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Previously published; newly refreshed by author.

***The Chase boys. Ridiculously hot and notoriously single.***

All of Petal, Georgia, is waiting for the last Chase brother to fall. At least, that's how it feels to firefighter Matt Chase, who's getting a little anxious himself. His brothers have all found love—why hasn't he? But fate, in the form of a curvaceous hairdresser, is about to change that.

Salon owner Tate Murphy has come a long way from her trailer-park roots, taking care of her seven siblings along the way. Even though she's put the past behind her, she knows someone like Matt Chase is way out of her league. But that doesn't stop her from getting a good eyeful every chance she gets.

When a car accident throws them together, Tate gets more than an eyeful—she gets the whole package. Not that she's complaining. But when small-town bias and her own insecurities get in the way of their relationship, Matt will have to prove he doesn't care where she came from...only where she goes.

*The Chase is on. One small town. Four hot brothers. And enough heat to burn up anyone who dares to get close. Don't miss the other books in the series: Taking Chase, Giving Chase and Chased.*

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## From Reader Review Making Chase for online ebook

### Shawna says

5 stars – Contemporary Romance

Although I'm depressed there are no more Chase brothers to dream about and drool over, this was a very satisfying conclusion to the wonderful, feel-good *Chase Brothers* series. I love all four brothers and would take any of them in a heartbeat, but I think Shane and Matt are my favorites. **Making Chase** is my second favorite book in the series, close behind **Taking Chase**.

Firefighter Matt is the handsomest Chase brother, and after watching his three brothers find happiness from settling down and marrying the right women is longing for a special woman of his own. But after dating every beautiful woman in the small town of Petal, Georgia and surrounding towns has about given up on ever finding her. Tate Murphy gazes dreamily at 'visual donut' Matt on a daily basis from her beauty salon across the street from the fire station where he works, but she's convinced the town heartthrob is way out of her league. After being hit by a car brings firefighter Matt to her aide and she bakes him some mouthwatering cookies in appreciation, Tate suddenly finds herself the latest woman to be wooed and pursued by a hottie Chase. Matt sees Tate as everything he wants in a woman: she's curvaceous, loving, earnest, hardworking, genuine, funny, feisty in bed, fiercely loyal and protective of her large family, and is great with kids. He falls hard and fast (like all the Chase brothers), commits wholeheartedly, and sets out to build a life with her.

Of course, they face all sorts of obstacles in their path to happily ever after, like her body issues, wrong side of the tracks, impoverished background, and abusive, neglectful parents, interfering, jealous, coldhearted, b\*tchy town bimbos, and family struggles. Luckily, Matt's a determined, patient, sweet hero to-die-for who loves strong and true, and Tate is a caring, courageous, firecracker heroine who stands up for her family and ultimately for herself too.

What sets the series apart from so many others in the contemporary romance genre is that things don't end when the H/H declare "I love you", but instead the stories demonstrate what real couples have to struggle through in order to build a solid relationship and life together: insecurities, self-esteem issues, emotional baggage, effects of abuse, gossip, meddling exes, blending of family, money problems, intimacy issues, and the general fear of what it truly means to take a risk and love someone, which is that it can be lost.

It's a truly heartrending series about the power of love and family, and I'm sure going to miss the entire Chase clan: spitfire, protective momma Polly Chase, wise, loving daddy Edward Chase, the too-yummy-for-words Chase brothers, and the strong, feisty Chase wives.

This is a terrific ending to a fabulous series...I hated for it to end! 5 stars!

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### Stephanie says

First Read 12/2009

If I could give this book, heck this whole series 10 stars I would. I loved everything about every one of the

books in the Chase Bros series. I am sad, I am done reading and there are no more Chase boys to read about!

Matt is my favorite of the Chase boys because he could see what was on the inside of Tate. I love how he found her to be so sexy, and how he told her all the time. Despite what the people of Petal thought, she was beautiful and special to him and he never let her forget that.

I borrowed these books from a friend, but I can tell you right now I am going to get these books for myself. I know that as sure as I am sitting here, I am going to need to re-read these books again and again!!!!

Re-read 10/2011

Although I still like the book and feel it is worthy of 5 stars, Tate got on my nerves a little bit. She just couldn't seem to get over the fact that Matt would be head over heels for a "fat girl" she seemed to view herself as. Despite several attempts by Matt to assure her that he found her absolutely gorgeous and was in love with her. Matt was almost too good to be true. Not sure most men would have put up with her attitude as long as he did. Oh and her family was way to nosey. To the point that I wanted them to just fade away.

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### **Emily says**

Matt Chase is used to having an easy life, with his good looks and career as a firefighter the women flock to him like bees to honey, but lately he feels an emptiness he can't explain. With the other three Chase brothers married and having children, Matt is realizing it is becoming more glaring that the women he has been dating are hollow and do not see past his name and his looks. When he meets Tate Murphy after she has been hit by a car, he is stunned when she sends him cookies to thank him, he thinks he has died and gone to heaven, why not go introduce himself to his neighbor who had never given a second glance to before.

Tate knows she is completely opposite of the women that Matt has spent his time with, she is short and fluffy and from the wrong side of the tracks. Tate has worked hard to raise her siblings and provide for them a safe and loving lifestyle for them. When Matt finds ways to insert himself in her life, Tate's initial reaction is to try and push him away but Matt is in it for the long haul and despite Tate's insecurities he plans to help breakdown the barriers she has surrounded herself with.

This was my second favorite in the series, I was totally absorbed by Tate she is a fighter and an inspiration. The only ding would be the abrupt ending, I wanted more...

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### **Jeanine says**

This was not the worst book I've ever read and I would recommend it as it stars a BBW - BUT that is the only thing that I really liked about the book.

The book stars a (slightly?) overweight woman of 31 and the hottest guy in town who falls for her. As she was (and still is) abused by her parents she has many issues and cannot believe he would really love her.

The storyline is one which I LOVE - but I still could not like the book.

I have never EVER heard men speak about their emotions, especially to each other, like they do in this book. The conversations seemed unnatural and I just didn't buy it. Furthermore the WHOLE town is against their relationship. Come on! People don't even agree on the best toothpaste - but they all agree that she is not good enough for him. No, just no.

I have however not read the other books in the series and that may be the problem. On the other hand I don't want to read the other books as I can't really see how it could be better than this one.

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### **Tessamari ♥Many Waters...♥ ~ Sweet Spot Book Blog says**

4.25-4.5 Stars

***“Um, I smell something burning already. Your panties perhaps?”***

So I was in the mood for something light, something easy. I've been reading a lot of intense books of late and I just needed a break. I'm pretty sure this is my third or fourth Lauren Dane novel, and she never disappoints me. Yes, this is part of a series, but I didn't care. It looked too good to pass up. I mean just looking at the cover would make me want to pick it up. This book was exactly what I was looking for.

***Hell yes she'd been imagining him naked. Had done for years now. It was her daily pastime. She got bored? Picture Matt Chase nekkid and at her beck and call. Waiting for the dentist? Imagine Matt Chase having her be naked and at his beck and call. Oh so many variations on such a fine theme. Matt Chase naked. Yep.***

Oh, Matt Chase. He is the youngest and last single Chase brothers. His family is very well off and is well liked and respected in the community. With his handsomeness, charm and firefighter physique, he does very well with the ladies, especially the beauties in the community. However, ever since his eldest three brothers have found their wives, Matt is now in that point in life where he wants to settle. He first meets Tate Murphy after saving her from a car accident.

Tate has always been admiring Matt. Her salon is just across the street from the firehouse and is often daydreaming about him. However, she knows he's way out of her league. Tate is not your average girl. From the outside, she's short and all curves. She is also from the wrong side of the tracks. She's poor, her father was abuse, both physically and mentally, and her mother was pretty much non-existent growing up. Tate is the eldest of the Murphy clan and with the help of the second eldest, William, practically raised their other six brothers and sisters. Not only did she work her ass off to pay for hers and her siblings' education, but also took the brunt of their father's abuse. Family is everything to her. She has such an amazing heart. It broke my heart to read about what she has gone through to keep her love ones safe.

After the accident, Matt was curious about Tate. ***He found himself thinking about her when he wasn't with her and making excuses to try and bump into her around town.*** He just found her charming and just liked being around her. He loved the fact that she's close with her family and loved the fact that she can cook. Tate of course is dumbfounded by all his attention. Her wall is constantly up and it takes Matt a bit of time to break through. However, there are people in their community looking at their relationship with contempt and suspicion. Tate a gold digger? I think not, but trying to convince everyone that their relationship is real and

solid proved to be a challenge.

Matt and Tate's story was just so sweet. Since I did not read the previous three books, I had a difficult time at first getting to know everyone. All the characters from the previous stories are mentioned so be warned if you decide to give this a go as a stand alone. However, it did not deter me from reading this and I just really enjoyed it.

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### **.Under the pages says**

New edition coming out soon! Review available at Under the Pages.

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### **Akanksha♥ Søren? says**

I reallllly liked this book.

The whole Murphy family was so unique and nice and I love how they fought to protect each other! Even the Chase family, I loved the togetherness the brothers shared, Even their parents were so nice and loving and supportive!

I liked how he loved her for everything she was and didn't let her past get in the way the story was amazing! I am going to re-read this book for sure!

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Aug 1st, 2012

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### **Alexis \*Reality Bites\* says**

Spoiler Free Review

4 STARS out of 5

Genre: Contemporary Romance

Finally finally finally, the last Chase brother is snatched up in Making Chase.

***"Matthew Chase! You can't love me! I'm a fat little nobody from the wrong side of the road..."*** ~Tate

Tate Murphy is the second eldest of eight. She is a small business owner and has been more of a mother to her brothers and sisters than the woman who bored them in to this world. Her father is a drunk asshole and should only be referred to as such. Never in a million years did Tate think she would catch herself a Chase brother. And when she does, she can hardly believe it.

### **I truly loved reading about Matt and Tate.**

Tate is 5'1 blonde and curvy. She is loving, very protective and family oriented which made her a perfect match for Matt. Though she often thought she was not in his league no matter how often he told and showed

her otherwise. I was shocked and heartbroken at how she and her family was treated just because of where they were from. All the women that has captures the heart of a Chase brother has endured some bullshit from ex-lovers...But Tate got a double whammy when EVERYONE not just women let her know she was not good enough for Matt. However the Murphy family and the Chase's band together and held her up.

These two definitely brought the heat and scorched up the pages her weight may have been an issue for her but Matt had no problems with it.

### **Check it out**

*"Bend over the couch arm Tate." ~Matt*

*"Just what I thought. I've been so damn hard since I saw you sitting there in the sun on Shane's deck, your hair gleaming in the sunshine." ~Matt*

Mmmmm, mmmmm, mmmmm! I love it!

These two meet a lot of opposition but love holds them tightly together.

### Fave new phrase

**"Fuckadoodledoo" ~Tate**

Tate had a swearing problem and admittedly fuck was her go to word.

### Fave Scene

Scene setup: After getting in to a HUGE fight Matt returns home to find Tate whom he affectionately calls "Venus" cleaning....

*'He unlocked the door and opened it slowly. When nothing took his head off he went inside and found her scrubbing the tile in the bathroom.*

**"Hey, Venus. Whatcha doing?"**

**"Scrubbing the tile around the toilet."**

*He leaned around. "Tate, is that my toothbrush?"*

**"Hmph"**

Ouch. **"Oookay. Well lucky there's a spare in the medicine cabinet then...."**

Hahahahahahaha! She straight used his toothbrush to clean around the toilet! I love it!

### Thoughts

I loved it! I really enjoyed this series and I totally recommend it to romance lovers!

### My Ratings

Characters- Sweet and Lovable

Writing Style- Good

Plot/Storyline- Emotional, Honest Heartfelt

Steam Factor- Medium/Moderately Steamy

Overall- I liked it!! Check it out!!

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### **Miss Kim says**

Ok. This one *made me cry*. That doesn't happen often, and I will remember it.

Matt is the last Chase brother to find love. Like his brothers before him, he has no trouble finding dates. He did have a serious relationship a few years back with Liv, who is now married to his brother, Marc. He never loved her, and at time he never understood why.

Tate Murphy had a very rough childhood. Being the oldest of eight children of abusive alcoholic parents, she was forced to take care of her younger siblings. She missed a lot of school because she worked to make sure there was food for the young kids. She had to dumpster dive to find clothes. Her father often beat her. When she graduated high school she paid her father off and took the rest of the kids with her to raise as her own. Now 15 years later, she owns a successful salon in Petal, Georgia. She looks forward every day to her 'visual donut', Matt Chase. He is a fireman, and the station is across the street from her salon. She loves to watch him, he is so beautiful. She knows he would never even notice her. She's from the wrong side of the tracks, so to speak. Plus she is very short, and is very curvy. Often called fat.

The way they meet is a neat story. He is taken with her almost immediately. He sets out to do the legendary Chase wooing on her. This is a very emotional book. You really get a good taste of what Tate has been through in her past as well as how she is treated by other townspeople currently. No one can believe a Chase would ever pick her, and think she must be only after his money. The cruelty by some people is awful. Matt has his work cut out for him with trying to convince her that he loves her, she should trust him, and that should be together.

I loved this entire series. The Chase family is so close. Members from the prior books are always woven into the current story. And Polly, mama Chase? Who doesn't love that woman! Highly recommended to all romance fans. Steamy sex scenes are included. :)

**4/4/11 - Second Read: EXCELLENT! I highly recommend this series!**

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### **Marta Cox says**

This book has previously been released but now the author has tweaked it so I'm guessing her fine tuning means perhaps slightly different in places without changing the overall story. Obviously check if you have this series before buying and if new to these stories then enjoy !

The Chase boys have all been caught except for firefighter Matt who is possibly the prettiest of all ! So imagine how it feels for him to actually be the one giving chase to a rather touchy Tate. Oh he's slowly been creeping up on her but she has no idea that he's about to get really serious and the girl from the wrong side of town is going to get a crash course in exactly what it means to be considered part of the Chase family.

I loved that Matt saw Tate exactly as she was and fair warning Matt doesn't waste time ! He's so over just catting around and more than ready to claim the hard working, family loving rock that Tate is. The only real trouble is that Tate is so used to looking after everyone else that she has a tough job showing her

vulnerability and letting someone completely in. I guess in relationships communication really is the key. The Chase family are adorable and I so want to be one ! Protective guys, intelligent women and a matriarch who just never quits. This book made me smile although rich guy and poor girl might make some roll their eyes it's done with so much love that I found it impossible not to like. Yes it's pure escapism with an almost fairytale feel to it but pantomime villain aside it was a worthy end to this series about a small town and one very loving family who live there. If you thought the Chase family were large just wait until they team up with Tates family !

This voluntary take is of a copy I requested from Netgalley and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair

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### **\*TANYA\* says**

Cute, story very well told and written up until it got to the "sexy" parts, they were too crude. Again, I'm not a prude but the author could have toned it down just a bit.

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### **Daisiema says**

I am having trouble deciding which Chase Brother I want for myself. Although I love them all, I have to say that Matt is my favorite. I love all of the books, but I think that Making Chase was my favorite one in the series.

Tate Murphy has had to work hard all of her life. She has a dysfunctional family to say the least, and her siblings depend on her for just about everything. She had to grow up fast because of her horrible parents (I HATED THEM) and because she has grown up on the wrong side of the tracks, and is overweight has never been respected or admired much in the community. She works as a hair dresser and owns her own salon.

Lucky for her, she is able to watch her crush Matt Chase come into work everyday. Although she dreams of being with a man like him, she knows it will never be.

When she is accidentally hit by a car, Matt comes to her rescue. Admittedly he has never noticed Tate, so he is pleasantly surprised and smitten with her immediately. He sees not only her beauty inside, but is attracted to her physically as well.

Not quite knowing how to approach her, he is given the opportunity when she brings him homemade cookies as a thank you gift. This gives him the opportunity he needs to start getting to know her better and bring her into his life.

Matt is such a determined, patient hero. I loved him so much! He doesn't understand why most people in the town are hateful to Tate, and not wanting them to get together. Of course, the Chase family embrace his relationship with her, and Matt shows her a love she has never known before.

The only problem I had with the book is I hated Tate's parents. They are horrible people. Plus, some of the town members needed to be taken out back, behind the shed and tarred and feathered. I wish that Tate had been more assertive and proud of her body, but coming from where she did, I guess I understand it.

I loved this book. I hated for it to end.

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### **Corrine says**

This was a good conclusion to the Chase brothers series (I'm kind of hoping that she has some about the Murphy siblings, but I haven't looked yet).

Matt Chase is the most handsome of the Chase brothers - and the last one single. He's used to being underestimated because of his looks, and he despairs of ever finding true love like his brothers did. Tate Murphy is from the other side of the tracks, and between that and her figure - she's plus-sized - she doesn't think she has a chance in hell with Matt, though he is eye-candy. But when Matt first lays eyes on short, voluptuous Tate, all bets are off. He crumbles into her hands, leaving Tate panicked about what a relationship between them would mean.

I love the Murphy family, and like I said above, I would love to see stories revolving around the unmarried siblings. Tate is very self-conscious about her weight because of her drunken father's emotional abuse, and because of the people in town, some of whom make it their life's goal to make the Murphys miserable because of the upbringing.

The thing I like most about LD's writing is it doesn't end when ILY's are exchanged - that's just the beginning, because no relationship is perfect, and everyone has their own baggage to get over, even if you do love someone. I can't wait to read more by this author. B

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### **Cheesecake says**

well poop... 90% and i just can't take the bashing against Matt anymore.

Only Matt makes mistakes while Tate is ALWAYS forgiven for being a dumbass cause she's the 'victim'. This story was so predictable for this author that i just can't take it anymore.

i hate it when authors have their characters sermonize in words that are obviously not their own. Like her own little choir.

I don't even know why Matt fell in love with Tate. It seemed that he was completely oblivious to her existence for over 30 years even though they work across the street from each other. Then as soon as he is forced to meet her, he falls madly in love?? Why? It's not like she opens up to him. All we know is that she cooks like a dream, has a sexy curvy body and when she's not being a doormat for her parents, she's being the new generation Murphy family matriarch. Seriously?? Not feeling the chemistry at all 'cause of her split personality.

What a let down for the end of the series!

(view spoiler)

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### **Auntee says**

What a way to end this wonderful series! This may have been my favorite one yet--it just pushed all my emotional buttons! I don't know exactly what it was, but I found myself tearing up so much that I had to put the book down every so often just to get myself together. The hero and heroine, Matt Chase and Tate Murphy, just blew me away--I absolutely adored this couple!

Firefighter Matt is the last bachelor standing among the four sexy Chase brothers. His brothers have all managed to find THE ONE and are happily married men. Matt's getting tired of the pretty yet vacant women that he's been dating, and starts thinking long and hard about his future. He wants what his brothers have found, but where can he find it?

Enter Tate Murphy. Tate's long admired Matt, but he has never really noticed her. Even though she works

right across the street from him at her own hair salon, their paths have never really crossed.

Matt is handsome, smart, from a well to do family; his family is respected and loved in the community. Things have come easy for Matt; he's never really had to work too hard to get what he wants. Tate is a pretty, tiny, full figured gal; respected and loved greatly by her seven brothers and sisters, hard working, yet from the 'wrong side of the tracks'. Her parents are an absolute nightmare--her mother is promiscuous and her father is a drunken, abusive low-life. Tate's social standing in the community is light years away from Matt's.

When their paths cross quite unexpectedly one day, Matt realizes he may have found just what he's been looking for.

Boy, did I love this one! Matt was a hero to die for! Sexy, handsome, compassionate, smart--what's not to love? Matt and Tate's love scenes were scorching hot! And Tate, so loving and giving. She practically raised her brothers and sisters, putting everyone ahead of herself, all while suffering verbal and physical abuse from a despicable father. If ever a girl deserved a HEA, it was Tate! I was so happy when Matt realized he was falling for her! And the way his family rallied around Tate was heartwarming--who wouldn't want his family for in-laws!

Matt and Tate's relationship was not without a few speedbumps, including Tate's feelings of inferiority about her figure. I loved that Matt adored her 'curves' and I loved his cute nickname for her. The relationship was almost done in by the town of Petal, Georgia. I don't know if this is a southern thing, or simply a small town thing, but I could not believe the number of butt-in-skis in this town! Apparently almost everyone in the town thought they could control who Matt Chase dated, and made their displeasure known when he started dating Tate. I wanted Matt to take out an ad in the newspaper and tell the petty people in the town to BUTT OUT! I loved seeing Tate's confidence in herself grow; it was a pleasure to see her finally realize that she deserved to do some taking in life instead of always being the one giving.

I'm sad to see this series end; unfortunately, there are no more Chase boys to marry off! I'm hoping that it can continue with the equally interesting Murphy family. Tate does have seven brothers and sisters...

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