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Monique says

Loved it. It had some great depth and info on Diabetes as well. Will look for the rest of the Sugar Falls books for sure!

Books and Spoons says

What a delightfully lovely story! It is filled with love for the family, love for life, passion for chosen career, and of course, passion and love in a romantic sense with a strong female lead and a hero who can match her spunk and be her partner, friend, lover, true equals in love and life. They just had to figure that one out first... I was so afraid the last book I had read was going to put me in a long-lasting book-hangover yet this one dropped into my mailbox and it was just what I needed. Couldn't have been a better timing.

The story is like a burst of sunshine. It is filled with warmth and love and it is uplifting and cheerful and fun while touching gently some serious issues as well.

The banter throughout the story is hilarious. There are some moments that it is a bit hurtful to Kaleb, the Chatterson are a brutally honest bunch, but there is no question for the love that is shining through.

I adored Kaleb Chatterson. He is a geek, super smart, kind, generous, honest, funny, billionaire, who relayed on the technology to make his life easier. If there would not have been mentions of his wealth, it wouldn't have come across from his behavior, and I loved that. He was like the hot neighbor guy, caring, protective, I-will-fix-it type, who only wanted the best for the people he cared about. Yes, his micromanagement was getting on everyone's nerves, but he had only good intentions.

I loved that the 'hero' military service member is a woman. Captain Molly Markham is a pilot, and she is good at what she does. Life has thrown a wrench into her career and long-term plans; the life as she has always known it is about to change. And she is not dealing well with that change at all. She is an adrenaline junkie, she loves the speed, the dare, the competition. Now she feels her body is failing her, and to get a new kind of balance in her life, and find a meaning to her future and new plans are something she has figure out. She is a sweet, kind, and fun girl if a little cranky and confrontational at the moment, and in desperate need of her own space and peace of mind to figure out how to face the new challenges and learn to live with them. The accidental relationship Molly and Kaleb fall into soon turns the initial spark of an attraction into an inferno of churning emotions. Molly's need to keep her new challenges from her family, especially from her sister, puts Kaleb and Molly together, and holding on to her secret turns into a game of hide-and-seek.

I smiled, laughed, sighed, and swooned, and completely fell for the lovely, alluring, adorable bunch of characters. Kaleb and Molly fit so well together, they are perfect for each other. The insecurities, the challenges, the strengths, the energy they have is well matched and they bring the best out of each other, balance the other, they see the person behind all the walls, money, and titles, and genuinely cares for each other.

The title is a part of a series but does not require the reader to be familiar with the previous books to enjoy this one. It does arouse the interest to read the rest of the series as well, though.

An engaging, delectable, sexy and cute at the same time, fun and delicious, well-written romance story
~ Four Spoons with a teaspoon on the side

Lynn Brooks says

4 1/2 STARS!

Love when you least expect it! It's always such a pleasure to make a return trip to the idyllic town of Sugar Falls created by Christy Jeffries. The town is a close-knit gossipy small town full of kind-hearted folks, but to newcomers Molly & Kaleb, it seems they can't do anything but what it's being reported to the very people they are trying to keep in the dark .. their families! A little white lie snowballs out of control in this fun-loving story of hope, family and happily ever afters. It's funny and downright real in the dialogue and problems that arise with a serious spin that shows how dire circumstances can sometimes lead to a brighter future!

Temporarily grounded combat pilot Captain Molly Markham is making the most of her time off with a spur of the moment visit to her sister in Sugar Falls. She's had some life altering things happen recently and is trying to decide what the future holds while keeping new developments to herself for the moment.

Billionaire software developer Kaleb Chatterson got himself into a pickle when he agreed to a family vacation. Now he can't get a moments peace or find any time to get any work done in this town! He's running errands when he unexpectedly becomes a hero in disguise for Molly when she experiences an episode out of her comfort zone. To keep her secrets under wraps, Molly pretends to be dating Kaleb ... and soon, it doesn't feel like their relationship is fake!

Susan says

Very good book. Molly is in Sugar Falls on medical leave from the Air Force. She is a combat pilot in the Air Force, but some devastating news has thrown her plans for the future into turmoil. She is trying to come to terms with everything that it means without her family's interference, so she hasn't shared her news with anyone. When she has a problem while at the grocery store, Kaleb comes to her rescue. Kaleb is a bigtime software developer who is also in Sugar Falls visiting family. He is something of a workaholic, and though he loves them dearly, they do tend to get on his nerves. His errand to the grocery store was just what he needed for a few moments of peace.

I loved both Molly and Kaleb. Molly is independent, loyal, and confident. But that confidence has taken a hit with the diagnosis of her diabetes. Without her career as a pilot, she's no longer sure of who she is or her place in the world. I ached a bit for her because her family dynamics make it difficult for her to open up with her sister. She is also stubborn, confrontational, and something of an adrenaline junkie (occupational hazard, I suspect). That stubbornness results in her resisting Kaleb's attempts to help her.

Kaleb was terrific. He is super smart, geeky, and just plain nice. He is a billionaire, but you wouldn't know it, with his geeky t-shirts and jeans and easy approachability. He is also a "Mr. Fix-It" kind of guy, who will go to great lengths to take care of the people he loves. His relationship with his family is complicated. There's no doubt of the love, but Kaleb sometimes feels out of step with his super-competitive siblings. This results in the occasional moment of insecurity when he compares himself to them.

I loved the development of the relationship between Molly and Kaleb. It got off to an interesting start, with his rescuing her during a diabetic episode. Her independence and pride make her somewhat less than

gracious to him. She is also a bit paranoid about anyone noticing her and reporting to her sister. Kaleb was amusing with his squeamishness over her needle, his panicked call to his assistant for information and his desire to keep the encounter from his own family. When they discovered that their sisters were good friends, Molly was afraid that her secret would come out. In return for keeping the secret, Kaleb asked Molly to be his pretend girlfriend to keep his family off his back.

That pretend relationship fans the flames of attraction into something bigger than either expected. I loved Kaleb's protectiveness toward Molly. He was so sweet in his attempts to watch out for her, from swiping her cinnamon roll to cooking for her to providing an (over) abundance of information. I loved seeing the two of them together, with Molly's zest for life and Kaleb's more cautious approach. The whole jet ski episode was hilarious, especially when Molly took over the driving. I also enjoyed seeing her jerk Kaleb's chain about the way he was attached to his gadgets, though she also stepped on a few of his insecurities. I liked seeing how their feelings for each other grew, though neither was quite sure what to do about it. Molly isn't ready to think about a deeper relationship until she knows what her future holds in store for her. Kaleb has ideas, but acting on them gets him in a world of trouble. I loved their big moment at the end when both of them were able to admit their fears and insecurities, and that being together was more important. The epilogue was awesome, especially the bit with the name on the simulator.

I loved the importance of family in the book. I ached for Molly, whose family wasn't exactly dysfunctional, but it wasn't a warm one either. Because of their childhood, each of the siblings was very independent and self-reliant. The sharing of emotions wasn't something that had ever been encouraged. This made it especially difficult for Molly to open up to her sister about her diabetes. Thanks to Maxine's recent marriage (see *A Marine for His Mom*), she has gotten much better, and I loved seeing her and Molly get closer. Kaleb's family is almost the polar opposite. They are loud, tactile, competitive, and there's no doubt about how much they love each other. Even when Kaleb complained about them, it was obvious that he'd do anything for them. I ached for him and how his early medical issues made him feel like an outsider sometimes. I understood his need to get away from them at times, and I also loved that he had his ways of getting even. It was great to see how much Molly liked his family and that maybe hearing about hers gave him a little more appreciation of them.

Marcia says

A good story with a lot of meat for thought in this one!

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: *American Heroes*

Molly is a strong and determined woman who has had her world turned upside down. Now she is feeling weak and uncertain which shouldn't be a good time to fall in love but it turns out to be just what she needed. Kaleb is a quirky geek who is seriously way attached to his gizmos but you can't help but root for him when he messes up which you know he will when he least expects it. When you mix in his family and hers, this story becomes a delightful read with some serious moments that catch at your heart. ~ Kim

Veda says

I have enjoyed this series since book one. This book talks about an issue that if not treated correctly can be deadly. Type 1 diabetes, is nothing to play around with and our hero Molly Markham found this out the hard way. Her whole military career was over, so to her, her life would never be the same. She had to learn the hard way how, and what needed to be done to take care of her health.

Then she also had to contend with Kaleb Chatterson, who grew up with his own health issues, causing a whole other set of issues. Christy Jeffries will take you on a journey, you will fill joy, sadness, and love. The journey isn't smooth, but the end result is worth it.

Nissa Marquart says

A Proposal for the Officer was a very sweet, heartfelt novel. I loved it!

Dj says

She was used to flying solo...But that was before Kaleb came on board! Temporarily grounded (combat pilot) Captain Molly Markham didn't come to Sugar Falls to get serious about a man she barely knows! She's escaping a cheating fiancée and deciding what to do about a career ending disease. But when Kaleb Chatterson (gaming tech CEO) becomes her unexpected hero, she agrees to date the billionaire software developer to keep her secret from getting out. Except the sexy brainiac—and her pretend boyfriend—is fast turning into the man of her dreams...

Insights into life with and after scoliosis. Gives understanding of feelings of persons diagnosed with Type I diabetes might experience and challenges they may face.

Dawn says

* I received this book for free from a Goodreads giveaway. *

This book has all the silliness of a pretend relationship and the angst of dealing with a recent medical diagnosis. There is a wide range of emotions while reading. The characters are likable and their journey is at times frustrating but ultimately satisfying. I enjoyed the ride.

Megan Westfield says

The vast majority of romances with a military or veteran element focus on a male service member or a veteran. Being a female veteran myself, I was so excited to read this book that centers on a female fighter pilot. I was even more excited that as I read, the military details in this book rang true.

One of the central problems in the book is the heroine's diagnosis with type 1 diabetes. Of course, this is a

career-ending problem for a pilot, but, surprisingly, it was all the small but highly impactful ways that the disease was affecting Molly in her everyday living that was the true struggle. After reading this book, I feel that I've come away with a higher level of empathy and understanding about diabetes.

Thank you to Harlequin for providing a copy of this book.

(Christy Jeffries, by the way, has also written a previous Sugar Falls romance with a military heroine who is a Navy neurosurgeon: *The Makeover Prescription*. #tbr!)
