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Knocked around by life—and then knocked up by a man she won't speak of—Sam Kendall gives her baby for adoption.

Envisioning herself a lone cowboy, she avoids any relationships that might risk her heart or cause pain. There's wonderful fun to be had if you don't fall prey to the ludicrous notion of true love!

Lately, however, Sam is niggled by doubts. She's not as content as she was. Plus her daughter Aisha has tracked her down—seventeen-years-old and pregnant. Despite misgivings, Sam checks into River's Sigh Bed-and-Breakfast to meet her.

Then widower Charles Bailey, Aisha's adoptive father, shows up, and Sam can't control her outrage. What was her sacrifice for? She could've raised the kid to follow her stupid footsteps all on her own. And topping it off? Charlie's a neurotic, stodgy jerk—even if he is ridiculously hot.

The longer Sam stays at River's Sigh, exploring the wild outdoors—and her own inner desires—the more her terror grows. Maybe Charlie isn't so terrible after all. Maybe his approach to life is actually refreshing. Maybe all this family stuff is something she could get hooked on.

Yet they're opposites in every way, and worse: he's her biological child's adoptive dad. A romance between them would be too weird, wouldn't it? Every part of Sam screams play it safe, run.

But what if, in spurning Charlie and Aisha, she's turning her back on everything she never knew she wanted?

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### KB says

5 stars

I received a free copy of Hooked by Ev Bishop and this review was given freely.

Irony, sarcastic dry humor, a stray dog, denying attraction, teen pregnancy, the love of two sisters, a serious accident, a romance author and, some mildly steamy scenes can be found in this sweet full length River Sigh sequel. This is another well written and drama packed novel which is filled with conflicting emotions but ends happily.

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### Angela says

Having read the first book in Ev Bishop's River's Sigh series, it was with great anticipation and high expectations that I picked up the second, despite the fact that I knew that high expectations often lead to disappointment. I just couldn't help myself. However, what I found in "Hooked" was anything but disappointment!

"Hooked" is a superb story, possibly even better than the first in the series – though I hate to say that because "Wedding Bands" was pretty awesome.

Sam is a sassy, tough heroine. Charlie is a seriously hot and nice man. All the odds seemed stacked against them getting together, and yet, love will prevail! Even knowing that Sam and Charlie would probably get their HEA, I was swept up in the power of their story, swirled around in the current, even tossed and tumbled a few times underwater – and I loved every minute of it!

I seriously can't wait for the third book in this unique and thoroughly enjoyable series to come out!

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### Cindy Caron says

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

This is the first book I have read by this author, and I was duly impressed with her style and content. In this book, Ms Bishop has captured the insecurities some women have when they find themselves pregnant and alone, and how this can affect their lives, both at that time and in the future. The important lesson she has gifted us with is that there should always be hope that we will find someone worth loving and to have love for us somewhere along the way.

The characters she has portrayed are strong and down to earth, and most of all, real.

This is a wonderful love story about a woman who, to all around her, is cold and a loner, yet underneath all of that, is simply a young girl that has been hurt in many ways and doing her best to cope with all of her pain in the only way she knows how. Sam slowly allows her heart to feel everything she has yearned for but was always too afraid to let it happen. Charlie, after losing his wife more than three years ago, still mourns his loss, but also wishes to leave the feeling of loneliness behind and open his heart to another, collides with Sam in more ways than one. Together, they discover many things about themselves that they dismissed in

order to protect their hearts, only to find that if they open up and let their hearts feel, maybe there might be a future full of all of their desires after all.

I loved this book. If you are looking for a heartfelt love story, this is definitely one you should read. You won't be disappointed! I know I wasn't.

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### **ButtonsMom2003 says**

Another wonderful trip to River's Sigh B&B.

This is book 2 in the River's Sigh B&B series but it can be read as a stand-alone; there is no cliffhanger and there is an HEA. For maximum enjoyment, though, you might want to read Wedding Bands first as it will give you some background on the secondary characters in this story. I loved Wedding Bands and couldn't wait to read this story but I had to wait because writers just can't write as fast as I can read. LOL I wasn't disappointed and this story was worth the wait.

As the book opens, Samantha (Sam) is struggling to come to terms with meeting the daughter given up for adoption 17 years ago so that she could have a better life than Sam was in a position to provide. Now Aisha is in the same boat that Sam was, pregnant with the baby's father nowhere around. And Aisha has questions that she wants Sam to answer.

Charles (Charlie) is Aisha's adoptive father; his wife, Maureen (Mo), died a few years ago. He's a writer who has lost his muse and hasn't written anything new since his wife died. He's been given one final extension on his publishing contract; he must finish a new book within 6 months.

More of Sam and Charlie's backstory unfolds throughout the book. Their first meeting isn't really a good one. This is definitely not a case of love at first sight. Both Sam and Charlie have demons that haunt them. Charlie is afraid that Sam is trying to take his only remaining family from him. Sam just doesn't want to get involved with anyone; the daughter she gave birth to or a man.

Ev Bishop weaves a moving and complex story. Her writing is wonderfully descriptive; you can see and feel what the characters see and feel. The path to Sam and Charlie's HEA is a rocky one and the relationship that both of them have with Aisha encounters rough water.

Once again, Ev has written a book that contains a minimal amount of strong language. In real life there is cursing; a book completely free of it would be a bit unrealistic to me. She also manages to tell a wonderful love story without any graphic love scenes. I don't mention these things because I object to them in books, but because I know some readers do. I love alpha males, billionaire stories, military heroes and erotic romance. Still, it's a nice change to read a book that doesn't need any of that to tell a great story. Ev's characters seem like REAL people to me and I loved getting lost in in her writing.

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. I'll try to wait patiently for the next River's Sigh story.

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### **Gwen Lewis says**

### **Great storyline**

Interesting from start to finish. The storyline intertwined nicely with adoption and how families can reconnect in a healthy way

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### **Donna Feibusch says**

#### **An Awesome Read!**

I loved reading Hooked (River's Sigh Bed and Breakfast Book 2), all about Samantha Kendal the older sister to Jo Kendal who swears small time life is not for her, yet she keeps coming back to Greenridge, because that's where her only family is. And Charlie Bailey an author of romance novels and his adoptive daughter Aisha, who happens to be the biological daughter of Sam who gave her up for adoption to Charlie & his wife Maureen seventeen plus years ago. You see Aisha has been on the hunt looking for her birth mom, and she thought it was Jo & Callum since their names were in the birth certificate, but it's Sam. So Aisha has come to town looking for answer's and is staying at the B & B working, paying her way waiting for the birth of her first child, plus she's waiting for Sam to show up so they can talk! The author wrote a very interesting story, that will keep your attention from page one till the very last page! I was not able to put it down, hopefully you won't either! Read about Sam & Charlie, getting to know each other, & Aisha and see how the three come to terms with the other and face life's many challenges along the way! I can't wait to start reading Book 3!

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### **Marie says**

#### **A sweet story**

A bit predictable, but still adorable, this story was a nice, cozy read for a lazy day. Now I just have to read the next in the series!

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### **pat hill says**

#### **This is a great book**

I chose this rating because I really enjoyed the book.  
I loved the way the story continued from book 1.  
It is great reading

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### **Carrie Clem says**

Very good read. I love this story line!! I had to order the next book so I can finish the series!!

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## **Margaret Forsyth says**

Hooked, book 2 in the River's Sigh Series has surpassed book 1, (Wedding Bands), in plot, pacing and characters. A classic romance to delight all fans of the genre, this book goes deeper in exploring the human condition. Ev Bishop does a fabulous job of raising the emotional stakes and the sexual tension without the explicit (and often clumsy) sex scenes so often found in romance today. Samanatha, pregnant at 17, gave up her daughter in hopes of giving her a better life. Aisha, now also pregnant at 17 has lost her adoptive mother and wants to reconnect with her birth mother. Aisha's adoptive father, Charles, feels Sam is trying to steal his daughter and when they meet accidentally at River's Sigh B&B, sparks fly. Adding fuel to an already explosive situation is Aisha's vehement opposition to any relationship between Sam and Charles and the undeniable chemistry between the two. This book will have you Hooked from the very beginning. This is definitely a must read.

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## **Vanessa says**

In this second book of the River's Sigh B & B series, we get to find out what has made Sam the superficial sister, or is she? Is she really as shallow as she appears to be, or is there more to her than meets the eye? The past has come back and she needs to face the consequences of the choices she has made. This is a complete story without a cliffhanger, but I am still anxiously awaiting the next book in the series. You will fall in love with the setting and want to visit again and again. I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Dawn Yacovetta says**

I absolutely loved this story. It was filled with conflict and misunderstandings, anger and a search for something the characters didn't know they wanted.

Samantha has not been a nice person or very supportive of her sister Jo. She avoids relationships because she doesn't want to be hurt. And the last thing she wants is to live a small town life. But when Aisha shows up looking for her biological mother, Sam, she has to decide what she has to give to this daughter she gave up for adoption. As if that isn't enough, Aisha is pregnant and is staying at the River's Side B & B on the off chance her mother might show up and at the invitation of Sam's sister, Jo. Sam doesn't want to be involved in her daughter's life, and when Charles, Aisha's adoptive father, enters the picture, sparks fly in more ways than one. Each thinks the other is a threat to their relationship with Aisha, and the harder they push against each other, the more they find an attraction brewing.

This was actually the first of the River's Sigh B & B stories I read, but I truly don't think it matters if they're read out of order. The love story in contrast with the quarreling and the need to face maturity were heartbreaking and heartwarming at the same time. It drew me in and made me wish I could be a part of it. I loved it and went on to buy the first book.

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## Lynda Dickey says

Ev Bishop gave me a copy of this book to review. I love the complete and complex characters she creates and how they interact. While *Hooked* follows *Wedding Bands* and expands on the characters introduced in book 1 of the series I believe *Hooked* also can be read on its own. While some deep issues are explored by the main characters, the story is not heavy. The action and character development kept me on the edge of my seat waiting to find out what would happen next. I am looking forward to the next installment of this series.

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## Dianne says

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**Ev Bishop is back with the second of her River's Sigh B&B Giveaways!**

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Sam finds that no matter how fast she runs or how many walls she builds against the outside world, she cannot run away from her past. In fact her past may be the very foundation for her future. Learning from the school of hard knocks, Sam lost her innocence and her childhood to a deceitful older man. Alone and pregnant, her only option was to give up her baby and all entanglements. Now, seventeen years later, her past has found her as her seventeen year old, daughter, now pregnant with her own child finds her and wants to meet her egg donor.

Meanwhile Aisha's widowed, adoptive father has his own struggles, as an author, he has deadlines, but since the death of his wife, his well of creativity has dried up. Now he must face a woman who he fears will want to steal the only family he has left. A very regimented person, Charles is not about to give up without a fight, and his opponent raises every hackle he has. To him, Sam is abrasive, sarcastic and a little too forceful for his taste while Sam sees him as a straight-laced stick-in-the-mud who wouldn't know a good time if it bit him.

Enter Fate, Luck of the Draw, and even Cupid as these two are forced to deal with each other only to find that just maybe it might not be so bad. Of course, there are problems, and Aisha may be the biggest roadblock they find. Have you ever tried to deal with a teen and their hormones? Follow along with Ev Bishop as she shares another magical tale of love with ***Hooked***, another fabulous addition to her River's Sigh B&B series.

Ms. Bishop once again, pours on the humor, heart and tension that every romance should have! If anyone can create a sweet "opposites attract" tale that is believable and engaging to the very end, Ev Bishop can. Even better, they didn't kill each other first!

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