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Maddie Frye, the Checkerberry Inn's snarky, introverted chef, just wants to be left alone. But with the inn's upcoming gala, Maddie's boss has matchmaking on the brain. So when the gorgeous new guy in town helps her out for a night, she comes up with the perfect solution to her problem...

Cole Granville is looking for a fresh start. When a part-time job opens in the Checkerberry's kitchen, he takes it without a second thought. The only catch? He's got to help his sexy new coworker snag a date for an upcoming dance. But as he coaches Maddie on attracting her crush, Cole realizes *he's* the one falling for the curvy brunette.

Each book in the Checkerberry Inn series is a standalone story that can be enjoyed out of order.

Series Order:

Book #1 Her Unexpected Detour
Book #2 Her Unexpected Engagement
Book #3 Her Unexpected Hero

Her Unexpected Hero Details

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Rhenna Morgan says

This book was everything I needed at exactly the right time. Witty. Sweet. Clever and sexy without being over the top!

For starters, Maddie was a heroine I could sooo relate to. She was REAL with flaws I'm pretty sure any reader could identify with, yet she was still strong and courageous in her own way. Cole? Oh, man. I love watching an underdog hero find his way to the top of the heap. Especially, when a girl like Maddie is his reward.

I've read all of the Checkerberry books and, while I've loved them all, this one is hands down my favorite. Totally recommended reading!

Elaine says

Rating 4.5/5

Although this is the third story in this delightful series and I thoroughly enjoyed escaping back to the Checkerberry Inn, I don't think you need to have read the earlier books to appreciate this one. It is another story with great characters, plenty of twists and turmoil leading to yet another much anticipated HEA! In this story Cole Granville is such a fantastic hero! He is a highly caring, hard working and is trying to make a fresh start, out running his past that could thwart his plans.

Maddie Frye is the chef at the Checkerberry Inn who is something of a loner, much to the chagrin of her matchmaking employer. When her assistant unexpectedly leaves to sort out her romance, Maddie is desperate for help as there's a big event happening that evening. When she spots Cole making some deliveries she quickly asks him to help . . . and that's when she discovers just how distracting having the swoon-worthy Cole working in her kitchen can be!

This is a beautiful read, whatever the season. It is a story filled with love and laughter in a close knit community where everyone generally knows everyone's business. As Cole strives to set up his own business he discovers how detrimental this can be . . . but maybe love can help find a way to help him succeed in both business and romance!

The story has great characters, explores some interesting issues regarding attitudes, trust and forgiveness, as well as being a heartwarming romance. I thoroughly enjoyed escaping into it and have no hesitation in highly recommending it to anyone looking for a lighthearted, cheering romance to read.

I requested and was given a copy of this book via NetGalley and this is my honest opinion after choosing to read it.

Bette Hansen says

Another amazing story in the Checkerberry Inn series! Fascinating characters and a well written story made this book quite enjoyable. Maddie Frye, the Inn's hilarious chef, and Cole Granville make a cute couple although that's not how they start out. As part of a deal they make Cole is suppose to be helping Maddie with her dating prowess. She needs to find a date for the town dance. It's hard for him to do when he wants her for himself!

A light fun story that I highly recommend.

Kaye says

Full of heart!

This small town story will definitely warm your heart with its charm and love. The characters are someone you can relate to and their story could be yours, as well. Surely the kind of story that you'll want to read to feel better afterwards!

I was provided a copy for review purposes.

Erin Kelly says

My favorite of the Checkerberry Series! Wonderfully sympathetic and real characters make this one a winner. Sweet without being saccharine, this feels like a romance that could happen to you or your best friend.

Juliette Cross says

Perfect summer read! Maddie seems to have everything in control in her domain as the sassy and in-charge chef at Checkerberry Inn. That is, until swoon-worthy Cole Granville steps into her kitchen. In desperate need of a second hand, she begs him to help her out, but soon regrets it. She's unaccustomed to the electric tension and distraction of the handsome man with the Texan drawl currently eating up her workspace AND her headspace. Cole tries, and fails, to keep his eyes off his curvy boss. He doesn't want to ruin this second job as he needs the extra cash to chase his dream and escape his haunted past.

Funny, adorable, sweet, and swoony. Jacobs tells a wonderful, heart-warming story. Though this is book 3 in the Checkerberry Inn series, it's easily read as a stand-alone.

Recommended to all lovers of small-town romances with a kick of sass and a handsome, southern gentleman.

Kirstie Ibrahim says

What a sweet easy read. I enjoyed the characters and the town and had no trouble reading this as a standalone even though its the 3rd in a series. It did leave me wanting to read the other books too though. The chemistry between them was good and the story was well written.

Beth ~ Panda & Boodle says

“You are 100 percent real in a world full of imposters and fakes, and I think that makes you absolutely perfect.”

If sweet, clean, quick romance is your jam, then you need to add *Her Unexpected Hero* to your TBR. It's a solid read, an enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours, and fun in that feel good, heart-happy way.

This is actually the first book I've read by Kyra Jacobs, and though the third in a series, it's also a pretty charming introduction to her writing. The pacing was on-point and the words flowed into a story that definitely kept me invested. Not only that, the addition of some unexpected reactions and genuinely likable characters made it that much more enjoyable.

I perhaps didn't get *quite* as connected to Maddie as I might have liked, despite sympathizing with her insecurities, but I loved how she interacted with—and fell for—Cole. Because COLE, you guys. He's such a lovely book boyfriend—a little bit damaged and broody, hard-working and, my favorite, kinda swoony. Added bonus—he's a musician with a bad boy reputation and a good, if hidden, heart. If that doesn't make you all tingly, then... IDK, I'm sorry.

I would have loved for *Her Unexpected Hero* to be a touch longer, to have added a little something *more* to the end, but, on the whole, it was a very easy, very cute, very likable read. One that'll leave you feeling good and definitely one you should add to your TBR for a lazy Saturday afternoon binge read.

“It’s been so long since anyone has looked at me without judgment in their eyes.”

~ 3.5 Scarecrow STARS ~

Fizza says

It's a well-written story. I loved Cole. He is often misjudged, but in fact he is a great guy, an honest person, and just someone trying to outrun his past. Maddie was a little difficult to like for me. I really don't like to read about insecure woman. I prefer my heroines to be strong, independent, and sure of themselves.

Although her characters fits the story so as I got to know her better I started to like her. They're both perfect for each other, chemistry between them is amazing. Overall this book is a goodread.

P.S. I received a complimentary copy of this book via NetGalley.

Isha Coleman says

Ms. Jacobs lightens the mood and lifts up the heart with a simple tale of love and laughter. Sometimes less is more and Checkerberry is as small town as they come. It's nice to visit a place where the love is abundant, the gossip is flowing and the romance is sweet. Her Unexpected Hero proved to be a very special treat.

2kasmom says

This story is book # 3, in the Checkerberry Inn series. This book can be read as a standalone novel. For reader enjoyment and understanding, I recommend reading the series in order.

Maddie is in desperate need of some help at work, and a date to an event. They may not go together, but the need for both is increasing. There is a possibility of hope on these fronts, as long as she plays it right.

Cole is desperate for work to fulfill his dream. He can help Maddie find a date. They both have pasts and an attraction gaining heat. Just a leap of faith keeping on track.

This was a cute, and sweet, and definitely clean romance. My only issue is that I am not big on women who have insecurities rule their lives. This was a twist on the love triangle trope, but handled in a clever way.

***This ARC copy was given in exchange for an honest review by Netgalley and its publishers.

Irene says

4 stars

Her Unexpected Hero by Kyra Jacobs was a beautifully written and heartwarming read. I enjoyed watching Maddie and Cole's relationship unfold, they both had insecurities they needed to put behind them and together they were able to help each other find happiness and peace. They totally deserved their HEA.

Her Unexpected Hero is the third book in the Checkerberry Inn Series, each book can be read as a standalone and I highly recommend them all.

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An ARC was provided in exchange for my honest thoughts

Mommaleena says

Her Unexpected Hero (Checkerberry Inn #3) by Kyra Jacobs

- Revenge

I've read Her Unexpected Engagement~Checkerberry Inn #2 & now Her Unexpected Hero~Checkerberry Inn #3... But now I need to go read Her Unexpected Detour~Checkerberry Inn #1!! I've completely enjoyed the two books I've read so far and look forward to reading more from Kyra. Her stories are full of emotions... Be prepared to laugh (write a bit honestly), but also to shed a few tears... as well as get pretty frustrated (but can't say why, as I don't like to give too much away about the story)! I'm glad Maddie and Cole finally get a chance at a fresh start, but will it truly be their time to take that start and build a for? You'll have to read Her Unexpected Hero to find out. I hope you enjoy this series as much as I have! I voluntarily reviewed an ARC copy of this book via Entangled Publishing through NetGalley for an honest review.

Favorite Passages ~

- Seems you could take a man out of Texas, but couldn't take the Texas out of a man...
- "Just work hard and make me proud."

Vanessa says

This was a cute story and I enjoyed it. There were, however, moments where I felt like I really had to push through. Which is why it took 10 days for me to finish when it usually takes me about 2-3 days to finish a book. The main reason I believe, is that the story remains at the same pace throughout. It never really picked up to where I found myself glued to what was going to happen next. I do give the author kudos for keeping the story clean. Descriptive sex scenes aren't necessary for romance stories, so I like that the author did a scene change, instead of going into the intimate details.

The side characters were great additions too. They didn't feel like plug-ins for the sake of having characters, but instead contributed to the story. Now, as far as the romance in general between Cole and Maddie, I wasn't quite sold on their chemistry. I definitely felt the friendship between them, but not so much the sizzle that I expect to witness from the MCs I'm following. I think it's because a lot of the attraction was going on in their heads/thoughts, so it felt more like I was being told they were attracted to one another, versus being shown. Also, both of their insecurities and doubts were driving me just a wee bit bananas at times. Sometimes I even forgot who's voice I was reading because their complaints started to sound the same...

I didn't realize that this story is part of a series, so maybe with the other books I'll get to know the characters better? While this one is definitely a stand-alone, I wanted a little more from the story. Not sure what it is exactly, it's hard to put my finger on it, but perhaps if the characters and their romance had been delved into a little deeper or if it had sped up a bit in excitement then I think it could have given me more. I'd like to point out, that while I'm being completely frank, I did enjoy this story.

I received an advanced reader copy through Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Sharon Jones says

Reviewed on behalf of 3 Girls Who Love Books Blog

I came in to this series a little late. I have not read the previous two books, but I will be sure to rectify that. But if you are like me and have not read the previous books, I think the author has done a great job in making this book read as a standalone.

Normally I prefer my romance books to be on the raunchier side, and this book is definitely not that. Though when I did finish this story, I don't necessarily think I missed that part all that much.

This is a very well written small town romance about second chances. Not second chance at love but a second chance at life. Cole most certainly deserves his. But as with all small towns, gossip that bears no element of truth has a way of crippling a person.

Maddie took me some time to connect with. She at first is a very insecure woman. After making a deal with Cole, they start to connect and she slowly sheds her insecurities.

What makes this book a great read for me is the cast of minor characters. They all add to the story in their own way and quite often had me laughing with their shenanigans. This is the reason I will go back and read the previous books.

A highly enjoyable story that I thoroughly recommend
