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From Reader Review Sugar for online ebook

Kari says

Sugar picks up with the couple six years after they finally got together. Gregori finally gets a yes from Wren when he proposes. On their way to eloping, weather diverts them and they decide on an impromptu road trip wedding/honeymoon. While I enjoyed this one, it wasn't my favorite of the two. The adventure was fun, but it didn't really add much to their story. It was a nice check-in and still worth checking out.

Xan West says

Overall, I had an enjoyable reading experience, and would definitely recommend this to fans of Cake. It also offers a lot of fun as a road trip romance. I want to note that while I don't think it's necessary to read the Whiskey Sharp books before this one, I do really recommend reading Cake first. I don't think it will feel like quite a whole story on it's own, without that framework first. Plus, Cake is lovely in a lot of ways and it will add to your enjoyment I think if you read it first.

Read my full review on my blog.

Content Warnings (view spoiler)

Stacee says

I requested this on a whim and it was a fun story.

I liked Wren and Gregori well enough. She's snarky and sassy and he's got a gruff exterior, but is actually a squishy marshmallow.

Plot wise, it felt a tad repetitive. I did like their playfulness and how they each did special things for the other, but the writing didn't get their chemistry across to me. There were several phrases reused and JFC, Gregori only snarled.

Overall, it was a quick and cute read. It is promoted to be able to read as a standalone, but I think I would have enjoyed it more if I was familiar with these characters.

****Huge thanks to Carina Press for providing the arc free of charge****

Jackie says

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My Thoughts

When first met Gregori Ivanov and Wren Davis in book 1, Cake the pair were immediately easy to relate to in many ways and in others not so much. Now 6 years later they are settled in with each other with only 1 little detail left to make Gregori happy, getting Wren to marry him.

Gregori is a man who knows what he wants and he lives his life taking full advantage of every decadently sinful aspect to it that he possibly can. That includes the best places to eat, the best places to stay and the beautiful women who find him to their liking. However all the other women are no longer in the picture and the one woman Gregori loves, Wren, keeps him fully satisfied in almost every way.

Wren is a woman whose hesitation to commit to a lifetime with her man is the only fly in what otherwise is a fairly smooth relationship between the two.

Now the time has finally come and Wren has said yes to Gregori's latest proposal of marriage, the fun comes when all his well laid plans become toast which leads the two to improvise.

Not only is this an eye-opening experience for Gregori but Wren as well when their new plans take them on a honeymoon journey neither are likely to ever forget.

To say that Gregori Ivanov and Wren Davis were enjoyable in book 1, *Cake* is actually an understatement. But in this sequel they are crazy fun as well as hotter than a 3-alarm fire!

[EArc from Netgalley]

Jessica says

I received a copy from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Gregori and Wren first took center stage in *Cake*, a one-off novella in the Whiskey Sharp universe (is it a universe when it's a barber shop in Pioneer Square?). This is their (literal) journey to happily ever after, starting with a grounded plane in what Montana. Gregori, a grumpy and wanna-be controlling artist, wants the perfect wedding weekend for Wren in NYC, but the weather demands otherwise. Wren coaxes him into a courthouse and then a Pacific Northwest road trip through Montana, Idaho, and eastern Washington.

By all rights I should hate Gregori because I'm not into grumpy, bossy men, but he loves sweets and champagne, so we'll get along just fine. Wren is practical, cheerful, and determined, and refuses to bow to his attempts at imperiousness, which is lovely. And most of all, I adore Dane's skill at building independent characters who are in love but not defined by their love.

Lisa says

Ok confession- somehow I totally missed Gregori and Wren's story! But I love this series and they have been mentioned more than once in the other books and I was able to read this with no confusion. These two just made me smile so hard. What a perfect pair! Gregori is so sexy- I love his style, the way he talks to his woman, his grumpy grumbliness. Unghh, it's all good. Even his sweet tooth and snobbery about higher class accommodations. Wren is such a good balance for him. She's go with the flow, make life an adventure, put a positive spin on it. This was a fun and sexy novella.

Lisa says

Cute and short, readers get another glimpse of Wren and Gregori's life 6 years later.

Bette Hansen says

I enjoyed this one a lot! These characters are a great balance for one another. Gregori all grumpy roughness and Wren the calm in his storm. Their chemistry is off the charts! I do recommend that you read *Cake* before reading this one though. Otherwise you may feel like you started the story in the middle. These characters first get together in *Cake* and Gregori has finally convinced Wren to marry him. He's made big plans to celebrate their marriage. Plans that apparently aren't going to happen after they get stranded in Idaho. Looks like they'll have to make a road trip back to Seattle. Let all the grumpy, sexy times begin! I definitely recommend this book.

Mickey says

Delicious

Just what I expected from a Lauren Dane novel. *Sugar* is a follow-up to an earlier novella published a few years ago titled *Cake*. That book featured Gregori, a volatile yet good hearted Russian artist, and Wren, a student/bike messenger/graphic artist-in-training who shared an attraction neither wanted to acknowledge at first.

Fast forward to *Sugar*....it's been six years and our reluctant couple are now ready to tie the knot! One would think the stars would align, and all would smooth sailing from this point on after their initial courtship, but what fun would that be? Instead Ms. Dane takes her readers on a roadtripping honeymoon with a puck-like bride and a somewhat petulant bridegroom. In Gregori's defense he is "Russian" as Wren likes to call him, emotional and volatile, but only extreme circumstances, and to her he is always loving. Back to the author who delights in putting her main characters into situations designed to make even the most hardened soul smile.

I loved *Sugar*! It is a wonderful book, and a great follow-up to *Cake* however, one does not have to read both to feel the full experience. They are perfect as single desserts, savored one at a time, but I do recommend having both.

Sandy S says

3.25 stars

About the book: Release Date September 10, 2018

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REVIEW: 325stars--SUGAR is the sequel novella to Lauren Dane's contemporary, adult CAKE romance story line focusing on artists and lovers Wren Davis, and Gregori Ivanov. SUGAR can be read as a stand alone without any difficulty. Any important information from the previous instalment is revealed where necessary but I recommend reading book one CAKE for backstory and cohesion.

Told from dual third person perspectives (Wren and Gregori) SUGAR fast forwards Wren and Gregori's story approximately six years wherein Gregori's latest proposal of marriage is finally accepted by our storyline heroine. Having set his marriage plans into motion, Gregori booked a plane from Seattle to New York, in the hopes of celebrating his wedding with his bride to be but bad weather derailed the plane on the way to the Big Apple, such that our couple rented a car and made the cross-country journey back home. What ensues is a sweet, tender and gentle look as a surly Russian artist as he gives into his new wife's sense of adventure and fun.

SUGAR is a quick read; a romantic, sugar-coated story of one couple's adventurous honeymoon and the stops along the way.

Copy supplied by Netgalley

Keri says

If you enjoyed Cake, you'll love Sugar. Wren and Gregori are back and hotter than ever! This is another quick read, it was a great "palate cleanser" for me between a heavy read and something new. If you want a sweet sexy read this is great but do take time to read Cake!

This was a complimentary advanced reader copy provided by the author and/or publisher in exchange for a honest review via Netgalley.

Nikki says

Sugar

A Cake Sequel

Release Date: September 1, 2018

Review copy provided by the publisher

I loved this novella! I fell hard for Gregori and Wren in, Cake. It's been a few years, but I got that same feeling reading them in this sequel.

Gregori and Wren have been together for 6 amazing years, and Gregori is determined to finally make her his wife. And then there's a wacky road trip across three states, and too many laughs to count!

Gregori and Wren are still heating up the sheets and slinging sarcasm all over the place. I absolutely love these two together.

I gotta tell ya, one of my favourite moments in the book is when we get a visit from Brody and Elise from the Brown Sibling series! And then there was mention of the ever delicious Hurley brothers! If you're a true Lauren Dane fan, you know the Hurley and Brown series are amazeballs!

This book was just fun and crazy sexy. It was delightful to meet up with some of my favourite Lauren Dane Characters.

This book can't be read as a stand alone. You need to read how Gregori and Wren get together in, Cake.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

Sugar by Lauren Dane is book Two in the Cake series and book 3.5 in the Whiskey Sharp series. This is the story of Gregori Ivanov and Wren Davis. I haven't yet read the previous book 'Cake' that start the story of Gregori and Wren. I was able to make this a standalone but enjoyed their story so much I do want to back track to read it.

This was a quick novella that caught you up with their story and Gregori goal to marry Wren. But his perfect planning hit a snag that leads them to an adventure.

Really enjoy Ms. Dane's writing...always get a great story from her.

Eva Millien says

The very strong and memorable Gregori and Wren have finally tied the knot and their honeymoon becomes just as unique and memorable as their love is when their plans go awry and they end up on an impromptu road trip. Very sexy and romantic with lots of sizzling chemistry and scorching hot passion that holds readers captive throughout the steady paced plot. Readers can't help but fall in love with this couple as they can practically feel the love that flows from the pages of this delightful romance and the author ensures that readers are treated to adventure and wonderful settings on a road trip that has readers feeling as if they are tagging along because it is so vividly portrayed.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

There have been glimpses of Gregori and Wren in the Whiskey Sharp series, but it had been a while since I

first read their book, *Cake*, so I did a quick re-read just to get reacquainted. I'm so glad I did this! I had forgotten much of their story, and I fell in love with them all over again. In *Sugar*, a sequel novella, Wren and Gregori are six or so years into their relationship and planning to get married. Gregori has it all planned out, and honestly, his plans are amazing—romantic and luxurious, and totally swoon-worthy. However, fate has something else in mind, and Wren—the more spontaneous of the two—takes over the wedding and honeymoon plans. For me, the best part of *Sugar* was seeing a whole new side of Gregori. He's always come across as the quintessential hot, brooding Russian. A temperamental, demanding, often surly and arrogant artist used to getting his way and with a love for the finer things in life. Wren, on the other hand, is more down to earth, with a great sense of humor and a tremendous sense of fun and adventure. After Gregori's plans are thwarted, Wren comes up with a completely new plan, and even then, not everything goes as planned. But the two of them end up having a truly interesting and unique wedding and honeymoon. Gregori enjoys himself despite the less than ideal circumstances. This to me showed not just a new, charming side of Gregori, but made me feel his love for Wren and how happy he was to spend his life with her.

I really enjoyed *Sugar*! It was fun, romantic in an offbeat, quirky way, sexy, and yes, sweet.
