linc's family to become matchmakers again!

This is a story where fear of being hurt or not good enough makes the hero wary of even trying. It has some sweet, cute moments - especially as they keep planning their break up then finding reasons to postpone it, Jean is also a brilliant, meddling grandmother who hates being called Granny and is an experienced, determined, matchmaker - they just don't stand a chance! It is a quick read with lovely characters and I look forward to reading more in this series (and by this author) in future.

I requested and received a copy of this novel via NetGalley. This is my honest review after choosing to read it.

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### **JoAnn says**

A well written romance with a good plot and believable characters. The author is new to me and I enjoyed her writing. I recommend to readers who enjoy a good romance.

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