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It's just pretend...but nobody wants to stop.

Maxie's quiet, predictable routine is shattered when she steps outside her flower shop and almost runs into two women. It's not the near collision that's startling. It's the strangers' faces. It's like looking in a mirror times two, and it sends her into a dead faint.

Sheriff Zac Ford sees three identical copies of the woman who's caused him more sleepless nights than he can count, and it stops him in his tracks. Maxie's buckling knees snap him out of his trance, and he catches her before she hits the cement.

Two sisters she never knew she had? Maxie can't deal with this turmoil, not on her own. She needs a shield, a rock. For the first time in her life, she takes a wild leap of faith.

When Maxie calls him her boyfriend, Zac has no trouble playing along. It'll give him time to figure out what these "sisters" want. Soon, though, for-show kisses get hotter and playacting touches grow bold. And Maxie must choose to stay in her safe little world, or grab life by the horns.

Warning: Don't lie. It only leads to more lies, hotter kisses, bolder touches, less bed space, strange looks about town, and a complete loss of shyness.

## Maxie Details

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## Jenny says

Enjoyed Lexie more than Maxie although it was okay. I look forward to Roxie's story.

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## Becca Moree says

I so wanted to give this book 5 stars...I really and truly did! The story line is epic, the characters are deep and real, and the chemistry is absolutely insane! So why didn't it get that illustrious 5th star?

Alright, so in book one we learned about Lexie and Roxie. They met and at the very end of the book we find out that they aren't twins...they are triplets! Maxie logically picks up where book one left off, except from Maxie's POV.

Maxie is a small town girl-next-door type. She is shy, quiet, and as far from impulsive as a girl can get. She also has the hots for the newly appointed local Sheriff. (hehe Roxie calls him Sheriff Sexy ... and I think that fits perfectly!)

Zac...Mr. Sheriff Sexy himself, is an ex-undercover detective from Chicago looking for a calmer way to live. He finds that and more in the small town of Indigo Falls. He has lusted after Maxie from the flower shop since the moment he saw her at his welcome party.

Unfortunately, the day that Zac and Maxie both decide to take a step and say "Hi" to one another...Roxie and Lexie show up and throw things into crazy land! When Maxie's reaction to her new found sisters requires a knight in shining armor...Zac steps up to the plate and prepares for the best undercover job of his life!

So far things sound awesome right? I would have to agree! At this point the book was a total 5 star-er for me! I was loving the story, the depth, the emotion, the sexual tension that was starting to bud...it was all amazing! The writing style just made things that much more enjoyable and kept me wanting more.

So where did it go wrong? If the humor was great...the romance was perfect and the new found sister side of things was a great mystery...why didn't I give it the 5 stars I wanted to?

Let's dig a bit deeper. So, the story line is flowing beautifully and the romance is absolutely amazing! The witty banter worked in is epic and of course with Roxie around you know it's plentiful! As the sisters get to know one another it is so much fun to watch their personalities grow and blend. Seeing them realize their similarities and differences and helping one another be the best version of themselves is charming and heart-warmingly sweet. While this book didn't give off the same massive emotional response that book one did...it still had me deep within it's grasp and kept pulling me under...

Until the names started getting mixed up! Somewhere around the 50% mark the sister's names were just thrown about randomly...I mean a scene would happen where one minute Zac is talking with Maxie and then kissing Lexie...I know this didn't happen in the story...it's just a typo...but it's biggie! I'm not sure if it's just the copy that I received or if the purchase versions of the book have the same errors. I typically don't take off stars for one or two typos...but this was an entire chapter of mixed up identities! it made the story difficult to

read and some pretty major stuff was happening at the time!

So there you have it. The chemistry is HOT, HOT, HOT, the plot line is still unique and so interesting that I wanted to constantly have the book in my hand, the characters are raw and realistic and so relatable...all of that put together equals one awesome book! Even with the name issues, I still HIGHLY recommend this book and series. I cannot wait to get started on Roxie's story and find out who gets to compete with that! :D

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### **Rachel says**

I found myself extremely irritated at the heroine. I often wanted to scream "JUST GROW A PAIR."

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### **Tina says**

Follow up to previous book in series Lexie and the first book should definitely be read first.

In the previous book, Lexie and Roxie discover they were born twins and were separated when they were about two years old. Lexie was adopted but Roxie grew up in the foster system. Both women were intensely curious about their birth parents and set out to find any information they could.

However instead of their birth parents, they discover that they were not really twins...but rather triplets.

Maxie lives in a small close-knit town and had a very happy childhood. Now her parents and grandmother are deceased and she is running a flower shop and silently pining for the sexy new sheriff in town. She is just about to make her move when instead of saying 'Hi' like she planned, she instead faints dead at his feet.

Lexie and Roxie, her identical sisters had just walked into her view.

One of the parts about reading the previous book was the scenes of Lexie and Roxie discovering each other. This one is no different. Maxie's reaction is priceless.

It also creates a very natural moment for Maxie to turn to Zach, the sexy sheriff whose protective instincts toward the pretty florist comes roaring alive.

This book didn't quite pack the emotional punch of the previous one, but it did deepen the characters that we'd previously met and made a good introduction to the third sister. The writer has made sure to give each sister very strong and definable personality traits that differentiate them from each other. Cleverly, the personalities feel like a logical blend of what could have been each woman's nature/nurture combo. Roxie's toughness and bravado are obviously traits honed by being in the foster system -- something you don't see in either Maxie or Lexie, but you get the sense that her generosity and capacity for love are things she was born with. Conversely, Maxie's reserve and shyness feel like pure personality. She lacks Roxie & Lexie's

confidence even though of the three women her family life was the most settled and overtly loving.

The mystery of the girls' birth parents continue as they get a smallish clue to their identity.

I loved the scenes of the sisters getting to know more about each other. And I can't wait to get to Roxie's book and see what kind of hero she gets. If it is who I think it is, I don't know whether to be delighted or disturbed.

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## **Kim says**

### **3.5 Stars**

Maxie was a little contradictory at times, so I didn't connect with her like I did Lexie and Roxie. While her story isn't as intense as Lexie's, I enjoyed it mainly because the sisters grew much closer. The scene at the motel was very sweet. The author did a great job furthering the story without revealing why the girls were split up at age 2. Roxie's story is sure to be the best and most intense.

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