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Moran says

3.5 stars

Sweet Home Carolina is book #2 in the Magnolia Bay series and I enjoyed it but not as much as the other 2 books in the series (Bet the House an Pick me by Erika Marks .

In Sweet Home Carolina we meet Darcy Vance that left her job as an attorney and decides to move to Magnolia Bay to restore an historic property and turn it into a bed and breakfast.

Early on when she renovate the house she find out that it's going to cost her more money than she thought and on top of it she is having problems with the Historic Preservation Society who object to adding the B&B to their tours and if her house won't be on the tour list she will loss a lot of business.

The hero, Trent Mauldin came back home to Magnolia Bay after losing his PGA card but it's only a stop for him and he has no plans to stay for good.

Both Darcy and Trent need to come to terms with the fact that life doesn't always work the way you want and they are trying to make the best of a bad situation.

I enjoyed the story but I just didn't feel any strong chemistry between Darcy and Trent and I felt like there was no real spark between them.

I did enjoy reading more about Magnolia Bay and the people who live there.

Marsha Spohn says

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I loved Sweet Home Carolina so much, but not only for the obvious hot love story. Darcy and Trent were so good together, hot, cold, angry, frustrated and all the emotions of figuring out exactly what love is – and how the heck you react to something you never planned on. But their story isn't the only one I want to touch on in this review.

This story has a serious side story of girlfriend power. You know the girl code, right? If a guy hurts your girlfriend then all the gaggle of ladies will tar and feather him for her... that's girl power code. There are six, no seven when you count in Darcy in our Magnolia Bay gaggle of girlfriends. Six die hard ladies who have taken in Darcy. Who freely admits that in her past professional or personal life she was a tomboy and never really played nice with the girls but now these girls have got her back. When the Bloom bitches, I mean old biddies, block every attempt to get Mimosa House on the Historical Tours of the Historic Preservation Society, Darcy is facing serious trouble making her dream of opening a Bed & Breakfast in the historic old former brothel. While an ancient beauty, Mimosa House is a black hole money pit and Darcy needs that tour

spot in order to survive. When Trent's father moves the entrance to his gaudy, Vegas styled Golf Resort next to the property line of Mimosa House again threatening Darcy's livelihood, it almost destroys Darcy (and puts a bit of a damper on romance too).

During these heartbreaking, maddening and frustrating moments is when the six super ladies do what girls do best – come to the rescue of a member of the girl power circle. Descending with baskets of wine and food, the ladies take over Darcy's down mood and bring her back to fighting mode – and come up with fantastic ideas as well. Girl power rules – no matter the age. I've read novels (we all have) with a best friend as a dominant secondary character and loved the relationship. This time, with this group of ladies – honestly, they took over the story for me, and I love their part in the overall story.

I'm sorry to say that while Trent was gorgeous, sexy and did things to a tool belt that should be illegal – he took second place to the group of ladies who made Darcy one of their own and brought resolution to most of the story.

Sweet Home Carolina is a beautiful story with so many Southern charms it's hard to list them all. Trent and Darcy will fight themselves and each other over the attraction they have. And when outside forces butt in, that only adds to the frustration of a man who has no clue what being in love is – but he's pretty sure he's there. The fight for Mimosa House is told so well, it's as though you're watching a neighbor's story from down the street play out in front of you.

If you are in the mood for a feel good story with romance, and a precious girlfriend gaggle of ladies who know how to kick serious butt – then this story is perfect for you. I love the Magnolia Bay and Lowcountry stories by Erika Marks and Kim Boykin, and Sweet Home Carolina by Ms Boykin is simply describing a small town that I can only dream of moving to. Yes, I'm gushing but I really did love this novel – and I'm hoping that you'll give it a chance to become one of your favorites as well.

Chris McFarland says

Darcy Vance has sunk just about everything she has into buying and renovating a former brothel in order to open her very own Bed and Breakfast. Unfortunately, Mimosa House comes with an embarrassing history to the Bloom Family, who just happens to run the Historical Society Board, and control the Historical Home Tours. Without being on the Home Tour Mimosa House has virtually no chance of attracting customers...or making money.

Trent Mauldin has just lost his PGA Tour card after failing to recover from a second shoulder surgery. Coming home to work for his father wasn't his preference, but he soon realizes that it's a lot more complicated than he ever could have thought. Big Jack's new resort and golf course might be outside of Magnolia Bay, but the entrance isn't. Now Trent's loyalties are being torn in three: the Bloom Family, to whom he belongs on his mother's side; his father, for whom he works; and the cute redhead B&B owner, whom he might actually be falling in love with.

This book was a gut punching, emotional roller coaster that I wanted to get off one minute, and ride it out the next. At one point I wanted to laugh, cry, cheer, and throw-up all at once. I swear that the author was looking for ways to torture Darcy over and over again. I wasn't sure a happy ever after was even possible toward the end. The fact that the ending was pulled off was so impressive I actually did cry...with relief.

Overall, this story was so extraordinarily told I will recommend it to everyone I see.

Warning: the author writes in "first person perspective" for the heroine. It takes a bit to switch back and forth, but it doesn't take away from the story. There are a few typos that are noticeable, but again, unless you are a grammar Nazi, it doesn't take away from the story.

Ginny says

Set in Magnolia Bay, a town outside of Charleston, SC, Kim Boykin has written an incredible story of determination, friendship, and of love.

Darcy sunk her life savings into transforming Mimosa House into a Bed and Breakfast. She quit her job as an attorney, and has worked night and day restoring Mimosa House, watching her savings dwindle while waiting for local historical society to add her house to their upcoming house tour.

Trent is living back home after an injury ended his pro golf career. He meets Darcy while she is waiting to get a haircut in his Mother's salon, and is smitten.

Through disappointments and disasters, Darcy finds strength and help from her new girlfriends, who step up and step in without being asked, and brainstorm until they find a way to market Mimosa House without the Historical Society's blessing and save Darcy's dream.

While this is a love story, it is also a story about the power of friends. Friends who stand by, dig in, and pull you through when you need a hand. It celebrates the power of girlfriends, and of course, true love.

Kimberly says

This is the second book by Southern Born Books and the 2nd in the Magnolia Bay series. This is the 2nd book I have read by Boykin and her style is fun with spunky determined heroines, which I like.

Darcy is a former top-notch attorney that has given up practicing and has sunk all her money and dreams into a bed and breakfast that she is making out of a historic house that has quite the reputation. Her success depends on the help of some of the town's matriarchs and they are not easily won over. Trent grew up in Magnolia Bay and has come home to recoup and regroup after an injury left him unable to do the PGA. He is helping his father, even though he doesn't get along with him. There are definite sparks from the first meeting of Darcy and Trent and it was fun to see how it all worked out. We got a glimpse of some future stories I hope, but the friends that rally around and support Darcy that all belong to a book club and then some.

Shelagh says

I loved this book! It's smart and sassy with lead characters I couldn't help but like, and was a darned good read from the first page. Darcy, our heroine, former lawyer and owner of the Mimosa House B&B, takes the reader through her feelings, viewpoints and experiences in the first person, which was a little difficult for me

to get used to at first, but it wasn't long before I got comfortable with this writing style. It made my appreciation of all that happened to Darcy that much more personal. Trent, Darcy's love interest, is written in the third person and through the book we jump from Darcy's feelings to Trent's. Both are stunning good lookers, and neither is looking for commitment though the attraction between them is instantaneous. Darcy has sworn off men thanks to a cheating ex boyfriend, while Trent is so accustomed to having women fall all over themselves to date him that he doesn't know what to do with Darcy's less than tepid reaction to his interest in her. I enjoyed watching him fumble and mess up as he tried to show her his feelings, and I enjoyed watching her dealing with her trust issues. While the end was obvious, the journey was great!

Kerry Croucier says

In Kim Boykin's Sweet Home Carolina, Darcy Vance has taken her life savings and purchased Mimosa House, planning to turn it into a stunning historical Bed and Breakfast in Magnolia Bay, South Carolina. Unfortunately, the house was a brothel in its past life, with ties to the leaders of the local Historical Society that they would rather forget. Darcy has an uphill battle trying to convince the Bloom Sisters to allow it onto the Magnolia Bay Memorial Day Historic Home tour. With little money left, this is the only way she can make it successful, as her advertising budget is zero.

Trent Mauldin is a hometown boy who made it big in Pro Golf. Home recovering from an injury and trying to figure out his next step, he runs into Darcy and is intrigued. He signs himself on to help her finish her renovations and, hopefully, help with his stubborn Aunts.

There is definitely a hot romance between these two, but that is only part of it. Darcy meets and makes friends, and they rally with her to help get her through every curve she is thrown.

I loved this story, and I love Magnolia Bay! I am thrilled at the prospect of reading more!

Nova says

This is the story of Darcy Vance and Trent Mauldin.

Darcy has come to Magnolia Bay to make Mimosa House the best bed & breakfast in town. She has put every bit of money into it. The Historic Preservation Society is in charge of putting the Mimosa House onto the town's registry. They are a bit embarrassed in the fact that there is an association they are not proud of between their father and the house. They will do just about everything to push her request out of any chance of being made a possibility.

Trent has come back home to Magnolia Bay after losing his PGA chances. He is there basically to avoid people and his unpleasant experience before going on about his way. He really falls hard for Darcy and then things really start to heat up. Trent is trying hard to win her affections with his good intentions. Darcy is so used to the town society making it hard for her, that she doesn't realize that Trent is trying to help her. Darcy tries to protect her house and business. Trent is trying to gain her back. He wants to make her hang around in Magnolia Bay for always.

Judith Vee says

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Darcy leaves her successful job as an attorney after catching her boyfriend and her assistant in a compromising position, to follow her dream of owning a bed and breakfast. She sinks all her savings into buying and restoring the beautiful Mimosa House to its former glory; the only catch is that it was originally a brothel and the town's Historical Society will do anything to stop her.

When Darcy meets Trent there is mutual attraction but Darcy has sworn off men while focusing on restoring her house. As a former PGA titlist, Trent is accustomed to women falling at his feet as confused about how to woo Darcy. In addition to the obstacle of the Historical Society, Trent works for the competition - his father, who is building a golf course gated McMansion community.

Enter the six chicks who help Darcy up when she is down and plot how to circumvent the Historical Society. They cheer her on with Trent and commiserate when things go wrong.

I enjoyed reading this book and look forward to more stories by this author.

Emma says

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Will Darcy's Mimosa House a bed and breakfast in Magnolia Bay be put on the society's registry?

Sweet Home Carolina by kim boykin is a wonderful well written 4 stars book.

I am looking forward to reading more books by Kim.

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Sue says

In Sweet Home Carolina by Kim Boykin, Darcy has left her profession as a lawyer to follow her dream. She's bought a historical home in Magnolia Bay and is renovating it into a B & B. With money tight, Darcy feels like she's running into endless road blocks as she tries to get her B & B not only up and running, but on the historical list which will really get the B & B noticed. The house used to be a brothel, and no one really likes to remember that.

Darcy meets Trent, who is home in Magnolia Bay temporarily. He is full of charm and confidence...neither of which Darcy is interested in. Trent is definitely interested though, and when he finds a way to help her he does. Trent is everywhere and Darcy can't resist him for long as they spend more and more time together. Trent is falling for Darcy, but as things heat up he is caught between family, doing what is right, Darcy and her B & B, and his plans to leave again. Can he reconcile it all and have a chance at more with Darcy? As Darcy struggles to open her B & B, her faith in Trent is tested. Neither of them were looking for love, but will they take the chance on their hearts? He hadn't planned on staying, and she was hoping to put down roots.

Sweet Home Carolina is a well paced novella, with some great characters. Darcy is a heroine who deserves our admiration. She's a hard worker, determined, and independent. She's been through her share of heart ache, and it was great to see her character grow and become part of the community of Magnolia Bay. Trent is not quite as settled as Darcy, his career as a professional golfer is on hold. Despite his cockiness at times, he is caring and wants to do what's right. Between the two of them the chemistry is fantastic, and they really work well together when they are communicating!

Kim gives us Darcy's POV in first person, and effortlessly switches to third person for Trent's POV. I love how she did this, she really makes it work well and transitions smoothly so the flow is continuous. It gives the reader great perspective on the story!

Sweet Home Carolina is more than the romance of Trent and Darcy, it's the personal growth of both of them individually as well outside of the romance and I felt that this really gave Sweet Home Carolina depth. Kim ties it all together well, and I'd recommend Sweet Home Carolina to any romance reader looking for that!

Carey says

Darcy has left the limelight of a high-profile law career. She's settled in Magnolia Bay to pursue her dream of opening her own B&B. After putting her whole heart and soul..not to mention her entire bank account, as well...into restoring a former brothel, the historic Mimosa House, to its former glory...she runs into a huge snag when the small-minded leaders of the Historical Preservation Society deny her application to have her B&B on their registry. Without their approval, her business is doomed. Hot and sexy Trent Mauldin, former PGA star and nephew to the hard-hearted ladies who are blocking Darcy's dream, volunteers to help her. But Darcy has a hard time trusting that he isn't really out to destroy her. She also finds support from some other saavy business women in the community. Can Trent and her new group of friends convince her that she can overcome all obstacles and see her dream become a reality? And can she learn to open her heart to love, as well? This book is full of sweet & sassy southern charm and romance....a must read!

Katrina Epperson says

This is a wonderful story about both a romance and starting over. We meet Darcy Vance, a lawyer from Atlanta, has moved to Magnolia Bay after a break up with her boyfriend. She decides to fulfill her dreams by opening a bed and breakfast so she purchases Mimosa House. What she doesn't realize is both the work and money it's going to take to make her dream come to life. Unfortunately in Mimosa House was historically a "cat house" and the first family of Magnolia Bay would love nothing more than tear the old house down.

After all the hard work to get the house looking the way she dreams it should look, but the money invested it now appears that the Historic Preservation Society will do anything to see it fail.

Trent Mauldin was a pro golfer until loosing his PGA card because of being side lined by an injury. He returns home to Magnolia Bay to regroup and figure what will do in this next phase of his life. Home is not what he expected in some ways, but it is in others. When he suddenly meets Darcy his entire world is turned upside down.

I loved this romance and would recommend it to anyone.

Moon Love says

What's not to like in this entertaining story? You've got a Northern girl, Darcy, whose sunk everything she's got both mentally and financially into a historical home which she didn't know came with a bad personal relationship for the very people she needs to have on her side in order to have the necessary permits for it to be on the historic tour. Not to mention she's getting over a broken heart and Trent Mauldin, hot ex-PGA golfer isn't helping things.

So many things make up a great book. This book has a great plot, plenty of twists, and not only great chemistry between Darcy and Trent, but also chemistry between other people in the town. I loved seeing Darcy go from being so solitary to actually becoming a part of Magnolia Bay. It was great to see Willa from Bet The House as well as meet Trent's equally hot brothers.

I loved that the romance was a slow burn and still full of chemistry and tension. I'm looking forward to seeing reading more about Magnolia Bay!

Janine says

A bit slow at times.
