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When Lizzie Blake knocks on the door of Dan McSwaine's beach house at Middle Point, she barely recognises the man who answers. Whatever happened to the guy who swaggered into her home town with a grin and left with her heart in his back pocket? Lizzie wonders if he'll ever be that man again — and if she should risk everything she's built her life on to help him.

Dan can't normally bear to be more than ten minutes from a hip bar, an imported beer and a group of hot women. So what is he doing holed up in a falling down beach shack at Middle Point? All he knows is that he's made some crazy decisions since the night a truck slammed into his car and almost killed him. The first one was to think that buying a crumbling piece of coastal real estate was a good idea. The second crazy decision was to try to hide away from the world when a woman like Lizzie Blake is determined to drag him right back into it...

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Jenny says

Someone Like You is about Dan McSwaine who after a car accident is hiding in Middle Point and Lizzie Blake who runs the local Pub. However, Dan's friend and boss Ryan and his fiance Julia decided to drag him back to the living by pushing Lizzie towards him. Readers of Someone Like You will follow the way Ryan and Julie drove Dan and Lizzie together. Readers will be happy with the conclusion of this book.

I enjoy the way Victoria Purman portrays her characters. I like the way Victoria Purman described the problems Dan was having after the car accident and showing readers that everyone needs help sometime in their life. Someone Like You shows readers that we all need good friends and what every happens in how life they always there to pick up the pieces.

Readers of Someone Like You will learn about running a country pub. Also, the issues for people who are trying to set up a new business. Someone Like You also highlighted that every situation could cause the people involved to suffer from grief.

I recommend this book.

Brenda says

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Blake was manager of the Middle Point pub and Dan McSwaine's best mate Ryan Blackburn the owner; so the fact that Dan was recovering from a very serious accident and was holed up inside a small shack in Middle Point meant Lizzie was conscious of his presence most of the time. Her original meeting with Dan some months previously had set her heart racing; now, he needed looking after so she agreed to Ryan's request that she deliver meals to him from the pub.

But Lizzie was shocked to see Dan as he was now – the old Dan was nowhere in sight. Obviously he was struggling, both mentally and physically, from the trauma. Could she help him on the road to recovery? It seemed though that Dan couldn't bear anyone to see him or talk to him – after receiving a slammed door in her face, Lizzie vowed to do all she could to ease his suffering and bring back the old Dan...

I quite enjoyed this light romance and catching up with characters from the previous book, but the flow of the story was constantly broken for me by the continual and never-ending use of the word "arse". With its use being several times a page and on most pages for the first two-thirds of the story, then less often (but still there) for the rest, it makes me wonder if the author has a fixation! Hence my lower rating. But if you can overlook this, it is, as mentioned, a lovely little romance.

Shelleystrae at Book'd Out says

I was charmed by Victoria Purman's debut, *Nobody But Him*, the first in her Boys of Summer trilogy set in a

small fictional town on the coastline of South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula, and totally adored this second installment, titled *Someone Like You*.

Those familiar with the first book will remember the frisson of attraction between the best friends of Julia and Ry, Lizzie Blake and Dan McSwaine. Picking up just a short time after Ry and Julia found their happy ending in *Someone Like You*, we learn that Dan, having been involved in a horrific car accident, has become a virtual recluse in Middle Point, struggling with the trauma of his experience. Desperate to provoke Dan into some sort of action, Ry and Julia send Lizzie to his door, ostensibly to deliver dinner from the pub Ry owns and Lizzie manages, but hoping that seeing Lizzie will reignite his interest in the world outside his door. Lizzie, who hasn't laid eyes on Dan since the accident, is shocked to find Dan resembling the Wild Man Of Borneo more closely than the charismatic GQ model she remembers. When he slams the door in her face, Lizzie is willing to respect his desire to be left alone but it isn't in her to give up that easily and Dan needs her help.

Purman creates appealing characters with credible motives for their attitudes and behaviour and I really liked the way in which Lizzie and Dan grow and change in *Someone Like You*. The romance that develops between the pair builds on their initial attraction in *Nobody But Him*, but evolves slowly as they struggle with their own problems. While Dan deals with the physical and emotional repercussions of his accident, Lizzie's issues are less obvious, revealed gradually by the author over the course of the novel.

Though the relationship is beset by the usual obstacles plaguing the romance genre, the push and pull builds the romantic tension without turning it into a farce. It's important to me that I believe in the reasons for conflict between the couple, and their chemistry, and Purman achieves this beautifully.

Ry and Julia were more than cameo characters in this novel and it was lovely to see them blissfully happy with one another. I look forward to catching up with Dan and Lizzie in the third book which I'm guessing will focus on Lizzie's brother, Joe, and perhaps Dan's ex, Anna.

I was glad for the opportunity to revisit the beautiful coast of Adelaide and enjoyed losing myself in the romance, drama, humor and heat of *Someone Like You*. A delightful read, so far this is my favourite romance novel of the year.

Ceri (A Book Between) says

I am going to start off this review by saying I have not read the first book in this series, 'Nobody But Him' but I found that this book reads fine as a stand alone, and while it may have helped to have some more back story I do not feel as though I was missing any major plot points.

Someone Like You is romance set on the South Australian coast, and Purman captures coastal Australia wonderfully. The beautiful beaches and the laid back lifestyle of Middle Point set the perfect scene for Lizzie and Dan's romance.

Dan and Lizzie are attracted to each other from the very beginning but they are both damaged and not sure if they are ready for a relationship, this creates a high amount of tension and the result is a wonderfully realistic and sometimes strained relationship between them.

I really enjoyed this book, it was a great relaxing summer read.

Bree T says

Lizzie Blake isn't too keen about being roped in to being Meals on Wheels to Dan McSwaine but she can't really say no to the people that asked her. After all, one is her best friend and the other one is her boss. So she hauls herself up to his beach shack and knocks on his door, offering the best Middle Point pub has to offer. Only to have the door slammed in her face.

Dan has changed since the cocky, gorgeous guy who sauntered into the pub a few months ago with a wink and a smile. There'd been a glimpse of something between the two of them and Lizzie had been looking forward to exploring that a little more, maybe getting to know Dan. But then his car met a truck on the highway to Adelaide and Dan was severely injured – lucky to even survive. He is holed up now in his shack, looking like the Wild Man of Borneo and letting life go by. And so his best friend and business partner Ry, who happens to be engaged to Lizzie's best friend Julia and Lizzie's boss has decided that it's time to get Dan back into the land of the living. And Lizzie is the perfect person to implement his plan.

Because although Dan has changed, there's still something of the old Dan there. And there's definitely a whole lot of the chemistry that sparked between him and Lizzie before, as well. All Dan wants is a bit of peace and quiet and for everyone to leave him alone. But against all odds, he suddenly finds himself realising that maybe, just maybe, that isn't what he really wants. Maybe what he really wants is blonde haired, blue eyed and determined to drag him back into life again.

Someone Like You is the second in Victoria Purman's Boys of Summer trilogy, the first being Nobody But Him, the story of Ry and Julia reconnecting after many years. Now it's the turn of their best friends – in Nobody But Him, readers saw sparks between Dan and Lizzie and I was pretty excited when I found out that the next book would be their story. Dan's accident was always going to make things more interesting and I was keen to see if this book was going to deliver on the promise constructed in the first novel.

The short answer to that would be yes, it does. Purman eases the characters back from their interaction in the first book by having them not cross paths since. When they do, Lizzie is shocked by the way Dan looks now and his desire to stay reclusive in Julia's old house. Even though he slams the door in her face, she continues her deliveries, sneaking away before he can see her. When he finally catches her in the act, the two of them discover that the chemistry hasn't gone anywhere at all.

I loved the glimpses of Dan that I got in Nobody But Him and was glad to see him become such a fully fleshed out character in this book. He's not the cocky, confident man he once was – the accident has truly shaken him both physically and mentally. He's having some trouble dealing with it and just wants to hide away from the world. He and Lizzie have a great spark and they bounce off each other so effortlessly. Both of them make a multitude of mistakes in this book – they're both packing some issues and some of those issues are rather similar. However despite their mistakes and the feeling that sometimes it's just the wrong time, they still can't keep away from each other. They keep coming back to each other, keep supporting each other in different way, keep slowly building the grounds of a relationship until it sneaks right up on them that they've fallen into one without really communicating it in so many words. They both respect each other, they want more for each other and they understand each other. They can talk about things with each other that they can't share with others. And of course, the sex is off the charts for both of them.

Lizzie too, is given much greater depths. On the surface she comes across as settled and having no problems but slowly the layers are peeled away from her and the reader gets to know her and why she's still in Middle Point and the various things she's gone through when she was very young. She's much more caring and feels

a responsibility in more ways than one towards people, especially Dan. Whereas I would've given up after someone slammed a door in my face, she keeps delivering the meals, keeps going making small inroads until she begins to see some real progress with Dan. However things really aren't easy for them and both of them have to keep adjusting to the setbacks they experience, regathering themselves and then trying to go forward again. It's a dance that's been done many times before but it's very well done here. It's a fine balance between throwing up romantic conflict and tension and the reader feeling like they're being jerked around by large numbers of obstacles.

Someone Like You is a great second installment in the trilogy. We're treated to plenty of Ry and Julia, which will please readers like myself who always like to know how couples are getting on after the end of the book and we're introduced to the couple who will take center stage for the third book. I'm looking forward to it and seeing how Dan and Lizzie are going as well has how the next couple find their HEA.

Michelle says

Someone Like You is the second book in Victoria Purman's Boys of Summer Trilogy which began with Nobody But Him released last October. One of the things that drew me to Nobody But Him was the setting – the fictional town of Middle Point, which just happens to be close neighbours to the very real towns of Victor Harbor, Goolwa and Port Elliot on the Fleurieu Peninsula. I may not have been born in South Australia but I have been here for almost half of my life so I am familiar with these towns, though we don't drive down there the same way Purman's characters do because we aren't going from the city.

Middle Point is a laid-back coastal town where the locals know one another and look out for each other, which can be a beautiful thing but it can also be quite restricting because you know that every move is being noticed by someone. It can be a wonderful feeling to know that someone cares but on the other hand it's very hard to plod through every day when everyone in town knows what you are trying to get over so you can see the pity in their eyes, hear the whispers as they discuss you after you pass.

Someone Like You picks up where Nobody But Him left off. The weather is warming up and the tourist trade is starting to pick up, this book in the Boys of Summer Trilogy is set over a glorious summer in Middle Point. Our hero is none other than Ryan Blackburn's best friend Dan McSwaine whom we met in Nobody But Him, back then he was the pre-near-fatal-accident Dan with a sexy swagger and even sexier grin. Our heroine is Julia's best friend Lizzie Blake. These two didn't spend a lot of time together in the first book but they did work together on a project or two.

The rest of my review can be found at: <http://bookgirl.beautyandlace.net/boo...>

Sheree says

4.5 stars

I fell in love with the small fictional beachside town of Middle Point on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia after reading the 1st book in Victoria Purman's Boys of Summer trilogy, Nobody But Him. Nobody But Him was Ry and Julia's story and now it's their best friends turn ... I waited with heart-skippy anticipation for Lizzie & Dan's story and what a gorgeous read for the romantic month of February.

Lizzie is one of those women you want as your best friend; loyal, protective, funny, compassionate, loving, frustrating, endearing. Actually I have a best friend just like her.

Following an accident he was very lucky to survive, Dan covers his fragility with belligerence and reclusiveness. The initial spark of attraction Dan & Lizzie shared in *Nobody But Him* is still there, there's an undercurrent of desire that takes some time to grow into *more* ... but when it does, oh it's worth the wait.

I love that Victoria Purman keeps the plot tight, of course there are issues and obstacles, it's not a straight path to HEA but it never becomes melodramatic.

I was also really happy to spend time catching up with Ry and Julia, gave me *warm fuzzies* watching them glow with happiness and love and their mutual "*Operation Dan*" rescue mission was both heartwarming and amusing.

Someone Like You is the very reason I love romance ... chocolate for the soul.

I'm taking a guess that Lizzie's brother Joe gets his own story next; will it be with Anna? Write faster Victoria Purman ;)

Recommend: a heart-skippy YES

Cover: Gorgeous! I'm sure this series has a cover fairy.

Steve says

Sadly, while I enjoyed this book, it felt much too much like the first book, with a few more plot twists, and a name change. While the romance was good, and built up nicely, the climax was rather predictable, and I guessed the major plot twist that the author drew out over a chapter break at the beginning of the book. I may finish the series, but I'm not sure.

Kira says

Dan is trying to hide from his former life as a result of a life changing accident. His best friend, Ry, lives next door with his fiancé Julia and they have hatched a plan to get him out of his man cave which involves sending Lizzie, Julias BFF, next door with hot food. The sparks that started between Dan and Lizzie before his accident are still there but are they too broken to be able to ignite a flame?

I loved the second instalment of the Boys of Summer series. Lizzie is my favourite character and it helps that Dan is smoking hot. Middle Point sounds like my kind of place and I can totally imagine myself there. I am looking forward to the final series, which I hope is about Joe and Anna ;)

Amanda - Mrs B's Book Reviews says

3.5 *'s

After a couple of heavy reads, I was searching for a light, pick me up romance. Someone Like You, the second instalment in Victoria Purman's 'Boys of Summer' series fitted the bill perfectly. This time around the story focuses on Lizzie and Dan, who were minor characters in Purman's first book, Nobody But Him, which I read last year. Dan has had a life changing accident and has chosen to lock himself away from the world in his beach shack. Dan's boss Ry (who was a main character in the first book) sends the beautiful Lizzie Blake armed with comforting hot meals in an effort to entice Dan out of his self imposed exile. Dan tries to resist but eventually he cannot deny his attraction to Lizzie. The rest of the story follows Dan and Lizzie as they try to make it as a couple. There is a series of misunderstandings and lack of communication that occurs between Lizzie and Dan, which ultimately effects their decision to make a commitment to one another. The story is a nice mix of romance, combined with drama and sexual tension. The setting is spectacular. Purman describes South Australia's coastline beautifully and I liked the small town feeling of Middle Point, the fictional town featured in the book. It was also nice to revisit characters from the previous book, the presence of Ry and Julia breathed a lovely sense of familiarity into the book. Someone Like You is a breezy summer read, that is perfect for the beach. I'm looking forward to reading the final book in the 'Boys of Summer' series, Our Kind of Love.

Stacey Houllis says

This is another very good book by Victoria Purman. It is the second book in the Boys of Summer Trilogy. This follows on from the first book and has characters from the first book in and also introducing new ones as well. The book starts a few months after Dan's accident and he has moved into the house next door to Ryan and Julia who are now a couple and are wanting to plan their wedding but can't due to Dan not going out stay all day in the house not wanting to work, or go out during the day.

Ryan and Julia enlisted the help of Lizzie Julia's best friend to take meals of an evening but he just keeps slamming the door in her face she leaves the food and he eats it. The reason Dan does not go out is that he suffers from panic attacks from the accident.

It is not until Lizzie's idea for the car park at the pub that they have to work together that Dan slowly comes out more and finds that he enjoys doing things again.

Anna arrives to Middle Point who is Dan's ex girl friend who is now married and is a doctor he tells of panic attacks and she gets him the help he needs. Julia and Ryan ask both of them to be bridesmaid and best man at the wedding. Lizzie helps with plans while working at the pub.

At the wedding Dan has a panic attack and Lizzie realizes and helps him finish the speech.

I think that the main thing is that they had to overcome their fears to be able to be together because Lizzie opens up and tells him what happened to her in London. That makes Dan want to do something for her in return. Can't wait to read the third book.

Anne says

Really loved this book number two in the trilogy. It tied up the loose ends with JJ and Ry from "Nobody but Him" and their marriage as expected from book one. I loved the development of the relationship between

Dan and Elizabeth, the twists and turns it all made for a really good read while completing book one nicely.

I HIGHLY recommend this to anyone who likes the light romantic style of novel, I am still fairly new to this style of book but if most books are like this one then I will definitely be a devotee.

Victoria's style is a good easy read while keeping you guessing. what more can you ask for? Can't wait for number three ---- November is so long to wait for a resolution and the new characters..... will it be Joe and Anna ??

Melissa Wray says

Lizzie is one of those characters you can't help but love and want everything to work out for. The thing I enjoyed most about this female character is there was no waiting around for Dan to come to his senses about the way he feels. Lizzie didn't just mope around, she got on with her life. Thank the wonderful writing's of Purman that Dan did get his act together! Let's hope it's a happy ever after for them like their best friends Julia and Ry.

Sam Still Reading says

Sometimes you just discover serendipitously an author that works for you. Victoria Purman is one of those authors for me. I loved her debut novel, *Nobody But Him*, as it had just the right balance of gorgeous characters, sexual tension and happy ever after. I didn't think she could beat it in her next book in the *Boys of Summer* trilogy, but oh boy, did she nail it! *Someone Like You* absolutely sizzles with an undercurrent of sexual tension between the two main characters, Lizzie and Dan. In between flows a tightly written plot that contains heartbreak, demons of the past and some wonderfully happy moments. Plus, we get to catch up with the main characters from *Nobody But Him*, Julia and Ry, to see how they're faring.

In *Someone Like You*, we return to the fictional South Australian beach town of Middle Point (situated near Victor Harbor and Goolwa). Middle Point is a sleepy beach town that's starting to wake up as more people discover the town's wonderful beaches and laid back lifestyle. Giant glass mansions (like the one Ry and Julia live in) sit beside small beach shacks. It is in one of these shacks that Dan McSwaine lives, after buying it from Julia. He's a broken man after an accident on the twisting road back to Adelaide nearly claimed his life. Formerly outgoing and a definite ladies' man, Dan is a shell. He doesn't go out. He possibly eats nothing but toast. So Ry and Julia hatch a plan not only to get Dan eating again, but to match make him with Lizzie. There were sparks before the accident and surely there can be again...so Lizzie starts bringing over daily dinners for Dan from the pub she manages (and Ry owns). The description of the food alone is enough to get you salivating before Dan is even described!

Lizzie and Dan start to get to know each other better and a night of passion is a night of triumph for Dan. Lizzie isn't keen that he's broadcasting their relationship before it's really begun and things begin to cool. A number of misunderstandings and appearances of family and friends in Middle Point complicate things. Will Dan and Lizzie get the happy ever after they deserve? Or will the demons that haunt them both keep them apart?

The book is brilliantly plotted – there are enough curves and twists to keep things moving at a brisk pace.

Both Lizzie and Dan are multilayered characters, having secrets beyond what I was expecting. Dan's problems are both sympathetically portrayed and dealt with realistically. Lizzie is very interesting with her motivations and her reasons for staying in Middle Point, plus you'll love how Dan reacts to them. Purman also captures the essence of summer with the plans for a market that Dan and Lizzie work on – you can almost feel the sand between your toes as you read.

One thing I was curious about before reading *Someone Like You* was who the couple would be in the third book, as there didn't seem to be many likely contenders in *Nobody But Him*. *Someone Like You* introduces these characters nicely – their story will be very emotional I'm sure.

Both steamy and sweet, with an injection of Aussie humour (and cricket!), *Someone Like You* is a beautiful book to spend a weekend or longer with.

Thank you to Harlequin Australia for my copy of this book.

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Sally906 says

SOMEONE LIKE YOU is the second book in Victoria Purman's 'Boys of Summer' trilogy and I can assure you that far from being boys the male leads are all man!!!! I read the first book *Nobody But Him* last year and really enjoyed it, so was ecstatic when I scored an advanced copy for this one from the publisher. Lizzie and Dan both appeared in the first book as supporting characters, very much attracted to each other but their time hadn't come at that point. Now the time has arrived and the two of them are front and centre of **SOMEONE LIKE YOU**, both carrying baggage and not sure if they are ready to take the extra step to become a couple. Dan has retreated from life after a devastating accident that he was lucky to have survived. He is locked away in his beachside shack and sees no one and eating very little. His boss, and neighbour, Ry is concerned for him and arranges for Lizzie to deliver a meal from the pub she manages to Dan's house each night. Gradually the barriers come down between the two and things get very hot in the beach shack! Of course this wouldn't be even a decent romance if there weren't some major misunderstandings that keep the 'should be loved up' duo apart. And there is a very good one. Reality tells the reader to yell at Dan and Lizzie "Just talk to each other" but they don't and to be honest deep down this is really what the reader wants – lots of angst before the melt into each other's arms moment! Julia and Ry, the main couple from 'Nobody but him', appear as well, and while it was lovely to catch up with them again and see what their plans are, the sizzle all comes from Dan and Lizzie.

SOMEONE LIKE YOU does have a few really good subplots going on to break up the sexual tension; there is lots of laughter, some drama, a few twists and turns, walks along the beach, a summer Christmas and a beachside wedding. The setting is on the Fleurieu Peninsula of South Australia, and Middle Point is a laid back fictional seaside town based on a real community called Middleton located near Victor Harbour and just a hop skip and a jump from two of South Australia's wine regions. I really liked the first book, loved this one and can hardly wait for the final book to come out. In fact the final book in the 'Boys of Summer' trilogy is due for release later in 2014 and I have guessed correctly (lips are zipped) who the focus is going to be on and I cannot wait!

